College admissions plans for sizable class

By SARAH NESTOR
Senior Staff Writer

Saint Mary’s admissions projects the class of 2007 to be similar in size to the past several classes, represent a range of states and countries and have strong academic quality.

Mary Pat Nolan, Director of Admissions, said she projects Saint Mary’s will enroll a class of 2007, and over the past ten years, has remained strong. The mean GPA is 3.68 on a 4.0 scale and the mean SAT composite score is 1150 and the mean ACT composite score is 25. Nolan added that she would know more about the class composition after the National Candidate’s Reply Date on May 1.

“We have exceeded by a few percentage points the number of applications from last year and the year before,” Nolan said.

Nolan did give reasons that the class of 2006 may slightly be smaller in size. She said approximately 80 percent of students go to public institutions, and the number of students who consider a women’s college has stayed constant over the past three years.

Nolan also said that the national economic situation is a factor, considering that unemployment and underemployment is high and personal income is basically flat. Another factor working against private institutions can be contributed to Federal aid flat funding and, in Indiana, the decrease in state aid.

However, Nolan and the admission staff continue to plan major on-campus visitation.
Fifth Food Group

Movies such as "Animal House," "Van Wilder" and "Road Trip" all celebrated in search of the college students' aqua parties or to their favorite local tavern, the party aspect of college life with their names like "granny's best" or "spring light." However, the staple cheap beer from around the world, students can find in vast quantities at dorm parties.

College social life is an important part of the experience. And leave college, at least if you expect to ever graduate and have an active college social life, an important part of the experience.

Therefore, on any given weekend at colleges across the nation, you can find students heading to dorm parties, house parties or to their favorite local tavern, in search of the college students' aqua vitae and the fifth food group - beer.

Members of the Notre Dame community came together over the weekend to raise over $17,000 to combat homelessness.

What's Happening @ ND

- Round table discussion about students' voice 7 p.m. at LaFortune
- Lecture with Gregg Nebel Task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives 7:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- Swing dance lessons 8:30 p.m. at Rockne Memorial, room 301

What's Happening @ SMC

- OMA celebrates Cesar Chavez Day All day at Haggag College Center, room 303
- Window on music 12 p.m. at Moreau, room 114
- Board of Governance meeting 4:30 p.m. at Haggag College Center

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Meatloaf, scalloped corn casserole, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, petite carrots in honey-orange sauce, cherry cobbler, grilled fillet, potatoes with spinach, baked potato, broccoli spears, oatmeal, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fried potato triangles, steakhouse fries, Szechuan vegetable stir-fry

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Hawaiian pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, cheese and vegetable pie, winter-blend vegetables, beef chop suey, cajun-baked pollock, roast top round, baked sweet potatoes, whipped potatoes, long grain and wild rice, cut corn, baked potato, broccoli cuts, peas, cut green beans, grilled ham and cheese on white

Today's Dinner: Potato pancakes, hot chunky applesauce, beef-stuffed peppers, tuna casserole, roast turkey breast, whipped potatoes, broccoli cuts, peas, cut green beans, mashed potato

What's Going Down

No new information available from the NSP crime blisters.
Peace conference examines Iraq war

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Undergraduates from 12 universities addressed issues relating to peace-building and conflict resolution in the Kroc Institute's annual Undergraduate Student Peace Conference held Friday and Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Student organizers said this year's conference, entitled "Shadows of War, Visions of Peace", proved especially relevant in light of the war in Iraq.

"Back in the fall, it looked like [war with Iraq was impending]," said Emily Badrov, senior political science major and an organizer of the conference. The "Shadows of War [was because] we could tell that something was about to happen. We wanted to have the conference be about [this]."

Students began preparing for the conference in October, discussing possible topics and themes for the presentation. Upon deciding on this year's theme, they began to call for undergraduate papers through networking and advertising on the Kroc Institute website.

Shabnam Siddiqui, a graduate student in political science and a conference organizer, said that the quality of this year's papers was impressive.

"The kind of papers we have gotten this year is much richer," Siddiqui said. "We are seeing five to undergradares addressed issues relating to a wide variety of interests, including panel discussions ranging from "Religious Paths to Peace" to "Innocence Lost: The Effects of War on Children."

Each submission had an average of 10 to 15 minutes to deliver their paper with another five minutes for questions and answers.

A panel discussion entitled "Justifying War in the Modern World," presented John Viano from Marquette University, De-Yuan Kao from the University of Maryland-Baltimore, and Carter from Indiana University and Notre Dame's Ky Bertolli, presented papers that related to just war theory and argued that the current war with Iraq did not meet criteria.

Viano's paper, "War and Peace: A Potential," argued for a need for greater information sharing among nations in order to better predict empirically the actions of countries. Such trust and complicity among nations, Viano argued, would remove much of the current conflict in the Middle East.

"The cause for peace is such that if we all recognize that we are insecure, we can do something about it that isn't violence," he said.

Kao's paper, "Why Intervene? A Comparison between the 'Two' Gulf Wars," focused on the discussion of evaluation of U.S. doctrine regarding the use of force from 1980 to the present day and compared the use of force in the first and second Gulf War.

Carter's paper entitled "Is it just? Three Perspectives on the War", discussed the Bush Administration's Proposed War in Iraq, compared the political philosophies of Michael Walzer, Simone Weie and Alberi's War, and just war theory and argued that the war with Iraq clearly violated the concepts of just war theory.

A second panel discussed "What is Happening to Just War Theory?", focused on the Catholic Church's views toward just war theory and the war with Iraq, illustrating the differences between the Church and the Bush Administration with respect to the war.

"The Bush Administration says that we are acting because the risks of not acting would be much greater. The Vatican stands starkly on the other side," he said.

In a workshop entitled "Peace in the Making," Space Center International, Action, and Americans Over the Current War, moder­ator George Lopez, Notre Dame political science profes­sor, addressed the issue of medi­ating discussion and resolving conflict between supporters and opponents of the war with Iraq.

"This is a war about ideas as much as it is about terrible killing," Lopez said.

Carter argued that the conference was intended for students to share information and network with other students interested in similar kinds of research.

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Coalition of students participate in walk against hunger

By LINDA SKALSKI  
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame community came together on Saturday for the Annual Notre Dame Homeward Bound Walk to Fight Homelessness, co-sponsored by Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity and 14 other non-profit organizations in Indiana, raising over $17,000.

In addition to raising funds, the walk also helped to raise awareness about the problem of homelessness in the area, said Lindsay Lutz, walk chairperson.

"It is great that there are so many Notre Dame and South Bend community who came to Notre Dame," sophomore Colleen Dowdall said. "Habitat is really reaching out to the broader community through this walk."

Walkers were motivated with a talk by Lou Nanni, vice president for University relations and former director of the Center for the Homeless, who put the event into a deeper context, giving faces to the faces.

Nanni spoke about the broad range of people he saw walk through the doors at the Center for the Homeless, as diverse as a first round NBA draft pick suffering from a crack cocaine addiction, to a former Notre Dame security guard who broke down after losing his wife, to a pregnant 12-year-old girl.

"We're not just talking about people who walk through the cracks of society, but people who are born into the cracks of society," Nanni said. Nanni spoke about Ovetta, a homeless woman who does not trust the world and sleeps with men to feel loved for a moment. Ovetta writes her thoughts on paper, because she is so ashamed of herself that she cannot bear to hear her own voice.

"For as long as I can remember, life has been ugly and I can remember since I have been one and a half," Ovetta wrote. "I've had children, only to have someone love me with no exceptions." Nanni said that Ovetta and other people who live in the stark reality of homelessness are asking for not simply a house, but a community. They are looking to feel a sense of intimacy that they cannot find in their family or society.

"Homelessness is in the houselessness, but rather a pathology of connectedness," said Nanni.

You are here in some small way to close gaps. You are not here to walk to the homeless, but to walk with the homeless. Nanni pointed out how timely this event fits within the current world situation, and told the crowd that we think not only of terror or war when they walked, but also of the war going on right here, and the struggles in their own backyard.

"Recognizing the importance of community awareness that Nanni highlighted, coupled with the reality that houses are costing more and more as building costs go up, Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity hopes to make this an annual event said Habitat for Humanity manager for an Maria Manhohn. All pledges collected by Notre Dame students, totaling approximately $1,500 will go directly to Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity and will help to purchase materials for a house currently being built in South Bend, the ninth house in nine years built by the group. Other participating organizations included the YMCA Woman's Shelter, the Center for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph's County, Youth Services Bureau and La Casa of Goshen.

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been able to give all of the funding necessary, and that the difference between this year and last year is that the committee put a price tag on it that Student Council would consider.

"Show" organizers had to use outside vendor support for student council and dorm quads in order to make the event more functionable.

