Disability week aims to educate students

By AMANDA MICHAELS

For senior Laura Hoffman, the efforts made during Disability Awareness Week to enlighten the campus about the realities and struggles of disabilities generate very personal results.

Diagnosed with optic nerve atrophy in first grade—a condition which leaves her legally blind and makes everyday tasks such as driving impossible—Hoffman considers the annual event to be a step forward in fostering a more open community at Notre Dame.

"One of the things that has bothered me is that disability is not often seen as an element diversity at Notre Dame," Hoffman said. "I encounter those who have never known or experienced a disability, and they tend to evaluate people with disabilities not by their ability, but by their disability. It takes students who are open to other ideas in order for changes to be made in society."

In conjunction with Marissa Runkle, the Disability Awareness Week Coordinator at the Center for Social Concerns, Hoffman has helped put together four days of programs aimed at celebrating the value of those with disabilities and educating students about them. Best Buddies, an organization that pairs college students with adults who have developmental disabilities, is co-sponsoring the event, along with Saint Mary's Howard Hall, the Office for Students with Disabilities and the Junior Class Council.

The week will start off with a Mass at the Basilica at 5:15 p.m. today, celebrating for students with disabilities and for those involved in volunteering with the disabled.

"This year we are trying to integrate a faith component into the week," Hoffman said. "We didn't really have one in the past, but faith is so critical to the life of a person with a disability that I suggested we have a Mass to begin the week's events.

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By K. AARON VANOSTERHOUT

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Iraq: One Year Later

Students cope with family in Iraq

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

For most, the war in Iraq over the past year has been distracting, and can be witnessed on television and in the newspapers. But for some, the fighting has hit too close to home.

Those with family members in the military who have been deployed to Iraq deal with uncertainty and frightening news reports every day, but somehow, they keep optimistic knowing that their loved ones are where they need to be.

"I think it brings more of a personal investment," said Erica Kane, a member of Notre Dame's Army ROTC, whose brother, Christopher, is a first lieutenant stationed in Baghdad. "When you watch the news or read the paper, it's not just something that is far away. It's close to home."

Christopher Kane graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in the summer of 2002 after serving in the ROTC program. Now, according to Erica Kane, he is an armor officer, in command of a platoon of four tanks and 16 soldiers and has been in Iraq since May.

Sarah McMahon, also a member of Army ROTC, said that she tries to cope with her stepfather, Lt. Col. David Convo, a Notre Dame and Army ROTC graduate, by focusing on the positive aspects.

"He loves doing what he does," McMahon said. "He really believes in what the army does and what the military does."

Convo is working in Basra, Iraq in a civilian capacity as part of the Army Corps of Engineers.

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Relatives deployed worldwide

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

During times of war, it's easy to concentrate only on the so-called "hot spots," the areas of the world where the fighting is occurring and American lives are being lost in seemingly rapid numbers.

But there are other places—places American soldiers live and work, away from their families and friends—that must also draw attention.

South Korea, for example, is temporarily home to many American military personnel, like sophomore Gretchen Ryan's older brother, Nicholas.

Nicholas Ryan is a platoon leader with 1st. Lt. Christopher Kane stationed in Baghdad. Kane, a member of Army ROTC at Notre Dame, said her father helps her cope with her brother's absence.

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A student competes in the Rambler Scrambler 19-hole putt-putt golf tournament Saturday night in the Stepan Center. The Scrambler is Siegfried Hall's signature event and all proceeds were donated to the ALS Foundation.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR PICK TO WIN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT?**

Yan Huang  Sophomore  Stanford 
Mike Zodda  Senior  Alumni  Pasquerilla West 
Beth Franzosa  Junior  Pasquerilla West 
Sara Urben  Sophomore  Pasquerilla West 
Andre Valdivia  Freshman  Carroll 
Garrett Jost  Freshman  O'Neill

"I'll go with...Pitt."
"If they're not trying to win the Stanley Cup, I don't care."
"Is there a rowing bracket?"
"Stanford. Go Cards!"
"Notre Dame...next year!"
"UAB, the Cinderella."

**OFFBEAT**

Philippine town bakes 25,000-pound cake

LA TRINIDAD, Philippines — A northern Philippine town is attempting to bake itself into the Guinness Book of Records with what it claimed was the world's biggest strawberry buttercake. The northern town of La Trinidad, which calls itself the Philippines' strawberry capital, has been baking giant cakes for the last three years. But Mayor Nester Fongwan said the town has outdone itself this time with the giant dessert weighing 24,572 pounds.

At 10 p.m., equal to 18 tons, a size in the town hall, the massive cake was expected to feed 55,000 townspeople. About 6,614 pounds of strawberries were used in baking the cake, which measures 8.42 feet high and 8.69 feet wide.

The Guinness Book of Records doesn't have an entry for strawberry buttercakes but organizers said they would seek a new category for their massive creation.

Plant City, Fla., holds the Guinness Record for biggest strawberry shortcake.

Farmer insures 1M chickens for bird flu

HANOI, Vietnam — Craving chicken? Go ahead. If you die of bird flu, one Vietnamese farmer says he'll foot the bill.

The Thanh Binh Animal Farming and Feed Co. Ltd., will insure up to 1 million chickens over the next two months for 3 cents each to help entice wary customers to buy poultry again.

Relatives of anyone who dies from bird flu after eating the company's chickens will receive $6,400, plus medical bills.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

The New Directions in Russian Cinema Film Series will sponsor a screening of the film "Bana's Wedding" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

**THEME:** Getting serious...with a side of fun.

**IN BRIEF**

The men's basketball team will take on St. Louis in the second round of the NIT tournament at 7 p.m. today in Fort Wayne, Ind. A shuttle bus leaves the main circle for the game at 4 p.m. and the game is being televised locally on ABC affiliate WEND.

Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. today to mark the beginning of Disability Awareness Week.

Nanovic Visiting European Lecturer Alexandre Kiss will lecture on "European Integration and European Identity," at 4 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

The Hum an Rights International Film Festival will begin with a discussion and a screening of the film "Bana's Wedding" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

The New Directions in Russian Cinema Film Series will sponsor a screening of the film "A Friend of the Deceased," at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Debartolo Hall room 120.

Professor Kathy Gibney will facilitate a panel discussion with students with disabilities at Beckers at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Otto Maduro will present a lecture on remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium Tuesday at 5 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about the event to obsnews@nd.edu.
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War on terror hard to fight in court

Associated Press

BERLIN — The post-Sept. 11 war against terrorism is suffering as much in the courts as in the streets with several legal setbacks involving suspected members of al-Qaeda and other groups around the world.

The biggest reversal came in Germany when a court threw out the only conviction of a Sept. 11 suspect. But other cases have been hindered, too, including against a militant Indonesian cleric and Zaccarias Moussaoui, the only alleged Sept. 11 hijacker — focused attention on the limits of international cooperation.

"The threat is a very broad global Islamic front where terrorist operatives of one nationality will go to a second country to plan a terror operation then move to a third country to carry out their attacks," said Richard Evans, editor of Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center. "Intelligence cooperation between countries like the United States and its allies has increased enormously, but there's still a long way to go."

