percent, but that was to be the last good news the Cunha family would receive. "It just kind of got worse and worse after that," Katie said. "That was the only time in 11 months that we got good news." During the next months, the cancer became progressively worse, and Jim Cunha, Katie's father, lost his job with Arthur Andersen. By June, the cancer had reached Christine's brain and finally claimed her life just as Katie was supposed to start tennis and school again.

A significant portion of Katie's teammates attended the funeral to support their teammate, and the family was comforted by that support. "I think to see them there was important for her," Jim Cunha said. "It sort of closed the wagon so to speak. You know, with something like this, you almost get smothered. It's a type of affection and love that pours through ... You can't replicate it."

Katie only took a week off school, but soon wished she had taken a longer break. "I might have come back a little bit early," she said. "I should have given myself a little more time."

She missed only the first week of school because she knew her mother wanted her to graduate on time. "I should have given myself a little bit more time to soak in everything that happened, to try to grieve a little bit," Katie said. "It was a little bit of a mistake, but I've been working through that." "It was hard to think of tennis, but Katie did not want to let her teammates down. "I felt a huge responsibility being team captain, so I really felt the need to get back on the court and to be the leader that everyone was expecting me to be," Katie said.

"It was not until this spring that Katie finally began to overcome some of her struggles, but she still admits that she is nowhere near being back to normal. Organizing the second annual Ace of the Cure was a way to continue to show her love for her mother. "The thing Katie wanted to do here was give something back to the community. What could we do to help others, what positive energy could we put behind this, rather than sit there and mope and be sorry for yourself?"

Jim Cunha, Katie's father

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"Every single time I watch her play, I am just so proud of her and everything she was able to do and organize this event. It was so special to her and the team. I respect her and I admire her."

Stastny saw a special significance in the 6-1 Irish victory. "I feel like Katie's mom was with us," she said.

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Mens Tennis

Irish look for first home win today

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With almost half of the season behind them, the Irish are hoping to achieve their first home victory today after losing their first five home matches. No. 46 Notre Dame will face Michigan (5-4) at 4 p.m. at the Eck Pavilion.

Last year, the Wolverines narrowly defeated the Irish 4-3 during the regular season, but Notre Dame won when it mattered, as they shut out Michigan 4-0 in the first round of the NCAA Championship.

"It's just a historic rivalry between the two schools," Irish junior Matt Scott said. "We try and take what we can from that and use it on the court. We don't really need a rivalry to get us fired up. We're fired up for every match.

The Irish, 3-6, are fresh off last weekend's 3-0 win over Michigan, which they participated in the Pacific Coast Doubles. The annual event, in its 114th year, includes some of the best amateur and professional talent in the nation.

The Irish hope that the doubles experience from the weekend will help them today as they combine the Wolverines. Winning the doubles point has become not come easily or frequently for the Irish this season. "We got a lot of playing time in, so we're just going to focus on what's ahead of us." — Matt Scott, Junior

"We know what we have to work on. You can't change what is done, so we're just going to focus on what's ahead of us." — Matt Scott, Junior

The Irish have realized the importance of the doubles point through their many close matches this season. Three of the Irish losses and two of their three wins this spring have been by scores of 4-3.

According to Scott, the season has been tough and, he said, the Irish do not want to wait until the end of the season to reach their goals of improving. "We know what we have to work on," he said. "You can't change what is done, so we're just going to focus on what's ahead of us."

After today's competition with Michigan, the Irish will next focus on the prestigious Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, which is held over spring break in Montgomery, Ala. Two years ago, the Irish were the tournament's victors, and last year they reached the finals.

"The Blue/Gray is a great tournament," Scott said. "We tend to perform well."

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Defense

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MCI Center: "We can start something new in that gym," Thomas said. "We have to get back to our old habits, get some more confidence and play some defense to be ready for the tournament."

In some ways, the MCI Center represents the high point of an Irish season. In one week, Notre Dame knocked off three top-10 opponents; they would beat only one other the rest of the season.

After the BB&T Classic, Final Four and Notre Dame were mentioned in the same sentence. Suddenly, Notre Dame, used to fighting for an NCAA berth until the season's final days, had their dance ticket punched before January.

"We made such improvement so early, it is hard to outdo what we did early in the year," Carroll said. "We beat top three teams in a week. What else can you do? Then the other teams improved. The good thing is we still can improve, but we don't have much time left."

Although Brey said he isn't too concerned with Notre Dame's psyche, much of that has to do with the leadership on the team. He knows the Irish know they need to play more intensely from the opening tip, a point made abundantly clear in the closed locker-room meeting.

"But if they don't know it, they won't hesitate to get on them," Brey said. "We've got good guys, but I hope they're pissed off." Brey said. "If not, I'm going to give them off [today] and Friday. A little bit of a sting should be on edge a little bit."

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Chris Thomas dribbles up the court against Syracuse Tuesday night. Thomas and the Irish need to step up their defense in order to put an end to their three-game losing streak.
Lent: A Time For Being About Prayer and Acts of Service & Justice

In quickly describing what the CSC or Campus Ministry is about, people may say, “The CSC is only concerned with service and Campus Ministry is only concerned with prayer.” In reality, the staffs of both departments hope the work of our offices are based in BOTH prayer AND action; personally and professionally we need both!

As a global and campus community of faith, we have entered the Lenten season, an opportunity for us to listen attentively to God speaking within us. Is God calling us to be about active prayer in our lives; Is God calling us to be of active service & justice? Read on to learn more of these two calls: How will you shape your next 40 days?

Action in Prayer
First of all, I want to thank the Center for Social Concerns for offering me this opportunity to reflect with our Notre Dame community on the deep meanings of our Lenten Season, in terms of service.

As people of the Book, we are called, as are the Jewish people and our Muslim brothers and sisters, to set aside a special time of the year to deeply and honestly examine our relationship to God and to our brothers and sisters, and, in our specific case, to our relationship to God of love and of merciful forgiveness, and, in a special way, to Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, and one like us, as St. Paul tells us, in everything but sin.

That is admittedly a big exception. But it is even a bigger grace and blessing and challenge.

Because Jesus Christ is like us, with the enormous exception noted, are we the most blessed people on earth or what? We have the potential to be like Jesus Christ. Yes. Jesus Christ. But to be like Jesus means that through our efforts, the Almighty God and Father of brothers and sisters and, in our specific case, to our relationship to God of love and of merciful forgiveness, and, in a special way, to Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, and one like us, as St. Paul tells us, in everything but sin.