"We wanted to keep costs low," said Joe Horton, CCC Service Board president. "But that was not the plan for the current Sophomore Class Council who came to Notre Dame from a 42x392 wide event. If you assume assumption.

the dorms to donate $500 will consider giving money to subsidize a $5 ticket apiece is basically asking dorms came last year, asking students on campus and not tapping kegs at Turtle Creek.

"B ecause the "Show" and Rally Day fell on the same night, it would make sense that fundraisers would approach the Office of Student Affairs to allocate more funding to sponsor an event that would keep students on campus and not tapping kegs at Turtle Creek.

But that was not the plan of the current Sophomore Class council.

"I didn't want to use "The Show" as a non-drinking alternative to Rally. It's more about a really cool activity for students," Romero said. "But we will see." Ebersol said he decided to do this event to pitch in and make it a more campus-wide event. If you assume that 100 people from each dorm came last year, asking the dorms to donate $500 apiece is basically asking them to subsidize a $5 ticket price for their residents to go to the event.

Only the current Sophomore Class Council has positively voted to giving "The Show" committee the $500 it requested. The Junior and Senior class councils have said that they will consider giving money after the dorms hold one final fundraiser, an indication that fundraising from Student Affairs is low.

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few large-sized events.

"We are trying to be bigger in the future, and want to keep traditional SUB events - so that we don't put all of our eggs in one basket," Ebersol said. "Instead of trying to make two events that are just huge we want two large events and three medium events - so that we don't put all of our eggs in one basket."

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Generals, Rumsfeld defend war strategies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The nation's top generals and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld defended their Iraqi strategy on Sunday against new criticism that they underestimated the opposition and started the war with too few troops.

Rumsfeld, whose confident, sometimes combative style is quickly becoming a focus of criticism, insisted Sunday that the plan was for Iraq — which he called a good one — had originated with war commander Gen. Tommy Franks and been approved through the nation's military command, all the way up to President Bush.

"In fact, the president wanted to support the diplomacy in the United Nations. So he wanted things to flow in over a period of time," Rumsfeld said on ABC's "This Week."

Rumsfeld said he could think of one instance, during the pre-war troop and equipment buildup, when he questioned war planners about their recommendation to call up one particular specialized unit. "I'm pretty sure I'm not letting somebody else handle the job."

"The plan we have is his," Rumsfeld said of Franks. "I would be delighted to take credit for it. ... It's a creative and an innovative plan, and it's going to work."

In Qatar, Franks likewise insisted the U.S. troop reinforcements now headed toward Iraq are not a reaction to the tough fighting, but part of a long-planned "rolling start" to the war.

And the Pentagon's top general, Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, insisted along with Rumsfeld that some U.S. ground commanders who have expressed surprise at Iraq's ferocity see only one part of the war, and not the overall situation, which they called good.

"Nobody ever promised a short war," Myers said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Others can have opinions, but I just would say we are executing the plan that the combatant commander (Franks) asked for," Myers said. "He's got exactly what he wants."

Last week, the Army's senior ground commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, told reporters, "The enemy we're fighting is different from the one we thought we were facing."

A Senate Republican, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, while not mentioning Rumsfeld by name, said he was "a little concerned" that Pentagon civilian leaders were not listening carefully enough to such views.

"When your battlefield commanders are there, who are commanding the troops in the middle of the battle are saying certain things, the civilian leadership at the Pentagon must be very careful not to be publicly dismissive of that," Hagel said on CNN's "Late Edition."

It is not the first time that Rumsfeld, a former fighter pilot, has faced criticism that he is too quick to dismiss the views of others, including top generals.

Before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Rumsfeld had clashed with some Pentagon generals and members of Congress who accused him of failing to consult as he pushed for unpopular proposals to "transform" the military and close U.S. military bases.

Once the war in Afghanistan began, however, Rumsfeld's confidence, forceful performances during frequent televised Pentagon briefings made him so popular that Bush once jokingly called his 70-year-old defense secretary a sex symbol.

Islamic Jihad: suicide attack a 'gift' to Iraqi people

Associated Press

NETANYA

A Palestinian suicide attacker wounded 30 people outside a packed cafe in northern Israel on Sunday, a blast the Islamic Jihad called "Palestine's gift to the heroic people of Iraq against the Zionist invasion which targets the entire Arab and Islamic nation."

The militant group said a vanguard of Palestinians has arrived in Baghdad ready to kill American and British soldiers in suicide missions. The claim came a day after a noncommissioned Israeli army officer driving a taxi detonated explosives at a U.S. checkpoint in Iraq, killing himself and four American soldiers.

The blast in the coastal town of Netanya was the first suicide bombing in Israel in nearly a month and involved five pounds of explosives stuffed into a bag of nails. It occurred during lunchtime outside the popular Cafe仙on on the downtown pedestrian mall.

Ten of the wounded were Israeli soldiers, including one who stopped the attacker as he tried to enter the cafe, police and the army said. The attacker detonated a nail-studded explosive strapped to his body as panicked customers ran, overturning chairs and tables and shouting, "Terrorists! Terrorists!"

Islamic Jihad identified the attacker as Rami Ghanem, 20, from a West Bank village just across the porous line with Israel. The bombing affirmed "the unity of battle from Palestine to Baghdad in confronting the American-Zionist invasion which targets the entire Arab and Islamic nation," the group said in a statement.

The militants' support for Iraq appeared to be a departure from pledges not to get involved in other conflicts. In the past 30 months of fighting with Israel, Islamic Jihad and its sister group Hamas have sent dozens of young men and a few women into Israeli cities, where they've killed hundreds with bombs and bullets.

Hamas also appeared to link the battle against Israel with the fighting in Iraq. Masked Hamas activists at a pro-Iraq march in the West Bank city of Nablus on Sunday posed before a large placard showing bloodied maps of Palestine and Iraq with a black-clad man strapped with explosives standing between them.

World News Briefs

Family of suicide bomber paid $34,000

Iraqi gave $34,000 to the family of an Iraqi army officer who killed four U.S. soldiers in a suicide attack, and the leader of the militant group Islamic Jihad said Sunday its volunteers had gone to Baghdad for similar bombing missions against the "American invasion."

All Iasaf al-Noomani, a noncommissioned officer with several children, was posthumously promoted to colonel and awarded two medals for the attack in Najaf that killed the unidentified Americans, Iraqi state television reported. His family reportedly was given a $34,000 payment by Iraqi standards, 1,500 milli­dinars, the equivalent of $34,000. Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan indicated Saturday's attack in Najaf was "just the beginning" and even raised the specter of terrorism on U.S. or British soil. "We will use any means to kill our enemies in our land and we will follow the enemy into its land," Ramadan said.

New York man arrested for shootings

A man who allegedly wanted to harm people of Middle Eastern descent because of his anger over the World Trade Center attack has been arrested in a string of New York workplace shootings that left four people dead. Larme Price, 30, of Brooklyn, was arrested Saturday after admitting to the shootings in a telephone conversation with investigators. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Sunday. Police were charging Price with four counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder in the attacks, all of which came in Brooklyn and Queens.

Price, who is unemployed, contacted police and said he had information about the killings, Kelly said. When they called him to come in for an interview, he admitted to the killings over the telephone and said he had been motivated by the Sept. 11 attacks, Kelly said.

Soldiers stranded in desert for a week

For a week, two American soldiers were stranded in the Iraqi desert. They survived — hungry, thirsty and tired, but eager to get back to their unit and back to the war. The two mechanics said they were stranded when their truck's clutch failed on the way to tow an officer's Humvee that had broken down as the division was traveling toward Baghdad. They said a staff sergeant had ordered them to wait, and said they would be picked up.

Data sheds light on Columbia disaster

Columbia's salvaged data recorder registered unusual temperature spikes in the left wing just seconds after the shuttle experienced the peak heat of re-entry, indicating the ship was mortally wounded before it began its descent. That makes the flyaway foam from the shuttle's fuel tank, during launch, an even stronger suspect for breaching the leading edge of the wing.
Coupie to receive Laetare Medal

Special to The Observer

Peter and Margaret O'Brien Steinfels have been awarded the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 2003. They will receive the medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, during the University's 158th Commencement exercises on May 18.

"Peter and Peggy Steinfels live out and articulate a compelling response to the Church's vocation," University President Father Edward Malloy said.

"As married people, as intellectuals and as children of the Church, their witness to the Kingdom has been splendid and exemplary. Both Chicago natives, the Steinfels have been successful editors of Commonweal, an independent biweekly journal of political, religious and literary opinion published by Catholic laypeople.

