ROTC professors deployed to Iraq war

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

University engineering professor Peter Mosinski, a member of the Army Corps of Engineers, was deployed to the Middle East in early February. The second-year professor, who is affiliated with the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, was called up for training in December of last year, prior to his recent U.S. departure.

Mosinski, an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel who is currently training in December of last year, prior to his recent U.S. departure, is currently deployed to the Middle East in Iraq with the 416th Engineering Command. Peter Burns, chairman of the department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, said that Mosinski has not disclosed his exact location in Iraq.

"Since the beginning of the war, his e-mails have been sporadic," said Burns. "But he has checked in with us so we know he's alive." Burns said he has no knowledge of a faculty member in the College of Engineering ever having to temporarily leave the University for military service.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Burns said, is most likely working to build bridges for the advancing U.S. and British forces and securing infrastructure for troops and for Iraqi citizens. Assuming U.S. and British forces are victorious, he said, the Corps will probably also play a part in reconstruction efforts at the conclusion of the war.

He added that with the threat of chemical and biological weapons being used by the Iraqi military, Mosinski's expertise in environmental engineering may become even more important in the war effort.

Three professors in the Army ROTC program have also been recently deployed. Two are in the Middle East to support the ongoing operation in Iraq. The other is a civil affairs officer in a reserve unit that was sent to Kosovo as part of a peacekeeping mission. Army ROTC Lt. Col. David Moniz said he was not at liberty to release the names of the three ROTC professors.

Groody bound for national championships

Theology professor, priest, blends Scripture with ski slopes

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

Over half his life ago, Daniel Groody sat during his family's vacation to Vermont glued to a television. On the screen, he watched as an Austrian downhill skier named Franz Klammer soared down the mountain at the 1976 Olympics. Groody loved the 75 mph velocity at which Klammer rocketed down the hill as he toed the fine line separating self-control from reckless abandon.

Klammer won the gold medal in the downhill. Groody desperately wanted to duplicate Klammer's success.

That night, Groody went to bed and prayed to God for the chance to ski in the Olympics. "And if it's not too much trouble, I really want to win a gold medal," Groody remembered praying.

Today, twenty-seven years after he uttered that prayer, Groody will tug on his skin-tight racing suit, strap on his parabolic skis and pull his goggles over his eyes at the top of the mountain at a former Olympic resort in Salt Lake City. Today, Groody will be skiing in the national championships in the giant slalom.

Ironically, the prayer Groody uttered over a quarter of a century ago became a metaphor for the rest of his life.

No, he never made the Olympics. He became a priest.

Now 38 and a theology professor at Notre Dame, Groody is a full-time priest and educator whose ministry, research and teaching are his top priorities.

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Father Dan Groody, theology professor, races in preparation for the U.S. National Skiing Championships.

Saint Mary's rises to goal in Lilly Challenge

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Saint Mary's faculty and staff have made significant progress since June toward their goal for the Lilly Challenge that matches each dollar donated to the school.

Lilly Endowment, Inc., a private philanthropic foundation, allocated a potential $1.5 million in the "Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions." Each institution has the possibility to receive up to $3.5 million in matching funds.

In order to raise $3.5 million by December 2003, there are three constituencies at Saint Mary's that are able to donate: alumni, faculty and staff and students and parents.

The College's Lilly Faculty and Staff Campaign has set a goal of $250,000. Fundraising activities for the campaign have included a Holiday Bake Sale in December, which raised $1,500, a Mardi Gras Potluck Luncheon in February, raising $1,025 and Wednesday's Hard Money Night, which raised an estimated $200.

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Visitation welcomes students

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

In an effort to increase minority student enrollment among its freshman class, Notre Dame will welcome over 150 minority high school seniors to campus this weekend for Spring Visitation.

The program, which is sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, brings high school seniors who have already been accepted to the University but are undecided about whether they will enroll at Notre Dame for a taste of student life. Students began arriving on campus Thursday, said Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, which help coordinate the Spring Visitation program with the admissions office.

"The numbers look really, really good," said Outlaw. "Our challenge now is to convince the students that Notre Dame is for them."

Three student coordinators, Margaret Mason, Riché Dang and Stephen Arevalo, have worked with MSFS and the admissions office to plan activities that emphasis diversity at Notre Dame. Dang and Arevalo could not be reached for comment and Mason refused to comment.

Over the weekend, the visitors will attend workshops on financial aid and student life at the University and talk with administrators and alumni about Notre Dame. A student organization fair highlights...
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"If you want peace..."

When the war with Iraq began, I wasn't very comfortable about it. I thought that I wanted peace, so naturally I tried to work for justice. But it seems justice didn't want me to work for it. It was very unsatisfactory, it didn't let me know what I needed done. It didn't pay me anything.

Me: What do you want me to do?
Justice: Screw you. Me: No, do. Do. What should I do?

After that, I was unemployed for a few days, but I stayed positive about what else was out there, which I thought was my secret. I didn't pay it needed done, it seems justice didn't want me to work for it. I regained consciousness in a nearby alleyway to find a man named Barry nuzzling me.

"Want to ride up to Detroit with me?" asked Barry.

What? Wasn't I already in Detroit? "I'm knurked up," stated Barry. My ears perk a little when I heard this. It meant that Barry and I were fighting the same war, plus he sounded really enthusiastic.

Barry produced a bottle and shot me a knowing look.

"This stuff has to get to drugs, this is the real deal." I thought, "Liver do your thing!"

We both took a swig. "I'm set for the day!" proclaimed an awed Barry. I, on the other hand, was shocked.

I don't think I'll be joining you in Detroit."
Foley outlines Student Senate’s achievements

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

After a slow start this year, the Student Senate has proven they can take on major issues and begin to make real and important changes in student life.

"The year started off slow enough with the alcohol policy changes," said Foley, "so we've got a slow start because they focused so hard on that." said Foley, Student Body Vice President.

After dealing primarily with the alcohol policy issue for some time and attempting to represent student opinion on the issue, something Foley said they did very well. the Senate began to tackle other key issues.

The primary issues this year’s Senate has been involved with are Teacher Course Evaluations, the proposed Flex-10 plan, a resolution on in-hall dances and the split of the Economics Department.

Foley said that conversations on these issues will continue into next year, but that the Senate has made good progress on all of them.

Foley said that he, Sorin Hall Senator Jeremy Staley and Jim Ryan of the Academic Senate last week come up again at Wednesday’s Senate meeting.

Howard Hall Senator Brin Anderson gave a report that outlined new processes for ticket distribution in response to student complaints.

"They’re going to have to look at that. I don’t think there’s going to be more discussion," said Foley.

The Senate has tackled some major issues this year, and Foley said that they have accomplished much.

"There are issues they’ve been working hard on — TCEs and Flex-10. What is important to remember is that it takes time to effect change. They’re laid the ground work and I think we’ll see the changes from that next year." Trip Foley Student Body Vice President.

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Foley said that the Senate’s work has been successful at all, and we need to get them back in residence halls. Foley said.

The issue will be discussed at the Campus Leadership Council meeting April 14. If the resolution is passed, the administration will most likely closely examine the in-hall dance policy.

A second resolution on the agenda for the CLC on April 14 deals with weekday parietal, and it was passed by the Senate last week.

The Senate’s resolution called attention to the number of students studying in groups. This number has doubled since 1993, Foley said.

The Senate suggested that students have resources in their rooms conducive to studying that justify later weekday parietals.

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ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering kindergarten age children for the 2003-04 School Year. 2003 Summer Day Camp registration for children ages 2-10 will occur in early March. 2003-04 School Year registration of preschool age children will take place in early April. For more information and ECDC Parent Meeting & Tour dates, please call one of the numbers below.

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284-4693 (ECDC-SMC)

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Yet Groody admits that as much as he loves to ski, his first priority is to his duties as a priest. In fact, he readily admits that the competitive nature of skiing appears to directly contrast the compassion central to the priestly ministry.

For a time, Groody didn’t think he could ski and be a priest at the same time. Then again, he had a hard time believing that he should be a priest, too.

An avid skier even after he broke his leg the first time on the slopes in third grade, Groody first joined the Notre Dame ski team as an under­graduate in the mid-80s and thought he might become a bishop.

But after several unfruitful summers working as a publicist, Groody started feeling a calling for something else — the seminar.

“I resisted it at first,” he admitted. “I ran away in the other direction and it kept coming up. Finally, I wasn’t at peace.”

Groody had good reason to resist at first. He had a girlfriend, a plan for a promising career. To enter the priesthood meant the principles of love and mercy and meant everything — even his love of skiing — had to be left behind.

“I had,” he said, “to divest myself of something.”

Father Dan Groody Theology professor

“There was — never get married, not interested in women, didn’t ski.”

Still unsure of his decision, Groody entered the seminary believing he had to cast aside that which he enjoyed before entering the priesthood. That meant his fanciful childhood dreams of qualifying for the Olympics, of flying down a snow-covered mountain faster than a car on a freeway had to be exchanged for a life of no women and lots of prayer.

But after a year in the seminary, he took a cross-country ski trip from Portland, Ore. to Portland, Maine with a friend. He left with lots of questions, but returned with even more answers.

Journey of a lifetime

“All kinds of terrain, mountains, valleys, people running us off the road,” he said. “There was a sense of becoming a metaphor for life,” he said. “As I was sweating through the questions I had about priesthood, that gave me a good way of looking at it, a way to think about the vast terrain of life. When I saw priesthood as an adventure, it really became a challenge.”