The Lenten Season, forty days or six weeks of grace, conversion and light, offers us an amazing opportunity to develop this reality based on our faith...a faith in turn based on what our Church always refers to as “our sure and certain hope”—...Indeed, it is a hope which will fade into meaninglessness when, in the presence of God, there will be no need for faith nor for hope; but only for love...for the love which represents the many acts of service and which will overwhelm us.

In the words of Scripture, we will say “Lord, when did we ever see you hungry, homeless, sick, imprisoned, abandoned or in any situation of need of any kind and serve you?” And Jesus will tell us that whenever we offered any service, any word of kindness or compassion, any work or act of service to those in need, no matter how small, we will have rendered that service to Jesus Himself!

So during the Lenten Season, let us take any moments we can to offer service to our brothers and sisters, for the sake of Jesus and in His name.

How do we do this?

By offering simple and humble service to brothers and sisters in need - at the Center for the Homeless, at Hope Rescue Mission, in any nursing home in our community, at the infirmaries of the Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters, with lonely people in our residence halls, by participating in our current or former residence hall’s special place of service, and, especially, wherever we think or suspect or know there are poor people or people in need. You surely have many more ideas than I.

WWJD?

Jesus would do what we have so many opportunities to do - on Campus, in our classrooms, in our residence halls, at all the apartment complexes where we live. In a word, anywhere and everywhere.

“What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me” is as broad an invitation and challenge as we will ever face.

Will you respond to the challenge? Thousands of Domers have done so. You can, too.

(Rev.) Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.
Director, Campus Ministry

Prayer in Action

I had the privilege of helping with a Notre Dame Encounter with Christ retreat last weekend. The Encounter leads one through a process of discerning one’s own relationship with the Lord and, finally, how that must lead us to both deeper prayer and a deeper commitment to serving others. One cannot go away without a strong sense that Christ has no hands but ours to do His work.

But are our hands Christ’s if they are not clasped regularly in prayer? As Christians, a relationship with the Lord Jesus must be at the heart of our service… or neither our hands nor our service are His.

For us, faithful service means prayer, and there is no substitute. Neither a strong social conscience nor good intentions can bring meaning to our service. We read in James 2:26, that “As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.” Surely, too, work without prayer is empty or short lived. Indeed, such work threatens to become egotistical… even self-serving.

And even when our service is not a faith response born of prayer, it must surely and ultimately draw us there; for as we run headlong into the injustices of social structures and the realities of social sin, we cannot ignore the Christ whom we encounter there.

As we will hear in this weekend’s Gospel from Mark, we must seek with Jesus the quiet of the desert that we too might return from that prayer to proclaim the Kingdom as he does. We must place ourselves before the mercy and love of our God intentionally and regularly. Whether alone at the grotto or some other quiet place, or as a community in our residence halls or the Basilica or somewhere in-between, our prayer must bind us together and send us forth in our common mission to build the Kingdom.

But it must also continually draw us back to make sense of and renew that mission within us.

Constitution 2 of the Congregation of Holy Cross has wisdom for us all: “Our mission is the Lord’s and so is the strength for it. We turn to him in prayer that he will clothe us more firmly to himself and use our hands and wits to do the work that only he can do. Then our work itself becomes a prayer: a service that speaks to the Lord who works through us.”

May our Lenten walk with the Lord be a time of renewal for us all, and may our prayer lead us to action and back again.

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Georgia Basketball

Georgia fires Harrick, Jr.

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia fired assistant basketball coach Jim Harrick Jr. Wednesday after he was accused of academic fraud and paying a former player's bills.

Athletic director Vince Dooley announced that Harrick's contract would not be renewed when it expires June 30. In the meantime, the son of head coach Jim Harrick remains suspended with pay.

Harrick Jr. was at Siegelman Coliseum Tuesday night when the No. 25 Bulldogs defeated No. 3 Florida. He watched and did not speak with the coach.

Tony Cole, who accused the coach of paying off phone and hotel bills. Cole has a receipt from Western Union that says he received $300 from "Jim Harrick" to cover the phone charges.

Even more serious, Cole charged that he received an "A" for a coaching class taught by Harrick Jr., even though he never attended. Also, Cole alleged the coach did work for correspondence courses the player took before entering Georgia.

Dooley was traveling Wednesday and not immediately available for comment. He issued a statement merely saying Harrick Jr. served at the pleasure of the athletic director.

In a related development, the head of Georgia's Physical Education and Sports Studies department received a letter of reprimand. Harrick Jr. taught a course in the department known as "Coaching Principles and Strategies of Basketball."

Department head Paul G. Schopp was reprimanded by Arnett C. Mace Jr., interim senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

"The university's internal procedures were not followed in assigning faculty to the particular course which is the focus of the current investigation," Mace said. "Professor Schopp is officially reprimanded for allowing that to happen."

The letter of reprimand becomes a permanent part of Schopp's personnel file.

University president Michael Adams, who was instrumental in the hiring of the senior Harrick in 1999, issued a statement supporting the move.

NBA

New indictment added in shooting trial of NBA star

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A new indictment against former NBA star Jason Williams adds a weapons offense to the seven charges he already faces in the shooting death of a limousine driver.

The indictment handed up Wednesday increases Williams' possible prison sentence by 10 years. He could face nearly 55 years in prison if convicted on all charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter.

Williams' attorneys called the new indictment "an obvious attempt at damage control" intended to silence discussion on mistakes made by prosecutors the first time they went before a grand jury.

"We believe we are vindicated that the way this indictment was originally obtained was improper," defense attorney Billy Martin said.

The 35-year-old Williams is accused of recklessly handling the shotgun that killed Costas Christofi, and then trying to make the shooting look self-inflicted.

The shooting occurred Feb. 14, 2002, inside Williams' 40-room mansion in rural Alexandria Township. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's and State Attorney General's offices hope the new indictment will resolve a challenge to the original one handed up in May.

Williams' attorneys argued the first indictment was flawed due to mistakes in the grand jury presentation. They said prosecutors violated Williams' rights by telling grand jurors that he chose to remain silent and call a lawyer immediately after the shooting.

A trial judge upheld the original indictment last year, and a hearing before an appeals court is scheduled for March 12.

Prosecutors plan to file the new indictment with the appeals court and expect the original charges will be dismissed.
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### College Basketball

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- **Basketball**:
  - **Team**: Michigan State
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### In Brief

**Leaves acquire Sharks captain Nolan**

Toronto Maple Leafs acquired forward Owen Nolan from the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night.

