Marine graduate injured in Iraq war

By HELENA PAYNE
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First Lieutenant Dustin Ferrell, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate and U.S. Marine, was recently injured in Iraq, according to reports from the Associated Press and Ferrell’s mother-in-law, who writes for the Michigan City (Ind.) News-Dispatch.

The AP reported that Ferrell had to receive a field tracheotomy after a Humvee accident caused chest injuries and broken bones. The operation involves cutting a hole in the throat to allow air to pass through.

“The people that have tracheotomies, they survive,” said Patti Null, a local charge nurse at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

As of Tuesday, it was reported that Ferrell was recovering in an Air Force hospital near Frankfurt, Germany.

Ferrell’s mother-in-law, Deborah Sederberg, wrote about Ferrell Tuesday for the Michigan City paper, explaining how he was injured.

“The details remain sketchy, but it looks as if Dustin and several other Marines were in a accident in a Humvee. A field tracheotomy by a Navy corpsman saved his life. His trachea had been crushed,” Sederberg reported.

Sederberg also wrote about Ferrell’s involvement at Notre Dame, where he was active in the Navy ROTC program, which had given him a scholarship.

“Between his academic classes and his military obligation, he seemed to be running or studying nearly every minute of his four years at Notre Dame, on his way to a degree in business and a stint with the Marines,” Sederberg said in the article.

Some current Notre Dame Navy ROTC students who worked with him also referred to his leadership.

“I remember him as being a great leader, and also, he had a great sense of humor,” said senior John Seiter, who worked under Ferrell when he held the position of public affairs officer in Navy ROTC.

As public affairs officer, Ferrell edited the Navy newsletter. He also wrote a series of columns for The Observer that incited student reactions during his time as an assistant viewpoint editor.

“They did elicit good dialogue,” said former Observer managing editor and 2002 graduate Noreen Collepeil, adding that, “He really wore the responsibility that they teach you in ROTC in office.”

Ferrell, an accounting major originally from California, was living in North Carolina with his wife, Rachel, a Saint Mary’s graduate, before he was sent to the Middle East. The two were married in August at the Basilica.

In the Air Force hospital, Sederberg reported that Ferrell has to use a ventilator to breathe.

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Ralph Nader to speak on campus

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
New Wire

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader will address the Notre Dame community today at 3 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Titled “Legislating Corporate Ethics,” the talk is sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School and in part of the business lecture series.

He ran for president in 2000 as a Green Party candidate and has been a prominent figure in consumer issues. He founded organizations responsible for the establishment of several major federal consumer protection agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Administration.

Numerous other consumer-action groups, such as the Center for Auto Safety, Public Citizen, the Clean Water Action Project, Disability Rights Center and the Project for Corporate Responsibility, were all started by the Study for Responsible Law, Nader’s original research organization.

Organizers said that Nader is expected to speak about the plausibility of legislating ethics at the corporate level and the effect that such legislation would have on the business world.

Nader has recently headed an effort to create a new organization to set standards for corporate accountability.

Lisa Casey, a Notre Dame law professor, said Nader will most likely address Wall Street scandals that have occurred over the past year and the need for legislation that will better protect consumers and their interests.

Since the admission of false profits and the demise of Enron last year, the accounts of other major corporations have come under close scrutiny and more scandals have been revealed, leading many to question the integrity of corporate America.

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College posts emergency plan

By ANGELA SAOUDE
New Wire

While the risk for terrorist attacks on schools is low, Saint Mary’s is responding proactively by creating an Emergency Response Plan.

Rosemarie Harris, Saint Mary’s Interim Director of Security, displayed the nine-page action plan Friday on the College’s homepage.

“I want to strongly emphasize that we have not received any notification thus far to implement the plan,” Harris said. “However, we are responding proactively to the threat. This is simply to make students aware of our heightened state of alert.”

The heightened security alert encourages students to increase awareness of their surroundings. Students are asked to watch for suspicious circumstances and report any behavior they find out of the ordinary.

Harris said students should not be fearful, simply alert.

The Emergency Response Plan would only be put into action under certain instances. These circumstances include a red alert issued by the government or a biological or chemical attack.

The plan suggests that students equip their rooms with supplies such as bottled water, non-perishable food items, first aid supplies, a radio and a flashlight.

Students may want to prepare a kit that can be easily taken with them.

If the plan is implemented, students will be notified through e-mail, telephone calls and personal contact.

Upon receiving notification of a terrorist attack, students and staff should proceed to the basement of Begina Hall, preferably through the tunnels running below the campus. Signs have been placed directing students to appropriate locations, where further instruction will be given upon arrival.

Security suggests that students share this information with their families. They will set up additional phone lines for family members to call and receive news updates on the campus’ conditions.

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Dancing king

Two days ago, a female finally spoke the words that I had been waiting to hear for some time: "You're a good lead." Wait. Let me explain. Her comments were not in the context of a parietals violation or a role-playing activity in a greater studies class. You see, I am currently enrolled in Latin Dance as part of my physical education requirement, and in addition to performing the endless turns, twists and steps at a pace seemingly faster than the Concorde, I have the added responsibility of leading.

Leading a dance means that the man must know the move that he and his partner will perform about 10 steps ahead of time. For someone who has difficulty remembering the clothes he wore two hours ago, this kind of foresight proves problematic. I'm really not equipped to deal with these kinds of decisions, and I often find that my brain is forced to work overtime, a risky proposition for any college student.

Confronting matters, dancing and I have never been best friends. Suffice to say that Soul Train has not really come calling for an audition, and I haven't exactly been holding my breath either. I'm not sure how well they would respond to a person with two left feet and an uncanny ability for stepping on toes, tripping and face planting. Sometimes these mishaps occur simultaneously and I haven't exactly been holding my breath either. I'm not sure how well they would respond to a person with two left feet and an uncanny ability for stepping on toes, tripping and face planting. Sometimes these mishaps occur simultaneously and they certainly would not win any style points with Sinbad.

In spite of these adversities, I find myself really enjoying the class. The music is often energizing, my instructor is blessed with an inordinate amount of patience and I get the pleasure of meeting a different dance partner every class period. I'm now able to spice up SYR dances in ways that don't involve a large consumption of alcoholic beverages. As an added bonus, I get to use my hands in ways that would normally result in a prompt slap and a sexual harassment lawsuit. I also had to consider the alternatives: Volleyball (if only the net were lower), First Aid (Pamela Anderson and her Babawatch babes would not be present — what's the point?) and Handball (non-existent hand-eye coordination would prove problematic). Latin Dance really seemed the best option.

Besides, there is hope for me in sight; I'm taking Ballroom Dancing next rotation. I figure I'll get the hang of this dancing thing eventually. Right?
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Online service helps enforce Honor Code

By CAITLIN EARLY News Writer

After introducing a number of sweeping changes to the Honor Code at the beginning of this academic year, the University Honor Code Committee recently compiled a set of statistics to evaluate this year's Honor Code cases and violations.