Content with his decision, Groody began deciding how he would fulfill his responsibilities as a priest. But he still didn’t think skiing could be a part of his life.

However, one of the requirements before a priest may take his final vows is that he take a 30-day retreat by himself. The silence is intended to help the future priest both develop a deeper connection with God as well as understand their own personality better.

Fittingly, Groody took his 30­day retreat in Colorado, the heart of ski country. There, he said God revealed a way to connect his love of skiing with the priestly ministry.

“I remember God revealing to me that the same things I developed in skiing were the same things I could bring to myself as a priest,” he said. “When I first entered the seminary, it was like I had to leave it behind, I really felt that my life was over. What God said was that you can approach skiing. But the gold medal is nothing like the one you train for. It’s a gold, silver or bronze medal. That’s the one you train for. The race is simple. Ski down the hill as fast as you can, and, if your time is among the top three in your age group at the end of the time period, you go to the national championships.

Groody remembers going to the top of the hill and standing on the peak with his brand new skis. He watched as the guy ahead of him, who was decked out in the latest racing apparel, ski the fastest time to date on the mountain. Then the priest went down the hill and skied the second-fastest time.

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Natural talent

“So in the midst of his devotion to his faith, how does Groody manage find time to train at a level that makes him qualify for the national championships?”

“I don’t,” he simply said. “I try to do it, and Groody truly did give up skiing when he entered the priesthood. The only occasions on which Groody thinks he skis come when he attends various events on the University’s behalf. Often, he’ll go to a conference, give his talk, and then take a few extra days to ski a local mountain. That’s it.

Since he entered the priesthood, Groody said he has never taken a vacation solely for the purpose of skiing, and he knows he is not nearly as good as he could be.

But from time to time, Groody does catch himself briefly — very briefly — wondering how good he could be had he stuck with skiing.

“For example, in early January, Groody gave a talk at Santa Fe, N.M. and then headed to Taos Mountain, where he planned to enter another race. He was scheduled to end for another two months. He’s the one he wants to approach the priesthood with this one of the things I’m good at. So I really feel, ‘I’m going to give up skiing,’ it doesn’t mean a lot in the long run. What does mean a lot is the quality of the heart, which can touch people’s lives and make them better.”

Groody does not believe that being a professional skier would have made a better priest, but that doesn’t mean Groody separates skiing from his priesthood.

“Instead, Groody devotes the bulk of his time to his teaching — he currently teaches three classes at Notre Dame — and research that is based on his experiences working with migrant workers in the Southwest. His experiences in skiing, however, Groody said they can help him publish a book examining how the migrant community accepted Christianity and how they could help the Church as a whole.

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**Serbian cops shoot suspected assassins**

Belgrade police shot and killed two major suspects in the assassination of Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic as they resisted arrest late Thursday, the government said.

Dusan Spasojevic and Milan Lukovic were leaders of the Zeman Clan, a crime gang that has been accused of masterminding the March 12 assassination of Djindjic, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

E.U. states move to ban some oil tankers

European Union governments agreed Thursday to ban all single-hulled tankers by 2010 in an attempt to reduce the risk of spills like the one that befouled the coast of northwestern Spain last year.

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**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Shuttle data recorder may yield clues**

Salvaged tape from Columbia's data recorder may hold vital information up until just a few seconds before the shuttle disintegrated over Texas, accident investigators said Thursday.

While the 9,400 feet of magnetic tape was being duplicated at Kennedy Space Center this week, a time tag on it confirmed that some type of imprint exists until 18 seconds past 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, the board said. After that, the tape is blank.

**Sniper suspect to get psychiatric tests**

Lawyers for sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad received permission Thursday to hire a psychiatrist and a psychologist to evaluate his mental health. But the judge temporarily denied requests to hire private investigators.

The mental health experts were not identified during the 45-minute hearing before Prince William Circuit Judge LeRoy Millette Jr.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Jury awards $14M in '98 car crash case**

A jury has ordered the state and a Clark County man to pay $14 million to the families of four people killed in a 1998 automobile accident at an intersection in southern Indiana.

The Clark County jury agreed with the plaintiffs' contention that motorists were not adequately warned about the danger of the intersection, which was essentially blind to drivers coming up a hill.

**Bloomington enacts public smoking ban**

The Bloomington City Council approved a ban on smoking in public and most workplaces, but gave private clubs and over-18 clubs extra time to comply. The panel passed the ordinance by an 8-1 vote Wednesday night.

Council members also approved an amendment that would exempt private clubs and 18-and-over businesses with lawful smoking areas from the smoking regulations until Jan. 1, 2005.
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professors, or the locations where they are now stationed. The donor may determine where their donation and the Lilly matching dollars are designated. "It doesn't matter what you give," said Kay Ball, Saint Mary's Director of Development. "You just participate at whatever level you can." Faculty and staff have not met 60 percent of their $250,000 goal, with nearly $150,000 contributed so far. Ball said she fully expects them to meet or exceed their goal this year.

Student campaigns are also actively progressing toward their goal in the Lilly Initiative. Traditionally, each Saint Mary's senior class has made a smooth transition. "They are experienced instructors and they enthusiastically look for the extra workloads and each picked up extra classes," said Mosinski. "They did a tremendous job and we didn't miss a beat." The deployed professors had to leave quickly but the remaining two professors had to leave quickly but the remaining two professors had to leave quickly, but the remaining two professors had to leave quickly, but the remaining two professors had to leave quickly, but the remaining two professors had to leave quickly, but the remaining two professors had to leave quickly. The camp continues to thrive.

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ing campus cultural clubs will be held this afternoon from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Additionally, many social events sponsored by campus groups are planned for this weekend, which began Thursday evening with "Lumpia Night," sponsored by the Filipino American Students Organization. Students will also have the opportunity to attend "Latin Expressions" tonight at the Century Center in downtown South Bend and the Black Cultural Arts Council's Fashion Show, themed "Tell It Like It Is," which will be held Saturday evening in the Stegan Center.

Though these events are usually held sometime in the spring, MSPS works with student cultural clubs to plan the events during Spring Visitation so that minority students are exposed to the wide variety of activities for the weekend, said Outlaw.

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College plans to add $200 technology fee

By ANNE WOODFORD 

Saint Mary's has added a $200 technology fee to the 2003-04 student tuition to raise necessary funding for ongoing technology upgrades and campus software license.

The College's Department of Information Technology said it has decided to update its network capacity, in a move that will affect both on- and off-campus students.

"Much of our maintenance licensing expired last summer, so basically we've been using older software," said Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology.

Fowlkes said that his office has facilitated upgrades to Microsoft programs only. Others, such as Macromedia and Adobe, are slated for future upgrades.

In addition to the College's need to upgrade its programs, initial funding comprised of grant funds and a 1998 bond issue run out in the summer of 2001, further necessitating the addition of a technology fee.

"It takes money to keep up with new technology," Fowlkes said. "We're rounding the corner right now on five-year upgrade needs for our campus network."

To build on the campus network's infrastructure, the Department of Information Technology will install a calendar system, user information database and a new system for e-mail — a significant improvement from the Morse system upgrade last month.

Current Internet connections will be enhanced, providing on-campus students with a faster Internet connection. Off-campus students will be accommodated with a "package shaper," enabling faster and more flexible access outside of campus.

Proceeds from the fee will also help to cover operating costs within the Information Technology Resource Center.

A grant from the Quinlivan Foundation will pay for additional ITRC upgrade costs.

New computer-based audiobook production will make the ITRC the hub for the "campus channel," a television channel featuring student-produced, campus-wide news, sports and weather.

The ITRC is in the process of forming a Campustwide Advisory Board and is planning to initiate the campus channel during the 2004-05 academic year.

A cable television channel was installed at colleges outside of Ball State, worked. Based on its success on other campuses, Fowlkes said it is optimistic that the channel will thrive at Saint Mary's.

"We have so many incredible offersings on this campus for technology and we want to keep them up," he said. "We're doing this primarily for students so they can be exposed to the latest technologies. We'll enhance, they'll be ready to use whatever technology is placed in front of them."

Other colleges and universities around the country have an additional technology fee outside of student tuition.

Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio has a $120 technology fee. At Ball State University, the fee is $130 per semester and at Indiana University, Bloomington, it's $440 per year.

Saint Mary's will continue to underestimate the bulk of the technology costs.

"The $200 will help us provide more and better technology for our students," Fowlkes said. "We hope students will understand that technology is expensive, and to maintain the technology we have on campus is crucial to the education of students here at Saint Mary's."

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ConAgra profits fall in 3rd quarter

The nation's second biggest food company, ConAgra Foods reported Thursday its third quarter earnings fell 5.8 percent, citing costs associated with $171 million, or 31 cents a share, a year ago.

The 41-year-old Lenk founded eToys Inc., an online retailer, as high as $30.45. Oil is up 13 percent from New York Mercantile Exchange after trading dropped to a three-month low.

Some analysts forsee another recession in '03

The price of oil on futures markets has risen from a decent 4 percent to 5.8 percent in February as the economy has tried, unsuccessfully so far, to get back to full throttle. Optimistic analysts believe the economy in the current January-March quarter has grown at a below-normal annual rate of around 1.5 percent to just over 2 percent. More pessimistic economists are suggesting growth of under a 1 percent rate, and some believe the first quarter could show the economy shrank, a step toward recession.

