Janet Reno addresses public service

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

"The world outside looked like a World War I battlefield, but there was no one to shoot, just one shell," she said. Reno used the story as a metaphor for her job as attorney general.

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A simple message

In a time when emotions and fears are at a critical high, it seems that it is human nature to become consumed by feelings of vengeance. America is at war because the evil enemy must be found and killed, no matter what the cost. But as Sister Helen Prejean argued on Monday night, those vengeful feelings are taught and encouraged by a society deemed "unpatriotic."

All of those who feel strongly about this war have become "shocked and awed" with feelings of contempt and disgust for the actions of others.

Claire Kelley
Lab Tech

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Freshman quarterback Chris Olsen is trying to move up the depth charts during spring prac­tice.

What's Going Down

Student's vehicle towed

A student's vehicle was towed from Main Circle Monday for a parking violation.

CR: from the NSSP crime blaster

What's Happening @ ND

Student Senate meeting
6 p.m. at Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Shrimp spaghetti, southwestern pasta sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, pretzel sticks, chicken breast with walnut plum sauce, cherry crisp, cheddar-crumbled scrod, vegetable rice casserole, baked potato, whipped potatoes, Polish sausage sandwich, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, fried beef and pepper stir-fry, sunshine French toast.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, basil garlic linguine, sausage calzone, scal­loped corn casserole, honey-garlic pork chops, pollum with sea­soning, garlic linguine, beef potato pie, lemon-baked perch, parsnip potatoes, rice Valencienne, BBQ chicken sandwich, west potato casserole.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

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SMC freshman to walk for cancer

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer


Funnell first became interested in this walk when her friend pointed out an article about the walk in a magazine. Her great-aunt had breast cancer, but there is a larger reason for her walking.

"This is something that affects one out of eight women," Funnell said. "Attending an all-women's college makes me want to be active with women's health issues."

Funnell said she has been training for the two-day event by running and walking a few miles daily.

By signing up for the Cincinnati walk, one of eight around the country, Funnell also promised to raise $1,750.

The money that Funnell raises will support breast cancer research, education and early detection programs and clinical care and support services for women with the disease.

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Funnell began her fundraising campaign by giving presentations in all major boards at Saint Mary's. Since then, various organizations have sponsored her with such fundraisers as bake sales and a penny war.

Recently she was informed that a charity softball game will be held to assist her fundraising, and several R.A.'s in McCandless Hall have volunteered to participate in a pie-in-the-face game. Funnell has also been selling pink breast cancer awareness ribbons.

"I only have a couple hundred dollars left to raise," she said. "I would estimate that I have close to $1,500. My family and friends have also been helping me in this cause. Between all these resources, I know it will all come together."

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"I'll crawl to the end if I have to. I'll do whatever it takes," she said.

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Group raising literacy levels

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

Teamwork for Tomorrow, a non-profit group run by volunteers from Notre Dame-Saint Mary's community, is dedicated to raising the literacy level of children who live in South Bend's public housing projects and attend the local public schools.

Founded in July 1998 by a small group of Notre Dame students, its mission was to combine literacy, athletics and mentoring into an extra-curricular educational program that would brighten the futures of local children.

The program was started basically because people were frustrated with the accountability of both the Notre Dame volunteers and the kids coming to the program," said Mary Murphy, Teamwork for Tomorrow president. "People would decide not to come one day because they had a test the next morning, or a kid would just not show up. All of the tutors and the kids have to sign a contract promising to come every day and be fully involved."

The 75 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's volunteers meet with the same child twice a week for two hours, and have all made a pledge to aid in the achievement of the five goals of the organization.

The primary goal of the group is to improve its participants' reading skills. Based on a curriculum set up by Elementary Education majors at Saint Mary's and advisors from the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives, each tutoring session emphasizes oral and silent reading and vocabulary development.

Sports are given a particular amount of attention, as children spend half of each two-hour session working on athletic skills that are intended to serve as an incentive to learn, foster growth in sportsmanship and emphasize the importance of teamwork in their daily lives.

The group also aims to improve the health and nutrition of each child by providing a healthy daily snack.

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WANT TO DRAW A COMIC?

Do you open up the back page of the Observer and say, "I can do better than this!"?

Well, you'd be surprised how hard a good crossword puzzle is to make, believe me. But if you know you'd like to do a comic for next year's Observer, here's what to do:

Submit 5 example strips and a description of your comic to editor Andrew Soukup no later than TUESDAY, APRIL 15th.
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The class, number AS 313, is offered by the aerospace studies department in conjunction with the Notre Dame Pilot Initiative. Information on the course can be found at www.nd.edu/~ndpi.

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RALPH WALDO EMERSON

with his wife and a son, and his brother, Owen, in 1876.

Chicago, 1880-1906.

According to Professor O'Neill, the meeting was a success. The audience was engaged and the discussion was informative. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about the philosophy of the Russian Symbolists and their impact on literature.
British troops attempt to stop looting of Basra

Associated Press

Iraqi troops have begun an operation to stop looters from carting away software supplies from a Red Crescent distribution center. Hundreds of burlap and nylon sacks of sugar, tea and rice were piled high on the side of the road, where British troops forced drivers to unload the looted goods. Approving residents driv­ing by gave soldiers the thumbs up and shouted "Ali Baba," which means "thief." Outside the Sheraton Hotel, managing director Riyadh al-Amir expressed frustration that British forces were not fully policing the city from lawless hoodlums.

Medicare administrators face collusion allegations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Members of Congress are looking into allegations that the federal Medicare administrator improperly shut the Gallup Organization and other polling firms out of a chance to develop a new survey of patient satisfaction, which is used in evaluating hospital performance.

Gallup sued Medicaid chief Thomas Scully and five unnamed co-workers at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Tuesday. The lawsuit alleged Scully tried to bully a Gallup official who was looking into alleged collusion over the patient satisfaction surveys between the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the small Nebraska survey firm, National Research Corp-Picker.

Scully also threatened to stop speaking with Aquilar if she met with Nielsen, managing partner for Gallup, calling him an "idiot," "jerk" and "weasel" for try­ing to get the new survey’s financing stopped until an investigation was con­ducted.

Earlier that day, Nielsen had sent an e-mail message to Office of Management and Budget official Brenda Aquilar, asking that funding for a pilot study he halted pending an investigation.

Scully also threatened to stop speak­ing with Aquilar if she met with Nielsen on the matter. According to the suit, he wrote: "Brenda, if you meet with this guy it will be the last time I ever speak to you about CMS issues. I would like to investigate this idiot - I’m the most open person in Washington and this JERK has never called me.”

Rep. James Tausin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, has written to Scully asking about the allegations that he favored NRC-Picker. Tausin noted that questions have been raised about whether proper contracting requirements were followed and whether "development of a survey instrument was tainted by the involvement of government employees with conflicts of interest."

