Students feel connected to Iraq war

+ Community comes to grips with military loved ones in Iraq

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

With hundreds of thousands of troops in Iraq, and U.S. officials declaring that the United States is prepared to pay a "high price" in order to oust Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, millions of Americans are anxiously waiting and praying for the safe return of their friends, children, siblings and significant others.

Like any other American community, Notre Dame has its share of individuals with loved ones currently serving their country in the Middle East.

For those people, the war takes on a greater, personal meaning than for those whose personal lives remain unaffected.

Many of those in Iraq fulfill roles in which they will probably not be put into harm's way. For example, sophomore Collleen Olsen has a cousin serving as a lawyer in the U.S. Army.

"I am proud that he is doing his duty although I don't think there is a great chance that anything will happen to him."

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Students send care packages to U.S. troops

By ANGELA SAOUD
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Saint Mary's students in Susan Baxter's classes recently began an effort to send letters and collect items on a wish list for Michiana Marines.

Baxter, a professor in the communication studies department, first found out about the project through her son's high school English class. Mothers of Marines from the South Bend area are sponsoring the effort.

Baxter's students compiled a list of items that area troops would like to receive. Items include, among a variety of other things, chapstick, home-made cookies, playing cards and Pringles potato chips. These items are given to Baxter who then passes them to be sent overseas.

The most important item Marines included on the list is written letters.

"I had a dad (who was) in the army during World War II, and two brothers in the Navy," Baxter said. "All three spoke over and over about the importance of mail call, especially when they were deployed.

Design students try to meet demands

+ Project aims to redesign urban delivery truck

By HIMANSHU KOTHARI
News Writer

Design students are working on a new project to redesign an urban delivery truck that can be used in industries from general delivery to specialist manufacturers.

The project is being led by art professor Paul Down, the vice president for national education of the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA), and John Caruso, an assistant professor of the industrial design group and also the midwestern president for national education education of IDSA.

Two teams of students — led by graduate student Michael Kihwaji and senior Joseph Villanueva — will work on different aspects of the design.

"We are trying to make the truck as small as possible so that it can accommodate any type of engine, electric, hydrogen, etc.," said Khwaji, who is leading the team that will look at future changes.

Villanueva, who is leading the team to monitor the truck's fuel, electric, and hybrid options, said, "Although I'm glad that my cousin is serving his country, I still hope that we stop this and send our troops home," said Villanueva.

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Feminist denounces practice of abortion

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Deirdre McQuade, National Program Director of Feminists for Life of America, said women deserve a better option than abortion Tuesday.

Students, faculty, and members of the surrounding community were in attendance for the talk, which was sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, the Center for Spirituality, and Saint Mary's Right to Life.

"We Feminists for Life stand behind women who have had an abortion and say, 'No woman should ever have to go through what you went through." McQuade said.

She aims to bring people together who differ on controversial issues like abortion, so that the conflicting sides may find common ground.

"While many Americans disagree on the issue of abortion, both sides agree that we should work on limiting the number of abortions that occur each year," said McQuade. "Unfortunately, efforts have done very little to achieve this cause."

McQuade also talked about the feminists who spearheaded the original women's rights movement, and how Second Wave feminists, when they adopted abortion rights as the central issue in the 1960s and 70s, abandoned the core feminist principles of justice, nonviolence and nondiscrimination.

The original feminist movement did not even mention abortion," said McQuade. "The Second Wave feminists completely abandoned the work of the original feminist movement. Instead of changing society to accept women, they fought for women to accept society."

She quoted original women's rights activists such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Elizabeth Freeman. "I would classify abortion a great injustice to both the unborn child and mother.

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Fuzzy math

Yesterday, the U.S. Supreme Court began to review the University of Michigan affirmative action case. If this case is good for anything, it is the fact that it shines a spotlight on the present problem of people's attitude toward race and ethnicity in academics. The plaintiffs in the Michigan case are former applicants who were rejected from Michigan. It happened to be that they were white. It happened to be that Michigan was a supporter of affirmative action.

Even though out of 150 points on the Michigan undergraduate admissions scale, one could attack several areas where certain groups of people have a greater advantage than others, the plaintiffs decided to play the race card as the reason for why they were not admitted.

Never mind the fact that there are 110 points that are strictly academic including GPA, standardized tests, academic strength of schools and curriculum. Most know that the last three are advantageous to the wealthy of any race because of their access to better high schools with better test preparation and course options.

Never mind the fact that there are five non-academic categories in which students can receive up to 20 points and only one of them is by being a minority. If they qualify in all areas, they can get 100 points, only 20.

A student can receive the 20 points for socioeconomic disadvantage but we haven't seen a major lawsuit attacking poor applicants, who can be of any race. University of Pennsylvania can receive the 20 points also, but the Supreme Court is not hearing a case on how that discriminates against the physically disabled.

Or what about the Provisions discrimination clause, which can also get you a piece of the 20-point pie? Who do you think has access to the Provisions' ideology? I'd bet that it's not a disproportionate amount of socioeconomically disadvantaged people, athletes or minorities — but that's just my education.

Then you get to the holy contented areas of the 20-point clause — being an underrepresented minority or attending a predominantly minority high school. In the latter category, one does not have to be a minority.

The remaining 20 points are spread across several categories including residency and alumni relationships — again categories where some are winners and some are losers regardless of race.

I don't intend to tout Michigan's policy as the best. What I do intend to do, however, is ask a question. Out of all the potential points in the Michigan undergraduate admissions policy, which is it that is linked to the race issue as the one to immediately attack.

The Michigan admission policy, found at http://www.umich.edu/~perv/admissions/faqs/rapo solicit.html, clearly shows alternative ways to look at the debate.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Online calendar increases in popularity

By LINDA SKALSKI
News Writer

Scanning posters plastered in the stairwells of O'Shaughnessy, reading fliers taped inside bathroom stalls or looking at table tents in the dining hall no longer have to be student's central source of campus event information.

Underthedome, a new online calendar with a comprehensive list of campus events, has been extremely popular since it was first made available mid-February.

Located at www.underthedome.nd.edu, and featured on the "Popular Links" drop-down menu of the Notre Dame homepage, the Web site received 114,402 page hits in its first month.

"People walk through the halls and get poster-blindness," student body vice president Trip Foley said. "The fact that this calendar has been used so much shows that there has been a need."

The calendar is unique in that all the clubs, departments and halls have their own password to submit information, which is immediately incorporated in the site. There are currently 301 active users, and Foley said that every day he receives two to three e-mail requests from another club or academic group that wants to join.

"There is so much to do on campus," said Foley. "People always say that there is nothing to do on campus, but the whole idea of this calendar is that there are things going on."

The calendar provides week, month, day and event views with color-coded organization. There is also a search field to look up specific events or all activities particular to a certain organization or club.

"We designed and created the Web site custom-tailored to student's needs," said senior Matthew Wilson, the former manager of Dome Designs who was hired to create the Web site. "Events are multi-listed because not everything falls equally into one category."

To ensure that the calendar has a complete listing of campus events, freshman web administrator Patrick Longenbaker spends at least an hour every day searching for information to post.

"Believe it or not, many events never make it to an official University calendar," said Longenbaker. "It's my job to always be on the lookout for advertisements and posters to what is going on."

The online calendar has suffered no technical difficulties, and Foley said that the only real issue has been with spreading the word. He informed the admissions office about the new calendar and hopes that they will pass the information onto prospective students.

"It was designed to be a central location for all student events, and we are trying to get as many people to know about this as we can," said Foley. "This calendar is a perfect vehicle to know what is going on in campus, benefiting not only current students, but upcoming students, parents and alumni."

Organizations interested in including their event information on the calendar should e-mail thedome@nd.edu.

