ND announces tuition increase

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

University officials announced Monday tuition for the next academic year will increase by 6.5 percent, bringing the total cost, including room and board, to $34,100.

Despite the additional revenue from the tuition increase, planned budget cuts will still occur but financial aid will not be affected, according to Matt Storin, a spokesman for the University.

"Because of economic conditions in the nation as a whole and how they affect us as a unit, it will be a challenge to continually fund financial aid at the same level although we hope to do so," Storin said.

Next year's tuition cost marks a significant increase over previous years when the increase had been under five percent, said Storin.

"The tuition is part of the general revenue that makes up for the loss of interest on the endowment and any possible drop-offs in contributions," he said.

However, Storin said that the University intends to "remain competitive and come in below where the tuition levels of other elite schools are."

Storin explained that though economic difficulties were affecting the University's financial status, he expected that Notre Dame would still provide the same level of financial aid as previous years.

"We have increased financial aid in recent years so it is possible now to assure any students who (are) admitted that they would have sufficient funds to attend Notre Dame," Storin said.

University President Father Edward Malloy said that changes made to financial aid in recent years would help sustain the University through the economic downturn.

"Not only do we admit students regardless of ability to pay, but we also meet the full demonstrated financial need of all our students and increasingly we have replaced loans with scholarships in our financial aid packages," Malloy said.

"Faced with the financial challenges of the moment, we've fashioned a plan that makes the necessary hard choices while still allowing us to maintain our commitment to excellence in the academic and student life of the University."

Parents were informed of the increase in a letter sent last week from Malloy.

Natasha Grant contributed to this report.

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Bush to Saddam: Leave Iraq or face war

President Bush speaks to the nation Monday from the White House. Bush warned Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq within 48 hours or face war.

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

President Bush said Monday the United States will unleash war against Iraq unless Saddam Hussein flees his country within 48 hours.

The president warned Americans that terrorists may strike in retaliation and put the nation on higher alert.

"The tyrant will soon be gone," vowed Bush, commander in chief of 250,000 U.S. troops poised to strike.

Bush set a course for war without U.N. backing after months of futile trying to persuade Saddam to disarm. In an address televised worldwide, he spoke to several audiences at once, starting with the American public and skeptical allies and including Saddam.
INSIDE COLUMN

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Today's Dinner: Southern fried chicken, collard greens with ham hocks, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, apple crisp, spinach quiche, baked herbed zucchini, baked potato, yellow rice with raisins, stir-fried garlic kale

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OIT installs new e-mail server

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The Office of Information Technology successfully replaced the campus e-mail servers over spring break, although problems with the new servers still exist. Some users have experienced error messages when they try to check their e-mail, and neither OIT nor users have seen a performance increase as a result of the upgrade. According to Paul Russell, OIT senior systems engineer, technicians had not yet worked out some performance problems with the e-mail system and problems with the upgrade itself.

"I do not believe that the number or scope of problems we have seen is unusual given the magnitude of the upgrade. Anytime you make a change there will be problems."

Paul Russell
OIT senior systems engineer

According to Russell, the new system is still in the beginning stages and the OIT is working to resolve issues that may be causing performance problems. Freshman Brett Sprinagman, who uses Outlook Express, said he has received several error messages since the upgrade.

"I keep getting error messages when I check my e-mail and I am not sure if Outlook is actually working. I looked at the OIT documentation once but I think I need another shot to fix the problem."

Lori Goffeney, administrative assistant to the associate deans of the College of Science, said she uses Eudora and did not experience problems since the upgrade after performing the steps recommended by OIT.

"I made changes to two areas of my e-mail program. I didn't encounter any problems and it only took 30 seconds to do."

Goffeney said.

Junior Danielle Protasewich said she primarily uses Netscape Messenger and had no problems following the upgrade but experienced some difficulties when using Webmail. "It was frustrating because I was writing a long e-mail and it said I had only five minutes left before I was logged out of the system. I had to save my e-mail and open it up again," said Protasewich.

Junior Megan Thomas, also a Webmail user, said she encountered no problems with the service but does not like the new design.

"I think it offers you more options than the old one, although it looks more like a Web page and the old one was more aesthetically pleasing," said Thomas.

Russell encouraged users with problems to contact the OIT Help Desk for assistance on using the new system.

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Students respond to possible war in Iraq

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Students responded Monday night to President Bush's address to the nation, which gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq or face military action.

The president's speech drew mixed reactions among Notre Dame students and some praised the president's remarks as necessary and prudent.

"You could see this coming for a while now ... but I think it's what needs to be done," said freshman Nick Stahlschmidt.

However, not everyone agreed that military action was the best way to resolve the situation in Iraq. Freshman Samantha Raneri characterized the president's address as clear and decisive.

"I thought he was well-spoken, but I see more evil coming out of this than good," said freshman Mark Szczuka.

Freshman Kathy Peterson agreed, saying, "Bush has good intentions about protecting the American people. I thought the speech was sincerely delivered."
By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

In its last meeting before the new student government takes office, the Board of Governance prepared to hand over its responsibilities Monday.

Outgoing student body President Kim Jensen instructed board members to prepare their office binders and letters of advice for the incoming officers.

"You also need to clean out your mail boxes," Jensen added. "Next week they are no longer yours."

Both incoming and outgoing board members will be present at next week's turnover meeting and new officers will be officially sworn in March 28 at the Student Government Commissioning Ceremony. A farewell dinner will be held for outgoing officers on Apr. 11.

In other BOG news:

♦ The BOG granted Flipside $570 to help sponsor two dances on Saint Mary's campus. The dances will take place on March 22 and Apr. 4 and have been widely attended in the past. The money will pay for deejays, food and decorations.

♦ BOG officers voted to endorse the Wellness and Physical Education Proposal. The proposal seeks to increase the depth and variety of physical education available to students.

♦ SB also selected a winner for its "What would you do for a Hundred Dollars?" contest. Elizabeth Rios volunteered to sing an Ace of Base song Wednesday outside of the Haggar College Center and wear a Saint Mary's Bell Head for two days straight in order to win the cash prize.

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By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

During spring break, a group of Saint Mary's students and staff traveled to Mexico to participate in a spiritual development retreat.

Students Mary Braun, Sheila Ege, Sheila Marie Guerrettaz, Julianna Harman, Megan Kennedy and Mary Watrobka, along with Sister Linda Kors, director of the Spes Unica Resources Volunteer Center; Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality and Marcia Good Maust, fellow at the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, participated in the trip which was sponsored by the SURV Center.

"I told myself when I came here that I would get involved...and this was a really great opportunity to experience a different culture," said Kennedy.

Hosted by Daughters of the Holy Spirit, the travelers stayed at a retreat center in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where they experienced Mexican culture and poverty.

"I don't think that most people have seen that type of poverty and it is just really shocking," Kennedy said.

The group had the opportunity to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, as well as the sight where Mary is believed to have appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.

"Almost every house has at least one picture of (Our Lady of) Guadalupe. You can find her everywhere," said Kors.

One of the main events of the trip involved a one hour hike to Tlamacazopa, a Mexican village located in the Andes Mountains.

"I just realized that they have so much less than we do but they are so much more devoted. It was truly motivating," said Kennedy.

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Iraq
U.N. tells weapons inspectors to evacuate Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD
The United Nations ordered its weapons inspectors out of Iraq on Monday, widening the stream of diplomats and foreign journalists heading for the exits before any shooting starts.

Their leaders said Saddam Hussein has no weapons of mass destruction, he means what he says,” Saddam said.

His admissions were pushed aside, as President Bush counted down clock for war. “The tyrant will soon be gone,” Bush said, either by Saddam’s own choice to leave or by force.

Saddam and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours, Bush said.

In advance of the speech, Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Saif said Saddam wouldn’t leave. “He will stay in Iraq as long as we want him to,” he told an Arab news channel.

United Nations helicopters are shown parked Monday at Larnaca airport in Cyprus after returning from Iraq. Officials recalled the helicopters after their insurance was cancelled due to the increasing likelihood of a U.S.-led war against Iraq.

Homeland Security raises alert level to high after Bush speech

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Worried that war in Iraq could lead to terrorist reprisals at home, the Department of Homeland Security raised the terror alert Monday to orange, indicating a high risk of attacks, and implemented enhanced security measures at airports, ports and rail facilities.

The terror alert was raised from yellow, or elevated, to orange, the second-highest level on a five-color scale.

Operation Liberty Shield was announced just as President Bush completed his speech giving Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq.

The homeland security plan includes more Border Patrol officers, stepped-up patrols at airports, ports and nuclear power plants, and increased guards over the nation’s food supply.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge also called on governors to deploy National Guard troops or extra state police to protect bridges and other key infrastructure.

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Counterterrorism officials said the decision was based on threats from al-Qaida, Iraqi operatives and freelance terrorists.

“A large volume of reporting across a range of sources, some of which are highly reliable, indicates that al-Qaeda probably would attempt to launch terrorist attacks against U.S. interests claiming they were defending Muslims or the Iraqi people rather than Saddam Hussein’s regime,” Ridge said in a statement.

He also referred to “reports of suspicious activity in and around military facilities, ports, waterways, general infrastructure and targets that are considered symbolic to U.S. power and influence.”