Peter Steinfels graduated from Loyola University in 1963 and holds masters and doctoral degrees in European history from Columbia University. While in graduate school at Columbia, he began work as an editorial assistant at Commonweal and had become associate editor before leaving the magazine staff in 1972 to take a position at the Hastings Center, a bioethics think-tank. While at the Hastings Center, he continued to write columns for Commonweal, returning to its staff as editor in 1979.

He left Commonweal again in 1988 to become a senior religion correspondent for The New York Times, where his "Beliefs" column continues to appear. He has written articles and reviews in numerous other journals and is the author of "The Neoconservatives: The Men Who Are Changing America's Politics." He also is a former member of the American studies faculty of Notre Dame, where he was the visiting W. Harold and Martha Welch Professor in 1994.

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels also graduated from Loyola University in 1963 and holds a master's degree in American history from New York University. She wrote film reviews for Today magazine before becoming a reporter and columnist at the National Catholic Reporter. In 1968, in addition to her freelance writing, she was editor of the Hastings Center Report, executive editor of Christianity and Crisis, and editor of Church magazine before succeeding her husband as Commonweal editor in 1988. She resigned as editor earlier this year. She is the author of "Who's Minding the Children? The History and Politics of Day Care in America," and gave the Commencement address and received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1991.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the church calendar.

Establisheed at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. It has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has enabled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Citizen sues Elkhart over religious display

Associated Press

GOSIHEN, Ind. - A man who prodded the city of Elkhart into moving its Ten Commandments monument off public property is now challenging Elkhart County officials over a similar display.

On behalf of William Books of Elkhart, the Indiana Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit last week in U.S. District Court asking for a permanent injunction seeking the removal of a printed version of the Ten Commandments erected Monday in the county office building.

On March 17, the three county commissioners voted to use a donated series of reprinted documents and flags in the building.

Ken Fulk, the ICCLU's legal director, said Books does not wish to speak publicly about his case.

"It is extremely offensive to him if the county of Elkhart is sponsoring a display which violates the Constitution," according to the ICCLU's complaint.

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including Accepted Student Day on Campus on April 6, Spring Day on Campus on April 27 and Fall Day on campus held earlier this year.

"Annually, we have approximately 500 families participating in these formal events," Nolan said. "In addition, we will have approximately 800 families who will make individual campus visits during the year."

Nolan said that perspective students are always encouraged to visit, either for one of the large admission programs or to design a personalized visit. Nolan expects that between 200 and 250 families will participate in this year's Spring Day on Campus.

"The President, the College's Administrative Council and the Budget Committee remains well informed on the progress of the formation of the class of 2003 by weekly updates from the Admission and Institutional Research offices," Nolan said.

"The College is planning on an entering class of 2002 to fall between the range of 375 and 400. Of course, we would like to expand that number and are working toward a higher goal than the actual number being used currently by the Budget Committee."

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Attention Future PHYSICIANS

Attention people who like MATH

Would you like to be a math major and a future physician? How is mathematics useful in biology? Interested yet?

If you'd like to know, Mu Alpha Theta will hold a meeting on Monday March 31st of 6pm, in 117 Hayes-Healy.

Dr. Mark Alber, Director of Center of Biocomplexity and a math professor here at Notre Dame will be giving a talk on the applications of math in biology. His team is currently doing research on chick embryo development with the aid of mathematical formulas.

Come join! This is the LAST meeting of the year, and we will also be holding officers elections. Don't miss it. Pizza and refreshments will be served.
Crude oil futures fall slightly

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK**

Crude oil futures ended modestly lower Friday as traders took profits on Thursday’s sharp gain after the posted amid Iraq war jitters.

Trading was subdued, as participants sat on the sidelines after the volatility and awaited fresh developments in Iraq and Nigeria, the market’s twin concerns.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, the May crude oil contract fell 21 cents to close at $30.16 a barrel. The contract posted an overnight high of $31.05 a barrel.

Front-month April gasoline line and heating oil futures ended mixed ahead of Monday’s expiration. April heating oil closed up 2.10 cents at 83.25 cents a gallon, while April gasoline closed with a loss of 2.08 cents at 95.39 cents a gallon.

At London’s International Petroleum Exchange, North Sea Brent blend futures for May delivery dropped 47 cents to $26.35 a barrel.

Natural gas for May delivery fell 0.09 cent to settle at $5.146.

Despite Friday’s modest pullback, oil prices remained above the levels achieved to end the week more than 12 percent higher, recouping some of the 30 percent decline that came on expectations of a quick war in Iraq.

Those expectations have all but evaporated in recent days, as allied forces face stiff Iraqi resistance as they advance toward Baghdad. Some coalition officials have acknowledged that they had underestimated the Iraqi military’s will to fight, warning that the war could be longer and more difficult than many had hoped.

The prospect of prolonged military conflict has dampened hopes for a quick resumption of Iraqi oil output, which accounts for about 3 percent of global supply.

Iraq exported about 1.7 million barrels a day of oil through the oil-for-food program.

The United Nations suspended the oil sales program last week as allied forces prepared to attack Iraq. The Security Council voted Friday to resume the program since the American-led war winds down.

The resolution approved Friday gives Secretary-General Kofi Annan control over the humanitarian side of the program for the next 45 days. Annan said that the military situation will determine how quickly the United Nations can return its staff to Iraq to begin distributing the aid.

The resolution does not address the oil sales side of the program, an apparent acknowledgment of the uncertainty surrounding the state of the Iraqi oil industry.

"In terms of flows, we would expect that volumes would be erratic at best until a definitely more stable political element is in place," said Tyler Dann, an oil analyst with Banc of America Securities in Houston. "I would suspect tanker companies are going to be quite skittish about lifting oil from facilities that are anywhere close to Iraq until the war is over."

Meanwhile, Nigerian oil output remained sharply curtailed two days after militants battling government forces in the oil-rich Niger Delta announced a cease-fire.

President Olusegun Obasanjo has ordered security forces to arrest ethnic militants, whose battles with rival fighters and government troops have shut down 40 percent of the country’s oil production.

But ChevronTexaco, Royal/Dutch Shell and TotalFinalif say the situation is not safe enough to return their staff to the region and have given no indication when they plan to restore production.

**In Brief**

**Judge allows pension termination**

A federal judge on Friday gave its final approval to US Airways’ termination of its pilots’ pension plan, clearing the way for the airline to emerge from bankruptcy protection next week.

The pension issue had been the last hurdle to the airline emergence. On Friday morning, the Federal Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp. gave its approval to US Airways’ termination of its pilots’ pension plan, and US. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell approved it Friday afternoon.

AOL Time Warner overshates profits

AOL Time Warner announced Friday that it might have to restate its financial results as much as another $400 million because of accounting improprieties at its America Online division.

According to papers filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the SEC has notified the media company that it believes that two transactions involving America Online and Bertelsmann AG were accounted for improperly. Those transactions involve the dispensation of Bertelsmann’s stake in AOL, Europe. The company responded in the filing that it believes the deal was done correctly, and is “engaged in ongoing discussions” with the SEC.

**Senate Republicans send aid to airlines**

Senate Republicans agreed Friday on a $2.8 billion aid package for the nation’s airlines, much less than the industry says it needs to offset slowdowns caused by terrorism worries and the war in Iraq.

The package would extend the war-risk insurance that protects airlines from liability for injuries to passengers during war or an act of terrorism and would reimburse the airlines $1.1 billion for security measures. It also would give the airlines a six-month break from paying to the government the proceeds from a passenger security tax of up to $10 per round-trip ticket.

**Dollar falls due to prolonged war**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK**

Dollar sentiment soured on a flurry of reports about Iraq, including Iraqi officials’ claims that 51 people were killed when the United States bombed a civilian area in Baghdad.

In a sharply and carefully worded statement, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Friday warned both Syria and Iran not to interfere with operations in Iraq and warned both countries that any such interference could be regarded as hostile acts.

In a reflection of how jittery traders have become about the dollar, it tripped to an initial run of global session lows against the Swiss franc and the euro early Friday in New York, as a report that a bridge in New York City had been shut down hurt an already jumpy, rumor-driven market.

Police shut down the Williamsburg Bridge for more than two hours Friday morning after workers spotted three intoxicated men in a restricted area, officials said. The incident had no connection to terrorism, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at $1.0778, up from $1.0682 late Thursday.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 119.70 yen, down from 119.97 yen late Thursday.

The dollar was quoted at 1.3698 Swiss francs, down from 1.3828, and 1.4714 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4632. The British pound rose to $1.5754 from $1.5648.
Dear Undergraduates,

The Institute for Latino Studies offers Notre Dame undergraduates the minor in Latino studies. Latino studies is a field of academic inquiry that rigorously examines the historical and contemporary experiences of Latinos in the context of American society and its institutions. Latinos include people who trace their heritage to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Central and South America.