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GSU Members finalize 2003 gala

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The 2002-03 Graduate Student Union board held its final meeting of the year Tuesday. New officers will replace the group when elections are held later this month.

"This is it. The year is over," said GSU president Tim Dale. "I definitely valued all of your input and I hope you stay involved next year. People here have had some good ideas."

GSU members dedicated most of the meeting toward finalizing plans for the charity/year-end gala to be held April 25 at the downtown Marriott. Tickets went on sale this week. As of noon Tuesday, Dale said that approximately 50 of the 400 tickets had been sold.

The event will feature a bar, DJ and a raffle designed to raise money for Immigration and Refugee Services of South Bend. Dale anticipates that the event will raise roughly 4,000 dollars.

"Immigration and Refugee Services is really excited to be working with us," he said.

Dale also encouraged GSU members to attend the event and to recommend it to their friends. Tickets are $5 and available at the LaFortune box office. Transportation to the event will be provided.

In other GSU news:

♦ Web manager Paul Mueller will run officer elections this year rather than Sebastian Velez. Because Velez's wife is expecting a baby later this month, he was unable to commit to overseeing the elections.

♦ Graduate students interested in volunteering at "Health-E-Day," an event promoting healthy living for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, should see Heather Edwards, GSU healthcare committee chairperson. Edwards will be available all day today in the LaFortune Donley Room to answer questions.

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of being sure.

"We are pretty concerned. We watch CNN every night and don't get anything done. He is able to get e-mails out. He tells us everything is fine, although they are very tired. They have got them working hard flying planes and they don't get to sleep much," said Balka.

For Poffenberger, the fact that his brother serves in the Middle East has only strengthened his original anti-war sentiments.

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Senior Gabrielle Campo, one of Baxter's students, was the first to become involved in the effort.

"I am vehemently opposed to the war, signed a number of petitions and now that we're in it, I believe it's vital to support those who say 'yes' from the country calls," Baxter said.

Campo, along with others, feels that this effort could involve additional students.

"I don't think this is as big as it should be," she said.

Sophomore Donna Lubbers is also helping to support troops by enlisting the help of her friends.

"I have three friends overseas right now, and the morale of the unit really goes down when some soldiers are not receiving letters," Lubbers said. "One of them asked if I could find some friends to write generic letters to be sent over."

Through friends and classmates, Lubbers was able to gather nearly 25 letters and a care package to be sent overseas.

She is hoping that more people will become involved and plans to send more letters again soon.

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feminist movement understood that women then as women now seldom choose abortion freely," said McQuade. "It's a euphemism to call abortion a woman's choice, when she does so out of a lack of practical resources and emotional support."

McQuade also talked about ways to increase a woman's resources and support during an unplanned pregnancy. These goals included making pre-surgery care available to college women and continuing the work of pro-life organizations such as Women's Care Center.

"Ultimately our goal is to make abortion unthinkable and completely unnecessary," said McQuade. "People should refuse to choose because women deserve better than abortion."

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Charges filed in vendetta killing
Associated Press

DELRAY Be a man charged Tuesday shooting a former friend nine times during a church service in an apparent vendetta killing between Albanian-American families had an innocent plea entered on his behalf.

Appearing at times confused and unresponsive, Gjon Pepaj, 38, listened as charges were read, including premeditated murder, second-degree murder, manslaughter and weapons charges.

The premeditated murder charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Pepaj said "no" several times when asked if he understood his rights. He was not represented by an attorney at the arraignment and was denied bond.

Assistant Prosecutor Kelly Chard argued that Pepaj admitted to shooting 38-year-old Gjetbufaj, and said that he bought a gun six years ago that he failed to register and carried at all times.

Additionally, the defendant arrived in the United States in 1991 on a work visa, was not a U.S. citizen and posed both a flight risk and a danger to the community, Chard said. Pepaj was born in the former Yugoslavia, she said.

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Bishop refuses to accept donation from lay group

Associated Press

BOSTON

Bishop Richard Lennon is refusing to accept an $80,000 donation that came from one of his archdiocese's leading critics, saying the lay church reform group is undermining the church's fund-raising in a time of budget shortfall.

The leader of Voice of the Faithful, said Lennon's decision to decline $35,000 is "all about power and control," and added that other Catholic groups unaffiliated with the church's own fund-raising efforts.

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Catholic Charities "has always respected the teaching authority of the Archbishop," but had to consider the donation because Catholic Charities is a separately incorporated public charity, Doolin said.

If Catholic Charities refuses the money, the board of the National Catholic Community Foundation — a Maryland-based organization that administers the Voice of Compassion Fund — will distribute the money to local Catholic groups unaffiliated with the archdiocese, foundation president Edward Robinson said. The board has never had to do that before, and "I hope in God we don't have to," Robinson said.

Lennon, who became the archdiocese's interim head after Cardinal Bernard Law stepped down in December, believes Voice of the Faithful's fund-raising effort is damag­ing the church's, said the Rev. Christopher Coyne, an archdiocese spokesman.

Lennon also objects to the group's insistence that the money not be used for administrative expenses — which Post said donators worry have been used to fund clergy sex abuse lawsuits in the past.

"It's not up to Voice of the Faithful to decide where money goes," Coyne said.

Post said the archdiocese is hurting its own fund-raising in a time of budget cutsbacks by failing to show donors there's a new accountability. Coyne said the archdiocese is open about how its money is spent.

World News Briefs

400 people missing after Bolivian landslide:

Firefighters and local villagers raced Tuesday to reach villagers buried under clay and rocks from a landslide that has killed at least 13 people and left 400 people missing after Bolivian landslide:

French man scales building in protest:

A French climber who calls himself "Spiderman" scaled the 47-story headquarters of oil giant TotalEnergies on Sunday and was arrested Monday after the climber had climbed a 30-story building in the city's business district.

National News Briefs

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Nun charged with defacing missile silo:

A Roman Catholic nun representing herself against charges she and two other sisters allegedly defaced a missile silo was found not guilty by reason of insanity Tuesday.

The nun, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Missions, was found not guilty by reason of insanity Tuesday.

Hijacker surrenders Cuban aircraft:

In the second hijacking of a Cuban plane in as many weeks, a hijacker claiming to have two grenades surrendered an hour after forcing the aircraft to land in Florida with 32 people aboard. The hijacker was carrying a little boy when he came off the Cuban Airlines plane at the Key West airport and was wearing a red windbreaker with the word "America" stitched in white on the back.
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Newer, lighter vehicle with better aerodynamics and thus improved propulsion which could save millions of dollars for companies like UPS,” Caruso said.

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Manufacturing in Missouri, who are funding the project, have provided the12-year-old school with the truck that they want to redesign.

The company which will use the re worked truck is trying to increase its market power by making the truck appear to a variety on industries, so we have to see how the truck could be useful for everyone from a baker to a UPS delivery man,” Villazano said.

Talking about the difference in design and technology, Down expressed his dismay at the fact that people often get confused between the design process and the actual technological process.

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By N A T A L I E  B A I L E Y
Lenten Lecture series

Suffering talk ends
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"It is easy to talk about suffering in general, but suffering does not happen in general," Evelyn Whitehead said.

"Suffering is personal, it happens to the individual." In their discussion on the “Passion of Suffering,” the couple noted the characteristics of suffering and addressed its presence in the world.

They discussed a myriad of questions about suffering in hopes to establish some understanding of its existence. Among the questions presented included:

- Does suffering redemptive?
- Is there a link between suffering and salvation?
- Did Jesus suffer so we didn’t have to do it or did he do it so we know how?
- Another question was: Is suffering punished?
- “Suffering sometimes opens us to a wider embrace of the truth.”