Headed to the Sharks are center Alyn McCauley, center Brad Boyes and a first-round draft pick. "It's obviously a big deal," said Bill Watters, assistant to Leafs general manager Pat Quinn. "I want to leave the rest to Pat Quinn to discuss."

Nolan, the Sharks' captain, has 22 goals, 20 assists and 91 penalty minutes in 61 games this year. In 836 career games, the powerful forward has 323 goals, 352 assists and 1,474 penalty minutes.

McCauley has six goals and nine assists in 64 games for the Leafs this season. He has 33 goals and 49 assists in 304 career NHL games.

Boyes was the Leafs' first choice, 24th overall, in the 2000 draft.

Nolan was one of the most sought after players as the March 11 NHL trade deadline approaches. By dealing him, the Sharks appear to have given up on chasing a playoff spot. They are 11 points behind eighth-place Edmonton in the Western Conference.

For the Leafs, getting Nolan is the type of big deal their fans have been clamoring for. Although he's having a mediocre year, he's considered among the elite power forwards in the game.

Quinn also got to see Nolan first-hand during the Salt Lake City Olympics, where he coached the 31-year-old winger as Canada won the gold medal.

### Around the Dial

**Pittsburgh secures first-round bye with victory**

Just as it did a year ago, Pittsburgh is playing its best when the tournament's true test arrives. There's one difference: This time, the Panthers won't be coming back to Pittsburgh.

The seventh-ranked Panthers opened up a big early lead behind some unusually strong outside shooting and got 16 points from Julius Page to end Seton Hall's nine-game winning streak, 86-54 Wednesday night.

Pittsburgh (22-4, 12-3 Big East) wrapped up a 16-0 home-court record in its first season in the Peterson Events Center and secured a first-round bye in the Big East tournament.

Pittsburgh and Syracuse are tied for first in the conference's West Division with one game each to play on Sunday. Pittsburgh against Villanova and Syracuse against Rutgers. If they remain tied, Syracuse will be the top seed based on a better division record.

Pittsburgh went 29-6 while reaching the NCAA round of 16 last year, when it played its first two NCAA tournament games at Mellon Arena.

With the three seniors in the lineup, Pittsburgh is 51-10 the last two seasons and 83-39 overall.

"They're a good team and they came ready to play," Seton Hall coach Louis Orr said.

**Jordan plays against Clippers despite back spasms**

One game after suffering back spasms, Michael Jordan drives against the Clippers Wednesday night. Jordan scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds in only 24 minutes of action for the Wizards.

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**

Before the game, Michael Jordan was warned that his back spasms had a good chance of recurring if he played.

"Is it life-threatening?" Jordan asked.

"No," the team doctor said.

"Then I'm going to play," Jordan said.

Just 24 hours after injuring his back, Jordan played 24 minutes and had 10 points and nine rebounds in the Washington Wizards' 99-80 rout of the sloppy Los Angeles Clippers.

"I wanted to get out there," Jordan said. "I had a lot of people telling me not to, because they felt like it would damage long-term value. I said 'I don't have long-term value.'"

Perhaps Washington really didn't need Jordan against a Clippers team that looked disorganized in losing its seventh straight. But he couldn't take the chance because the Wizards had already dropped games to Miami and Toronto this week.

The victory tied the Wizards with Milwaukee for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

"That had a lot to do with it," Jordan said. "We can't lose another game to a team we're capable of beating. ... Sometimes it's just good to have a big brother around, just for support. That's why I wanted to play."

Moving girable and gripping at matches, Jordan shot just 4-14 but played steady defense against Quentin Richardson.

"In terms of limiting what I could do, this is probably the worst I've had in a while," Jordan said. "I was basic. I took a shot when I was open. I swear I don't think I jumped a foot off the ground to get a rebound. I just boxed out and the ball came to me."

Jerry Stackhouse and Larry Hughes had 20 points apiece for the Wizards. Christian Laettner had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Jordan's back flared up in the second quarter of Tuesday night's loss to the Raptors. He left the game, and the Wizards blew their lead and lost 99-86. He has not minced this game season.

A day of rest, massage and electrolytes got Jordan ready to play.

"If Michael wants to play," Michael is going to play, coach Doug Collins said.

"Who is going to tell Michael Jordan that when he wants to play a basketball game — 'No, you can't play.'"
Robbins spent 30 days in treatment

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins spent 30 days in a treatment facility for a mental disorder and alcohol abuse.

The Al-Pro lineman disappeared the night before the Raiders' 48-21 Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay in San Diego on Jan. 26. A statement Wednesday by his agent, Drew Pittman was the first official disclosure of Robbins' treatment.

"I love the game of football and while it is going to be hard to face my teammates and the public, it is something I have to do," Robbins said in a statement issued by Pittman. "I will continue to receive ongoing treatment and will remain on medication to treat my bi-polar disorder. I understand my sincerity will be judged by my actions, not my words."

Robbins missed two meetings and a walkthrough the day before the game, and Raiders coach Bill Callahan said Robbins was incoherent and didn't know where he was when he showed up late that night. Callahan dismissed him, and Adam Treo started the Super Bowl in his place.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound Robbins, who has a history of depression, was treated at an undisclosed facility. A friend who told the San Francisco Chronicle he'd been drinking with Robbins the night before the game said Robbins was dependent and talked about suicide.

Robbins, 29, was harshly critiqued by teammates at first, but the revelations about his medical problems, as well as his apology, has muted some of the resentment.

"The Raiders acknowledge the challenge of Barrett coming back into the locker room, but they continue to welcome him back," Pittman said.

Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said the team hasn't ruled out the possibility of Robbins playing in the 2003 season.

"As an organization, we care about our team and every individual with the team, and sometimes that involves family issues," Allen said.

Players start changing teams

Ex-Cardinal pair sign with new organizations

Associated Press

DENVER

The Arizona Cardinals have one of the NFL's biggest inners on the field. On Wednesday, they were the big losers of all.

Jake Plummer, the Cardinals' quarterback for the past six seasons, agreed to terms with the Denver Broncos. David Bostin, his favorite target, signed with San Diego.

Plummer's departure from Arizona had been expected after a subpar 2002 season in which he had a 65.7 passer rating, near the bottom of the league among starters. And he had long seemed headed for Denver, which has given Brian Griese, the starter since John Elway retired after the 1998 season, permission to seek a trade.