In addition to providing opportunities for focusing intellectual inquiry on specific groups (e.g., Mexicans or Cubans), Latino studies aims to give students—both Latinos and non-Latinos—and scholars from diverse disciplines a context for exploring the historical, literary, social, economic, religious, and political experiences of this vastly heterogeneous population. Students who pursue the minor will have the opportunity to be at the forefront of the study of one of the twenty-first century's most significant demographic changes in the United States.

As the Latino diaspora evolves, so does the field of Latino studies, which recognizes the value of a comparative, cross-border perspective for arriving at an in-depth understanding of Latinos' historical roots and multietnic heritages. It promotes research and analyses of new issues such as emerging transnational communities, changing immigration patterns, remittances, and cultural flows between Latinos in the United States and the Caribbean and South and Central America. While the emphasis is on domestic Latino communities, the discipline's focus inevitably becomes internationalized when we consider globalization, immigration, and border issues.

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All the best,

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Mystery illness causes health emergency

Associated Press

TORONTO

A mystery illness with no known treatment continued to spread through Asia and Canada on Sunday, killing three more people and infecting many others as officials warned it may be more contagious than originally thought.

Hong Kong health officials said 60 more people had fallen ill with a deadly flu-like disease, more than half of them in one apartment complex, pushing the number of infections worldwide past 1,600.

Singapore's health minister, Lim Hng Kiang, said the disease may spread more easily than first believed, with some people found to be more infectious than others. Labeled as "super-infectors," they can infect as many as 40 others, he said.

"We run the risk of a huge new cluster of infected people, which could start a chain reaction," Lim told a news conference.

The World Health Organization said severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has killed at least 54 people worldwide, with the majority of cases in Hong Kong and China. That figure does not include three more deaths reported Sunday, one each in Hong Kong, Toronto and Singapore.

The International Ice Hockey Federation canceled the women's world championships scheduled to begin Thursday in Beijing.

Authorities have declared a health emergency in Toronto, located 50 miles from the U.S. border. U.S. health officials have reported 62 cases in the United States. So far, four people have died from the illness in Toronto, the latest was reported Sunday.

In addition, about 100 probable or suspect cases have been reported. Officials have closed two hospitals to new patients, and hundreds of people have been quarantined in their homes.

Another possible case turned up in New Brunswick on Canada's east coast, officials said Sunday, meaning the illness that originated in southern China has now reached across Canada. The New Brunswick case involves a school principal who recently traveled to China.

Other suspected cases are in Ottawa; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and on the west coast in Vancouver, British Columbia. The United States and Canada have advised people to avoid travel to afflicted areas in Asia, and the World Health Organization recommended that international travelers from Toronto and several Asian cities get screened for symptoms.

Singapore said it would station nurses at its airport to examine all travelers arriving from infected areas, while Canada planned to screen those traveling abroad from Toronto, although no system was in place Sunday.

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Our Lady's March 25, 2003 message to Mirjana in Medjugorje!

"Dear Children! Also today I call you to pray for peace. Pray with the heart, little children and do not lose hope because god loves His creatures. He desires to save you, one by one, through my coming here. I call you to the way of holiness. Pray, and in prayer you are open to God's will; in this way, in everything you do, you realize God's plan in you and through you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Announcement

Saturday, April 5th

In The Crypt

In response to Our Lady's call from Medjugorje

11:00AM Rosary

11:45 AM Medjugorje Mass
Jobless in South Bend

David Barrett

So my parents think I should have a job. So do I. I am almost 21 and my life remains an utter joke. If only it was so easy. If only I could rely on my average looks, my tender booty or my shapely thighs. Haxton had something there. If only.

I never had a problem securing babysitting jobs or paper routes. I was a sixth grade stud and a conscientious one at that. You say you need a little stencil work on your poster board presentation? I'm on it. How about a little shakalaka with that boom? Just give me a shot. I guarantee I'll make it.

I was money in the bank. My cursive was renowned. There was no question guarantee I'll make it. I was money in the bank. My cursive was renowned. There was no question I could get it done. I was no Boy Scout. I was a Weebos man.

But now, nearly a decade later, they just aren't seeing it. I've sent out nearly 40 resumes and received an embarrassing 3 responses. One was simply to notify me that I had the wrong address, the other to remind me that they stopped accepting applications in February. Sure, my marks are mediocre and my extra-curriculars nonexistent, but I am deserving.

Same thing happened last summer. I showed up in Boston with a couple of roommates and a basketful of ambitions. I hit the streets with a pair of fresh khakis and an ironed brown polo. I hopped from bar to bar. Gap to American Eagle, looking for an establishing worthy of my employment. Nothing. I skipped over to Rosie's Bakery, but apparently my boots wasn't fat enough. I humbly applied at the nearby fast food chains but found no love there either. I went home. To southern Maine I went. I took up my past employer at the local lobster shack on his offer to re-hire me for another long summer.

Keds and ponytails awaited me. They sold me out for a payroll of pre-teens. What a loser. Luckily, I had a list of household chores prepared for me. I spent the duration of the summer washing the deck with a high-pressured hose, an infomercial buy and my dad's new favorite toy. It worked okay. I amused myself with a monthly stipend and trips to the public library to abuse the renovated educational movie rental section, all the while anticipating next summer and an enormous salary.

So here I am, stuck applying to jobs I don't want in order to make money and gain experience that I desperately need. I know it's cliché, but it's not quite as easy as it always seemed. Never mind the Big Five. Underqualified as I may be, I applied to the Big Three: Alamo, National and Hertz. No word yet, but the fingers are crossed. It's not that I want to be parking cars for the rest of my life. I just need a legitimate job this summer. If that doesn't go well, I might be applying to Wendy's and McDonald's, the Big Two. I just always assumed the bachelor in economics and philosophy would carry me a little bit further than fast food.

Maybe I shouldn't worry just yet. We are currently in the midst of war and incredible economic uncertainty, and people just aren't hiring. Confidence is not high. I repeat, confidence is not high. Every night I check the career center's useless Golrizh home page for the latest job postings. Every night I struggle to determine whether Vima Gupta is a "Dear Mr.", or a "Dear Ms."

I try to convince COO Gupta that although my course selection does not reflect a passion for advertising, I'm his or her man.

I find myself cursing Notre Dame and its limited major offerings. I could have gone to Tulia and majored in something I actually would have liked and benefited from, like African funk or infectious diseases. Maybe I just chose the wrong major. Either way, I never thought I'd have trouble getting a connection with the vast network of generous, doing Domers. It isn't too hard. Simply hook this brother up.

I should harken back to those middle-school days once again. I was the entrepreneur. My brothers and I used to lurk in the bushes, just off the 18th fairway at the local golf course, waiting to sprint out, steal people's golf balls and take off. Like any dream job, it proved both lucrative and enjoyable. We'd sell them back, a day later, three for a dollar. I'm going to give those 36 pending internships a couple of weeks. Wait it out. See what happens. But if nothing shines out, I might just be calling up my brothers with a business proposition.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Letters to the Editor

Carrott failed to appreciate purpose of Spring Visitation's...
By LYNN TEDESCO

What do all three "Back to the Future" movies, all three "Indiana Jones" movies, "The Godfather: Part II," "Chaplin," "Chinatown," "American Graffiti," "Beaches," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Young Frankenstein" have in common? If you're thinking it's an all-star cast, you're almost right.

The correct answer is one man: Mike Fenton. Fenton, a graduate from the Film School at UCLA, has been a prolific casting director for over 30 years. Having anticipated the interview was going to go open-ended, and I really just wanted to hear what he had to say.

"Actually, Mr. Fenton, I'm not a regular columnist for the paper. I'm a film student at the University, and I had expressed an interest in becoming a casting director..."

Mike Fenton has worked with many of Hollywood's most famous actors and actresses including Jack Nicholson for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975.

"So, what exactly does a casting director do?"

"I cast motion pictures."

I suppose I was asking for that one. "Okay... but how does that work? What is the process like?"

"The process is a simple one, though complex when a director's in the mix."

His first comments didn't tell me much. After much probing, I finally managed to get him talking.

"The director actually makes the final decision. All I do is basically expose the director to the people that I feel are most right. Here's how it works. The director gets a script. He sends the script to a casting director. That's me. If I feel that I can become intimately involved with the script and I believe that I can do a good job casting it, I will accept the script and begin conversation with the director.

"We discuss the main roles and think of big names to fill the roles. From that point, I go to the studio and see who they would rather I cast. Then I go to those actors' agents and make an offer."

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"The script is sent to the Breakdown Service, and from there, sent out to all agencies. These agencies choose the actors that they represent who they feel will do the best job and send their pictures and resumes to me. We go through the process of bringing in the lesser actors to meet the director. The director then decides who reads."