Evelyn Whitehead
lecturer

ZAMBIA

Group says hunger will continue

Associated Press

About 38 million Africans are threatened by starvation this year from a food crisis that relief workers predict could last for generations because of AIDS.

Relief workers say the devastation from AIDS is combining with war, bad governance, corruption and erratic weather to cripple the ability of societies in sub-Saharan Africa to recover from this crisis.

“ ‘The stark message is this crisis is not going to go away. We are battling a perennial crisis,’ said Brenda Barton, the World Food Program spokesperson in Nairobi, Kenya.

“We are seeing a redefinition of famines of hum anitarian crises as we know them,” she said.

Within the United Nations that new definition is known as “new variant famine.” It means that despite the best efforts of aid groups and donors, populations are being wrecked by agriculture, economies and health systems.

Some 29 million people in sub-Saharan Africa are infected with AIDS, while 70 percent of the world’s total. Overall, 9 percent of adults in the region of Africa are infected with HIV, while less than 1 percent of adults in Africa. The rate ranges up to 20 percent in some places. In those countries life expectancy has already fallen into the range of the middle of the growing pandemic.

In less than 20 years, the United Nations says, AIDS has killed more than 8 million people in Africa. It has killed the breadwinner in millions of families, devastated villages, orphaned 4.2 million children.

It is driving another stake into the heart of the poor. How do you recover when no one is able to feed the poor?” said Barton.

“What you are seeing is the hum blling of society,” she added “We have not seen the peak of this epidemic. We have not seen the worst of it.”

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Prosecutors will recommend Edmund Matricardi III serve three years' probation and pay a $10,000 fine. He is also expected to cooperate in investigations under the agreement, in which he pleaded guilty to one count of felony wire intercept.

"This recommendation permits Mr. Matricardi to live for his wife and two little girls and further continue his appeal that his conduct did not amount to wiretapping," said Steven Benjamin, his attorney.

Benjamin said his client never denied that he listened to an interstate conference call on March 22, 2002, during which Democratic legislators, party leaders and their lawyers discussed strategy in a court battle over legislative redistricting.

Matricardi, 34, executive director of the state GOP from 1999 until April 2002, also admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an admitted in court that he's an

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**Moussaoui defense lawyers ask for witness to attend trial**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for accused terrorist conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui asked a federal judge this week to uphold a ruling that the defendant access to al-Qaida prisoners.

Moussaoui asked to attend the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and Binalshibh is suspected of helping coordinate the airliner hijackings.

In motions recently made public by U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, the trial judge, Moussaoui asked her to order the government to produce Mustafa al-Hawsawi, a suspected financier of the attacks, and Abu Zubaydah, a suspected coordinator of al-Qaida terrorist activities.

Binalshibh reportedly described Moussaoui as a backup figure in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Moussaoui reportedly told investigators that Moussaoui was supposed to have prepared for a second wave of attacks after Sept. 11, 2001. Moussaoui, who faces the death penalty if convicted of conspiracy to commit terrorism, has denied he was part of the Sept. 11 conspiracy but admitted in court that he's an al-Qaeda terrorist.

In the Moussaoui case, the Bush administration has introduced a new classification of al-Qaida prisoners as enemy combatants without constitutional protections for a defendant.

Legal experts said despite a new classification of al-Qaida prisoners as enemy combatants without constitutional protections for a defendant.

"It hasn't changed so far as he's sitting in an American courtroom," said Washington defense attorney Stanley Brand, a former counsel for the House of Representatives.

"That's the forum the government chose."

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**Sex...You never knew it was so good.**

"This is the body — a witness to creation as a fundamental gift, and so a witness to love as the source from which this same giving springs. Masculinity and femininity — namely, sex — is the original sign of a creative donation and an awareness on the part of man, male-female, of a gift lived in an original way."

"Continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, the choice of virginity or celibacy for one’s whole life, has become in the experience of Christ’s disciples and followers the act of a particular response of love for the divine Spouse. Therefore it has acquired the significance of an act of nuptial love, that is, a nuptial giving of oneself for the purpose of reciprocating in a particular way the nuptial love of the Redeemer. It is a giving of oneself understood as renunciation, but made above all out of love."

"By its nature, human life is 'coeducative.' Its dignity and balance depend, at every moment of history and at every point of geographical longitude and latitude, on who woman will be for man and who man will be for woman."

"It is necessary to rediscover continually in what is erotic the nuptial meaning of the body and the true dignity of the gift. This is the role of the human spirit, a role of an ethical nature. If it does not assume this role, the attraction of the senses and the passion of the body may stop at mere lust devoid of ethical value. Then sexual experience does not experience that fullness of eros, which means the aspiration of the human spirit toward what is true, good, and beautiful, so that what is erotic also becomes true, good, and beautiful."

"Uniting with each other (in the conjugal act) so closely as to become "one flesh," man and woman rediscover, so to speak, every time and in a special way, the mystery of creation. They return in this way to that union in humanity which allows them to recognize each other and call each other by name. This means reliving, in a sense, the original virginical value of man, which emerges from the mystery of his solitude before God and in the midst of the world."

**Theology of the Body**

Pope John Paul II on the human person, the body and sexuality: Notre Dame Right to Life presents A WEEKEND WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST  

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Bush launches plan to prevent recession

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has embarked on a campaign to keep the war in Iraq from pushing the country back into a recession.

A "watch group" of the administration's top policy-makers began holding daily meetings when the war started two weeks ago in an effort to stay on top of developments in world financial markets, global oil markets and the U.S. economy.

President Bush was apprised of any changes in economic "dashboard" of key economic indicators "immediately before the bombing," said a senior administration official. "We have been looking for any economic warning signs that might start to flow from developments in Iraq," the official, who agreed to be interviewed on condition of anonymity, said. "The purpose of this group is to look for early warning signs."

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In addition to these strategy sessions, the White House is dispatching various Cabinet secretaries around the country to sell the president's economic stimulus package. The Senate voted last week to cut the price of the package in half.

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In addition to Evans, other Cabinet members who have been participating include: Treasury Secretary John Snow, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta.

According to trial testimony, Benmerzouga and Meziane, who were living in Leicester and working in a factory there, had numerous false identities and were secretly part of an intricate network of the terrorist cross Europe.

Benmerzouga had amassed millions, and had 50 films promoting suicide bombings and martyrdom, including 19 copies of a film called "Laden," advocated a holy war against "the Americans, the British, the Christian allies and the Jews."

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The nine-member jury returned the verdict after five days of deliberation in the court in Leicester in central England.

"You have not directly taken life or seriously injured any­ one, but the terrorists, in order to carry out their terri­
Support men and women in uniform

I would like to dedicate this column to my dear friend, Patrick O'Brien, whose courage and sacrifice for his country set the Vietnam War in motion. Since then, I have heard the voices of the Gulf War and the current war against terrorism. I have heard the sound of bullets and the sighs of those who have lost their loved ones. I have heard the cries of the families of the fallen and the hope of the survivors. I have seen the strength and resilience of those who have faced the challenges of war.

I am proud to be a part of this community, where we support our heroes in uniform. I am grateful to be able to express my gratitude to those who have served our country.

I firmly believe that the sacrifices of our military personnel are not in vain. Their dedication and commitment to protect our country and our way of life are truly inspiring.

I am confident that with your support, we can continue to assist our military personnel and help them in their mission.

I hope that this column will serve as a reminder of the importance of supporting our military personnel and their families. I thank you for your support and dedication.

Adam Cahill
A Donor’s Outlook
Suggestions to make Catholic Mass more fun

The Catholic Church is having a spot of trouble transitioning to the New Millennium. Donations are down and seminaries are emptying of students. But one thing is contributing to the Church’s decline: Mass.