"I don't think anybody really wants to make significant financial commitments in view of the jobless recovery, the geopolitical situation and higher energy prices, which are eating into purchasing power," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co.

The broadest measure of economic health — gross domestic product — slowed from a decent 4 percent annual growth rate in the third quarter of 2002 to a 1.5 percent in the final quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The second quarter estimate was unchanged from a month ago. GDP measures the total value of goods and services produced within the United States.

While Sohn believes the economy will grow at a lackluster 2 percent rate in the first quarter, Carl Tannenholtz, chief economist at LaSalle Bank is more bearish, forecasting 0.5 percent growth rate. "The chance of having a negative first quarter is very real," he said.

The government will release its initial estimate of first-quarter GDP on April 29.

On Wall Street, stocks moved lower. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 28.43 points to close at 8,201.45.

In a second report Thursday, new claims for unemployment benefits last week fell by a seasonally adjusted 25,000 to 402,000, a two-month low, the Labor Department said. Even with the drop, claims are at a level suggesting the job market remains sluggish.

Since the end of 2001, economic growth has been jagged, with a three-month period of strength followed by a quarter of weakness. That muddled climate — along with concerns about the war, higher oil prices and a turbulent stock market — has made major financial commitments, namely capital investment and hiring. That is the biggest factor restraining the economy's recovery. Although businesses largely have restrained spending, consumers have been the main force keeping the economy going.

But recent economic reports show consumers are becoming more cautious, especially as the job market has worsened. The unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent in February as the economy lost a whopping 300,000 jobs. Economists believe the jobless rate moved up to 6.1 percent in March and may creep higher in coming months. The employment report for March will be released next week.

In the fourth quarter of 2002, consumer spending grew at a rate of just 1.7 percent, a sharp pullback from the 4.2 percent rate in the third quarter. Some economists believe consumer spending in the first quarter may have slowed further.

"Higher energy prices are basically picking the pockets of consumers," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

In offering a slate of board nominees to the board, Taubman Centers Inc., the latest bid to gain the upper hand in a hostile battle among rival shopping mall companies.

Simon and Westfield are seeking election of the nominees at Taubman's annual shareholders meeting, which has not yet been scheduled but occurred May 30 last year.

In offering a slate of board nominees that includes former U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, Taubman is trying to overcome a corporate governance structure at Taubman that has so far stymied a $3.7 billion bid by Simon and Westfield.

Simon Chief Executive David Simon and Westfield America's Peter Lowy issued a statement saying they trusted Taubman would not delay its annual meeting and "will allow shareholder democracy to proceed."

Taubman responded with a news release accusing Simon and Westfield of "subjecting the company to a proxy contest to elect their nominees solely to advance their own agenda."

In addition to Civiletti — an attorney general in the Carter administration and now chairman of a law firm — the proposed slate includes Douglas Crocker II, trustee and vice chairman of Equity Residential; Roberta Karmel, a law professor and former commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Michael Koeneke, a former merger and acquisitions head at Merrill Lynch and First Boston Corp.

Indianapolis-based Simon, North America's largest shopping mall owner, began its hostile takeover bid in November. Taubman is a much smaller rival based in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Hills that owns high-end mall properties Simon wants for its portfolio.

Taubman's properties include 30 shopping centers in 13 states.
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Potato State Park

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Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

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Sacred Heart Parish Center

tuesday 4.01
Confirmation Session #13
7:00-8:45 p.m.
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Campus Bible Study
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114 Coleman-Morse Center

wednesday 4.02
When Did I See You Hungry?
Film-Screening & Meet the Director
7:00 p.m.
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Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel

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Narrated By
Martin Sheen

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2nd: Eph 2: 4 - 10
Gospel: John 3: 14 - 21

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Women's History Month

Where are the women?

by Chandra Johnson
Assistant to the President & Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — About 215 protesters were arrested Thursday after they lay down on Fifth Avenue, blocking traffic in the latest of a series of demonstrations against the war.

The "die-in" temporarily closed the avenue between 49th and 50th streets, near St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Saks Fifth Avenue store and across the street from Rockefeller Center, where police arrested face charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration, police said.

Anti-war groups had called for civil disobedience, hoping to draw more attention than the large crowds that went through the city since hostilities began in Iraq. "Nothing else gets attention," she said. "It was very positive to them see it affected by what they study, so get to their recognition was pretty important."

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SMC students win recognition

By MEGHAN CASSIDY

Five Saint Mary's students and a professor were recognized for their writings in the African-American experience at this year's Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., held in Charlotte, S.C.

"These awards announce Saint Mary's College as an up-and-coming presence in African American Studies," said Alexis Brooks-DeVita, an English professor and the faculty delegate to the conference. Brooks-DeVita invited students Cyd Appelido, Novella Brooks-DeVita, Jessica Domingo, Danielle Greer and April Underwood to attend the conference, based on essays they had written as an assignment in her "African-American Women's Autobiographies" class last semester.

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At the conference questions about the potential length of fighting continued, "However long it takes. The President said the real question, and that's what you got to know," he said.

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Bush, Blair pledge to preserve war in Iraq

Associated Press

CAMP DAVID, Md. — With Iraqi troops dug in around Baghdad, President Bush pledged on Thursday to battle Saddam Hussein's "forces however long it takes to win." Bush and British ally Tony Blair said the U.N. could help rebuild postwar Iraq, but left unclear who would create and run a new government.

Blair, standing alongside Bush at the president's mountain-top ranch, declared in words similar to Bush's that "Saddam Hussein and his hateful regime will be removed from power.

During their overnight meet­
ing in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, the leaders dis­

confused conflicts in the Middle East as well as Iraq. Strategy sessions about the Iraqi cruise missiles and postwar plans conjured grainy images of a Camp David retreat 60 years ago, when President Roosevelt met Winston Churchill during World War II.

"For nearly a century, the United States and Great Britain have been allies in the defense of liberty," Blair, Britain's prime minister, said. "We shared in a costly and heroic struggle against Nazism.

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"That was a dig at France, Russia and other anti-war allies who are arguing over how the program should be administered, officials said.

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ROTC Pass and Review deserves outdoor location

As students enter the final push of this academic year, other 18-to-22-year-olds are piloting helicopters, firing missiles and operating tanks in the war in Iraq. Their sacrifices should particularly resonate with Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, as the faces they pass on the way to class each morning aren't very different from those now marching to Baghdad. Despite the vigorous disagreement between those who support and oppose the war in Iraq, both sides should find common ground in the need to support the servicemen and women in Iraq and around the world who are serving on behalf of all Americans.

This appreciation for members of the military should extend to those who represent it on this campus: the cadets and officers in Notre Dame's ROTC program. The University can decisively communicate its respect and support for everyone serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who will serve after graduation by moving the ROTC Presidential Pass and Review back to South Quad. The Pass and Review's current location—tucked out of sight inside the Loftus Sports Complex—does not show the proper respect for both the ROTC program and others on campus by limiting community participation in the event. It is not right for those who oppose the military to be able to protest in the open for all to see while ROTC is kept under wraps and out of the public view.

The Pass and Review ceremony brings together the Air Force, Army and Navy branches, who march before University President Father Edward Malloy in a show of respect for their civilian commander. ROTC cadets drill for months to achieve the proper organizational discipline for this event, which also represents the presentation of awards to senior cadets and speeches by Malloy and former President Father Theodore Hesburgh. Historically held outdoors, the Pass and Review hasn't been inside several years now because of inclement weather—and, some have contended the threats of protestors who oppose ROTC's presence on campus have kept the Pass and Review inside.

Regardless of the reason for the move indoors, now is the time to move the Pass and Review back outside. Holding the ceremony on South Quad will convey the appropriate respect for the cadets who work hard while at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to prepare for the challenges of military service they face after graduation. It serves as a way to honor the service and sacrifice of those now fighting in Iraq, including Notre Dame graduates like Marine 1st Lt. Dustin Forrest, who was wounded Saturday in the line of duty. The outdoor location will also allow other members of the Notre Dame community to attend and participate, whether they come to honor the cadets or tactfully protest the organization represented. Such openness is critical for stimulating debate and discussion, which are both essential components of the liberal education the University strives to provide for its students.

By respecting those who may one day soon be fighting for America, they can prove that the University's time-honored motto, "God, Country, Notre Dame," still holds true today.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't condemn opposing opinions

In the debate over the war in Iraq, "freedom of speech" has become a very controversial term with its meaning used on both sides of the debate. However, a recent trend has been developing that is, at least to me, disconcerting if not downright McCarthyistic. When someone makes a public statement exercising their free speech—that you disagree with, you essentially have two options: offer a rational or rhetorical rebuttal or criticize the statement itself. It seems that the latter option has become increasingly popular of late.

"This is not inherently bad—if speech is inappropriate for someone's role in society, that is grounds for their criticism. If, for example, a respected news anchor, ethically bound to relative objectivity, such as Peter Jennings or Dan Rather, were to publicly speak out in its opposition or favor of the war, that would be inappropriate. But where do we draw the line? Are celebrities obligated to remain mum on their stance? If so, where does one cross the border into celebrity? When does it cease to be a job like any other and come with rules regarding your opinion? Would you be offended by a local plumber speaking out against the war? Perhaps a prominent lawyer or entrepreneur? I would hypothesize that mere notoriety does not oblige one to quiet dissenting opinions. In the example of the news anchor, Tom Brokaw is expected to be objective, but surely the Dixie Chicks are not."