"I asked him how he got into the industry.

"Well, you know," he replied, "I grew up in this atmosphere..."

"Oh, I see... were your parents involved in the film industry?"

"Well, no, but you know, I grew up in L.A., so..."

"Is there any particular film that you enjoyed casting the most? Anything you are most proud of?"

"We read the scripts before we start casting," Fenton said. "If we are not passionate about a script, we won't cast it."

He had little more to say about specific films or particular actors with whom he knew he'd worked. I asked him about how he came upon Robert DeNiro for "The Godfather: Part II," and how he found Jonathan Brandis for "Ladybugs."

His answers remained the same: "It's all the same process... their agents contact us, the actors read, we make an offer... In [Robert DeNiro's case], we'd seen him in "Bang the Drum Slowly". He read for the part. Francis [Ford Coppola]

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the name of it, but it’s in bookstores already, and you can read more about it at www.mikefenton.com.

Had I known that he was selling a video from the beginning, the interview would’ve gone a lot smoother. But the truth is, I’m glad I didn’t know. I’m glad that the interview went the way it did. I learned a lot about Fenton, and about the film industry in general. Had I known about the video from the beginning, I would have been sold after five minutes.

He plays it down, but Fenton absolutely loves his job. He loves to talk about all the famous people he works with, and he loves to pretend that he thinks it’s no big deal. But it is a big deal, and who better to get advice from on how to become an actor than probably the biggest casting director in Hollywood?

I have since been to his website and done some more research. I chuckled to myself when I thought about how he “grew up in the industry” and got his start in the mailroom at MCA Artists. But like he said, “it’s a business, just like anything else. You have to start at the bottom and work your way up.” Fenton knows what it’s like to start in film school and graduate with a millroom job, and he wants to help those talented people be discovered.

His series is entitled “Mike Fenton’s Actor’s Workshop” — as if he actually forgot what it was called. But that was all part of the plan. He wanted me to think he wasn’t trying to sell his video. He wanted to casually name-drop famous actors and box office hits while playing it off like it was no big deal. He wanted me to see what a prolific and wonderful casting director he is without selling me that he thinks he’s a prolific and wonderful casting director.

And it worked. He’s right. The film industry is a business just like everything else.

“The agents are salespeople; it’s all marketing,” Fenton said.

Fenton has been on the receiving end of all this marketing and sales-pitching for over 30 years. He knows what works and what doesn’t. He marketed himself to me the way actors have done so to him for his entire career. Who better than him to teach young aspiring actors how Hollywood works, what to put on a resume, how to get the audition and how to get the part? If you have ever had any serious thoughts about professional acting, visit www.mikefenton.com and read more about his workshops.

Contact Lynn Tedesco at ltedesco@msn.edu

Fenton’s casting has helped make Blockbuster hits out of movies such as “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade” in 1989, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery.
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Sooner soon can't crack Syracuse zone, young stars

A LBANY, N.Y.

Carmelo Anthony cut the
down the lane, then stumbled

underneath his brand new

white cap that showed the

next stop for the Syracuse

Orangemen: New Orleans.

The freshman sensation led

the way, scoring 20 points and

adding 10 rebounds to help

knock off top-seeded Texas

(63-67) in the East Regional final.

whether Anthony heads for

the NBA or not, he will have

at least one more game in his col­

clege career.

With Anthony stepping up

from the start, ailing Syracuse

dominating with its 2-3 zone,

the Orangemen advanced to

the national semifinals next

Saturday in the Superdome.

Instead, the Jayhawks (29-7)

will face Marquette in New

Orleans. The third-seeded

Golden Eagles (27-5) stunned

No. 11 Kentucky yesterday,

Saturday, to win the Midwest

Regional.

The Jayhawks blew leads of

16 points in the first half and

14 in the second, but did enough

in the end to win.

The Wildcats made life diffi­
cult for Collins in this game,

holding him to eight points and

nine rebounds.

So Hinrich took over.

Hinrich fell one point shy of

his career high. He shot 10-for­

23, including 6-for-17 from 3-

point range, and added five

rebounds, five assists, two steals

and two blocks.

Texas was a tough one for

Arizona and 68-year-old Hall

of Fame coach Lute Olson,

who never scored as many as

359 victories in his 20 seasons as

leader of the Wildcats.

Marquette 63, Kentucky 69

Dwayne Wade sailed high

above a defense that had car­

ried Kentucky all season, slam­
imming away a 60-56 victory

repeatedly in a stunning upset

few people expected.

Led by Wade's dazzling per­
formance, the Marquette Golden

Eagles emphatically ended the

Wildcats' 26-game winning

streak with a 63-69 victory

battling Kansas State in the

Final Four in New Orleans.

"I wanted to take Marquette

to the next level, the same

level as McGullicuddy did," said

Wade, referring to the man

who coached Marquette to its

only national championship,

in 1977. "We didn't have the

talent as other schools in

previous years, but we look at

ourselves as equal to any school.
"Wade added.

Sobered by a sea of yellow­

clad followers, third-seeded

Marquette's surprising rout in

the Midwest Regional final gave

the school its third trip to the

Final Four and first since the team

won it all.

If Wade keeps it up, the

Golden Eagles might get anoth­
er title. He showed again why

he is the nation's top

players with a triple-double

29 points, 11 rebounds and 11

assists.

"We had no answer for

Wade," said Kentucky coach

Bill Self. "He played a great

game. Wade and Marquette

gave up their most points since

a 151-87 victory over Tennessee

State on Dec. 30 that started the long winning

streak.

Wade recorded the third

triple-double in NCAA

Tournament history, and the

first since Utah's Andre Miller

against Arizona in the 1998

West Regional final. Magic

Johnson did it against Penn in

1979 to get Michigan State into the

title game.

Wade started slowly, looking

for openings early when

Kentucky tried to deny him

the ball. Once he got started his

teammates followed, and

Marquette was off and running.

As he stood on the floor celebrat­

ing, Marquette's fans began

chanting "One more year, One

more year" to the talented

junior, who is a top NBA

prospect.

Now it's on to the Superdome,

where Marquette will play

Kansas in the national semi­

finals.

The second-seeded Jayhawks

won the No. 1 Arizona 78-75 to

win the West Regional.

Sooner freshman Jerry McNomara cuts down part of the net

after defeating Oklahoma to advance to the Final Four.

Syracuse guard, Keith Bogans, wore a protective brace

on the left ankle he sprained in the semifinal victory

Thursday over Wisconsin. He scored 15 points on 4-for-11

shooting in 24 minutes, but with his quickness and

hemorrhage, the Wildcats simply couldn't respond to

Marquette's offense.

Kentucky (32-4) closed to 12

points with 10:50 left and had

a chance to cut it to 10. But after

a great spinning move to the

basket, Antwain Barbour was

called for an offensive foul,

sending Wildcats coach Smith

into a dance of disgust.

From there, Wade was too

much for the Wildcats to hand­

le. After Scott Merritt hit a

three-pointer, Wade knocked

Marquette's next 11 points

with two three-pointers and a

3- pointer to put the victory away.

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Rangers homer their way to opening day win

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — With World Series Game 7 winner John Lackey on the mound, ThunderStix in the stands and the Rally Monkey on the scoreboard, the Anaheim Angels started this season the same way they began last year — with a thud.

Alex Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez and Michael Young homered, making manager Buck Showalter a winner in his Texas debut as the Rangers beat the World Series champion Angels 6-3 Sunday night in the major league opener.

Lackey was hit hard as the Angels dropped their fourth straight opener. Last year, they started off with a 6-0 loss to Cleveland and fell to a franchise-worst 6-14 before coming back.

After rousing pregame ceremonies that included the raising of the Angels' first World Series championship flag in their 42-year history, Young quieted the crowd with a three-run shot over the center-field wall off Lackey to give Texas a 4-2 lead in the fourth inning.

The Rangers rocked Lackey for five runs on eight hits in five innings. In his last outing, the 24-year-old right-hander became the first rookie to win the seventh game of a World Series in 93 years when he gave up one run in five innings of the Angels' 4-1 victory over San Francisco on Oct. 27.

Rodriguez, hampered by a herniated disk in his neck this spring, made it 5-2 with a solo homer in the fifth.

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Rodriguez missed two weeks this spring because of the neck injury but played the final three exhibition games. He hasn't missed a regular-season game since signing a record 10-year, $252 million contract with the Rangers on Dec. 11, 2000.

The homer was the 299th for the 27-year-old A-Rod, beginning his eighth full big league season. He went 1-for-5 and is 5-for-34 in season openers.

Gonzalez, coming back from an injury-plagued year, had a home run, double and single.