Now Mass has long been considered the menu du jour of the Catholic faith diet, often supplemented by the creamy sacramental gravy and delicious desserts of the holidays. But man can live on meat and potatoes for only so long. It’s time for all you Christians to wake up and smell the Catholic dinners to face the facts: Mass is boring.

Some of you out there may disagree. You may say that it energizes you, refreshes you or helps you get ready for your work. Good for you — you’re lying. You’re just as bored as the rest of us. It’s time to admit it and move on.

But have no fear. I’m not here just to tear down — I wish to rebuild. To make something with nothing wrong with Mother Church that can be a bit of snazzy marketing can’t fix.

First, let’s talk about the general tone of the service. Most Catholic Masses are held in poorly lit churches where the congregation sits on cold, uncomfortable benches and is surrounded by stained glass depicting scenes of death and mayhem, all while being serenaded by the most depressing minor-key pipe organ music imaginable. This, Mr. Somma, doesn’t say, “Hey come here and celebrate your faith!” It says, “Hey, be sure your family here and scar your children for life!”

The first thing the Vatican can do to spice things up is to take a cue from the world of professional sports. First, altar boys are gone, replaced by cheerleaders and possibly a mascot. Crosses the world over can retain the kiddies with his wacky antics and toss out T-shirts and the like while the cheerleaders assist the priest by getting the congregation to start “The Wave” at key moments. Gone also is the stained glass — it’s now covered by banners trumpeting bingo championship titles and sporting the retired vestments of some of the more celebrated parish priests of the past. The pipe organ can stay, but the organist will be instructed to play only three songs: “Baby Elephant Walk,” “The Mesoamerican,” and always popular, “Da-da-da-dah-duh-dah-DAAAA-ChARGE!”

The sports motif will be carried into all aspects of the service. At the moment of consecration, instead of tiny bells singing, someone in the crowd will sound an air horn. And, after a successful pontificate, the priest can strike the Bible and do the Dirty Bird dance. If he’s feeling extra ostentatious, he can pull a Sharpie out of his sock and sign the hymn book for a fan sitting front row right.

So, now that we’ve kicked the atmosphere up a notch, we need to work on the food. We should be thinking, “If the poor Jews could pass the food in the old country, why can’t we?” I would suggest that we offer Communion if you knew that a bowl full of Cheez-Its was waiting at the end of the line. Or maybe for Heineken Keg Cans. Those are expensive wines, it’d have to be good beer. You can’t just bring in a sizer of Natty Lite and expect it to transubstantiate into Our Lord. We’re talking at least Bud Longnecks. Any theologian can tell you that the protein content of a can of beer is supposed to be about the same as that from the Last Supper. Except maybe for Heineken Keg Cans. Those are expensive wines, it’d have to be good beer.

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

In this time of crisis, I find myself dissecting a variety of opinions for the war, against the war, and all points in between. Often these arguments are fraught with inaccuracies, unfounded conclusions and contradictions in terms. No opinion was as shocking and disappointing as the stance taken by M. Somma in his letter entitled, “It would be better without Bush.” As a supporter of President Bush’s current policy on the war, I feel that there are some key points of Mr. Somma’s letter that need to be addressed.

Mr. Somma, while supporting Bush, argues, “We have not been attacked. Sept. 11 had occurred during Bill Clinton’s administration or even worse, Al Gore’s.” There is no doubt that President Bush made the right decisions following Sept. 11, but to argue that Bill Clinton or Al Gore failed or performed poorly is unfounded and baseless.

Look how easily this can be accomplished. If Nixon would have beaten Kennedy, wouldn’t he have been responsible for Nixon’s destruction? If Stephen Douglas had beaten Lincoln, the United States would have been permanently divided. If Ralph Nader had been elected, Sept. 11 would perhaps not have occurred. If Bush’s Iraq and Tawana Brawley are grossly and groundless these statements are, they parallel the assumptions put forth by Mr. Somma.

Secondly, to state that Clinton’s two terms were “Blessed with international harmony and prosperity” and then assert that Clinton was responsible for the United States going too “soft” in contradiction in terms. If we were in a time of peace, what would be the purpose of not making cut in defense spending? Clinton’s cuts enabled programs and initiatives such as: increased childhood immunization, the welfare reform act, the anti-drug campaign, etc. and one that we can all be appreciative of. It is true, Bush has cut a few. To assert that military cuts would have prevented terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 is preposterous. There is no way that any amount that can prevent a terrorist act at home or abroad. For every bunker-buster, cruise missile or surveillance drone, there is another terrorist willing to use his life and those of others for purposes that will never truly be understood by any of us.

Mr. Somma’s letter lacks accurate perspective. It is easy to look back and say, “We should have done this or that.” The fact is we live in a different time now than we did under the Clinton administration. To respond to the destruction of the Kohlker towers in 1996 with an all-out war or aerial assault on Afghanistan would make current world sentiment towards U.S. foreign policy sound like a quixotic leap. To even suppose that Clinton would have eliminated Osama bin Laden with a few missiles will never be known. Also, in keeping with a previous theme, there is no guarantee that Osama’s death would have even prevented the tragedy of Sept. 11.

In closing, Mr. Somma states, “The art of diplomacy is only as strong as the clenched fist that backs it up.” I would hope that the actions in Iraq taking place today will not become the measuring fluid for the future of the United States of America in the context of the present situation in or around Iraq is not Iraq — it’s the United States of America.

How about we do it again? Be patriotic and shut up!!

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Bienvenidos a Fiesta Tapatia

Fiesta Tapatia in Mishawaka offers authentic, inexpensive Mexican food

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
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Fiesta Tapatia is a pleasant dining experience, yet not quite exciting enough to distinguish itself from other everyday Mexican restaurants. The evidence of the quality of its self-proclaimed "authentic Mexican food" is seen in the fact that the patronage of the restaurant seemed to be comprised mostly of regulars who enjoyed relaxing in the casual family atmosphere. Many of the patrons were also of Latin American heritage, adding to the authentic feel immediately perceived when one walks through the door.

The quickness of the restaurant to take orders and to bring out the food made the experience even more enjoyable.

The Atmosphere

The decor inside is as brightly colored as the exterior (the restaurant is unassuming in size and locale, but shouts "Look at me, look at me!" with its bold stripes). The bright, bold colors brighten up the dining room to aid the patron into the authentic feeling emanating from the restaurant and its employees.

Pictorial evidence of birthday fun is displayed on a wall covered with snapshots of sombrero-ed celebrators. Walls decorated with of tapestries, paintings and pictures of Mexican origins give the patron a feeling of being warped to Mexico to dine for the meal.

Vine plants also adorn the small restaurant and the Latin music is soothing and inexpensive until the Spanish version of "Achy-Breaky Heart" starts playing. This actually happened. All of those qualities combined provide a unique experience of Mexico right near campus.

The Menu

The menu offers typical cuisine expected of Mexican restaurants with a helpful list of descriptions to distinguish between a tamale and an enchilada for those not experienced enough to know.

The best aspect of the menu is not the many variations of nachos (with cheese, with beans, with beef, with chicken) or the various low-fat options (chicken quesadilla appetizer, chicken dinners like Mole Poblano and Chalupa Tejana) but the low, low prices for plates full of food. The average price of an entree ranges from $5 to $9, easily affordable for the typical college student.

The Cuisine

Be warned not to indulge in the free chips and salsa until the waitress brings you water. While it's not the hottest salsa, the drinks might come some time later.

Besides the usual alcoholic drinks and soft drinks, there are also delicious fruit-flavored Jarritos. These bottled Mexican sodas come in fun flavors like lime, guava, mandarin, strawberry and tamarindo.