Remember, a violation of free speech does not have to be an act of government. Whenever a crowd of people purposefully attempts to drown out a speaker, boycott a musical group or publicly protest a celebrity appearing in a movie because of their opinion, that violates free speech. You can call anyone you'd like, including your radio station, to tell them you disagree with the Dixie Chicks, but to threaten a boycott of stations that play their music is to threaten their career. This is called blacklisting. It was wrong during the Red Scare, when the government was responsible for it and it's wrong now with citizens responsible for it.

Jeff Skarski
March 27

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars.

William Westmoreland
former U.S. general

NDToday/Observer Poll Question

Do you think people should protest the war in Iraq?

Yes: They are exercising their freedom of peaceful protest. 10%
No: Protestors hurt peace processes already from terrorism. 90%

Do you support the war 15%
Do you support the war 85%

*Poll appears courtesy of NDToday.com and is based on 293 responses.
One last view of Iraqi officialdom

During spring break a group of 13 Notre Dame students went to Washington, D.C. for a CSC seminar called "Christian Responses to a Violent World." I was a part of this group which met a number of opinion makers in Washington, D.C., the unofficial Iraqi embassy in the United States, to talk to them about the current situation. Though Iraq cannot have a formal embassy in the United States, it maintains an Interests Office in the Algerian embassy. My call to the Iraqi Office confused them initially for they were not able to decide whether or not to meet us. Eventually, after speaking with a couple of officials they allowed me to come to their office, after which they decide to meet with the whole group.

The next morning I almost missed our office for it neither had any visible security nor a front office — the entrance was through a back door. I knocked on the door, but got no response. I was on my way out when a man approached me from behind and knocked on the door to Arab. I replied to his greeting and he continued in Arabic to which I responded that I do not know Arabic. He smiled and knocked on the door once again.

Once in, he asked me my purpose. After listening to my purpose, he was surprised to hear the other Iraq, a woman, in the office and replied that there was no one in the mission that could speak to me and that I should leave. Saddened by such a refusal, I took my leave when someone drove into the parking lot. This person pointed me towards him and said that he could meet the Principal Officer if I could wait until 11 a.m., to which I agreed.

I waited in this small makeshift office room with those two people who had initially met, who soon started watching the Al-Jazeera TV network. Both of them were visitors of the Arab American University and suggested that the timing of the recent attacks of Sept. 11 had occurred during Bill Clinton's administration. Even worse, what if Al Gore was our current president during this new war an terrorism? In evaluating these possibilities, I believe that the security of our country along with the world would be much more threatened if World War III occurred. While Clinton was rolling around in the mud and dirtying his hands as George W. Bush, military spending was cut and intelligence suffered. In Iraq, the CIA presented a golden opportunity to come to an intelligence lead and eradicate Osama bin Laden. In receiving this information, Clinton and his advisors thought it would be better politically to wait for the scan dal first and then deal with this notorious terrorist. Some months later, the U.S. invaded and was welcomed in Yemen. Who was responsible? None other than Obama Bin Laden.

Bill Clinton is accredited with much more praise as an administrator than he deserves. His two consecutive terms were blessed with international harmony (for the most part) and economic prosperity. While I acknowledge Clinton as a self-made, intellectu al administrator, he sacrificed the security of our nation in order to appease crude terrorists. As a member of the RTOC here and future servings in the fleet, I would be apprehensive of a president such as Clinton or Gore.

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in regards to international relations. In proclaiming this, Roosevelt stressed the importance of first addressing diplomatic measures and then resorting to military action if necessary. Unfortunately, Clinton did not live up to this philosophy. In a way, he spoke "too" softly and allowed for potential adversaries to walk in the United States. This nation became soft and extremely vulnerable during his administration. The art of diplomacy is not just as strong as the clenched fist that backs it up — and our power was not respected under Clinton.

It would be worse without Bush

One of the most disturbing aspects of the "War on Terrorism Freedom" has been certain crit ics portrayal of the current presence of the Bush Administration. We must understand that our current leaders are faced with one of the most difficult administrations that any presidency has every encountered. As a result, we are faced with an escalating economic recession, the war in Afghanistan and a war in Iraq. Because the Bush Administration is a war-time government, we are faced with an escalation in the cost of war, a third world, a lack of supplies and a lack of support from our allies. The Bush Administration is a war-time government, and no government has ever been as wealthy as the one we are facing today. The cost of war is too high, and our leaders are not doing enough to stop it.

As leaders of the country, we must be aware of the current situation and take action to stop it. We have a responsibility to our country and to the world to make sure that we do not make the same mistakes as our past leaders. We must be prepared to take action to stop the war and bring peace to our country. We must not let the Bush Administration get away with its policies.

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Razzle dazzle'em

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company brings Broadway to Notre Dame

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Contrary to what some people may believe, everyone should have a few Broadway show tunes in their lives. With New York 700 miles away, students can still take advantage of the chance to see popular Broadway numbers performed by students this weekend at the "Pasquerilla East Musical Company Musical Revue 2003: A Night on Broadway." The numbers, taken from musicals like Grease! and Les Miserables, were prepared by students who auditioned for the show before spring break. The group has had barely three weeks to pull the show together and learn four group numbers. The show has encoun-
tered a few snags along the way, including pianist Lauren Prieto spraining her hand a week before the show. Since break, student directors Brian Grundy and Shawna Monson have been working to organize the show and get the numbers up to their final performance level.

"Some of the acts were performance quality at auditions," said Monson. "Others needed a little more work." For opening night, however, all the acts will be up to snuff and beyond. The show opens with a cast rendition of "Razzle Dazzle" from "Chicago," and as they remind you, "What if, in fact, you're just disgusting? Razzle dazzle' em, and they'll never catch wise!"

After opening with a bang, the show slows down a little with some ballads and solo performances. Numbers like "I Enjoy Being a Girl" from "Flower Drum Song" performed by Natalie Martinez and "Your Daddy's Son" from "St. Joan of Arc" performed by the cast respectively, light up the large group numbers. "Razzle Dazzle" and most of the group numbers and choreography by Erin Porvaznik in the weeks since spring break. The guys may leave the stage after "Let It Go" from "The Full Monty" wearing more clothes than the guys from the Keenan Revue, but the act is entertaining nonetheless.

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Playing Above Their Class
Irish want to depend on ‘D’ just one more time

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

When her team lost 71-54 to the Boilermakers on national television in January, Irish coach Muffet McGraw labeled that the low point of the season. Now, as they head into the Sweet Sixteen to face Purdue once again, the Irish are riding high.

“I think for us looking back at that game, we were very disappointed with the outcome,” McGraw said. “We’re not talking about it, we’re not going to show any film of that game. But we all know we can play better than that.”

In the last week, Notre Dame has done the unthinkable — twice. The No. 11 Irish upset No. 2 Arizona and No. 3 Kansas State, a far cry from the unstable Irish that faced Purdue earlier this season. Sunday, the Irish will need the best of that improved team to turn the tables on that earlier low point and keep riding the high.

As the underdog, they can go in and give it their all.

“I kind of like being the underdog in this situation because you can go into the game with nothing to lose.”
Megan Duffy
Irish guard

The possibility of the Irish defeating No. 2 Purdue is not unreasonable, in fact, it’s not such a long shot back in the history books. They have won a team that normally scores 75 points to just 53. Against Arizona, the Irish only allowed 47 points to a team that usually scores 72.

“I think our defense has been outstanding the last couple of games,” McGraw said. “We’ve really done what we set out to do.”

But Notre Dame is going to have its hands full with Purdue. Leading the balanced Boilermaker attack is Sherry Wright, who scores an average of nearly 20 points a game. While Wright aims to score inside the paint, the Irish will have to watch out for Beth Jones who could be trouble from outside the arc.

“They have great balance,” McGraw said. “I think that Beth Jones is someone you really have to guard on the perimeter. Even if she doesn’t take the shot or make the shot you have to have someone guarding her.”

Action gets under way Sunday at UD Arena at 2:30.

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Teresa Burton fights for the ball against an Arizona player during Notre Dame’s victory in round one of the NCAA tournament. The Irish have relied on solid defense to bring home wins against their last two opponents.

COACHING

McGraw has coached her No. 11 Irish past two teams that were supposed to beat Notre Dame. Since January, the Irish have settled down and won ten of their last 13 and McGraw has a lot of tournament experience.

NOTRE DAME

Purdue is only in her fourth season at Purdue, but she has led the Boilermakers to success all four years. The Irish have struggled against the Boilermakers every year since Curry took over.

STYLE OF PLAY

Purdue puts up big numbers on offense, relying on a balanced inside and outside game. They have consistently defeated opponents by 20 points, dominating on points and boards.

POST PLAYERS

The Irish post players have not been scoring as consistently as earlier in the season. However, LaVere has really stepped up for Notre Dame in the post season, scoring in double figures in both Irish victories.

PERIMETER PLAYERS

Ratay was on fire in game one, but the Irish have not consistently been able to rely on the 3-point shot. With Ratay struggling, Ratay needs to have an on game if they are going to score outside the arc.

BENCH

The Irish bench is deep — several Irish players have come in to put points on the board and play good defense.

INTANGIBLES

The Irish are riding a high. They have upset both of their NCAA opponents and are looking for a little revenge for the loss Purdue dealt them earlier this season. They have been successful away from home.

