London students react to rising Iraq tension

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News Writer

LONDON

When students studying in Notre Dame's London Program returned to their flats Sunday night from the first of their week-long travel breaks, they returned to an anxious city reeling from terror scares and massive anti-war protests.

Beginning with the Jan. 5 arrest of four North African men accused of possessing large quantities of the deadly poison ricin in their flat, British intelligence and police forces have engaged in sweeping raids across the city in the past two months, including one at a city mosque where they found protective suits against chemical, biological and nuclear fallout and various terrorist documents. A bomb scare evacuated Heathrow airport on Feb. 14 and a massive anti-war rally shut down much of central London on Feb. 15.

As U.S. and British governments move forward with preparations for possible military engagement in Iraq, the fear of terror attacks from Iraqi sympathizers or al Qaeda cells at home and in the British Isles is increasing, both governments have issued terror alerts in the last week. And despite Notre Dame's pro-war bulletin, the all too real possibility of war is on the minds of Notre Dame students.

Junior Matt McGowen, a political science and economics major, believes that the U.S. and Britain have made the case for war and are justified in leading a coalition force without U.N. backing.

"I think war would be a last resort, but it has been 12 years and there is substantial evidence of Saddam's non-compliance and I think that overall justification exists for action," McGowen says.

McGowen, who currently is serving as an intern with a British Member of Parliament, says he keeps up on current events by reading or watching the news daily, but says that not all London students share his interest in the affair.

"There are some people that will talk about it for five hours and then there are some that don't want to talk about it at all," McGowen said.

Junior anthropology major Juliette Hobbes said she and her flatmates watch CNN everyday, but said only half of London students discuss Iraq and few appear to be interested in pursuing any other type of involvement.

"I don't want to do anything that would jeopardize my safety or go against my country," Hobbes said.

Junior Program of Liberal Studies major Joe Powers was concerned that not enough students were informed about the issue.

"We had a speaker come into class to talk about Just War Theory and it was frightening to see all the people emptying the room," Powers said. "It's just a problem. I hope that they will all return to the book and maybe a healthy start is being made for a peace plan.

The Londoner Lounge, a popular student bar, has a second exit in the back for customers to use in the event of an emergency evacuation. Some students said they are concerned about evacuation procedures in area clubs in light of recent nightclub deaths around the country.

Benefit honors mother's memory

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

The second annual Ace for the Cure, a tennis cancer benefit match sponsored by the Notre Dame women's tennis team, was set to take place at noon on Sunday in the Ecke Tennis Pavilion.

Sunday's benefit match holds particular significance for senior team member Katie Cunha, who founded and organized the event last year in response to her own mother's diagnosis with stage-four colon cancer.

"My mother was always so healthy, but after her diagnosis last September, she got sick very quickly," said Cunha.

According to the American Cancer Society, colon cancer is a leader in cancer deaths, second only to lung cancer. Estimates show that one out of every 18 Americans will develop colon cancer in their lifetime.

"My goal was to raise awareness not only of colorectal cancer patients, but for all people who have cancer," said Cunha.

Over Christmas Break of last year, Katie Cunha and her sister, Camille, had the idea to sponsor a colon cancer awareness benefit in conjunction with the women's tennis team and christened it "Ace for the Cure."

"When I first presented the idea before the administration last January, they really took to it," said Cunha.

On April 7, 2002, the first-ever Ace for the Cure benefit match was held during the women's team's last home match of the season against the University of Miami.

Katie Cunha's mom, Christine Cunha, was present at last year's event.

"From January until April, I kept the match a secret from my mom," said Cunha. "When she finally arrived on campus, she was so surprised to see all the posters and banners about the event. It meant so much to her."

Christine Cunha passed away last July.

Construction is progressing on the new Student Center and dining hall at Saint Mary's. The new facility will replace the current Noble Family Dining Hall and house student government offices.
And in this corner

I still remember my first encounter with boxing. It was my freshman year, and my boyfriend of the time was fighting in the Bengal Bouts. While he did not fight until the semi-finals, I went with him to watch the prelims. My jaw nearly hit the floor as I stood there watching the fight and thought of my own boyfriend in the ring. I grabbed his arm and said, "You're not going in there! You're not going in there!" He turned to me, grinned, and said, "Yes, I am," before dragging me to a front row seat. As he yelled out words of encouragement to his fellow boxers, I sat gripping the edge of my seat and flinched with every punch. As the night went on, I flinched less and relaxed more. I began to learn about technique, scoring, and judging. Of course, once it was my boyfriend in the ring, my composure went right out the window. Fortunately, he escaped the semi-finals unharmed and victorious, and then went on to win a championship. I had never been more proud of him than I was that night.

With my newfound understanding and enjoyment of boxing, I decided to join the women's boxing club the next year. Many of my friends and family questioned both my ability and my sanity. It turned out to be one of the most positive and memorable experiences during my years at Notre Dame. I am no longer dating a boxer or boxing myself, but boxing still holds a special place in my heart. I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be the photographer for the Bouts this year. It has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of my life. I encourage you all to go to the bouts on Sunday afternoon, whether you have been there before or not. Go see the results of weeks of hard work and training by these young men and help them celebrate their success and accomplishments. Remember that this is part of what Notre Dame special, and that nowhere else will you find an athletic and charity event like it.

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Students organize 'Vagina Monologues'

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This weekend Saint Mary's students will be participating in a Muslim-Catholic dialogue designed to increase understanding between the two faiths and promote discussion. The conference, titled "Living as Women of Faith: A Muslim-Catholic Dialogue," begins today and ends on Sunday and is sponsored by the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

Saint Mary's students and female junior and senior high school students are invited to participate in the dialogue. Participants will discuss the fundamentals of Islam and Catholicism, explore the impact of faith and culture and visit Masjid al-Noor, a local Muslim mosque, and the Church of love, according to publicity for the event.

Students and staff members from Universal School, an Islamic co-educational institution for preschool through 12th grades in Chicago will participate in the dialogue. Karen Danielson of the Universal School will be a co-moderator of the dialogue and will also give a presentation on the prophet Muhammad. Danielson has worked on opening lines of communication and understanding with the Muslim community.

"We found the need after Sept. 11 to work even more diligently to outreach to the community," Danielson said.

The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Chicago Muslim community have been working together over the past 10 years, which has led to an understanding between the two communities, said Danielson.

"I've felt that the Catholic Church has been interested building relationships for at least the last ten years," Danielson said. "After Sept. 11 having those relationships were a good step in reducing tensions."

Danielson works on creating dialogues between the Muslim community and other groups, both religious and non-religious, to help build relationships.

"I think it is very important [to dialogue] as many Muslims have remained in an isolated community," Danielson said.

A screening of two interfaith films on Saturday in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. will be the only part of the conference open to the general public. The films "What Do You Believe," by Feinbloom Films and "Common Grounds" by Zabra Productions will be shown. Each film’s director, Sara Feinbloom and Ahmad Zahr will be at the screening to speak. Carol Mayernick, executive director of United Religious Community of St. Joseph County, will also be at the screening.

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GOP forces nominees' approval

WASHINGTON

Senate Republicans forced committee approval of three of President Bush's judicial nominees Thursday, despite Democrat's efforts to delay action as they delayed the high-profile nomination of Miguel Estrada to the federal appellate bench.

Democrats said Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, overrode committee rules to send U.S. Appeals Court nominees Deborah Cook and John Roberts to the Republican-controlled Senate, despite a senator's right to continue holding the nominees in committee.

Hatch said he was within his rights under committee rules to force a final vote. "I'm not going to bully the committee," Hatch replied later.

For three weeks, Democrats have held up a confirmation vote on Estrada's nomination by threatening a full-blown filibuster.

Now, Democrats are likely at least to ask for an extended debate floor. But the votes on Roberts and Cook to proset Hatch's action, even though both got votes from Judiciary Democrats.

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ing people about what to do in the case of an emergency.
Hammons also said that the maximum occupancy of The Library is 203, and he makes sure that the number of people in the club never goes much higher than that.

The maximum occupancy of the Chicago club E2 was 750, yet New York Times reports claim that there were more than 1,500 people in the club that night. According to The Times, the club had been ordered to close the case of an emergency.

The maximum occupancy of The Linebacker since 1984, had no idea what the maximum occupancy of his bar was. In the 17 years since he has been the owner, Delinski has never had to evacuate the bar, but is confident that his employees could quickly and successfully clear all patrons out of the bar in the case of an emergency.

“We are only required to have two exits, but we have four total. After the tragedies in Chicago and Rhode Island, I got all the bouncers and employees together to discuss the emergency plan,” Delinski said.

Jason Zolman, a manager at Coach's Sports Bar, said that the occupancy never goes much above its 250-person limit and that they have installed a sprinkler system in case of fire, but that there is no definite emergency plan in effect.

“We're really not big enough. The condition of a nightclub is, only catch a glimpse of what a football weekend is. Especially at peak times like the condition of a nightclub is, especially at peak times like football weekends.

“When some of the bars get so overcrowded, I have no idea how everyone could get out if anything happened,” Bosl said.

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Iraq to destroy missiles, position special forces

Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS**

Iraq agreed in principle Thursday to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, two days before a U.N. deadline. Word of the agreement came as chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said that, despite increased efforts, the weapons program had not been much impaired.