The "famous" fajitas are excellent, and can be made with combinations of chicken, shrimp or steak and onions, bell peppers and tomatoes. The burritos and enchiladas are served buried under mounds of lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes, but are also tasty once you find them. Most lunch and dinner specials include generous portions of Spanish rice and refried beans. For vegetarians, there is a fairly extensive list of meatless choices that has a selection of bean and cheese versions of the combination dinners. In case someone is craving fajitas during Lent, there are mushroom fajitas as well.

On the other end of the spectrum, there is Steak a la Tamajigua, which consists of T-Bone steak served with rice, refried beans, tortillas and tossed salad with sliced avocado, onions and lime.

Desserts

To top off the meal, there are crispy, honey-drizzled sopapillas. There is also creamy flan, which is fried ice cream.

The Experience

Out of the dishes tasted, all of them were appealing and worth a try. Fiesta Tapatia seems to be the Mexican translation of a home-cooking dinner that isn’t as famous or flashy as a chain restaurant, but has loyal diners nonetheless for its cooking.

Fiesta Tapatia would be a great place to throw a party. The atmosphere is perfect and the prices just right to invite a bunch of amigos and fiesta down.

For authentic Mexican minus the big bucks, check out Fiesta Tapatia and enjoy the food as well as the atmosphere.

Fiesta Tapatia is located at 119 W. McKinley Ave. in Mishawaka and available for dine-in, order ahead, carry-out or pick-up at the window. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the restaurant at (574) 258-4202.

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Fiesta Tapatia shines brightly despite the dark sky, welcoming customers into the world of Mexican culture and food, while providing a pleasant dining experience in a casual family atmosphere.
A group of non-hipsters, illustrating the least accepted fashions and actions among the hipster pop culture. These non-hipsters are considered "fin."

A chapper giving a frado the frlgldalre.' This phrase translates to 'A woman who is easy giving an ugly guy who thinks he's good looking the cold shoulder.'
Kent homers in first at-bat, Astros beat Rockies 10-4

Associated Press

HOUSTON

The Houston Astros wanted defense. Jeff Kent and Lance Bagwell gave it to them immediately.

Kent had a hit in his first at-bat for Houston and Bagwell homered twice as the Astros won their season opener over the Colorado Rockies. Kent, the 2000 NL MVP, helped lead the San Francisco Giants to the World Series last year. His two-year contract with the Astros in the offseason, joining Bagwell and Lance Berkman in the middle of a powerful lineup.

"With the welcome I received from the fans, I didn't want to let them down," Kent said. "As long as I've been in the game, I know that you don't get off to a bad start. So for all things that came together for me tonight, it means a lot."

Roy Oswalt pitched seven strong innings and the Astros roughed up NL Rookie of the Year Jason Jennings in their first home opener since their stadium was renamed Minute Maid Park.

Kent finished 3-for-5 and scored twice. Bagwell hit a solo homer and a two-run shot, while Geoff Blum also homered and knocked in three runs.

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**BOXING**

Tyson and Lewis could fight June 21, but not each other

**Associated Press**

Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis may fight in the same ring June 21 just against each other.

Talks are under way for the two heavyweight champions to appear in separate fights of a heavyweight doubleheader, perhaps in Buffalo, N.Y.

Possible opponents for Lewis include No. 1-ranked Vitali Klitschko, Kirk Johnson or Buffalo's Joe Mesi. Tyson's fight would be against someone along the lines of his last opponent, perhaps a fading Oleg Maskaev.

Lewis had been hoping to fight Tyson, but Tyson has been adamant that he needs at least two more fights before he challenges Lewis for the title again. Lewis gave Tyson a beating last June before finally stopping him in the eighth round in Memphis.

Though Lewis has a contract calling for a Tyson rematch, talks are being held for the two fighters to appear on the same card and push the rematch back to a later date. "We're trying to work that out," said Shelly Finkel, Tyson's manager. "That's part of the ongoing negotiations."

If Mesi is on the card — whether against Lewis, Tyson or someone else — the fight would be big in Buffalo, where the undefeated local heavyweight is a huge attraction.

If it was held in Buffalo, it likely would be outdoors at Rich Stadium where the Buffalo Bills play.

Representatives of the two camps are also looking at other sites, including Las Vegas.

Lewis hasn't fought since beating Tyson last June 8, and there has been increasing speculation that the 37-year-old WBC champion really doesn't want to fight anymore. Lewis backed out of a proposed April bout with Klitschko, saying he wanted to wait and fight Tyson in June instead.

Tyson, though, said after stopping Clifford Etienne in 49 seconds Feb. 22 in Memphis that he needed more fights before taking on Lewis again. Despite efforts to get him to change his mind, both the Tyson and Lewis camps are now reconciled to the fact the two heavyweights will not meet each other in June.

Klitschko's lawyers have secured an agreement from the WBC saying Lewis has to fight him by the end of October or give up his belt, but the Lewis camp has been unhappy about the size of the purse that Klitschko is demanding to challenge the champion.

Mesi is 25-0, but he has been brought along carefully, matched up with no-names or over-the-hill heavyweights, mostly in fights in or around his hometown.

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Howland might leave Pitt for UCLA as soon as today

**Associated Press**

PITTSBURGH

The arena isn't as nice, the money would be about the same, and the players — at least now — wouldn't be as good. All those disadvantages apparently won't prevent Pittsburgh coach Ben Howland from leaving for UCLA.

Howland, who met with UCLA officials Sunday, was talking about a contract Tuesday, and it wasn't with Pitt. Sources close to Howland said his representatives were finalizing the details that would make him coach UCLA's eighth since John Wooden coached them to 10 national championships from 1964-75.

Pitt was willing to improve the $5.9 million, seven-year contract Howland signed only last year, but the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were no discussions between Howland and the school Tuesday.

The Los Angeles Times reported on its Web site Tuesday that Howland would be introduced as UCLA's coach as early as Wednesday, following a meeting with chancellor Albert Carnesale. UCLA sports information director Marc Dellis declined to comment on the report.

That would follow the timeline Howland spelled out Monday when he met with his Pitt players and told them he would consider his issue resolved Thursday, when he's leaving for the Final Four in New Orleans.

Howland was an avowed Pitt fan while growing up in Southern California — he played at Cerritos High and only last week he called the position with the Bruins his "dream job."

Howland is nearing the upper echelon of Division I coaching salaries. Pitt is willing to guarantee him about $1.1 million per year, and UCLA cannot substantially improve on that.

However, it can offer the prospect of one of the most sought-after coaching jobs in any sport, a more fertile recruiting base, and the opportunity for ancillary income, such as commercial endorsements.

Howland's biggest concern about UCLA appeared to be the arena issue. While Pitt just spent $96 million, luxury-boxed arena that is one of the best in college basketball, UCLA has spent decades in Pauley Pavilion, which is filled with history but lacking in amenities.

Howland said last week that Pauly needs substantial upgrades that might force the Bruins to play one season off-campus. However, lining up the money for an upgraded arena at a state-supported university might prove difficult in the immediate future, especially given the current economic climate.

Howland also wants to take his assistant coaches to UCLA, two of whom — Jamie Dixon and Chris Carlson — are native Southern California, Dixon, however, is under consideration for the Wright State and Illinois State jobs, and he might be a candidate at Pitt should Howland leave.

Dixon is Howland's top choice for the coaching class of four recruits is by far his best under Howland — and also handled some of the coaching in practice.

While Howland weighed his tough decisions, Pitt also faces one with an impending departure. The school would have to decide whether it can afford to hand over the job to a promising but untested assistant coach such as Dixon, an on-the-rise Division I coach like Howland was in 1999, or an established winner who's already a head coach.

Howland's departure would be Pitt's second major personnel loss in only four months. Athletic director Steve Pederson left for alma mater Nebraska in December after overlooking Pitt's athletic program. He made numerous personnel changes, built the new basketball arena and football practice facility, and tore down Pitt's iconic Heinz Field.