But at 28, with 82 NFL starts, Plummer still is considered talented and could blossom under offensive-minded coach Mike Shanahan. In 1998, he led the Cardinals to their first playoff victory since 1947, engineering several late-game comebacks to get Arizona into the postseason for the first time since 1982.

They have not been back in the playoffs since.

Boston signed a seven-year deal with the Chargers, giving him the top wide receiver available in free agency and arguably the best player overall.

The 6-foot-2, 236-pound Boston, whose father Byron is an NFL official, caught 98 passes two years ago for Arizona, which drafted him in the first round in 1999. He led the league with 1,594 yards receiving and was voted to the All-Pro team.

Last year, he was hampered by a knee injury and had 32 catches. He also pleaded no contest to driving under the influence of drugs.

"We believe David Boston is one of the top receivers in the National Football League," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "He has remarkable playing ability and we're delighted to have him be part of what we're doing. He brings to our offense what we consider to be big-play potential that few guys in this league bring."

Meanwhile, the Carolina Panthers got what they hope is their quarterback of the future by signing former New Orleans backup Jake Delhomme. They also re-signed 37-year-old Rodney Peete, last year's starter, to a three-year deal.

Delhomme, 28, threw just 88 passes during his five-year career in New Orleans.

But in a year lacking attractive free-agent quarterbacks, he was considered worth signing to determine if he could become another Trent Green or Kurt Warner.

"He's a good young quarterback and he's very accurate," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said. "He seems to bring some veteran leadership skills and some intangibles. He just hasn't had much of an opportunity to play, so what we've done is sign him."

Raiders receiving duo signs

Jerry Rice has signed a five-year, $30 million contract extension to remain with the Oakland Raiders, a salary cap-friendly deal that theoretically could keep the star receiver playing until he's 46.

Tim Brown, the longest-tenured Raider with all 15 of his seasons in Oakland, also signed an extension — which means the NFL's oldest receiving tandem will stay together for now.

"They coupled with Jerry Porter were as productive as any receiver trio in recent memory," Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said Tuesday. "We're happy to have them back, and I'm sure Rich Gannon is as well."

The AFC champions were more than $30 million over the salary cap heading into the offseason, with some estimates as high as $50 million.

The Raiders released six players, including three defensive starters, Thursday to help solve the salary-cap problems. They also have restructured some other contracts.

The team announced Tuesday evening it had re-signed offensive linemen Brad Badger and running back Zack Crockett.

Rice received a signing bonus, and the deal is "back-end loaded," his agent, Jim Stein, said, meaning much of his salary would be paid out in those final years.

"We're happy with the deal," said Stein, who has reworked Rice's contract almost every season. "Jerry's happy with the deal. They appreciate Jerry's contributions. Since he left the 49ers, it has worked out perfectly well."

Rice, 40, joked during last season's playoffs that he might play until he's 45.

"It could happen," Stein said. "He takes it year to year based on how he feels and how he's playing. Who knows."

Rice had 92 catches for 1,211 yards and seven touchdowns in his 18th NFL season, a testament to his disciplined preparation and conditioning regimen.

He joined the Raiders after the 2000 season.

In 2002, Rice became the first player in NFL history to score 200 touchdowns; he broke the record for most playoff yards in a career, and he tied a record for most career playoff TDs. He was selected for his 13th Pro Bowl, his first in four years.

Brown, 36, "signed a very similar deal" to Rice's, according to Stein. Brown's agent, Marvin Demoff, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Brown reached his first Super Bowl last season, after finishing with 81 catches for 930 yards and two touchdowns to help the Raiders win their third consecutive AFC West crown.

"Tim has been a great Raider for 13 years," Stein said. "Jerry looks good in black, doesn't he?"

Allen said: "They've been playing well for us and there's no reason to expect anything else in the future."
MLB

Cone pitches perfect inning in first action in 16 months

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — David Cone, who once pitched a perfect game, happily settled for a perfect ninth inning.

In his first appearance in the comeback with the New York Mets, Cone retired the Florida Marlins 1-2-3 in the fourth inning.

The game was his first since Oct. 6, 2001, when he pitched eight innings to help Boston beat Baltimore.

"I earned my meal money today," he said.

The 40-year-old right-hander also earned a standing ovation when he walked off the mound, and he responded by waving his cap.

"That was really nice," he said. "I've had my doubts as to whether I should be trying this. When things like that happen, it makes it worthwhile.

A reluctant retiree last year, Cone is now bidding for a job as the Mets' fifth starter.

Only seven of his 15 pitches were strikes, but none behind the batter, and he threw everything in his repertoire, including two splitters.

Cone said he was pleasantly surprised that his fastball topped out at 88 mph.

"I can pitch with that sort of stuff," he said, adding with a laugh, "I did for the last five years of my career.

Cone quit after pitching in 2001 for Boston, where he started 7-0 but finished 9-7. The Mets lured him back with a deal that would pay him $550,000 plus $750,000 to the major league roaster.

"This is a better way for me to do this, rather than just fade away as I did last year," he said. "Whatever happens, I consider this a good experience.

Cone said he'll be ready to throw a couple innings and 30 or 40 pitches in his next outing.

"We know he knows how to pitch," Mets manager Art Howe said. "We need to see him stretch out. We need to see where he is in a couple of weeks.

Cone won the AL Cy Young Award in 1994 with Kansas City, threw a perfect game in 1999 for the New York Yankees and now owns Dye World Series rings. He's only won twice of 200.

But he still felt butterflies when he took the mound at Roger Dean Stadium to cheers from the crowd.

"Regardless of how much experience you have, you're nervous," he said. "No one wants to get embarrassed.

The first two batters he faced were Alexei Magats and Gerald Williams, 36—created matchups that looked like something out of a senior league.

Cone twice fell behind Martin, then retained him on a groundball with a splitter. Williams was ahead in the count 3-0 but floundered out on a 3-1 curveball.

Chad Allen then flung out on another 3-1 fastball.

One inning of the comeback was complete.

"If anybody can do it, he can. He looked good. The balls he missed were just off, and he kept it down," Jeff Torborg said.

After icing his shoulder, Cone talked with reporters for 15 minutes — one for each of his 15 pitches.

His return is big news in New York, where he became a star with the Mets in 1988 and helped the Yankees win World Series titles.

"Everybody is wanting to know if I have anything left, and I can hold it up," Cone said. "That's going to be the question.

One inning of perfection left him a little more optimistic about the answer.

NHL

Lemieux to closely monitor Penguins staff, players

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux is warning he intends to closely monitor his teammates and the coaching staff over the final month of the season.