He asked that his committee be given the information by Friday. Earlier, Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., wrote to OMB Director Mitch Daniels asking that financing for the pilot survey be halted until the matter is resolved.

Scully’s agency and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality developed the survey, which is designed to help evaluate hospital perfor­mance by comparing patients’ expe­riences. "This lawsuit is the result of a long and sorry road of deception and collusion at CMS, and was filed to protect Gallup’s reputation," said James Clifton, Gallup chairman and CEO. The suit sought unspecified damages and a court order barring Scully and his col­leagues from favoring NRC-Picker.

A call to Scully was not immediately returned.

World News Briefs

National News Briefs

Compromise possible in Philip Morris suit: A judge who had ordered Philip Morris to pay $12 billion in a class-action lawsuit over "light" cigarettes said Tuesday that a compromise may be reached in a dispute over the tobacco company’s payment of the claim. "I see some possibilities for resolving this mat­ter," said Madison County Judge Nicholas Byron said before closing his courtroom. "What will be reached will be reached in a consensual basis." Both sides were scheduled to return to talks in Byron’s courtroom on Thursday, plaintiff's attorney Stephen Tillery said.

Visa, Mastercard must refund $800M: A judge on Tuesday ordered credit card giants Visa and MasterCard to refund an esti­mated $800 million to U.S. customers who paid a hidden fee on purchases made in foreign countries. Judge Ronald Sabra's decision finalized a tentative ruling that had been under court seal since February.

Pakistan terrorist suspects released on bail: Two Pakistani men charged with immigration viola­tions but also suspected by the FBI of having ties to terrorist groups were ordered released on bail Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Lewis Babcock said the government failed to prove that Saajid Nassee or Irfan Kamran were a threat to the community. Federal prosecutors, who had appealed a federal magistrate’s decision to grant the men bail last week, said Tuesday they may appeal Babcock’s order as well.

Retarded man beaten to death by teens: A 39-year-old retarded man who liked to dress up like Batman and tell neighbors he was a crime-fighter was beaten to death in the lobby of an apartment building in Hartford, Conn., where he had been placed by state offi­cials. Ricky Whistnant died at the scene Saturday. He fell and hit his head on a radiator after three teens pelted him with bottles of soda he had just bought, authori­ties who viewed a security video of the attack said.
Weiss spoke with Saint Mary's something there was enough States, about the possibility of USLacrosse, the governing and representatives from from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, half from each school. Last week, the club attracted new recruits at Saint Mary's Accepted Students Day. "The girls are thrilled about the club, trying to get it on campus and trying to advertise it, because we need Saint Mary's women," Gregg Petcoff, team adviser, said. Petcoff and volunteer coach Christy Yarnell, who played on the national Under-19 USA Lacrosse team and served as assistant coach for Notre Dame's varsity women's team for two years. Everything you do," Petcoff said, "sometimes you need to fall into a little bit of luck. Ours was Christy." Weiss agreed. "She basically fell into our lap," she said. "She is an incredible asset to our team. We owe a lot of our success to her." The team holds a 3-2 record, is ranked third in its division, and sixteenth overall in the league. It recently played teams from Miami University of Ohio, Indiana University, Ball State University, Hope College and Taylor University. They will travel to Purdue Friday for their sixth game out of seven before qualifying for the regional tournament April 26-27. "I've been so impressed with the way our team has come together so far, and we've done better than I ever imagined we could," Weiss said. "My initial goal was to just get things going." Contact Nicole Zook at zook8928@staintmarys.edu

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bet toward reducing cholesterol. Howard said. He added that tea extracts and sunflower oil may also help reduce levels that studies indicate antioxidants vitamins and garlic are not particularly helpful in reducing cholesterol. The ideal diet, according to Howard, is the Mediterranean one, but not because of the prevalence of olive oil as originally thought. Rather, he said, it's due to the high quantity of nuts and fish consumed that contain polyunsaturated fats. The American diet and its emphasis on processed foods, Howard said, is not only responsible for higher levels of cholesterol but also an increased incidence of Type II Diabetes. Prior to 1933 and the advent of processed foods, the American diabetes prevalence rate was less than one percent, he said. In 1996, it jumped to nearly eight percent. Today, it is estimated that 54 million people have undiagnosed Type II Diabetes in the United States. The Mini-Medical School Lecture Series is presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education, Indiana University School of Medicine and sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation. Next Tuesday, Col. Charles Holt will deliver a lecture on bioterrorism.
The Hook-Up corners niche

+ Affordable, unique SYR gifts a reliable sell

By HELENA PAYNE
Senior Staff Writer

Since its debut in March, the campus gift shop The Hook-Up has had a range of over 100 sales each week and racked up over 140 sales last week, said store managers Steve Dick and Mike Iselin.

"It's been a huge success like I would never imagine," said Dick, who opened the store to go with a smaller store Dick and Iselin.

The Hook-Up mainly sells gifts under $10 for dorm dances, although Dick said people can still find small gifts for birthdays and anniversaries.

"What I have in mind is when people think of SYR, it's [Steve Your Roommate dorm dances], they think of The Hook-Up," Dick said.

Sophomore Jessica Freeman, who went to the store to buy a gift for the Lewis Crush dance, said the LaFortune store was convenient to have on campus.

"It's something that the University needed. Everyone needs gifts for SYR," she said.

With a niche market in mind, the two members of the Notre Dame Entrepreneurs Club are brainstorming ways to expand and improve their business, including offering more items. The Hook-Up has tripled its inventories and has started over 170 products since its opening, Dick and Iselin said.

The store has also focused on selling items related to dance themes. On Friday, six dorms were having dances, including Breen-Phillips Hall's Beach Party. In response, The Hook-Up sold inflatable palm trees and beach balls. Senior Dave Cantos, who attended the dance with his girlfriend, said he went to the store Friday to buy Play-Doh.

"I ended up making dolphins out of it," Cantos said.

The store is open every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. in LaFortune's Dooley Room, but Dick and Iselin also take orders online, and with permission from rectors, have delivered some items to residence halls. Dick said they were also considering opening the store on Saturdays, as well as making it possible for students' parents to order gifts for birthdays.

Customer favorites include childhood memorabilia like Mr. Potato Head, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and busses, as well as interactive toys like Nerf dart guns, water guns and balls.

"We want to keep gifts unique," Dick said. "We don't want people all around campus getting the same gifts."

He added that the store wasn't able to carry some items that could be popular because of their price. One example is the Dancing Hamsters.

"We were pretty tempted to sell those bad boys," Dick said.

So far, The Hook-Up has made over $800, according to Iselin.

"I'm definitely pleased with how we're doing," Iselin said.

At the end of the year, Dick said he and Iselin plan to donate the money to the Minnesota-based Newhill Music Foundation. If the Entrepreneurs Club and Student Activites allows The Hook-Up to open again next year, Dick said he is interested in donating to other charities, including the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

"We're still holding strong with the non-profit aspect of everything," Dick said.