Besides the sea of red-clad fans in the sellout crowd of 43,525, there also was a strong red, white and blue theme. A huge "USA" was mowed into the outfield grass, there was a moment of silence for U.S. servicemen and a flyover by Navy fighter jets. The national anthem was played by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Band.

Tim Salmon, the Angels' senior member, helped raise the World Series flag near the left-field seats. Jackie Autry, widow of former team owner Gene Autry, also participated in the flag-raising ceremony.
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Golf

Davies Love III watches his tee shot off during the final round of The Players Championships. Love earned his second Players Championships trophy by shooting an incredible 64.

Love wins second Players Championships

Associated Press
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.

Davies Love III provided the charge everyone expected from Tiger Woods and delivered a performance every bit as dominant Sunday in The Players Championship.

Love pulled away with five straight birdies and closed with an 8-under 64 to match the best final round by the winner in the 30-year history of the tournament known as the Fifth Major.

It was the second time Love has won The Players Championship, and it could be a huge boost to his confidence with the Masters only two weeks away.

Love finished at 17-under 271 and won by six strokes over 49-year-old Jay Haas and Padraig Harrington of Ireland, who shared the lead going into the final round but never stood a chance against such a barrage of birdies.

Love blasted his drives down the middle of the fairway and stuck his approach shots close to the hole.

"You can't do that for 18 holes, and he did it," Couples said.

Love earned $1.17 million from the richest purse on the PGA Tour.

Haas, trying to become the oldest winner of The Players Championship, settled for a consolation prize. He closed with an even-par 72, and his tie for second earned him enough money to move into the top 20 on the money list and qualify for the Masters.

Harrington made back-to-back bogeys early in his round and was never a factor. He also had a 72.

Robert Allenby had a 7-under 65 to finish at 278, a score that looked as though it might be good enough to win, with the wind starting to howl and temperatures dropping. But Love made sure that wasn't the case.

"We got run over today," Haas said.

So did Woods. Despite two eagles, Woods hit three balls into the water and wound up with a 72 and a tie for 11th, the first time since the British Open that he failed to finish in the top 10.

Love, who won at Pebble Beach earlier this season, now has 16 victories in a career that many believe has not lived up to his talent. Love has struggled with a 54-hole lead, but he proved again to be dangerous coming from behind.

In Brief

Cone returns to Mets

David Cone's comeback is almost complete.

After sitting out the 2002 season, the 40-year-old Cone won a spot in the New York Mets' rotation Sunday and will make his first major league start in 18 months Friday night at Shea Stadium against the Montreal Expos.

When Cone was invited to spring training, it seemed unlikely he would make the team. The Mets just wanted to see if their former ace had anything left. He sure did, surprising almost everybody with steady progress all spring.

The eight-hander went 1-0 with a 4.40 ERA in five spring training appearances, including two starts. Opponents batted only .276 against him and he struck out 12 in 14 1/3 innings.

He'll start the fourth game of the season at Shea Stadium, where he's always been a fan favorite.

"The miles I had on my arm, I probably needed a year off," he said. "I'm thrilled to have come full circle, to finish where I started. I know I started with Kansas City, but I grew up with the Mets."

He won the AL Cy Young Award in '94 with Kansas City, threw a perfect game in '99 for the New York Yankees and owns five World Series rings. He is 193-123 with a 3.44 ERA, and he won 20 games as recently as '98 with the Yankees.

Agassi wins sixth Key Biscayne title

The first point went by in a blur: Andre Agassi tossed a ball into the balmy breeze and whipped a 117 mph ace.

His dominating serve made the rest of the match go quickly, too, and Agassi beat Carlos Moya 6-3, 6-3 Sunday in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

With his sixth Key Biscayne championship, Agassi surpassed his wife, Steffi Graf, who won the tournament five times.

Ranked No. 2, Agassi heads into the clay-court season as the player to beat. While No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt lost his opening match at Nasdag, Agassi won his third title of the year and improved to 18-1, best on the men's tour. The streak includes his eighth Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

"He played great," Moya said. "I didn't give me any chance at all."

Agassi has won a record 38 consecutive matches at Key Biscayne, where the hot, breezy weather and medium-paced hard courts work in his favor. Three-time champion Pete Sampras held the old record of 17 consecutive victories in 1993-95.

Agassi, who won his first Key Biscayne title in 1990 when he was 19, earned $500,000 and completed a successful weekend for defending champions. Serena Williams won her second consecutive Nasdaq title Saturday by beating Jennifer Capriati 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Irish sweep in-state rivals at Indiana Classic

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

At Sunday’s Indiana Classic, the women’s rowing team finally applied its racing plan to a full 2,000-meter course, burning both Purdue and Indiana in every varsity race to claim bragging rights over its two in-state rivals.

Notre Dame’s first varsity eight boat finished in 6:40.09, easily beating eight, the Irish, in-state rivals.

“The Indiana Classic was a good way for us to enter into April’s races. It allowed us to see how far we have come in the last few weeks but shows us how hard we need to work in order to gain speed for Iona, Michigan State and Dayton.”

Casey Buckstaff
Irish rower

MENS LACROSSE
Irish hold off late surge

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The No. 13 Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team received a scare on Sunday from Great Western Lacrosse League opponent Denver at Moose Krause Stadium. The Pioneers scored eight goals on 13 shots and challenged the Irish late, but three goals from junior attackman Dan Berger helped Notre Dame get a 9-8 win in its first league game of the season.

With the victory, Notre Dame increases its 5-3 overall and 1-0 in the GWLL.

With starting goalie Stewart Crossland struggling, making two saves and giving up five goals, senior reserve Nick Antol stepped in and made three saves and allowed three goals in playing the final 22 minutes.

“Nick did a great job,” coach Kevin Corrigan said. “We have a great situation needed for April’s upcoming races.”

“The Indiana Classic was a good way for us to enter into April’s races,” rower Casey Buckstaff said. “It allowed us to see how far we have come in the last few weeks but shows us how hard we need to work in order to gain speed for Iona, Michigan State and Dayton.”

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**ND WOMENS TENNIS**

**Connelly sisters help topple the Buckeyes**

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Belles (8-1) crushed the Aquinas (1-5) on the weekend, sweeping both SMU Tuesday Wednesday when they head to No. 17 Illinois.

Saint Mary's faced an Ohio State squad that had won the doubles point in 12 of its last 13 matches. The Irish, with a doubles strength of their own, won at the No. 1 and No. 3 flights to ahead 1-0 for the fifth consecutive match.

Then, in singles, play the Connelly sisters turned a potentially close match into a sure Irish win Saturday, which marked the eighth consecutive time Notre Dame squad has defeated Ohio State.

With the Irish up 3-2, sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly, in her seventh straight singles victory, delivered a 6-1 straight set win over Meghan Colville to give Notre Dame the win. Then her sister, freshman Lauren Connelly, finished off Emily DeCamilla, 6-1, 7-5. "It was exciting," Sarah Jane Connelly said. "It's good to finally start getting out our confidence back as a team and beating the ranked teams, and hopefully getting our ranking up to where it should be."

The Connelly sisters also played a key role in securing the doubles point for Notre Dame. Lauren and junior Alicia Salas defeated Erica Fisk and Jackie Leskovar in a tiebreaker to put the Irish ahead. The Salas/Connelly tandem has won eight of its last nine matches.

Sarah Jane Connelly and freshman Kristina Stasny, playing together for the second time this season, secured the first Irish win of the day when they defeated the Buckeye pair of Lindsey Adams and Colville, 8-1. Playing at No. 1 doubles, senior Katie Conutto and freshman Jennifer Smith were defeated 8-6 by Ohio State's Sadhaf Pervez and Lindsay Williams, 8-6.

Salas, ranked 77th, captured the first singles victory of the day with her 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Fisk. Then Conutha, playing at No. 3, toppled Williams, 6-1, 7-5. Then Leskovar defeated Stasny in the solo threetime set match, 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 (7-0).

Now the Irish are preparing for their fourth Big Ten opponent within a week — and one of the nation's topsquads.

"We're really confident, and we're playing well," the elder Connelly said. "We've had a lot of matches lately. Hopefully we can go upset Illinois."

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**SMC TENNIS**

**Belles dominate Aquinas, Olivet in shutouts**

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team powered its opponents over the weekend, sweeping both Aquinas College and Olivet College in easy 9-0 victories. The Belles (8-1) crushed the visiting Saints of Aquinas (1-5) on Friday, The 9-0 victory showed the all-around strength of the Saint Mary's team. At No. 1 singles, Jeannie Knish defeated Aquinas' Kara Ferguson 6-0, 6-4. No. 2 Kristen Palombo won over Carly Goodwin 6-0, 6-3 and No. 3 Katie Cutler beat Katie Kroft 6-0, 6-0.