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ANALYSIS

The Irish can’t seem to catch a break. Against the Boilermakers, she has had to fight the world, but Purdue has been a lot worse this year. The Boilermakers get the edge.

If the same Notre Dame team that has played 40 games together again, it’s going to be a match made in heaven. But Purdue has been inconsistent all year, the Boilermakers have been consistent.

Only Wright and Noonan are consistently in double figures for Purdue. Against the Boilermakers, it will be trouble for the Irish on the boards. But in transition, Notre Dame’s post has not been a problem.

Both Jones and Ratay can be dangerous outside the arc, and will remove at least one defender from the team’s inside game.

Notre Dame makes more use of its bench than Purdue. In the past four games, Purdue coaches have used only three reserves. On the other hand, the Boilermakers have used five depth players.

The Irish are playing with nothing to lose. They have managed to couple two games on the way to Sundays game. They are pumped up enough to try to topple just one more.
Ahead of their time

Duffy and LaVere may be freshmen by name, but in the NCAA tournament they have played like anything but

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

When she heads home to Dayton Sunday, an older Megan Duffy that will greet her family. In fact, it seems that, despite the fact that First Year of Studies is still next to her name in the campus phone book, Megan Duffy has left her freshman status behind.

In the last two games, games that are big enough to make a seasoned veteran nervous, Notre Dame’s Duffy and classmate Courtney LaVere have played like anything but freshmen. In fact, it seems that Irish coach Muffet McGraw has added two more seniors to her team.

“They don’t play like freshmen — McGraw said Tuesday. “Those two freshmen really play like seniors.”

Going home going strong

Duffy will head home on Sunday, hoping to add one more win to her 4-0 record at UD Arena. And she will go home playing what is arguably her best basketball all season.

“Megan has had a great tournament,” McGraw said. Duffy has stepped up for the Irish this March. Against Kansas State, the freshman point guard scored 10 points, four of which she made when it really mattered.

In the final 60 seconds of a very close game, Duffy stepped to the charity stripe four times. She made four straight at home all four times.

“I feel really good about her time to adjust the line,” McGraw said. “She’s not someone who really allows pressure to get her.”

Playing well in pressure situations isn’t new to Duffy. This season she has found some success playing when the heat is on. For that reason, McGraw isn’t that surprised that she has been able to step up this tournament and find success amidst the oppossition’s screaming fans and with the eyes of the nation upon them.

“She has played well all year long in pressure situations. She’s had a lot of success because she’s a very confident person.”

What’s more, Duffy has begun to step up to the kind of leadership position that is required from a guard. The freshman, who needed some time to adjust to Notre Dame’s triangle offense, has started to be vocal on the floor.

“I think Megan’s got leadership potential,” McGraw said.

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Going up big

For LaVere, hitting the big shots when it matters isn’t so new.

“I have had a big game and had double-doubles in about every big game.”

The freshman post player made her first start as the new year turned, as the Irish struggled through that month, becoming the light in the darkness.

“I think that when we were struggling, someone had to step up and I was confident enough to know I could help the team win the games,” LaVere said.

LaVere, who started the season as a bench player, joined the starting line-up, and then found herself back on the bench. She has played several roles for the Irish. Although she started against Kansas State because Katy Flecky was injured, she provides an excellent spark from the bench.

Offensively, LaVere makes shots when she needs to.

“If we’re struggling offensively, I feel like I can score,” she said. “So I want the ball and I’ll call for it.”

What’s even more important for the Irish, she has been consistent. In the early season, Notre Dame had trouble finding a consistent scorer until LaVere stepped up. Despite a few games LaVere struggled through due to illness, she has been someone the Irish can rely on.

“Sche’s always been here and has been our most consistent player,” McGraw said.

LaVere credits her success on Notre Dame’s depth as a combination of the triangle offense and the recent success of the whole Notre Dame team.

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Courtney LaVere
Irish forward

Above: Megan Duffy drives down the court during an Irish victory against Pittsburgh. Duffy, the freshman point guard, had 10 points, including four clutch free throws, against Kansas State.

But Duffy and LaVere are just having a good time. And they both feel like they’re building a relationship that won’t just end with the tournament.

“We get along so well,” LaVere said. “I think we really balance each other well. We have a really good relationship on and off the court which will carry us the next four years.”

But in three years, they’ll actually be seniors, not just playing like them.

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On offense our first look is in the post, that helps,” said LaVere. “But I think our team is doing pretty well and making the right shots.”

Finding some seniority

The two freshman have made their presence known, and not for freshman mistakes. LaVere and Duffy have come up big for the Irish in big upsets. Really, they’re not even freshman anymore.

“When you look at those two, they are not really freshman anymore,” McGraw said. “Once you get to the NCAA tournament, I think you have to think of them as sophomores.”
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They think they can

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

If you thought the Irish women's basketball team would still be playing on the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament, you're either Miss Cleo or you knew some thing that the rest of the college basketball community didn't. Because, after watching the Irish this season, they shouldn't have had a chance against two very good basketball teams — Arizona and Kansas State.

But no one told Notre Dame they couldn't do it. For all they knew, the Sweet Sixteen was reachable. And they were going to get there — no matter whom they had to take out on the way.

The week before the NCAA first round games, Notre Dame's first opponent, Arizona, nearly won the PAC-10 Championship game, falling just short to Stanford 59-49. Meanwhile, Kansas State barely lost to highly-ranked Texas Tech in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament, it was only Kansas State's fourth loss at that time.

While their future opponents played solid basketball, the Irish scored a dismal 39 points in a loss to Villanova in the second round of the Big East Tournament in their last game before the postseason. Not exactly the way you want to enter the tournament.

But Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw didn't seem too worried after the game. They had struggled shooting and lost to a good team. But McGraw knew that her team had still managed to win 8 of their last 11 games and had shown signs of promise, especially on defense.

So after losing, the Irish got a whole week to practice and improve. They worked on bettering their game and playing solid defense. They tried to find a way to peak for the tournament.

After watching them hold two opponents under 55 points in back-to-back tournament games, it's safe to say they got better in both areas. It was interesting watching the Irish in that first tournament game against Arizona. They shot horribly in the first half, but no one panicked. The Irish looked confident in the second half. They looked like a team that expected to win.

Once they upset Arizona, only God could have known they were about to snap Kansas State's 22-game home winning streak two nights later. Mere mortals simply can't make those types of predictions.

But there Notre Dame was, 48 hours after upsetting Arizona, beating a Kansas State team that had never lost at home during the 2002-03 season. And if you looked at the Irish players, you could see that confidence in their eyes.

The Irish didn't care what the odds were, they were proving to the country just how well they could play. A 22-game home win streak? Who cares. 10,000 purple and white colored fans? Bring it. No chance against 29-4 Kansas State? Think again.

Now the Irish face an even bigger challenge Sunday at 2:30 p.m. — Purdue. Notre Dame players the Boilermakers at home on national television earlier this year and lost 71-54. McGraw later said it was the low point of the season.

But the Irish will be in familiar territory again against Purdue. No one is giving them a chance. No one thinks they can win. No one believes they can pull off another upset.

But after their first two tournament games, no one should be surprised when a confident, determined Irish team takes the floor in Dayton, Ohio this weekend.

And especially when that same team gives the Boilermakers all they can handle.

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Sports Editor

THE SWEET SIXTEEN

MIDEAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Tennessee
Pat Sumner has once again led her team to a No. 1 seed.

No. 4 Penn State
Penn State has already won against both of its tournament opponents.

No. 6 Colorado
Colorado is coming off a solid upset against NC.

No. 2 Villanova
Now it's coming off an uphill upset of Connecticut in the Big East tournament.

SATURDAY 2:30 P.M.

SATURDAY 12 P.M.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Duke
Duke is the first-women basketball team to win four consecutive ACC titles.

No. 5 Georgia
The injury-ridden Bulldogs boast six freshmen and sophomores in the starting lineup.

No. 6 New Mexico
New Mexico upset the Sweet Sixteen after defeating No. 3 Minnesota State.

No. 2 Texas Tech
Texas Tech was the only team that took out Notre Dame's last opponent twice.

SATURDAY 9 P.M.

SATURDAY 11:30 P.M.

EAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Connecticut
The Huskies are the only unbeaten and unranked team in the tournament.

No. 5 Boston College
Boston College is seeking its second Sweet Sixteen appearance in three years.

No. 11 Notre Dame
The Irish are coming off of two upsets and are on a roll looking for one more.

SATURDAY 2:30 P.M.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 1 LSU
LSU has been in the top five all season and is the highest-ranked women's team.

No. 5 Louisiana Tech
Louisiana Tech, coming off an upset, is looking to knock off its state rival.

No. 6 Minnesota
Minnesota knocked off the final No. 3 in the tournament when it defeated Stanford.

SATURDAY 9:30 P.M.

No. 2 Texas
Texas edged Kansas State for its first-ever Big 12 regular-season title.

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Muffet McGraw and her No. 11 team have taken down two opponents ranked higher. They're ready to do it again.
Medea loosed at Saint Mary’s
One Corinthian woman said, “Death is here…."

By KRISTIN CORDOVA
Scene Writer

An eerie music loiters across the black silence, portending unnatural acts and tantalizing first-time viewers of the "Medea," raising questions about revenge, the nature of justice and natural laws. Medea rocks Greek culture. She brings out Greek arrogance against foreigners and questions the very foundations of their culture.