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GM abandons electric-powered cars

The Hook-Up is a local gift shop that opened in March at the University of Notre Dame. The store sells a variety of items, including SYR gifts, SYR-themed merchandise, and unique gift ideas for the SYR season.

Sophomore Steve Dick envisions potential customers with a toy sword at The Hook-Up. Dick and his partner Mike Iselin operate the SYR gift shop on campus.

The store offers a range of SYR-themed gifts, including SYR-themed socks, SYR-themed t-shirts, SYR-themed mugs, and SYR-themed keychains. The store also carries SYR-themed games, SYR-themed novelty items, and SYR-themed wall decorations.

The Hook-Up is located in the LaFortune Student Center, and is open from 4 to 8 p.m. on Fridays. The store is also available online, and orders can be placed through the store's website.

The store is operated by Dick and Iselin, who are members of the Notre Dame Entrepreneurs Club. The club is a group of students who are interested in entrepreneurship and business.

The Hook-Up is part of a larger trend of campus gift shops, which are becoming increasingly popular as a way for students to shop for SYR-themed gifts.

In Brief

War, virus prompt layoffs at Qantas

Australian flag carrier Qantas said Wednesday it will lay off 1,000 employees before the end of June in response to the twin troubles of war in Iraq and the deadly SARS virus. Qantas chief executive Geoff Dixon said the cuts were part of an ongoing restructuring program in response to changes in the aviation market. "We regret the need for this action," Dixon said in a statement to the Australian Stock Exchange. "However, it is vital we move quickly to protect our position in a volatile market and competitive industry."

The carrier employs about 37,000.

Life Savers moves to Canadian factory

After a 36-year run, the last Life Savers to be made in Michigan. The lone U.S. factory that makes Life Savers has closed, leaving the U.S. market for the candy to be made exclusively in Canada.

The last Life Savers to be made in Michigan were produced at the Bend Center for the Homeless, a former World War I hospital in Bend, Oregon.

The closure of the Michigan factory marks the end of a long-standing tradition of Life Savers production in the U.S.

The closure of the Michigan factory follows the closure of the last Life Savers factory in Ohio in 2002.

The Michigan factory produced Life Savers for 36 years, starting in 1956.

The factory was closed last year after GM announced it was abandoning its electric-powered vehicles.

In 2005, GM announced it would not build new electric-powered vehicles because of the cost of developing and producing them.

GM spokesman Dave Barthmus said the company is taking back the remaining 375 of its 1,000 pioneering EV1s as their leases expire because it can't supply parts to repair them. Some will end up in museums or research labs. Others will be used for spare parts.

It's a long way from a program once touted as GM's clean-air solution, and it comes as California again rewrites its once-ambitious zero emissions vehicle rules. The prison plans launched in 1997 would have required 10 percent of cars for sale in the state this year be non-pollut ing.

Today, state regulators are asking that 10 percent be at least low-pollution by 2005, but even that is on hold for now.

Carmakers, who have fought the rules, say the market should dictate what they build, not state regulators.

To the drivers who embraced the technology, the loss of the EV1 is a heartbreaking prelude to the end of battery-powered vehicles.

"They've gone from being regulators to just asking politely, 'Gee, industry, would you do this?'" said Greg Hanssen, of the Production Electric Vehicle Drivers Coalition, which has lobbied for more battery-powered cars. "To us driving battery electric vehicles, we're saying, 'Hey, you've left us hanging out to dry.'"
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INSPIRING T H O U G H T
Social service agency votes to take money

Associated Press

BOSTON

A Roman Catholic social services agency has voted to accept $35,000 from a lay reform group that has been critical of the church over the abuse scandal, saying its responsibility to the poor outweighs an edict from the head of the archdiocese.

“We have a fiduciary obligation to the poor people of the greater Boston area,” Catholic Charities President Dr. Joseph Donlin said after the board of trustees’ vote Tuesday.

Last week, Bishop Richard Lennon, the interim successor to Cardinal Bernard Law, directed the agency not to take the money from the Voice of the Faithful.

Trustees said they met with Lennon last week to explain why the agency would likely accept the donation, which will be used to fund food pantries.

“This was a painful decision,” said board chairman Neil Finnegon. “It did not feel like defying the bishop — it felt like we were put in a tough spot and made a decision that the vast majority of the board felt more comfortable with.”

In a statement, Lennon said he was “disappointed” by the vote, but would not take any action in response, adding that one of his chief aims is to “work toward ending division and fostering unity within the Archdiocese of Boston.”

A church spokesman, the Rev. Christopher Coyne, said the reform group’s fund-raising is hurting the church’s own efforts to raise money. Coyne also said the archdiocese expected Catholic Charities to refuse the money because its bylaws require it to follow church policies.

Members of Voice of the Faithful, which claims 30,000 members in the U.S., gathered in Wellesley Tuesday night to attend a Lenten prayer service officiated by Lennon. The bishop did not mention the issue during the service.

“At the end of the day, they decided the needs of the people took precedence over the needs of the power structure,” said Steve Krueger, the group’s executive director.

Last December, Catholic Charities accepted $56,000 from the reform group. The archdiocese didn’t specifically tell the agency not to take that donation, which occurred during Law’s chaotic last days before his resignation.

A month ago, Lennon learned that a 1-year, $726 billion tax cut he has proposed to energize the economy — which would eliminate individual’s taxes on corporate dividends and accelerate some income-tax cuts — is one of the cornerstones of his domestic agenda this year.

Congress’ budget sets revenue and expenditure totals for the year, and does not need the president’s signature. Subsequent tax and spending bills make actual changes in law.

Passage of a budget has been crucial to GOP tax-cutting plans because the measure can protect a tax reduction from Senate delays, or filibusters, that take 60 of the chamber’s 100 votes to halt. Republicans have badly wanted to give Bush’s tax cuts that procedural protection from the Senate’s 48 Democrats, who mostly oppose even a $350 billion reduction, citing massive federal deficits.

The House included a $726 billion tax reduction in the budget it approved last month. Republicans moved Tuesday to take the money from the Senate. Senators have balked at Bush at his $10 billion, $726 million tax cut package. The chamber included that lower figure in its budget after moderate Democrats — who opposed even a $350 billion reduction — backed away from the tax cut. Democrats are expected to oppose even a $350 billion plan.

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Lawmakers debate budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House and Senate Republicans moved Tuesday toward striking a deal that would let the two chambers pass a compromise 2004 budget this week, albeit with their differences over the size of a tax cut later, aides said.

Under the proposal — which still needed sign-offs from many lawmakers and on which some final decisions remained — the budget would let the more conservative House write a tax bill later this year with a deeper tax cut than the more moderate Senate has approved. The two chambers would then have to agree to a common figure before the tax bill could be sent to President Bush for his signature.