Mr. Blix's office at the United Nations in New York said Friday that Iraq had agreed to destroy the missiles, which he said were capable of hitting targets up to 93 miles away.

The Associated Press had heard of the understanding from sources in the United Nations.

Mr. Blix told a news conference he was busy clarifying the concept of destroying the missiles and that they would have to be 100% destroyed.

Iraq's agreement to destroy the missiles is seen as a boost to efforts to enforce United Nations' arms sanctions against the country.

**LOS ANGELES**

A veteran Hollywood stuntman testified Thursday that Robert Blake offered him $10,000 to "pop" Bonny Lee Bakley and suggested a restaurant among various sites for carrying out the killing.

"I'm sure they would, sir. I'm all right. I await warheads or guidance systems. In the letter, from by Iraqi Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, Baghdad said it still stood by its ultimatum the decision to destroy was unjust and did not take into consideration the scientific facts regarding the issue."

Blake told reporters earlier this week that the missile issue would be a key test of Iraq's willingness to cooperate with a U.N. order to disarm. At the United Nations, diplomats said privately that the lack of consensus and tone of the debate Thursday were demoralizing, but many held out hope for compromise among the council's five major powers.

**World News Briefs**

China affirms life sentence for activist

A Chinese court on Friday upheld a life prison term for a journalist who was charged with attacking the government and inciting subversion. The ruling by the Guangdong Provincial High People's Court ended the appeals process for U.S.-based dissident Wang Bingzhang on spying and terrorism charges, his defense lawyer said. The court upheld the life sentence for U.S.-based dissident Wang Bingzhang on spying and terrorism charges, his defense lawyer said. The court upheld the life sentence for U.S.-based dissident Wang Bingzhang on spying and terrorism charges, his defense lawyer said.

**National News Briefs**

WTC design features 1,776-foot spire:

A spire that would rise hundreds of feet higher than the World Trade Center was chosen Thursday to fill the yawning hole in the city's skyline, opening a complex new phase in the rebuilding of ground zero.

The plan by architect Daniel Libeskind will restore "lower Manhattan to its rightful place in the world," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. The design calls for a cluster of glassy, angled buildings and a 1,776-foot spire filled with gardens instead of office space. It would preserve part of the pit that was the foundation of the twin towers for an as-yet undeclared memorial to the nearly 2,800 people who died there Sept. 11. "The plan succeeds both when it leaps into the sky and when it descends into the ground. In do so, it captures the soaring optim­ism of our city and honors the eternal spirit of our fallen heroes," said John Whitehead, chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency that picked the design.

NASA emails foreshadowed Columbia:

In the days before the Columbia disaster, NASA and contractor engineers explored the possibility that the shuttle had been fatally damaged on liftoff and precisely predicted some of the symptoms that the orbiter showed on re-entry. But despite their explorations, which they called "what-if," they were never convinced that the shuttle had a seri­ous problem.

Karzai says he is looking for bin Laden:

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Thursday he is now convinced that Osama bin Laden is alive, but he wishes the al-Qaeda leader would appear to answer for his actions. "To God and to mankind," During a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, Karzai said he doubts the authenticity of recent audiotapes in which someone said to be bin Laden tries to rally Iraqis and expresses a desire to die a martyr.

**Associated Press**

Iraq President Saddam Hussein meets with aides in Baghdad Thursday. Iraq announced plans to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, which exceed the 93-mile limit set by the UN.
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this August, after losing her struggle with colon cancer. "I decided to sponsor Ace for the Cure once again this year to remember and honor my mother's memory," said Cunha. While tickets were sold for last year's benefit match, this Sunday's Ace for the Cure is free admissions for all to attend.

"While donations are gladly accepted, it is not about the money. We really want to focus on raising awareness about colon cancer and all other cancers throughout the local community," said Cunha. Cunha has been working in cooperation with local radio stations such as WNDR and WFMN to promote the benefit match throughout the entire South Bend-Mishawaka area.

Children from the Memorial Pediatric Oncology Unit and their families will be present at Sunday's benefit match.

Cunha is hopeful that this year's donation will exceed the $7,000 contribution that resulted from last year's Ace for the Cure. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which "exists to enhance the quality of life for those living with, through and beyond cancer." by providing various support services to cancer survivors.

"It was an amazing event last year with a huge turnout," said Jay Louderback, coach of the Notre Dame women's tennis team. "Katie put in a lot of time into the event this year and we're looking forward to another great match. The University of Texas is a competitive team, usually ranked in the top 10, and it should a great match to come out for."

During Sunday's Ace for the Cure, a variety of prizes will be awarded, including gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses and Notre Dame athletic apparel. The first 100 fans to arrive will receive a limited edition Ace for the Cure T-shirt. Katie Cunha's family, including her dad, sister, brother and grandfather, will be on campus for Sunday's match.

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hear how few of the kids in the class knew what (about it)," Powers said.

Powers said he feels that it is important for London students to be informed about the situation in Iraq because it could affect their safety in London. The student residence is located in an area with a high concentration of immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa. London has a small but active community of Islamic fundamentalists who have allegedly fostered the likes of shoe bomber Richard Reid, suspected 20th Sept. 11 hijacker Zacarias Moussaoui and the controversial Muslim cleric Sheikh Abu Hamza.

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**SYR shop opens for business**

*"Hook-Up" to offer unique, low-priced gifts*

By HELENA PAYNE  
News Editor

Two Notre Dame sophomores promise to ease gift shopping for dorm dances by charging prices that come closer to the consumer for less than $10. The Hook-Up, a non-profit store that sells gift merchandise, opened Thursday in LaFortune Student Center's Dooley Room on the First Floor. "I've been seeing the need for more unique items," said Steve Dick, a marketing and psychology major who manages the store with accounting major Mike Iselin. Until the end of the semester, The Hook-Up will be open every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., offering assorted items from colorful picture frames to freeman helmets. The idea for The Hook-Up came after Dick saw a need for students to have a convenient way to obtain the traditional gift for dorm dances. "I have this drawer of just crazy stuff and before an SYR ["Screw Your Roommate"] hall dance, people would come running down and say, 'Steve, do you have a gift for me?'" He and Iselin decided to enter a contest in the Entrepreneurs Club's incubator program to encourage student business ventures. Since Notre Dame policy's restrictive student business, the Entrepreneurs Club has worked with the Office of Student Activities and the Giacomo Gattone Student Center for Entrepreneurial Studies for the 10-week project. Iselin said he and Dick had to show a list of their inventory to Student Activities as well as assure the Office that their business would in no way compete with others in the Huddle or The Business Bookstore. "It's pushing the limits of a lot of policies that are in place," said Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, adding that the Office would be open to approving the store in the future depending on the plan and how it follows University policy. "It's a case-by-case basis," Coughlin said. Dick and Iselin both said they hope to apply to reopen the store for next school year. For now, Dick will head The Hook-Up's advertising and work on inventory and the Web site with Iselin, who is also in charge of accounting. Students can pre-order items online from The Hook-Up at www.nd.edu/~miselin/hookup. Profits from the store will go toward the Newell Hill Music Foundation, which teaches art and music to underprivileged children. The Hook-Up is one of two not-for-profit businesses out of the 50 that applied to the incubator program.

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**Oprah joins ranks of billionaires**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — While many of the world’s richest people saw their fortunes shrink again in the last year, Oprah Winfrey’s grew enough to put her on Forbes magazine’s list of billionaires — the first black woman to join the ranks.

Bill Gates leads the list for the 9th straight year, but the Microsoft co-founder’s net worth fell 23 percent from a year ago to $40.7 billion. Investment guru Warren Buffett remained in second place with $30.3 billion, a 13 percent drop from last year.

Gates’ personal wealth, much of it in company stock, has diminished by 60 percent since April 1998, when it briefly reached $100 billion. His worst year was 1999, when it plunged by a third as the government pursued an antitrust case against Microsoft. Forbes notes he is also the world’s biggest giver, donating $1 billion annually to charity, largely to research.

Meanwhile, Oprah’s media empire grew steadily stronger, and she made the list this year with a net worth of $1 billion. Her debut comes just two years after Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson became the first black billionaire.

Membership in the exclusive club fell by 21 this year to 476, the third year of declines since the economy weakened and stock markets started falling. The group’s combined wealth also fell to $1.4 trillion from $1.54 trillion last year.

"You see the poor economies wreaking havoc on their finances like everyone else. They’re not immune," said Louis Kroll, who edited Forbes’ March billionaires issue, which hits newstands Friday.

The 222 Americans on the list hold 47 percent of the group’s wealth. But U.S. billionaires collectively lost $98 billion last year. Of the 67 billionaires who left the list, there were 30 Americans, including media mogul Barry Diller, venture capitalist Vinod Khosla and Sid Bass, a member of one of Texas’ wealthiest families.

Four of last year’s billionaires were wiped out entirely — Swiss shareholder activist Martin Ebner, German media tycoon Leo Kirch, Brazilian television mogul Roberto Marinho and Turkish banker Mehmet Karamaner. A fifth, Swiss businessman Klaus J. Jacobs, gave it all away. Another whose net worth plummeted was Canadian cable magnate Andre Chag Sun, who donated nearly his entire fortune to help fight disease and obesity among children.