The FBI has increased surveillance on certain Iraqis in America and other suspected terrorists or terrorist sympathizers. Homeland Security officials said any asylum-seeking Iraqis and people from 33 other countries would be detained for background investigations.

Turkish lawmakers to vote on U.S. plan

Associated Press

ISTANBUL
Turkish lawmakers said Monday they were ready to press ahead with a measure to allow the U.S. military to use Turkey as a staging area for a war against Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Guler said the Cabinet would discuss authorization for American troops Tuesday, and parliament could take up the measure Wednesday, private NTV television reported.

“A unanimous decision was reached ... there is a need to move urgently,” presidential spokesman Tacan Ilidem said.

An earlier resolution failed by just four votes, and Turkey’s government has been dragging its feet on reintroducing the measure. Polls show that more than 80 percent of the Turkish public opposes a war.

The United States has repeatedly called on Turkey’s government to quickly resubmit a resolution that would let in tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers to open a northern front against Iraq that would divide Saddam Hussein’s army.

Turkish and U.S. generals agree the strategy would make a war shorter and less bloody.

On Monday, political and military leaders called on parliament to take steps to let in foreign troops.

World News Briefs

Libya opens U.N. human rights meeting

Libya has accused of widespread rights abuses, began its controversial leadership of the United Nations’ top human rights body on Monday, leading to accusations that the entire meeting was a “masquerade.”

Censorship, arbitrary detention, jailings, disappearances and torture — at last the United Nations has appointed someone who knows what she’s talking about,” Bernadine W aring, a former U.N. delegate, said.

Saddam Hussein participated in a traditional shamrock ceremony along Fifth Avenue. The parade, which featured clusters of bagpipers and drummers, was among many events that celebrated Irish pride.

Sheen defeated Hollywood protesters

Actor Martin Sheen decried the rights of Hollywood anti-war activists to express their views in an opinion piece published Monday in the Los Angeles Times.

“Whether celebrity or diplomat, cabdriver or student, all deserve a turn at the podium,” Sheen wrote.

Sheen criticized those whom he said were trying to denigrate his and other Hollywood activists’ views, “solely due to our celebrity status.”

Moynihan critical following surgery

Moynihan, who turned 76 on Sunday, was in the intensive care unit of the Washington Hospital Center, said Paula Faris, a hospital spokeswoman.
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cannot make alcohol be a central part of campus life.

Alcohol

Prooram claims the changes have had some positive effects. He said the Office of

Education and Alcohol, which tracks instances of alcohol abuse on- and off- 
campus, has reported 31 cases of alcohol poisoning in the fall of 2001 and
in the fall of 2002, that number dropped to 20 cases.

Poorman said he has received positive feedback from hall staff members, with hall rectors say-
ing they have had to make less trips to the hospital for alcohol-related

reasons.

Parents have been supportive of the changes and first-year students say they feel less pres-
sure to drink.

Reaction from students, how-
ever, has been mixed.

“I think that most students were upset because they believed that excessive drinking was a part of what you do in college and they thought that their freedoms were being cur-
tailed,” Poorman said. “To those students, I would have to say that Notre Dame is not
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hasn’t, but nobody has offered reliable evidence to support their case,” he said. “I think
will tell if that really has become a significant trend.

The University’s intent in implementing the changes was not to eliminate alcohol across campus, Poorman said. He pointed to events like Notre Dame’s Margaritaville, where seniors drank alcohol on the beach by Lake Josephine’s Lake as a
example of how students of legal age could enjoy alcohol in moderate

amounts.

Instead, Poorman said the University wanted to curb abu-
sive drinking in dorms that often occurred around in-hall

dances. When the dances were in dorms, he said, the focus was more on drinking than
dancing. Now that the dances have been moved out of dorms, hall government leaders

have had to gauge how to secure appropriate venues with

appropriate space for dorm resi-
dents.

“I think that students who were looking for an alcohol-driven party have been dissapointed
by the changes in the SYC,” Poorman said. “I think that stu-
dents who have been looking for a general dance have been

encouraged by the changes.”

The University doesn’t plan to revisit the alcohol changes any-
time soon, Poorman said. “I think it was necessary be-
cause of the exhaustive research that went into developing
the new policy. Moreover, the Board of Trustees endorsed
them, so we are committed to the changes — although
University spokesman Matt Sturin said the trustees generally
leave student life issues to student life officials — and pro-
vided additional funding for hall dinners next year.

Poorman said he does not feel the culture of drinking that the changes were
designed to correct will change rapidly, nor does he believe the changes will
adversely affect campus life. He said the number of students interested in
wanting to live on campus increased 1.7 percent and applications to be resident
assistants — those charged with enforcing policy changes — increased 13 percent to their
highest level since 1997.

While he acknowledges that students may complain about the potential changes, Poorman said only time will tell what effect the alcohol policy changes
have had on campus life.

“As I wrote last year,” he said, “I have lived in the halls for 20 years as a
director, and I just think it is going to
take a lot more than taking away hard alcohol or moving
dances out of the hall to nega-
tively affect a 160-year tradi-
tion.”

Hollywood: War won’t stop Oscars

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Organizers of the 75th annual Oscar awards say the impending war in Iraq won’t
deraill Hollywood’s biggest event on Sunday.

President Bush’s 48-hour ultimatum for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq or be
forced out by military action increased the likelihood that news coverage could super-
sede the live Academy Awards show and an ABC plan.

Show producer Gil Cates has acknowledged that war would change the tone of the production, but as of late Monday the glitzy red-carpet

ceremony was still scheduled to proceed as planned.

If the country is at war on

Sunday, he said ABC might break away from the ceremony for news updates

even run a newscast across the bottom of the screen.

Many nominees noted the show would likely be a much more somber affair if the

country is at war.

Nicole Kidman, a lead

actress nominee for “The Hours,” said at an Oscar lun-

cheon last week she is “in two minds” about suspending the
event during war.

“There are two arguments, aren’t there, where they say you need to continue with

wild things and the band goes on, and then there’s the other thing — where you just say: ‘of

course, it would be very strange to show up,” she

said.

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Iraq’s military and its citizens

“The day of your liberation is near,” Bush told Iraqis.

The speech did not silence opposition from home and abroad in Bush’s tough-on-Saddam policies. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said Bush had failed “miserably” at diplomacy, forcing the United States to go to war with

Iraq.

From the ornate cross halls of the White House, Bush said for the first time that Saddam could not retain power even by begin-
ning to disarm his nation of weapons of mass destruction — long the stated goal of U.S. poli-
cy in Iraq. The only way war can be avoided now is in Saddam’s exile, Bush said.

“All the decades of deceit and
crudely have now reached an
end,” the president said.

Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48
hours. Their refusal to do so will lead to a military campaign that began at a time of our choosing.

The 48-hour clock started at 8 p.m. EST Monday, White

House spokesman Adam Levine

said.

At home, Bush raised the ter-
or alert status from yellow to “high risk” orange, the second-
highest level.

“War has no certainty except the
certainty of sacrifice,” Bush
told a worldwide television audience.

An intense White House
debate over whether to estab-
lish a time limit was settled hours before the president’s speech.

Some argued that Bush should
draw the nation’s attention to

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Beer heir Joseph Coors dies at 85

Joseph Coors, who used his brewing fortune to support President Reagan and help create the conservative Heritage Foundation, has died at age 85.

Japan: Economy flat but improving

The Japanese government raised its assessment of the economy for the first time since July despite uncertainties over a possible war in Iraq.

In its report for March, the Cabinet Office said Monday the economy was essentially flat, citing stronger investments in the corporate sector. In the report for February, it had said the economy was weak.

The report said corporate profits are improving, although private consumption is flat and the unemployment rate remains high.

**Market Recap**

**Market Watch March 17**

Dow Jones

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NASDAQ

1,392.27 ↑ +51.94

S&P 500

862.79 ↑ +29.52

AMEX

820.65 ↑ +5.58

NYSE

4,783.95 ↑ +142.32

**Top 5 Volume Leaders**

**Company** % Change Gain/Price

NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ) +3.42 +8.88 25.60

MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT) +4.30 +1.87 25.93

SPDR TRUST SER (SPY) +3.15 +2.65 86.78

CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO) +5.45 +0.73 14.13

INTC (INTC) +5.18 +0.89 18.86

**In Brief**

Goldman sacks more stock analysts

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. laid off three more stock research analysts Monday, including branching out. Industrial specialist Richard Strauss.

Besides Strauss, specialty retail analyst Tom Filandro and video gaming software Chris Canaday, adding that the move was part of a

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unions to agree to long-term cost c o n tra c ts after failing to reach

May 1 to settle on negotiated terms Associated Press

The move gives the two sides until end of the month to reach a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board that would send ripples through the airline industry.

The market advanced on upbeat news about sales and profits. Wal-Mart advanced $2.61 to $51.97 after reaffirming its March and April sales forecasts.

United asks court to void contracts

United Airlines asked a bankruptcy judge Monday to nulify its labor contracts after failing to reach agreements by a self-imposed dead- line, raising the pressure on its unions to agree to long-term cost cuts. The move gives the two sides until May 1 to settle on negotiated terms or the court could void the contr-acts — a drastic step that means of slashing labor costs that is rarely employed in airline bankruptcies. If agreements aren’t in place by then, the requested ruling by Judge Eugene Wedoff would enable United to impose its own, stricter terms, helping it stay on its lenders’ timetable to show progress in bank- ruptcy or lose its financing. That would send ripples through the beleaguered airline industry, where other troubled carriers are closely watching United’s efforts to lower costs in hopes of making their own severe labor cost reductions.