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In granting Moussaoui a retrial last month, a German appeals court pointed to the lack of evidence from Ramzi Binalshibh, a Yemeni in secret U.S. custody who is believed to have been the key al-Qaeda contact for the Hamburg cell that included lead hijacker Mohamed Atta.

The court decision in Germany to order a retrial for Moussaoui el Motassadeq — charged with aiding the three Hamburg-based Sept. 11 hijackers — focused attention on the limits of international cooperation.

"Every country and every service has its own ideas and purposes and has to be careful with human sources and information or the politics of their country. So of course the flow of information is not one-to-one," said Manfred Murek, deputy head of the Hamburg agency that works extensively, "Nobody gets the full information of the other services."

U.S. authorities provided German intelligence with interrogation transcripts from Binalshibh, who was captured in Pakistan on the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. But they came with the proviso that the information not be used in court.

Human rights film festival begins today

By ANGELA SOAUD  Saint Mary's Editor

Interested in seeing a movie with a message? The Human Rights International film festival's traveling film series will be shown at Saint Mary's starting today and running through Saturday.

"The purpose of the film festival is to help educate people about human rights and the struggles of people who are seeking to secure their rights," said Manfred Murek, deputy head of the Hamburg agency that works extensively, "Nobody gets the full information of the other services."

The film festival will kick off tonight at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium with a presentation given by Marianne Farina and Isis Nusair of Saint Mary's CWIL program and George Lopez of the Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for Peace Studies. Following the presentation, the film "Hana's Wedding" will be viewed.

Each of the movies will be viewed nightly in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. with a discussion to follow. On Friday and Saturday, "Freedom From Fear," a workshop on Peace Building and Human Rights will take place at the Kroc Institute. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Farina said she is hopeful the film festival will make an impact on the audience members.

"Films are also a great medium with which to share experiences across cultures," Farina said. "The pictures, sounds and stories help us to have a better experience of the reality of people's situations, needs and their efforts to work for peace and justice. These are important issues that need to be seen."

Saint Mary's Program in Women's Studies, CWIL, the Intercultural Studies Program, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Kroc Institute are sponsoring the Human Rights Watch film festival.
Family

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every day," Families also cope by recog-
nizing that soldiers do indeed have
responsibilities that could be antic-
pated from the time of enrollment:
... being in ROTC, you know [deployment] is always a possibility." Erica
says that something you might
know about a family is that their
brothers far away is hard on the
family, as is the uncertainty of
not knowing exactly what is
happening, but that knowing they
are happy in their jobs is comforting.
"Obviously, I'm concerned about
my brother as much as anybody," she
said. "I know that he is doing his job,"
Paul Rose said. "He's glad he
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"He said any time anyone asks why we're
there, tell them..." Paul Rose and
Kane say that they keep in touch
with their family members
through e-mails and occasional
phone calls.Christopher
Kane is expected to return in
early May and Convoy is
June.

Both remain grateful for the
sacrifices of their loved ones, which is how they get through the
day-to-day worries of their
brother's absence.
"I do rely on my faith and
have trust in God to bring him
home," she said. "This does
bring me peace of mind."
"I send packages and do
donations for different sold-
ior groups and units, not just
my brother's, helping any way
I can."

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Deployed

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and that he would have no risk
of going over there until he was
done, which
was sometime
six to nine months," she
said. "That made it better."

And then when he got
given to assign to Korea, we knew that
was the one place in the entire
world where he wouldn't get
further shipped to Iraq. That
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number of reasons, the most
striking being last summer's
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Taiwan court reviews election
TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's High Court opened all ballot boxes sealed Sunday as thousands of protesters demanded a recount of President Chen Shui-bian's re-election, saying it was marred by voting irregularities and an apparent assassination attempt that would have影响 to the democratic process.

The court said it was sealing the boxes to preserve evidence, but it did not order a recount of Saturday's vote as requested by challenger Lien Chan. The opposition also said it would seek to nullify Chen's narrow victory Saturday, arguing he unfairly received sympathy votes because of the election of his father, who was murdered in January.

Chen, who campaigned on a China-bashing platform, and Vice President Annette Lu were shot and slightly wounded while riding in an open jeep on Friday in Chen's home-town of Tainan.

Opposition left takes lead in France
PARIS — Exit polls showed the opposition left taking 40 percent of the vote in the first round of France's regional elections Sunday, with a six percentage point lead over the governing right, but the estimates appeared to confirm predictions that it could be punished for France's economic and social woes.

The extreme right, which could play the spoils of victory, made significant gains in the local and departmental elections.

Cigarette makers face federal trial
WASHINGTON — Cigarette makers are no strangers to the courtroom, but they face a new lawsuit as a national test of Chirac's governing right.

The trial, which is expected to last several months, will feature more than 200 plaintiffs who have sued on behalf of someone other than themselves, a strategy aimed at allowing the tobacco industry to be held accountable for a decade of widespread lawsuits.

The trial is the first of its kind and will be watched closely by the industry and the courts. The plaintiffs are seeking $40 billion in damages for the harm they claim the tobacco industry caused them.

As the trial begins, the industry is facing growing pressure to settle the lawsuits and to change its practices.

Afghanistan

Soliders shoot aviation minister

Resulting gun battle kills 100 people; Karzai sends extra troops to establish order

Afghan Civil Aviation Minister Mirwais Sadiq cuts a ribbon in accepting an Airbus-300B4 aircraft in 2002. Sadiq was assassinated Sunday in the western city of Herat, a government spokesman said. Gunmen shot Sadiq as he sat in his car in Afghanistan's main western city.

Avalanche

Associated Press

KABUL — Soldiers loyal to a local commander shot and killed Afghanistan's aviation minister Sunday in the western city of Herat, setting off a big gun battle in which as many as 100 people died in vicious factional fighting, the commander told The Associated Press.

In Kabul, President Hamid Karzai's Cabinet convened in emergency session after the killing of minister Mirwais Sadiq — a son of Herat's powerful governor — and dispatched extra troops to try to calm the city.

Presidential spokesman Khaled Ahmad said only that the minister had been shot in his car and circumstances were unclear.

However, a top Herat military commander, Zarka Naqda Zada, told the Associated Press by telephone Sunday night that his forces had killed Sadiq in confrontation after the minister went to Zada's home to fire him.

Afterward, Zada's forces and soldiers loyal to Sadiq began fighting with machine guns, tanks and rockets for control of the city's main military barracks. Zada said 100 soldiers were killed in the first hours of the ongoing battle.

Sadiq is the third leading figure of Karzai's government, and the second aviation minister, to be killed.

The father of the slain minister, Ismail Khan, is a former anti-Taliban commander who runs a large private army and has had firm control of Herat since the fall of the Taliban in late 2001. But there have been persistent tensions and occasional factional fighting — between Ismail's men and those loyal to rival warlords. Sadiq was widely viewed as his father's representative in Karzai's government.

State television had reported that Sadiq's father had escaped a separate attack earlier. A police officer, Fahim, reached by telephone at the main police station, gave a different account, saying Sadiq had gone to Zada's residence to ask him about the killing of three civilians by Zada's forces two days earlier.