Germany’s 43 billionaires are led by retailers Theo and Karl Albrecht, who remained comfortably in third place with a combined net worth of $25.6 billion, down from $26.6 billion last year.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen held fourth place with a net worth of $20.1 billion, down from $25.2 billion. Saudi Arabia’s Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud, Citigroup’s largest individual investor, moved up to the fifth spot with a $17.7 billion fortune.

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**MARKET RECAP**

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| AMEX | 828.20 | +1.38 |
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**TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS**

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- Norsk Hydro (NHY) | % CHANGE: +7.27 |
- Cisco Systems (CSCO) | % CHANGE: +1.78 |
- Novatel Wireless (NVTL) | % CHANGE: +8.17 |
- SPDR Trust (SPY) | % CHANGE: +1.32 |

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**IN BRIEF**

Japanese jobless jump in January: Japan’s unemployment rate hit a record high 5.5 percent in January for the third time in half a year as the nation battles serious job losses in the retail and restaurant business. The data Friday from the government’s Labor Force Statistics Office highlights the dismal labor market in the world’s second-largest economy at a time companies are squeezing costs and debts stringently.

The government also released revised figures for the past two years that did little to change the overall picture for Japan’s stagnant economy.

The revised unemployment rate first hit 5.5 percent in August 2002 — the highest since the government began keeping track in 1950s.

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**GENEVA SUES U.S. ACCOUNTING GIANT**

A Swiss state sued accounting firm Ernst & Young Thursday for 3 billion Swiss francs ($2.2 billion) in damages over the way it audited the Geneva Cantonal Bank.

The claim is based on the findings of a yearlong study by another leading accounting firm which found "serious failures in its work," said Robert Cramer, acting cantonal president of the canton of Geneva.

"These actions were extremely damaging for the state," Cramer said. Geneva — the majority shareholder in the bank — was forced to set aside 2.7 billion francs in its 2000 budget to bolster the bank’s finances.

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**MORTGAGE RATES SCAKE TO RECORD LOW**

For the third time this year, weekly rates on 30-year mortgages have reached a new low.

The average interest rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 6.79 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday in its latest nationwide survey. The previous low rate was last week’s 5.84 percent, and before that it was the rate of 5.85 percent for the week ending Jan. 3.
South Korea

U.S., N. Korea war games grow complicated

Associated Press

CHICAGO

A sudden North Korean attack is often the last thing that goes through the mind of Sgt. Cavason Sutton before he drifts off to sleep. "I think about it every night - what if they bomb me?" the 21-year-old Montana native said.

Thursday provided a sobering wake-up call as he and 3,000 other U.S. Army soldiers slugged through war games within cannon range of North Korea just a day after the communist country warned its citizens to prepare for war.

His Bradley fighting vehicle tore through a muddy creek halfway into a clearing before Mock enemy fire rained down on America.

"It makes everything more real," Sutton said.

The war games, part of annual maneuvers, were just a prelude to what's in store. The United States and South Korea are planning massive joint military exercises billed as boosting defenses against "external aggression." The drills as "escalating the military threat" and aggravating tensions on the divided Korean Peninsula.

Underlining its concern, North Korea threatened Wednesday that North Korea could be the U.S. military's next target after a war in Iraq and urged its people to brace for attack.

Brig. Gen. Jim A. Coggin, who commanded Thursday's maneuvers, said they had nothing to do with the recent tensions. But, he said, the exercise "helps to contribute in a positive way" to morale because it reminds soldiers why they're over here.

He acknowledged, however, that Thursday's training grounds could be tomorrow's battlefields if diplomacy fails. "It would be a very close and brutal fight in the hills that we're seeing around us right now," he said.

"Our intent is to be good enough at this that the guys up North decide not to play," said Daniel Bolger United States Colonel.

"I think about it every night - what if they bomb me," said 21-year-old Montana native Sutton before he drifted off to sleep.

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The United States refuses to sign a nonaggression treaty guaranteeing it won't attack. The United States refuses to do so until North Korea gives up its atomic ambitions.

The 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula still technically in a state of war. The border is the world's most heavily armed, with most of the nearly 2 million troops of both sides deployed nearby.

On Thursday, the U.S. practiced to make sure that border stays there.

Possible invasion routes through a mountain pass were obscured with smoke screens as armored vehicles and battle tanks rumbled up and down hills to the thunderous booms of simulated explosions. Camouflaged troops rushed for cover under the rattle of machine guns.

At the end of the day, the narrow valley floor between two wooded mountainsides lay strewn with "bombed-out" vehicles stuck in the mud.

Col. Daniel Bolger, who helped supervise the games, denied they were a provocation. "We're developing the skills we need to protect this peninsula," he said. "Our intent is to be good enough at this that the guys up North decide not to play."
Fred Rogers of ‘Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood’ dies of cancer

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Day after day for more than three decades, Fred Rogers put on a zip-up cardigan and sneakers and gently invited millions of children to be his neighbor. He never wavered in his mission — using “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” as a way to persuade young television viewers to love and feel more secure in their world.

He was 74.

Rogers opened each episode in a set made to look like a comfortable living room, singing, “It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood.” He composed his own songs for the show.

One of his sweaters hangs in the Smithsonian Institution. He would ask us, “What is Mr. Rogers really like?” The thing was, he was the same,” said family spokesman David McFeely on the show.

“We were not an actor. People would ask us, ‘What is Mr. Rogers really like?’ The thing was, he was the same,” said family spokesman David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on the show.

The show won four Emmys, and Rogers won another for lifetime achievement. He received a Peabody Award in 1993 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in July 2002.

In April 2002, President Bush invited Rogers to help launch a reading program. When Rogers entered the room with no introduction, spontaneous applause erupted.

Rogers did much of the puppet work. He brought the show back to Pittsburgh in 1966, incorporating segments of the CBC show into a new series distributed by the Eastern Educational Network to cities including Boston, Philadelphia and Washington.

In 1994, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” began distribution across the country through National Educational Television, which later became the Public Broadcasting Service.

Through the years, Rogers dealt with topics ranging from anger and anxiety to death and divorce. He taught children how to share and even why they shouldn’t be taking a bath by assuring them they would never go down the drain.

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Happy 21st Birthday Meesh...

Love,
your girls from Lyons and London

Harrison Hagan Schmitt

Geologist, pilot, administrator, businessman, writer, U.S. senator, and astronaut

To the Moon and Beyond!

Monday, March 3, 2003
12:50 to 1:40 p.m.
DeBartolo Auditorium, Room 101

Cheerleading and Leprechaun Tryouts

Informal INFORMATION Meeting
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University should support public women's bouts next year

Watching 12 women spar in six exhibition bouts this week sure beats playing kickball or watching "The Godfather.

When women boxers entered the ring at the Joyce Center, they fought for gender equality at Notre Dame in a way that could never have been planned by student government, as the aforementioned events were an attempt to honor of the 30th anniversary of women at the University.

Instead, the women's bouts were initiated by a proposal Women's Boxing Club President by Skiba and Young wrote and pushed through RecSports earlier this winter. But these women, and another 100-some members of the club, have only fought the first round. Next year the women have said they hope not only to expand the series, but to go off campus before they compete in their own public tournament -- a request the University should promptly honor.

Though the club was founded in 1997, previous club presidents believed they would be "pushing their luck" to request University support for public bouts. Instead the women trained intensely and sparred privately in "the pit" of the Joyce Center. Before they heard of their first starting bell, the women's team acted as slight figures in the scenes supporters of the men's Bengal Bouts, a tournament that raises thousands of dollars annually for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Now that Skiba and Young have led 12 women through the ropes and fought the first round, the team has proven their athletic skills in addition to their dedication to the missionaries' cause. Women, too, can fight passionately, technically, tirelessly -- and hopefully in the classroom, too. And they could have dominated at kickball, too.

Thanks for your Poorman.

Last year Father Mark Poorman imposed his will on our campus society, and whether or not student government or students in general feel like it's time to take issue, I feel it is mine. I could drone on and on about the unfortunate, ignominious death of campus dances or trivialities about a lack of hard alcohol, but truth told, neither bothers me — I'm not a good dancer and I don't walk past Morrissey on my way inside, or in this case, off campus. What I think is more important is the change in campus atmosphere and what terrible results that change may have brought about. First, last year many a student howled about how they would be driven off campus by the policy and how on-campus social life would change. Poorman shot back with statistics on students moving off campus. The students were right in the end of course — I'm not a good dancer and I don't walk past Morrissey on my way outside, or in this case, off campus. What I do see are large amounts of underclassmen — essentially my whole dorm — vacating campus every weekend to drink. I can't blame them, it's just the rules. It's the climate of the time. The overwhelming stench of the restrictions suffocates the social atmosphere. It's akin to the thick ethanol scent on an already cold and drab winter day — it drives everyone inside, or in this case, off campus. For proponents of Poorman's policy, this result is acceptable. Anything that happens to a student off campus, in the nearby neighborhoods whose poverty the University has sought to hide and ignore, is no longer the legal liability of Notre Dame. To alumni and collegiate review groups and to his peers, Poorman appears a success. The policy has improved the image of the University, lowering on-campus drinking incident statistics and allowing Father Edward Malloy, University president, to moralize about alcohol abuse to the National Press Club last April. I suppose to those of us who realize the danger his policy has created, it seems more like a dismal failure. It's not that any off-campus incident student with a tenant is the direct result of Poorman's policy. Saying that would be silly. We are college students, and we can make our own decisions and deal with their results.