It also would effectively wipe out any hope of a quick win in Iraq.

Hopes for a quick win in Iraq fuel big gains

The growing likelihood of war with Iraq sent stocks rallying for a fourth straight session Monday, as investors became more optimistic about the economy becoming more clear.

A brief war "allows businesses to stop waiting and watching and get back to spending and hiring. And it allows consumers to stop waiting and watching. ... (2) should put the shaky (economic) recovery back on a more solid footing," said Joseph Keating, chief investment officer at AmSouth Asset Management in Birmingham, Ala.

However, analysts say stocks can’t sustain a meaningful advance until the situation with Iraq becomes more clear.

The Dow was up 282.21, or 3.6 percent, at 8,141.92. The Dow has climbed 617.86 in four days, allowing it to resume its climb above the 8,000 level for the first time in nearly a month, or since Feb. 22, when it stood at 8,018.11.

Monday’s advances came after the Dow Jones industrial average surged 378.28 to 8,255.68, rallying sharply higher. The broader market also rallied for a fourth straight session Monday, as investors had been selling off fears that a long war would quash an already weak economic recovery, they are now showing a willingness to place bets on the notion that a conflict would be over quickly and the economy will be harmed less than previous- ly thought.

So far, however, the recent rallies have simply put the major indexes back to levels last seen a month ago.

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Dollar General rose $1.71 to $12.48 after the discount retailer reported fourth-quarter earnings that beat analysts’ expectations by 2 cents a share.

Oil stocks rose in anticipation that a war would bring down crude prices. Royal Dutch climbed $1.25 to $40.15 and Exxon Mobil rose 66 cents to $135.05.


**Associated Press**
The Center for Social Concerns is seeking nominations for

The Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D.
Faculty Community-Based Research Award

Nominees should be Regular Faculty who have completed one or more research projects that address a need of a South Bend area community-based organization. Greater consideration will be given to a project that is:

* oriented around a challenge articulated by a local community group;
* conducted in collaboration with a local organization;
* inclusive of graduate and/or undergraduate students; and
* published in a refereed journal or presented in other forms (juried exhibitions, distributed films, etc.) recognized as highly valued in the recipient's area of expertise.

This is a monetary award of $5000. Nominations should be submitted by 5pm, Monday, March 31. Please visit the CSC website for additional information about nominating, or call or email Mary Beckman, Ph.D., at 631-4172, mbeckman@nd.edu.

Annual Romero Week Lectures
4:30-6:00 PM, TODAY, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Showing of Film: "Justice and the Generals"
A Historic U.S. court trial of former Salvadoran Generals

7:00 PM, TONIGHT, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
"Archbishop Oscar A. Romero: Martyr of the Option for the Poor"
Bishop Samuel Ruiz, Chiapas, Mexico
Gustavo Gutierrez, OP, Professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

12:00 Noon, Wednesday, March 19 - Haggar Parlor * Saint Mary’s College
"Neris Gonzalez & Shawn Roberts: Voices for Peace and Dignity in El Salvador"
Neris Gonzalez, Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor
Shawn Roberts, International human rights attorney; Former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 19 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
"Has Justice Been Won? The Case of the Salvadoran Torture Survivors and the Generals"
A panel presentation featuring:
Neris Gonzalez,
Shawn Roberts, and
Garth Meintjes, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

Annual Romero Week Lectures are sponsored by the CSC, Justice Education Program at Saint Mary’s College, Maryknoll Affiliates; the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies; Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; and Latin American/North American Church Concerns.

ND For Animals Upcoming Events (www.nd.edu/~animals)

THIS THURS, March 20th, join people around the world for Meatout 2003. Stop by ND for Animal’s table in LaFortune or visit www.meatout.org to learn how “kicking the meat habit” holds lasting benefits for consumer health, world hunger, resource conservation, environmental quality and animal welfare.

Also on March 20th, come to a screening of the award-winning documentary “The Witness” and “Life Behind Bars: The Sad Truth About Factory Farming”. 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. Refreshments served.

NEXT TUESDAY, March 25th, Dr. Michael Greger will be speaking on “Corporate Globalization: Trading Away Our Right to Protect Animals” at 5:30 p.m. in Montgomery Theatre. Refreshments will be served.

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?
LAY MINISTRY CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

THIS SUNDAY, March 23rd, 2003
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns
A pizza supper will be served.

A panel presentation with:
Rob Ercoline, MA ’89, High School Teacher, Pastoral Associate at Little Flower Parish, Spiritual Director, currently with Retreats International
Sheila Provencher, MDiv ’00, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Assistant Director of NDVI, currently a writer and an activist
Kathy Schneider, ’78, MDiv ’84, Holy Cross Sisters Program in Brazil, Pastoral Associate in New York parishes, currently Director of St. Margaret’s House in South Bend

Prayers for Peace
Campus Ministry would like to invite you to join other students, faculty, and staff to pray for peace.

Each Friday, the 3:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will be a Votive Mass for Peace. As our country and the world face much conflict, we recognize the importance of gathering as a community of hope to pray for the perfect peace Christ gives.

Please join us this Friday and in the weeks to come.

Come join other students in a Coffee House for Peace!

“Coffee House for Peace”
NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 26th, 8:00 – 10:00 PM
Coleman Morse Lounge
Featuring: Emeline Shone (ND ’03), Poetry Readings & Open Microphone
SALT LAKE CITY
An independent commission will be appointed to investigate how police handled the Elizabeth Smart abduction case, Salt Lake City’s mayor said Monday.

Rocky Anderson said the five-member panel will begin its work after the completion of the case against Brian Mitchell, who is suspected in the kidnapping. He did handywork at the Smart house one day in November 2001 and was identified by Elizabeth’s younger sister as the man who may have taken the teen.

The commission will likely focus on the level of attention authorities gave the self-proclaimed prophet during the investigation, and whether they concentrated too hard on Richard Ricci.

Ricci had worked as a handyman at the Smart home more than a year before the kidnapping and was considered a possible suspect in the weeks after Elizabeth’s disappearance. Ricci died last August of a brain hemorrhage in jail, where he was being held on an unrelated parole violation.

Elizabeth was spotted with Mitchell and Wanda Barzee in Sandy, Utah, on Wednesday, nine months after she vanished. Mitchell, 49, and Barzee, 57, remained in jail Monday as prosecutors weighed their case against the pair. They will likely face federal or state charges.

Mitchell also told his attorney he wants Smart to be renamed “Rennant Who Will Return.” He wanted me to tell the world that she is his wife, and he still loves her and knows that she still loves him, that no harm came to her during their relationship and the adventure that went on,” attorney Larry Long said in an interview aired late Sunday on KUTV.

Smart family spokesman Chris Thomas dismissed Long’s comments.

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Retreat Date: April 4-5, 2003
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what's happening

**today 3.18**
- Confirmation Session #12
  7:00-8:45 p.m.
  Siegfried Hall Chapel
- Campus Bible Study
  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
  114 Coleman-Morse Center
- Weekly Spanish Mass
  10:30 p.m.
  St. Edward’s Hall

**Wednesday 3.19**
- Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass
  5:15 p.m.
  Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
  8:00 p.m.
  Wilson Commons
- Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
  10:00 p.m.
  Morrissey Hall Chapel

**friday (cont.)**
- 807 Mass
  8:00 p.m.
  CoMo Student Lounge

**Sunday 3.23**
- RCIA Session
  10:00-11:00 a.m.
  CoMo Student Lounge

**Tuesday 3.25**
- Campus Bible Study
  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
  114 Coleman-Morse Center
- Weekly Spanish Mass
  10:30 p.m.
  St. Edward’s Hall
- Conversation with Sr. Sue about Vocation to Religious Life
  7:00 p.m.
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**Friday 3.21**
- Mass for Peace and Justice
  5:15 p.m.
  Basilica of the Sacred Heart

special celebration

**Solemnity of St. Joseph**
Come join in a special celebration honoring the Brothers of Holy Cross on their Patronal Feast.

Wednesday • 5:15 p.m.
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Sunday's Scripture Readings
Experts urge against panic over illness

Associated Press

A handful of suspected cases of a deadly flu-like illness surfaced in new spots around the globe Monday, but medical experts said there "should not be panic" because the spread is not as aggressive as most forms of influenza.

There also were no new fatalities since the nine first reported when the World Health Organization issued its unusual global alert over the weekend. WHO officials said they were investigating suspicious cases in England, France, Israel, Slovenia and Australia, all of which previously had none.

Most of the 167 cases that have appeared in the past three weeks are health workers in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. China said 300 people had what appeared to be the same illness in an outbreak that began last November in Guangdong province.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was skeptical that the four cases it was looking into would be verified as "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS, the name given the unidentified illness. The CDC already has ruled out 10 other suspicious cases.

Disease investigators said it could take several weeks to determine the cause of the mysterious outbreak.

WHO officials also said that for the first time, China was allowing teams of experts into the country to take a closer look at its own early outbreak, which killed five people before it was brought under control. WHO investigators should be there by week's end, the U.N. agency said.

Experts believe that the most likely explanation for the respiratory illness is an exotic virus or the most feared scenario - a new form of influenza.