The statistics are representative of all Honor Code cases heard from the beginning of the fall semester through Feb. 3. Some cases were also drawn from the 2002 spring semester.

Across the University's various colleges, the College of Arts, which had 14 Honor Code violations brought before its Honesty Committee, far exceeded the number of cases in the College of Business and the College of Science. The College of Business had three violation cases and the College of Science had one.

Of these 14 Honor Code cases in the College of Arts and Letters, 13 violations were related to Internet plagiarism.

Professor Thomas Flint, faculty Honor Code officer, said the statistics and the number of cases involving Internet plagiarism did not surprise him.

"With my involvement in the Philosophy Department, I have seen the whole issue of Internet plagiarism become more and more serious," said Flint. "A significant number of cases involve basically good people who made bad decisions because the Internet was just two clicks away."

One of the most notable additions made to the Honor Code this year was the University's decision to contract the services of Turnitin.com, an online plagiarism-detection company.

Turnitin.com enables professors and faculty members to submit a student's paper and receive a report on Internet plagiarism. "In the most idealistic sense, the new Honor Code system at Notre Dame, I am hopeful that the Honor Code will encourage students to continue to remember what we're about as a University."

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Doctor lectures on early childhood brain development

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Pediatrician and author Patricia Keener spoke on the brain and its development during early childhood in Tuesday's presentation titled "Surviving the Wonder Years." The event was the second in the Mini-Medical School Lecture Series.

Keener warned against the temptation of replacing human contact with toys designed to provide human-like stimulation. She said that in 1997, only 10 percent of toys relied on electronics. By the year 2000, the percentage had jumped to 60.

"I think it's a problem when parents are spending money on these things instead of a rocking chair," she said.

Keener also focused on certain behaviors and functions that are time sensitive, using vision and language as examples.

"Cataracts in a newborn are removed very early," she said. "If you don't take that cataract out early that child will not be able to make the connections in the visual cortex and will not see.

Language, Keener said, is another function that requires early experience. At birth, newborns have the potential to recognize and differentiate between every sound or phoneme in every human language. Early in development, however, associations for certain sounds are strengthened while the ability to distinguish between others is lost, as they are not reinforced.

Keener also spoke of the universality of "parentese," or baby talk, which leads parents to use shorter phrases and accentuating the vowels. This type of speech, she said, along with the babbling noises a baby makes, facilitates the successful development of language.

Keener is a professor of clinical pediatrician and assistant director for Medical Service Learning at Indiana University School of Medicine. From 1989 to 1992 she served as medical director of the Indianapolis Campaign for Healthy Babies, a program that addressed infant mortality problems.

The Mini-Medical School Lecture Series is presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education and the Indiana University School of Medicine and is sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation. Next Tuesday, Michael Vasko will present a lecture titled "Pain: Why does it hurt?"

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Vaccine may cause heart problems

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WASHINGTON

Federal officials are investigating whether the smallpox vaccine contributed to the heart attack deaths of two people. The link was brought on heart problems in six others.

The vaccination has never been associated with heart problems before, but health officials are now recommending that people with a history of heart trouble refrain from being vaccinated while authorities investigate a possible link.

"It's a balance, and I think we consider whether something in older," she said.

The other two patients under investigation suffered from heart inflammation, which is not associated with the vaccine risk factors.

Based on historic data, a small number of people who receive smallpox vaccinations will die and a few will develop life-threatening complications.

Those complications have never included heart problems, but the data were gathered during a time when most people being vaccinated were young children who were not likely to have heart trouble, Gerberding noted.

Gerberding emphasized that the program must move forward as the nation prepares for the possibility that smallpox could be used as a bioterror weapon. She said she does not expect the new guidelines to significantly affect the number who wind up being vaccinated.

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Fox News leading rival CNN

Fox sets best one-time leader in war coverage

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Fox News Channel has outdrawn CNN in the ratings through the first five days of the war, a further proof of Fox's audience appeal and a blow to CNN, which was hoping to revitalize the ratings it built during the first Gulf War.

This Monday, Fox News Channel has averaged 4 million viewers each day to CNN's 3.57 million. Fox's audience was bigger when the war began March 19, and every day through Monday, according to Nielsen Media Research.

While Fox has been the top-rated cable news channel for more than a year, industry experts wondered whether that lead would hold during a big breaking news story. CNN overtook Fox, for example, on Feb. 16, when the space shuttle disintegrated.

Despite CNN's overwhelming advantage in reporting manpower, more Americans—at least so far—want to watch the war unfold on Fox.

"I think it's a pretty big surprise," said Erik Soehren, MSNBC's managing editor, on Tuesday. Because of CNN's experience with the first Gulf War, "I think people thought CNN would do the biggest, at least in its early stages. One of the executives there said they could own the news story, and I don't think they do." CNN spokeswoman Christa Robinson downplayed Fox's ratings advantage, saying Nielsen shows that more people at least sampled some of CNN's coverage during the day. Fox's ratings could rise higher because its viewers watch for a longer time.

CNN also draws viewers to its Headline News and has a greater presence overseas than Fox, Robinson said. "We're perfectly comfortable having the biggest audience in the world," she said.

CNN has planned meticulously for its war coverage, hoping that it would turn the tide against Fox. With Nic Robertson and Iym Brahami, it had the last two staff members of an American TV network in Iraq until they were expelled on Monday.

A Fox News Channel spokesman didn't return a call for comment. Fox's war coverage tends to be more upbeat, emphasizing the positive and trying to beef up morale and national identity, said Robert Thompson, professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University.

The network usually maintains an American flag graphic on the upper left corner of its screen, and wore a flag pin in his lapel on Tuesday. Fox's fans seem to like the network's style more than the traditional news coverage of CNN, said Alex Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University.

The conservative ideology that drives its prime-time programming seems to be spreading more into its news coverage, he said. "The Fox view is a useful one to have out there," Thompson said. "It's not as if they are hiding it or pretending that it's not there. You have three networks out there, they don't all have to be doing the same thing." More viewers are watching war coverage with icy fingers on their remotes.

Demonstrators gather to protest CNN's coverage of the U.S. war against Iraq Saturday in Hollywood, Calif. CNN is losing a war-ratings battle with Fox News Channel.

Former anchor Shepard Smith frequently switches channels to find more action, Thompson said. A survey released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that nearly four of every five people gave the press good marks for its war coverage. The survey found that people who agreed with the decision to go to war were happier with the coverage than those who disagreed.

During the busy first three months of the year, Fox's viewership has grown by 75 percent over the same period last year. Nielsen said. Fox and TNT are now tied for second behind Nickelodeon as the top-rated basic cable channel. CNN's audience has grown 53 percent year to year and MSNB's 32 percent.

Stocks rise with prediction of victory

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wall Street moved moderately higher Tuesday as President Bush's prediction that U.S.-led forces will prevail in Iraq helped investors to pick up bargains following Monday's steep decline.