The plan was, in effect, a decision to postpone resolving the simmering House-Senate dispute over the size of the tax cut until many weeks from now. It was described by aides from both Republican-run chambers who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It also provided hope to Bush’s 60-48 margin in the Senate, which congressional leaders sought the votes to make the final budget’s tax reduction as large as possible.

Until Tuesday evening, GOP House and Senate bargainers had been stymied in efforts to craft a budget compromise, with moderates refusing to support a reduction bigger than $350 billion but conservatives threatening to oppose one that small.

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“At the end of the day, they decided the needs of the people took precedence over the needs of the power structure,” said Steve Krueger, the group’s executive director.

Last December, Catholic Charities accepted $56,000 from the reform group. The archdiocese didn’t specifically tell the agency not to take that donation, which occurred during Law’s chaotic last days before his resignation.

A month ago, Lennon learned that a 1-year, $726 billion tax cut he has proposed to energize the economy — which would eliminate individual’s taxes on corporate dividends and accelerate some income-tax cuts — is one of the cornerstones of his domestic agenda this year.

Congress’ budget sets revenue and expenditure totals for the year, and does not need the president’s signature. Subsequent tax and spending bills make actual changes in law.

Passage of a budget has been crucial to GOP tax-cutting plans because the measure can protect a tax reduction from Senate delays, or filibusters, that take 60 of the chamber’s 100 votes to halt. Republicans have badly wanted to give Bush’s tax cuts that procedural protection from the Senate’s 48 Democrats, who mostly oppose even a $350 billion reduction, citing massive federal deficits.

The House included a $726 billion tax reduction in the budget it approved last month. Republicans moved Tuesday to take the money from the Senate. Senators have balked at Bush at his $10 billion, $726 million tax cut package. The chamber included that lower figure in its budget after moderate Democrats — who opposed even a $350 billion reduction — backed away from the tax cut. Democrats are expected to oppose even a $350 billion plan.

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Lawmakers debate budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House and Senate Republicans moved Tuesday toward striking a deal that would let the two chambers pass a compromise 2004 budget this week, albeit with their differences over the size of a tax cut later, aides said.

Under the proposal — which still needed sign-offs from many lawmakers and on which some final decisions remained — the budget would let the more conservative House write a tax bill later this year with a deeper tax cut than the more moderate Senate has approved. The two chambers would then have to agree to a common figure before the tax bill could be sent to President Bush for his signature.

The plan was, in effect, a decision to postpone resolving the simmering House-Senate dispute over the size of the tax cut until many weeks from now. It was described by aides from both Republican-run chambers who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It also provided hope to Bush’s 60-48 margin in the Senate, which congressional leaders sought the votes to make the final budget’s tax reduction as large as possible.

Until Tuesday evening, GOP House and Senate bargainers had been stymied in efforts to craft a budget compromise, with moderates refusing to support a reduction bigger than $350 billion but conservatives threatening to oppose one that small.

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Relationships: hold 'em or fold 'em?

Jacqueline Browder

Happily Ever After

As a fellow Asian-American, I feel obligated to respond to Edward Song's lettered Monday about his feelings of alienation as an Asian-American. When I came to this campus four years ago as a freshman, it was the Asian-American group who gave me feelings of alienation and not the "people in the Midwest." Upon my arrival at Notre Dame, I received numerous invitations from the on-campus multicultural groups and decided to attend some meetings. After participating in some events, I decided to stop going because the activities of the group were not of my interest.

However, I did not realize that discontinuing my membership to the club would affect the way my fellow Asian-Americans viewed me. I was continually harassed by club members to attend club events because "all the other Asians were doing it." Furthermore, club members could not understand why I wasn't "into the Asian thing." Eventually, when the club finally realized that I would not attend any more events, I was shunned for doing so.

The hypocrisy of the situation was overwhelming. A minority group which constantly whines that they are not accepted for who they are was rejecting someone for not conforming to their beliefs. This hypocrisy almost led me to leave my freshman year. I decided to stay, however, because I found acceptance in the "people in the Midwest."
Unjust athletic programs hurt African-Americans

The pinnacle of the college basketball season culminated last evening with the National Championship game, bringing an exciting end to an otherwise scandal-plagued season. Jim Harrick, coach of the University of Georgia basketball team, said his team was "upset" after being eliminated on Thursday night. Harrick (an assistant coach) gave academic credit to three players who did not attend their "Basketball Strategy class. The Bulldogs were forced to forfeit the remainder of the season and are not allowed to compete in any post-season tournaments. Unfortunately, controversy is not exclusive to public schools. The Saint Bonaventure men's program was forced to forfeit its season after using an ineligible player. The coach, athletic director and even the university's president have come under intense scrutiny for its "lack of leadership.

These are just a few examples of the disturbing trends in big-time college athletics in recent years. Even more alarming than the numerous scandals are the graduation rates (or lack thereof) of college athletes, especially African-American athletes. According to ESPN.com, of the members of the "Sweet Sixteen," only three -- Butler, Duke and Kansas -- graduated at least two-thirds of their black basketball players, while just three others -- Marquette and Notre Dame -- graduated at least two-thirds of all basketball players. Only six schools graduated at least 50 percent of all basketball players, while only seven graduated at least half of their black players.

Would it be an exaggeration to call the present state of college athletics a type of modern-day slavery? It certainly would be politically incorrect to do so. I will be the first to admit that the perks of a free college education are remarkable, but isn't the primary objective of a scholarship to pursue an academic objective? Why are we doing this rally? It's because it's okay to say support the troops is inherently pro-American, and I don't feel arrogant when I see flag-wavers being librated from a mass-murderer. Did you notice we chose to have the rally at Stonehenge? How quickly we forget the blood of Americans that have died under that flag fighting for this country for our right to speak. They did that for us. This is a right to support the men and women who are the heroes of our generation dying under that flag again. They are over there in the hot sun getting shot at, and we come together to thank them for their bravery. I will not let petty jealousy of world opinion dull my pride in our country.

In the future, please do not twist our words. Supporting the troops is inherently pro-American, and we only want to show our gratitude for the armed forces on Thursday. We welcome people of all sides to the rally. If you want to debate policy, then we'll debate policy. It is not a place to debate policy. It is a place to support the troops.

I am looking forward to hearing from my fellow students at the rally on Thursday night. We support the flag, but by no means hide behind it, if debate is what the other side to the rally is about. I want to see all of you there. We will do our part to come together in support for our brave men and women. God, Country, Notre Dame.

Brendan Magee
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Dillon Hall
April 8

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending Thursday's pro-America rally

I'm writing in response to yesterday's letter on the pro-America rally. As someone intimately involved in the planning and organization of this rally, I do not appreciate being branded as someone who is hiding my arrogance behind a flag. All season culminated in the nation's eyes as the teams played their last game. While African-American athletes, especially African-American athletes.

