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THE OBSERVER

University implements 6.9 percent tuition hike

By CLAIRE HEININGER

News Editor

Notre Dame undergraduate students and their families will face a tuition, fees and room and board hike of nearly seven percent for the 2004-05 academic year. University officials announced the decision to increase fees was made at the winter Board of Trustees meeting.

Tuition and fees will increase by $1,900 from the current figures, to $29,100, and average room and board costs will increase by $488, to $7,418 — adding up to $36,930 in total costs.

The changes, which University President Father Edward Malloy described in a letter sent last week to parents and guardians of returning students, represent a 6.9 percent jump from the $34,680 in expenses for 2003-04. In the letter, Malloy explained that while the administration and Board of Trustees acted with "fiscal prudence" in the midst of a strained economic climate nationwide, "higher education is still an expensive endeavor." These expenses began to dramatically escalate at Notre Dame after the economic downturn contributed to endowedowment losses and budget cuts in March 2003. Total costs leap 6.5 percent for 2003-04, just two years after the University announced its lowest increase in 40 years — 4.9 percent for the 2001-02 academic year.

"These changes don’t occur in a vacuum, so they do reflect to some extent the economy," University spokesman Matt Storrin said. "Last year was the first year we were feeling the effects." Both Storrin and Malloy said these expenses began to dramatically escalate at Notre Dame in the midst of a strained economic climate nationwide, "higher education is still an expensive endeavor," University spokesman Matt Storrin said. "Last year was the first year we were feeling the effects." Both Storrin and Malloy said.

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Abroad students react to tragedy

Spanish train attacks stir up students’ emotions

By SHEILA FLYNN

Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students studying in Spain were unharmed in Thursday’s terrorist bombings in Madrid, said international studies coordinators at both schools.

"We actually had a staff member in Spain at the time who found out before we did," said Thomas Bogenschuld, Notre Dame’s director of international studies.

"She called the Fundacion, where the students are based, and talked to the administrators there." The Fundación Ortega y Gasset staff accounted for all students studying in Toledo, both from Notre Dame and other schools, and posted an update on its Web site to inform friends and family.

Candles, wreaths and anti-terrorism signs cover the ground of Catalunya Square in downtown Barcelona, Spain. For students studying abroad, the attacks evoked an emotional response.

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Organizations promote alcohol awareness

Alcohol Awareness Week

By AMANDA MICHAELS

News Writer

In conjunction with the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and PILLARS, the Office of the Student Body President is spearheading a campaign for responsible drinking just in time for St. Patrick’s Day.

Student body president Jeremy Lao said that the Alcohol Awareness Week effort came in response to concerns about alcohol abuse on campus expressed by the administration during the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees.

"This is the first time that student government has really made alcohol awareness a week-long campaign... We saw the campaign as an opportunity to build a stronger relationship with the administration and Board of Trustees while addressing a key issue on campus," said Lao.

The campaign kicked off yesterday with a drunk driving simulator sponsored by PILLARS in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The intent of the arcade-like game — which simulated a driver’s decreasing degrees of visibility and control as their blood alcohol level increases — was intended to show students how severe...
Spring break experiences

After seeing the faded Greyhound sign that was the Mariana, Fla., bus depot in its entirety, I should have known that spring break wasn't going to give up without a fight.

It had all started a week earlier, when my friends and I had found ourselves in an equally frustrating transportation situation on the first day of vacation. After I made good use of my Notre Dame education and read the train schedule wrong, leaving us stranded in the South Bend airport for two hours, I displayed some truly superlative navigational skills and got hopelessly lost in Chicago at night.

Thankfully, that particular problem was patched up by the friendly doorman who took pity on the three girls loaded down with luggage and wandering aimlessly around Michigan Avenue.

My friends, however, were none too pleased when we had a repeat experience the next day, again thanks to me. So in an attempt to make light of the situation that left us stuffied into a crowded CTA bus with no idea where we were going, I turned to the girls I was with and said the first thing that came to mind:

"Hey, it's the experience that counts, right? We wouldn't have any good stories to tell if we didn't get lost, and what fun would that be?"

Miraculously, they didn't strangle me right there.

The good times weren't over yet, though. Our destination was Panama City Beach, and it was everything I had been warned about and more, complete with a foul motel room and drunken neighbors.

A few days after we arrived, as I soliloquized about feeling like a piece of meat on display while walking down the main road to the sound of horns and catcalls, my little sarcasm, "It's all part of the experience," didn't ring that true.

But this one-story building housed a human crematory, and our new friends on the run

"It's all part of the experience," we repeated, half-joking and half-dejected.

But looking back now, I see there was a lot of truth to our meekin mastra. I mean, without the Chicago blunder, the sketchy motel room, the intoxicated seamen and the 11-hour bus trip from Panama City to Tallahassee, perhaps my memories of spring break would be nothing more than surf, sand and sun.

And what a shame that would be.

Contact Amanda Michaels at michaela@nd.edu. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Corrections**

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

**Today's Weather**

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Singapore may end ban on chewing gum

SINGAPORE - Singapore is set to partially lift its famous ban on chewing gum this week, but those yearning to blow bubbles will have to settle for a chewy nicotine substitute.

Starting Thursday, the tightly controlled city-state will allow the sale of Nicorette - a nicotine gum for smokers trying to quit. The government last year agreed to relax its 12-year ban on chewing gum in 1992 because of complaints that spent wads were fouling the city-state's tidy pavements.

VL, creamy diversifies into crematory

GUILFORD, VI. - Just up the hill from the Gaines' dairy farm stands a small building that looks a lot like a sugar shack, the kind of thing many Vermont farmers rely on to supplement their income.

But this one-story building houses a human crematory run by a couple of former back-to-the-landers who say they want to provide a personalized end-of-life service.

The owners, say their new venture is a small family business that will provide options to the community and will help the Gaines' seventh-generation dairy farm survive.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**OFFBEAT**

Members of the Notre Dame Undertones sang "Stickshifts and Safety Belts" by Cake as part of a performance on Monday evening in DeBartolo Hall.

**IN BRIEF**

Stephan Haggard of the University of California, San Diego Graduate School of International Studies will deliver a lecture titled "International Political Economy" this afternoon at 1:23 p.m. in room 103 of the Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute's Sullivan Lecture Series.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, will discuss the Irish peace process this evening at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is sponsored by the Keough Institute for Irish Studies and will be televised on closed circuit to the LaFountaine Student Center hallway for overflow.

The International Film Series "Lumumba" begins tonight at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo room 111. The festival is sponsored by the International Student Services and Activities.

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will sponsor a showing of the film "Love, Actual and Expected" at 7 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. The event is free for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

James Stillings, a professional photographer from Santa Fe, N.M. will deliver a lecture titled "The Professional and the Personal," tonight at 7 p.m. The lecture takes place in room 200 of Riley Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observen@nd.edu.

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Members debate off-campus representation

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives gathered Monday to discuss off-campus representation in the Student Senate, as well as the ongoing revisions to the student union constitution.

The meeting’s debate centered on the contentious issue of how off-campus students should be represented in the senate. Off-campus president Sarah Blake — who has made the issue a key topic of her term — presented a resolution that would give off-campus residents two seats on the policy-making body. The off-campus population, which accounts for more than one-fifth of the undergraduate student body, is currently represented by one senator, as is each residence hall on campus.

Under Blake’s proposal, off-campus students would elect one senator from each sex, a move Blake said would allow off-campus students to have a more significant voice in student government matters.

“Men and women have unique issues, which they need addressed by the Student Senate,” the resolution read, in part.

Blake said personal safety and security are chief among these issues, and approaches to these issues vary among men and women.

“(Security) is something that female students have to deal with more,” Blake said. “Men are more willing to live in shadier areas of town.”

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer agreed that selecting representatives by gender could improve off-campus students’ representation.

“Girls have different concerns than guys do,” Keefer said.

Other council members, however, expressed doubt that off-campus men and women are faced with different issues because of their sex.

Student body vice-president Emily Chin said she has not been aware of major concerns that would necessitate such a change in the senate.

“If there was such a pressing issue off-campus, why didn’t an off-campus person voice their concern about it?” she asked.

Sophomore class president James Lelo Bloys raised the need for more off-campus senators.

“If there’s not any big issue, then why are we proposing to add another person?” Lelo asked.

Student Union Board manager Charlie Eberson, who lives off campus, blasted Blake’s resolution, suggesting that the proposal will do little to improve the lives of off-campus students.

“In general, this is kind of a fringe issue at best,” Eberson said.

The proposal also resurrected debate on a different proposal to create three new off-campus positions in the Senate, each of which would represent a different area of South Bend.