Analysts said investors seemed to take heart from a variety of developments, including a somewhat positive consumer confidence report and reports of a civilian uprising in southern Iraq. Volatility also was light, creating sharper price swings.

"We had a bunch of small stories that have added to the stronger-than-expected economic data which has helped stabilize the market," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities.

"The market is sort of settling into a feeling of while war is going to take a while, we're back in control," he said.

The Dow closed up 65.55, or 0.8 percent, at 8,280.23 after declining 357 points in the previous session on disappointment about war developments over the weekend. Monday's loss was the largest one-day point drop since Sept. 3, 2002.

Earlier Tuesday, blue-chip stocks had climbed as much as 123 points before losing some momentum after the Senate unexpectedly voted to cut Bush's proposed $762 billion tax cut in half.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index Tuesday gained 21.23, or 1.6 percent, to 1,391.01, after Monday's loss of 52 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.51, or 1.2 percent, to 874.74, having dropped 31 points on Monday.

On Tuesday, U.S. and British forces slowly edged closer to the Iraqi capital, hampered by swirling sandstorms. U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard Myers and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the war would be a tough fight with likely difficult days ahead.
Air Force Academy makes changes

WASHINGTON

Four top officers at the Air Force Academy will be replaced — at least two of them by women — after a series of rape reports and allegations by female cadets of an academy culture that blames victims for assaults.

“The evidence indicates now there's a problem that Warner, along with others, couldn't find Americans willing to work the $7-an-hour jobs. Executives testified the company does not encourage the hiring of illegal workers, and the managers who did so acted against corporate policies.”

Six managers were charged with Tyson in a December 2001 indictment. One fatally shot himself a few months later; two others made plea agreements in January and testified for the government. Robert Hash, 50, a regional vice president and the highest-ranking current Tyson official on trial, faces seven charges, including two conspiracy counts.

A single conspiracy charge remains against plant manager Keith Snyder, 44. Gerald Lankford, 64, is accused of conspiring to violate immigration laws and obstruct their enforcement. The managers face jail time and fines if found guilty. If Tyson is found guilty, the company could face millions of dollars in fines.

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Sidney M. Gutierrez, a member of NASA's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel who flew Columbia during a 1991 flight, said the agency's record of two shuttle disasters violates NASA's own safety margin requirements. The Feb. 1 Columbia accident reduced safety margins two magnitudes below NASA's minimums, he said.

"If we fly this vehicle until 2020, we can be assured we'll lose another vehicle and maybe two," he said.

Gutierrez said upgrades to other parts of the complex shuttle program would not bring the spacecraft in line with those safety requirements. Only a crew ejection system offered that promise.

"The put feeling is, we're losing people too often in space," Gutierrez said.

The safety panel on Tuesday presented its latest report, which covered the months immediately preceding the Columbia shuttle accident. The 106-page report noted that it was finished before the Feb. 1 accident and that no changes were made because of Columbia.

The report also concluded that NASA should re-examine the way it certifies shuttles as safe to launch because of increasing problems discovered last year blamed on the shuttle fleet's age. But it concluded that safety for the shuttle program has a priority "first and foremost at the agency.

Gutierrez challenged NASA to conduct new studies for designs of crew ejection systems, which could include individual ejection pods for astronauts or a reinforced, pressurized crew cabin designed to separate safely from a disaster.

Gutierrez said the safety panel does not believe NASA must install crew ejection systems before the shuttle's next flight. NASA's associate administrator for safety, former astronaut Bryan O'Connor, said he was anxious to see studies on whether improved ejection systems can be installed on the shuttle. O'Connor, who was pilot on a 1985 flight of Atlantis and crew commander with Gutierrez aboard Columbia's mission in June 1991, participates on the safety panel as an ex-officio member.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe noted that the agency is developing an orbital space plane that can be used to fly astronauts to the International Space Station. Once that vehicle is flying, the shuttle could be used merely to haul cargo, O'Keefe said.

Gutierrez said that deferring the ejection system until the space plane is flying was "not acceptable."

The panel cited some minor problems during the five shuttle missions in 2002 that blamed on the fleet's increasing age. It said cracks, leaks and other failures "provide evidence of this degradation and indicate the need for re-evaluation of the certification criteria" for shuttle parts.

The panel found that these flaws "escaped detection by standard preflight tests and were found late in the launch process," causing launch delays. The failed systems had adequate backups, and "no significant safety impacts resulted from these events."

The board investigating the Columbia accident already has indicated it is looking into whether Columbia's age played a role in the breakup. Admiral Harold Gehman, heading the investigation, declined to comment Tuesday on the safety panel's report, saying he had not yet read the findings.

Columbia, the oldest of NASA's four shuttles, was built in the late 1970s and made its first flight in 1981. But O'Keefe noted at a congressional hearing last month that Columbia just underwent an 18-month structural inspection, and that it returned safely from one flight in 2002 since that review.

William Hochul described it. Federal prosecutors declined any further comment on the unidentified men.

Goba's plea came one day after co-defendant Shafal Mosed pleaded guilty to the same charge: providing material resources to a foreign terrorist organization. A third suspect, Faysal Galab, pleaded guilty in January to a lesser charge of supporting al-Qaida.

Prosecutors said they would seek a seven-year sentence for Galab, eight years for Mosed and the maximum 10 years for Goba, whom they believe to be one of the group's leaders. The original two-count indictment carries a maximum 15-year sentence.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys said negotiations were continuing to reach plea agreements with the other defendants.

Investigators will rely heavily on the defendants' cooperation, Hochul said.

"Every time somebody has pled guilty, there are some additional details that can be brought to the table and can be followed up and pursued by the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force," Hochul said.

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Forgive and forget or forget forgiving?

When it comes to cheating in a relationship, when should you forgive and forget and when should you forget forgiving?

When will I enter into relationships with varied expectations and project different levels of commitment to our significant others? For example, some couples make the decision mutually to become exclusive. Some relationships, however, are simply mutually exclusive. The larger the exclusive option is, the smaller the exclusive option becomes. In a world of break-ups, make-ups and random hook-ups, what even counts as cheating these days?

Could it be simplified down to the numbers and be directly proportionate to the length of time you’ve been dating? For example, if two people have been dating for a month or less then one of the parties gets a little more chemistry notes from their lab partner one night, is that considered cheating or simply dating around?

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Cheating has always been a part of the dating scene. It's practically biblical. After all, the prophet Abraham had dozens of wives. Cheating is a notion that U.S. presidents have embraced, songwriters have put to music and the Academy has given Oscars to for best original score.

The funny thing about cheating is that, in a perfect world no one would ever consider cheating or simply forgiving. And that the Senate is not representative of students to be aware of history before attempting to change the structure of the Student Government. Moreover, if someone truly feels that the Senate is not adequately representing the student opinion, they should strongly consider running for a position on that body.
As our nation advances towards Baghdad, let us continue to pray for those who are fighting directly or indirectly from the war. This war affects families in Iraq as well as families here in the United States. Bush pro-war and anti-war people can, at the very least, simply pray for all those in the Middle East, for peace and for a quick end to the war.