So I am saying is that I think that when I was an underclassman, the likelihood of myself and those around me heading off campus to party on a cold day in the middle of winter would have been substantially less than it is today and has been all year. I'm not saying that Poorman's shortsighted policy ambitions and his disregard for the effect they would have on student life are directly responsible for any of the terrible things that have happened off campus this year. I am saying that they created the environment where something terrible was going to happen. Whether it be the consistent muggings off campus, in our parking lots, even on our campus itself or something worse, Notre Dame is sending her youngest and most inexperienced out into a dangerous, desperate neighborhood with no warning, direction or precaution.

Now the University is doing so in an effort to lower legal liability and keep the moral prestige not to protect students. I never knew Notre Dame to be selfish, heartless, thoughtless and callous. I thought those were the virtues of lesser mortals. Perhaps I was mistaken.

John Little is a senior MJS major who anticipates responses from freshmen who couldn't possibly have the perspective necessary for informed discussion. He directs them and anyone interested in a collegial debate to his email address. jlittle@nd.edu. His column normally runs every other Thursday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Nothing can be more devastating than the early end of a promising life. And so it was confirmed on Feb. 12 that Notre Dame had lost Chad Sharon, a senior. His service to those around him and his love and remains so vividly portrayed as in "A Christmas Carol." We were once Chad, but did not know who Chad represents because we have not shared a moment with Chad at Notre Dame. His life is the epitome of the Notre Dame campus, the Bengal Bouts, will culminate this Friday, February 28, 2003 page 11 Reflecting on an ND life

Letter to the Editor

Support the Bouts

Caruso

Gary Caruso, Notre Dame class of 1973, served in President Clinton's administration as a Congressional and public affairs director. His column on Iraq, especially one that proceeds without U.N. Security Council approval, would not be more likely to provoke, rather than prevent, the undermining of the Iraqi destruction of its weapons.

But isn't it an important goal to bring democracy to Iraq, the country that has suffered so much under Saddam Hussein's rule? If the United States pulls the inspectors out, Iraq will have more peaceful image of the United States trying to do justice in the connection with the West Bank and Gaza Strip, land that Israel occupied after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, and there are about 31 against Israel, mostly in the present time. In addition, projecting a much more peaceful image of the United States is so concerned to bring democracy to the region, especially one that proceeds without U.N. Security Council approval, would not be more likely to provoke, rather than prevent, the undermining of the Iraqi destruction of its weapons.

Support the Bouts

About two weeks ago, in the wee hours of the morning, four armed Cuban border guards seeking asylum sailed their "warship" into Key West, Fla. Their Cuban flag still flew, but the sights of the RicherBacker Causeway joining downtown Notre Dame with Biscayne Blvd. In his recent address to the U.S. Security Council, Colin Powell brandished a small vial of simulated anthrax — the real kind we sold to Saddam Hussein in the 1980s when we considered him a useful ally — claiming that just such an anthrax weapon was found in Iraq. We invite you to favor U.S. special interests at the expense of international justice or what would be of benefit to the world community as a whole. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Holography lights up gallery

Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's features 9 leading women artists

By COLLEEN BARRETT

Tonight, Saint Mary's will welcome its new exhibition, "Leading Lights: Women in Holography," to the Moreau Art Galleries.

The exhibition features the work of nine artists from a cross section of nationalities and backgrounds. Each uses holography as her primary means of visual expression, though they all display different styles and techniques. A unique feature about the exhibit is that all of the artists are women.

"Women have been pioneers in the field of holography. They have made significant contributions to the art and development of the medium," said Doug Tyler, a professor in the Department of Arts Visiting Arts Program. He is the organizer and curator of the exhibition and its associated activities. Tyler brought the exhibit to Saint Mary's because it is a women's college, and he wanted to stress the critical role that women have played in the evolution of holography.

"A widely held stereotype of technology is that it is largely the domain of men, a world in which the male gender excels in understanding and application," Tyler said. The introduction of both photography and holography have opened the way for women to excel in artistic venues that utilize technology.

"Holography is a three-dimensional image that stores information about the total subject or the object being recorded," said Tyler. The artists record a pattern of information from an object and reconstruct that same pattern using lasers, which are highly organized and allow the artists to produce a high quality image.

"Hold out your hand," said Tyler. "Without looking at it, you wouldn't know it was there except that it is attached to your body. The brain reads patterns of light to let you know that it is there."

The artists in holography have a complete understanding of the physics behind their work, such as the properties of lights and lasers. They use this understanding to create holograms that Tyler called "phenomenal."

"They may not be as sophisticated as what we are used to seeing in films and in stories," he said, "but the images have such a unique property. You really have to experience them first-hand. It is a little bit of a shocker when you see how vivid the images really are."

In conjunction with the exhibition, Saint Mary's welcomes Margaret Benyon, as its second artist-in-residence for the 2002-03 academic year. Benyon began exploring the use of holography in art in the early 1960's and her work has brought her recognition around the world. Two years ago, she was awarded a Member of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth.

Benyon presented a lecture about her work in holography and participated in a gallery conversation. The artist will also be present at the exhibition opening today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries.

Tyler hopes that by bring the exhibit to the communities of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, people will gain an appreciation for the art. "The medium itself is extraordinarily rich in opportunity. It presents to the visual artist a means to express herself in a very contemporary way."

He also wants the communities to appreciate the contributions of women to the field. "These women have demonstrated a clear visionary strength, a quality which this curator feels defines them as 'Leading Lights,'" Tyler said.

The exhibit will be showing until Mar. 14. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Women have been pioneers in the field of holography.

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punching with passion

Shawn Newburg contends for his third Bengal Bouts title.
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125-pounds

SHAWN NEWBURG VS. JON VALENZUELA

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Newburg
JOE HETTLER
Newburg
MATT LOZAR
Newburg
LISA VELTE
Newburg

Senior captain Shawn Newburg goes for his third title Sunday against sophomore Jon Valenzuela. Newburg looked impressive in his semifinal fight against Brian Faist as his fast hands and lead hooks led him to a unanimous decision win. Valenzuela won a split decision, but took a few shots from Sung Hoon Kim Wednesday night and Newburg’s quickness may exploit Valenzuela’s low left and open stance.

Newburg prefers a more defensive, counter-punching style that will match up well with Valenzuela’s tendency to lead with looping right hooks. This match-up will be one of the better fights of the night and tardiness will be regretted.

140-pounds

TONY HOLLOWELL VS. BILL WUEST

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Hollowell
JOE HETTLER
Hollowell
MATT LOZAR
Hollowell
LISA VELTE
Hollowell

Junior captain Tony Hollowell is looking for his second title this year, but will have to cut down the taller Bill Wuest in order to achieve it. Wuest’s hard jabs ended his semifinal fight early, but Hollowell has shown that he is able to take a punch or two over the years.

Wuest will have to be consistent with his jab Sunday because Hollowell will not stop attacking. Hollowell will be the aggressor in this one and if he gets inside early, Wuest may be in trouble.

Hollowell’s lead left may not be as effective on the taller Wuest, but the former champion should have little trouble scoring punches.

155-pounds

COLIN KERRIGAN VS. STEVE KEPPEL

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Kerrigan
JOE HETTLER
Kerrigan
MATT LOZAR
Keppel
LISA VELTE
Keppel

Colin Kerrigan has battled his way over taller fighters twice in the tournament, attacking the body well and gaining victory. Steve Keppel has attacked every part of every opponent he has faced this year, brawling his way to the finals.

Keppel will be aggressive once again and Kerrigan may have a hard time attacking his body, yet finding openings in a strong defense is what earned Kerrigan his spot in the finals. Keppel has never been hesitant to throw plenty of punches and Kerrigan faces a different fighter than he had in the past.

Neither fighter was seeded to make it this far, but both have proved they are more than ready to be in the finals and their styles should be compatible in this fight.

160-pounds

MARK DeSPLINTER VS. TOM PIERCE

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Pierce
JOE HETTLER
Pierce
MATT LOZAR
Pierce
LISA VELTE
Pierce

Mark DeSplinter has been the Lennox Lewis of this year’s Bengal Bouts, jabbing his way to victory and forcing his opponents to conform to his technical style. However, senior captain Tom Pierce has been the pre-prison Mike Tyson of the bouts, leveling both his opponents before the end of the first round.

Pierce will have to use his feet to keep DeSplinter where he wants him and close fast to avoid the sticking jab. If DeSplinter gets caught in a brawl for even a few seconds he may take his place on the mat next to Pierce’s other opponents.

This is the most stylistically diverse fight of the finals and neither boxer will be eager to conform to the other’s technique.

180-pounds

CHRI S PEARSA LL VS. ANDREW GROEBNER

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Pearsall
JOE HETTLER
Pearsall
MATT LOZAR
Pearsall
LISA VELTE
Pearsall

Both 180-pound finalists won close victories over talented fighters in Wednesday’s semifinal round. Chris Pearsall out-gunned the No. 1 seed Tommy Demko and Andrew Groebner’s power punched him past the combo-throwing Larry Rooney.

Pearsall’s one-two combos and patience in the ring are his best assets and few fighters have been able to respond well to his offense. Groebner’s strength and powerful right could be a major factor in this bout.