Off-campus senator Amy Chambers said she preferred the gender-based proposal, but offered tentative support for any plan that would increase off-campus students’ representation.

“I have one voice, and there are 27 other people (in the Senate) who don’t really care about off-campus issues,” Chambers said.

“It doesn’t matter where they come from, as long as the off-campus students are represented.”

Keefer cautioned against a region-based plan, saying that it would be impractical to implement since it can be difficult to predict how many students will live in various off-campus housing developments.

“It seems like putting in region-based areas would necessitate a yearly redrawing of the lines,” Keefer said.

Blake said that the council should act immediately, so a new system could be in place for next year’s student government term.

“If we don’t pass something tonight, nothing will be passed this year,” she said.

Student body president-elect Adam Ivson — who carried most of the off-campus vote — also asked council members to pass the resolution, saying increased representation for off-campus students is a pressing matter.

“If we pass it now, so we can elect two senators for next year,” Ivson said.

“However, Eberson said time pressure should not be the primary concern.”

“I just believe this is getting jammed in the week before it’s due doesn’t mean we have to pass it,” he said. “If it’s not right, then we shouldn’t pass it, and it’s just that simple.”

After much heated debate, Blake’s proposal came to a vote, where it failed overwhelmingly. A visibly upset Blake expressed frustration with the result.

“At this point, I don’t even care,” she said.

Council members then discussed a finalized timetable for the completion of the new student union constitution.

Student body president Jeremy Lao exhorted council members to wrap up efforts on the constitution, which has been in the works since last semester. A very animated Lao directed the council’s programming and policy committees to have drafts ready for review by next week’s meeting, so that they can be approved at the March 29th meeting.

“I want to see constitutions by next Monday,” Lao said. “No monkeying around, no horseplay.”

Lao said he intends to publish the finalized constitution by April 1st, the beginning of the new student government term.

In other COR news:

• Lao announced that student government will sponsor a Rock the Vote kickoff event at Legends on Thursday night from 9 p.m. until midnight. Lao encouraged students to attend and register to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

• Chief of staff Pat Corker updated council members on the week’s alcohol awareness efforts. He praised Monday’s event, which featured a $2 million driving simulator that allows students to virtually experience the dangers of drunk driving.

“It was really a fun thing to do,” Corker said. He said other events this week will include a comedy show tonight at Legends.

• Advisor Peggy Hustus encouraged students to submit nominations by Friday for undergraduate student leadership awards. The awards, given by the Student Activities Office at its annual banquet, honor the top ten student leaders at Notre Dame.

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Conference on black Catholicism concludes

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Our Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart moved to a different beat Saturday afternoon as members of the black Catholic conference titled "Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics" culminated the three-day event with a Mass.

The liturgy, complemented with "amens" of assent and clapping hands, featured Father Edward Branch of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Spelman College Gee Club. Branch dedicated his homily to describing the challenges facing black Catholics in the United States, and ended with a reading describing Moses' encounter with God through a burning bush in the Egyptian desert to serve as a challenge to conference participants.

"We are in the desert, at the crossroads," he said, in reference to the commencement. "We are all burning bushes. Do not ask about the (New) Moses. Do we quite possibly may be your burning bush. Do not get distracted as others have." Branch highlighted the hardships that blacks face, including increased poverty and unemployment compared to the average American. Twenty percent of the black population is between the ages of 18 and 19 and 30 percent live in poverty, he said, adding that the unemployment rate for blacks is twice the national average.

"It was real people talking about their personal experiences with American society and the Catholic Church. I think it all gelled together very well." — David Moss, assistant vice president, Student Affairs.

African American Catholics had been blamed instead of time.

"It must be said that over 300 people attended the conference from across the country, including diocesan directors of African American pastoral ministry and academic scholars. "It was beyond anything we had imagined or planned," he said. "It really was an engaging conference in an African American Catholic spirit and way. I took this job a year and a half ago and this was the first event I wanted to plan.

Popular conference speakers included Bishop Wilson Gregory of Belleville, III.; Shawn Copeland, professor of theology at Boston College, and Jamie Phelps, director of the Institute of Black Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, focused on black Catholic ministry while Copeland, president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, described African American Catholic theology in the past and the possible changes it will undergo in the future.

David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and conference attendee, complimented the event for its ability to focus on the past, present, and future. He likewise praised the attitude of the participants, one that he characterized as a "let's sit down and talk" approach.

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Matovina said that he hopes to release a book through Notre Dame's University Press in the coming year, outlining the proceedings of the conference. He also said that a future conference on campus is possible in light of the event's success.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cops defuse bomb near consulate

HAMBURG, Germany _ German police defused a large bomb less than five minutes before an American diplomat was to meet Monday with foreign ministry officials in a Hamburg hotel, an official said.

The woman diplomat, who was not named, was not injured. It was not immediately known how the bomb was made or why it was placed outside the hotel, police said.

The Associated Press

Spanish elections overshadowed by terror

MADRID — Spain’s ruling conservative party suffered an unexpected defeat in Sunday’s general elections that could shatter the government backed by the Washington administration.

The Socialists, who have steadfastly opposed the war, won 139 of the 350 seats in the legislature, 10 more than the 129 needed for a majority. Right-wing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who has been backed by the Bush administration, won 104 seats.

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SPAIN

Voters elect new prime minister

Zapatero promises to order troops home from Iraq, restore European relationship

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LOCAL NEWS

Motorists cry over spilled milk

CROWN POINT — A tanker truck carrying 5,000 gallons of milk went off Crown Point’s downtown square, partially crushing three cars, after its driver made a turn while the milk cargo also spilled.

The driver of the tanker truck, a 26-year-old man from Fort Wayne, Ind., had just made a U-turn, police said.

COPING WITH TERRORISM

KINGSTON, N.Y. — Two ministers were charged with criminal offenses Monday for their roles in a highway crash that killed 12 people at a church fair in Sullivan County.

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Iraqi survey shows mixed reactions

WASHINGTON — The Iraqi survey shows mixed reactions to the Bush administration’s strategy in Iraq.

Most Iraqis are divided over whether the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and the occupation has been man- aged badly, he said.

Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair “will have to engage in reflection and self-criticism,” he said in a separate interview with Cadena Ser radio. “You can- not organize a war with lies.”

The Associated Press

Socialist party leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero greats supporters after claim- ing victory in Spain’s general elections Sunday. Zapatero’s victory promised to change relations with the U.S., particularly over the touchy issue of the war in Iraq.

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that the University's sustained commitment to meeting all students' demonstrated financial need will be critical in easing the tuition burden. Financial aid resources distributed in 2003-04 topped $53.8 million, Storin said.

"We made a quantum leap in recent years, and we certainly plan to keep adding, even as we continue adding grants in other areas, as the Board of Trustees will be reviewing possible steps that would diminish the priority of financial aid.

"It is a big part of our thinking..."
Indiana Indians

SEC sues former Conseco execs

INDIANAPOLIS -- The government filed a $5 million lawsuit against two former Conseco Inc. financial officers accused of misleading investors and the government in 1999 as the firm headed toward bankruptcy.

In a civil suit announced Thursday in federal court in Indianapolis against Conseco's former chief financial officer, Rollin Dick, and former treasurer, James Adam, the government may also review how it

would have spared her jail time and the embarrassment of a public trial.

"What she should have done is say 'I'm terribly sorry,' to be humble, contrite and apologetic," O'Rourke said, adding that Stewart still has a chance to throw herself on the mercy of the court before her June 17 sentencing.

"She can mitigate some of her sentence if she (admits) to the crime and says 'I'm sorry,' but I don't think she's going to do that," O'Rourke predicted.

"Our market, in order to function, must have confidence that those participating in the market are playing by the rules," Blakey said. "If her name was still associated with or tainted away from people who are critical error by declining to sell the shares if they dipped below the $60 mark, a claim that fell apart when it was revealed that Stewart altered records of phone conversations."

In the third day of deliberations, the jury found Stewart guilty of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and two counts of lying to investigators. The crimes carry a total penal-ty of between 20 years in prison and $1 million in fines.

O'Rourke, director of the Center for Business and Cartography, said the guilty verdict came as no surprise.

"I thought it was predictable," he said. "It's clear to me that she understood the facts of the case quite well."

He said Stewart's background, including a former career as a stockbroker, indicated that the homemaking guru understood the gravity of her actions.

"She cannot fairly claim to have come undone by her own hands, it's over with," Blakey said.