It is imperative that everybody honor the women and men of our military. But as we continue to pray during the fighting in Iraq, we cannot neglect issues that trouble our economy. We cannot overlook the costs this war has on our nation and the questionable solutions put forth by the Bush administration.

There is little question that this war will financially cost our government a great deal. Lawrence Lindsay, former economic advisor to President Bush, estimated that this war could cost up to $200 billion, not including reconstructions. At the same time that these war costs grow, the strain on the national budget increases. Just recently, the Bush administration estimated a deficit of over $304 billion for the 2003 fiscal year. The deficit has already fallen around $4 trillion, from over $5 trillion in 2001 to about $1 trillion in the 2003 fiscal year. On top of the depletion of the national surplus, the federal budget has decreased in a single year that is looking to cut $1.3 trillion between fiscal years 2004 to 2013. With all the spending expenditures, the economy lacks with the resources, funding for social programs will be cut or eliminated.

This means sharp cuts in Social Security, education, Medicare and other social programs, leaving millions of Americans helpless. According to the Economic Policy Institute, in 2001 an estimated 41.2 million Americans did not have health insurance, meaning millions of citizens were, and are still, unable to afford doctors or necessary medicine or medical supplies. To compare the cost of the war with the problem of uninsured, the estimated $200 billion that will be spent on this war is enough to provide health care to all uninsured children in the United States for the next 10 years.

School systems and teachers will suffer as well. Teachers are one of the most valuable resources of our nation, with an average starting salary just under $29,000. Much research on classroom population has concluded that smaller classroom sizes are more conducive to learning. But in Indiana, 1,500 teachers were laid off for budget reasons. The American Federation of Teachers estimated that an additional two million qualified teachers must be hired to reduce classroom sizes. For this to happen, Bush must take a stronger stance on education and provide the money needed to fund our educational system.

While these programs suffer, Bush is pushing for more and more tax cuts. These attempts to stimulate the economy will end up in the long run benefiting only the rich of this country, and fail to boost our economy. According to The Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, the bottom 60 percent in our nation’s income bracket, families earning less than $46,000 per year, would receive on average a $131 tax cut. The top 10 percent, families earning more than $104,000, would receive on average a $5,574 tax break. Tax cuts for this income bracket receive 60 percent of the total share in tax cuts. These tax cuts will not help those that really need the money. These tax cuts do not create jobs. They do not help the uninsured afford medical care. It seems as if Bush is not only attempting to fight a war in Iraq, but also a war against the poor and working America by cutting strained social programs and giving the rich major tax cuts.

This “War against Labor” can be seen in the administration’s war on the working class. The Department of Labor is forcing workers to fight employers who are trying to organize to get a living wage, revoking the right of workers to form a union. Bush administration officials seem to be using their powers to justify their actions and defeat the unions. The National Labor Relations Act of 1933. Labor is in no way a threat to national security. It is tragic that Bush would use the rhetoric of fear and violence to advance a system of greed.

As we think about the implications for this war, we cannot overlook what is happening here domestically. We cannot be fooled that the suffering of the working poor is for security reasons. We must pray for our troops, but we must also act here in our own country.

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In the spectrum of insanity, can there ever really be a line drawn between therapist and those in therapy? Anyone who's ever wondered exactly what it means to be a little over the edge might find a few answers in the Student Players' performance of Christopher Durang's "Beyond Therapy" this week.

The play tangles patients and doctors together in an indistinguishable twirl and quite a quirky little love story. Bruce (Chris Nygren) and Prudence (Tara Murphy), two thirty-something singles in search of love, begin to try out personal ads when their lives refuse to work out in any sort of satisfaction.

Bruce, an uptight perfectionist working for People Magazine, is not entirely sure Mr. Right exists, since Leonardo DiCaprio is too young for her. Bruce, who cries at the slightest provocation, compliments Prudence on her breasts almost immediately, and has not yet worked out the situation with his live-in male lover Bob (Paul Siufientes), hardly makes a good first impression. But when Prudence accidentally answers another of Bruce's ads and meets him in the same bizarre restaurant where the waiter (David Buckley) never gives the couple service, she decides to give the romance a try.

Bruce and Prudence don't seem to be having any more luck getting help from their therapists than from the suspiciously absent waiter at the restaurant. Charlotte (Candace Adams), Bruce's psychologist, can barely formulate a sentence, let alone remember the details of her patients' lives. Stuart (Jake Imm) is too busy trying to put the moves on Prudence to offer her any kind of insightful advice. Though Bruce and Prudence struggle with their therapy, differences and emotional hang-ups, it soon becomes clear that the two have something that draws them together. In the process of trying to decide whether they should get together and how that should happen, all the characters in the play hear a little more about how they want to deal with the world.

"Beyond Therapy" has the same dark but optimistic humor typical of Durang's work. The Yale graduate, once described by former dean of the Yale School of Drama as a "Catholic laparotomist," doesn't let anyone off the hook of being a bit crazy. Unlike Prudence, who vehemently states that she "seeds no reason not to be embarrassed at being human," Durang accepts his characters as flawed but ultimately goodhearted.

Bruce (Chris Nygren), Prudence (Tara Murphy), Charlotte (Candace Adams) and Stuart (Jake Imm) watch Bob's antics as he learns to express his anger.

At times the witty word play requires actors to almost be able to read Durang's mind as to what their characters are supposed to be. The cast, featuring some of Notre Dame's most active student actors, generally lives up to the challenge.

"There's a lot of cast chemistry and bonding." Although the performance is not flawless, "Beyond Therapy" is good for a few laughs and some introspection. Students could do far worse than to spend an evening exploring the confusion of aging, dating and psychology in the modern world.

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By COLLEEN BARRETT

Say the word "DeBartolo" to a freshman, and he thinks, "classroom building." Say the word "DeBartolo" to a seasoned upperclassman, and he thinks of the jungle of people that plants itself immediately outside the main doors of the building.

At the annual BCAC Fashion Show this Saturday, visiting prospects will see a side of Notre Dame from those who experience it first-hand — those who know it well enough to poke fun at the idiosyncrasies that make Notre Dame what it is.

"The show is a humorous look at life at Notre Dame," said Veronica Berger, president of the Black Cultural Arts Council. "It's meant to be taken lightly and enjoyed."

"Life at Notre Dame: Tell It Like It Is" is a fashion show with a story line. The models do not PowerPoint back screen depicting a storyline. The models do not portray their friends to be models, and the diverse group reflects a greater unification on campus.

"They encourage their friends to be models, and the diverse group reflects a greater unification on campus," Outlaw said.