Zada's defense and interior ministers were preparing to travel to Herat to try to determine the circumstances of the killing, and the battle that followed.
WASHINGTON — Students in the largest urban public school systems showed improvement in reading and math in the first year under the federal education overhaul, according to a coalition of inner-city schools.

The study by the Council of the Great City Schools reviewed state test scores from 61 urban school districts in 37 states. It compared 2002 and 2003 test results.

The council’s executive director, Michael Casserly, said the gains in fourth-grade reading were especially impressive.

“It’s one of the first signs that the major cities are making substantial headway at the elementary school level in teaching students to read,” he said.

The report being released Monday found that 47 percent of the fourth-graders in the study scored at or above proficiency in reading — a gain of almost 5 percentage points from 2002.

For math, 51 percent of the students tested at or above proficiency, nearly 7 percentage points better than the year before.

For eighth-graders, 37 percent scored at or above proficiency in reading, about 1 percentage point higher than in 1992. In math, there was a gain of 3 percentage points, to 39 percent proficiency.

The scores covered the first year of the No Child Left Behind law, a centerpiece of President Bush’s education agenda. The law requires states to test students in grades three through eight in math and reading, with penalties beginning in 2005.

It also calls for all children to be proficient in both subjects by 2014.

Education Secretary Rod Paige said Sunday at the council’s annual conference that the law “has now begun a process of reform that will make the educational system more inclusive, fair, and just,” according to his prepared remarks, as provided by the Education Department.

Casserly said the law deserves some credit for the progress, but not all of it.

Disability

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Tuesday will feature a student panel discussion at 8 p.m. at DeBartolo on “The Impact of the Disabled.” There will be five student panelists, four of whom have disabilities and one of whom has a sister with cerebral palsy, who will share their experiences as students with or affected by disabilities.

“I know that I want to talk about living with what is known as a ‘hidden’ disability because it wasn’t until my time at Notre Dame that I realized just how much having a disability that is not easily seen can be extremely difficult because people have a hard time understanding that you struggle or need help,” said Hoffman, who will be one of the panelists.

Psychology professor Kathy Gibney will moderate the discussion, and it will include thoughts by coordinator of the Office for Students with Disabilities Scott Howland.

Another faith component to the week is a Theology on Tap session on Wednesday at Legends at 9:30 p.m., which will explore the question of, “Is there such thing as a wrongful life?” During this time, Gibney and professor of biological sciences Michelle Whaley will moderate a discussion exploring the medical ethics of life support, abortion based on amniocentesis results and stem cell research.

Finally, the keynote lecture of the week will take place on Thursday at 7 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo, featuring Patricia Stacey, author of the book “The Boy Loved Windows, Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened with Autism.” Stacey has experienced the impact of disabilities first-hand, as she taught her son how to communicate after he was diagnosed with autism that might render him unable to walk, talk, hear or see.

She was interviewed by WebMD in September and wrote an article on her experiences for the “Atlantic Monthly” published in early 2003.

The program coordinators said they hope that events throughout the week will serve to make students more open to students with disabilities, and more informed about their difficulties.

“It’s important to value what people with disabilities bring to both our campus and society in general,” said Hinkle.

“That’s what this week is about, valuing people’s gifts and their abilities.”

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Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week

March 22-26, 2004

Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, March 23rd

(every third Tuesday of the month)

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

316 Coleman-Morse

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

*Coffee and refreshments will be served*
A suit was filed recently in federal court in Cleveland that were sold by hundreds of independent agents in the 1980s and 1990s. A similar law Lifetime and Lifestyle universal life policies bolster its parent company’s troubled finances. Policies or surrender them for cash value to Insurance Co. forced clients to pay dramatical­Consoco Inc.’s life insurance division of fraud. Garn has filed a class-action lawsuit accusing Ayman al-Zawahri, and possibly wounded him were dragged down by Microsoft’s antitrust in a battle near the Afghan border. But while rounded Osama bin Laden’s top lieutenant, after Pakistani officials said forces had sur­cornered a key al-Qaida leader. Tech shares Stocks fluctuate with terror reports — Wall Street stumbled lower Thursday as investors wrestled with mixed eco­nomic data and news that Pakistani troops had cornered the key al-Qaeda leader. Tech shares were dragged down by Microsoft’s antitrust problems in Europe. Stocks fluctuate with terror reports NEW YORK — A tail wind of improving eco­nomic conditions blew many major companies record revenues in 2003, but none was able to knock Wal-Mart Stores Inc. off the top of the Fortune 500 list. With sales of almost $250 billion — nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars — the late Sam Walton’s global chain of generic­stores topped the list of the nation’s largest pub­licly traded companies for the third straight year. There was some prac­ticable shuffling among the rest of the top 10. Fortune’s annual rank­ing, to be published in the magazine’s April 5 edition, is based on the companies’ figures as reported in financial statements for 2003. Jittery geopolitics kept the price of oil high, help­ing Exxon Mobil Corp. to pass $213 billion in earnings. The 17 percent jump lagged the oil company’s past General Motors Corp. into the No. 2 spot. In terms of profits, Exxon Mobil was first with $21.5 billion in earnings, Wal-Mart, which has the lower profit margins of the retailing industry, had $9.05 billion in earnings. Garmakers GM and Ford Motor Co. came in third and fourth respectively, with revenues of $85.8 billion and $164 billion. General Electric Co., the provider of everything from jet engines to sit­coms, remained at No. 3, with revenue of $134 bil­lion. Both Ford and GE held their spots from 2002. ChevronTexaco Corp. moved up a spot to No. 6, while another refiner, ConocoPhillips, jumped five spots to No. 7. Banking powerhouse Citigroup Inc. was eighth, followed by International Business Machines Corp. and insurer American International Group, Inc. As a group, the 500 companies bounced back from two years of profit declines, posting combined earnings of almost $446 billion on sales totaling $7.5 trillion. “Making the accomplish­ment even sweeter was the fact that few observers had expected it,” wrote Fortune’s Janice Rosewell. Profits grew in 34 of the 59 industries that Fortune tracks. And only 37 of the 500 companies disappoint­ed shareholders with neg­ative returns, which the magazine calculated by adding the change in a company’s stock price to its dividend income. The magazine noted that big pharmaceutical com­panies as a whole took a beating in 2003 due to expiring patents, competi­tion from generic drugs and a backlash against expensive medicine. Schering-Plough Corp., for example, dropped to 247th on the list from 187th as revenue fell from $10.2 billion to $8.3 billion. On the upside, the Federal Reserve Bank’s decision to keep interest rates low boosted home­builders, Centex Corp., Lennar Corp. and D.R. Horton Inc. all moved up considerably in the rank­ings.

Wal-Mart tops Fortune 500 list

Leads publicly traded companies for third year with sales of nearly $250 billion

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### Antitrust Suits

### Brief

Sports retailer loses profits in 2004

PLAINFIELD, Ind. — Sports equipment and clothing retailer Galyan’s Trading Co. said Thursday its profit slid 40 percent in the latest quarter, as higher expenses and inventory markdowns offset a 17 percent rise in sales.