"You're sick of being crossed, everyone else," Blakey said. "It's like playing card games with everyone else," Blakey said. "I think she's going to do that."
Fresno shooting uncovers bizarre lifestyle

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — All nine family members discovered slain in a Fresno home over the weekend had been shot to death, the coroner's office said Monday.

Investigators were still working to determine the relationships among the victims, who were found tangled in a pile of clothes when police went to the home about a child custody dispute Friday.

Marcus Wesson, thought to be the father and grandfather of the victims, walked out of the home covered in blood and was booked on suspicion of nine counts of murder.

Authorities said Wesson, 57, may have been involved in polygamy and is thought to have fathered children with at least six women, including two of his own daughters.

Police said Wesson had cooperated with the investigation, but no motive had been determined.

Wesson's arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday; bail was set at $9 million.

Authorities expected to release the names of the victims by Friday, a 24-year-old woman and eight children ranging in age from 1 to 17.

Coroner Loralee Cervantes said police conducted tests to determine if there was gunshot residue on the hands of one of the victims, indicating Wesson may have had help with the shootings. Police Lt. Herman Silva said checking for residue is standard practice.

The victims, who had six different mothers, showed no signs of physical or sexual abuse, Cervantes said Monday.

Acquaintances said Wesson and his family appeared to live a nomadic, insular existence. The family moved several times in recent years, from a small boat anchored off Santa Cruz to the mountains outside Watsonville, before settling in Fresno.

In the early 1990s, Wesson lived with a few children on a battered, 26-foot sailboat that had no toilet or bathing facilities.

Police said he was jailed briefly after being convicted of welfare fraud, the Santa Cruz Sentinel reported. Wesson failed to list his boat as an asset on welfare forms.

He also was frequently delinquent with his slip fees, the newspaper said.
South Korea

New leader continues impeachment fallout

Associated Press

SEOUL — Known as “Mr. Stability,” South Korea's interim leader headed his first Cabinet meeting Tuesday and offered to step down in May in a bid to bring unity to his nation, where both the ruling and opposition parties are demanding his resignation.

Prime Minister Roh Kun, who is running South Korea as acting president until the Constitutional Court rules on whether to unseat President Kim Dae-jung, has issued daily statements aimed at reassuring the outside world since Friday's impeachment vote.

Protests have declined since the weekend, and financial markets have evened out, although relations with North Korea suffered a setback with the communist neighbor declining to show up for inter-Korean economic talks scheduled for this week in South Korea.

A mere 3,500 people turned out in Seoul for protests Monday night over the impeachment, a stark drop from the 50,000 who converged on downtown over the weekend to wave candles, sing and chant for the president's reinstatement.

Police have said the rallies are illegal and should be stopped, but that they would not disperse them as long as they didn't turn violent.

Tuesday's Cabinet meeting was called to discuss pending state affairs, including providing assistance to farmers following the nation's free trade agreement with Chile.

“If they continue to reject our appeals, we will take action to disperse the rallies and subject the protest leaders to legal punishment,” national police said in a statement, without specifying a deadline.

Administration officials at the People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy, a civic group, said they would try to act within police guidelines to avoid trouble but insisted on keeping the protest alive.

“I have been voting for the opposition party,” said restaurateur Kim Chul-wo, 57, who shut his business early to attend Monday's demonstration. “But when I saw the preposterous way they impeached President Roh, I thought I should act and add one voice to this protest.”

Uneasy at the prospect of South Korea's leader being removed by lawmakers, communist North Korea has lashed out at what it calls a U.S.-engineered "coup" unleashing "instability" in the South. It offered no proof for its charge.

The interim Seoul government urged Pyongyang on Monday not to use the crisis as an excuse for stalling six-nation talks on the North's nuclear weapons programs.

Still, there were signs of a rupture in inter-Korean relations. The two Koreas were set to hold economic talks in the South on Monday, but Pyongyang tried to change the venue to the North.

The South refused, and the talks were scrapped.

"If North Korea uses the impeachment as an excuse to be reluctant or to try avoiding six-party talks, we'll have to question North Korea's commitment to seeking peaceful resolution to the nuclear issue," South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon told reporters.

Ban said he will send a deputy, Lee Suh-hyuck, to Beijing on Tuesday to discuss convening a third round of nuclear talks with the United States, both Koreas, China, Russia and Japan. The six met last month in Beijing, and agreed to talk again by July.

The political crisis began Friday, when the opposition-dominated National Assembly used security guards to drag out screaming and kicking pro-Roh lawmakers. It then passed a bill impeaching Roh for alleged election-law violations and incompetence.

The move appeared to be backfiring on the opposition, as public surveys showed the popularity of the small Uri Party, which supports the president, surging ahead of the April 15 parliamentary polls.

Roh Kun, formerly prime minister, earned nicknames such as "Mr. Stability," "Master Administrator," and "Yes Man" for holding key posts in six successive governments — an impressive feat in a country with a history of military coups, civic unrest and political machinations.

South Korean stocks posted modest gains Monday as a market propped up, at least for now, by public pension funds that have been buying and are ready to buy more to cushion shocks from the political turmoil.

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Rockers inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With nimble dance steps, blistering guitar and a trio of 1980s-era hits, Detroit rocker Bob Seger, California singer-songwriter Jackson Browne and ex-Beatle George Harrison also joined the hall at its annual induction ceremony, along with ZZ Top, Traffic and the Bells.

Dressed in a white suit Prince brought the normally staid crowd to its feet with some vintage funk-rock. He played three of his hits: "Let's Go Crazy," "Sign O' the Times" and "Kiss." A real perfectionist, the Minneapolis-based singer often played every instrument on his discs. He said he was preoccupied early in his career with maintaining his freedom.

"I embarked on a journey more fascinating than I could ever imagine, but a word to the wise to the young artists — without spiritual guidance too much freedom can lead to spiritual decline," he said.

He also warned youthful musicians: "A real friend and mentor is not on your payroll."

Prince was inducted by out­rageous rappers Dr. Dre and soulful singer Alicia Keys, who said Prince influenced them as they grew up.

"There are many kings," Keys said. "King Henry VIII, King Solomon, King Tut, King James, King Kong and the three kings. But there is only one Prince."

Plato Before the Republic

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Plato is one of the most difficult philosophers to interpret. The range of his interests, the innovative nature and the complexity of his thought, and the fact that he does not speak in first person contribute to this difficulty. After a general introduction to the main problems and positions of Plato scholarship today, we will read some of his dialogues written before his most important work, the Republic, dealing with a variety of topics including virtues, the nature of art, the relation of ethics and religion, the politics of Athens and the essence of knowledge. We will analyze both his arguments and the literary devices by which he communicates and partly withholds them while alluding to further ideas.

Soldier refuses to serve

Associated Press

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — A Florida soldier who refused to return to duty in Iraq turned himself in to military authorities on Monday, saying he would seek conscientious objector status.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, 25, surrendered at the base's gate to two military police officers, who drove him away.

A crowd of peace activists cheered Mejia and shouted encouragement. "We love you!" "Go with God!"

Mejia was in Iraq for about five months last year until October, when he returned home on leave. He did not return to duty.

"I am saying no to war; I have chosen peace," Mejia said earlier at a news conference arranged by anti-war activists in the town of Sherborn near Boston. "I went to Iraq and that was an instrument of violence and now I have decided to become a perpetrator of peace."

Lt. Col. Ron Tittle, a Florida National Guard spokesman, said authorities were beginning their investigation of Mejia's case.

"We're glad that he's turning himself in. We have to wait and see what action he's going to pursue," Tittle said.

Mejia's lawyer, Louis Font, said he believes Mejia is the first soldier to turn himself in after refusing to return to Iraq.

"I have not committed a crime and I should not run," Mejia said.

Font said Mejia will seek an administrative discharge from the Army based on his being a conscientious objector. He said his client hasn't received official notification that he was considered absent without leave.

Tittle said he did not know whether Mejia had received such notification.

Mejia's unit commander in north Miami will decide if the soldier will face charges, said Kevin Gillmartin, a spokesman for Hanscom Air Force Base. He said Mejia could be released on personal recognizance or transported to his unit.

Mejia began a 14-day leave on Oct. 1 and was supposed to return on Oct. 16. Font said Mejia spent much of the time since living in New York City.

He said he was particularly upset over an incident in Iraq in which he and others were ambushed and innocent civilians allegedly were hit in the ensuing gunfire.

"There are the things that tell me there's no such thing as a fair war, no such thing as a just war," Mejia said.

A native of Nicaragua, Mejia is a veteran of peace missions of the United States who served in the Army for three years. He had served in the National Guard for five years when his unit was called to active duty. Unlike the civilian life, he was a student at the University of Miami.