However, WHO's communicable-diseases chief, Dr. David Heymann, said the illness doesn't seem to spread as quickly as flu.

"It isn't contagious at the level of meningitis or other infectious diseases," he said. "A normal influenza would be very contagious to people sitting in the same room.

So far, experts say there is no evidence the infection spreads by casual contact, such as sitting next to somebody in an airplane.

"There should not be panic. This is a disease which, it seems, requires very close contact with patients and it is mainly hospital workers who have been infected in the first stage of the illness. Now we are seeing that some other family members have been infected," CDC head Dr. Julie Gerberding said.

"It's very rare for the flu virus to be responsible, since Hong Kong labs, which are very good at diagnosing influenza, have not been able to identify it.

The incubation period for SARS appears to be three to five days, often begins with a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as headache and muscle pain. The victims typically develop coughs, pneumonia, shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties. Death results from respiratory failure.

The Chinese said 7 percent of patients there required breathing tubes, but most eventually got better, especially if they were not also stricken with a bacterial infection. In addition, the disease seemed to weaken as it passed from person to person.

That's encouraging, WHO officials say, adding that some of the patients in the latest outbreak seem to be recovering.

China's provision of a written summary of its outbreak was an unprecedented step of cooperation by Beijing in global disease surveillance, Heymann said. It was also an important one, partly because scientists have for years been warning that a new influenza pandemic is inevitable and new types of flu often develop in that part of the world, Heymann said.

"The big concern in this area of the world is that one day another influenza virus could hop the barrier between animals and humans. In the 20th century three viruses crossed, and the last two, in the '50s and '60s, occurred in the Hong Kong area," Heymann said. With a vaccine untested move, the WHO on Monday created a "virtual research center," which links 10 laboratories in 11 countries to search for the cause in cooperation instead of competition.

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Iraqi oil exports dwindle as war looms

Associated Press

LONDON

Skittish banks and buyers, and a steep rise in freight rates, have combined Iraq's ability to export oil even before the outbreak of any hostilities in the Persian Gulf, industry sources said Monday.

A U.S.-led war against Iraq is widely expected to interrupt Iraqi oil exports and probably also halt its production of crude. Although Iraq shipped about 2 million barrels of crude a day last month, ports that handle Iraqi crude under the U.N. oil-for-food program have already gone quiet, analysts and traders said.

"This is the highest rates have been since September 1973, just prior to the oil crisis," Leo Drollas, Center for Global Energy Studies said Monday.

Iraq has the largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia, but with limited facilities for storing oil, it also has cut back on production. Iraqi oil is expected to fall by almost half this month, said Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies.

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A call for dedication to the other America

A couple of weeks ago, I traveled to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to interview for a volunteer position with the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). Now, I know when you’re thinking, “Oh, funny girl can’t do a job. She thought she was so smart. Who’s laughing now, funny girl?” If you’re thinking this, you’re absolutely right, but I’m still smarter than you are. Yes, perhaps the demand for English literature literates isn’t as high as I thought it would be four years ago. Regardless, my decision to do a year of service after graduation actually has very little to do with my job prospects and a whole lot to do with the fact that, for some strange reason that I don’t yet fully fathom, I feel called to spend the next part of my life in Eastern Kentucky.

The breath-taking beauty of the eastern Kentucky mountains is overshadowed only by the devastating poverty of its inhabitants. When the coal industry was thriving, good jobs were plentiful. Now, with the coal companies gone, there’s plenty of black lung but very few decent wages. As a result, the mountains are littered with children and trash and a body without an asset to running water. This is the other America. Like the poor urban glows who are cuffed tightly together just out of sight of the wealthy suburbs, the poor in Appalachia are laid away in the mountains, completely forgotten by the American conscious and the mainstream media, except for the occasional mocking.

Unfortunately, the picture of Appalachians that most of Americans see is that of a gracious, hardy, kind, and self-sufficient man. Like the comments of a man on the plane on my way to Kentucky confirmed my suspicions that many Americans have no real understanding of the plight of Appalachians. (This guy also said the government doesn’t give a damn to the tubes of women who had illegitimate children, so you be the judge.) We think of Appalachians as hillbillies, lazy, stupid, mountain people who talk funny and would just like their welfare check and to be left alone, thank you very much. The truth is, Appalachians couldn’t be further from the truth.

All right, they do talk funny, and the place makes Notre Dame seem racially diverse. But that other stuff just isn’t right. Sure, there are lazy people everywhere, but I haven’t been able to find one that is slow in Eastern Kentucky.

I’ve met Louie, who took an active role in CAP’s work to fix up his trailer, about not a few orders for my soft college hands.

I’ve met Gilbert, a man unable to work because of a debilitating injury sustained on the job, who is bringing up a very bright twelve year-old out of the shadow. Gilbert worked hard to maintain. When he picked up his check, Gilbert, like the suffix him he is, wanted to know if he could donate some old clothes to the clothing plant. On another occasion, he was told he had to be stupid because she was poor. She earned a college degree, but she and her husband still barely get by because of economic depression. Appalachian were self-sufficient before they became dependent on the government, and they can be self-sufficient again. That’s where CAP comes in.

CAP and its over 70 programs are not about handouts, they are about helping Appalachians help themselves. For those who need more than temporary assistance, CAP always does what it can to get people working. Take this typical conversation between CAP and Bobby Ray (yeah, I’m really all about knocking down stereotypes).

CAP: So, we’ve helped you fix up your house, now how about trying to get a job?
BRR: Well, I’ve got those elderly parents.
CAP: Elderly Services will care for them while you work!
BRR: I don’t have any education or skills.
CAP: Adult education and job training (are available free of charge!)
BRR: Well, um…
CAP: Speech impediment? We can help!
It’s this kind of dedication to doing something for a region that is so often ignored that gets me excited about working for CAP. So, yeah, it’s not a paying gig, but with all these friendly people, beautiful scenery and a great program, I can’t wait to get to my new Kentucky home. Now if you’ll excuse me, I have banjo lessons to attend.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do not forget Cuba

Do not forget Cuba. Travelling and studying with group of Notre Dame students and faculty in Havana, Cuba over spring break clarified for me the important need for political and social awareness.

Today’s news programs highlight the hottest topics around the world but often fail to address the most fundamental reasons and causes of human tragedy and triumph. A pending war with Iraq, hostility in North Korea and continued Middle East conflict are fierce reminders that understanding politics and international relations is not only the job of leaders and academics, but vastly important for all participants in civilized society.

Cuba, a poor country, is a fascinating case study with richness in both culture and historical significance. With the exception of the most inflammatory of news events such as Elian Gonzalez, meaningful discussions about Cuba have faltered in recent years. Yet other relevant and important topics such as the relation between church and state, the influence of a burgeoning tourist industry in a Marxist society and the advantages of a strong social welfare system continue to unfold in Cuba and hold great insights for the rest of the world.

Whether it is human rights or trade embargos, discussing Cuba and its revolutionary effect in Latin America and beyond will only increase awareness and illuminate truth.

Ultimately, the realities of globalization and democratization make understanding the pitfalls and successes of diverse peoples crucial to creating a 20th century climate that is not defined by complacency but rather vision and perspective.

 Ken Seifert<br /> senior<br /> Carroll Hall March 17

Quote of the Day

"Peace is not enough, they must also be content." - Ben Hecht - novelist
Notre Dame has paid a price in pursuit of greatness

"Megalomaniac. That's what aisle Notre Dame to the chairman of the Board of Governors, the priest told me that referring to Notre Dame's decision to abandon its historical mission as a "ligg school" pres­ ture. The mission of Notre Dame had been the provision of affordable education in the Catholic tradition to undergraduates, with an important but incom­ plementary role. "Megalomaniac" is an "obscene desire to do things on a grand scale." The priest's comment comes to mind because this is the 25th anniversary of Notre Dame's great leap forward, its de­ finition of itself as "a National Catholic Research University." In the past, the top three universities went heavily into the "research universi­ ty" business. In 1975, income restrictions were removed. In 1981, eligibility for federal student loans. The universities then raised their tuition to support research programs and buildings. They then lob­ bied Congress to raise loan limits. As the limits went up, so did tuition and back to Congress went the universities to lobby for higher limits. And so on. The research emphasis bounty of the funding for the best and the brightest students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

Our leaders act in what they see as the best interest of Notre Dame and its stu­ dents. It may be useful, however, to ask what price Notre Dame has paid for the greatness project?

1. Cost. Notre Dame's tuition and fees make up 55 percent of the budget. The undergraduate tuition, room and board charge for 2002-03 is $32,020. In 1978­ 79, it was $5,380. If it had kept pace with inflation it would now be $14,245. Notre Dame, through its excellent financial aid office, tries to provide aid to students. The student loan, however, remains the primary form of financial aid. Predictably, the only non-wealthy students at Notre Dame will be those whose test scores won heavy dis­ count scholarships, scholarship athletes, ROTC stu­ dents, minority scholarship students, fac­ulty and staff children and those non­ wealthy students, diminishing in number, who chose Notre Dame under a reduced price of a crippling loan burden.