If Pearsall moves as well as he did in his preliminary match, Groebner will have trouble landing a big punch.

190-pounds

JOHN LY NK VS. WILLIAM ZIZIC

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Lynk
JOE HETTLER
Lynk
MATT LOZAR
Lynk
LISA VELTE
Lynk

John Lynk has rarely met an opponent he couldn’t drop to the mat, but will Zizic is one of them. Lynk beat Zizic in last year’s semifinals by a unanimous decision, but Zizic is a new fighter this year who advanced to the finals with relative ease.

Zizic is extremely powerful, but Lynk’s ability to throw and take a punch combined with his uncanny speed for a man his size will be hard to overcome. There will be some serious punches given and taken in this bout and each fighter could see some time on the mat if his defense fails.
145-pounds

VS.

PAUL HARRIS

RYAN DUFFEY

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Duffey
JOE HETTLER
Harris
MATT LOZAR
Harris
LISA VELTE
Duffey

Paul Harris overcame a reach advantage in his narrow victory over top seed Luke Dillon and will have to do so again to beat Ryan Duffey. Expect Harris to charge Duffey early and often in this match. Duffey needs to rely on his reach advantage and footwork to pick off the mobile Harris with his jab.

Neither fighter has experienced the two-minute rounds of the finals before, but Duffey has more overall ring experience than Harris and that will work to his advantage. Harris threw a lot of punches in the semifinals and if he is more accurate Sunday, Duffey’s defense will have to be near perfect. If Duffey stands his ground and relies on his jab he will be in good shape.

150-pounds

VS.

JUAN DIEGO VARGAS

BRANDON GASSER

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Vargas
JOE HETTLER
Vargas
MATT LOZAR
Vargas
LISA VELTE
Vargas

Don’t look away for long during this fight because Juan Diego Vargas and Brandon Gasser will keep the punches coming until the final bell. One of their many anticipated exchanges could turn the match in seconds. Vargas and Gasser have both boxed and brawled well, varying their styles to meet their opponents and it will be interesting to see the nature of Sunday’s fight.

Vargas’ hands may be a bit faster, but Gasser’s one-two’s have been straight and accurate the entire tournament. Gasser will find success if can keep a bit of distance between himself and Vargas, but this is something no fighter has been able to do thus far.

165-pounds

VS.

CHARLIE GOUGH

ALEX FERGUS

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Fergus
JOE HETTLER
Gough
MATT LOZAR
Fergus
LISA VELTE
Gough

Alex Fergus hasn’t appeared to have much trouble in this year’s tournament, but Charlie Gough has shown that he can trouble even the most talented of fighters. Gough had a huge performance Wednesday night against Pat Dillon, coming on hard in the final rounds to beat the captain.

Fergus has moved better in the ring than most boxers and stays composed when in trouble. Gough may be a bit stronger, but Fergus’ footwork easily compensates. If Fergus stays mobile and keeps his guard up, he will find success.

HEAVYWEIGHT

VS.

DARRYL BURTON

STEFAN BOROVINA

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Borovina
JOE HETTLER
Burton
MATT LOZAR
Borovina
LISA VELTE
Borovina

Stefan Borovina will not be able to avenge his loss to Carlos Abeyta last year, but he can still pick up his first title. Borovina looked strong and moved well in his semifinal win over Ben O’Connor that was called 40 seconds into the final round. Borovina has no small challenge ahead of him in sophomore Darryl Burton who dismissed the former champ Abeyta in the semis. Borovina is smaller, but makes up for the pound difference in speed and technique.

However, anything can happen with punches as hard as these two throw and Stefan will need his footwork the whole match to avoid the big right of Burton.

170-pounds

VS.

CLAY COSSE

ROB JOYCE

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Joyce
JOE HETTLER
Cosse
MATT LOZAR
Cosse
LISA VELTE
Cosse

Clay Joyce is so comfortable in the ring that he appears nonchalant at times, dismissing the advances of opponents with a perfectly placed counter or a quick dodge. Clay Cosse, however, punches through every second of his bouts as if it were his last.

This is a matchup of the top seeds in this weight class and a bout showcasing two of the most talented fighters this year.

Clay will no doubt come out firing and may give up a bit of defense with his hooks that Joyce is capable of capitalizing on. Both Joyce and Clay have had noteworthy performances in past finals. Joyce lost to Mark Criniti in 2001 and Cosse fell to Chris Matassa in 2002, both of which were fights of the year. This matchup also has the potential to become a Bengal Bouts legend.

73rd ANNUAL
BENGAL BOUTS

♦ Date: Sunday, March 2, 2003
♦ Time: 2 p.m.
♦ Location: Joyce Center

Defending 2002 Champions

Shawn Newburg - 125-pound
Mark DeSplinter - 160-pound
John Lynk - 190-pound

Fight Previews by Luke Busam
Photos by Lisa Velte
Shawn Newburg delivers a right hook to Jason McMahon during last year's final in the 125-pound division. Newburg won the fight in a split decision.

"I also try to always fight smarter than my opponent."  

Shawn Newburg

It was just so exhilarating and inspirational. This is coach [Tom Suddes] specially," Newburg said. "Every year he leads us in a practice before we do a thousand pushups. Ever since that practice coach Suddes has been a role model for me."

Newburg was also a two-time National Champion at the 120-pound division, won the Huguenot tourney in the finals.

"Freshman year was an awesome final. I was just a nose nose kid that didn't even really know anything about the program," Newburg said. "I was the first fight, as usual, and we were about half an hour late starting so I was getting pretty anxious. Then I found out that Muhammad Ali is showing up and that was one fight that I don't regret."

Newburg is in the ring, he keeps a tunneled eye focused on his opponent. "I have a ritual, always get in the ring and go through all of the specifics of my fight. I picture the other guy and what I'm doing and what I want to do for the three rounds," Newburg said. "I go to the corner between rounds and everything and just try to make it as close to the actual fight as possible."

His pre-fight routine is a small glimpse of the determination that has led Newburg to the final each year. While in the ring he is rarely challenged and never frustrated. His hands held high and striking quickly, his feet constantly sliding over the canvas, and his defense being one of the best in Bengal Bouts all testify to his undying focus.

"I am a pretty passiont person about pretty much everything that I do, so this gives me an opportunity to be passionate about a great cause."

Shawn Newburg

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Shakespeare in the 70s

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company updates 'Taming of the Shrew'

By KC KENNEY
Scene Writer

When a classic Shakespearean masterpiece opens with "Play That Funky Music White Boy," you know you're in for a comedy of special degree. With the stage littered with all sorts of 70s nostalgic contraband, director Sean Nelson has done very well by putting a contemporary spin on an old favorite. Leisure suits, bowling shoes, short skirts (and I mean short) and even a huge Afro donned by one of the leads mark this show, making it familiar and laughable at the same time. Nelson has worked hard to make this a "Shakespeare for a new audience" and it shows itself on stage, making the Bard's work accessible to all levels of appreciation.

The stage of the Hesburgh Center is translated into the town of Padua where a rich young man named Lucentio (JJ Marler) arrives with his servants Trania (Monica Kershner) and Blondella (Alex Callan) to attend the local university but he quickly becomes distracted when he sees the beautiful Bianca (Kate Dolack) and instantly falls in love. Problems arise when Lucentio distracted when he sees the beautiful Bianca (Kate Dolack) and instantly falls in love. Problems arise when Lucentio

Director: Sean Nelson
Playwright: William Shakespeare
Stage Manager: AnaMarie Ortiz
Starring: Dan Hoople, Steve Hoopinger, TJ McNally, JJ Marler, Jeff Eyerman, Mike Rampolla, Mark Ross, Monica Kershner, Alex Callan, David Tull, Laura Kable

Friday, Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center. $5 General Admission

"Taming of the Shrew"

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare

Lucentio, played by senior JJ Marler, and Trania, senior Monica Kershner, hide in order to spy on the beautiful Bianca, played by junior Kate Dolack.

Kortensio, played by senior Jeff Eyerman, and Gremio, sophomore TJ McNally, conspire to win over the hand of the fair Bianca for themselves.

The show has often been criticized for its portrayal of women as needing to be "tamed," a concept not well received by women of today. This, in fact, was one of Nelson's motivations for using the time period he did, marking one of the culminations of the women's liberation movement and showing it in a very comedic portrayal. However, the stress on comedy and the love story really downplay the social commentary. Truly, this show is a well-done comedy, bringing laughter from the audience as the cast does a good job of bringing this great work of Shakespeare to life.

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Saturday," Brey said. "We get back on the winning side Wednesday, the Irish should need a little time off; this was

That's why the four days off from game action have come at a great time for the Irish. After a light day of practice Tuesday and the day off Wednesday, the Irish should return to the court Saturday at Rutgers' rested and ready to get back on the winning side of things.

"I'm glad we don't play until Saturday," Brey said. "We need a little time off; this was a tough stretch for us. I think they'll be fine, though, and Rutgers will be a tough chal-

enge on Saturday."

The Irish have gone all sea-

son without losing consecutive games, and they will try to keep that streak alive at Rutgers' Louis Brown Athletic Center.