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GOLF

Golfers still trying to catch up to Woods

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — It's your own potential. Davis Love III underlined those four words, even as players around them, as a reminder that the best way to catch Tiger Woods is to wear blinders.

The strategy came from an off-season session with sports psychologist Bob Rotella. Love jotted down the notes on a yellow legal pad, and he reviewed them the night before the final round of The Players Championship.

He proved to be a quick study.

Love turned in the greatest closing round in the 30-year history of the tournament. In cold, blustery conditions, he shot a bogey-free 64 to make up two strokes on the leaders and eventually win by six.

"We always talk about playing against Tiger down the stretch," Love said. "I was chasing my own potential, and I think that's the difference." It sounds good on paper, any way.

The real test comes next week in the Masters — or any other tournament where Love's pursuit puts him on a collision course with Woods on the back nine.

That never happened on the TPC at Sawgrass.

Love's stiffest competition came from Jay Haas, who had not won in 10 years, and Padraig Harrington of Ireland, who has never won on the PGA Tour.

"I knocked that Woods finished one hour in front of him and 11 strokes behind Woods, largest deficit since the 2001 PGA Championship.

Love has to wear blinders, he needs binoculars.

Would it have been different if Love played the final round with Woods, instead of good friend Fred Couples? Probably not.

Couples has been around for 20 years and shot a 64 on the final day in 1996 to storm from behind and win The Players Championship. He called Love's round the best he has ever seen anyone play.

"Not just Davis — anybody." Couples said.

Love said he was building to a moment like this and that he felt comfortable enough to compete with anyone, especially when he eased off when he saw the next question coming.

"I'm not throwing down challenges and saying, 'I'm back,'" Love said. "But it's nice to see the ball going where you're looking." Phil Mickelson called out Woods in a magazine interview by saying he used inferior equipment, words that were intended as a compliment but perceived as a challenge. Woods dispelled him the first time they played together, in the final round at Torrey Pines.

Ernie Els challenged Woods with his results.

The Big Easy became the first player in 14 years to win the first two PGA Tour events of the season, then won twice more against good field sports in Australia.

And Woods and Meat met for the first time this year on Sunday at Bay Hill under unfavorable conditions — Els had a sore right wrist. Woods had a four-stroke lead.

Woods wound up 10 strokes clear of Els after the third round, and finished 19 shots ahead of him at the end of the tournament.

Love has scars, just like everyone else who has been run over by Woods.

Fred Couples knocked Woods his first PGA Tour victory in 1996, at Las Vegas by missing a 6-foot par putt in a playoff. Woods trounced Love twice during a four-week span in 2000, in the semifinals of Match Play and in the final round at Bay Hill.

"It's good to see somebody to stuff it in his face a couple of times coming down the stretch to knock him off," Love always used to say.

That was the problem.

Not many can, and even fewer do.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Marquette coach waiting for call

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Trey Schwab sits on the Marquette bench, breathing oxygen from a tube connected to a portable tank. He wears a cellphone on his hip, and he checks it every so often to see if he's missed the call that could save his life.

The 38-year-old assistant coach has a disease that is deteriorating his lungs, and a transplant is his only hope for survival.

Schwab is at the top of a waiting list for a donor lung, and if a match is found, word will reach him through a vibration on his cell phone. He then would have just two hours to get to the University of Wisconsin Medical Center in Madison for the operation.

This waiting game is not only tense for Schwab, it's an inconvenience because his team is playing in the Final Four at the same time.

"It's stressful on the bench and being so far away," Schwab said. "But I'd probably be in more stress if I had to sit at home and watch it on TV." He's ready — and hoping — for his phone to go off in the middle of the game at the Superdome, or in the middle of the night.

For the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, Schwab had a prop plane ready to take him from Indianapolis to Minneapolis, both of which are within an hour's flight from Madison.

"He's everywhere we go late in the game," Marquette coach Buzz Williams said. "We're actually pushing the basketball. It's a no-lose situation for him."

"The coach in me would like to put all this on a back burner for another week and not worry about it," Schwab said. "But this is life and death, and it'll happen when it's supposed to happen, and there's not anything of us can do about that."

A private jet will be waiting at Final Four for Schwab, who needs a lung transplant.

Schwab said. "I'm probably going to drop everything and get to the airport as fast as we can when the phone rings," Schwab said.

Shortly after Schwab arrived at Marquette last season, he and Crean developed a nasty cough they couldn't shake, and both men were diagnosed with walking pneumonia. But as Crean got better, Schwab only got worse.

After numerous tests, doctors told Schwab that he had a rare incurable disease called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis that attacks the air sacs in the lungs, hindering the body's ability to process oxygen.

After six operations and 15 months on the portable oxygen tank, Schwab moved near the top of the transplant organ list in February. When a donor match is made, the transplant surgeon will determine Schwab will receive his lung or two.

Doctors began cutting back on some of his medications in preparation for the operation, sapping his strength and stamina.

"Even healthy people get run down and tired this time of year," Schwab said. "I've really had to get my sleep and take care of myself."

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"Every time we think things are tough, you look at him and see a man who isn't breaking on his own," Crean said.
Shoulder injury will sideline Jeter at least a month

Associated Press

TORONTO

Even the highest payroll in baseball couldn't prepare the New York Yankees for what they face now — playing without leader Derek Jeter for at least a month.

Jeter was placed on the 15-day disabled list after dislocating his left shoulder on opening night. The Yankees expect to be without their All-Star shortstop for much longer, and it could be up to four months if he needs surgery.

"We miss him when he's out of the lineup for one game," manager Joe Torre said. "To have him out for an extended period of time, we're lucky we haven't had that happen before. This will probably be a month or more. There will be a big void."

Jeter will fly with the team to Tampa, Fla., after Wednesday night's game and have an MRI test conducted by Dr. Allen Glashow, an orthopedic surgeon at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital, said Jeter could be back in four-to-six weeks if he doesn't need surgery or three-to-four months if he does need an operation.

"Thursday will be the day we'll get at least some sign to the course of action and the ultimate downside," Cashman said.

Cashman said the Yankees were more comfortable having their doctors in Florida examine Jeter than having tests in Toronto. The team also figured it would be easier for Jeter to stay with the team that to fly to New York on his own for the tests.

"I don't think it really makes a difference if we do it now or Thursday," Jeter said. "I want to find out. Obviously, something is wrong, because something is out of place. Something probably has to be torn."

Erick Almonte will get most of the time there while Jeter is hurt, although Enrique Wilson started at shortstop Tuesday. Almonte has played at least 148 games each season, going on the disabled list only three times with minor injuries.

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"He'll be missed a ton, no doubt about it," first baseman Jason Giambi said. "This is just some adversity we have to overcome. We've all been through it before, just not with a player like Jeter. We have a lot of great players on this team and we'll all have to pick up the slack a little bit.

Almonte was unpacking his bag in Columbus on Monday night when Rob Thomson, the vice president of minor league development, called and told him to be ready.
AROUND THE NATION

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Matt Doherty, shown here in the Tar Heels’ 75-63 loss to Duke in the ACC semifinals, resigned Tuesday with three years left on his contract. Doherty’s temper was often cited as a problem during his three-year tenure.

Doherty resigns as Tar Heels’ coach

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Matt Doherty resigned Tuesday as basketball coach at North Carolina, ending a bumpy three-year run marked by feuds with players and his failure to lead a storied program back to national prominence.

The Tar Heels failed to make the tournament in two of his three seasons. He leaves with three years left on a six-year contract that paid him $855,000 a year before he took over the program, having played with Michael Jordan in the early 1980s. He left Notre Dame and returned to North Carolina to succeed Bill Guthridge, and for the first season, things were fine. North Carolina went 20-7, but it slipped to 8-20 last season — the worst record in the program’s history.