2. Diminishment of the undergraduate expe­ riences. Notre Dame undergraduate students are paying more than twice as much, in real dollars, than they did in 1975, but they are get­ ting less. Members of our fellow class were Notre Dame undergraduates every year from 1977 to 2000 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the student, it is recognized that the undergraduate expe­ rience has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of 100-level courses are taught by student instructors. The University's report on Graduate Education, 1996-2001, noted that Notre Dame needs 507 more graduate students "because the number of graduate stu­ dents has not kept pace with the increase in faculty in Ph. D. granting depart­ ments." In the Research University, you hire more and more research faculty who teach less and less. The rhetoric puts teaching on a par with research. But everyone knows better. Notre Dame's failure to inadequate teaching is not to be tolerated as faculty are not being funded for a course to do research on teaching. As one tenured philosophy pro­ fessor put it, "You really don't have to have any impact on the undergraduates" if you got promoted. "You just need to [have written a book]."

3. The campus. Undergrad life is diminished by the "binge building" which has transformed Notre Dame into a drab, urban-style Research campus, with at least 40 of the 90 buildings built after 1980. The economy has put some projects on hold, but no need is in sight. Which donor will have the most beautiful building at Notre Dame or her or his? Will the world­ class garage parking be the crowning feature? In contrast to the more humane design of older buildings, the newer cre­ ations evoke technocratic images, such as the Delberto drawing of the con­ stellation of the stars and the relentless triangular patterns of new buildings. The open recre­ ations space of the author own way to con­ crete. Social restrictions tend to induce undergrads to leave the campus, some­ times to their peril.

4. Catholic character. Notre Dame authorizes the federal government, the NCA and many other enti­ ties, as well as the secular "academic community." The only authority it will not accept is that of the Catholic Church to define the meaning of a "Catholic" uni­ versity. The problem is truth-in-labeling. For reasons beyond our space limits, Notre Dame's "Catholicism" erodes in proportion to its pursuit of sec­ ular prestige.

I can fairly ask, 25 years on, whether Notre Dame's excursion into "megoloma­ nia" has come at an unacceptable price. It is possible for a research university to maintain its Catholic character and a positive focus on undergrad education without the imposition of crushing stu­ dent debt. It is time to reconsi­ der a few things.

Professor Emeritus Charles Rice on the Law School faculty. His column appears often but not necessarily those of The Observer.

I am writing in response to Paul Benedict's March 6 letter "Anti-American is so yesterday." I believe Mr. Benedict is confused as to the purpose of student activism and the anti-war movement at large. To clear up his confusion, I invite Mr. Benedict to join me at the next open peace rally so he might hear and contemplate the sound moral and practical argu­ ments for alternatives for pre-emptive U.S. aggression in Iraq and the Middle East. Mr. Benedict argues that "whites are not appreciative of foreign policy" or reductionist argu­ ments about Iraq and why we should not go to war. In the case Mr. Benedict decides to decline my offer, in the following I offer a response to his most troubling charge about our stu­ dent activism.

First, the notion that Americans should voluntarily sup­ port the administration in its deci­ sion to wage war in Iraq for any decision, for that matter is not a democratic one and cer­ tainly not American. As members of a democracy, it is fundamental that we, as citizens, call into question the actions of our leaders. This plural­ ism of opinion is what drives democracy to its different faces. America from a dictatorship like Iraq or China. If we self-senior or simply choose follow blindly, not thinking criti­ cally about the decisions of our government, we might as well live in a dictatorship. While Mr. Benedict is correct in asserting that Saddam Hussein is a ruthless dictator and should be removed from power, he errs in claiming that "war is the only way." He later speaks of the hegemony of Saddam Hussein having reached a peak. However, I believe his hegemony he and others of the same mind are uncon­ sciously upholding when blindly digesting and regur­ gitating the "American Way? When we impose our foreign policy on other countries we gratuitously give for starting a war. The United States is not behaving as a just country by challenging their already decimated country, still suffering from the structural violence done by the U.S. in the Gulf War. While stress prejudice, the right by demo­ cracy, cannot be imposed by force. Implementing a
Harper’s diamonds are sparkling

By RYAN RAFFERTY Scene Music Critic

Ben Harper first emerged on the music scene in 1994 with his release Welcome to the Cruel World. Harper’s first album was very well received and has been in high demand. Since then, he has released three other studio albums, all with progressively broadeningsounding. Ben Harper has always been known for creating music that reflects several different styles of music, and his latest album, Diamonds on the Inside, is no different.

The songs on Harper’s latest album range from reggae and funk, to bluesy rock. Diamonds on the Inside showcases Harper’s wide range of musical styles better than any previous album, making it appealing to fans of any type of music.

Harper’s blend of music and his influences on his sleeve, as is most apparent in the Bob Marley influence on his sleeve, as is most apparent in the Bob Marley influence on his sleeve, as is most apparent in the Bob Marley influence on his sleeve, as is most apparent in the Bob Marley influence on his sleeve.

In the Mood: The Love Songs

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN Assistant Scene Editor

Note to listener: country super group Alabama’s latest release, to the Mood. The Love Songs, is a quality compilation of two discs worth of classic Southern ballads from an incredible career of hits, but it will probably not actually get anyone of college age “in the mood.”

The songs on Alabama’s 24th album are fading away in today’s country music. A rundown of today’s top country artists is comprised mostly of crossover sensations and regulars on adult contemporary and pop radio stations. The result is that albums like In the Mood seem a little bit too much country and not enough rock ‘n roll for younger audiences that cut their teeth for country music on the likes of Toby Keith and Trick Pony.

Yet the faithful fan base that made the band the best-selling country group of all time will not be disappointed by the romantic lyrics and familiar tunes on Alabama’s 24th album. The band, which writes its own songs and plays its own instruments, has a style of recording and performing songs that has made it a bigger-selling band than legends such as Led Zeppelin, The Doors and Pink Floyd. Their cover of the Carpenters’ “Top of the World” on their Greatest Hits album is an example of Alabama’s stellar ability to sing emotional lyrics with out any emotion, a significant weakness in some of their songs that have passionate words but none of the passion in the sung version. When they sing, “Girl, I’m in the mood to be your man / To win your heart all over again” eyes trace, let my lips taste / Nothing but you” it sounds like they could be singing about milking cows or planting soybeans, with their voices seeming so disinterested.

Their other new single fares much better. It features quick guitar and drumbeats with slow, melodic lyrics. Unlike the songs about romance, it handles the weightier topics of parental loss, familial love and regret. “I step it loud, say it’s clear / You can listen as well as you hear / It’s too late when we die / To admit we don’t see eye to eye.” The quartet has already enjoyed considerable radio play with this more recent song, proving that their influence is likely to endure long after the farewell tour ends. From their first No. 1 hits in 1980, they have compiled an impressive set of classic ballads that made this album.

Their covers of the Carpenters’ “Touch Me When We’re Dancing” from the 80s is another highlight of the first disc, but many of the best parts are on the second disc. Their countryfied version of “GodMust Have Spent a Little More Time on You” gets a helping hand on the harmonies from ‘N Sync, and some chart-topping hits on both discs include “Fallin’ Again,” “Lady Down on Love” and “In Pictures.”

While Alabama clearly has had success with showing their softer side, like on many of these ballads that have reached the top, they are far more fun on their fast-paced good time songs celebrating the South and all that is country. Any fan of “Mountain Music,” “Dixieland Delight,” “If You’re Gonna Play in Texas (You Gotta Have a Fiddle in the Band)” and “Song of the South” would do themselves a favor by picking up their greatest hits album, For the Record: 41 No. 1 Hits, instead of this mediocre collection.

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No surprises from Everclear

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

No surprises from Everclear. This is not the first time Everclear has chosen this theme as a dominating force on an album; in fact nearly all of their past albums have been focused on the struggles of life in suburban America — everyone is aware that they exist, but they are brought to a whole new level of attention by rock band Everclear in their new album Slow Motion Daydream.

The band lightens it up a little with the strong guitar and punky rhythm. Lyrically, Slow Motion Daydream is very strong. The wistful wisdom of Alexakis comes through on every track. A former cocaine addict, Alexakis turned his life around in the mid-90s and since then has written with a wisdom one can only have from having personal experience. Everclear has been around since the early 90s and grew to prominence beginning with 1994’s album, Sparkle and Fade. The band continues to carry on the punk rock sound in their music, as well as empathy with common middle-class American struggles.

Overall, the album is a commentary on the true nature of people. At times, a depressing nature overtakes songs such as “How to Win Friends and Influence People” when Alexakis warns, “People love to hurt you when you close your eyes.” “I Want to Use a Kryptonite” begins, “Everybody here in this small town looks used and abused today.” Just as one is about to lose faith in the world, the album turns the mood around with songs such as “Science Fiction,” where Alexakis sings, “You need to remember, life is always getting better.” Slow Motion Daydream brings itself to conclusion in the sentimental song, “New York Times” in which Alexakis earnestly claims, “I want to believe in this world / I want to believe in this life.”

The music causes emotions to range from high to low, and although some of the tunes are extremely familiar, the recipe of punchy vocals and a strong guitar presence is what creates success for Everclear. Even if it has been heard before it is still very much an enjoyable listening experience.

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New punks on the block

By STEVE HOEPLINGER
Scene Music Critic

Imagine that pinatas were a thing of the past, food services was worth the cost, and every issue of The Observer had witty, entertaining comic strips — what could possibly be better than all that? The answer is the Transplants, a band that blows away everything the about punk rock genre with a debut album that is destined to stand out as one of the best independent releases of the past decade.