The Belles swept the doubles competition as well. The No. 1 doubles pairing of Knish/Palombo beat the team of Ferguson/Goodwin, 8-4. No. 2 Cutler/Ryan won over Kroft/Peterson, 8-2. Aquinas' Colvin/Rivers pairing lost 8-5 to the Belles' No. 3 team of Spriggle and Lindsay Cook.

The Belles didn't waste any time against Olivet College in their MIAA conference opener on Saturday. The team recorded another dominant performance in the 9-0 shutout of the visiting Lady Comets.

The match took place indoors at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavilion due to the cold weather. At No. 1 singles, Knish was a winner over Stephanie Reed 6-0, No. 2 Palombo also shut out her opponent, Stacey Way 6-0, 6-0, as did No. 3 Katie Cutler, who notched a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Jennifer Rust. At the No. 4 spot for the Belles, Ryan overpowered Dustin Silvisny, 6-1, 6-0. In similar fashion, Saint Mary's Miranda Mikulyuk won her No. 5 match over Heather Boullinghouse 6-0, 6-1.

The Belles made quick work of the Lady Comets in doubles play. The No. 1 team of Knish/Palombo won over Beed/Way 6-1, 1-6, and No. 2 Cutler/Ryan defeated Rust/Bouldinghouse 6-0, 6-1. At the No. 3 spot, Saint Mary's Angela Sandner and Marta Dzikean dispatched Silvisny/Walsh in a 6-0, 6-0 victory. The Lady Comets won only five games over the course of the afternoon.

The Belles are on an impressive winning streak, having shut out three of their last four opponents. Next up for Saint Mary's will be Beloit today at 4 p.m.

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"Today, I just felt a little better than I had before and got some of the hits." - Matt Edwards

Irish third baseman

Sollmann also struggled head-to-head in the weekend, going 6-17 in his last six games. But the junior-tri-captain made a strong statement to campaign for his third Big East Player of the Year award this year with a 7-for-12 performance, including seven runs scored and four RBIs.

But again, the story of the week for Notre Dame was dominant pitching. In the three games, Irish starters Chris Niesel, John Ax福德 and Ryan Kalita went 3-0, pitching 19 innings and allowing only four earned runs on 11 hits, while striking out 23 Georgetown batters.

"It was a great weekend for us," Mainieri said. "We did what we had to do all week. We got another outstanding pitching performance from Ryan Kalita (Sunday). We had three really outstanding starting pitching performances, and any time you get that on a Big East weekend, you have to feel really good about it."

In the opener Saturday, Niesel was nearly unhittable for the Irish through six innings of the seven-inning game. The sophomore righthander gave up only four hits and never allowed a Hoya baserunner past second, before yielding two Georgetown runs in the last inning. Niesel had nine strikeouts in the complete game victory to move to 2-1 on the season. "It's too bad Niesel didn't get that shutout — I was really hoping he could get that for him- self," Mainieri said Saturday. "Chris has been a really solid pitcher from the time he walked on campus. Sometimes he doesn't get the run support, and he has some bad luck in terms of getting no-decisions."

"Today, I pitched that seven-inning game, and he was able to go the distance. He wasn't going to leave any doubts as far as getting a decision, but it would have been nice for him to get that shutout."

Niesel got some help from the two, three and four spots in the lineup in centerfielder Brennan Grogan, rightfielder Alex Ford and first baseman Kris Billmaier. The trio was 9-for-12 with three runs scored, driving in all six Irish runs, as well. "It definitely helps when you know you have a lead," Niesel said. "Then you can just go out there and pitch your own game and not have to worry about falling behind and losing, but it definitely helps when you get run support."

In the nightcap Saturday, the Irish solidly built a nine-run lead after five innings and allowing two earned runs on three hits. The sophomore overcame some early control problems to strikeout eight Georgetown batters.

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the first half scoring eight of Notre Dame's last 10 points.

"It was a fun match to watch in the first half," McGraw said. "We kept going with her and she kept delivering like she has done in her four years. I'll be really sorry to see her go."

After two free throws from Ratay got the Irish within one at 30-29, Purdue guard Erika Valek drained a 3-pointer with two seconds left in the half to send the Boilermakers into the locker room with a four-point lead.

"I felt the last 3-pointer of the half was really an important momentum switch for them. We had just cut it to one, and I felt we were right back in the game," McGraw said. "To be down four, that put a little more pressure on you coming out in the second half. I really felt if we hit a half of the half was critical."

The Boilermakers used the energy from that 3-pointer and went on a 16-2 run, which effectively knocked out the Irish.

"I thought there was a five-minute stretch in the second half where we just kind of got on our heels a little bit, and they took advantage of it," McGraw said. "I think they stepped it up a notch."

Notre Dame's defense gave them a chance to get back in it, holding Purdue scoreless for over eight minutes. During that stretch the Irish couldn't take advantage, matching their game percentage in shooting - 42.4 percent. Ratay was the only Notre Dame player to reach double figures with 16 points. Valek scored a game-high 19.

As a No. 11 seed, Notre Dame was supposed to be one and done. Wins over No. Arizona and at No. 3 Kansas State made them the tournament's Cinderella and put an uplifting finish on a rocky season.

"I'm proud of the team and what we accomplished down the stretch," McGraw said. "I think we overachieved a little bit in the NCAA Tournament and showed a lot of growth throughout the season.

"To get to the Sweet 16, that is one more step forward for the team, and hopefully next season we can take one more step."

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MENS TENNIS

Hurricanes bowl over Irish

By JOE LINDSLEY

Sports Writer

A win over Miami would have been a nice side to helping the Irish enter the NCAA tournament, but the 25th-ranked Hurricanes stayed on top of the Irish Sunday as they delivered a 6-1 victory in Coral Gables, Fla.

The Hurricane win created confusion as to which team is number one in the Big East. Prior to Sunday's competition, Notre Dame had held that distinction, but with the Irish loss, the top three teams in the conference — Miami, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame — are all 1-1 versus each other.

Nevertheless, the Hurricanes did not let the prospect of seeding confusion in the Big East Championships dampen their desire to win, and they moved ahead early on with their winning of the doubles point.

Andrew Golub and Colin Purcell, ranked 56th as a doubles team, commanded the No. 1, 8-3, as they defeated the Irish duo of sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott. Todd Widom and Eric Hectman won 6-0 over Irish captains Brian Farrell and Luis Haddock.

Junior Ben Hatien and sophomore Paul McNaughton were bright spots for the Irish with their 8-4 win over John Hoyes and Luis Mannrique. The Hatien-McNaughton pair obtained their first win in three matches together this season.

Scott, who has missed singles play in the last two Irish matches due to illness, gave Notre Dame its only point of the day. Scott, who has now won seven of his last nine matches, defeated Golub 6-4, 6-2.

Miami completely dominated the rest of the singles portion of the match, with the exception of one set, won by D'Amico.

Playing at No. 1, Widom, ranked 14th nationally, defeated No. 122 Haddock 6-3, 6-1. The Hurricanes' Purcell beat junior Nicolas Lopez-Acededo in 6-2, 6-1 straight sets, and Hoyes defeated freshman Eric Langenkamp, 6-1, 6-2.

D'Amico won his first set against Mansur, 6-3, but he lost his second set and match tiebreaker.

Notre Dame was without the services of freshman Patrick Buchanan due to a wrist injury. Buchanan usually plays at No. 5.

The Irish have four remaining matches before the Big East Championship. Their next competition is April 6 at No. 54 Southern Methodist.

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MENS GOLF

Jack Frost plays role in Irish finish

By ERIK POWERS

Sports Writer

When the Irish approached the first see Saturday at the Big Blue Course at the University Club of Kentucky was a slightly different hue. It was white. The morning precipitation proved to be a bad omen for the Irish as the inclement weather plagued the team throughout the weekend.

"On Saturday, we woke up to snow on the ground," freshman Scott Gustafson said. "It got warmer as the day went on, but on Sunday it was 25 degrees with 30 mph winds. The conditions were brutal. At the end we were worn down and tired."

The Irish got off to a strong start Saturday. Through 36 holes, the Boilermakers were 8th place out of the 15-team field. Notre Dame's play slipped during Sunday's final round, however. Four of the team's five members turned in their worst round of the tournament as the Irish slipped to 11th place.

Junior Bill McCaughan (62-90- 77-239) was the lone member of the team that improved from his second round score, as he gelled his best round of the tournament.

However, Notre Dame's 11th place finish is misleading. The final standings were marked by several close finishes. Three shots separated five teams between seventh and 11th in the final standings. Only three strokes separated champion Vanderbilt from runner-up Indiana as well.