The Saint Mary's Department of Communication Studies, Dance and Theatre presents Euripides' chilling tragedy, "Medea," adapted by Robinson Jeffers, this weekend in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. An introduction to Greek culture precedes the play, beginning about half an hour prior to the main performance.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with the "Medea", it makes "Oedipus the King" look like a bedtime story and puts the rage of Achilles to shame. Medea is a fierce Asian princess, who married the Greek hero, Jason the Argonaut. For love of Jason, she murdered both her father and her brother. As the play opens, she wails inside the house because her beloved husband dropped her for a new princess, younger model and more cash. When we see her for the first time, her eyelids droop as if in a trance and pain seems to wash over her body like the lapping tide, licking her wounds in repeated rhythm. There is witchcraft, violent murderers and cruel cackling from Medea. But you'll have to show up at Saint Mary's this weekend to see the rest.

Going to see Meredith Pierce, a senior theatre major, rage about the intimate stage setting, in truly tormented Medea-fashion, is worth the trip alone. Before she ever appears onstage, the agony in her unseen cries pierces the nervous opening speech of her faithful old servant, played by sophomore, Betsy Brown.

Meredith admitted that she was "scared to death" of Medea at first glance but has come to understand how a larger-than-life character, like Medea, could be perceived by this "downward spiral" to such extreme, unnatural acts.

First-time Saint Mary's Director Leigh Taylor also noticed Meredith's increased understanding of her role. Despite being originally concerned about how a 21-year-old girl was going to achieve the depth of a character like Medea without any life experience that could even come close to comparable. Taylor found herself well pleased with the results.

Because of all the conflicting issues in this work, Taylor hoped to leave the audience in "wonder" about "how far a person can be driven." Although Medea never seems quite human during the play, her supernatural qualities are reemphasized by the fact that she seems to be exempt from divine justice at the end of the play.

Because the play is acted and staged on the auditorium stage, this presentation of the "Medea" has an intimate feel. The scenery, created by Thomas Boelman, helped add to the conception of Medea's character as "larger than life." Large columns coiled with snakes, huge doors that always open of their own accord, tall black walls and raised golden images that one would imagine on Greek pottery, decorated Medea's house. The scenery was excellent because it provided the necessary setting, while not drawing the audience's attention away from the intense dialogue that demands their focus.

There are some great lines in this play, and this presentation definitely does it justice. Medea says, "Hate is a bottomless cup that I shall pour and pour..." If that's not enough incentive to go check it out, in the closing lines, Medea gives Jason a callous response when he asks her what he should do. She says, "Go out under the stars, it's not me they scorn."

"Medea" will be performed Friday March 28 at 8 p.m., Saturday March 29 at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. as well as on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's. Contact the box office at 284-4626 to purchase tickets or for further information.

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Five women in "Medea," a chilling tragedy by Euripides, pause to console a friend. Liesl Yost, Adrienne DeGraff and Meg Lawrence play three of the women.

Medea, played by senior theatre major Meredith Pierce, talks with Creon, played by Fred Syburg. Adrienne DeGraff, one of the three women, lays down on center stage, helping to contribute to the intimacy of the presentation, coupled with the classic scenery of columns and Greek pottery of Medea’s era.
Wade’s 20 second half points puts Marquette in Elite Eight

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS—Marquette’s Joey Hauser didn’t have his best game Thursday night at the Metrodome. He scored 20 points, but the Wildcats beat Wisconsin 63-57 lead the third-seeded Golden Eagles to a 77-74 victory over No. 2 seed Pittsburgh in the Midwest Regional semifinals Thursday night at the Metrodome.

Chevon Troutman scored seven of his 15 points in the final 2:56 to lead the Panthers rally, but Marquette hung on and Pittsburgh was eliminated in the round of 16 for the second straight season.

Marquette (26-5) will play top-seeded Kentucky on Saturday, with the winner advancing to the Final Four in New Orleans. The Wildcats beat Wisconsin 63-57 earlier.

Brandon Knight led Pittsburgh (28-5) with 16 points. His 3-point attempt with about four seconds to go could have tied it, but he came up short.

Diener, who scored 55 points in the Golden Eagles’ first two victories, missed his free throws and fell short of four points to go into the fourth round.

Knight dribbled down the floor, pump-faked Wade in the basket over the Wildcat’s left ankle, Marquette ran their winning streak to 26 games, holding off scrappy Wisconsin in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

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Bogans sprained his ankle with 3:32 left in the first half. Wisconsin’s Kirk Penney lost the ball under the basket, turned around to run back down the floor and fell over the Kentucky bench.

Bogans was limping on the bench during a timeout, lobbied to get back in and then limped on the court with just under two minutes left. He hopped on his obvious pain, he headed to the locker room with 53 seconds to go in the game.

They all have during a frantic, back-and-forth half but finally limped to the Kentucky bench five minutes in.

As Bogans made his way to the locker room, the Wildcats showed their balance and power Thursday night and got the injured Bogans his wish.

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The shot clock running down, he clicked off his left ankle, sank a twisting layup high off the glass to make it 75-73 with 23.4 seconds to go.

Knight — a 53 percent free- throw shooter for his career — made two foul shots to cut the lead to 75-74.

Scott Merritt — who had 17 points — hit a pair of free throws on the other end, bumping the lead back to 77-74 with 11.4 seconds to go.

Townsend grabbed the rebound off the floor and fell over the Kentucky bench.

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The team wraps up play Sunday at noon at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Play is scheduled to begin Saturday at noon with a seven-inning opener of the double-header before the full-length nightcap at 3 p.m.

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MENS GOLF

Cold Kentucky awaits Irish

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Could the University Club of Kentucky be the site of an Irish resurgence? Notre Dame invades the University of Kentucky's golf course Saturday with aspirations of their first victory of the spring season.

The Irish have had two meets since tournament play resumed. After finishing eighth in the rain-abbreviated Big Red Classic, Notre Dame placed 15th in the Conrad Rehling Alabama Spring Invitational. Two weeks of practice later, the Irish are looser, more confident, and poised to return to their full season form.

"We're getting back to where we were before the winter break," freshman Scott Gustafson said. "We worked the rust off during the two weeks of practice and are ready to perform." Mark Baldwin, Brandon Lanke, Eric Deutsch and Gustafson are expected to keep Notre Dame competitive. Baldwin and Deutsch will be playing under conditions that are similar to what they were accustomed to. The two have been playing under conditions that are similar to what they were accustomed to.

"Whenever we golf, we come prepared for all different conditions," freshman Scott Gustafson said. "We're building up to our best chance to advance — it's in the weekend, they have a tournament to win. The Saint Mary's softball program

SMC SOFTBALL

'Eager' Belles kick off MIAA season at home

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball program has gotten off to a tremendous start this season. Going into the weekend, the Belles stand at a respectable 10-6-1 record.

With a young cast and only one senior, much of its early season success could be attributed to the new coaching style of first year manager Anna Welsh. Taking over a team that has struggled, particularly offensively, in the past, Welsh has gotten the most out of her players in a majority of the Belles games so far. The Belles are averaging over four runs per game, scoring 73 runs in their first 17 contests. All indications are the women are eager to play and win under their new coach. "My coaching style is that of a very aggressive, strategic and fun nature," Welsh said. "I teach the fundamentals of the game as well as the strategies of the game that will give us the edge on the competition." Recently, the Belles went 1-3 in a tournament in Indianapolis, defeating No. 10 Olivet Nazarene University, 3-2, in the first of two match-ups between the two teams. Yet the team struggled at the plate. It took an all-around great individual performance from freshman Kate Sigwich - on the mound and at the plate - to put Saint Mary's over the top against Olivet Nazarene. While the Irish were under their belt, the Belles have proven they can at least compete on the road. The next step is bringing in an early season intensity and the offensive production seen on its Fort Myers trip to league play.

Saint Mary's begins MIAA league play this weekend, as they host Olivet College Saturday at 1 p.m. Welsh is confident the Belles can bounce back from the challenging tournament of last weekend and show what they are capable of at home on Saturday. Hitting from junior Katrina Tebbe, senior Susan Kutz and freshman Greta Linde will be key for the Belles. "I have instilled an attitude in my team that consists of working hard, having fun and learning the game," Welsh said. And, she hopes, an attitude of winning. Contact Pat Leonard at pleonard@nd.edu.
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it's a sign that the program is rapidly moving among college basketball's elite.

In a locker room filled mostly with dry eyes and dreams of what could have been, Matt Carroll gave his teammates one last piece of advice before the team became somebody else's team, anybody else's team, but not Matt Carroll's team.

"Fellas, look what we've done this year," Carroll told his teammates after the 88-71 loss. "You guys have ended the season on a lot of momentum. You have to use this to get ready for next summer and get ready for next year.

It's what Irish teams have done before.

Two years ago, Notre Dame fell in the round of 32 because they lacked the journey maturity to avoid getting wowed. The memory of that defeat motivated them to be a team that's been making the Sweet Sixteen, not just making the tournament, not just making the tournament, not just making the tournament, but not Matt Carroll's team.

The Irish accomplished tremendous things under Carroll and Miller's leadership. They helped pull a team many thought was destined for the NIT into the Sweet Sixteen.

"We will," Brey added shortly after he pulled Francis into the shower room and told him the Irish needed him to be a leader more than ever next season.

The future of the program looked set.

For one team in the Arrowhead Pond Thursday night, the Sweet Sixteen was just a stepping stone for larger dreams in the present.