Motion Daydream. With a name that is very reflective of their music, the Transplants’ moniker is one that actually makes sense, something all too rare among modern bands (for instance what is a “Threshold”?). Guitarist Tim Armstrong, vocalist Rob Aston and drummer Travis Barker take elements of hip hop, punk, dancehall, tech-no, rock and jazz and fuse them together for a sound that is like nothing ever heard before. Their self-titled debut is one of the most wholly original recordings — an opening shot in what may well be a new punk explosion. The bands’ name also applies to its members. Armstrong and Barker both come from established bands (Rancid and Blink-182, respectively), though neither of them considers the Transplants to be a side project. The album also features artists from several other bands, including Lars Frederiksen of Rancid, Davey Havok of AFI, Brody Armstrong of the Distillers and rappers Son Doobie and Danny Diablo.

The album is equal parts hip-hop and punk rock. Armstrong’s punk roots are a perfect match for Aston’s rhyming, and Barker’s drumming lines somewhere in between, creating beats found nowhere else. Most of the songs consist of distorted punk riffs with hip hop vocals layered on top, splitting the rock and rap influences evenly, though the track “T.R.E.A.M.”, which features underground rapper Diabolic, is a hip hop anthem that even the Redstones can chant along to.

Newcomer Rob Aston, who had never been in a band before this and whose previous music experience was rapping for AFI and Rancid, is right at home behind the microphone, furi­ously spitting out lyrics with a passion that puts him in the running for the title of White Male Rage Personified. “Gimme a chance to shine and I’m a blind the world,” he proclaims in the song “D.J.D.J.” and you know from the seriousness in his voice that he means every word.

The opening track, “Romper Stomper,” a furious blitzkrieg of Aston’s vocals and Armstrong’s atomic bass saw Gamut hard at work, quickly sets the tone of the album. Next up is “Tall Cans in the Air,” which Armstrong describes as “a party song” that keeps up the album’s music pace (it also features the first of Armstrong’s raps, which Rancid fans will either love or hate). Diamonds and Guns,” the single that is currently getting much attention, has an addictive piano riff that digs its hook into the listener’s brain as soon as it’s heard. The band lightens it up a little with “California Babylon,” a slinky, sublime little number that just can’t hide its own appeal before getting back into the dark, heavy territory on “We Trusted You,” a musical indictment of liars and backstabbers everywhere. The album wraps up with a fuzzy song called “Down in Oakland,” a spooky tune that Armstrong’s trademark raspy voice is just perfect for. The album’s high­light is ‘Sad But True,” a beautiful song about the loss of loved ones that is brutally strong.

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Canseco released from Miami prison

Associated Press

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Jose Canseco was released from jail Monday and was expected to serve the remainder of his 30-day sentence in a halfway house in California. Canseco had pleaded guilty to a minor battery charge, but Judge Leonard Glick ordered him held until Monday's sentencing hearing. Canseco spent the last 30 days in jail for violating his probation when he pleaded guilty to aggravated battery charges stemming from the Oct. 31, 2001, fight with his then-wife. Canseco also received three years of probation following a conviction for his part in a 2001 four-man fracas that got out of hand.

The 38-year-old Canseco was on probation for his part in a 2001 four-man fracas that got out of hand.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Ricky Davis will not be fined by Cavaliers coach Keith Smart, who said Monday that embarrassment is punishment enough for the stunt against the Utah Jazz.

"The deed is done," Smart said after a morning practice. "What good would it do to slap him on the wrist? He has to live with what he did. Wherever he goes, people will remember it.

Davis attempted to pad his statistics during a 122-95 victory over the Utah Jazz on Sunday. To get his first career triple-double in the final seconds of the lowly Cavs' biggest win of the season, Davis purposely missed a shot at the wrong basket and grabbed the rebound, thinking it was his 10th.

Davis, the team's scoring leader, was fouled hard by the Jazz. DeShawn Stevenson, angered that his club was being mocked, threw a free throw to finish with 28 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds.

"No comment," the usually exuberant Davis said as he left practice Monday. Davis apparently did not know that his stunt backfired, even without Stevenson fouling him. The rulebook states: "It is a violation for a player to attempt a field goal at an opponent's basket. The opposing team gets the ball.

Davis did not get a shot attempt or his rebound.

"I talked with Ricky after the game," Smart said. "The thing is, one tiny moment reflected the entire unsuccessful game. Ricky had his fun for one night, but what he did will follow him always." Smart said he and Cleveland officials were embarrassed.

"I felt very, very bad and before Ricky shot his three-pointer — I went and apologized," said Smart, who walked over to an incensed Utah coach Jerry Sloan.

Cleveland's Ricky Davis holds the ball over his head in a game earlier this season. Davis will not be fined by the Cavaliers as a result of his botched triple-double attempt.

Davis signed a six-year, $34 million contract before the season. The 6-foot-7 guard is averaging 20.7 points and is the first player in team history to record three 40-plus scoring games in a season.

Davis also had two run-ins with former coach John Lucas, fired Jan. 20 after a 17-point loss at Utah. Lucas suspended Davis for two games this season for arguing with teammates and being selfish.

The win was just the second in 15 games for the Cavaliers, who have the league-worst 12-53 record. Cleveland needs wins in its final 17 games to avoid tying the franchise's worst mark of 15-67, set in the inaugural season of 1970-71 and matched in 1981-82.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Slow start could lead to quick exit in NCAAs

The storyline for the Irish the past few games has been reading like a broken record. The Irish start slow while the opponent builds an early lead, then the Irish make a huge comeback in the second half.

This has happened several times in the past three weeks. In Notre Dame's last five games, the Irish were down by 17, 24, 21, seven and 23 points. Not surprisingly, the Irish only won one of those five games.

Finding the source of these slumps is crucial to Notre Dame's postseason success. Irish coach Mike Brey believes it's kind of good to get out of this league so I think it's kind of good to get out of this league.

"It's almost like it's two different teams, the first and second half. We should be coming out with the high intensity we had in the first half," Matt Carroll said. "We should be coming out with the high intensity we had in the second half."

That high intensity was obviously lacking in the early going of each of the last five games. Luckily for the Irish, the team snapped out of its slump early and was able to hold on for a victory against Georgetown March 8. In each of the other four games, however, the Irish took the entire first half — or longer — to dig themselves into an insurmountable hole.

While the Irish made valiant comeback attempts in each of those games, being behind late in the game is not a position that the Irish want to — or should — be in if they expect to win the game.

After the disappointing loss to St. John's, the Irish are more than ready to get back on track. "We're very disappointed from New York Thursday, the Irish will have had a full week of practice under their belts when they face off against the Panthers at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Let's hope they get an early start on those practices."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Blue/Gray Classic provides problems for Irish

♦ Losses to Tulsa, Boise State eliminate Irish from tournament which Notre Dame has won in past

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

The Irish usually see much success at the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, held in Montgomery, Ala., over spring break.

Two years ago, the Irish brought home the coveted green jackets award to the victors, and last year they reached the finals.

Last week though, No. 46 Notre Dame began the tournament with a close 4-3 loss to No. 57 Tulsa, after the match was postponed due two days of rain delays. The Irish then came back on the same day to defeat UAB 4-2 in a consolation round match Friday, but Boise State ended the week on a sour note for Notre Dame, as the Broncos (10-6) shut out the Irish 4-0 in another consolation match.

Notre Dame is now 5-8 on the season.

The Broncos began by securing the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and No. 3.

The team of sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott was defeated for the only time during the break, and the pair of sophomore Paul McNaughton and junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo lost their second match of the week.

With the doubles point clinched, the Broncos' Marcus Bernston, ranked 67th nationally, and Nils Klemann defeated junior tri-captains Luis Haddock and Brian Farrell, respectively.

Haddock and Farrell each lost in straight sets, and the Broncos were up 3-0. The remaining matches were close though, and Notre Dame still had the opportunity to rally. Before they could put up their first point, Boise State's Thomas Schoeck defeated D'Amico, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, and the Broncos claimed the win.

Haddock was winless in singles at Blue/Gray, but Farrell picked up two singles victories, including the match-clinching win against UAB. The two had success in doubles together, and they contributed to Notre Dame's winning of the doubles point against Tulsa.

D'Amico and Scott's upset at No. 1 doubles of Tulsa's Ryan Livesay and Dustin Taylor, ranked 55th as a duo, combined with Haddock and Farrell's victory to put the Irish ahead 1-0. But severe thunderstorms intervened and caused the singles portion to be delayed until Friday morning.

Lopez-Acevedo continued the seeming Irish shutout with his victory at the No. 6 flight over Alek Charpanditis, 6-1, 6-3. After Haddock succumbed to Livesay, Farrell put the Irish up 3-1, and within just a point of victory, when he defeated Shunsuke Shimizu, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4).

Notre Dame lost the next three singles contests though, all of which went into three sets. Freshman Patrick Buchanan and D'Amico began their matches with victorious sets of 6-4 and 6-3, respectively, but both of their opponents rallied to win the remaining sets. Meanwhile Scott won his second set 6-7 (6-8) after losing the first one 6-1, but No. 66 Alejandro Tejerina came back to win 6-0.

Notre Dame will have a pair of tough home matches this weekend. No. 12 Minnesota visits Saturday and No. 44 Virginia Tech will be at the Eck Pavilion Sunday.