The show takes place during Visitation Week, which is not a coincidence. Notre Dame wants prospects to see the opportunities available for diversity on campus.

"Freshmen Fabiola Quinones and Rhea Boyd as well as many others attended the BCAC Fashion Show last year as high school seniors and thought it was funny. DeVries reported that in surveys taken by prospects after Visitation Week, the BCAC ranked as one of the favorite activities. Those involved with this years show are determined to maintain that status.

"We have been working for three hours at a time, two times a week, and sometimes on Saturday, since January," said Boyd. "The people in the show are all working hard to do a good job and make sure people have a good time." Outlaw would like to see the Notre Dame community come out to support the efforts of its peers, as well.

"It will be entertaining, and will not only celebrate the African American presence on campus," said Outlaw. "It also raises funds for the Thurgood Marshall scholarship, which is given to a female and male African American non-athlete each year."

Though the focus of the show will be the Notre Dame experience, it is still a fashion show, and the models will be wearing clothes from local stores such as D.E.M.O., Casual Corner, Gingis, Day Furs, Inspire Me and the Hammes Bookstore, all of which donated the clothes for the length of the show.

The students involved in the show find different motivations for their involvement. Junior Sonjia Stanley has been doing the show for three years, and said that her all-time favorite part of doing the show was the actual performance.

"You just get a rush being up there under the lights with all of your friends clapping for you," said Stanley. "It's such an adrenaline rush."

Fifth year senior Vogeld Andre was also upfront about why he is participating in the show.

"My girlfriend," said Andre. Her involvement resulted in his, and he will be dancing an updated version of the tango come this Saturday.

Tickets for the BCAC fashion show are $6 dollars for students and $7 for non-students, which include the price of dinner. The doors of the Stephon Center will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Quinones promises a good time for all who attend, whether they are prospective students or seasoned veterans at breaking parietals.

It will be a laugh," she said. "I can't tell you why. If you want to know, you have to come and find out."

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Bryant scores 15 in the fourth and leads Lakers to win

Associated Press

Cavs 124, Warriors 103

The Cleveland Cavaliers remembered the way Jason Richardson embarrassed them with the Golden State Warriors during All-Star weekend. Boozier had 19 points and a game-high 14 rebounds as the Cavaliers won consecutive games for the first time this season, beating Richardson and the Golden State Warriors.

Richardson showed off at Boozier’s expense last month during the rookie-sophomore game. He hit four consecutive three-pointers in the closing moments of the first quarter. The Cavaliers turned 11-point lead into a 20-point advantage in the final minutes.

"We definitely needed another spark," said Antawn Jamison, who scored 15 points to lead the Hawks, who had won two in a row and five of seven.

"They wanted to win for Boozer," coach Keith Smart said. "Richardson scored 23 and the ball from Terry at the top of the key and soared for a tomahawk dunk. It was a sign of growth.

The lethargic Golden State started slow but gained momentum, and we couldn’t get out of the hole," Atlanta coach Larry Drew said. "It seemed like the turnarounds took away from any flow that we had offensively, gave them some easy baskets. It’s hard to push it when they’re on the free-throw line.

O’Neal gave the Lakers their first lead, legal lead with two free throws. The Hawks never got below 10 points in the first 10 minutes. A 15-foot jumper from Terry at the top of the key and soared for a tomahawk dunk.

It was a nice, soulful crowd, and hopefully the Hawks will get it turned around because the fans will support them," said O’Neal, who maintains a part-time residence in Atlanta. "If I was here, then it wouldn’t be a problem.

But O’Neal added 11 assists and the Wolves went 7-for-10 in a 20-4 run that gave them a 21-14 lead.

"The key is you have to come out and grab it from the beginning," Troy Hudson said. "I think we did that. We kept our composure.

Marc Jackson had 10 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, fighting Portland for the fourth spot and home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Wolves have won four straight after beginning the month with a 3-5 record.

"We scored 21 points and Anthony Carter had a career-high 15 assists for Miami, which has lost 10 of its last 13.

The Wolves started slow but took control by the middle of the first half. They never relinquished it.

Richardson missed its first six shots and the Heat scored seven of the game’s first eight points. But Boozier scored 10 points and the Heat 17 as the Lakers pulled away for a 108-91 victory.

"We were pulling in close — just trying to take over," Davis said.

Timberwolves 108, Heat 93

Shaquille O’Neal scored 31 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Lakers 108-91 win over the Hawks Tuesday night in Atlanta.

Los Angeles center Shaquille O’Neal dunks over Atlanta center Theo Ratliff during the first quarter of the game.

Associated Press

LAKEWOOD, Tex. — The Lakers 108-91 win over the Hawks Tuesday night in Atlanta.

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Teams not graduating athletes

Ten of sixteen remaining teams under 50 percent in recent years

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For all the profits and fun of the men's NCAA basketball tournament, too many players wind up with nothing more than memories.

A study released showed that 10 of the schools in this week's round of 16 have failed to graduate even half of their players in recent years. Black players are less likely than whites to finish their careers with degrees, according to the study of NCAA graduation rates.

Butler posted the best numbers and Oklahoma had the worst. They play each other Friday in the East Regional semifinals.

Butler, a small private school in Indianapolis, graduated 96 percent of its basketball players and all of its black players over a six-year period starting with the 1995-96 season. Oklahoma had a zero graduation rate, although the school challenged the criteria as misleading.

A school is credited with graduating students within six years of their freshman year, and is not credited for transfer or junior college players who may get their degrees.

"Our graduation rate is 100 percent," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "That freshman class (1995-96) was Bobby Joe Evans and Michael Cotton, and they both graduated -- Bobby Joe from here and Michael from Boston College."

"They can stereotype us all they want, but the bottom line is our kids are graduating." Calling the results "disturbing," the study by Richard Lapchick of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida found:

♦ Five of the 16 teams had graduation rates a third to a half lower than the school's overall athletic graduation rates.

♦ Six schools had graduation rates for black basketball players a third to three-quarters lower than overall athletic rates.

♦ Only three schools -- Butler, Duke and Kansas -- graduated at least two-thirds of their black basketball players, while just those and two others -- Marquette and Notre Dame -- graduated at least two-thirds of all basketball players.

♦ Only six schools graduated at least 50 percent of all basketball players, and seven graduated at least half of their black players.

Men's basketball, where 57 percent of the players are black, has the worst graduation rates of all college sports, Lapchick said. Of the 328 Division I teams failing to graduate a single black player in six years:

"It is a nightmare waiting to be fixed," said Lapchick, one of the nation's leading sports sociologists.

The study lends support to NCAA president Myles Brand's drive to reward or punish schools by tying the number of scholarships to graduation rates.

"It confirms what we've known for some time," Brand said. "It shows why we need to take steps in order to correct the situation through a clear and fair policy of incentives and disincentives."

Lapchick said schools would "do themselves an enormous favor" if they used the type of system Brand favors.