Mejia's mother, peace activist Mariza Castillo of Miami, and his father, Nicaraguan singer-songwriter and performer Carlos Gober Mejia were with him when he turned himself in Monday.
Top ten lessons of Iraq war

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Iraq war this Saturday, I find myself reminded of the powerful lines from Deuteronomy: "Only guard yourself and guard your soul carefully, lest you forget the things your eyes saw. And lest these things depart your heart all the days of your life." We must not let the lessons of the past year vanish or we are doomed to repeat them. Hence, to expeditiously, I submit my top ten lessons of the Iraq war.

10. Iraq is pronounced "ee-reak" and not "eye-rak"

Sure, most Americans, including our President, have still not learned the correct pronunciation, but many grammatical hearts have been changed. Some may say that phonics still isn't important, but how would they feel if the world started calling America "Ameryka." World peace begins when we all get hooked on proper phonics.

9. The United Nations deserves more respect

During the march to war, the United Nations was often branded inadequate, inefficient and corrupt, yet with the lack of weapons of mass destruction found, Hans Blix deserves some love. Can Mr. Blix get a witness for the congregation?

8. Dictators end up in unlikely places

As expected, the U.S. military won the war swiftly and disposed of the inhumane regime. Who would have thought, though, that the last episode of "Where in the World is Saddam Hussein" would take place in a small, underground hole next to a farm? It was certainly amusing to picture some 19-year-old from Kansas finding one of the world's most ruthless dictators in a hole. Only in the 21st Century.

7. Fox News killed the Radio Star

Alright, I just wanted to make a reference to the classic song, but seriously Fox News represents the death of the informed American citizen. In a poll conducted post-war, more people who watched Fox News than any other televised news station had wrong information about the war. Wrong, not biased.

6. Prot'ecting in a 9-11 world is not a sin

Throughout 2003, protesters were deemed anti-patriotic, anti-American and anti-war on terror, but as the fog of war clears, it is becoming more apparent that we need voices to check the actions of the President. Congress sure dropped that ball on this one. Protesters may not be as American as baseball, but they sure deserve a place at the table.

5. Pure utilitarianism is alive and well

In post-war justifications, many war advocates have claimed that the war was justified if the Iraqi people are better off than they were under Saddam's regime. This new ethical approach to war, known by some as pure utilitarianism, is certainly hopeful. Throw the traditional elements of Just War Theory out the door. Throw legitimate authority out. Throw right intention out. Throw last resort out. Not to mention accounting for the dignity of the U.S. soldiers and Iraqis that died.

4. God does not only bless America

At the beginning of the war, there was rhetoric, in the Manifest Destiny tradition, that America was the great savior nation destined to bring freedom and democracy to the world. I am certainly not a hardcore realist, but to think that any nation can have such pure and virtuous goals is ludicrous. This savior complex blinds us to the global realities that we must be aware to promote peace and security.

3. March Madness is out of control

As the war began and unfolded in March of 2003, there was a fog of nationalism, patriotism, militarism and many other "isms" that made it very difficult to sort out the facts and make sound judgments. We were gripped by the culture of war, which changed our lives and our world. War has a life of its own and we learned that this life can be uncontrollable amidst the madness.

2. Preemptive war is not the same as preventative war

President Bush appealed to the holy doctrine of preemption to justify war, but the glorified "inherent threat" never materialized. In doing so, we set a standard that could justify an Indian war on Pakistan and mythical preemptive wars throughout the globe. International peace and security demands clarity on the differences between preventative and preemptive war.

1. One size does not fit all

Since Sept. 11, the Bush Administration has painted reality black and white and now as the election heats up, both sides are using simplistic rhetoric that avoids the complexities that are so apparent in the fight against terrorism. If the Iraq war taught us anything, it taught us to be more cautious and more astute when we look at the world. It taught us that we live in complex times.

If nothing else, the Iraq war taught us that the world we live in, a world of terror, poverty and oppression, is more complex than our minds can truly grasp. A world of such complexities requires complex, comprehensive long-term solutions that will only come when we humble ourselves to work with the world, rather than against it.

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Who writes rights and rites?

Whoever thought "Constitutional amendment" and "Rosie O'Donnell" would be used in the same column? I did not. And yet, here we are, in the midst of a cultural and Constitutional crisis that would turn into a culture war and Constitutional war. And who is responsible for this? Why, George W. Bush, because he supports a Constitutional amendment which would codify marriage as only for heterosexuals. "The president launched a war ... against the civil rights of gay citizens and their families," said gay advocate (and otherwise fairly conservative) Andrew Sullivan. Much as I respect Sullivan, he is wrong on one point: he did not launch the war, he is merely firing back. The war was latched last month by the Massachusetts Supreme Court, which, by a slim 4 to 3 margin, ruled that the state's marriage laws discriminated against homosexuals and will therefore sanction gay marriages in May. They were soon joined by San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom, who issued marriage licenses (including one to Rosie O'Donnell and her partner) in defiance of California state law, and by officials in New Palz, New York, Portland, Ore. and Sandoval, N.M. A certain extent, Sullivan and supporters of gay marriage have a point and it is unreasonable that the rights of marriage are not extended to homosexuals, and the time to grant them that right has long since passed. It is also patently ridiculous to stand opposed to same-sex unions by carrying the banner of the "sanctity of marriage" when quickie Britney Spears Vegas weddings are legal. For no-fault divorces have all but shreded whatever sanctity the act of marriage once had. What God has united, man has been tearing asunder for decades, and it is offensive that social conservatives are only now drawing the line in the sand when homosexuals want for themselves what heterosexuals (or at least half of them) take for granted. At the same time, those who oppose gay marriage have a valid point, though it is not in the defense of marriage. For starters, marriage is not a civil right: It is a religious construct that was later interpreted as a legal construct. The only difference between a married couple and a couple who have exchanged rings and vows privately is that in one case their state has given them a certificate that legitimizes their action. In a sense, a man can marry a woman, a man, a Shetland pony, or a Swiffer WetJet, but only in certain cases will their state give them a certificate that legitimizes their action. In the case of marriage, a man can marry a woman, a man, a Shetland pony, or a Shetland pony, but not their state give them a certificate that legitimizes their action. But civil union rights are civil rights. The problem is when this effort is compared with other civil rights struggles: they do not even come close. In the case of African-Americans, they were seeking the rights that had already been granted to them through the Fourteenth Amendment but had been stolen from them by Southern states and, to our eternal shame, ignored for a century. And women's suffrage was achieved not by activist politicians and just plain allowing it, but by the rule of law, beginning in Wyoming in 1869 and culminating in the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Most Americans, including the President, have no problem with homosexuals. They do, however, have a problem with judges who start making new laws in order to achieve their ends. Which is why just about the only defense against it is taking the (horribly named) Defense Of Marriage Act of 1996 (tied by Bill Clinton, hardly an extreme right-winger) and making it a Constitutional amendment. However unfortu­nately the idea of a Constitutional amendment forbidding gay marriage might be, at least it is being forwarded in the allowable fashion of being approved by Congress and ratified by the individual states, just as the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments were. For almost every other hot-button topic, we disdain renegades who consider themselves above the law. For example, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, acting on his own, hailed in a massive monument of the Ten Commandments and then refused to remove them. For his actions, he was vilified and eventually sus­pended from his duties. Such should also be the punishment for Gavin Newsom, who's a hero in San Francisco but a criminal according to California state law. As for the Massachusetts Supreme Court, that is a far trickier problem to solve, and over­reaching judicial activism is a much broader topic that can wait for another day.

For the rest of us, can’t we have a compromise? There is a dif­ference between the rites of marriage and the rights of mar­riage, and it should not be begged to suggest so. Either way, I hope I will never have to mention Rosie O'Donnell ever again.
Let's face it, college means stress. Or at least, around here it means stress. After a few weeks on campus, everything outside disappears, and suddenly life is all about finishing the paper, acing (or just passing) the exam, getting into grad school or getting ready for that job interview. Even the weekends — a long night at Turtle Creek or Heartland — can turn into a brief attempt to forget, one way or another, about the stress that dominates the week.

Of course, maybe that's just the way life goes. Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, sometimes your job, your classes or just your life in general starts to run you. Anyway, we chose this. We can drop out whenever we want, and not take the next midterm, but of course we keep plowing through. But around the middle of February, when the dining hall meatballs start to look a little gray and no one has seen blue sky in eight weeks, it's easy to forget that people have lives outside the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

There really is a big world out there, if only we could get out and see it.