The company, based in the Indianapolis suburb of Plainfield, reported net income of $9.99 million, or 57 cents a share, for the fiscal fourth quarter ended Jan. 31.

That’s down sharply from the prior year’s $16.7 million, or 98 cents a share. Galyan’s said it took a pretax charge of $3.1 million, or 11 cents a share, for markdowns to improve inventory “freshness” in the outdoor and athletic equipment categories.

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Victims seek answers at Nichols state trial

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Since her two grandsons were killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, Jannie Coverdale’s thoughts have been on the horrific event and on answering the question that has haunted her since.

"The last nine years, I've just put my life on hold," Coverdale said. "Almost every thing I do, it has something to do with the bombing."

Coverdale hopes to find answers in the bombing conspiracy trial of Terry Nichols’ trial on 161 state murder charges.

Opening statements were scheduled for Monday.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty — something many victims, their family members and survivors believe he deserves.

They are bitter about the federal prison sentence Nichols served after his 1997 federal bombing conviction. Bomber Timothy McVeigh was executed.

"In this country we execute people for committing a single murder," Coverdale said. "If Terry Nichols does not get the death penalty, we might as well abolish the death penalty in this country."

Nichols was convicted of federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges for the deaths of eight law enforcement officers in the bombing, which killed 168 people. The state charges are for 160 other victims and one victim’s fetus.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols worked with McVeigh to plan and execute the April 1995 bombing that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Defense attorneys claim Nichols was set up by unknown coconspirators. They plan to introduce witnesses who claim they can identify others involved in the plot, including John Doe No. 2, a mystery man some claim to have seen with McVeigh on the day of the bombing.

"I will always feel that there were other people involved," Coverdale said.

Many who lost family members in the bombing feel Nichols should be held legally accountable for the deaths of victims who were not part of his federal trial.

"I still don't think that my wife has been vindicated or any purpose was satisfied for him killing her," Roy Seils said of his wife, Lee, a legal secretary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Someone has to be accountable for my daughter’s death," Doris Jones said of his daughter, Carrie Lenz, a Drug Enforcement Agency worker.

Others oppose the trial because of its cost and the fact that Nichols is already serving life in prison. The case already has cost the state about $3.4 million, not including prosecution expenses and security costs.

"We think it’s a waste of money, a waste of time," said Jim Denby, whose two children were injured at a day-care center in the building.

"This is a black mark on our justice system," Bud Welch, a death penalty opponent whose daughter, 23-year-old Julie Marie Welch, was killed, said the trial "has nothing to do with the healing process."

"Family members are being victimized again," he said.

The trial was moved to McAlester, about 130 miles from Oklahoma City, because of pretrial publicity.

A handful of survivors and victims’ family members came for jury selection, and more are expected when testimony begins.

A fund created in 1996 to pay family members’ expenses at Nichols’ federal trial in Denver will pay for up to 10 people each week to attend Nichols’ state trial, said Diane Leonard, whose husband, Secret Service agent Donald Leonard, was killed in the blast.

People who watched the trial’s early stages expressed support for the judge’s careful, methodical approach to picking a jury, which took just nine days of questioning.

"We saw what happened when you don’t pick a good jury with the federal trial," said Darlene Welch, an aunt of bombing victim Ashley Eckles.

Four die in helicopter crash

Associated Press

POTE, Texas — A medical helicopter crashed early Sunday en route to a hospital and killed four people, including the 3-month-old patient and his mother.

A nurse was also critically injured in the crash near Pote, said Dr. Richard Wilmes, head of emergency services at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, where the helicopter department was based. The crash site is about 40 miles southwest of Odessa.

Gusty winds, rain and lightning were in the area as the storm, although it has not been determined if weather was a factor in the accident, said Kathleen Bartlett, a dispatcher for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ana Lillia Urias had brought her baby across the border from Mexico to seek medical help, Wilmes said. Pedrito Urias Modesto had been having trouble breathing, Wilmes said.

The baby was being taken from a hospital in Alpine in southwest Texas to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Wilmes said.

Wilmes said pilot Mickey Price was giving his flight coordinates to a dispatcher about 30 minutes after taking off when he said "Hold on a minute."

A minute later, Price did not respond to the dispatcher. The Department of Public Safety was called and officials located the downed helicopter at about 9 a.m.

Bartlett said a department report shows the helicopter turned from its northeastern path when it flew through the Pote area.

The hometown of Urias and her son was unclear. The other dead were identified as Price, of Dumas, and hospital paramedic Paul Lujan, of Odessa.

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Authorities release 7 of 13 reformists

Associated Press

RIYADH — Seven of 13 Saudi reformists arrested in a crackdown on dissent that brought condemnation from Washington have been released, activists said Sunday.

One of those released, Najib al-Khunaizi, said they first had to pledge in writing not to petition for reform of the Saudi system or talk to reporters.

The professors, lawyers and writers, who were detained last week in several Saudi cities, had — in newspaper articles and television appearances — criticized the kingdom's strict religious environment and slow pace of reform.

The Saudi government began a cautious move toward reform after the Sept. 11 attacks carried out by 19 Arab hijackers, 15 of them Saudi.

While it has encouraged debate and allowed newspapers more freedom to criticize, the arrests indicate the regime sees the reformists as a threat.

"Those guys who were detained and the ideas they represent have made a lot of waves, sparking a lot of debate," said Ibrahim al-Mugaitieh, head of Human Rights First, an independent group.

"The government was afraid the debate would not remain a debate in the papers," he added.

Some had signed a recent letter to Crown Prince Abdullah calling for a speedy introduction of political, economic and social reform, including elections of the Consultative Council, which acts as a parliament and is appointed by the king.

HAITI

U.S. Marines shoot, wound two men

Spokesman: men did not stop at checkpoint

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — U.S. Marines shot and wounded two men who did not stop at a checkpoint in Haiti's volatile capital, a military spokesman said Sunday.

A French Legionnaire was accidentally shot and killed by another French soldier who was cleaning his rifle. It was the first fatality for international peacekeepers in Haiti, the U.S. military said in a statement Sunday.

The soldier was wounded Saturday night in northern Gonavies, where he was working with the Third French Foreign Legion Infantry Regiment. He was flown by helicopter to a French ship off Haiti's coast, where he later died.

French forces were investigating the accident.

The latest U.S. Marine shooting occurred late Saturday in Port-au-Prince's Pont-Maria residential neighborhood at an hour after a 10 p.m. curfew imposed by international peacekeepers. The soldiers before Saturday night's shooting were in an all-terrain vehicle slowly drove past a checkpoint and ignored orders to stop, Crusan said.

Soldiers opened fire, hitting one man in the head and the other in the stomach, he said. Both were in stable condition at Canape Vert Hospital.

Relatives said the men were out buying medicine. The Marines form part of a multinational security force that arrived in Haiti after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled the country Feb. 29.

Aristide claims Washington forced him out. The United States insists he resigned under pressure from a rebellion led by street gangs and former military officers.

Some 300 people died in the three-week uprising.

Migrants say they have come under attack several times, apparently by "chimeres," or armed Aristide militants. Six Haitians were killed and one Marine was wounded in incidents before Saturday night's shooting.