As I was entering the restroom in Dillon on Sunday evening, I was greeted by large blue signs; however, unlike Justin Brandon, I was glad that I saw them. In fact, my own roommate put up all the signs in Dillon concerning the so-called Pro-America Rally. Not only do I know about the rally, but I also wholeheartedly support it. It was my idea. It is true that beyond the original concept, I had very little to do with it. The College Republicans took care of all the practical aspects of organizing this rally. However, I would like to explain why I came up with this idea and why I disagree with the words of Justin Brandon in yesterday's letter.

I say, "Let us try to preserve liberty in our own land. I loathe any opposition would be a major faux pas. So instead, the "reverends" are still fighting for the freedom of people in a foreign land. Let us try to preserve liberty in our own land."

Unjust athletic programs hurt African-Americans

Where does this lack of outrage originate? The answer is simple: the "reverends" realize that any voice of outrage regarding this issue would not be politically advantageous. The limelight simply does not exist with this issue because college athletics have become so engrained within our culture that any opposition would be a major faux pas. So instead, the "reverends" are satisfied with the exploitation of young black men and women by convincing themselves that college sports demonstrate the athletic superiority of African-Americans. Until the day comes when black leaders stand up and fight against the injustice of this 21st century form of slavery, the NCAA will continue to look the other way while it is swallowed up by the almighty dollar, and colleges will look at their athletic programs as business ventures — and nothing more.

Defining anti-Americanism and inviting an invitation to debate

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"Twelfth Night" is a tale of twins, trickery and Time, written, of course, by William Shakespeare. This main stage production of the play by the University of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre opens tonight at Washington Hall.

This comedy toys with mistaken identity and makes fun of all its characters, whether they realize it or not. It begins with the shipwreck of two twins, a young lady and gentleman of noble birth. Separated in the wreck, they think each other dead. Viola, played by Cheryl Turski, cuts her hair to masquerade as the servant boy Cesario. This causes great confusion among the other characters when her brother Sebastian, played by J.J. Marie, finally shows up in town. As you can guess, the rest of the play relates the capers each experiences before happily-ever-after works out in the final act.

This performance really gets rocking when Sir Toby (T.J. McNally), Sir Andrew (Jeff Eyerman) and Maria (Erin Porvaznik) take the stage. As the drunk uncle, T.J. McNally is excellent, funny and seems like he might just have some experience. He and Erin, or Sir Toby and Maria, convincingly ease into their affection for one another, as the only believable romance Shakespeare gives in the comedy. Eyerman is perfect as the dumb and dumber Sir Andrew. Their scenes provoked outright laughter. Their chemistry is so good that it carries the performance through some of its slower moments.

It is obvious the actors worked extremely hard to master the language, but sometimes it lacks punch. Their timing is good and well-rehearsed, but occasionally their speeches seem to need a deeper interpretation of the character or a deeper understanding of themes in the text.

For example, at the end of Act 2 Scene 2, Viola resigns herself to fate and allows Time to work out the mess her disguise created, a significant thematic moment in the work. It does not get the proper emphasis it deserves. Early on, Malvolio (Steve Hoeplinger) is stern, rude and harsh, even when addressing his mistress, Olivia. Although Malvolio could have more depth earlier in the play, Hoeplinger redeems this one-sided conception in a striking scene with Feste, the fool (Thomas Scott Wagner, Rose Lindgren, Erin Porvaznik, Steve Hoeplinger)

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By KRISTIN CORDOVA
Scene Writer

"Twelfth"
Night

Conner). He stands broken, wrapped in tatters, and the lune butt of a cruel joke while the well-played foot banters with him. As Feste leaves, Malvolio repeats the word "madman" from Feste's song — a creepy, quavering murmur shocking the silent end of the scene. It starts to delve into the depths of Malvolio, which would have been nice to see more of in the performance.

Shakespeare originally set his play in Illyria. This performance changes the temporal setting to the 1890s. The twins waltz about in black top hats for the majority of the play with long suit jackets topping off pin-striped trousers. Sir Toby looks like a reveling Irishman or a golfer out of "The Legend of Bagger Vance," with a plaid jacket and matching trousers that tuck into his brown side-button boots.

While all the costumes are elaborate, impressive and beautiful, they do not add anything particularly intriguing to the play or provide a deeper insight to its seemingly light-hearted plot. If the 1890s does have some significance for the content of the play, this is not evident. The selection of this time period seems arbitrary to its message. Donnelly, who designed the costumes and set, is to be complimented for his detailed and beautiful work, but its relevance remains in question.

The scenery changes were also too many and too frequent. "Twelfth Night" has many scene changes in the beginning, but changing props after each scene was excessive and slowed down the action of the plot, which is important, especially in a comedy. It dragged down the quick comedic flow that Shakespeare intended.

The play works to illustrate confused identities and relationships that arise because no one really slows down long enough to get things right. This performance could learn from the play.

Overall, the performance is definitely worth seeing. All the actors should be congratulated, along with first-time Notre Dame director, visiting assistant professor Ann Marie Stewart. It is evident from the performance that many hours of labor went into this performance. The words of the Fool in the first scene of Act 5 aptly describe the performers when they say, "A great while ago the world begun, / Hey ho, the wind and the rain; / But that's all one, our play is done, / And we'll strive to please you every day."

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Above, Sir Toby, Sir Andrew and Maria, lady-in-waiting to Olivia, discuss what they have learned. To the right, Orsino (Mike Federico) discusses his situation with disguised Viola disguised as Cesario. Below, Orsino ponders his love for Olivia.

Photos by SOFIA BALLOON
Iverson scores 37 points in 76ers win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Allen Iverson’s knee is doing just fine.

Iverson, playing despite left knee bruising, had 37 points and eight assists leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 91-74 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday.

“It’s not getting any better, but it’s not getting any worse,” Iverson said. “I’m feeling the same. It keeps getting bigger. They talked about draining it today, but I didn’t let it happen.”

Iverson added 16 points and 15 rebounds for Philadelphia, which snapped a two-game losing skid and moved within two games of Atlantic Division-playing New Jersey, the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Clifford Robinson added 16 points and Richard Hamilton added 14 for Detroit, which lost its fourth straight game.

The Central Division-leading Pistons entered the night 11-2 games ahead of Indiana. They trail the Nets by one game.

“If we’re not going to get any better, we’re just going to keep getting the defense,” Robinson said.

“But we can’t just keep doing that.”

Philadelphia broke open a one-point game with a 9-0 run in the second quarter. Iverson had two driving layups during the spurt and capped it with a crisp bounce pass to Aaron McKie for an easy layup that gave the Sixers a 39-31 lead.

A-pointer by Eric Snow right before the buzzer made it halftime, and the Sixers led by double digits the entire second half.

“We got a chance to get home-court advantage. This was a big step,” Sixers coach Larry Brown said.

Iverson was the first time without All-Star forward Ben Wallace, who sprained his left medial collateral ligament on Sunday.