This year, his young team finished 19-16. Doherty picked the inexperienced Doherty after Roy Williams — a former assistant to Hall of Fame coach Dean Smith — turned down North Carolina to remain at Notre Dame.

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"I naturally, I’m glad the suspension has been reduced," Plaza said. "I just want to put this all behind me so I can concentrate on baseball the rest of the season.

The Mets were off Tuesday. If games are played as scheduled, Plaza would be able to return to the lineup Sunday against Montreal.

Bob Watson, baseball’s vice president in charge of discipline, originally issued a five-game suspension and $5,000 fine after Plaza charged Los Angeles reliever Guillermo Mota during an exhibition game March 12. Plaza, who had been hit by a fastball, later went into the Dodgers’ clubhouse looking for the pitcher.

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Mota originally was suspended for five games, but appealed and had it cut to four games last week.

Montreal slugger Vladimir Guerrero, suspended for three games for charging the mound in another spring training game, dropped his appeal in exchange for the commissioner’s office cutting the penalty to two games.

Task force to restructure USOC

Members of a U.S. Olympic Committee task force met for the final time before they present their recommendations for the restructuring of the troubled organization, the New York Times reported Tuesday. Task force co-chair Bill Stapleton wouldn’t reveal the details of Monday’s meeting of the USOC Governance and Ethics Review Task Force, which met in Manhattan, the newspaper said.

Stapleton said only that the main components of the recommendations included the trimming of the USOC’s 123-member board of directors and its 21-person executive committee, according to the Times.

The task force will present their recommendations before the full board of directors on April 11-13 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The new guidelines would drastically change the dynamics of the organization’s board of directors and take politics out of the decision-making process.

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**Tennis**

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freshman starter Tom Thome was only expected to see limited action. Tuesday, threw five solid innings, keeping the Irish off a shaky start, allowing the first run of the game in the top of the first on consecutive singles.

In the first and second innings, they were on him pretty good,” Mainieri said. “As he was going to pitch tonight, he just needs to get some pitches, get some outs, get some experience, so we let him go the fourth and fifth innings.”

Thornton finished his outing by giving up only one run on five hits, striking out four and not allowing a walk.

On the other side, the Irish got to the plate early and often, sending 12 batters to the plate in a nine-run second after scoring one run in the first to tie the game.

The binge began when Steve Andreu smashed a triple that hit halfway up the centerfield wall, knocking in Matt Macri. Randy Barlow, who came in to pitch the second inning, fired a towering fly ball up for the second time in the inning with another single into the center, and pinch hitter Tim Murray brought in the third run of the inning with another single through the right side to move Rizzo to third. A two-run double-play groundout by Lopez brought Rizzo home.

Three more runs crossed the plate for the Irish in the sixth, when a one-out fielding error on a sure double-play ball hit by Macri brought home Kris Billmayer. Rizzo knocked in another run in another run with a single to center, and pinch hitter Tim Murray brought in the third run of the inning with another single through the right side to move Rizzo to third. Andres smashed a triple that drove in three runs.

With his pitching staff still depleted, Mainieri will start Martin Vergara tomorrow instead of starting Thor on three days’ rest.

The Titans staged a mini-comeback in the seventh inning, when they loaded the bases with three consecutive singles, and then knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly. Andres hit a towering fly ball that smacked the top of the fence in Edwards, and Macri, up for the second time in the inning, fired a towering fly ball that smacked the top of the right-field fence, knocking in two runs. Andres doubled again in the sixth and put himself on third with a triple. Macri later scored on a wild pitch.

“Tonight was a bitterer’s night, it really was,” Mainieri said. “The atmosphere was so conducive to hitting.”

Notre Dame continued the offensive production in the fifth, when Andres and Mike Schicknall both hit doubles, with Andres scoring a run on a sacrifice fly. Andres singled through the left side, bringing in the second Titan run. Four batters later, the Titans cleared the bases with a double to deep center that drove in three runs.

After Bickford walked the bases loaded again, a short left field lefthander wacko with newly-inserted left fielder Matt Patricoski.

Alex Netty. However, Netty made a terrific acrobatic catch by leaping for the catch then rolling while maintaining the catch in Valentine, at least two more Titan runners from scoring.

“The wind was slightly blowing out at the end of the game, I think,” Mainieri said. “When that kid hit that ball, I thought Netty was going to need to make a diving catch towards the infield, but that ball just kept carrying.”

It looked funny, and he probably made it worse than it should have been, but at least he caught it.

Freshman Matt Arminio, in his first appearance for the Irish, struck out the Titans in the final two innings, while the Irish added an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth to provide the final margin.

“I was really happy with the way Matt Arminio came in and faced some batters,” Mainieri said. “That was encouraging also.”

While his pitching staff still depleted, Mainieri will start Martin Vergara tomorrow instead of starting Thornton, who was only giving two days’ rest.

“Valpo is another rival of Notre Dame’s,” Mainieri said. “I have a lot of respect for their coach, he works really hard at his job. We’ve got them at home, and it’s another night where I think we’re gonna have to take care of business. It’s gonna be really important for them in the second half, because they have a chance to lose.”

The Gophers appeared to have found a solution for Sweetney after allowing him to score 17 points in the first half. They held him scoreless through the early minutes of the second half, drawing him within a point in the closing seconds after Hatten missed two free throws with 4.1 seconds left.

Texas Tech got the ball back, and Will Clavas missed a 3-pointer off the rim as the buzzer sounded, sending the ball into overtime.

Hatten led the Red Storm with 13 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, while Koshb Powell, who’s from nearby Teaneck, N.J., added 19 points.
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multiple positions despite
only being a freshman.
"As the playing time is com­
ing, I'm getting a lot more
comfortable," Rizzo said. "It
helps to get the playing time,
going through the motions on
the field instead of just in
practice."

Rizzo has now started in 18
of 23 Irish games this year,
including each of the last 11.
He has scored at least one
run in each of the last seven
games, including Tuesday's
game where which he scored
three, and is currently second
in runs scored with 18.

Rizzo credits his early suc­
cess, as well as the success of
his fellow freshmen, to learn­
ing from not only the older
players on the team but
Mainieri as well.
"Every at-bat I learn some­
thing new. Every situation,
Coach is helping us out, the
young guys, and teaching us
what to do in every situation,"
Rizzo said.

Not only is Rizzo a terror
for opposing pitchers, he also
sports a pretty versatile —
and agile — glove on defense.
While earning the bulk of
his playing time this season in
left field replacing the glove
of Brian Stavisky, Rizzo was
seen behind the plate as
catcher late in Tuesday's
game against Detroit.

"I caught a lot in my career,
I've played a lot of outfield
too, so it really doesn't matter
to me where I play, I'm pretty
experienced in both posi­
tions," Rizzo said. "Playing
catcher at the college level is
a little different than in high
school and on a club team. It
takes a little bit getting used
to."

So far this season, Rizzo has
only made one error and
wields a decent .947 fielding
percentage.
Versatility is one of Rizzo's
key assets. And while his pro­
duction numbers definitely
support his playing time, he is
just happy to be making a
contribution to a winning
effort, whether that is by his
clutch hitting, his consistent
defense or his aggressive
baserunning.
"I just want to do anything
to help out the team," Rizzo
dsaid. "If that's to take an
extra base, then that helps
putting the runners in scoring
position, and helps the batter
to get the job done."