At Canape Vert Hospital, angry relatives and friends accused the Marines of shooting without warning.

Sunday morning, dozens of onlookers gathered around the bullet-riddled vehicle, with three flat tires, windows blown out and seats smeared with blood. Across the street, the national telephone company's building was packed with bullet holes.

Geraldo Pierre, a 40-year-old resident who claimed to have witnessed the shooting, said the men tried to pass another car stopped at the checkpoint.

"They tried to slow down but it was too late," he said, sitting on his step and eating plantains from a plastic bag.

About 800 U.N. troops are in Haiti taking part in the multinational force deployed to restore order for a new interim government headed by Prime Minister Gerard Latortue. Some 1,000 French soldiers also are in Haiti, but they have not reported any major clashes.

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A war of words (and the need for words), continued

Last year I urged our politicians and ourselves to summon creatively new ways of describing our destruction of the earth itself in addition to human destruction but also the possibility of spiritual and constructive creativity in our actual world. For our actual world and the actions we choose to make about it, this is always the case, always with our words, with how we choose to describe our world.

As we all know, the words with which the United States speaks are describe itself and others were not words of constructive spirituality. While calling Haskell "sell" and while saying "God is on our side," the country with the actual largest cache of weapons and economic power has multiplied its words of massive destruction engaged in a huge media machine. It has never been "shocked" by the words which really did shock me, but in not the way intended. And despite other rhetorical maneuvers, including the toppling of a statue, the temporary draping of the U.S. flag on the statue's face, the proclamation that the war was over, just peace, etc., etc., ad nauseam, the war does not appear to have been justified, the war is certainly not over, but escalating, and the polarized rhetorical positions continue to escalate — again, on both sides. On my worst days since last year's bombings, I say to myself, "We have seen and escalatethe words between supposedly civilized countries and supposedly terrorist renegotiates (our perspective) which will continue to fuel new war in increasing geographical stretches across our globe. Indeed, that is happening now with specific details (such as Madrid) that I know other of my colleagues will catalogue.

A somber anniversary

One year ago, the Bush administration claimed the Iraq war was justified to stop an Iraq that possessed weapons of mass destruction and to aid alleged terrorists. The New York Times claims the Iraq war was justified because it liberated the Iraqi people and has made the world safer. Now as the fog begins to clear, it is apparent that the claims were and are misguided. On this one-year anniversary of the war, there are hundreds of dead U.S. soldiers and thousands of dead Iraqi civilians to seriously evaluate the consequences and learn the lessons of this ongoing chapter of world history.

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The failure of Bush’s claims to materialize raises substantial questions. Did the Bush administration intentionally mislead the American public? Would the American public have stood for military action if they had foreseen this war? Would a president who misleads his people into war? No clear answers remain, but the lack of attention to these questions is appalling.

Since such intelligence epiphanies, the Bush administration and others have shifted to other arguments for war, especially the isolation of the Iraq regime. Their new approach to war is not only a failure but a complete betrayal of the criteria for entering war. Second, while these arguments are, "false," and, in fact, they fall in completely reflect the available evidence.

The most popular of these post-war justifications is that the United States has achieved victory from a ruthless dictator. This is an indisputable gain, but to simply look at this gain, without evaluating the larger picture, is naive. Over the past year, thousands of Iraqi civilians have been killed, with estimates ranging from 7,000 to 10,000. The war costs for the United States have been high.

The costs of this war have not been borne solely by the Iraqis. The costs for the United States have been high. More than 560 U.S. troops are dead, and 2,700 are wounded. The U.S. army is extended as never before, with over 100,000 U.S. troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. These are not the figures of immense destruction. All of these costs reflect the overall situation in Iraq. Iraq is a less drinking water than before the war, the sewage of Baghdad continues to flow untreated into the Tigris River, Iraq's hospitals lack sanitary and basic equipment. The country's future remains uncertain, and our war has left the United States with the largest military expenditure in the world.

The author and not necessarily of the Observer. However, the question that is most pressing is this: Are we safer as a result of this war? The New York Times, in its general editorial, writes that the war has diverted scarce resources from the war on terrorism. The war on terrorism has transferred weapons to Iraq. The war on terrorism has diverted resources from the war on terror. However, the question that is most pressing is this: Are we safer as a result of this war? The New York Times, in its general editorial, writes that the war has diverted scarce resources from the war on terrorism.

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This letter is meant to address the St. Patrick's Day incident that occurred at the College Park apartment complex on Wednesday afternoon. We are all seniors at Notre Dame and reside in the complex. Our concerns are related to the accuracy of the coverage and the portrayal of Notre Dame students.

We have complete respect for the work of the Police Department, and understand that their presence was necessary due to the unfortunate incident. We feel that the actions certain officers took were unwarranted and inappropriate. The story that was reported in the newspaper and other news networks did not attempt to uncover the full story, therefore portraying the entire incident as a raucous and unlawful crowd.

Two of our friends were arrested, without charge, and held in the backseat of a police car for two hours. Upon their release, they were told that they were "interfering with emergency crews"—even though the crews had already attended to the injured student on the other side of the complex. Further officers told them next time to "not make such a spectacle," when the only spectacle were the unwarranted arrests.

In truth, officers were looking to unduly exert their authority. They are not typical police cars at the complex to break up parties, where they were (and the news coverage) when 12 apartments were broken into over the holidays? It seems the Police Departments need to reconsider their priorities.

**Patric Malloy**

**Quote of the Day**

"Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind."

-John F. Kennedy

U.S. president
Debating the ends of higher education

A friend of mine called Ben, whom I have known since we were freshmen together at university, has for some time suffered from two persistent difficulties. The first is that for the duration of his undergraduate career, Ben's life resembled nothing so much as a pigmented eddy, in which all the sex had been removed, leaving only a succession of implausible plot contrivances.

To give an example of what I'm talking about. Ben was a psychology major, auditing two introductory psychology lab- ous to a group of 18-year-old high school girls. That (I think we can all agree on this) just isn't the sort of thing that happens in real life, or even in reputable works of fiction. But it hap- pened, which is even more implausibly, he remained chaste throughout the process.

The problem with Ben's situation was that he didn't want to take advantage of any of the girls, but sometimes he wanted to take advantage of them. I know quite a few men like that, but none of them had to endure anything like the succession of tantalizing situations that was Ben's life. By our final year at Oxford I kept expecting a group of female aliens bearing an uncanny resemblance to the bikini-clad volleyball team to land their flying saucer outside Ben's dorm and refuse to leave until he agreed to help them repopulate their planet.

But this was only one of the two sources of Ben's frustration. The other was that he was a psychology student and no one except other psychology students seemed to have the slightest idea what they were involved. When he told people what they studied they would almost invariably pause for a moment to consider this and then ask, "So, can you tell me what I'm thinking?"

As background, I should explain that in England there is no tradi- tion of the liberal arts degree. Most people attend university for three years and study only one subject or occasionally two closely- related ones. Ben got no pity from me regarding the situation with the high school girls and the bikes, but I sympathized with his other frustra- tion because philosophy has a similar public relations problem. I know that a lot of my friends can't help imagining that when I'm in my office I wear a toga and spend hours in silent contemplation, leaning forward with my chin resting on my fist, doing my best to give just the impression of a Rodin sculpture.