The Sixers were again without Keith Van Horn, who sat out his second straight with a strained left foot.

“I just weren’t able to keep them out of the paint,” Pistons coach Rick Carlisle said. “I’d like to say it was because Ben wasn’t in there, but we can’t use that as an excuse. If you give up 52 points in the paint, you’re not going to win. It’s as simple as that.”

Iverson, who hasn’t missed a game because of his injury, led Philadelphia to an 8-0 run a season ago that it might have to sit out down the stretch. However, Iverson was still on the court with the Sixers leading by 20 and less than five minutes left.

“I was just playing basketball,” he said. “I had the same energy. It didn’t feel any different. I just was able to make things happen.”

Iverson was 13-5 from the field and 11-13 from the foul line. He shot just six free throws combined in his last two games because his injury hasn’t allowed him to drive to the basket much and draw fouls.

The Sixers put the game away with an 8-0 run early in the fourth. Iverson started it with a driving layup and 16-footer. Derrick Coleman hit a 14-footer.

The Pistons nailed another jumper to make it 83-60.

Wizards 100, Cavaliers 91

Michael Jordan bid the Cleveland Cavaliers a final, fitting farewell on Tuesday night.

Jordan, who has scored at least 20 points in his past 15 playoff games, scored 26 points as the Wizards moved within 1 1/2 games of idle Milwaukee for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Zydrunas Ilgaukas had 23 points and Ricky Davis had 18 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Cavs, who dropped to an NBA-worst 15-62.

The Wizards (36-41) have five games left in what Jordan has promised will be his final season.

Washington coach Doug Collins, Chicago’s coach in 1989 when Jordan made “The Shot” over Cleveland’s Craig Ehlo, called a 20-second timeout to give the Wizards a break.

As he walked to the sideline the Cleveland crowd stood and showed their respect for Jordan, who waved back in appreciation.

Knicks 99, Hawks 95

Allan Houston scored 29 points as the New York Knicks kept a playoff berth alive with a 99-95 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night. The Knicks led by as many as 16 points, but had to hold off a charge by the Hawks in the final seconds of Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

Flutie, Hofers win

Boston College’s Doug Flutie was named ACC Player of the Year Tuesday. Hofers, the school’s Athlete of the Year, also was named to the ACC Academic Honor Society.

Flutie earned the honor by leading the Eagles to a 4-8 record and going 30-for-41 in the final seconds of Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals. A year later, Jordan scored a career-high 69 points against the Cavs, and just last season, he beat them with a buzzer-beater.

“I have some great memories here, and I’d like to leave here on a good note — with a win,” Jordan said following the moral-point, and when the Wizards built an 11-point advantage.

Jordan didn’t disagree with an array of reporters and junkers. He ended the third quarter with a long 3-pointer to give Washington a 76-71 lead.

Jordan got a loud, standing ovation during pregame introductions and Gund Arena was illuminated by camera flashbulbs as he drained his first shot, a 20-foot fadeaway jumper.

Iverson scores 37 points in 76ers win

Clippers Wednesday

Thee Ratliff grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked three shots and Jason Terry scored 27 points for the Hawks, including a pair of free throws with 1.59 left that cut the Knicks lead to 91-88.

With Terry guarding him, though, Houston dribbled twice and whirled a jumper, and Latrell Sprewell hit two 3-pointers in the final 1:06 to lift the Knicks.

Down 14 to start the fourth quarter, the Hawks were down 96-92 with 33.6 seconds left.

Atlanta, which had won two straight and committed 18 turnovers, though, and missed several opportunities to overtake a lackluster New York team in the fourth, including a pair of missed open layups by Dion Glover.

Heat 89, Raptors 83

Miami put together a strong third quarter and rode a 52- 45 halftime deficit for a 72-70 lead.

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White Sox spoil home opener for Indians

Associated Press

With the score tied 3-3, the Chicago White Sox spoiled the Cleveland Indians' chilly home opener Tuesday with a 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

The 10th home opener in the Indians' 102-year history was also postponed Monday because of 14 mph wind that was blowing snow out Monday but the grounds crew worked all night to clear the field.

The game, played in a biting 14 mph wind that was blowing snow out Monday, was a makeup of Monday's snowout.

"It felt like singing 'Jingle Bells.' It felt like it was Christmas," Baker said before the game. "That's the truth, it's what I did. I started singing to my son. Kids love it. They don't have to play in the cold weather."

The announced attendance was 29,138, and some in the crowd booed the Canadian pitcher. "I'm sure a lot of people in Japan were jumping up and down. They had to enjoy it."

After Williams was intentionally walked to load the bases with one out in the fifth, Matsui sparked the rally with a sacrifice fly to right.

"That was a very special moment," teammate Bernie Williams said. "I'm sure a lot of people in Japan were jumping up and down. They had to enjoy it."

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"Unifying with each other (in the conjugal act) so closely as to become one flesh," man and woman, does not become "one flesh," man and woman, 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. This is an aspiration of human spirit toward what is true, good, and beautiful, so that what is erotic also becomes true, good, and beautiful.

"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."

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Taurasi, Huskies capture 2nd straight title

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Diana Taurasi tormented Tennessee again, and Connecticut proved it could rebuild — and still repeat. Leading a young team that had four new starters, Taurasi ignored the sore back and bum ankle that have bothered her for several weeks and carried Connecticut to a 73-68 victory over Tennessee on Tuesday night for its second straight national championship.

Taurasi, who averaged 22 points in her first five games against Tennessee, scored 28 in this one with a variety of the flashy moves that made her the national player of the year. The Huskies (37-1) won their third title game between the nation's two premier programs, and it was mostly because of Taurasi, who became the leader on a team that lost four starters.

She made 8-of-15 shots, including four 3-pointers. She scored on a floater in the lane, a backdoor cut and even threw in a shot left-handed.

Still, Tennessee (33-5) closed with a rush after trailing by 13. When Brittany Jackson pumped faked and then made a 3-pointer as she fell forward, the lead was down to 70-66 with 1:01 left.

Gwen Jackson's layup drew Tennessee to 71-68 with 21 seconds remaining. But Ann Strother, one of two freshmen who start for Connecticut, sank two free throws, and freshman Ashley Battle intercepted Tennessee's inbounds pass. The Huskies moved the ball so quickly that Tennessee could not foul, and fittingly, Taurasi ended up with the ball. She flung it into the stands at the buzzer and Connecticut began yet another victory celebration.

If any more evidence was needed that Connecticut has supplanted Tennessee as the nation's top program in women's hoops, this was it. The title was the fourth overall for the Huskies, who also beat Tennessee in the 1995 and 2000 championship games and now have beaten the Lady Vols four straight times.

Connecticut denied Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt a seventh title and delivered further insult to a program UConn head coach Geno Auriemma had dubbed the "Evil Empire." Taurasi and Co. made sure it did not strike back.