A week may not be much time compared to the months of school, and spring break certainly flies by a lot quicker than any other week of the year. Still, whatever it is we do when we're not stuck in a classroom or in front of a computer screen, spring break gives us a chance to see that not everything out there ties in to professors or the Fighting Irish.

At school we're all students and...
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we all do a lot of the same things. We eat at the same dining halls, spend hours in the same classroom buildings, fulfill the same freshman requirements and listen to the same campus announcements. Get us off campus and we go as many ways as there are students.

For some people nothing sounds nicer than margaritas in Mexico or the Cayman Islands. Other students head overseas to visit friends and family. Maybe instead you'd rather build houses in Appalachia, study politics in Washington, D.C. or go dog sledding in northern Wisconsin. If you're a movie addict, you can catch up on all the hits you haven't had time to even think about watching. Or maybe after midterms nothing sounds better than your own bed, mom's cooking and a little time with your own family. No matter who you are, one thing is for sure — it's nice to finally have some time that's yours.

Coming back to classes and the cold weather hurts, and during the first week back it might be hard to remember why exactly we came back instead of staying at the resort in Mexico or at home with our friends. With only a month and a half left and the sun actually starting to shine, we'll make it through. And at least when we're getting older and can't remember who wrote the Republic or how to find an integral, we'll have some possibly embarrassing but definitely irreplaceable memories to look back on.

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IRISH WOMEN loose early lead to fall to Rutgers in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championship

By HEATHER VAN HOEGEN
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HARTFORD — After the Irish went on a 15-0 run in the first half, the Scarlet Knights turned the game around and went on to defeat Rutgers 76-73 in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

The Irish were on top 36-35, but Rutgers responded with two free throws of their own with 5:22 to play to put the Scarlet Knights up 37-36.

Le'Tania Severe was able to tie the game at 38-38 with a three-pointer three point play off a foul back. Two more free throws by Pondexter, who hit both of her free throws, put the Scarlet Knights up 44-41 with 1:49 remaining. The Irish had the ball, but Duffy missed a jumper and Shalicia Hurans grabbed the rebound for the Scarlet Knights.

The Irish would get their last chance, as Pondexter then turned the ball over, giving the Irish 38 seconds to work with.

But their hopes of winning were soon dispelled. Severe got trapped at midcourt and tried to lob a pass to Batteast over the Rutgers defense, but the ball was stolen away by Hurans, who dished it to Pondexter for the layup to make it a four-point game.

"As soon as I saw her throw it, I knew it was over," Pondexter said. "I was so upset, it was just a feeling over my head, so with my instincts, I just read it the whole way," Hurans said. "My teammates did a great job of trapping her at halfcourt, and that's what happened there.

Hurans was also a large part of limiting Batteast in the second half, as she was unable to dominate. "I think it was my first 20 minutes of play, that's all," Hurans said. "They were more physical and they responded to how I was playing, plus we got a lot of good inside rebounds. The difference was I had five rebounds in the first half and didn't have any in the second half.

The 6-foot-3 Hurans, an AUU team All-American, scored six points and grabbed four rebounds, but she was able to match the athleticism of Batteast with her rangy arms.

"They're very, very physical," McGraw said. "They have the athleticism to guard Jackie. She's a matchup problem every game, and she is a big threat to our defense.

Rutgers went on to defeat West Virginia in the semifinals, before losing in the championship to Boston College, who defeated Miami and Connecticut to make the final.

Notes:
• This was the third year in a row that the No. 7 seed beat the No. 2 seed in the Big East quarterfinals. Last year, Miami beat Rutgers, and Syracuse beat Notre Dame in 2002.
• Batteast was named Big East first team and Duffy was named second team for Notre Dame on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list, with 1,249 career points.

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NFL

David Boston hauls in a touchdown pass in a Dec. 28 game against the Raiders. Boston was traded from the Chargers to the Dolphins for a sixth-round draft pick in 2005 and a player to be named later.

Boston traded from Chargers to Dolphins

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins acquired former Pro Bowl receiver David Boston from San Diego for a sixth-round draft choice in 2005 and a player to be named later.

"It just wasn’t a fit. It happens in our league and you just move on," A.J. Smith said.

Chargers GM Roger Goodell has just moved on after he was suspended for one game following an argument with a coach.

Boston had 849 yards and seven scores in his only season with the Chargers.

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In Brief

Kruger to become next head coach at UNLV

LAS VEGAS — UNLV hired Lon Kruger, a veteran college and pro coach, to lead the Runnin’ Rebels basketball program back to national prominence.

Kruger accepted a five-year contract Monday. UNLV athletic director Mike Hamrick said the Nevada Board of Regents must approve the hiring at its Thursday meeting.

Kruger, fired last season by the Atlanta Hawks, most recently was an assistant coach with the New York Knicks.

"Every criteria we set out for has been met," Hamrick said. "We wanted a successful college coach. We found everything we were looking for. We want to go back to the top and we want to do it the right way."

Kruger said he agreed to become UNLV’s 10th head coach on Sunday. He said UNLV was attractive because he was looking for a program with a lot of promise.

Kruger is the 10th UNLV’s head coach in the 12th-seeded Racers’ (28-5) 16-2 the recent one was an assistant coach with the New York Knicks.

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**Women's Tennis**

Salas dominates singles court over spring break

**By ANN LOUGHERY**

All of the numbers say the same thing — Alicia Salas's opponents are simply over-matched against the No. 13 senior.

Over spring break, Salas upended No. 5 Amanda Johnson of Duke 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. She chased that success with a hard-fought win against No. 24 Tammy Enclina of Tennessee 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (10-7) in singles.

Enclina and Salas met twice earlier this year, with Salas winning both matches.

Each of Salas's last four wins pivoted the senior against top-30 ranked players. Salas is 6-0 this year at No. 1 against ranked opponents and 9-2 overall.

"She's really played well all year," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "She's a real competitor. We're just asking her to keep doing what she's doing and to stay aggressive by coming to the net when she can."

Salas's success came amidst tough losses to No. 6 Duke 6-4 and No. 36 Tennessee 6-1 in Hawaii.

"Going from indoor to outdoor courts was a lot to adjust to, I think," Louderback said. "You have to worry about the sun and wind and the balls don't travel as fast outside."

The No. 18 Irish, currently 7-4, took on Duke (7-1) first, where they faced tough matches at every position. At No. 3 doubles, junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Stastny were first off the court after a close 6-5 loss to Kristen Cargill and Jennifer Zika.

The No. 2 doubles team of Lauren Connelly and Salas lost 8-4 to Saras Arasu and Johnson.

At No. 1 doubles, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson, ranked No. 37 nationally, knocked off the tandem of Julia Smith and Tory Zavacki 6-6, 6-4. The Thompsons are 16-6 this season and have won five of their last six matches.

Salas followed up with her lone win in singles at No. 1 against Johnson 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"Duke is solid all the way down the lineup, but I think we played well. We had a solid chance at each position," Louderback said.

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**Men's Tennis**

Men show strength in doubles

**By KATE GALES**

Sun, Sand. And quite a bit of love.

The Irish kept true to the ideal spring break formula, heading to California for the prestigious Pacific Coast Doubles tournament and then to Alabama for the Blue Gray National Collegiate Classic tournament.

"It's a great event," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of the tournament, held for the last 115 years in LaJolla, Calif.

"All the great players in the history of the game play it, it's an event that's open to pros, college players, really anyone good enough to enter."

It proved a valuable experience for Notre Dame, and the Irish proved themselves worthy. No. 1 doubles team Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley advanced to the quarterfinals before losing 6-4, 4-6 to Patrick Braila and Balazs Veres, the No. 1 team for No. 29 California.

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Southwestern Missouri State reaches the NCAA tournament for the third time in the last four years. They reached the Final Four in 2001 — the same year the Irish won the national title — behind the play of All-American Jackie Stiles.

"They are a scoring team and we're focusing on," McGraw said. "They have about four players equally productive. They are the type of team that when you look down their stat sheet everybody shoots 3s.

"They're a very tournament-savy team," McGraw said. Notre Dame will be playing in its 11th NCAA Tournament overall and ninth straight. The Irish reached the Sweet Sixteen last season, upsetting No. 6 Arizona and No. 3 Tennessee State before losing to No. 2 Purdue.

This season Notre Dame faces a Southwest Missouri State team that went 24-3 in the regular season and won both the Missouri Valley Conference regular season and tournament titles. The Bears lead the nation in 3-point attempts per game and 3-pointers made. Guard Kari Koch pacers the Bears, averaging 17.8 points per game. But just stopping Koch will not be enough for the Irish defense, as Southwestern Missouri State has six players shooting over 40 percent from behind the arc.