It is ironic that those who have been most eager to mislabel the effort to secure equal rights for homosexuals as a quest for "special rights" are now leading proponents of laws and constitutional amendments to prevent the special rights of married hetero- sexuals.

In compliance with our constitutional separ- ation of church and state, perhaps govern- ment should get completely out of the mar- riage business and leave protection of the "sanctity" and "sacred, sacramental charac- ter" of marriage to religious denominations. Of course, this would entail removing all of the special legal incidents that currently flow from marriage. Then, in compliance with our constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process, and in the inter- est of avoiding the inherent inequality of "separate but equal" and of promoting true "family values" that do not include hatred and discrimination, those incidents would attach to government-instituted "civil unions" open to both opposite-sex and same-sex couples. Depending upon the rules of their particular religious denomination, such couples still might, but need not, get married in religious ceremonies.

Thus we could disentangle government from sectarian disputes over what God wants, while following the biblical directive to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Peter Wicks
Englishman Abroad

Wearing of shirts is sinful

I read about the orange T-shirts that 1,600 Notre Dame community members purchased which read, "Gay? Fine by me." It is usually good to see unity over important issues. In this case, however, the people who bought the shirt have chosen the wrong course of action. If these people had the actual experience of counseling homosexuals as I have in my position as a lay pastoral associate in a local parish, they would realize that social promotion of the homosexual lifestyle is counter-productive to the true interest of homosexuals.

I find St. Paul's argument in Romans I to be conclusive on this subject. My Jerusalem Bible says, "The more they called themselves philosophers, the more stupid they grew ... that is why God has abandoned them to degrading passions: why their women have turned from natural intercourse to unnatural practices and why their menfolk have given up natural intercourse to be consumed with passion for each other." St. Paul taught that homosexual culture and behavior were a result of the rejection of God in the society. For he continues, "Since they refused to see it was rational to acknowledge God, God has left them to their own irrational ideas and to their monstrous behavior.

By choosing to wear the orange shirt, you are effectively encouraging a lifestyle which is directly opposed to the Gospel's way of life. By encouraging homosexual activity you become an accomplice to behavior that is mortally sinful. Christian people can find more beneficial ways to show friendship and truth to the homosexual members of the Notre Dame family without caving in to their demands for pseudo-tolerance.

Gus Zuchinke
class of '80
March 18
By KATIE WANGER and MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Writers

It might be snowing this week in South Bend, but April and warm weather are coming up. It's time to get to the mall, break out the credit card and invest in some new styles to show off the spring break tan.

This spring's look for women is bound to get even those who simply are not into fashion racing to the malls. That's because the clothes are more colorful, exotic, feminine and flattering than they have been in years. The diversity of clothing items and accessories that are in style this spring is what makes being fashionable so attractive and easy. With so many different cuts for skirts and dresses available, every girl is bound to find something ultra-feminine that flatters her figure.

**Skirts**

For example, this spring's fashionable skirts range from extremely short to knee-length, to mid-calf-length, to even ankle length. Fringe is popular for all skirts and looks best on longer skirts. Ruffles and asymmetrical hems are two things to look for when picking out your spring skirt.

To give yourself a cute Euro-look try a multi-layered mini with legwarmers. These skirts somewhat resemble last year's short pleated shirts, but have more feminine flair to them. Of course sporty tennis-inspired skirts, plaid kilts and other kinds of pleated skirts are still very in this spring. These pleats can be either large or tiny. Just keep in mind that for pleated and multi-layered skirts, the shorter the better.

**Dresses**

There's also more than one dress style favored by designers this spring. If you've always felt you were made for 70s styled clothes, it's your time to look your best in a silky flapper-inspired dress. These are straight, drop at the waist and have asymmetrical hems. If you'd prefer to have been born in the '50s, you can sport this decade's dresses, too. They are full-skirted and fitted everywhere else — think Audrey Hepburn. Also, don't throw out your timeless halters or strapless dresses that are frilly and full of ruffles. The best length to go with for dresses is slightly above the knees.

**Shoes**

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**Colors**

When it comes to choosing the right color for this spring, pink is your best bet. Any shade will do, but hot pink certainly is the hottest color on the runway. If pinks don't work with your complexion, try tropical colors such as blue, yellow, orange, lime-green, teal or soft mint green. Purchasing pants, dresses, skirts and purses with either tiny or big flower prints incorporating some of these colors would be great moves. Clothing and bags with stripes and polka dots are also in style.

**Accessories**

While you may feel understandably overwhelmed by all these new accessories, tops and skirts that have been appearing in your shopping malls, don't stress. The styles of previous springs have not yet been forgotten. You can keep wearing your mules, sandals, high boots, cropped pants, Hawaiian prints and lace. Also, use all your solid colors with either tiny or big flower prints incorporating some of these colors would be great moves. Clothing and bags with stripes and polka dots are also in style.

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Polos are always popular. This spring, two completely different types of denim are in style. Dark denim with a clean finish is one of the main styles, and the fact that it can be easily dressed up or down makes it an extremely versatile style. The other major look in denim this season may be distressed jeans. These jeans are slightly ripped and faded to give the appearance of age. This style is less versatile than un-distressed jeans, but it does add some edge to an outfit. It also goes well with athletic- or punk-inspired kicks.

Shoes

Tennis shoes are a necessity for every wardrobe, but that doesn't necessarily put them in the ranks of high fashion. With the incorporation of athletic styles into the fashion world, tennis shoes have begun to move up the ranks of the fashion ladder. Many athletic shoe companies, like Nike and Adidas, have begun to make more fashion-friendly models. Popular styles include bright colors and some throwbacks to shoes from the '70s and '80s. Companies like Prada and Dolce & Gabbana are making shoes, revealing the trend has pervaded over the upper echelons of the fashion world.

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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Irish to face Middle Tennessee in second round

At left, Duke players celebrate during their blow-out win over Northwestern State. Tar Heel Camille Little, center, tries to block Jenne Webb. Middle Tennessee's win eliminated North Carolina in the first round for the first time in almost twenty years. At right, Texas guard Adrianne Ross fights for a rebound against Southern. Camille Little led the fourth-seeded Tar Heels with 14 points and seven rebounds. Middle Tennessee's 14 turnovers were 0-of-13 on 3-pointers.

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Philadelphia's rabid fans, terrible turf gave it a legendary reputation

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The Phillies plan to paint an outline of the Vet's playing field across the new lot, and place granite markers where once stood home plate, the pitching mound and bases. New baseball-only and football-only stadiums have been built nearby. The Eagles began playing at Lincoln Financial Field last year. The Phillies played their last game at the Vet in September, their season opener in Citizens Bank Park Atkins.

Like its predecessor Connie Mack Stadium, the Vet had become outdated. Team officials, players and fans agreed the concrete-bowl design stadium - much muffled for rats, leaky ceilings and insufficient amenities - was way past its prime.

The Vet earned a reputation as a fearful place for opponents, as much for its intimidating crowds as for its rock-hard artificial turf, voted the worst surface in the NFL by its players' unions.