For the other, the Sweet Sixteen was a stepping stone for the future.

Arizona's experience advantage was no more obvious than early in the first half. After Torin Francis threw down a fast-break dunk to give the Irish a 26-25 lead — the last lead the Irish would hold — the Wildcats put a choke hold on Notre Dame from which the Irish could never escape.

Suddenly, a one-point Irish lead turned into a one-point Wildcat lead. Then a three-point lead. Then a five-point lead.

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...and then made sure the Irish never got back within 10.

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after Torin Francis made a fast-break dunk to put the Irish ahead by one, Arizona's Hassan Adams came off the bench and provided a spark for the Wildcats, making back-to-back layups to put Arizona in front 29-26. Adams had six points and three steals during the run.

"[Notre Dame] came out and we had a bunch of thoughts in our minds," Francis, who canned all eight of his field goals, including 1-of-2 on 3-pointers, said. "I thought we'd bring our A game and then they'd bring their B game. But they brought their A game and we brought our B game."

By the time it was over, the Irish trailed 47-29 and could never recover.

"During that run we quickly lost our momentum and we never got it back," Brey said. "They're so hard to stop because they come at you from so many different angles.

Notre Dame stayed within striking distance thanks to Francis, who canned all eight of his field goals, including one with 22 seconds left in the half to get the Irish within 53-40. The freshman ended the game with a career-high 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Wildcats shot 33.5 percent in the half and 5-of-8 on 3-pointers. The Irish hit 48.6 percent of their shots and half of their 10 3-point attempts.

But it was the way Arizona toughened on defense that made the difference. They forced the Irish into 19 turnovers for the game, nine more than the Wildcats, themselves, had. Arizona also held Notre Dame to only eight second-half field goals and 33 percent shooting.

The second half started out strong for Notre Dame when Chris Thomas drilled a 3-pointer, pulling the Irish within 10 points. But Arizona responded with a 10-2 run to extend their lead to 63-45.

Salim Stoudamire and Gardner each nailed 3-pointers during the run for Arizona.

The closest the Irish got during the rest of the game was 12 on a Dan Miller free throw with 1:55 remaining, but Arizona went on another 16-3 run to go up by 25. Luke Walton led the Wildcats during that stretch, scoring eight points for Arizona. The Wildcat lead reached as many as 26 in the second half.

Matt Carroll and Miller each had 11 points on 4-for-14 and 4-for-13 shooting, respectively, in their final games in Irish uniforms.

Brey was proud of the way his team played, especially over the course of the season.

"Nobody's crying in that locker room," he said. "We had a great year. I'm really proud of this basketball team, given where we started and how we were thought of back in October."

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Irish forward Dan Miller gets a dunk in Thursday night's game against Arizona. Miller combined with fellow senior Matt Carroll to shoot only 8-for-27 in their last collegiate game.

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Arizona senior point guard Jason Gardner defends Notre Dame sophomore point guard Chris Thomas Thursday night at the Arrowhead Pond.
MENS LACROSSE

Key GWL stretch awaits Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

After ending a three-game losing streak last weekend with a 17-3 cloaking of an unranked Hartford, the No. 13 Irish (4-3) will host Great Western League rival Denver Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium in the hopes of regaining its early season momentum. The Irish fought hard against an early season schedule that featured six ranked teams in Notre Dame’s first seven games. Notre Dame jumped out to 3-0 with wins over Penn State, Penn and North Carolina, but the Irish fell to top-ranked Virginia, Loyola and Hofstra to send the team to the 500 mark at 3-3. The 4-1 record, however, does not do head coach Kevin Corrigan’s group justice. Two of the three losses were decided by one goal. Loyola needed a Craig Georgales goal with 41 seconds remaining to fight off a ferocious Notre Dame comeback and win 9-8, and Hofstra got a rare seven-goal performance from Jim Femminella to edge the Irish. 8-8 Notre Dame could very well be 6-1 at this point.

"We look at every game like we should win it," Corrigan said. "We’re disappointed if we don’t [win it], but [if we lose] then we ask ourselves what we could have done differently. We’ve talked about that we didn’t shy away from playing anybody in the early season, and that’s why our kids come here, I think, to play people like that." The Hartford match came just in time for a team that was used to seeing one top-ranked contender after another.

"It was mostly a good break from the tough loss [to Hofstra] on Friday night," Corrigan said. "It was nice to not have to come back to practice and talk about the loss. We said, ‘Let’s just get back there and play again.’ If anything, the tough early season schedule will motivate the Irish to continue to dominate teams like Hartford, and hopefully, Denver as well. Now, the Irish look to construct a winning streak of their own as they face Denver. Notre Dame leads the career series against Denver with a 6-0 record, and has never failed to score in double-digits against the Pioneers. Notre Dame leads Denver in head-to-head goals, 97-82.

"The next twenty days is a huge stretch for us," Corrigan said. "We have five league games in twenty days. We’ll find out what we have in the next couple of weeks." The game is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Hokies host Irish in conference clash

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off two close losses to ranked teams, the women’s lacrosse team will look to get back on the winning track as they head to Blacksburg, Va. to face the Virginia Tech Hokies Saturday at 1 p.m. For the Irish, returning to life on the road will be familiar, as they’ve played only one of their first five games at home. In all, seven of their first nine games are on the road before they play five consecutive home games.

The match-up against Virginia Tech will be the second Big East game for the Irish this season, as they already have a win at Boston College. Virginia Tech has struggled to a 1-7 record early in the season, including 0-3 in the conference. The Irish are 2-3 overall, with all three losses coming to teams ranked in the IWLCA Rankings.

For the Hokies, this could be a bad time to face the Irish, who have lost their last two games in close finishes to Yale and Ohio State.

The Irish, now ranked No. 14 in the IWLCA after beginning the season in the top 10, will look to respond as they did after their first defeat when they went out and beat Ohio 19-4.

For the first time in the program’s history, the Irish have a nominee for the Tewaaraton Trophy that goes annually to the top player in men’s and women’s lacrosse. Senior All-American candidate Danielle Shearer is one of 21 nominees, and leads the Irish with ten goals and nine assists through the first five games.

Against Ohio, Shearer also became the second player in Notre Dame history to reach 100 goals in a career, and is chasing the Notre Dame records for goals (121), assists (68) and points (190) all held by 2001 graduate Lad O’Shaughnessy. Heading to Virginia Tech, Shearer has 105 goals and 49 assists, for 154 points.

After battling the Hokies, the Irish will travel to Syracuse for a game against the Orangemen. The Irish also have another chance to knock off a highly ranked opponent. The Irish return home to face Connecticut on April 5.

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Jim Harrick Sr. is all smiles before a game earlier this year against South Carolina. Harrick resigned as the head coach of the University of Georgia mens basketball team Thursday amid allegations of academic fraud.

Harrick resigns as Georgia coach

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia coach Jim Harrick resigned Thursday amid a scandal in the basketball program that cost his son a job as an assistant.

Harrick was suspended by pay March 10 pending a joint investigation by the university, the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference into alleged academic fraud.

The scandal prompted the school to ban the No. 25 Bulldogs (19-8) from playing in the SEC and NCAA tournaments.

The decision came after it was discovered that at least one player received an A in a class taught by assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr. despite never attending.

University officials said that under a resignation agreement, the elder Harrick will receive his remaining base pay, broadcast payments and a Nike payment that total $254,166.

"This entire situation has been, and is, regrettable for the athletic program and the university," athletic director Vince Dooley said in a statement. "Coach Harrick is an accomplished coach of the game of basketball; however, I believe his resignation and retirement at this time to be in the best interests of the athletic association and the university, and coach Harrick obviously believes it is in his best interests, as well." Harrick was hired by the UCLA in 1996 — a season after winning the national title — for being an expert in recruiting.

Harrick then went to Rhode Island and took that school to the regional finals of the 1998 NCAA tournament. He was accused of improprieties during his two years there. A former secretary at Rhode Island said Harrick had grades changed for players, had student managers write papers for players and arranged for players to receive lodging, travel and money from boosters.

In addition, Harrick Jr. was accused of falsifying hotel and meal reports for recruits when he worked for his father at Rhode Island.

The Georgia investigation began after Tony Cole, kicked off the team last year, accused the younger Harrick of paying his bills, doing schoolwork and teaching a sham class on coaching.

**IN BRIEF**

Bennett undergoes foot surgery

Minnesota Vikings running back Michael Bennett will have surgery Friday on his broken left foot and is expected to be sidelined for six weeks.

Bennett felt discomfort while working out at the Vikings' practice facility on Tuesday, coach Mike Tice said in a statement released by the team Thursday. Bennett was diagnosed with a fracture, and is expected to make a full recovery following surgery and rehabilitation.

A message left with Bennett's agent, Patrick Dye, was not immediately returned.

Last season, Bennett became the first Vikings running back to play in the Pro Bowl since Robert Smith in 1995.

Bennett rushed for five touchdowns and 1,296 yards last season, his second in the NFL, after being drafted by the Vikings in the first round out of Wisconsin in 2001. He tied for third on the team with 37 receptions and ranked third in the NFC in yards rushing.

Andretti enters final race as driver

Michael Andretti entered four cars for the Indianapolis 500 on Thursday. What made the task unusual for Andretti is that his name was appearing on the paperwork for the final time as a driver.