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Southwestern Missouri State ranked opponents represent the most by any Notre Dame team. Notre Dame also posted an impressive 3-1 record against ranked opponents to come out. The committee this season we're seeing the benefits of it, which it assumes easy wins in this year's tourney because of the parity of the field.

"I don't think it's hard for us to focus on one team at a time because we have tried to do that and we've been pretty good at that all year long," McGraw said. "We can't afford to over look anybody and we know that. When we look at the record and we see them on film, we know can't look past anyone.

"The first game is the one we're focusing on." Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu

Zicz

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After dinner brought closed quarters studying from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., which kept all the cadets in their rooms. The impressive routine Zicz set in his early days at Culver earned him a football captainship, the ranks of "Sergeant Major" as a junior and "Regimental Commander" as a senior, making him the highest-ranking cadet at the academy. As a senior Zicz's days finished up with commander's meetings from 9:30 to 10 p.m., then checking in on underclassmen. The stress eventually had its effects on Zicz.

"I had to go to a cardio center because I was having heart palpitations. We thought it was a heart defect, but it was just the amount of stress and lack of sleep. With football and not being able to sleep, it was just wearing me down," said Zicz. After graduating from Culver Zicz went on to Loyola University in Chicago where he discovered his affection for full-contact sports.

"I was big enough or talented enough to play college football. I wanted something new, but still physical. I started boxing in Chicago, doing Muay Thai. I started kickboxing at Degerberg martial arts academy," said Zicz.

Muay Thai quickly taught Zicz two priceless lessons — how to take a punch and the art of respecting a fellow fighter.

"The first time I got punched in the face it was an embarrassing thing. The guy that was my kickboxer threw a straight right hand into my nose. My head almost rolled off at night. He maintains he has no regrets. Zicz racked up 16 official sparring sessions, earning him more pre-tournament ring time than other boxer in the club. The extra time paid off, as any attentive observer can see, and Zicz is perhaps the best technical fighter in the club.

As would be expected, Zicz spent his spring break in training and preparation for his Wednesday fight. Zicz combined regular training with desolate runs around campus late at night. He maintains he has no set plan for Wednesday's match. "I need to have a fight plan, then I realized after you get hit the first time your plan disintegrates," Zicz, of course, hopes for a win on Wednesday, but he says Bengal Bouts isn't about the leather jacket or the personal glory.

"The personal attention you get is wonderful, but in the end that's all that matters. I do think about what the mission of this organization is to help our cadets disintegrate in order to make something good for the world," Zicz said. "As corny as that sounds, its real."

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The Irish saw a little bit of everything over their spring break trip to Texas — high scoring, extra-inning wins, low scoring pitchers’ duels and even their first loss of the season.

Notre Dame (12-1), now ranked as high as No. 8 by the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll, finished the week 6-1 after competing in the Alamodome Classic in San Antonio and the Round Rock Classic Classic in Round Rock, Texas.

Notre Dame 12, Southern Illinois 11
In the opener of the Irish, the Irish yielded an early 5-0 lead to the Salukis as Irish pitcher Chris Niesel was chased from the mound after just three innings of work. Southern Illinois built that lead to 9-3 by the fifth inning.

The Irish gradually clawed their way back with two runs in the sixth inning and three in the eighth. However, they found themselves trailing 9-8 before third baseman Matt Macri singled up the middle to keep the game alive. Steve Andres doubled in Macri to send the game to extra innings.

After the Salukis put two across the plate in the top of the 10th, the Irish again found themselves down to their last out with just one runner on first when Irish freshman Matt Edmonds and catcher Javi Sanchez smacked back-to-back singles to load the bases.

Right fielder Cody Rizzo then came through with a single through the left side to tie the game and send it again to the 10th.

In the 11th, outfielder Craig Cooper scored the winning run for the Irish on a wild pitch by Southern Illinois' Tyler Norrick, who was credited with the loss.

The Irish fell from the ranks of the unbeaten in their second game of the Texas trip. The usual solid Notre Dame defense committed six errors in the game, and starting left-hander Tom Thornton the sting, allowing eight runs (six earned) on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings pitched.

The Roadrunners jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and scored three runs in the eighth inning before Edwards narrowed that margin to nine with just one runner on first when he struck out seven batters over seven innings. "It was perfect at the plate with four hits and seven RBIs in the four games."

The Irish were able to oust the Tar Heels (12-9) behind Liz Hartmann and Steffany Stenglein. Hartmann knocked off No. 19 Arizona in a rematch of last year's Home-field advantage was not enough to propel the Owls, as both pitched a complete game one-hitter, the second straight year of the day for the Irish. She retired 21 of 22 batters she faced, striking out seven. Offensively, Stenglein managed to pitch her first complete game shutout of the year, striking out six and walking just two.

Notre Dame 2, Florida Atlantic 0
In the second game of the day, the Irish earned their second victory over a top-25 opponent in the season with a completely dominant performance. Notre Dame shut out the Owls 2-0 on 11 hits and 13 runs scored a game, but the sophomore held the Red Raiders scoreless and allowed three runs on 12 hits.

Another 12-inning contest and the Irish bats came to play, as the Irish scored three runs in the top of the 13th inning to claim a 6-3 victory for the Wolverines (13-5). Offensively, Stephanie Brown was 4-for-4 with a double steal and a sacrifice fly to right to end the inning and Irish hopes.

Notre Dame 6, Maryland 2
In Sunday's second game, the Irish moved to 12-1 on the year after edging the Terps (12-9) behind Liz Hartmann and Steffany Stenglein. Hartmann knocked off No. 19 Arizona in a rematch of last year's loss of the season. The Irish scored two runs in the first and settled down to allow just six hits of the best.B

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In the first round of single elimination, the Irish squeaked by the Nittany Lions (9-16) in a pitchers' duel in which Booth came out on top. (Offensively, the Irish were led by Ruthrauff, who scored the only Irish run on a double steal.)

Notre Dame 6, Florida A&M 0
In Sunday's second game, the Irish (17-13) claimed victory in the 17th inning with a run on a sacrifice fly before going on to score six runs on eight hits in five innings. Ciolli, Ruthrauff and Lenn each had a pair of RBIs, while Brown posted two runs scored. Stenglein pitched a one hit complete game to earn her fifth victory of the season.

Notes:
• Ruthrauff and Booth were named to the FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team. Ruthrauff was 6-for-6 (1-375), while Booth was 3-0 with only eight hits allowed.

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Notre Dame 13, Texas-San Antonio 5
The Irish continued the Alamo Classic with a big win on the mound, making their first appearance in the Round Rock Classic Classic in Round Rock, Texas.

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**Men's Lacrosse**

Early season schedule unkind to Notre Dame

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Despite a convincing victory in the season opener against Penn State, the Irish dropped games to No. 3 Syracuse and No. 9 North Carolina over the break to fall to 1-2 overall in the early stages of the 2004 season.

The Orangemen went on a 9-1 run in the third quarter on their way to a 19-13 defeat of Notre Dame at Syracuse Thursday. The Irish returned home for a Sunday afternoon game against North Carolina, but the No. 9 Tar Heels went ahead early and never relinquished the lead in a 14-11 North Carolina win.

"We haven't been consistent at either end of the field," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We haven't been hard enough to beat, and that's something that we have to correct.

The Irish have opened the past two seasons against top non-conference opponents, a practice intended to prepare Notre Dame for the postseason but not always helpful for its record.

"Life's too short to play the losing teams. We want to play the best and we want to beat the best, and hopefully when the postseason comes we'll have enough quality wins to get into the tournament."

Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

Syracuse used a 53-34 advantage in ground balls to control possession, especially in the later stages of Thursday's game. Four players for the Orangemen scored hat tricks, led by three goals and three assists from senior Michael Powell. Powell has won the Jack Turnbull Award for three consecutive years as the best attacker in Division I. Defender D.J. Driscoll did his best to keep the Irish in the game late, guarding Powell and holding him scoreless for the last 48:03 of the match and pointless for the final 26:52.

Notre Dame, however, could not hold on to a 10-7 lead early in the third quarter. Despite a three goal, one assist performance by midfielder Brian Giordano, the Irish failed to match the rush of goals in a 9-1 second half Syracuse run. Matt Howell added two goals and one assist. Midfielder Matt Karweck scored two goals, and attacker Pat Walsh had a goal and three assists.

Walsh was the feature player for Notre Dame against North Carolina, though the All-American's three goals and three assists could not bring Notre Dame back from an early game, 5-1, deficit.

Walsh gave the Irish its only lead of the game 1:26 into the game, and the team cut the deficit to two goals four times.