Notre Dame was also at a disadvantage, as McCaughan was replacing one of the team's top golfers in freshman Tommy Balderston, who was withheld from play so that he could rest his injured elbow.

Gustafson still had the tournament's highest finisher, leading the Irish for the third tournament in a row. After 36 holes of the tournament, Gustafson was tied for second and triled leader Heath Peters of Indiana by one shot. Gustafson (74-72-79) finished tied for sixth in the 81-student field. Although the weather eventually wore him down, he credited the climate for giving him a mental edge.

"Being from Minnesota, I have been in a lot of weather like this," Gustafson said. "It kind of played to my advantage. I knew that no one was going to fight it up and that I needed to just grind it out. The person with the most patience was going to win."

The next few days are important for another reason as well. If Balderston is unable to compete, the team's next hottest golfer may be given his spot. Coach John Jasinski has a deep roster of players ready to fill in.

"It's up to Coach," Gustafson said. "There's no perfectly set lineup. There may be some qualifying in the next few days in order to find out. If so, [Ryan and Bill] have a slight edge over the rest of the guys."

The Irish resume play this Friday when they compete in the Border Olympics. In the interim, Jasinski wants his golfers to work on their mental preparations.

"(Jasinski) wants us to bring a little better attitude to the next meet," Gustafson said. "We know we are talented. We can golf better and contend. We've struggled a little bit recently, but we can beat anyone if we golf at our highest level. We need to maintain an attitude like that."

The Border Olympics will take place at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday at the Laredo Country Club in Texas. Thirty-six holes will be played Friday, and 18 holes will be played Saturday.

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**Track and Field**

**Irish successful in all parts of country over weekend**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men and women track and field team wrapped up a successful weekend by seeing the Irish travel all over the country.

At Western Michigan, where the weather was fitting to the meet, the Irish battled 38-degree weather and wind chills down into the teens that stopped many runners from competing. However, the Notre Dame throwers disregarded the cold, as Juan Alba enjoyed an eventful day, qualifying for the NCAA Regional with a 50.77-meter distance throw. That distance was good enough for second place and also qualified him for the Big East Conference meet. Alba did not stop there however, as he qualified for the conference meet in the hammer with an effort of 50.00 meters, good enough for eighth place at the meet.

Freshman Megan Horn led the women, as she qualified for the Big East meet with a second place 12.8-meter effort in the shot put. In the last of the conference qualifiers from Western Michigan, Mark Barber sprinted to a third place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, with a time of 14.99 seconds.

Meanwhile, while their teammates were struggling to stay warm, many distance runners competed at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif.

On the women’s side, Lauren King and Molly Huddle ran together in the top section of the 1,500 meters, finishing fifth and sixth, respectively. Both King (6 minutes, 20.32 seconds) and Huddle (6:20.50), easily qualified for both the Big East and NCAA Regional meets.

A late Friday night effort saw one qualifier and two near misses. Vinnie Ambrosio came close in qualifying for the NCAA Regional meet, but fell short in the 1,500 meters, taking eighth place in the B section with a time of 3:51.73. Meanwhile, Ana Morales took 32nd in the women’s 1,500 meters, with a time of 4:48.22. John Keane, however, was another story for the Irish, as he took third place in section two of the 5,000 meters. His time of 14:16.53 was not only a personal record, but was also good enough to qualify him for both the NCAA Regional and Big East meets.

Saturday saw more Irish runners qualify as well. Eric Morrison led the way for the Irish, taking fourth in the top section of the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:44.16. His effort was good enough to qualify him for both the NCAA Regional and the conference meet. Kevin Somok took 17th in the same race, qualifying for the Big East meet with a time of 3:48.48.

In the last of the distance qualifiers, freshman Thomas Charmey ran to a 12th place finish in the top section of the 800 meters, qualifying for the Big East meet in 1:52.01.

Chris Staron and Godwin Mbapwu rounded out the field at Stanford. Staron took sixth place in the high jump, clearing 2.07 meters, good enough to qualify for the NCAA Regional meet.

Meanwhile, Mbapwu took fourth in the triple jump (11.83 meters), qualifying him for the Big East meet as well.

With competitors in Michigan and California, the Irish also sent their best relays to Florida and saw them succeed. The women’s 400-meter relay of Tamowsia King, Kristen Dodd, Kymia Love and Ayehsa Boyd took fifth in section one. Their overall time of 45.18 was good enough to place them fifth overall. The strong finish qualified the women for the NCAA Regional meet as well.

The Irish return to South Bend Saturday, where they will compete in their spring opener, the only home meet of the season.

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**WOMENS LACROSSE**

**Irish hold off Hokies to stay undefeated in the Big East**

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame’s loss to Ohio State last Tuesday, Junior Midfielder Danielle Shearer and her teammates were struggling to stay confident, so we just

“Teams can’t scout us for one player and have to focus on everyone. They also can’t shut down one player because everyone else steps up.”

Meredith Simon
Junior

Senior Midfielder Danielle Shearer avoids an opponent in a game against Ohio State earlier this season.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

The end of the road

- Irish knocked out of NCAA tournament 66-47 by Boilermakers

By MATT LOZAR
American Sports Editor

DAYTON, Ohio

The "Storm" defense that got Notre Dame to the Sweet 16 held Purdue scoreless for a stretch of 6:03 in the first half and 7:50 in the second half. But the Irish could only muster 17 points of their own during those stints. Unfortunately for the Irish, during the other 25:07 of the game, the Boilermakers outscored them 66-30.

Plagued by 33.9 percent shooting, No. 11 Notre Dame outscored them 66-30. Said. "I felt we played pretty great effort. I just think that we didn't rebound and went after loose balls," said Batteast, who had a game-high 12 rebounds. "I tried not to worry about that." Down 16-7, the Irish used their defense to get back into the game, holding the Boilermakers scoreless for just over six minutes in the first half, but the offense shot 3-for-10 throughout Purdue's drought and only got the Irish within three.

Sensing her team was in need of an offensive lift, senior guard Alcina Ratay, in her last game in a Notre Dame uniform, kept the Irish close during the end of the drought and only got the Irish within three.

Irish sweep Hoyas into dog house

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sport Writer

The Irish opened home play in the Big East with a dominating three-game sweep of Georgetown (6-15, 1-8 Big East) this weekend.

Notre Dame, who improved to 17-6 on the season and 5-1 in Big East play with the three victories, had little trouble in putting away the Hoyas, 6-2, 13-3 and 12-5.

Despite the cold temperatures and strong winds blowing at Eck Stadium, several Irish batters were swinging hot bats in cranking out 31 runs on 37 hits as a team during the weekend.

"I was very proud of our guys. It was really tough conditions to play in quite frankly," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said after his team's doubleheader sweep Saturday. "It was pretty cold out there, and I thought our guys played pretty well. We pitched pretty well and played decent defense. We didn't knock the fences down at all, but it was a difficult day, and they did what it took to win."

A couple of Irish batters who had fallen into uncharacteristic slumps at the plate used the weekend to get back on track.

Third baseman Matt Edwards, who entered the series with 28 at-bats, jumped on the Hoyas pitchers, going 6-for-11 with three runs scored and nine RBIs on the weekend.

"I had a little tough luck last weekend," Edwards said. "I hit the ball pretty well, but in these mid-week games, I really didn't even hit the ball that had except for one bad game where I struck out three times. But I still felt comfortable the whole time, even though I wasn't getting my hits. Today, I just felt a little better than I had before and got some of the hits."

Second baseman and leading Irish hitter Steve Willingham's system, which was a simple, straight-forward way to win."

"It's the beginning of a new season, but the goal hasn't changed," Willingham said. "It's to figure out a way to develop a football team to win in next football game."

Last year, Willingham and his staff came in with a fresh perspective and fresh attitude for the football program. In a short amount of time, the team needed to learn Willingham's system, which was a major change, especially on the offensive side of the ball.

Over a year has passed since Willingham implemented his system, and the players obviously have a better grasp at this time than a year ago.

However, the next step to further development isn't going deeper into the system, but going back to the basics.

"What we have to do is to become much better in all areas at just the basic fundamentals," Willingham said. "We have to improve our foundation, because in doing that, it gives us the opportunity to become a much stronger team as we go through the year.

"Now with the system in place, it gives them a better opportunity to really go back and focus on the things that are really important to execution."

Four of the five starters return from the 2002 team, which went 10-3 and lost to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl. While those players have earned the right to be starters, Willingham wants to see those players accept challenges from their teammates and improve from that competition.

"Our goal is to have our best players on the field, and if we do that, then that can ensure us our best opportunity to be successful," Willingham said. "If you are our starter or if you are our All-American, then you should welcome the challenge of being the best that you can be. It shouldn't frighten you or cause you to become complacent."