Andretti, who co-owns the Andretti Green Racing team, plans to retire after the May 25 race and run the team with drivers Tony Kanaan, Dario Franchitti and rookie Dan Wheldon.

"This is a bit of a strange feeling for me," said Andretti, who delivered the entries to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway himself. "This is the first time I've had to do this, and I'll say it feels kind of odd to be handing in the one for my very last race."

Andretti, a former CART champ, has led the most laps (398) of any driver who has never won at Indianapolis. His best finish at Indy was second in 1991, behind Rick Mears.

"We're extremely excited to be fielding four cars for this race," said Andretti, the 40-year-old son of 1969 Indy winner Mario Andretti. "The one goal I still have (as a driver) is to win this race. I've tried 13 times to win it, and for one reason or another, I never had. I'm going into this race with my heart and mind set on winning it."
MENS TENNIS

Irish to face Hurricanes

◆ Win at Miami would improve team's chances of making NCAA Tournament

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a win over Virginia Tech last Sunday that put the Irish atop the Big East conference standings, Notre Dame will face its second — and last — conference opponent of the regular season Sunday when they travel to the domain of the 15th-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

Notre Dame's match against the Hurricanes will be the Irish's 10th consecutive home match, and it will give the Irish more outdoor playing experience as they prepare for the Big East Championships.

Additionally, Notre Dame needs to beat some highly ranked teams in order to increase its case for entry into the NCAA tournament.

If they do not win the Big East Championships in late April, the Irish will have to rely on their ranking to earn them an at-large bid.

Notre Dame has two opportunities to greatly improve their rank, starting with Sunday's bout with the Hurricanes.

Then on April 13, Notre Dame will travel to Kentucky, which is currently ranked 12th.

The Irish will also have a few opportunities to improve their record, with matches approaching against Ball State and Indiana State, ranked 62 and 63 respectively.

The last time the Hurricanes competed, they defeated Dartmouth 5-2. They were supposed to host Tennessee last Sunday, but that match was postponed and eventually cancelled due to downpours.

Fortunately for the Irish, one of Miami's stars, No. 18 Todd Widom, will likely miss the match due to illness. Widom has not played since the Hurricanes' Mar. 13 upset of Texas Christian.

In last year's Big East tournament, Widom, ranked 22nd at the time, upset Notre Dame's Javier Taborga, who was ranked 14th. Despite that, the strong Irish squad was able to defeat Miami 4-1, adding to a 6-1 triumph earlier in the season.

Notre Dame's performance this weekend could give a likely indication of how they will finish in the Big East Championships. A win Sunday will significantly increase their odds of reaching the NCAA Tournament, while a loss will most likely require them to seek revenge on Miami come late April.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Tough road stretch ahead

◆ Match at No. 35 Ohio State is first of 3 against ranked opponents for Irish

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With no more matches on their home courts for the rest of the season, the Irish women's tennis team is preparing to face a string of highly-ranked teams on the road before entering the Big East Championship in late April.

The final stretch of a challenging season begins Saturday at No. 35 Ohio State.

The Buckeyes, returning home after seven road matches, are 9-3 overall and 3-0 in the Big Ten, and are coming off two consecutive losses to Louisiana State and Central Florida.

Like the Irish, the Buckeyes have had many close wins and close losses. A large proportion of both team's matches have finished up 4-3.

Notre Dame is fresh off two confidence-building wins over Big Ten opponents Purdue and Michigan, and the Irish are looking to continue that domination Saturday, although a tougher match is expected.

The Irish are used to playing formidable opponents though, as their schedule has been full of nationally-ranked competition.

Notre Dame has played 11 out of their 17 matches against ranked opponents, and each Irish loss has been to a ranked team.

Both the Buckeyes and the Irish defeated No. 33 Michigan at the respective home courts, and Notre Dame also scored a big win over Texas, currently ranked 30th.

The Eck Pavilion has generally been favorable to the Irish, who are 8-3 at home, however, Notre Dame has only gone 2-4 on the road.

Ohio State may be seeking for some vengeance against the Irish. Last year, when the Buckeyes visited Notre Dame, the Irish won 5-2, despite Ohio State starting ahead by winning the doubles point.

Wednesday, Notre Dame will face one of the nation's best teams — No. 17 Illinois. Then, after a trip to Indiana, Notre Dame will travel to Miami to take on the No. 19 Hurricanes, their last opponent before the Big East Championships, which are also in Miami.

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ROWING

Warmer weather providing Irish ample practice time

◆ Indiana and Purdue among opposition at Indiana Classic

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The sun has been shining over Notre Dame and women's rowing coach Martin Stone couldn't be more pleased.

The team, which has only been on the water for a little over two weeks, is capitalizing on the unusually warm weather conditions as it prepares for this weekend's Indiana Classic.

Before its Spring Break regattas in Tennessee and South Carolina, the team had only practiced in the boats once since November. The rowers quickly acclimated themselves to the water, though, and garnered victories at both Tennessee and Clemson, and most recently, raced side by side against Michigan last weekend.

"The weather makes a huge difference and has given us the opportunity to get out in the boats," said Stone. "Just as in any other weather-dependent sport, we work best when the conditions are favorable. We have been learning from our races, rotating rowers, and identifying areas to work on. The girls have been very receptive in practice."

Practices out in the boats enable the rowers to both solidify team unity and hone technical problems. The rowers are determined to challenge their noteworthy 2002 spring season performance and return to the NCAA Championships.

"We've worked hard every day since last year with this goal in mind," said Erica Drennen. "It's certainly an attainable goal, but one that will take continued hard work up until the end."

In West Lafayette, Drennen and the other rowers will take on Indiana and Purdue. At last year's classic, Notre Dame won the varsity eight race by almost 15 seconds and the varsity four had an equally impressive win by 20 seconds. The rowers are confident that they will have another strong showing. They will finally implement their race plan over a full 2,000 meter course, and hope moving one step closer to the NCAA Championships.

"I personally have high expectations for our 2003 season because I know our team has the ability to achieve that," said coxswain Kacy McCallrey. "I am very excited for the racing opportunities that lie ahead of us, and I know that the training and the heart that this team has will take us far."

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ND SOFTBALL

‘Confident’ Irish begin defense of Big East crown

By MATTHEW LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish softball team has gone from hunter to hunted.
Notre Dame (10-11) will begin its Big East conference schedule this weekend traveling to Pittsburgh Saturday and then to Virginia Tech Sunday.
Northwestern swept Notre Dame in Wednesday’s home opener for the Irish. A bright spot for the Irish was third baseman Andrea Loman, who had a home run, three RBIs and made some of her trademark stellar defensive plays at the hot corner.

"I thought she played pretty well. She made some great plays at third base, and obviously the home run helped," Gumpf said. "Unfortunately, it wasn’t enough to win, but Andrea is just a solid, solid player."

The Irish will need similar performances from the rest of the team in order to overcome the pressure of retaining its perch atop the Big East.

"We feel pressure but are confident," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We might have a little more pressure but we have confidence to carry us through."

That confidence comes from the Irish having won a Big East regular season crown in all seven years the team has been a member of the conference. The Irish have also won three of the last four Big East postseason titles.

Last year, the Irish compiled an 15-2 conference record, and clinched the regular season title at home on Senior Day with a doubleheader sweep of Villanova.

"We emphasize conference play. We have to win the Big East Championship and that’s what we are gunning for," Gumpf said. "We have to play great in every conference game we play."

Coincidentally, Notre Dame started its Big East regular season schedule at Pittsburgh last year as well. The Irish easily swept the Panthers, 13-8 and 9-2.

Pittsburgh is 14-14 on the year, has won nine in a row and is a perfect 8-0 at their new home field.

In their last game against Cleveland State, Pittsburgh pitcher Nikki Gasti allowed just one hit in five innings and tied her school record of 11 strikeouts.

For the year, Gasti is 10-7 with a 2.99 ERA and has 117 strikeouts in 105 1/3 innings pitched.

The Hokies head into the weekend with an 11-15 record, winning their last six games, which have all been at home. The Irish also easily beat the Hokies last year, 10-0 and 8-0, but the Hokies returned the favor in the Big East Championship.

At the Big East Tournament, the Irish dropped the first game to Virginia Tech, but fought through the loser’s bracket and beat the Hokies twice to win the postseason title.

While the Panthers appear to be a cupcake, the Hokies could present a good early season in-conference challenge for the Irish.

"It doesn’t matter [when we play them] because we have to play them all at some point," Gumpf said.

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Freshman Heather Booth pitches in a game against Northwestern Wednesday at Ivy Field. Notre Dame begins Big East conference action this weekend at Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech.

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Too much to handle

♦ 22-3 first half run allows Arizona to take big lead and end Irish season

By JOE HETTLE
Sports Editor

ANAHEIM, Calif.
Lute Olsen called the game between No. 5 seed Notre Dame and top-seeded Arizona a track meet.
The Irish played well early, racing to a first half lead. But they ran out of gas, just when the Wildcats were hitting their stride.
After trailing 26-25 with 12 minutes, 11 seconds left in the half, Arizona showed the nation why they were ranked No. 1 for 13 weeks this season.
Five Wildcats scored in double figures, led by guard Jason Gardner's 19 points and six assists and Arizona used an impressive 22-3 first-half run to end Notre Dame's season, 88-71, in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament.

By MIKE BREY
Irish coach Mike Brey said, "I'm very impressed with Arizona. They were a little too much for us to handle this afternoon."
The huge first-half spurt began...