The Penguins, all but out of the Eastern Conference playoff race, take a six-game losing streak into tonight's home game against Carolina. The late-season slide apparently is too reminiscent to Lemieux of a 10-game wireless streak (0-8-1-1) that ended last season, when the Penguins won only two of their final 17.

Lemieux usually defers personnel decisions to general manager Craig Patrick — at least publicly — but he made it known he will be involved in deciding whether coach Rick Kehoe returns.

Kehoe, who has one more season left on a contract that pays him $350,000 a year, is about to become the first Penguins coach since Bob Berry in 1983-84 to miss the playoffs in consecutive seasons.

"Obviously, on the hockey side, it's up to Craig to make the right moves," Lemieux said. "But I'm also going to have a say in it and sit down at the end of the year and see where the franchise is going, and we'll go from there.

The last month of the season, I'm sure Craig is evaluating the coaching staff and the players and everyone in the organization.

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Penguins owner/player

Lemieux also said that players who do not perform for the rest of the season will not have jobs in Pittsburgh next season.

"That's what they're fighting for right now, for jobs for next year, and I hope these guys understand that," Lemieux said.

One decision Lemieux must make is whether he will play in the 2003-04 season.

The decision may depend on whether Lemieux decides to rebuild the team from scratch following another disappointing season.

Slumping attendance this season forced the Penguins to trim their payroll to $27 million and to trade All-Star forward Alexei Kovalev, the latest star to leave Pittsburgh for financial reasons.

Jaromir Jagr, Robert Lang and Darius Kasparaitis also left the team in the past two seasons.

If Lemieux decides the Penguins need a top-to-bottom overhaul, he may decide it will make little difference if he plays next season or not.

"I know I have to make some tough decisions here in the next few weeks and especially this summer. But these decisions have to be made, and I'm going to be the one to make them. I have no problem with that," Lemieux said.

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‘Pianist’ hits bad note

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Critics love a good Holocaust movie and “The Pianist” is no different. Last year’s Palme D’Or winner has been one of this year’s most critically successful and beloved films, receiving ample praise in nearly every category.

However, “The Pianist” is a difficult movie to like or to praise. It is distant, cold and impersonal. The plot, which focuses around the trials and tribulations of famous pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) as he attempts to survive the Warsaw ghetto, is meant to give you an everyman’s look at the horrors of the Nazi regime from the perspective of an average Jew. The detached feeling makes the movie almost unbearably slow and painfully unenjoyable.

For nearly the entire movie, Wladyslaw is the main, if not only, character on the screen portrayed as more than a mere stereotype expected in any Holocaust movie. At the same time, however, he is completely underdeveloped and indistinctive. The original intent of his character is for the viewer to identify with his attempt to find his way through the chaos of what was World War II Warsaw, but also to remove the individuality of his act and associate it with the general struggle of the Jewish people who made it out of the Holocaust alive.

Instead, in the process of stripping him down to the barest essential elements of humanity and removing his individuality, the viewer loses a sense of what makes people willing to stick out their necks. This leaves you to wonder, “Why should I care what happens to this particular man?” And the answer tends to end up being, “I shouldn’t.”

On the other hand, Brody manages to steal the Academy Award this year from Jack Nicholson and Daniel Day-Lewis. It may be the worst decision since giving the nod to Roberto Benini. It is not very difficult to act tired, hungry and apathetic. Entire plot lines are left unresolved, such as what happens to his family or any of the people who help him, other than a single German officer who gave him food. The movie leaps along episodically, skipping over months, years and whole spans of significant events, making it even more difficult for the average viewer to identify with the film.

“The Pianist” provides us with nothing new in terms of understanding or evaluating the moral consequences and horrors of the Holocaust. It is simply a reiteration of the same path taken by Steven Spielberg’s “Schindler’s List” and even Bernini’s “Life is Beautiful.” It fails to take a huge risk and break new ground by refusing the stereotypes given over to Holocaust film or by taking a deeper look at the events in question. In short, “The Pianist” is completely and utterly ordinary.

“The Pianist” doesn’t give us a new look at the Holocaust or even a good look at the life of this one man. It is extremely disappointing that a man like Roman Polanski, a Holocaust survivor himself, was unable to say anything new about one of the most significant events of modern history and instead resorts to the standard format that has been set aside for it.

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Food Services practices bad business

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Business spending held in check by the possibility of war and consumers kept at home by a snowstorm helped keep the U.S. economy subdued, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday. Hardware sales saw a silver lining, the central bank noted. Fears of terrorism and the snow in the Northeast boosted the sales of duct tape, plastic and shovels. The Fed’s latest survey of economic activity compiled from information supplied by its 12 regional banks showed little pickup in the first part of the year following a major slowdown in the last three months of 2002.

"Growth in economic activity remained subdued as the unemployment rate was little changed and a few districts reported any notable changes from the last Beige Book," the Fed said in the report named for the color of its cover.

Most economists believe policy-makers will leave a key interest rate unchanged at that meeting, preferring to wait until they have better information on the outcome of any U.S. war with Iraq.

American union workers reject offer

Union leaders who represent ground workers at American Airlines rejected a plan for $620 million in concessions, saying the carrier is in financial trouble but didn’t prove it needs much from the employees. The decision late Tuesday by the Transport Workers Union deals a blow to the Fort Worth-based carrier’s effort to win $1.8 billion a year in pay and benefits that would keep the company viable.

Chairman Doug Daft got a $4 million bonus on top of his $1.5 million salary in 2002, and the company announced it would cut about 1,900 employees in North America and Germany.

"Mr. Daft led the company through considerable progress over the past year in achieving... strong financial results, growing our brands, strengthening our better relationships and building our leadership team," the company said.

Coke's top executives got pay raises. Vice Chairman Brian Dixon's compensation rose from $416,667 in 2001 to $1 million in 2002, but he was with the company for less than half of 2001 and his salary did not increase, Coke said.

Coke's profit fell 22.5 percent in 2002, and the company announced it would cut about 1,900 employees in North America and Germany.
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but said that the full Board did not learn of Eldred’s decision until Wednesday morning.

Steadman also said that she called an impromptu meeting of the trustees at which time Eldred informed them of her decision and her retirement.

"It was with considerable sadness that we had to make an announcement," Steadman said. "The Board is supportive of her decision and is pleased that she will continue until a new president is named."

The Board of Trustees summary of decisions from their Oct. meeting stated that the "Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will initiate a comprehensive review of President Eldred" and that "this comprehensive review will include input from all components of the College community."