Even with the additional rest over the week, the Irish will have to overcome their sea-

on-long ineptitude on the road. Notre Dame (21-6, 9-4 in the Big East) is just 3-4 this season when playing at oppo-

nents' home venues, with losses coming at Pittsburgh, Kentucky, Seton Hall and Syracuse.

But the Scarlet Knights (11-

14, 3-10) have struggled since beginnig Big East play this season. Rutgers got off to a 9-

4 start this year, but lost its first five conference games and has since fallen to last place in the Big East West Division.

Notre Dame and Rutgers already met once this season on Jan. 14 at the Joyce Center, and the Irish coming away with a 68-57 victory. The game was plagued by the shooting woes of Rutgers' guards Mike Sherrod and Jerome Coleman, who were a combined 5-for-19 from the floor and fared no better from the free throw line as Coleman went 0-for-7.

On the other hand, Irish guards Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas had a stellar day, scoring 25 and 19 points, respectively. The pair was also 16-for-17 from the free throw line, leading the team to a 22-

for-23 day in foul shooting. In addition, Carroll was red-hot from behind the arc, finishing 5-for-9 on three-pointers.

One area the Scarlet Knights may hope to exploit is their advantage in the paint. In the first matchup, 6-foot-10 forward Herve Lamizana had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Scarlet Knights. Center Karleen Wright also had a good day for Rutgers coming of the bench, as the 6-foot-9, 270-pound senior scored 11 points in just 22 minutes of play.

Tipoff is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in Piscataway, N.J.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Final home game for 2 seniors

By JOE HETTLER

Sport Editor

Two players who have had very different careers at Notre Dame (16-9, 8-6) will both play in their final home game when the Irish take on Seton Hall (13-

11, 7-7) at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Alicia Ratay and Karen Swanson are Notre Dame's only two seniors this season and both end their home basketball careers against the Pirates. Ratay has already set several Irish records and is tied for all-

time 3-pointers made. She is also one of two captains on this year's squad.

Swanson walked onto the team as a freshman and has become a fan favorite during her career. Swanson has played in 75 games during her career, including 23 in each of her first two years.

The Irish will be looking to rebound after a lackluster performance against Pittsburgh Wednesday night. While Notre Dame managed to win 77-69, coach Muffet McGraw was displeased with her team play.

"I thought we played poorly. I would just like to leave it at that," McGraw said after the game. "I thought it was a team effort and it was not a good one."

Notre Dame did have five players score in double figures, led by reserve Courtney LaVere's 14 points.

The win, coupled with Virginia Tech's loss to Rutgers, pushed the Irish into sixth place in the Big East standings. Both the Hokies and the Irish are 8-6 in conference, but Virginia Tech beat Notre Dame 53-50 Feb. 9.

Swanson has already set several Notre Dame records and is tied for all-
career. Swanson has played in one of two captains on this

year's squad.

Swanson also needs a win to improve their NCAA tourna-

ment chances. While it appears that the Irish should make the tournament, wins in their last two games and another win in the Big East tournament would like-

ly improve their seeding.

Seton Hall is fresh off a 78-71 victory over Miami at home. Leslie Ardon and Ashley Bush, who had 21 and 15 points, respectively, led the Pirates. The Pirates also forced the Hurricanes into 24 turnovers.

The win was rare for Seton Hall, who had lost five of their last six games before facing Miami.

Charlene Thomas's 11.6 points per game and 6.1 rebounds lead the Pirates. Thomas is the Pirates only player in double fig-

ures in scoring.

This game has strong implications for the Irish, who could move into fifth-place in the divi-
sion with a win and a Virginia Tech loss next week.

Notre Dame also want to play better in their final two games, against Seton Hall and Syracuse, and take momentum into the Big East Tournament.

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After playing the fourth-
ranked Sun Devils last week-
end, the Irish continue to face
some of the nation's top pro-
grams this weekend, with
teams like Nebraska (4-2), who
played in the College World
Series last year, and Wake
Forest (4-1), who finished last
season 47-13-1 and 17-6 in the
powerful ACC that sent two
teams — Georgia Tech and
Clemson — to the College
World Series last year, and Wake
plays in the College World
Series and had a third —
Florida State — that was
knocked out by the Irish in the
NCAA Super Regional in
Tallahassee, Fla.

"We've always tried to play
good teams early in the season,
and I think its important to do
that, because it sets the tone
early in the year for the level of
play that is the level that we
expect out of our team, and is
what is needed if you want to
be considered one of the elite
baseball programs in the coun-
try," Mainieri said.
The opener of the weekend
will be billed as a matchup of
2002 College World Series par-
take-participants that never got a
chance to square off in the
Omaha, Neb., tournament last
summer.

The Irish will send sopho-
more Chris Niesel to the mound
against Huskers' left-handed
junior Aaron Marsden. Niesel
will be pitching his second
game of the season after allow-
ing four runs in six innings in a
no-decision in Notre Dame's
first game against Dayton last
Friday.

This will also be the second
first start of the year against
Marsden, who was a
sophomore left-han-
der Tim
pitched.
Morley, who will be making his
first start of the year against
Huskers' left-handed
pitcher Pete Ogilvie will take
the mound for the Irish against
the Golden Gophers.

Notre Dame should get its
biggest test of the weekend in
its final game against Wake
Forest. Sophomore right-han-
der John Axford, who won his
first start of the year against
Newman Saturday, will take
the mound against fellow
sophomore left-hander Tim
Morley, who will be making his
first start of the season against
the Irish. As a freshman in
2002, Morley finished the year
6-3 with a 4.41 ERA and 71
strikeouts in 87.2 innings
pitched.

Playing so many top-ranked
teams at the beginning of the
year can be tough for a squad
like Notre Dame, which gets lit-
tle, if any, time to practice out-
doors before the games start
because of the winter weather
conditions of South Bend.

But Mainieri doesn't look at
the tough early season schedule
as a problem, but a challenge
that will make his team better
come the end of the season.

"I know we're just starting
the season and we're not going
to be as good now as we are in
April after we've got a lot of
games under our belt," Mainieri said. "But still these
are the kinds of experiences
that make you better. And I'm
not conceding that we won't be
able to go up to Minnesota this
weekend and have a lot of suc-
cess. I'm expecting our team to
embrace this challenge and
play very well."

The Irish begin play in the
tournament at 12:15 p.m. today
against Nebraska.

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New York Yankees pitcher David Wells admits to pitching last season's perfect game "half-drunken" in his new autobiography, 'Perfect I'm Not! Boomer on Beer, Brawls, Backaches, and Baseball.'

Wells ‘half-drunken’ in perfect game

Associated Press

NEW YORK

David Wells claims up to 40 percent of major leaguers use steroids and says amphetamines are readily available in baseball clubhouses.

"As of right now, I’d estimate 25 to 40 percent of all major leaguers are taking them. That number’s just a guess, but it’s not unrealistic, even the most hardened among us," Wells wrote. "Perfect I’m Not! Boomer on Beer, Brawls, Backaches, and Baseball," scheduled for release next month.

Wells also admits he was "half-drunken" and had a "raging, skull-rattling hangover" when he pitched his perfect game against Minnesota in May 1998, having stayed at the Saturday Night Live season-ending party until 5 a.m., eight hours before gametime.

A copy of the galleys of the book, written by Chris Kreski, was obtained by The Associated Press from publisher William Morrow.

"Down in the minors, which was where I played, every team had a half-drunken, half-drunken, half-drunken, half-drunken," Wells wrote. "Perfect I’m Not! Boomer on Beer, Brawls, Backaches, and Baseball," scheduled for release next month.

Manager collapses at weigh-in fight

The manager of WBA heavyweight champion John Ruiz was taken to a hospital Thursday after passing out following a brawl at the weigh-in for Ruiz’s fight with Roy Jones Jr.

Norman Stone was cut on the lip during the brawl, which started as he and Jones’ trainer, Allan Merkerson, argued about fight gloves just before the weigh-in.

Both men went flying off a temporary stage and were trading punches before order was restored. After the weigh-in, though, Stone collapsed and was taken by stretcher to an ambulance, complaining of pain in his side.

"One of his guys sucker-punched me," Stone said after the melee.

Doctors at the hospital told Stone he would be treated and released Tuesday night, according to Bob Trieger, Ruiz’s publicist.

"He’s doing fine," Trieger said. "His pinkie may be broken. They were going to give him an X-ray. He’s still a little tender."

The brawl wasn’t the only unexpected event at Caesars Palace on Thursday. Jones stepped on the scale and weighed 193 pounds.

The undisputed light heavyweight champion said all along he didn’t plan to weigh more than 185 for Saturday night’s fight, and would probably be in the low 180s. Still, he’ll be giving away 33 pounds to Ruiz, who weighed 226.

Ruiz livened up matters by appearing in a gaudy outfit, complete with a red and white pillowcase velvet hat, platform shoes and a chain with a large fake-gold dollar sign on it.

"I had this for Halloween a couple of years ago," Ruiz said.

Matsui homers in second at-bat of spring training

The Yankees’ new slugger trotted around the bases showing little emotion before sweeping hands with Jason Giambi, on-deck batter Jorge Posada and the rest of his new teammates as he went back to the dugout.

"We’ve got to come up with a strategy," Jeter said.

That’s still to come. But Matsui didn’t wait to flash the swing that earned him the nickname "Godzilla" back in Japan.