Strother finished with 17 points, and the other freshman starter, Barbara Turner, came up with 10 points on five tough baskets inside.

Marta Conlon, the spunky 5-foot-9 guard who looks so out of place among the other sleek athletes on the floor, contributed 11 points, six assists and four rebounds for the Huskies.
Mens Tennis

Hopes abound for a rebound after two straight losses

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sport Writer

Returning to their home courts after two tough road losses, the Irish are hoping to start up a winning trend as the season nears a close. When No. 61 Ball State travels to Notre Dame today, the Cardinals will be anxious for an upset, and the Irish will be ready for a win.

After Notre Dame suffered a tough 4-1 loss to Michigan on March 30, the Irish were keenly set on rebounding against Southern Methodist in Dallas last Sunday. Unfortunately for Notre Dame, the Mustangs survived a very close match to edge the Irish 4-3.

"I can't lie," junior tricaptain Matt Scott said. "It was a heart breaker."

The Irish had some promising moments in Sunday's match, including junior tricaptain Luis Haddock's upset of No. 55 Johan Brunstrom and Brent O'Amico's straight-set victory over No. 52 Gwinyai Chingoka.

Scott, who was disappointed with his own play in his loss to Lukasz Szenzszyn, praised some of his teammates for their strong performances that kept the Irish in contention throughout the match.

"The guys, they fought their hearts out," Scott said. The close match with the Mustangs was the latest in a trend of tight competitions for the Irish this season.

"I think we probably have some 4-3's than most teams in the country," Scott said. "Coach says we've been in the fire, and we can draw on those experiences. Every time you're in those 4-3 matches you just get tougher. We just hope we can use it to our advantage in the end of the year."

Having passed through the fire posed by many of the nation's top teams, the Irish are looking for a win against Ball State to boost their confidence as they embark upon the last part of the season and prepare for the Big East Championship.

Next Sunday, Notre Dame will travel to No. 13 Kentucky.

"We're going to close out the season hopefully with three wins," Scott said.

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Football

Irish and Willingham hire personnel coach

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham announced Tuesday the hiring of Jimmy Gonzales as the Director of Personnel Development for the Irish football program.

Gonzales, who will work with recruiting and player development, will begin his duties immediately in South Bend.

Gonzales comes to Notre Dame after serving as the director of football operations and recruiting coordinator at Army since 1999. In that role, Gonzales handled the administrative operations of the football program, aided in recruiting weekend and team travel and assisted in community service projects and community events.

A lifelong football administrator and coach during his career, Gonzales was the assistant athletic director for football operations under head coach John Mackovic at the University of Texas from 1996-98 before leaving for Army.

While at Texas, the Longhorns finished first in the Big 12 South, defeat Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship game and advanced to the Fiesta Bowl during the 1996 season. Gonzales also served as the administrative assistant for recruiting at Oklahoma (1992-93) during his career.

Prior to assuming administrative duties at Texas, Gonzales served as a coach for close to 15 years. He was the defensive backfield and ends coach at Duke from 1994-95, and coached defensive backs at Northwestern (1990-92). He served in a similar capacity at Wisconsin where he was the defensive backs coach and co-director of summer camps from 1986-89. He also was the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Tulsa from 1985-86, the defensive coordinator at Texas Lutheran in 1985 and was a graduate assistant at both TCU (1983-84) and Southwest Texas State (1982).

At Southwest Texas, that team posted a perfect 14-0 record and captured the NCAA Division II national championship.

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Baseball

Weather forces Irish to reschedule games

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Sports Writer

The quest for Notre Dame's 12th consecutive win will have to wait a day.

Miserable weather conditions in South Bend postponed Tuesday's match between the Irish (20-6) and Bowling Green (8-13-1) at Eck Stadium, marking the third weather-related disruption in Notre Dame's last five games.

Hope your schedule was filled out in pencil.

Tuesday's game will now be played Thursday as the second half of a doubleheader at the Eck, following Notre Dame's originally-scheduled Thursday match against Chicago State (2-19), which has been pushed up from 5:05 p.m. to 4:05 p.m., allowing the second match to begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Both matches on Thursday will be 7-inning affairs.

In addition to the postponement of Tuesday's game, the Irish added two home games as a result of the cancellation of Friday's doubleheader against Michigan (currently 8-14) on Monday, while the Irish added IPFW (11-13-1) as an opponent April 24.

Both make-up matches will be played at Eck Stadium at 5:05 p.m.

The starting rotation has shifted slightly as well, as sophomore John Axford will start today against Western Michigan, and Martin Vergara and Tom Thornton will throw Thursday against Chicago State and Bowling Green, respectively.

Notes:

• Due to an east coast snowstorm Monday night, Notre Dame was hardly alone in postponing their match Tuesday. At least six Big East teams had their Tuesday matches either cancelled or postponed, as Connecticut, Villanova, Virginia Tech, Rutgers and Siena all called off their matches due to weather as well.

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Edwards named Big East Player-of-Week

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Notre Dame infielder Matt Edwards received Big East Player of the Week honors after leading the Irish baseball team to a 4-0 record in last week's action. Edwards — who has started at first and third base in recent weeks — led Notre Dame in hits and batting average (9-for-21) in 19 games, with five RBI and a pair of booming home runs to dead-center field.

Edwards — who missed most of the 2002 season with a broken leg — heads into this week's action with a .385 batting average (9-for-24), 11 home runs (11), total bases (31) and slugging percentage (.500). The sophomore also had seven runs scored, two walks, a triple, double, stolen base and just one strikeout from his key No. 3 spot in the batting order. He hit .6-for-9 in the doubleheader sweep at St. John's, with five RBI and a pair of booming home runs to dead-center field.

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Edwards ranks eighth among Big East players in batting average (.385) and is second among conference players in RBI (21) and slugging percentage (.615). Junior second baseman Steve Sellmann also remains among the league leaders in several categories.

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Jordan has no plans to replace Krause

Associated Press

Michael Jordan helped build the Chicago Bulls into NBA champions once before. He doesn’t seem to be in any hurry to try to do it again.

Jordan said Tuesday that he has no interest now in replacing Jerry Krause, who unexpectedly resigned as Chicago’s general manager because of health problems.

“Washington is where I started and where I want to finish,” as an executive, Jordan said at a morning shorebreak before the Cavaliers game at the Palace. “It’s unfortunate.”

Michael Jordan drives against Eric Williams in the Wizards’ 99-98 win over the Celtics April 8. On Tuesday, Jordan said he was not interested in replacing Jerry Krause as the general manager of the Chicago Bulls.

Darryl Strawberry released from prison

Darryl Strawberry smiled, hugged his wife, thanked a guard and drove away from prison Tuesday, beginning what his lawyer hopes will be a drug-free life.