Summary: The Board of Trustees conducted such reviews at five-year intervals.

Steadman said Eldred’s retirement had nothing to do with the Board’s review.

"We’re still going to receive a report to look at skill," she said. "Steadman said that report would then be used to set standards for the qualifications a candidate should possess.

Saint Mary’s will begin the search for a new president by forming a committee of trustee members that will work to propose a search process to the Board.

Steadman said, "At the April meeting we will review and approve a process for a (national) search."

Steadman said, "It could take as long as maybe toward the end of 2004 but it could also happen sooner than that."

Eldred said she readily agreed to stay with the College until a new president is elected and a transition plan is in place.

"I expect that it will take most of next year to complete a search for a new president." Eldred said she expects to fulfill all of my responsibilities during the time that I am here."

Steadman said it is difficult to gauge how long a search will take or when Eldred’s successor will be able to take over as president.

"It’s not a question we can answer until we know who [Eldred’s successor] is going to be," Steadman said.

Steadman also said that the broader Saint Mary’s community would be invited to take part in the search.

According to College spokeswoman Melanie Engler, Eldred informed colleagues of her decision to retire by phone or through personal letters. Eldred called Mishawaka Mayor Bob Bieutter and South Bend Mayor Stephen Laruec, Notre Dame President Father Edward Malloy and Holy Cross College President Richard Cross.

Father Edward Malloy and Holy Cross College President Richard Cross also reported that many institutional review and approve a process for candidate should possess. "At the April meeting we will report to look at skill," she said.

Eldred called the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership that provides opportunities for faculty and students to broaden their cultural perspectives on the world and (of) improved facilities for teaching, learning, social life and residential options for students," she said.

While at Saint Mary’s, Eldred was instrumental in the development of the College’s Strategic Plan, which includes advancements in curriculum, technology and diversity. Eldred also helped to create the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership, which received a $12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment and opened in 2001.

In addition, Eldred helped develop the College’s Master Plan, which calls for many renovations and new construction to better serve campus needs. Groundbreaking for the student clubhouse Dallaway’s and the Welcome Center began in spring 2000 and the College also began construction on the new student center and dining hall facility in April 2002.

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dates when you will call family
or friends to let them know you
are safe; leaving any valuables,
such as extra credit cards and
jewelry, at home; and choosing a
hotel with good security and
breakfast.

"It is important to be aware of
your surroundings and to
break any preconceived notions
about travel abroad and to
always travel with a plan," Coon
said. "In the United States, it is
not as likely you will be targeted,
but in other parts of the world
it is much more likely."
Suicide bus bomber kills 16, injures 55 in Haifa

Associated Press

HAIFA
A bomber blew himself up aboard a bus filled with students in the northern Israeli city of Haifa on Wednesday, killing at least 16 people and injuring 55. The blast ripped through a bus carrying high school students home from school. At least 10 vehicles were damaged.

President Bush was "confident in the end of the daily killing" of Palestinians.

"We will not stop our resistance," he said. "We are not going to give up in the face of the daily killing of Palestinians.

"It's about time. They've kept on hitting us and killing us, and now we've struck back," said an ice cream vendor in Gaza, who refused to give his name.

Police identified the bomber as 20-year-old Damascus native Mohammad Hamdan Kawasme. Another 16 Palestinians were seriously injured, among them passers-by. The bombing was on the eve of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian Lenten season.

"I got out and ran toward the bus. It was a horrible sight. There were a few bodies in the street," he said. "Those were passers-by."

A spokesman for the Islamic militant group Hamas, Abu Jandal, said this was the result of a "团结" [union] between Hamas and the Islamic Jihad in Gaza. He added that "the explosion was meant to warn the world of the terrorist activities of Israel.

Police said they believed one of the 16 dead was the bomber. Dozens of Israelis were seriously injured, among them passers-by.

"I suddenly heard an explosion, a terrible sight, we evacuated," a passenger said.

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ND organizes anti-war events

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

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Sophomore Meredith Sheppard writes a message on the "No War In Iraq" banner at the "Poets for Peace" forum in O'Shaugnessy hall.

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Several Notre Dame students, faculty and staff participated today in the National Student Day of Action to voice their anti-war sentiments about the tensions in Iraq.

The event was organized by Valerie Sayers, an English professor and director of the University's creative writing program, and Books Not Bombs, a campus student activist group.

The purpose was to "increase knowledge of why there is protest against the war," Terris Conterato, one of the student coordinators for the event, said before the event. "It will be an afternoon of student activism."

A group of 24 readers organized by Sayers began the protest by reading their own anti-war poetry and selected works of others. This group included faculty, undergraduates and graduate students, one alumna and a Gulf War veteran, all of whom stressed an anti-war theme in their readings, said Conterato.

Later, three faculty members also associated with the Books Not Bombs group served as keynote speakers. One of the speakers, Father Michael Baxter, a theology professor and fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, spent last Christmas in Iraq. Baxter spoke about the current issues in Iraq and the need for reconciliation.

Kristin Shadrer-Frechette, a philosophy professor, discussed the options for protecting national security other than war.

The third speaker was professor George Lopez, a fellow at the Kellogg Institute and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The event also included speakers from the Peace Coalition and other campus groups, petition signing and opportunities for prayer and reflection and culminated in a candlelight procession at 10 p.m.

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ECDC Registration

Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering kindergarten age children for the 2003-04 School Year.

2004 Summer Day Camp registration for children ages 2.5-10 will occur in early March. 2004-05 School Year registration of preschool age children will take place in early April. For more information and ECDC Parent Meeting & Tour dates, please call one of the numbers below.

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> Catholic Charities: 234-3111

Annual Romero Week Lectures

Archbishop Oscar A. Romero: Martyr of the Option for the Poor
Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Archbishop Samuel Ruiz, Gracias, Mexico
> Rev. Edward Dorismark, S.J., professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

Neris Gonzales & Shawn Roberts: Voices for Peace and Dignity in El Salvador
Wednesday, March 19, Noon-1 pm
Hagan Parlor, Saint Mary's College
Neris Gonzales, Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor
Shawn Roberts, international human rights attorney, former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

Has Justice Been Won? The Case of the Salvadoran Torture Survivors and the Generals
Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:15 pm
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Panel presentation featuring:
Neris Gonzales, Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor
Garde Bazergui, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame
Robert Roberts, international human rights attorney, former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

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OIT to install 4 new e-mail servers over spring break

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Associate News Editor

The Office of Information Technologies will be replacing the campus e-mail servers this Friday and Saturday in an effort to provide significant performance improvements and new features to students. However the upgrade will involve a 24-hour e-mail outage and may require some users to make changes to their e-mail settings.