Both matches begin at 1 p.m.

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Notre Dame's Brent D'Amico prepares for a forehand in a recent match. D'Amico and the Irish lost twice at the Blue/Gray Classic in Alabama over spring break.

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Shawn Roberts, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

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Womens Lacrosse

Irish win 2 very different games

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's women's lacrosse team won two games over break in very different fashions by knocking off Boston College 13-12 and dominating Ohio 19-4. The two victories gave the Irish a 2-1 record with their only loss coming in their opener at Cornell. The Irish were also scheduled to play Brown, but that game was canceled due to snow.

The No. 11 Irish were severely tested by the Eagles in Chestnut Hill, Mass., but preseason All-American senior Danielle Shearer scored the eventual game-winner with 2:44 remaining in the contest. The game featured many goal spurts by both teams, with the Irish reeling off four goals in a row on two different occasions, while Boston College countered by scoring three unanswered goals on three different occasions. It was the Eagles' last such streak that tied the game at 12 before Shearer's game-winner.

The Irish received multiple-point efforts from four different players. Shearer had six points on two goals and four assists, while classmate Eleanor Weille contributed five points on three goals and two assists. Junior Abby Owen had two goals and two assists for four points, with classmate Lauren Fischer scoring two goals. It was the fifth time the Irish had faced Boston College, with Notre Dame taking all five games.

In their first game of spring break, Notre Dame fell behind Ohio 1-0 before taking over. The Irish scored four quick goals to take the lead on their way to a 10-3 halftime lead. Junior Meredith Simon paced the Irish against the Bobcats with seven points on three goals and four assists while Shearer added three goals and three assists for six points. Freshman Crysti Foote added three goals and senior Anne Riley scored twice for the Irish, who had 13 players on the score sheet. The Irish out-shot Ohio 37-12 and outscored the Bobcats 9-1 in the second half.

Notre Dame completes their season opening road trip today with a game in Orlando against Yale at 10 a.m.

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INDIANAPOLIS

The NCAA considers postponing games in the event of war out of consideration for the safety of athletes and fans.

NCAA President Myles Brand, above, announced Monday that the NCAA would consider the postponing of tournament games in the event of war.

“We don’t know when it will start, and we have to be respectful of our men and women in uniform,” Brand said following an NCAA town hall meeting on television station WISH.

Brand said his office has been in contact with the Department and security officials as it finishes contingency plans. He declined to give details, saying they would be announced as events take place.

CBS holds the rights to NBA games every season except this one. CBS holds the rights to NCAA tournament games in the event of war. The games could be shown on other Viacom-owned networks such as MTV, UPN, BET or TNN.

“We’re doing a lot of planning, but we don’t know what direction it will go,” Brand said.

The NCAA’s men’s tournament will be the first big sports event affected by any conflict in Iraq. The first game, between North Carolina-Ashville and Texas Southern, is scheduled for Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

IN BRIEF

Rodriguez hopes to be back in time for season opener

Alex Rodriguez doesn’t expect to be fully recovered from a neck injury when the season starts, but he does plan to be in the Texas Rangers’ lineup.

The All-Star shortstop rejoined his teammates Monday after missing five days of spring training because of a herniated disc.

Rodriguez thinks he will need three weeks of rehabilitation work with team trainer Jamie Reed. The Rangers open the season March 30 against the World Series champion Anaheim Angels.

“I am doing double treatments,” Rodriguez said before heading out to join teammates for morning workouts Monday. “I am expecting to take three weeks to get back to full strength. The doctor says I’m basically in good shape.”

He missed every exhibition game since playing against Arizona last Tuesday.

Rodriguez, in the third year of a 10-year, $252 million contract, had problems with his left shoulder, but he said that was helped by an anti-inflammatory shot he was given Thursday.

He said he is feeling stronger every day.

“There is zero pain, but it was almost if my shoulder felt anemic,” Rodriguez said. “It just felt weaker. I did some test where they check the sensation in your hand, and my left hand was less sensitive. The spinal test was perfect, but it’s the nerve.”

He was re-examined by Dr. Drew Aronoff on Sunday and cleared to return to the team.

Rodriguez led the major leagues with 57 home runs, 142 RBIs and 389 total bases in 2002.

Lavin fired by UCLA

Steve Lavin’s firing as UCLA basketball coach in 1996 was shocking. His firing sure wasn’t.

Lavin was dismissed Monday after the team’s first losing season in 55 years, a move widely anticipated for months by everyone, including Lavin.

“I’ve been leaning toward this decision over the last several weeks,” said first-year athletic director Dan Guerrero, who fired his second major college coach at the school in 3 1/2 months.

“Can a coach have a bad year? Sure they can, but it’s about looking to the future.”

Lavin went 145-78 in six years, a feat matched only by Lavin’s predecessors at the school. UCLA went 10-19 overall and 6-12 in Pac-10 play, finishing sixth in the worst-ever conference showing.

“That’s not acceptable,” Guerrero said after a 13-minute campus news conference. “You need to be consistent throughout the year. You need to finish at the top of your conference.”
Hockey

Cey records 2 shutouts to put RedHawks on ice

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Morgan Cey picked a good time to register his first shutout of the year. He picked an even better time to register his second.

The Irish shocked Miami of Ohio on the road this weekend in the first round of the CCHA playoffs, winning the best-of-three series two games to one and upsetting a top-six seed in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

After losing 4-2 Friday and on the brink of elimination, the Irish eked out a 1-0 win on Saturday to even the series at a game apiece. On Sunday, the floodgates opened and the Irish punched their ticket to Detroit for the CCHA's Super Six with an impressive 5-0 win over the RedHawks.

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Womens Golf

Brophy takes title at Florida invite

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After struggling in its first tournament of the season, the women's golf team came out firing in Florida over break.

Leading the way was freshman Katie Brophy, who parred the final two holes to win the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Orlando.

Brophy fired rounds of 73 and 74 to win by one shot over Penn State's Katie Kutcher and Cynthia Skillton Penn State.

"Katie told me right before the start of today's round that she felt like something just clicked," Irish coach Debby King said. "She had a great swing the last two days."

"The thing that clicked for me was my putting," said Brophy. "I didn't putt very well in the fall and that's what I was known for in high school. Everything dropped for me the last two days."

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FENCING

Irish qualify maximum number

By MATT LOZAR
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They had to wait it out, but the Irish got what they wanted.

After qualifying 11 fencers through automatic bids at the Midwest Regional Championship at Ohio State University March 8, Notre Dame needed junior saber Maggie Jordan to earn an at-large bid to give them a complete team for this weekend's NCAA Championships.

The announcement came Friday that Jordan was selected.

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Softball

Rain and sickness plague Irish on the road

By AARON RONSHEI
Sports Writer

Just when the Notre Dame softball team thought that they left their bad luck and bad weather in South Bend, the Irish ran into inclement weather that forced the cancellation of the remainder of the KIA Classic.

Worse, the Irish encountered a strep throat virus that caused two players to miss the DePaul game.

"We had a lot of people playing out of position and people batting in different spots in the batting order," said Irish third baseman Andrea Loman. "It was tough to get things going." Andrea Loman
Irish third baseman

The cancellation of the second half of the tournament means that the Irish have lost six games to the weather even though they have yet to play a game in South Bend. Not only has the weather forced the Irish to cancel games this season, it also forced Notre Dame into a 15-hour bus ride back to campus after a weekend tournament in Georgia.

"It is frustrating, but we can either be frustrated or we can move on and that is what we need to do," said Irish coach Deanna Gumpf. "We need to look forward and get ready to start the second half of our season." The Irish (8-9) started off their spring break trip with a double-header against Cal-State Northridge (15-10).

In game one, the Irish were able to put together a 4-1 lead heading into the seventh behind 12 hits and a home run by first baseman Lila Mattison, but Irish pitcher Stefany Stenglein couldn't hold the lead. After Stegnlein retired the first two batters, pitch-hitters Shannon Acevedo and Christy Mateefe produced singles to bring the tying run to the plate. Christin Bedwell responded by drilling a three-run home run over the right-field wall to send the game to extra innings.

"It was one of those things that just happened," Loman said. "It felt apart in the end. We have to get stronger in the sixth and seventh innings. When this is a deciding game tough I think we need to come through for our team at that time." The Irish salvaged a split in by winning the second game 3-1 behind a strong pitching performance by Irish pitcher Heather Booth and a two-run double by Mattison.

The Irish opened the KIA Classic with a 3-1 victory against Fresno State (7-14). Booth was terrific again as she gave up only two hits over seven innings of work.

The Irish got all their runs in the third inning as left fielder Liz Hartmann hit her team leading forth home run to lead off the inning. The Irish added two more runs on a bases loaded two-out single by the basemen Meagan Ruthwauff. Booth would make that stand up as she picked up her sixth victory of the season.

"She [Booth] has done a tremendous job and she is just going to get better as the season progresses," Loman said.

In their second game of the tournament, the Irish faced No. 4 Nebraska. After both pitchers traded zeros for the first three innings, Nebraska scored two runs in the top of the forth. The Irish responded in the bottom inning with a run as center fielder Megan Ciolli hit a bases loaded single to score Mattison.