The Irish failed to score double digits against North Carolina this season. A series of players notched two goals for Notre Dame — midfielders Matt Ryan and Brian Huchschmann, Howell and Karweck.

The team will play Loyola in Baltimore Saturday.

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Hockey

Up-and-downs can't slow Irish postseason

If you were to chart Notre Dame's season so far, it would probably look like the seismograph for an 8.9 Richter scale earthquake. The Irish have had bigger ups and downs than an elevator in the Sears Tower. After a sweep of CCHA-leading Michigan, what did Notre Dame do? Lose 3-0 to 11th-place Lake Superior State.

After a 3-1 victory over then No. 4 Wisconsin back on Jan. 18, what did Notre Dame do for an encore the next weekend? Lose two in a row on the road to Northern Michigan. Following a five-game unbeaten streak between Nov. 8 and Nov. 29 (3-0-2) in which Notre Dame only allowed 12 goals, what did the team do in its next series on the road against Western Michigan?

Give up 14 goals in a pair of losses.

Welcome to the sport of hockey, where hot streaks end just as quickly as they start. Notre Dame got on the board as quickly as they started. Michigan got on the board just as quickly as they started. Dave Poulin said, "That's all it is," Irish coach Martin Hinkle said. "If you were to chart our season, that's just an aberration against Western and say, 'All during the regular season.'

It's somewhat fitting in hockey, where hot streaks end and a goalie can be a hero for an encore the next week, but this wasn't the case. Irish goalie Tim Wallace had tripled his game-winning assist with a pass to freshman Jason Paoli. Talk about a spike in production.

"Wallace just responded great tonight," Poulin said. "He and I had a long chat (Saturday) morning and I told him that it wouldn't surprise me if he were to score the winning goal that night."

The Irish now have the chance to go somewhere that no Notre Dame hockey team has ever gone before. They lead into the Super Six championship at Detroit with a realistic chance to secure the school's first ever NCAA tournament bid. The Irish didn't even be on the radar screen had Paoli not hit the game-winning goal Sunday.

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Timmy Wallace has great hands, and he's going to score goals in this league," Poulin said. "If you had told me before the start of the year that he'd come into the playoffs with just one goal I'd say there's no way in hell he'd still do it in just too many things too well.

Rob Globke gave Notre Dame a 4-2 lead at 5:38 of the third period, using a nifty hesitation move to get past his defender and whip the puck past Marvin into the far corner.

Western Michigan would not go away though, as Vince Bellissimo rode a 3-1 lead into a 5-second power-play goal at 9:24 of the period and Robert Wallace tallied the equalizer a little more than two minutes later, setting the stage for Paoli's overtime heroics.

Notre Dame will face Ohio State at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Western Michigan 4, Notre Dame 3

Bronco goalie Marvin, in just his second career start, made 36 saves as Michigan knocked the first round CCHA playoff series away from the Irish at the Joyce Center Saturday.

Western Michigan, 5-4, outlasted the Irish at the Joyce Center with a 5-7 win over Notre Dame. The Irish were outshot 23-21 in the game. The Irish had to deal with adversity throughout the game, as the Broncos took a pair of one-goal leads. Western Michigan opened the scoring at 1-0 on a goal by Dana Latttery at 15:57 of the first period.

Aaron Gill tied the game for the Irish at 11:43 into the second period, only to have Western Michigan's Jeremy Cheyne score a power play goal at 8:14, putting home a rebound after a drive shot past Irish goalie David Brown.

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Track and Field

Huddle runs into Irish history

Sophomore earns two All-American honors at indoor NCAA race

By MIKE GILLOON

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Notre Dame has had its share of peaks and valleys this season, but they're certainly hoping now that the peaking has nowhere to go but up.

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Instead of making a fourth con­secutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame will host in-state rival Purdue Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the first round of the NIT. The two teams, who have met almost annually in the 1940s and 50s, haven’t played since 1966.

“We need to play more rivalries like that. We need to play teams in-state,” said Indianapolis native and Chris Thomas. “It just makes it more to play for. It attracts more attention.”

If Notre Dame wins Wednesday, the Irish will play in the road next week to play the winner of the Iowa-Saint Louis game because the Joyce Center is hosting four women’s NCAA tournament games.

It was tough to tell what kept the Irish out of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish won seven of their last ten games, including wins againstourney-bounded Connecticut, Syracuse and Seton Hall, and had a schedule rated as the 27th most difficult in the nation. However, the 17-12 Irish lost six games at home, including early-season setbacks against Central Michigan and Indiana.

Brey believed that had the Irish won one of its two games against Pittsburgh or its one game against Kentucky, Notre Dame’s postseason might have been different.

Brey emphatically said that he didn’t consider a trip to the NIT a step back for a program that went 11 years without an NCAA bid. Notre Dame was one of just nine schools to win a first-round game the last three years, and he cautioned that the nature of college basketball means NIT trips could occur.

“I don’t know if we’re going to be an annual NCAA Tournament program,” the Irish coach said.

“There’s a handful that do that. Just about everybody rotates through the NIT every year now and then.”

After all, Syracuse played in the NIT in 2002 and then won the 2003 national title.

The Irish insisted that there is no shame in playing in the NIT, saying they want to advance one step farther than the Notre Dame squad that lost in the 2000 NIT final.

“We’re very proud to be a part of the NIT,” Brey said, adding, “I don’t see an NCAA championship banner hanging up there, we have a history with that tournament but haven’t won it.

“That’s something for our guys to shoot for.”

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doesn’t apply here because that wouldn’t have been a good win. If 5-foot-6 Joe Carr’s buzzer-beater doesn’t fall, the Irish only gain a removal of a bad loss from their postseason resume.

Maybe a win against Central Michigan and one over disappointments Marquette and Indiana would have been enough, getting the Irish in 19-10. Regardless of all these hypothetical situations, now the Irish have to regroup and focus on the NIT.

It’s disappointing for the Irish because this team can play with any in the country. If the Irish did make the NCAA Tournament, it would more than likely have been a No. 11 or 12 seed and faced teams seeded between No. 3 and 6 in the first two rounds.

The Irish wouldn’t have been blown out against teams of that caliber. If their shots fell for two games in a row, the Irish even could have stuck into the Sweet 16 and been fit for a glass slipper. The argument is there about what is better for a team — being one-and-done in the NCAs or making a run deep in the NIT and possibly returning to the Garden.

Look at Matt Doherty’s team from the 1999-2000 season. The Irish didn’t make the NCAA Tournament and lost in the final of the NIT. Doherty bolted for North Carolina in the off-season.

Brey came to South Bend and led the Irish to a Big East title and their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1990. Two years later, the Irish were in the NCAs for the third straight year and in the Sweet 16 for the first time in 16 years.

But the argument is also there that even a first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament is good for a team to experience being a part of March Madness. Obviously given a choice, a team wants to be in the NCAs, but when looking at the big picture, it’s not as black and white.

Missing out on it for the first time in four years will motivate Thomas in the summer to fulfill his All-American talent if he returns, push Terri Foyles to become feared in the Big East as he recovers from back surgery and drive Brey to get his team playing with a sense of urgency from the first game next year.

One more good win and the Irish wouldn’t be playing for the right to be No. 66.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Coach disappointed in 5th-place result

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's golf team began their spring season with a 3-way tie for fifth place out of 14 teams at the inaugural St. Croix Collegiate Classic this past weekend at the Robert Trent Jones, Sr., course at the Carambola Golf Club in the Virgin Islands.

The Irish had a total score of 929 (316-327-316), putting them in a tie with Boston University dominated the tournament from the beginning, holding first place from the beginning, shooting to tie for 24th place, shooting a two-day total of 240, tied for 26th.

On Sunday, the Irish made their presence known by shooting 316, which moved them from seventh to fifth. Nakozaki again continued her improvement, shooting a team-weekend best of 2-over par 74 to finish with a tournament total of 240, tied for 26th.

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SMC GOLF

Belles battle through spring invite

By ANN Loughery
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's golf posted a team score of 725 strokes for a fourth-place finish at the Monarch Invitational over spring break.

Host Methodist College, last year's national championship team, claimed first place with 647 strokes. The Irish were hoping to use this tournament as independent entries from this tournament. We did do a little better than our last tournament in ninth place. The irony in the weekend for the team was that its two top finishers, sophomores Lauren Gebauer and Sarah Basnett, both entered the tournament as independent entries, with their scores not counting towards the team total. Gebauer finished in a tie for 18th, shooting a two-day total of 237. Bassett improved each day, shooting to tie for 24th with 238.