According to Paul Russell, senior systems administrator at OIT, the current e-mail servers have been in use for four years and have not been significantly upgraded since that time. The four new servers have a similar amount of storage space to the current ones, but have processors that are more than four times faster and have eight times more memory.

"The new servers have significantly more resources than the old ones and I am anticipating that performance problems with the e-mail server, which have been going on for a year, will disappear," said Russell.

The replacement of the servers will begin at 8 p.m. Friday and continue until 8 p.m. Saturday. During that time, users will be unable to read e-mail through any e-mail client while some 250 gigabytes of e-mail data is moved from the old e-mail servers to the new ones. All e-mail sent to users during the outage will be delivered at the end of the outage.

To prepare to use the new servers, OIT has created a list of guidelines it says all e-mail users should follow before the upgrade Friday, including setting the incoming mail server to imap.nd.edu or pop.nd.edu and setting the outgoing mail server to smtp.nd.edu. However, most current settings will continue to work after the upgrade, including using the imap.x.nd.edu format for an incoming e-mail server (where the "x" represents the first letter of the user's APS ID). A complete listing of guidelines for preparing for the transition is available at http://www.nd.edu/~ndoit.

In addition to improving performance, the upgrade will offer a number of new features. Webmail will be changed during the upgrade to a new tool called IMP, which has a different look than the current Webmail client and offers users increased functionality, including displaying e-mail quota information and allowing users to report e-mail they have received as spam. Russell said several hundred users have tested this new tool, which will be available at the same address.

"We got fed back from 75 people out of the 250 people who tested it and with just one exception, they all said that they preferred the new version to the old one," said Russell.

A spam filter called SpamAssassin will also be implemented which rates each e-mail based on the likeness of it being spam. A new tool will allow users to choose automatically forward e-mails the program thinks are spam to a special folder or directly to the trash. This filter will be an addition to technologies already employed by OIT to combat spam, which currently identify about 15 percent of all e-mails sent to Notre Dame accounts as spam and delete them.

Users will be able to have their mail forwarded to up to 15 other e-mail addresses instead of just one address. Additionally, they will be able to have mail forwarded to other addresses and have a still have a copy remain at their Notre Dame account. The spam or "flag" message function will be improved so that users can set it to take activate on a certain date and end on a certain date.

The security of communication between the server and individual mail clients will also be improved as the new e-mail server supports "secure socket layer." Unlike the current system where a user's e-mail address and password are sent in regular text across the network to the e-mail server, SSL allows the entire session between a user's mail client and the server to be encrypted. To utilize SSL, users must set their incoming mail server to imap.nd.edu and not one of the other imap aliases.

Another new feature that will be available after the upgrade is off-campus users to use authenticated SMTP to send mail through a client such as Netscape after the upgrade is completed. Finally, the quota system for e-mail memory will be changed. In the current system, when a student exceeds his 50-megabyte allotment, his mailbox automatically rejects new messages. Following the upgrade, users will have 14 days to delete messages and a mailbox will reject new messages only if the user is still exceeding the quota at the end of the grace period or if the user exceeds a 250-megabyte quota during that time.

Faculty and staff will have a similar system, but their initial quota is 100 megabytes and their e-mail boxes will now reject new messages only if they exceed a 500-megabyte limit or are still over their quota at the end of the grace period.

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Ten things I hate about Notre Dame

Notre Dame is a college that has always had a special place in my heart. I have wanted to attend school here as long as I can remember and not a day goes by that I do not feel lucky I am to have the opportunity to spend four years of my life at this fine institution. However, I have come to realize that there are some aspects of life associated with Notre Dame that I simply cannot bear. This list goes on and on but I take this opportunity to share a few of my pet peeves:

1. That my brother Tom and I somehow manage to get stuck behind someone from Michigan at every automatic tollbooth on our drive from Notre Dame to our Chicago land. These Michiganders appear to be incapable of understanding that only $40 of exact change will lift the gate that prevents their car from moving forward – believe it or not, shoving a dollar bill into the change-only receptacle will neither lift the gate nor magically split the $40 of correct change from its depths.

2. That during Lent, my eyes will be forced to read a viewpoint every single day in this fine newspaper about why no meat is served in the dining halls on Fridays.

3. That some of my fellow peers find it necessary to strap on their jetpacks and blaze music during their 4 minute, 16 second walk from their dorm to class.

4. That the broccoli cups in the dining hall have only the stumpy parts and none of the leafy greens.

5. That during the week, the women of Notre Dame wear pajama pants and hooded sweatshirts to class without displaying their wonderfully beauty to the fullest. Just kidding.

6. That during the week not a minute goes by that a congregation of Saint Mary’s girls doesn’t seem to be running through the halls of our dorm, Not kidding.

7. That the Dave Dug.

8. The fact that one of my roommates insists that he has never eaten an apple in his life and vows he never will. Then again, this comes from the same person who has only had one beer in his life – at 4 o’clock on a December morning of 2001 when it was evident that his male-crush, Jon Gruden, would not be the next coach of the Irish. Perhaps I should’ve figured.

9. That my roommate has made him his alarm clock. If that wasn’t bad enough, sometimes he hits the snooze button and I have to wake him up 10 minutes later.

10. That the free drink machine at Cooley’s has covered up. This begs the question, did Campus Ministry give up charity for Lent!?!?
Eldred announces retirement from SMC

After 6 years, Eldred plans to return to Minnesota

By SARAH NESTOR

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred officially announced her retirement from the College on March 2. "It has been a privilege to lead this College to the next level," she said.

Eldred, who was inaugurated as president in 1997, is named to the College campus by surprise. "It is a great job at Saint Mary's so I think the College will miss her," said Sister Joan Marie Steadman, chair of the Board of Trustees. Eldred had previously spoken with her about retiring.

College president Marilou Eldred speaks at the benefit fundraiser 'Down the Avenue' in the fall of 2002 on campus.

Students react to President's decision to retire

By SARAH NESTOR

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred's retirement announcement Wednesday took the College campus by surprise. "I definitely understand her decision. Running a college is hard work," said Professor Lafferty. "I think she did a great job at Saint Mary's so I think the College will miss her."

Students were informed about Eldred's decision from professors and friends and through the Saint Mary's Web site, but they differed in their reactions to Eldred's retirement.