Chicago Bears receiver Wendell Davis blew out both knees on one play on Oct. 10, 1993, a moment that became symbolic of the danger of a visit to the Vet.

The explosion was a big one.

Greg Luzinski

former Phillies player

In 2001, a pre-season game between the Eagles and the Baltimore Ravens was canceled because of problems with the newly installed NexTurf playing surface.

The fans often caused other problems. In a game against the San Francisco 49ers on Nov. 10, 1997, an Eagles booster shot a flare gun into some empty seats and there were more than 60 fights. The rowdy behavior prompted the city to set up "Eagles Court" at the Vet to arrest and convict unruly fans.

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The most riveting memory of the Vet may have come at the end of Game 6 of the 1980 World Series, when mounted police pranced their horses onto the field while snarling German shepherds waited nearby. It was at the Vet in 1981 where Rose passed Stan Musial for most hits in the National League. And it was at the Vet in 1993 where the Phillies lost to Toronto 15-14 in Game 4 of the World Series. "It's amazing how emotional you can get about a giant slab of concrete," 20-year-old John Middleton said.
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top-seed Kentucky falls as upsets abound

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The NCAA tournament's top seed got sent back to its of Kentucky home.

Mo Finley made a 17-foot jumper with 12.2 seconds left and ninth-seeded Alabama-Birmingham hung on to stun the heavily favored Wildcats.

The Blazers (22-9) ahead for good at the midway point of the first half, advanced beyond the regional semifinals.

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No. 16 Loyola hands Irish third straight loss

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Call it early season jitters. Regardless, the Irish have lost their third consecutive match and now find themselves at 1-3 on the season.

Early in Saturday’s match against No. 16 Loyola in Baltimore, Notre Dame was in a position that was all too familiar — behind.

“We were trying to stay positive after the first quarter,” Pat Walsh said. “We felt we could score if we had better possessions and at the time were only worrying about scoring one goal at a time.”

Loyola’s 7-1 advantage early in the game proved to be too much for Notre Dame, as they fell 13-7.

This trend of falling behind opponents early in games has continued to plague Notre Dame throughout this season. Case in point — against North Carolina, the Irish were down 9-5 at halftime.

Syracuse proved to be a closer match, with the team down 4-3 after the first quarter.

“I think Saturday’s match, Loyola had scored three goals before midfielder Brian Hubschmann scored the Irish’s first point,” Walsh said. “Loyola then quickly responded with three more goals with only nine minutes left in the first half to take a 6-1 lead. Fortunately, the Irish were able to fight back before halftime to make the score 8-4 on goals by All-American attack Pat Walsh, midfielder Steve Claggett and attack Matt Howell.

“We started to get the feel of it going at the end of the first half and we were still positive,” Walsh said. “We didn’t come out ready and intense at the beginning and they did, so they were able to get an early lead on us.”

The Irish continued the comeback in the second half with Owen Mulford scoring his first goal of the season with 3:05 left in the third quarter. However, after cutting the Loyola lead to three, Loyola scored 46 seconds later.

But by the end of the match, the Irish ran out of steam and were only able to produce two of the final six goals of the game, giving Loyola the 13-7 victory.

“Our previous two losses came from two top-10 ranked teams, so it isn’t anything to be ashamed of,” Walsh said. “We still have eight games ahead of us and it isn’t about who is playing their best lacrosse at the beginning of the season.”

Not only was it the third straight loss for the Irish, but also the third consecutive loss in ground balls, as Loyola edged out the Irish 42 to 33. D.J. Driscoll and Matt Ryan each registered four ground balls to lead the Irish.

“Coming into the match, Notre Dame was ranked No. 1 in the country in converting extra-man opportunities. However, they were unable to take advantage of four opportunities. The Irish were also second in scoring offense but were held to a season low.

Despite the offensive blemishes during Saturday’s loss, Steward Crossland excelled defensively, recording 12 saves.

“We haven’t played 60 minutes of hard lacrosse. We have had spots of it, but not a whole game. We had more talent, but that doesn’t win games.” — Pat Walsh, Irish attack

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Pair set Irish records in championship

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of firsts for a pair of Notre Dame athletes and Irish swimming and diving.

Competing in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, swimmer Katie Carroll broke two school records en route to becoming the first freshman in Irish history to garner All-American mention in two different events. Meanwhile, diver Meghan Perry-Eaton recorded the highest school placing in any event at the prestigious meet by finishing third on the 1-meter board.

“I thought they both did an outstanding job,” Irish coach Bailey Weathers said. “They’re both capable of what they did, but we’re really excited that they beat their own expectations.”

Perry-Eaton didn’t waste much time Thursday in showing why she had only lost once all season on both the 1-meter and 3-meter board heading into the national championship.

The Big East Championship’s Most Outstanding Diver posted the fourth-highest score (290.40) on the 1-meter board preliminaries before improving that score by more than 13 points in the event finals to claim third place with a score of 303.90 and earn All-American recognition.

Perry-Eaton finished just 3.30 points behind first place Allison Brennan of South Carolina.

Carroll was also busy making Irish history Thursday, picking up the first of her two All-American honorable mentions with her second school record in one day in the 200-meter individual medley. After placing 11th in preliminaries and qualifying for the consolation final with a school-record time of 2:13.43, Carroll won the eight-competitor consolation final and rewrote the record books yet again with a 2:12.28 to finish ninth.

Carroll’s success continued Friday, as the Big East Championship’s Most Outstanding Swimmer set her fourth Notre Dame record in as many races in the 400-meter individual medley. The freshman turned in an Irish record of 4:42.74 in finishing 13th during preliminaries, thereby once again qualifying for the consolation finals that evening.

Carroll took fifth in the consolation finals with a time of 4:42.31 to record her fourth all-time Irish mark in two days and finish 14th overall.

The finish also gave Carroll her second All-American honorable mention in as many days. She’s the first freshman and just the eighth Irish swimmer to earn All-American honors in multiple events at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

“She made huge improvements, particularly in terms of initial placing and seeding (going into the meet),” Weathers said. “I think she probably moved up more than anyone in the meet.”

Perry-Eaton competed on the 3-meter board Friday, but failed to duplicate her 1-meter performance, finishing 28th overall.

It was a similar story for Carroll on Saturday as the freshman placed 32nd in the 100-meter freestyle and consequently fell short of qualifying to swim in the event finals.

“Swimming the 200 IM well in the morning really gave her a boost, and she dropped quite a bit from morning to night ([in the individual medleys]),” Weathers said. “She can be as good in the freestyle as she is in her IM, she’s just a little bit further along in the 100s.”

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ND Softball
Irish sweep after rain delay, slow start

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After a nail-biter in game one of their doubleheader this weekend, the Irish found their bite in game two.

Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumf picked up her 100th and 101st victories Saturday as the Irish (19-9) swept Eastern Michigan (6-10), 2-0 and 9-1.

A late start due to a rain delay may have caused a slow start offensively for the Irish, who scored a key insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning to get the win.

Notre Dame starting pitcher Heather Booth picked up the win, allowing just two hits to the Eagles while striking out nine batters in a complete game shutout. Booth improved her record to 10-3 on the season.