"I was very happy I could play like this in my first game of the preseason," Matsui said through an interpreter after the Yankees’ 9-3 loss.

"I think it was a little bit lucky to hit a home run today. It wasn’t the pitch the pitcher wanted to throw."

Matsui might have credited good fortune for his success, but his teammates focused on his disciplined approach and ability to fight off tough pitches.
Hockey

Hot Irish look to extend 4-game winning streak

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish take on Western Michigan in a home-and-home series this weekend. Friday, the Irish travel to Kalamazoo to take on the Broncos, before returning to the Joyce Center Saturday to close out the series.

The Irish (13-13-6, 11-10-3 CCHA) hope to continue on their four-game winning streak — their longest winning streak this season — and also improve on their current playoff position. The top six finishers in the conference get home ice in the first round of the playoffs; currently the Irish sit in fifth place, tied with the Broncos and Northern Michigan.

After finishing with the Broncos, the Irish travel to Marquette, Mich., to close out the regular season against Northern Michigan in a two-game series. Irish head coach Dave Poulin knows these are important points to take advantage of in the playoff race.

"Home ice is the primary reason we want to win," he said. "Take that out of it, and the most important thing now is to keep playing well."

Just two weeks ago, the Irish were on the bottom end of the CCHA standings, but a four-game winning streak — including three one-goal wins — have vaulted Notre Dame into the thick of the playoff race. It's precisely those one-goal games that Poulin would like to eliminate, however.

"I'd like for us to close the other team out earlier and decide games earlier," he said. "There's been a lot of times this year when we've had early opportunities and haven't capitalized."

Most notably, last Friday the Irish took an early 3-0 lead over Lake Superior State only to end up giving up two late goals to eke out a 3-2 victory, despite outshooting the Lakers by a 2-to-1 margin.

This is the second time this season that the Irish have faced the Broncos (14-16-2, 12-11-1 CCHA), with the Irish coming away with 4-2 and 8-5 wins in a home-and-home series on Oct. 18 and 19 to open CCHA play.

"[Western] is very similar to the what they were the last time we played them," Poulin said. "The systems they run are the same, and we especially want to stop their power play."

The Broncos are coming off of a 3-3 tie and a 4-2 victory over Bowling Green last weekend. The 4-2 victory broke a five-game winless streak for the Broncos.

A trio of talented forwards in Jeff Campbell, Vince Bellissimo and Dana Lattery leads Western Michigan offensively. Bellissimo, only a freshman, is second on the team with 28 points. The Broncos have two able net-minders in freshman Scott Foster and sophomore Mike Mantua, but neither has any particularly impressive stats.

Overall, the Broncos are a relatively average team both offensively and defensively, remarkably similar to the Irish.

"We're eerily similar in all of our numbers," Poulin said. "We might be better a bit defensively but we're not really close."

Saturday's game holds a special significance to the Irish, as it is the last regular season home game for the team. Traditionally, graduating seniors are presented with a home jersey by their teammates. "This game means something to the seniors," Poulin said. "Evan [Nielsen] said he couldn't believe how the four years go by so fast."

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Irish look to break losing streak at home

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a string of three losses last weekend against top-25 teams, the Irish are planning on getting a win or two this weekend.

No. 19 Wake Forest was among the top eight. The Demon Deacons have struggled of late, the Irish are not complacent.

"Wake's a dangerous team," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "They've struggled this year."

Last year, Wake Forest was among the top eight teams in the country, but like Notre Dame, they lost a fair amount of players to graduation.

Notre Dame has had some successes this season, including a weekend of wins over Big East opponents Boston College and Virginia. They have had some success this season, including a weekend loss to Wake Forest.

"Last year it was a great success. We raised a lot of money for colon cancer," Louderback said.

"It's been an unbelievable project," Louderback said. "Last year it was a great success. We raised a lot of money for colon cancer. The amount of time Kate put into it was unbelievable. You could tell it was such a good event last year because of the time she's put into it."

Both Cunha's coach and her teammates have been impressed with her organization of the event, which will raise money by charging admission to Notre Dame's match with Texas.

"She has been amazing at getting everything together," junior Gaylan Leslie said. "It's something she's very strongly about," Louderback said. "We help her a little bit."

"It's something she's very strongly about," Louderback said. "We help her a little bit."

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WOMENS LACROSSE

No. 7 Irish looking to build off record 2002 season

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off the best season in the program's history, the women's lacrosse team will look to continue their progress this season as they open their regular season at Cornell Sunday.

For the Irish, ranked seventh in the Preseason IWLCA/Brine Poll and fifth in the preseason Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll, this marks a season in transition as they go from being a team constantly striving to beat top 10 teams to one that is in the top 10 itself. "Our goals will be the same," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "We want to win the Big East and to advance to the national tournament. But it's difficult because this is the first time where we've had a team that accomplished a lot in the previous season."

Notre Dame will be relying heavily on senior leadership this season, beginning with midfielders Danielle Shearer, who was recently named a preseason first-team All-American by Inside Lacrosse Magazine. Shearer led the Irish in scoring last year with 39 goals and 20 assists, and was a second-team All-American along with being named the Big East midfielder of the year.

Also named to the preseason all-America team was goalkeeper Jen White, who was named to the second team. She was a unanimous first-team All-East selection last year with a .495 goals-against average and a .845 save percentage.

Classmates Kelly McCardell, Eleanor Wellle and Elizabeth Knight will help White anchor the Irish defense, while Anne Riley will be expected to lead at midfield attack and Angela Dixon will lead the attack.

The Irish already participated in the Loyola Tournament in Baltimore, Md. Sunday. The schedule for the event was altered by the weather, and the Irish ended up playing four shortened games, including a 6-5 win over host Loyola.

Despite the win, Coyne felt that the performance left much to be desired. "I'm not really pleased with how we played. Our transition game was horrible. In practice we're working on executing and the fundamentals, such as possessing the ball, passing and catching," she said.

Coyne felt that part of the problem was meshing new team members together, however, and that it could be corrected quickly.

In their first game, the Irish will be facing a Cornell team that is coming off a Final Four appearance last season and returns a number of quality players, including Sarah Averson from the national team. Notre Dame dropped a 10-9 decision last fall to the Big Red at Moose Krause Field.

"They are solid defensively and their transition game is good," said Coyne. "Their attack should also cause us problems. They have depth on the board. We played them last year, which should help because we're familiar with their style of play, but we've never played them up there before."

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WOMENS GOLF

Irish start spring season at Pinehurst

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

The women's golf team begins the spring portion of its schedule today as they compete in the Edwin Watts/Carolinas Collegiate Classic in Pinehurst, N.C. This will be the first action of the Irish since last November at the N.C. This will be the first action of the Pine Needles Invitational. Beyer had a career-best 72 in the tournament for the second time in three years.

Byrne, Rogers and Lotta all finished as the low scorer for the Irish at one tournament last fall. Byrne fired 230 in the adidas Invitational to finish 17th overall, while Rogers led the team at the Legends of Indiana event where she shot 234 to tie for 42nd. Lotta tied Bassett at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational with a 231 total, also finished first in 20th at the Pine Needles Invitational. Gebauer finished in the top five at the Notre Dame Invitational with a 234 total, where the Irish won their home tournament for the second time in three years.

The Irish will be at a disadvantage in North Carolina playing against southern schools that have been able to continue practicing in better weather conditions. King is confident, however, that the long layoff will not harm her team's chances. "I think we are going into this tournament with the right attitude," said King. "We might be at an advantage since we might be a little hungrier to play."

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After 15-hour bus ride, Irish look to turn season around

By AARON RONSEHIM
Sports Writer

After a heartbreaking 7-4 loss last Sunday to No. 17 Alabama, in which the Irish led 4-0 going into the seventh inning, Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf wanted nothing better than to get on the plane and return to South Bend. But instead, the Notre Dame softball team endured a 15-hour bus ride back to campus after missing their return flight.

Gumpf remained confident, however, that this bus ride brought the team closer together.

"It's a character building trip," said Gumpf. "We were playing so good against Alabama and it just fell apart that last inning. If we can put that game behind us, I think this weekend will be a great turning point for us."

The Irish will hope that the weather will cooperate with them as they travel to Lafayette, La. to play five games this weekend. Besides facing Louisiana-Lafayette (7-0) twice, the Irish will play two games against Northwestern State (0-7) and one game against McNeese State (0-7). This will be the first time the Irish have played either McNeese or Northwestern State.

Even though the Irish have never played either team, Gumpf has tried to prepare her team as best as possible.

"We try to find as much as we can about these teams through teams that have played them in the past," said Gumpf. "We try to imitate them in practice and try our best to know them without seeing them."

Defensively the Lady Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette are paced by Danyele Gomez, who leads the team with two home runs, seven RBIs and a .474 batting average. Also offensively Steffany Steininger continues to return from a shoulder injury.

"This has been the first time that Steff has thrown in a game since May," said Gumpf. "Because she had been injured all summer and fall she just needed to get back into rhythm again. Each game she throws she has gotten better."

Also fellow sophomore Carrie Wiesen is expected to start at least one game this weekend after not pitching last weekend due to an illness. While these two have struggled in the early going, freshman Heather Booth offensively and senior Nicole Martin on offense have been very impressive this season and has recorded all three of Notre Dame's victories.