The eight-time All-Star was released from Gainesville Correctional Institution after serving 11 months of an 18-month prison sentence for violating probation on cocaine possession charges.

After saying “Thank you” to a guard, he and his wife got into a silver Lincoln Navigator, which was driven by another man, and drove off, getting only about a half-mile away before they had to turn back – Strawberry had forgotten his personal belongings. A guard handed him a plastic bag and he was off again.

Strawberry also accepted the $100 check the state gives inmates upon their release, but declined a suit of clothes, prison officials said. Strawberry refused to talk to reporters.

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Our "Indexes" Exceed Matrix Dimensions, 23 Tortugas Con Queso also teams that battled it out down Hoosiers. that he was very proud of his and a half monster game. Dimensions 23, Tortugas Con Queso were out on the court early running drills to prepare, and when the engineers of our "Indexes"… showed up, the battle began. Although Our "Indexes"… led 11-8 at halftime, the ladies of Cavanaugh came back and were leading 19-18. The two teams, who had drawn quite a crowd of onlookers in their final struggle, swapped points back and forth until, finally, the engineers of Our "Indexes", had enough and computed a 23-21 victory. However, neither team playing that game had to fear for their campus housing next year.

Beat Us — Go to ResLife 21, Case Race 16 When Case Race took on Beat Us — Go to ResLife, the three assistant rec­eptors on Beat Us made sure to let people know that the threat was serious. "It's pretty serious," Dillon Hall AR Jason Linster said. "I'm not going to lie to you." Lucky for Case Race, their team just wasn't a good match-up, and Beat Us… took them 21-16, despite a good second half attempt. As for future games, Beat Us… plans to continue using fear as a win tactic. "Fear of Bill Kirk should help us win some games down the stretch," Linster said. Five Jonamies 21, Team 530 9 While Linster and his team were worrying about their res­idents, another team was looking at another kind of living arrangement. Five Jonamies, whose unofficial name is Four Bachelors and Prill (who will be getting married soon), had to stay focused on the court instead of wedding plans as they took on their opponents. Luckily, the four Bachelors and Prill, who claimed to emu­late Syracuse's match-up zone defense, kept their heads away from cakes and bridesmaid dresses for the 21-9 victory. Pack of Brutal Knaves, Featuring the Olsen Twins 21, Little Bunny Fei-Fei 8 In other bookstore news, after much debate over what their team name actually was, Pack of Brutal Knaves featuring Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen decided that they didn't know the team name, which was good for them, as they will have at least one more game to play. Despite its long duration, the 21-8 victory against Little Bunny Fei-Fei will advance them into the next round.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

Irish to face Pitt in doubleheader

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

There's no doubt of its own, defending Big East champion Notre Dame finds itself dead last in the latest conference standings. Of course, that's because the Irish have yet to play a Big East game.

Either rain or snow has forced the postponement of Notre Dame's first six Big East match-ups this season, which leaves the Irish tied for last in the league with a 0-0 conference record.

"It's been pretty tough," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "The great thing about it is that the girls have been handling it pretty well and have been taking it in stride. I couldn't ask them to do anything else."

These early season rainouts could come back to haunt the Irish. This year, the Big East adopted a new scoring system that gives two points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

Winning percentage no longer has any bearing on the final standings, and only the top four teams by points earned get invited to the Big East Championship. Current conference leaders Seton Hall and St. John's sit in first with ten wins.

Notre Dame has 26 games remaining this month, or 13 scheduled doubleheaders.

"We don't think it really matters when we play," Gumpf said. "Our goal is to win the Big East Championship."

Wednesday, the Irish hope to finally get a chance to face off against a conference foe when they travel to Pittsburgh to play a doubleheader against the Panthers (17-18, 3-3 Big East).

The Irish (14-11, 0-0) come into the series on an offensive tear. Last week's doubleheader sweeps at Purdue and at home against Loyola-Chicago helped the Irish to increase their team batting average to .279, which leads the Big East.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your numbers are 9, 13, 17. It's time to rejuvenate and rethink your strategy. Enjoy the comfort of your home and move forward with force. ★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your numbers are 9, 13, 17. You can make your point known by being direct and you will resolve most of your problems. It's time to speak your mind and don't be afraid to do so. Your numbers are 9, 13, 17.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social events will lead to romance or at least a worthwhile friendship. Your practical approach to life will attract people who are solid and looking for the same things that you are. ★★★

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your imagination and don't be afraid to start your own small business. Get advice from someone who has experience and move forward with love. ★★★

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FOOTBALL

Back to work

Quarterback Chris Olsen is looking to climb up the Irish depth chart

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

College football is vastly different from high school football. Quarterback Chris Olsen knows this fact first-hand.

Last season, the highly-recruited Olsen didn’t get a chance to run Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham’s West Coast offense with his new teammates until summer camps. By then, he had a lot of catching up to do and a lot to learn about college football.

“I think that like most kids when they come in as a true freshman, they feel they can walk on and play right away,” Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. “Even given a playbook in the early spring and having three or four months to study it is not enough. Then after the [competition] begin they realize they have a lot to learn, not only from the mental part of it and learning the intricacies of the offense, but how to handle themselves with the protection, with the checks and with everything else.”

During his senior year at Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, N.J., Olsen threw for 1,864 yards and 24 touchdowns and was a first-team all-state pick by the Newark Star Ledger. He was 31-4 as a starter and played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl his senior year.

But despite the prep success, Olsen still needed to learn the Irish playbook better when he arrived on campus last fall. Once he became accustomed to the plays, he still needed to play in games, at game speed, to become truly familiar with the college quarterback position. Since Olsen didn’t get to play last year, he still has much to learn.

“I think he’s made a tremendous amount of improvement since the end of the season last year until this week,” Diedrick said. “... But everything happens at such a fast pace and high speed that [young quarterbacks] almost get mesmerized by the college game ... But that’s what going to school as a quarterback is all about.”

Olsen has taken the football knowledge he learned watching from the sideline his freshman year into his first spring practices this year. He

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXII

Hickory High keeps Hoosier dream alive

+Nostalgic team of barnyard ballers wins a thriller in throwback jerseys

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

The bookstore courts were business as usual Tuesday. Most teams stayed focused on playing basketball, but one team was focused on the rebirth of a legend. Well after seven, well after all the other teams had left for the evening, two teams still struggled. One was struggling to fulfill a dream. In the state of Hoosiers, Hickory High was looking to bring just one more championship home, or at least to win its first round bookstore game. But Pumpkin in a Patch was trying to deprive these Hoosiers of their dream.

With the score at 23-22 and Hickory High needing to win by two, that big play happened.

“When it got to 23-22, we decided to run the picket fence,” Rob Stalter said. “And that was what sealed the win.” Hickory High was victorious 24-22. Complete in 1980’s-era gold shorts and maroon Hickory jerseys — sent from home by senior Brian Meyer’s mother — Hickory High played a Pumpkin in a Patch team.