"I think he's got a moment in time, where there have been enough scandals happening, to try to mobilize college presidents to say this is an embarrassment to us as a country. Let's have this window here, let's use it to do something real."

"The challenge is that there are going to be a lot of powerful coaches who will argue that this would deny opportunities, particularly to African-American students who wouldn't be able to come to their schools."

"We have always hammered home the importance of being a crew, of teamwork," Pereira said. "But the ultimate reward, the playoffs and Super Bowl, was individual. We think this system reinforces what we want to do."

The change was motivated in large part by commissioner Paul Tagliabue's rare public criticism of the officiating. It came following San Francisco's 39-38 wild-card victory over the New York Giants.

With six seconds left, the Giants lined up for the winning field-goal attempt, the snap was botched and holder Matt Allen threw a desperation pass downfield. The Giants were called for an illegal receiver downfield, but tapes showed the 49ers should also have been called for pass interference.

That would have resulted in offsetting penalties and allowed New York a second shot at the winning field goal. The next day, Tagliabue issued his statement.

The crew involved in that game was made up of officials from different crews and included first- and second-year officials who received playoff assignments. Normally, first- and second-year officials do not make the playoffs.

That policy will continue. First- and second-year officials on crews that qualify for the playoffs will be replaced by veterans who score the highest at the various positions.

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CLEVELAND

Leiftron James tore through another high school basketball season, leading his team to a 25-1 record and a third Ohio state title in four years.

Now he's about to take on some players who are a little closer to his exceptional talent level.

James will be the marquee attraction at the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Boys Game on Wednesday night. James, a 6-foot-8 senior from Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, probably won't stand out the way he did during the Ohio Division II season, when his games packed gymnasiums and drew national TV coverage.

His fellow All-Americans can't help but be somewhat in awe of him, though.

"He's amazing," said J.R. Giddens of Oklahoma City. "This kid, he's pretty much the real deal."

Giddens went up against James in Monday night's slam dunk contest, which James won by soaring well above the rim for slams. Giddens, who is headed to Kansas, said he wants another shot at James in the McDonald's game.

"I can guard him and he can guard me a possession," he said. "Everybody's got to go after the top dog to try to take him down."

James, who's expected to be the No. 1 player selected in this year's NBA draft, will be a heavy crowd favorite. The game is being played in the 20,562-seat Gund Arena, about 40 miles from Akron. His presence could help set an attendance record for the game, which was set last year with 16,805 at Madison Square Garden.

James plays for the East team, and West coach Gary Ernst said his players are eager to match up with the superstar.

"There's three or four kids who've already come up and said, 'Coach, I want to work against him,'" said Ernst, who is from Mesa, Ariz. "They want the chance to see how they stack up against him. That's pretty impressive to accept that kind of challenge."

East coach Ron Hecklinski of Anderson, Ind., said he didn't design any special plays for James during the two days of practice.

"He has a tendency to take over the game naturally," Hecklinski said. "I don't think you have to run a lot of sets for him."

James, who has been named the McDonald's National Player of the Year, said he doesn't feel any pressure to impress.

"I'm just going to go out there and play my game," he said. "I think I'll put on a good enough show for the people that have paid their money to come and watch us play."

The McDonald's All-American staff limited reporters to questions about the game during a 10-minute news conference Tuesday with James. That request was made by James' family.

A McDonald's staff member wouldn't let James answer a reporter's question about whether he felt he needed to impress NBA scouts in the game.

Cameras snapped before the news conference as James ate lunch with players from the McDonald's girls' team. James joked, "What do I look like?" when one of them asked him to get up and grab some drinks off a nearby beverage table. He returned smiling with a couple of sports drinks.

"He's cool," said Ivory Latta, winner of the girls' 3-point competition. "He'll make you laugh."

Coach loses job for rewarding players' defensive play

Associated Press

DALLAS

Earl Carson wanted his high school basketball team to play better defense, and he had an idea: Every time a player drew a charge, the coach would pay him a dollar.

The team did play tough defense, but the plan had other consequences. Carson resigned as coach, cited for violating amateur rules.

"It was a frivolous thing, poor judgment, and if I had to do over, I wouldn't do it, obviously," Carson said. "It was foolish, I was trying to motivate them."

Carson was the coach at Denison High School, about 70 miles from Dallas, near the Texas-Oklahoma border. He spent nine years there and has averaged more than 20 wins a season during 17 years overall as a coach.

The 56-year-old coach began talking to his players after Thanksgiving about the $1 reward for drawing offensive fouls.

"I said, 'I'll tell you what. I'll give you a dollar for every time you take a charge,'" Carson said. "I never really intended to pay the kids, to tell you the truth. I just wanted to get their attention. Well, we started keeping a chart on it. The kids started to focus more on defense, and we started playing better."

After starting the season 3-10, Denison won 12 of its last 17 games before losing in the playoffs.

Carson said when the season was over he figured that he owed $23, divided among 12 players. Within two days, Denison athletic director Bob Brown told him there was a problem.

Brown checked with the University Interscholastic League, which governs athletic and academic competition in Texas public schools and was told the offer violated amateur rules.

Carson said that some of his players got $1 and "some of them got quite a bit more, like maybe $10, and that violates the amateur intent. We collected the money back, so it's not going to affect anybody's eligibility."

Carson appeared before the Denison school board March 5 and presented a letter of resignation, which was accepted. He's seeking physical education until the end of the school year.

Carson hasn't applied for another coaching job yet, but he is putting a resume together.

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Around the Dial

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Rodriguez to play in season opener

All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez is expected to play in the Texas Rangers’ season opener after his successful Triple-A Oklahoma against Tuesday, his first game done, and would be ready said he felt fine after he was for the season opener Sunday night at Anaheim.

"I'm right on schedule," Rodriguez said. "My timing was a little off, but it was really good to get out there. I got in eight solid at-bats. It was good to be able to see some live pitching." In addition to his two-run homer, Rodriguez had a single and drove in two other runs.

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Lackluster first half too much for Irish to overcome

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Forced to play from behind after trailing 3-0 six minutes into the game, Notre Dame was unable to pick up its first win over a ranked team this season in falling to No. 17 Ohio State 12-6 Wednesday, March 26, 2003. The Observer

Junior captain and leadoff hitter Steve Sollmann touches down the first base line in today's game against Toledo. Sollmann began two rallies for the Irish.

"I think we kept kind of pushing it," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We had our chances, the galile made some good saves and that's just the way it goes sometimes."

After the early deficit, the Irish came back to within one goal on three different occasions, the last of which came in the middle of the second half when a foul from Anne Bilby pulled the Irish within 9-8. Consecutive goals from the Buckeyes pushed the lead back to three at 11-8 with only a few minutes remaining.

"Regina is a very good player, she's very athletic and has very good speed and quickness," Coyne said. "I think we did a better job in the second half of containing her, but a player like Regina is difficult to completely shut down."