Nebraska would ruff up Stenglein for four runs in the top of the fifth and scored three runs in the sixth off Carrie Wisen. All three runs came on a home run by Amanda Bucholz.

The Cornhuskers ended up winning 10-3 after each team traded runs in the seventh.

Things wouldn't get better for the Irish against No. 14 DePaul, as Notre Dame battled not only the Blue Demons but also a strep throat virus that decimated the team.

The Blue Demons wasted little time as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead on Booth. After a two-run double, third baseman Katy Kukman blasted a two-run homer for the quick lead.

"We were getting down early in too many games," said Loman. "After the first few innings it was 4-0 DePaul. We need to learn to get ahead. Once we do that it takes a lot of pressure off our pitchers and when we get ahead we are a lot more confident team." The Irish were able to get back in the game by taking advantage of two DePaul errors in the bottom of the sec-ond as they cut the lead in half. After the Blue Demons added a run in the fifth, they scored six runs on five hits with the big hit coming from pitcher Lindsay Choinard, who would finish with six hits and six runs allowed on the day, as she picked up her ninth win of the season.

"She did a great job against us," said Gumpf. "She kept the ball down against us and jammed us all afternoon." After playing their first 17 games on the road, the Irish are looking forward to kicking off their home schedule with Western Michigan next Sunday and getting the chance to practice outside.

"We are very excited to practice outside and being able to take groundballs on dirt instead of the turf," said Loman. "Hopefully we can start our next phase of the season with a win against Western Michigan." Contact Aaron Ronsheim at aronshei@nd.edu

Hey there...
Wanna know a secret?
The answer to 20 across is "One second please"
BASEBALL

Warm weather equals hot streak for Irish over break

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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With snow on the ground and a chill in the air, the Irish left the wintry conditions of South Bend for a seven-day road trip to Florida during spring break 2003 in the Kennel Club Classic.

The warm weather paid dividends for Notre Dame as the team went 6-1 during the span to improve to 9-5 on the season.

The opportunity to hit the field every day helped the Irish return to the level of play they demonstrated during last year’s College World Series run. The Irish batted .307 as a team during the trip, led by second baseman Steve Sollmann’s .482 average during the seven-game span.

Other Irish batters leading the effort were catcher Javy Sanchez, who contributed a .407 average during the trip, and infielder Matt Edwards and outfielder Kris Billmaier, who each batted .393 with 11 hits and collectively recorded 15 RBIs.

Irish pitchers, meanwhile, began to establish themselves on the mound by posting a 2.37 staff ERA for the week with a 1.85 opponent batting average.

Notre Dame 3, Vanderbilt 1
The Irish kicked off their spring break trip with a hard-fought 10-inning victory over the Commodores.

Sophomore Chris Niesel held the Commodores at bay until the Irish bats could get going, allowing only one run and three hits over eight innings before reliever J.P. Gagne came in to pitch two perfect innings to earn the win.

The powerful right-hander Gagne struck out four Vanderbilt batters in two innings to earn his second victory of the season.

The difference for the Irish came off the bat of freshman outfielder Brennan Grogan in the top of the 10th. After Sollmann reached on a single, Grogan smacked a triple to the center to bring in Macri with the winning run.

Notre Dame 4, Creighton 3
The Irish quickly matched in dominating performance on the mound for the Irish.

The right-hander allowed two runs — both unearned — over eight innings and had nine strikeouts.

Gagne came on with two outs in the ninth and faced one batter, whom he struck out, to get his third save of the season.

Notre Dame 10, Creighton 3
Notre Dame’s second matchup with the Bluejays in the Kennel Club Classic would prove as successful as the first for the Irish as six Irish batters collected multiple hits as Notre Dame pounded Navy.

The Irish plated 11 runs on 16 hits as a team led again by the efforts of Billmaier and Edwards, who finished a combined 6-for-9 at the plate with five RBIs and four runs scored.

Freshman Todd Thurman earned the victory for the Irish in his first career start, logging four shutdown innings and allowing only three hits.

Notre Dame 6, Jacksonville 1
The Irish quickly matched Creighton’s pair of runs with two of their own in the bottom of the first. Sollmann and Grogan got the offense going with a pair of leadoff singles, followed by an RBI double from Edwards. Billmaier then hit a sacrifice fly to score Grogan and tie the game at 2-2.

In their next inning, the Irish jumped on top for good with four runs on three hits to grab an early 6-2 lead.

Sollmann, Edwards and Billmaier led the way at the plate by going 3-for-5, 3-for-4 and 2-for-2, respectively, while combining for six RBIs and four runs scored.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will make plans to get together with friends, but don't get involved in other people's troubles. Educational pursuits will bring you into a contact with interesting people.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get involved in different kinds of projects. Your ability will steal your ideas and the people you live with are not likely to understand. Take some time to do something you enjoy doing by yourself.***

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are likely to say something that you may regret later. Take heed of the advice given with regard to your personal life and direction.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of your professional paperwork and legal matters. This is the day to make your move regarding money, health issues or domestic problems. Be straightforward.***

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MENS BASKETBALL

Same old story

Irish slump early, respond late, but still fall short in the end in 83-80 loss to St. John's in first round of Big East Tournament

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

NEW YORK

Notre Dame's dominant second half was not enough to overcome St. John's strong first half, and the Irish fell to the Red Storm in the first round of the Big East Tournament, 83-80, Wednesday at Madison Square Garden.

The Irish were unable to recover from a 21-point halftime deficit — a deficit that climbed to 23 points in the second half — despite shooting 66.7 percent from the field in the second half.

"I am very proud of our group to give us a chance to win the basketball game," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "But it was just too much of a hole to dig out of." The Irish seemed poised for an amazing comeback when Matt Carroll hit a 3-pointer with just over a minute left in the game to bring the Irish to within two points at 80-78.

After forcing the Red Storm to take a bad shot with the shot clock winding down, the Irish called a timeout with 24.2 seconds remaining to draw out their final play.

Guard Chris Thomas took the ball and drove to the hoop, but his layup missed. Luckily for the Irish, Torin Francis grabbed the rebound and went back up with the ball.

His layup seemed destined for the bottom of the net as the whistle blew, but

Irish earn highest seed since 1987, will face Wisconsin-Milwaukee in first round Thursday

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After a season that saw the Irish spend multiple weeks in the top 10 and knock off four top 10 teams, Notre Dame was rewarded Sunday with a No. 5 seed, its highest seed in the NCAA Tournament in the Mike Brey era, and a first-round game in Indianapolis against No. 12 seed Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

But for Chris Thomas, Selection Sunday gave the Irish sophomore a chance to play in his hometown for the first time in his college basketball career.

The Notre Dame point guard last played in the RCA Dome, the site of Notre Dame's first-round game Thursday, as a freshman at Pike High School when he helped lead his team to the state championship.

Now Thomas hopes his team can start another run in Indianapolis.

"I just felt that feeling that we'd be there," he said, adding that he leapt to his feet in excitement when he saw where the Irish were headed. "It's pret-

WOMENS BASKETBALL

No upsets for Irish in Pittsburgh win, 'Nova loss

By JOE HEITTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame didn't get upset at the Big East Tournament, but they didn't upset anyone either.

The sixth-seeded Irish defeated No. 11 seed Pittsburgh 73-65 in the first round March 8 before losing to No. 2 seed Villanova 50-48 March 10.

After winning their first game, Notre Dame hoped to upset Villanova for the second time this season. They had defeated the Wildcats 58-56 at Villanova Jan. 25. But the Irish couldn't shake a horrible shooting slump that plagued them throughout the game, and fell short against the eventual tournament champions.

In the first half, the Irish shot 4-for-23, or 26.1 percent, which was actually better than Villanova's 4-for-24, 17 percent performance. Both teams' poor shooting caused the game to be tied at 13 at halftime.

"I thought that was some type of Guinness Book of Records first half," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish continued their bad shooting in the second half, while the Wildcats pulled away by making 12-24 shots.

"It was a bad shooting night," Villanova guard Trish Juhline said. "But that happens. We played hard the whole game and made shots down the end." Juhline had 12 of her 14 points in the second half to lead the Wildcats. Teammate Nicole Druckenmiller also contributed 10 points.

Notre Dame was led by Jacqueline Batteast's 15 points, while Courtney LaVere added 12.

Alicia Ratay, who usually averages 15 points per game, was held scoreless on just 0-of-5 shooting.

Villanova went on to defeat No. 1 Connecticut to win the Big East Tournament. The Huskies' loss was their first in 70 games.

Against Pittsburgh, the Irish picked up a win that sealed their NCAA Tournament berth. The Irish had four players score in double figures, led by LaVere's 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting. Ratay added 16 points and nailed 10-of-11 free throws.

The game was somewhat sloppy, as the two teams combined for 42 fouls and 56 free throws. Pittsburgh took their first lead of the second half at 39-38 with 17:23 to play.

But the Irish responded with a Batteast layup on their next possession and never trailed again.

Notre Dame extended its lead to as many as 14 with 7:17 left before Pittsburgh made one final 11-3 run to cut the lead to six.

But the Irish held on down the stretch and improved to 11-3 in games decided by 10 points or less this season. It was also Notre Dame's fourth straight win.

The No. 11 seed in the East, the Irish will head to Manhattan, Kan., for a first round NCAA Tournament game against No. 6 seed Arizona March 23 at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats are 22-8 on the season.

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