And his numbers seem to
back that up as well — of his
22 hits this season, nine of
them have been for extra
bases, including seven dou­
bles.
Judging from his perfor­
mance Tuesday against
Detroit, where he went 1-for­
3 with three runs scored and
an RBI despite getting hit by
a pitch twice Rizzo, along with
his four fellow freshmen —
Greg Lopez, Brennan Grogan,
Craig Cooper and Steve
Andres — have a bright
future ahead of them under
the glimmer of the Golden
Dome.

"We've really got five fresh­
men out there that I think can
do some really great things
here at Notre Dame," Mainieri
said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish get back in the win column and sweep Purdue

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Seven was the lucky number for the Irish Tuesday afternoon as they swept intrastate rival Purdue in a double-header by scores of 7-3 and 7-1 at the Varsity Softball Complex in West Lafayette, Ind.

Welsh is confident fans will see a different Saint Mary's squad Wednesday. "We faced great pitching in Indianapolis, so it wasn't unexpected not to score more then we did," Welsh said. "I would have liked to see more runs but that won't be a downfall for us tomorrow against Kalamazoo or against the other teams."

If all goes as planned and the Belles can steal two from the Hornets, it will be a statement from a team that was tied for sixth in the league the last time these two played.

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SCM SOFTBALL

Belles travel to Kalamazoo looking to earn respect

♦ Strong start gives Saint Mary's confidence going into MIAA play

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Senior catcher Susan Kutz played in the 12-inning, three-hour marathon in the first game of a doubleheader against Kalamazoo last season. At the time, Kutz had commented on how the Belles played strong for six innings and then relaxed, leaving room for the Hornets to rally and hand Saint Mary's a 9-7 defeat.

The Belles are aware they cannot fall apart late in games or give up leads if they want to establish themselves as a league power. Coach Anna Welsh is confident her team, which has done so well in its conference and send a message that we are going to be a top contender this year in the league," Welsh said.

"We want to start right away and send a message both offensively and defensively. The Belles have done it offensively, averaging over four runs per game by scoring 73 runs in their first 17 contests. Pitchers like junior Libby Wilhelmy and freshman Kate Sajewich are emerging as the leaders of the Belles defense.

Saint Mary's has struggled recently on offense, particularly in the Indianapolis tournament, in which the Belles amounted only six runs and went 1-3 in four games. But Welsh is confident fans will see a different Saint Mary's squad Wednesday.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles beat Bethel 7-2, aim to extend streak at Kalamazoo

By LISA REJULA
Sports Writer

It wasn't a shootout like the last two matches have been for Saint Mary's tennis team, but Monday's 7-2 victory over Bethel College found the Belles another solid win for the season.

"We're right on track," freshman Kristen Palombo said. "We haven't lost a match since spring break and we're doing great right now."

The Belles, now 9-1 this spring, went with a slightly different roster Monday. Palombo moved up to No. 1 singles and defeated Sarah Mater 1-6, 6-2, 6-0. At No. 2 singles, Kailltin Cutler won over Bethel freshman Emily Lampert 6-1, 6-0.

At the No. 3 spot for the Belles, Kris Spriggle beat Mindy Clark in a 6-1, 6-1 contest. For the season, Spriggle is undefeated, seeing action previously at No. 4. Against Bethel, Elin Ryant played at No. 4 and lost to Wendy Vater 3-6, 3-6.

Rounding out the singles lineup was Miranda Mikuluky, a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Kristen Conn. At No. 6, Meghan Lambourne also lost, dropping a 0-6, 3-6 match to Amanda Thompson.

The Belles bounced back from the two singles losses and swept all three doubles matches. The duo of Cutler and Ryan made their No. 1 doubles debut by winning 8-3 over Lampert and Clark of Bethel.

A new pairing for the Belles at No. 2, Angela Sandnher and Marta Dziekan, beat Julianne Houston and Donna Roberts 8-4. Mikuluky and Laura Blume played at the No. 3 spot, defeating the pair of Kuehn and Jessica Herbes. 9-7.

"It was good to get match practice before tomorrow against Kalamazoo," Palombo said. "We're hoping to get better with each match we play."

The afternoon featured faces and players in different positions from the Belles' usual lineup. Jeannie Kinsh, the usual No. 1 singles player for Saint Mary's, did not compete due to a conflict with her class schedule. Next up for the Belles is their second conference matchup of the season against Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo holds an 8-3 record for the 2003 season.

"We're expecting them to be a tough team," Palombo said. "We're just looking match-to-match right now, and we're ready for them."

The Belles will play at home against Kalamazoo today at 3 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Nine run second inning leads Irish to 15-5 win over Detroit at the Eck

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

It was as easy as turning over a calendar page.

The Irish opened the month of April exactly the way they closed out March; that is, with powerful pitching and very solid hitting.

The floodgates opened early and often for the Notre Dame offense as the Irish cruised to a 15-5 victory over the Detroit Titans Tuesday at Eck Stadium.

According to Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri, the sudden surge in offense spells trouble for the rest of their opponents this year.

"I think the guys are really starting to get into a groove now, so I'm excited about what the season holds for us," Mainieri said.

Once again, a starting pitcher came through for the Irish as See Offense/20.

Offensive Explosion

Rizzo paying dividends in early action for Irish

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

On a team that contends on a national level as consistently as the Irish, you probably wouldn't expect to see a starting line-up stacked with as many freshmen as the current roster features.

But that's not the case with Irish coach Paul Mainieri's squad.

"I've been really excited about the way our freshmen have played, and they're continuing to get better on a regular basis," Mainieri said.

A prime example of the contributions this year's freshman class has made to the Irish success is left fielder Cody Rizzo. Rizzo is currently second on the team in batting average with a .349 average.

He is also symbolic of a recent surge in the Irish offense, thanks to the ample playing time he received at See Rizzo/20.

WOMENS LACROSSE

Long road stretch finally ends today at No. 8 Syracuse

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Led by Big East co-Offensive Player of the Week Danielle Shearer, the No. 14 Irish travel to Syracuse to take on the No. 8 Orangewomen in a Big East battle this evening at 7 p.m.

Shearer, a pre-season All-American and Tewaartoon Trophy candidate, earned the weekly award for the second time this season for her performance against Ohio State and Virginia Tech.

The Irish come into the Syracuse game at 2-0 in the Big East, while Syracuse is 3-1 in conference.

The game against Syracuse also gives the Irish yet another opportunity to notch a victory against a ranked opponent. The Irish have already lost to then-No. 9 Cornell, No. 13 Yale and No. 17 Ohio State.

Despite the setbacks, the Irish remain optimistic they can beat Syracuse and return to the top ten in the polls themselves.

"We know we can win on the road in the Big East," junior Meredith Simon said. "We have to do the same against Syracuse."

While Shearer leads the Irish in scoring with 15 goals and 12 assists and is third in the Big East in scoring, the Irish have also used a fairly balanced attack. Juniors Simon, Abby Owen and Lauren Fischer, along with seniors Eleanor Wollie and Anne Biley have also been major contributors on offense this season.

In addition to Shearer, the other co-Offensive Player of the Week named was Syracuse's Monica Joines. Like Shearer, Joines posted impressive numbers by registering eight points on four goals and four assists against Colgate and adding two more goals in a win over Connecticut.

Despite the strong week from Joines, the Orangewomen's biggest offensive threat comes from junior Leigh Ann Zimmer, who already ranks second in career points at Syracuse with 99 goals and 35 assists for 134 points.

After the game against Syracuse, the Irish will return home Saturday for a Big East game against Connecticut.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Notre Dame at Illinois

Today, 3:30 p.m.

No. 17 Illinois is the sixth Big Ten opponent this year for No. 48 Notre Dame.

ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 7-7

Purple 1-3

After their weekend games were cancelled, the Irish got back in the win column with a doubleheader sweep over the Boilermakers.

SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's at Kalamazoo

Today, 3 p.m.

A win today would give the Belles some respect in conference.