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MEN'S GOLF

Early lead vanishes as Irish finish 9th

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

After shooting a first-round score that placed them in the middle of a competitive field at this weekend's Carambola Golf Club in the Virgin Islands, putting them in a tie with Boston College and tournament host Xavier University dominated the tournament from the beginning, holding first place from the beginning, shooting to tie for 24th place. However, the Irish could not hold on to second place, shooting a 327 that dropped them into a tie for seventh after the second day of the five golfers whose scores counted towards Notre Dame's team score, four golfers shot worse rounds than the previous day.

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The tourney ended the first day in a position to achieve that goal, shooting a 316 and finishing in third place. However, the Irish could not hold on to second place, shooting a 327 that dropped them into a tie for seventh after the second day. Of the five golfers whose scores counted towards Notre Dame's team score, four golfers shot worse rounds than the previous day.

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Gustafson led the Irish once again this weekend, finishing in the top 15 for the fourth time this season. His three-over par 219 (73-69-77) landed him in a three-way tie for 11th place, 10 strokes behind the tournament medalist. Just like the team, Gustafson was in good shape after the first two rounds when a weaker third round performance hurt his final score. "I'm searching for a better performance in the last round," he said. "For the last couple of tournaments, I've put myself in pretty good position but I struggle in the final round (and) that hurts me a little."

Cole Isban (76-75-75) and Tommy Bulderston (76-74-76) were neck-and-neck the whole tournament, finishing in a group tied for 26th place.

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Women's Lacrosse

Irish shock three top-20 teams over break

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

While most students used the week off to soak up the sun or simply relax at home, No. 19 Notre Dame was busy exacting some revenge on No. 9 Cornell in its home opener and toppling a pair of top-10 lacrosse giants in No. 2 Duke and No. 6 James Madison in Orlando, Fla.

The trio of victories preserved Notre Dame's unblemished 5-0 record while simultaneously extending its school-record winning streak to nine games. Each of the last four Irish victories have come over nationally-ranked squads.

Cornell was Notre Dame's first spring break victim as the Irish rode Meredith Simon's career-ranked squads. She had a trio of goals in addition to the second-ranked team that the Irish have ever faced.

Duke, with the eventual game winner at 2:06 and goalkeeper Carol Dixon and the Irish held off the Blue Devils to secure the upset. In addition to Simon, senior defender Kassen Delano also recorded a trio of goals — all in the first half.

The triumph over Duke was Notre Dame's first victory over the Blue Devils in seven contests and marked the highest-ranked team that the Irish have ever beaten.

On Sunday, Notre Dame finished up one of the best weeks in program eight-year history and recorded its fourth straight victory over a nationally ranked team by rallying from 4-0 and 7-3 deficits to edge James Madison, 9-7.

Falling behind 4-0 in the game's first 15 minutes, the Irish fought back against Simon, Owen and Fischer scored to make it a one-goal game at the half.

Owen finished off the Notre Dame scoring barrage with 11-17 left and the Irish went on to find the net five more times with the eventual game winner coming from Simon's stick with 4:30 remaining.

Fischer had a trio of goals in the contest and both Simon — the Big East Co-Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending March 7 — and Owen finished with a pair of goals and assists.

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Women's Swimming and Diving

Perry-Eaton becomes first Irish diver to win regional title

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Meghan Perry-Eaton continued her reign of diving dominance last weekend as the Big East Championships Most Outstanding Diver won the 1-meter board and placed sixth in the 3-meter board at the Zone C NCAA Diving Championships in Bloomington, Ind. on Friday and Saturday.

The impressive performance qualified the senior for her second consecutive trip to the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Bloomington, Ind. on Friday and Saturday.

"I had a pretty good meet over the rest of the divers," Perry-Eaton said. "It's nice to know that I'm a little more ahead than I had planned. The 1-meter wasn't anywhere near the best that I could have done, and it's comforting to know that."

On Saturday, Perry-Eaton placed sixth in the 3-meter board with a total score of 473, 37.95 points behind Ohio State's Julie Bromm.

"It was important to dive well, and it would have been nice to do better, but it wasn't crucial after qualifying in the 1-meter," Perry-Eaton said. "If I was going to dive poorly at a meet this year, that was the meet to do it."

Perry-Eaton has been nearly invincible in the both the 1- and 3-meter boards this season.

In addition to triumphing over 11 other schools in dual meets, she locked up the top spot on both the lower and higher boards at a number of other competitions, including the Notre Dame Invitational, the Texas A&M Invitational and the Big East Championships.

Last year, the senior was an honorable mention for All-American after placing ninth on the 1-meter board at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. In addition, Perry-Eaton finished 20th on the 3-meter board.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Love can be yours if you get out and join in Travel and entertainment will be pleasurable. Do not get involved in quick money-making schemes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An older family member may be going through a difficult time. Don't let this person be a burden by insisting that you leave your family to take care of his or her needs. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your financial matter may have upset your mate. If you don't want an out-and-out war on your hands then you had better work together.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Depression will set in if things aren't going too well on the home front. You can lower your financial overhead if you are willing to make compromises or to budget a little tighter. **

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Let the madness begin

Men meet Purdue in NIT first round

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Senior Staff Writer

The bubble officially popped for Notre Dame just after 6:30 Sunday night, but Mike Brey had his players well-prepared for the probability that they wouldn’t be playing in the NCAA Tournament. At a practice earlier that afternoon, Brey and the Irish focused on continuing their season as one of 40 participants in the National Invitation Tournament. So even though the Irish gathered at Brey’s home to watch the NCAA Tournament Selection Show with a glimmer of hope, they weren’t terribly surprised by their fate.

“Over the last couple days, a lot of weird things happened that gave us some hope,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “But I think, for the most part, we were 90 percent ready for the NIT.”

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No. 5 NCAA seed a happy surprise for women

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw admits her team complained earlier this year for playing such a difficult non-conference schedule. But on Selection Sunday, facing tough opponents translated into a surprising high seed.

The Irish are the No. 5 seed in the East Regional and will face Southwest Missouri State in the first round Sunday at the Joyce Center at 2:30 p.m. No. 4 seed North Carolina plays No. 13 seed Middle Tennessee State in the other first-round game of the bracket at noon. The winners face off.

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Bengal Bouts

Prep routine makes boxing easy

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

No one calls Bengal Bouts relaxing. With pushup counts mounting as high as 1,000, sweat literally dripping off the skin and a constant threat of seeing and tasting one’s own blood, few would ever consider it a soothing daily routine.

For senior captain Billy Zizic, Bengal Bouts is exactly that. Compared to his high school days at Culver Military Academy in nearby Culver, Ind., Zizic says boxing is practically a form of meditation.

“The stress is easier to manage here. This is more of a release or a form of meditation. I can be more self-focused for a while,” said Zizic.

Just listening to Zizic’s daily routine at Culver is exhausting. “I was always doing stuff. I never even had a full hour to myself, unless it was Saturday.”

Zizic balanced a heavy class load with military and leadership obligations and varsity football practice everyday. It began at 5:30 a.m. with meetings, formation and breakfast before classes started. After a full day of class came football, then a sprint to the shower in order to appear at the parade grounds on time.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It wasn’t exactly pretty, but it got the job done. Notre Dame advanced to the second round of the playoffs Sunday night, defeating Western Michigan 5-4 in game three of the best-of-three first round.

The Irish won the first game Friday 4-2 before suffering a setback on Saturday, falling to the Broncos by a score of 4-0. Notre Dame gained a two-goal lead near the start of the third period Sunday, but could not hold it and went into overtime at 4-4. But Jason Paige sent the Irish to Joe Louis Arena for the third time in a row by beating Broncos goaltender Eric Marvin at 12:35 of overtime to send the Joyce Center crowd into a frenzy.

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A real Paige turner

Overtime goal sends Irish past Western Michigan and into the CCHA’s Super Six

Women’s LACROSSE

Notre Dame wrapped up one of its best weeks in program history by beating top-20 foes Cornell, Duke and James Madison.

Women’s DIVING

Meghan Perry-Eaton became the first Irish diver to win her region as she advanced to the NCAA Championships.

Women’s TENNIS

Alieca Salas, ranked No. 13 in the nation, stretched her winning streak against top-30 opponents to four games.

TRACK AND FIELD

Molly Huddle earned two All-American honors for her performances in the Indoor NCAA Championships, stretching her career total to five.

Big East BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Notre Dame’s men’s team won a thrilling first-round game against West Virginia before losing to Connecticut in the quarterfinals.

The Irish women, who entered the Big East Tournament seeded No. 2, were upset by No. 7 seed Rutgers.

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