"I was surprised. I hadn't a clue until my psychology professor told us this morning," Unmors Kristen Zainiger said. "I wasn't surprised. I kind of think it's a good move for the College," freshman Lilli Spitz said.

Two of the first students to learn of Eldred's decision were student body president Kim Jensen and student body president-elect Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl. Eldred held meetings with Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl Wednesday morning to personally inform them of her decision.

Jensen said that she and Jablonski-Diehl did not learn until this morning of Eldred's retirement.

"We recognize there may be concerns about the announce," said President of Dr. Eldred's retirement, but we want to assure you that this not out of the ordinary," Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl wrote in a statement to The Observer. "It has been a pleasure to work alongside Dr.

ND invites graduation speaker

University waits for confirmation before releasing name of speaker

By JESSICA DALSING

While an invitation has been extended to a possible Commencement speaker, the University will not comment on the individual's name or background until confirmation is received.

"We will know who is speaking when we hear back from the person we are pursuing," said Matthew Cullinan, executive assistant to the president.

Cullinan said the University tries to select individuals from a broad range of backgrounds, he said.

All of Notre Dame previous three Commencement speakers — NBC journalist Tim Russert, President George Bush and U.N. Secretary General Koofi Annan — were involved with national and international politics. Cullinan said the last three speakers have represented "a global perspective, a national perspective and all of the country's biggest issues before" (Sept. 11).

Prominent issues, both national and international, are only one of the few areas considered when the University considers potential candidates. Cullinan said. "We try to mix and match, not focusing exclusively on issues," he said.

In addition, officials try to select an individual with national name recognition and outstanding character. "The officers of the University normally choose someone who has lead an exemplary life that they feel the students will benefit from hearing," said Matt Stortin, a spokesman for the University.

While a potential speaker for Commencement speakers may come from all areas of the Notre Dame community, the final decision regarding the Commencement speaker with President Father Edward Malloy, said Cullinan. Even after an invitation has been extended to a potential speaker, "people don't always agree to participate," Cullinan said.

All of Notre Dame previous Commencement speakers officially commit to speak at Notre Dame, officials provide the speaker with general information about the University and about the graduating class.

"A good speaker reads his audience and adjusts his speech accordingly," said Cullinan.

The speaker will address the graduating students at least 7 weeks after the invitations are sent out at the Commencement ceremony May 18.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is a good day to work on your future. Focus on your goals and stay motivated.

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WOMENS TENNIS

**Keeping the fight alive**

*Fundraiser helps Cunha family cope with loss of mother*

By JOE LINDSEY

Notre Dame had already claimed an upset victory over No. 13 Texas at the Ace for the Cure event at the Eck Pavilion Sunday with senior Katie Cunha the last Irish player on the court as she battled with the Longhorns’ Lindsay Blau. Cunha prevailed at the end of the long match.

And Jay Louderback was disappointed. Cunha, along with freshman partner Kristina Stastny, had already clinched the doubles point that initially put the Irish in the lead, but the Irish coach was disappointed because he had wanted Cunha, the team’s captain, to clinch the victory for the team.

See, at least year’s Ace for the Cure, Cunha had clinched both the doubles and the match victory for Notre Dame.

It still was fitting though that Cunha was the last player on the court during Sunday’s second annual Ace for the Cure event. That way, her family, friends, teammates and coaches could all focus their attention on the one who initiated the whole idea of a tennis match to raise funds for cancer research.

That way, her dad could watch her daughter play on a day that was meant to honor his wife and Katie’s mother, the late Christine Cunha, who died of colon cancer Aug. 21, 2002.

“It’s really important to see all these people out here that really care for her and support her,” freshman Lauren Connolly said of the team’s captain.

Junior Alicia Salas could see something special in Katie’s intensity.

“I know she was playing for her mom and thinking about her mom every second of that match,” Salas said.

Last year, when Katie’s mother was ill with colon cancer, she planned the first Ace for the Cure. By charging admission to the match, the event raised $7,000. Katie had kept the event a secret from her mom until the very last moment, because she did not want her mom to worry that she was not keeping up with her schoolwork.

“She always worried so much about other people, and not enough about herself,” Katie said. “She was scared. I think she was really proud. It was my way of helping her through her illness. It was the best I could do, and I think it really meant a lot to her.”

With her mother watching, Katie not only participated in clinching doubles victory, but she also clinched the win for the Irish with her singles victory. And that was a particularly proud moment for the Cunha family in a year of immeasurable grief.

Christine was diagnosed with cancer Sept. 16, 2001, and the outlook was rather grim from the start. By Valentine’s Day 2002, the tumor had shrunk 20%

MEN'S TENNIS

**Irish getting defensive in responding to slump**

By ANDREW SOUKUP

After Notre Dame lost its third straight game and fourth of its last six, Mike Brey kicked every one but the players and coaches out of the team locker room for a little soul-searching.

But the Irish coach doesn’t think his team has lost any confidence despite their recent skid.

“I’m probably more concerned than they are,” Brey said after Syracuse beat Notre Dame 92-88 Tuesday. “They are a pretty resilient, confident group. But you always have concerns about that when you’ve lost a couple and fought like heck to come back and couldn’t get it.”

Brey has good reason to be concerned. And much of the problem begins with Notre Dame’s defense. The Irish haven’t led a game in nine days, since they allowed an average of 91.3 points in its last three losses, and haven’t held an opponent under 40 percent shooting since Jan. 21 against Providence.

While the Irish have done a good job of forcing turnovers, their offensive firepower to climb back into games, they haven’t gotten the necessary defensive stop to help them surge into the lead.

For example, when Matt Carroll hit a 3-pointer to cap a 21-point comeback and tie the score at 86, Tahir Francs blocked a shot but the Irish couldn’t recover the loose ball. Orangeman freshman Carmelo Anthony then grabbed the ball and scored easily, giving Syracuse a lead they would never relinquish.

“Every loss for the past couple weeks, we continue to lose confidence,” Chris Thomas said. “We haven’t been a defensive team to raise that confidence in the whole game. We need to find it within ourselves to not let them do that.”

If Notre Dame is going to turn around, there’s no better place to do it than at the MCI Center Saturday against Georgetown, which has historically treated the Brey-coached Irish well. Notre Dame clinched the Big East West Division in that arena in 2001, and won a quadruple-overtime marathon game against the Hoyas last year.

And when Notre Dame won the BB&T Classic in December, knocking off top-10 foes Texas and Maryland in the process, they did it in the