The Irish offensive effort was paced by senior Danielle Shearer who registered two goals and an assist, while junior Lauren Fischer added two first half goals. After being down 3-0 after six minutes, the Irish responded with two goals to cut the deficit to 3-2. Ohio State pushed the lead back to 7-4 on Oliver's third goal of the first half, before Shearer and Meredith Simon scored to get the Irish within one at 7-4. Oliver's fourth score put Ohio State up by two at the break at 8-6. The Irish now have three consecutive Big East showdowns beginning with trips to Virginia Tech (1-7) and No. 8 Syracuse before coming home to face Connecticut.

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"In the pickup games, that matchup was intense," Brey said. "They are great friends, but they are the kind of guys that when they are between the lines they want to tear each other's heart out."

Thomas said that when his Pike High School team played Gardner's North Central squad, Thomas' team emerged with a 3-1 record. And while the Irish point guard isn't one to focus on individual matchups — "It hurts the team," he simply said — the spotlight will shine brightly on both players Thursday.

Gardner enters Thursday's clash averaging 14.3 points and just under five assists per game. One of many seniors on a veteran Wildcat team, Gardner passed up the opportunity to turn pro a season ago for the chance to win a national title with Arizona.

In some ways, he represents the kind of point guard Thomas could become in a few years. "He's been to the Final Four. He's been to the championship game. He's played against the top players," Thomas said. "He's a leader and a captain, and is what makes that team go."

The same could be said about Thomas for the Irish. Often the sparkplug for Notre Dame's offense, Notre Dame tends to win when Thomas plays well and lose when Thomas plays poorly.

Cognizant of that fact, Brey spent much of the time before the NCAA Tournament challenging Thomas to work on managing the game. Whatever Brey said paid off tremendously in Notre Dame's first Tournament games. Against Wisconsin-Milwaukee's full-court press, Thomas played all 40 minutes and committed just five turnovers. But he was even better in Notre Dame's 68-60 win against Illinois.

In the first half, when the Irish seemingly couldn't miss from 3-point range, Thomas was instrumental in pushing the ball up the court quickly. But when the Irish had trouble getting points in the beginning of the second half, Thomas settled the Irish down into more of a half-court offense. And in the final minutes of Saturday's game, the Irish often let the shot clock wind down to under five seconds thanks in part to Thomas' role in controlling the tempo of play.

"As I've always said, he's a work in progress as a point guard and is learning," Brey said. "But I thought he was great in Indy."

Thomas, whose happy-go-lucky personality disappeared as Notre Dame struggled down the stretch, seems to be in a much more jovial mood in the NCAA Tournament. He orchestrated Notre Dame's mass head-shaving — even saying Monday he might have to bring out the clippers again — and is back to cracking the occasional joke in press conferences.

When Notre Dame got off the bus Saturday, the players got to watch the last few minutes of the Arizona-Gonzaga double-overtime game. And as Thomas watched, he knew what team he wanted to win.

"I was hoping in the back of my mind that we would get Arizona," he said. "That would be my only chance to play against Gardner and it would be a great step for this program."

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ND SOFTBALL

No problems in beginning the home season this year

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Last year, the Irish played their first home game 12 days after their home opener was initially scheduled.

This year, there will be no wait.

With today's forecast calling for mostly sunny skies and a high of 54 degrees, Notre Dame will begin its home campaign against No. 24 Northwestern this afternoon at Ivy Field at 3 p.m.

"We are very excited. At this point of the season, just getting games in is what we want since we have missed eight already," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It is exciting to be looking outside and seeing the sun."

Just like any team, the benefits to playing at home are the same in softball.

"There is nothing like playing at home," Gumpf said. "You are comfortable, people are in the stands cheering for you and we get to sleep in our own beds afterwards."

In the 2002 season, the Irish were 18-2 at home and had a winning home streak of 26 games snapped against Syracuse in April.

So far this year, the Irish are 10-9 and the comparisons to last year's 8-12 start have started. In 2002, the Irish won 36 of 41 games to end their season and finished one game short of the College World Series, losing to Nebraska in the regionals.

"It is very similar. I just hope the finish is similar. If we can just win one more game at regionals, that's our goal," Gumpf said. "Starting the way we started isn't what we wanted. These girls know they can still do it. The start of our season was spring training and we need to learn from it."

Notre Dame started the regular season portion of its schedule last weekend in sweeping a doubleheader at Western Michigan. In that game, the Irish came out and scored five runs in the first inning of game one and five runs in the first three innings of game two. Taking control of the game early, as they did last weekend, needs to happen today against the Wildcats.

"We need to hit the ball. If we hit the ball well, that takes them out of their comfort zone," Gumpf said. "If we score in the first inning, that changes momentum like we did when we scored in the first two innings at Western Michigan."

Northwestern (13-6) and Notre Dame haven't played since the 1997 season. Its top win this season came Feb. 25 when Northwestern defeated defending national champion California 4-3 in eight innings.

To stay with the higher-ranked opponent this afternoon, the Irish need to take care of the basics.

"They are very aggressive, very well-coached, very disciplined and do the little things well," Gumpf said. "Our pitchers need to be in control for seven innings and we need to play strong defense. If we play well in those three areas, then we should have a good chance at winning the game."

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points, took control herself and drove to the basket to grab some very important lay-ups for the Irish.

Notre Dame's speed was an advantage for the Irish tonight — an advantage they're not used to. But Severe made use of that speed on her way to the basket.

"Severe's speed was one of the things we talked about at practice," Irish coach Muffet McGraw head coach McGraw said. "We wanted to get her driving the baseline against their zone."

When she left off, LaVere picked up. The freshman center, who had already scored 13 points in the first game of the NCAA tournament, added 14 more to her total, including two free throws in the final 60 seconds of the game.

Those charity shots, coupled with 4-for-4 shooting in the final seconds from fellow Freshman Duffy, spelled the six-point difference between the victorious Irish and the defeated Wildcats.

"Courtney's played great in games all year long and Megan had a great tournament," McGraw said. "Those two freshmen really played like seniors."

The Irish take on second-seeded Purdue in the Sweet Sixteen on Sunday in Dayton.

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**ND WOMENS TENNIS**

Doubles teams lead Notre Dame to win over Michigan

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

When the No. 27 and No. 28 teams met on the hardwood Tuesday, a close match was expected.

Notre Dame pulled ahead from the start and prevented Michigan from securing an upset as they won 5-2 in their second to last home game of the season.

"It was a really close match," Irish senior captain Katie Cunha said. "I'm really proud of everyone.

Despite the score, there was a point in the match when the Wolverines had a prime opportunity to rally. Cunha destroyed Duprez in singles, defeating her fifth straight victory when Plaushines first point when Plaushines defeated Stastny in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, but No. 65 Salas overcame Nolain 7-5, 6-3.