Stephanie Stengleven earning her record at 6-6, picking up a win in game two while striking out a season-high 11 batters and scattering four hits and one run.

"Heather did a great job today," Gumf said. "She kept them off their toes. Her changeup was working, and when that's the case she can have a great game. We knew we didn't need many runs, we just needed to get enough runs for the win."

Game one started out as a pitcher's duel between Booth and Eastern Michigan's Nikki Denman. The Irish were able to finally strike against Denman in the bottom of the fourth inning, using an error by the Eagles to help.

After Stephanie Brown and Nicole deFau were retired, Megan Cooli put down a perfect bunt single in front of the plate. Meghan Ruthrauff followed with a hard single to left field that dribbled under the glove of the Eastern Michigan left fielder, allowing Cooli to score from first base.

deFau began the sixth inning with a sharp single to center, and Cooli bunted her over to second base. The Eastern Michigan third baseman made an errant throw toward first, however, and both Cooli and deFau were able to advance.

Ruthrauff loaded the bases with a little dribbler in front of the plate, and Hartmann scored deFau from third on a fielder's choice.

Booth shut down the Eagles in order in the top of the seventh to preserve the victory.

"We really just were able to come in and keep going after it," Hartmann said. "It was a really good team win. I knew that our bats were strong and that eventually we'd get our offensive going."

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FENCING
Orlando to compete in at-large slot

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

There is good news and there is bad news.

The good news for the Notre Dame fencing team is that epeeist Amy Orlando, one of the two finalists vying for an at-large bid, secured her position to compete in this week's NCAA Championships.

The selection committee's decision to award her a spot increases the total number of team competitors to 11, one short of the team maximum of two at each weapon.

Men's epeeist Aaron Adjemian, the other epeeist hoping for an at-large bid, was not selected.

The bad news is that the Irish will once again be without their top fencers for the tournament in Orlando.

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made a run to cut the gap to 23-27 at the half. It was doing this time that the Irish were held to zero field goals in a 12:11 span, including the last nine minutes of the half.

"We were standing around shooting jumpers and we really needed to attack the basket and be more aggressive," McGraw said. "We didn't do a good job of that. I was a first-time assistant with our shot selection for a while.

The Bears pulled to within two and finally tied it at 46 with 9:44 to play on a Busbey jumper. But the Irish responded, and the game went back and forth until LeTania Severe hit a driving layup with 3:41 to play to tie the game at 55. Southwest Missouri State coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, in her second year with the Lady Bears, was then whistled for a technical foul, and Severe knocked down both free throws to put the Irish ahead with 3:21 remaining.

Morgan Hohenberger tied it with a jumper, and Duffy answered for Notre Dame. But with 26 seconds to play, Hohenberger drove hard and laid up a bank shot, and Batteast was whistled for a flagrant foul on the ensuing possession to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, the Irish struck first on a Monique Hernandez jumper, and LaVere proceeded to knock down four straight points off Severe assists to seal the win for Notre Dame, and prevent a second straight upset in the Joyce Center.

"That's what makes the tournament so exciting," Duffy said. "You never know when it's going to happen, and there's a feeling that anybody can win at any time."

Severe proved to be the difference down the stretch when the Irish couldn't seem to find a way to score. On the game, she scored 11 points, grabbed 7 rebounds, had five assists and three steals. She kept her cool and helped everyone else do the same.

"I thought LeTania Severe was player of the game," McGraw said. "I thought we really showed our poise, our maturity. We played with a lot of patience down the stretch."

However, the Irish only shot 22 percent in the second half and 32.9 percent for the game, including an abysmal 4-23 from beyond the arc. Three point specialist Jeneka Joyce was 1-for-10 from 3-point range. Starting guard Megan Duffy played poorly (they didn't). The senior guard was knocked down both free throws and had clutch two-pointers and a three-point shot.

"I thought Severe's defensive effort was huge," McGraw said. "I thought she really did a great job, especially after taking an elbow to the side of her head. She was really hurting from that injury to play well late in the game, and make clutch free throws and a long two-pointer with 3:32 remaining.

Senior guard Jacqueline Joyce and Monique Hernandez made critical shots at pressure-packed times in the second half. The often-injured Joyce managed to give the Irish 25 minutes, while Hernandez contributed six points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals.

"She really did a great job," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I told the guys after the game because she's such a great defender. She just has that attitude and that leadership that others want to follow.

Notre Dame will face Southwest Missouri State in the Joyce Center on Monday.

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Baylor journey sees Irish again falter

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

If only every day were Friday.

Sophomore Noriko Nakazaki and the rest of the Notre Dame women's golf team expounded that sentiment after falling to improve on the team's first day score and dropping in the standings for the second straight weekend. The Irish participated in the Baylor/Tapatio Springs Invitational in Boerne, Texas, finishing in 13th place in the 19-team field.

The Irish started off the weekend with promise, shooting a combined score of 319 and finishing Friday in 11th place. Sophomore Katie Brophy and junior Karen Lotta both shot 9-over par-81 Friday. Sophomore Sarah Bassett ended with an 86 in the first round and sophomore Lauren Gebauer — in the scoring five for the first time this season — finished with an 18-over par 90. A frustratingly high score considering she led the Irish team a week ago in St. Croix.

The real story of the day was Nakazaki, who was red hot and came off the 18th green on Friday tied for 11th place. Sophomore Sarah Bassett in 11th place. Sophomore Lauren Gebauer — in the scoring five for the first time this season — finished with an 18-over par 90. A frustratingly high score considering she led the Irish team a week ago in St. Croix.

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The Irish would fight back in the top of the seventh with back-to­back solo home runs from third baseman Matt Macri and designat­ed hitter Matt Bransfield with a 2-3-1 lead. Kaskel and Jakubczyk took the 4-3 lead on a sacrifice fly from senior Javi Sanchez and then added the Irish run in the bottom of the seventh on an RBI single from Derik O lvey. Alvarez fin­ished the game out of reach in the bottom of the eighth with leadoff back-to-back home runs off fresh­man Dan Kapala from Greg Andrews and Alvarez — his sec­ond dinger of the day.

A solo home run from shortstop Greg Lopez in the top of the ninth was all the Irish could get. With two outs in the top of the ninth, wearing the Irish run in the bottom of the ninth for the Irish and yielded a win on the Irish. The Irish cut the Saluki lead to one run in the fifth with a lead-off home run from sophomore Thornton who hit a solo home run off freshman Derik O lvey. Alvarez fin­ished the day 3-5-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored.

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The Irish advance to the 16-team NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history, earning the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids, Mich. regional. They will face No. 1 seed and two-time defending national champion Minnesota Saturday.

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Survive and advance

Fifth-seed Irish need overtime to slide into second round

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Seconds after the Irish edged Southwest Missouri State, there was a sense of relief in the air for a team that had lost the game at home this season and for a team that had just witnessed an upset in the previous tournament game.

After being up 23-9, fifth-seed Notre Dame (20-10), did not score a field goal for a 12:11 stretch and needed overtime to defeat twelfth-seeded Southwest Missouri State, 69-65.

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