Two other freshmen that have stepped up in this young season are Kellie Middletown, who has taken over the center field job, and Megan Ruthrauff, who leads the Irish with a .429 batting average.

"We try to imitate them in practice and try our best to know them without seeing them," said Gumpf. "I am confident that she will play well for us and Ruthie has just been hitting the snot out of the ball. What I like about these two freshmen is that they are doing everything that they can for this senior class."

After two weekends of inconsistent play and battling the weather, Gumpf feels that this weekend could be the turning point in their young season.

"This team knows what it takes to win," said Gumpf. "It is just putting it all together. I think we are on the upward swing and weekend could be a great turning point for us."

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**Happy Town**

Hey Jack, why don't you another strip with the giant leprechaun? Those were your funniest comics, if you ask me.

As an artist I really can't be expected to always react to the same old tired Notre Dame references—I need to grow and explore, both visually and nonsexplicitly! And in fact, I didn't ask you.

Dr. Seuss Day is on March 2, as reported by the website of the National Education Association. This day is dedicated to the author of the beloved children's books, Dr. Seuss, and encourages educators to celebrate his work through various activities.

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Woman in a “Paint Your Wagon” song
6. They may go on park walks
11. Kind of paid
14. Like musical instruments
16. Loose on
17. “Tune” (1950 movie)
18. Not separate from
20. Mountain goat’s isotope
21. Site of Churchill
26. Suffix with “en”
28. Stinkers
29. Site of raw meat
31. Hand-held en trees
33. Allowances with real effort
35. Skipping rope
36. Skipping syllables
50. Pick up instruments (1950 movie)
52. Shoe spec
53. Like typical Georgian woods
54. Council member, maybe
55. Places for sages
56. Popeye’s creator
59. Pick up
60. Abbr.
61. Abbr.

**DOWN**
1. W.W. ll area
2. Collectible for a so-called paleontologist
3. Up
4. Check on
5. Some ballet lessons
6. Find a job for
7. Fix, as a road
8. A six-bit
9. Quintessential news headline
10. Olympics reruns
11. Came home
12. Overpower in battle
13. Be, something
14. Red or white
15. 1936 film setting
16. Site of raw meat
17. Suffix with smack
18. Skiers
19. Command level
20. With real effort
21. Put side by side
22. Duke in “King Henry V”
23. Skipping syllables
24. Fender, e.g.
25. House of
26. 1973 movie
27. From Nineveh:
28. Like “War and Peace”
29. 40 years down
30. 51 Ambulances’ destinations: Abbr.
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**Horoscope**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**
- Ben Affleck (actor, director)
- George Lucas (filmmaker)
- Marie Antoinette (Queen of France)
- Prince William (Prince of Wales)
- Beyoncé (singer)
- Martha Stewart (businesswoman)
- Barbra Streisand (actress, singer)
- Elton John (singer)
- Gwyneth Paltrow (actress)

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Be careful around someone you aren’t sure you want to be close to. You may need to hold yourself back because you are unsure of your feelings. Be honest and treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don’t lead someone on today because you aren’t sure of your feelings. One-sided relationships are apparent. Be honest and treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You’ll be a walking dynamo today. You will have a desire to travel. Don’t forget to take care of the little things that a friend or relative asked you to do today.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Going to the theater or an art gallery will probably give you some incentive to make some personal changes, so don’t hesitate to do so.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Consider long-term investments that will secure your financial future.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22):** If you feel you need a change, today is a perfect day to check the want ads. You will feel pretty good if you make some personal changes, so don’t hesitate to do so.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Be sure to try out new fun to go to and see all that can be. Going to the theater or an art gallery will probably give you some incentive to get back to some of your own creative projects.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be taking on more responsibilities, especially those pertaining to other relatives, legal or financial matters. You may need to help handle all the extra work you’ve been given.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will have a desire to travel. Don’t forget to take care of the little things that a friend or relative asked you to do today.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can make some extra money if you use your ingenuity today. Believe in yourself and stay away from people who don’t make promises to make your dollar grow. It’s time to do something that will secure your financial future.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Consider putting yourself down and making yourself smarter of your next move. Consider making some changes. Your changing attitude will keep others guessing.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Be careful around someone you aren’t sure you want to trust. Don’t leave yourself open to be accused of gossip. Keep your guard up but be honest.

**Birthday Baby:** You will have a bright outlook and disposition. You will be passionate about whatever you decide to do today. You will take action whenever you feel it is necessary.

**School Daze**

**Clare O'Brien**

**The Wildlife of Keenan's Unsanitary PartTuchs Proves Too Much for the Famous Crocodile Hunter!**

**Come Back! It's Just Six-Month-Old Pizza!**

**Jumble**

**Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.**

**ESOL**

**GOTFRE**

**BUNNIO**

**JUMBLE**

**That scrambled word game by Bernice Arnold and Mike Argirion**

**I have to walk over and give them a hug.**

**Happy Birthday!**

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**Irish Hockey**

**Notre Dame vs. W. Michigan**

**Saturday - 7 PM**

**Senior Player Trading Cards!**

**Papa John's Pizza for Students!!**

**Men's Lacrosse**

**Nd vs. Penn**

**Saturday - 1 PM**

**Loftus Fieldhouse**

**Chance to Win A FREE TRIP!**

**Just Dress Up in Your "Spring Break Gear"**

**Free Admission**
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MENS BASKETBALL

Rested Irish ready for test at Rutgers

♦ Four days off gave weary team some time to regain legs

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Four games in 10 days will take their toll on a college basketball team. No one saw that better than No. 9 Notre Dame Monday when the Irish were outdone at home by a more explosive Connecticut Husky squad. "It's a little tired right now," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the disappointing home loss, his team's first of the season. "We need a couple days to get our legs under us."

After falling behind by 15 at the half and as many as 17 during the second half, the depleted Irish squad didn't have enough of a fight left in them for a push to take the lead away from Connecticut in front of a packed Joyce Center crowd.

Each time the Irish got close to catching the Huskies, Notre Dame's exhaustion became evident on the other end of the floor as Connecticut guard Ben Gordon would slice uncontested to the basket for a layup or forward Emeka Okafor would bully his way to the basket.

Junior guard Torriion Jones looks to pass In Notre Dame's 93-92 double overtime win over Georgetown Feb 1. The Irish travel to Rutgers for a 4 p.m. game Saturday.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Making her dream come true

The first time I covered a women's basketball game this season, Notre Dame did a lot of things well. They knocked down 3-pointers. They played solid defense. They built a big lead. And they had the crowd roaring for much of the game.

But not Alixia Ratay's jumper or Jacqueline Batteast's blocked shot could bring the crowd to their feet the way senior Karen Swanson did when she checked into the game with about three minutes remaining in the second half. Why would 10,000 people get so excited to see a player that averaged all of 1.0 points per game as a junior?

Why would everyone from little kids to the old alumni in the gold seats instantly rise from their cushions to applaud a player that has never played more than 11 minutes in a game?

Why would the crowd make so much noise for a player that hardly contributed to the team's performance on the court?

To understand that answer, you must first understand Swanson's almost-too-good-to-be-true story.

Swanson was a standout guard for Westlake high school in Cleveland. She was a four-year letter winner in basketball and led her team in points, rebounds and steals as a senior. She was conference MVP that season and set the league's steals record as well. She was also a two-time first-team all-conference and earned all-district honors as a junior and senior.

After the season, numerous Division II and III schools made Swanson offers and even a few Division I came calling. But Swanson's dream school, Notre Dame, wasn't one of them.

"Everyone that recruited me, I was very upfront with them and told them there was only one place where I wanted to go to college," Swanson said.

But not many people gave her a chance to actually make the see SWANSON/page 14

BASEBALL

Schedule doesn't get easier

♦ Irish facing 2 top-10 teams at Dairy Queen Classic

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Just a week after dropping a pair of games to No. 9 Arizona State in their home park, No. 14 Notre Dame (2-2) returns to action against another tough field in the Dairy Queen Classic as the Irish take on No. 16 Nebraska, host Minnesota and No. 7 Wake Forest.

The tournament is considered one of the premier early-season tournaments in the country, drawing a field of three top-20 teams and staged in a major league venue, the Metrodome.

"It will be a good, challenging weekend for us, and it's going to be a lot of fun," Irish coach Pat Mainieri said. "I told our guys that this weekend should be one they look forward to as much as any weekend the entire season, because they'll be playing two teams ranked in the top 15 or so.

Senior Karen Swanson looks to pass against St. John's earlier this season. Swanson, who started her career as a walk-on, plays In her final home game Saturday against Seton Hall.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND SOFTBALL
Louisiana Classic at Lafayette, La.
Today-Sunday
15 hour bus trip shows Irish they can overcome anything

WOMENS LACROSSE
Notre Dame at Cornell
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Irish open their season at a 2002 NCAA Final Four participant.

HOCKEY
Western Michigan at Notre Dame
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Weekend series will help decide postseason home ice advantage.

FENCING
Midwest Fencing Conference Championships
Saturday-Sunday
Irish look to defend conference crowns.

WOMENS TENNIS
Texas at Notre Dame
Sunday, 12 p.m.
Weekend matches to raise money for Ace for the Cure.

BENGAL BOUTS
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Finals of 73rd annual Bengal Bouts held this weekend at the Joyce Center.

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