The afternoon began in the favor of the Irish from the start with the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams won their matches to give them the point for the fifth consecutive time on their home courts. The doubles pressure was almost too much for the Irish when the No. 2 match coming down to a tiebreaker after the Wolverines' Michelle DaCosta and Rutherford had upset the 27th ranked duo of Cunha and freshman Kristina Stastny.

"I think we were a little tentative in the beginning of the match. We got down in a hole pretty early, but then we played a little bit better. (Stastny) and I make a great pair, but we're in a little bit of a rut."

In singles, Lauren Connelly put the Irish up 2-0 with her efficient 6-1 straight-set halt of Duprez, who has been riding on a six-match winning streak. Then Michigan earned its first point when Plaushines defeated Stastny in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, but No. 65 Salas overcame Nolain 7-5, 6-3.

"We didn't play all that bad," Cunha said of their doubles. "We didn't really impress with their doubles," Cunha said of the Wolverines.

The doubles team of Connelly and Stastny has been a key component of Irish success this season, but of late they have had some struggles.

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Then it was up to either Cunha, Leslie or sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly to hand Notre Dame the win.

Leslie, ranked No. 51 nationally, was near the clincher, after she had won her first set 6-1 against DaCosta. In the second set she became ill and was forced to retire. Consequently, DaCosta was afforded the win.

After the match was decided, the older Connelly achieved her fifth straight victory when she defeated 36-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3) over Musgrove. Connelly is proving herself to be adept at rallying from behind — each of the last four times she has lost the first set, she has bounced back to secure a win.

In the midst of a week full of matches, the Irish will play No. 54 Purdue at 4 p.m. today in their last home match. Given that Boilermakers beat the Irish last year, there is some desire for vengeance among Notre Dame's players.

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Belles hope for good weather at Valparaiso

By LISA REIJULA  
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team is hoping for a little cooperation from the weather as they travel to Valparaiso in the second attempt at playing a match with the Crusaders. On March 19, the match was postponed due to rain.

"Last week we only played one game before it started pouring," junior Katie Cutler said. "We were disappointed, so hopefully we'll get to go this time."

The Belles (5-1) come into the matchup with confidence stemming from a 9-0 pounding of Tri-State University Sunday. All six singles players and all three doubles teams won their matches.

"I thought we did really well on Sunday," Cutler said. "I was happy with the outcome. We hadn't played outside in awhile, so it takes a little time getting used to the windy Indiana weather."

Valparaiso enters the contest with a 2-3 record overall in spring play. The Crusaders defeated Bradley 7-0 and Wisconsin-Green Bay 5-2. They were shut out by both Arkansas-Little Rock 7-0 and Embry-Riddle 9-0. Their other loss was to St. Louis University, by the score of 5-2.

With only six players listed on their roster, the Crusaders don't appear to be an extremely tough opponent for the returning MIAA champion Belles.

Valparaiso will also be playing their second match in two days. The Crusaders faced Indiana State on the road Tuesday.

"Valparaiso is a good team, so we want to play them and have the competition," said Cutler.

In preparation for this week's matches, the Belles have been concentrating on communication and teamwork in their doubles pairings.

"We did so well in singles over break, so we've been working more on doubles in practice," said Cutler. "The No. 1 and No. 3 teams are new partners and it takes a while to get used to playing together. It's coming along well."

The Belles face the Crusaders of Valparaiso today on the road at 2:30 p.m. at the Brown Courts.

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Severe upset

Severe scores 17 on way to Irish upset of No. 3 seed Wildcats

By KATIE MCVY
Senior Staff Writer

The few hundred Notre Dame fans in Manhattan, Kan. Tuesday night were making more noise than nearly 12,000 Kansas State fans. Due to another out-standing Irish defensive effort, the Wildcats' 22-game home win streak broke right along with the Wildcats' tournament dreams.

The final No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament fell Tuesday night and No. 11 Wildcats' 22-game home win streak the Wildcats had heading into Tuesday night's game. In a similar fashion in the win against Arizona on Sunday, the Irish forced a messy offensive game and let their defense do the talking.

A Kansas State team that averages more than 75 points a game scored only 53.

"We knew we had to get up on the shooters, especially Koch because she can hit it way out," Severe said. "We knew what we had to do and we knew we could do it."

The "Big Four" — Kansas State's Kendra Wecker, Nicole Wecker, Megan Mahoney and Laurie Koehn — were the only Wildcats who could score points, grabbing all 53 of Kansas State's points. Despite the fact that the Irish could not control Koch outside the arc as she went to on 23 points, no other Wildcats hit a single trey.

Offensively, Notre Dame again showed that when it counted, someone would step up and the work done. Notre Dame's leading scorer, Jacqueline Batteast, fell short again offensively, hitting only one of 10 shots, raising her total for the NCAA tournament to 2-of-26 from the field.

But where Batteast fell short, her teammates stepped up. Severe, the junior guard, took a role she usually doesn't take for the Irish — she scored and scored. Severe, who usually dishes the ball to teammates and often grabs more assists than points, came off a real good weekend at Villanova, so it was just my job to get a good start in there.

Doherty was able to recover, striking out one more Rocket batter to close out the top of the third. Notre Dame capitalized on another poor outing by Toledo starter Brian Kovacs. Once again, it was the junior captain Sollmann who started the rally, this time by reaching base perfectly on a perfectly executed bunt down the third-base line to lead off the bottom of the

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You could see there was a little extra bounce in their step, and they were genuinely excited about playing.

An opening day crowd of over 1,400 witnessed the victory for the Irish, which saw the home team start the game with a familiar sight — an early run.

Leadoff hitter Steve Sollmann popped a double down the right-field line that was just out of reach of a charging Toledo fielder. After freshman Brennan Grogan sacrificed Sollmann to third and Matt Edwards walked on four pitches, senior Kris Billmire hit a sacrifice fly to get the Irish on the board first.

While the Irish would take advantage of shaky Toledo pitching all night, the Rockets were held stagnant by Doherty, who struck out six of the first eight batters he faced. "[My performance] was good," Doherty said. "We just

MENS BASKETBALL

Old friends Thomas and Gardner to meet

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They first met on an Indianapolis basketball court. One was two years older than the other, but that didn't stop them from becoming fast friends even as they clashed at rival Indiana high schools.

One won Mr. Basketball honors and headed to Arizona. Two years later, the other one won Mr. Basketball honors and headed to Notre Dame.

They played often in the summer and worked out together. And last July, both served as counselors at Nike's basketball camp.

But little did Jason Gardner and Chris Thomas know that when they met for the first time in college, the loser would be heading home for the season.

"We always played in the same leagues growing up, and we played on the same team [when I was] seventh grade," Thomas said, jokingly adding of the 5-foot-10 guard, "I think he was the same size as he is now."

Gardner and Thomas, two of the nation's top point guards and two close friends, will clash Thursday when fifth-seeded Notre Dame takes on top-seeded Arizona in the West Regional semifinal.

But all Irish coach Mike Brey can think back to is when the two played each other at the Nike camp in July.

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