IRAQ: ONE YEAR LATER

War media coverage shapes views

Embodied reporters travel with members of the Army in Iraq in March 2003. Journalists travelling with the military have provided "real time" coverage, but have also been the source of controversy due to a perceived bias in their coverage.

Health care billing changes affect students

The University Health Center Pharmacy recently announced that Notre Dame students who fill their prescriptions at Osco Pharmacy will no longer be able to bill the cost of their medication to their student account, but will now have to bill their insurance company directly.

The change in policy, which will go into effect May 1, results from the campus pharmacy's decision to close its unique account with Osco that previously allowed students to fill prescriptions at the drug store and bill their student accounts in cases of emergency.

Because the Osco pharmacist would contact a UHC pharmacist who would then bill the student's account, this policy made it easier for students to pick up prescriptions quickly without having to present their insurance cards or pay out of pocket co-pays.

However, this easier way to fill prescriptions began to be used more often than on the emergency basis for which it was intended. According to Notre Dame pharmacist Betsy Creary, the account created extra work for Notre Dame's own pharmacists, who had to act as the middlemen between students and bill their insurance company directly.

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Club hosts pro-life talks

Members of the Notre Dame Right to Life Club hosted a pro-life conference on campus last weekend, drawing scores of students from Notre Dame and other universities.

Club president Janet Daufenbach said about 70 students attended the weekend's events, which centered around a number of pro-life speakers, who discussed topics ranging from the
Imagine 60 girls shoveling huge bowls of ice cream down their throats as fast as possible—all in preparation for their formal at the end of the week.

Imagine the morning tension as balls are thrown, and the once-friendly section rivalries escalate into an intense game of dodgeball.

Ah, yes, I think I'm finally getting a sense of what it's like to live in Zahm Hall.

For the next week, or so I'm told, schoolwork is to be pushed aside in Pasquerilla West and section activities take top priority.

With the movie Jaws as my section's theme, we stress over SYR dates as we try to figure out how to make limbs hang from the ceiling and whose blood to splatter on the dancing swimmers.

It's a perfect mix.

Such is the nature of PW's Queen Week, a tough-as-nails competition (well, not really), combined with enough laughs to keep me going through Easter break.

If you're lucky enough, you might just get to see throngs of girls sunbathing in front of the Rock, working out at Rolfs in prom dresses, building human pyramids in the reflection pool, or doing the Macarena with a human pyramid in the reflection pool, or doing the Macarena with a human pyramid in the reflection pool, or doing the Macarena with a human pyramid...

We try to figure out how to make the best out of it all.

If being handcuffed in the back of a NDSP vehicle or taking a dip in South's swimming pool, or doing the Macarena with a human pyramid in the reflection pool, or doing the Macarena with a human pyramid...

If being handcuffed in the back of a NDSP vehicle (or taking a dip in Rolfs's pool with all your clothes on doesn't lead to quality bonding, I don't know what will. And there will be pictures as proof lest we ever deny going to dances with the rest of their dorm spirit that sets Notre Dame events and it's this enthusiasm and desire to break out of our Notre Dame ing—not DuLac, not boys who are oously, we should be grateful. We get after months of these things, but, seri­n thing for their formal at the end of the week.

In the March 22 issue, Jacqueline Batteast's first name was misspelled in the caption on page 28.
Welsh Family wins contest
Dorm with greatest energy reduction awarded cash

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

In the dorm energy conservation contest held last month sponsored by the Students for Environmental Action, Welsh Family Hall reduced their total energy output by 5,310 kilowatt-hours as compared to February 2003. This was enough to secure the dorm first place and a $100 cash prize, according to club co-president Virgina Kelly.

Kelly said the total amount of energy reduction by all dorms was nearly 42,000 kilowatt-hours, an amount she called "pretty significant."

Badin and McGlinn took second and third places respectively. Dorms were judged on the total amount of energy reduced last month as compared to February 2003. Kelly said the club had originally planned to judge the winners based on per capita energy consumption, but said that these figures were not provided by the Notre Dame Power Plant.

Some dorms experienced an increase in energy consumption, a factor that Kelly attributed to a variety of factors. Differences in energy consumption habits of people who reside in each dorm and dorms that might have increased the number of residents could not be directly assessed by the contest. Overall, however, Kelly said that she was very pleased with the student response to the contest.

I hope students just learned to be aware of [the energy that they are] using ... and the simple things that are really painless to decrease [energy consumption]," she said.

Kelly said she heard through word of mouth that some dorms were making a particular push to notify residents, including providing information about the contest in their stall notes and getting the word out to other residents in their sections.

Chau Nguyen, the environmental commissioner from Welsh Family Hall, said that she and other residents specifically pushed energy conservation for the contest. Although she said she continuously promoted conservation by making signs to remind residents of ways to reduce their energy use, she said she made a special effort in February.

"We really emphasized it," Nguyen said.

Nguyen notified residents of the contest through hall council and also encouraged residents at the meeting to spread the word to other people in their sections. She made signs and even placed index cards on radios in each section's restroom to remind residents to turn off their radios when they were done using them.

"I believe there is always something you can do to improve," she said. "The little things will help make a difference."

Nguyen said dorm residents frequently would leave radios, lights and their computers on when not in use, actions that she tried to encourage residents to reduce. Nguyen was surprised, but pleased, that her dorm won the contest. "I'm still really surprised and proud," she said. "I just (didn't) think we'd make that big of a difference in one month and conserve that much energy."

Nguyen said the money would be put back into the environmental committee and would possibly be used to partially fund the events they have planned for Earth Day. She said that as a freshman, she strove to become active in campus life and believes that serving as her dorm's environmental commissioner was a good way to get involved.

"I always wanted to be involved [and] do something in the dorm," she said. "I wanted to be more aware of it [energy conservation] for myself and thought it [being environmental commissioner] was a good way to get involved."

"We decided we're going to [do] something in the dorm," she said. "I wanted to be more aware of it [energy conservation] for myself and thought it [being environmental commissioner] was a good way to be more active," she said.

The club has several events planned for the remainder of the semester, including a panel discussion on the environmental policies of the 2004 presidential candidates that will probably occur on Earth Day, April 22, as well as a neighborhood clean-up and tree-planting day that will probably occur in late April.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group updated on projects, successes

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Campus Life Council members received updates on various ongoing projects and the success of alcohol awareness week during Monday's short meeting. With only a few meetings remaining in the semester, Jeremy Lao, student body president and TCL chairman, announced that the council would focus most of its energy on laying the foundation for a successful argument to establish a mandatory, semester long social awareness class that teaches students about racial, cultural and religious diversity. The class would also address other topics.

"We decided we're going to spend the six weeks [remaining in the semester] to come up with a plan of action so the next group of TCL members will take this on as a priority next year," Lao said. "Our 'pie in the sky' goal is to have a course that is a semester long and [that] each student will have to take." Lao also informed members about progress being made on the group's efforts to follow up on concerns regarding the quality of the campus' appearance. Lao sent Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, a letter voicing the council's concerns about campus appearance prior to spring break. Poorman followed up, promising to contact James Lybouth, vice president for Business Operations whose department oversees University grounds keeping.

Lao then praised the success of last week's Alcohol Awareness Week, the first such event sponsored by student government. The week featured T-shirt and cup give-a-ways and a drunk driving simulator.

"I would consider it a success considering it was the first year," Lao said. "We hope it will be built on for next year."

Brother Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector and TCL member, commented on the feedback he received from the dorms. "It had good reaction in the halls," he said.

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Osco and the students' insurance companies. "The account was being used beyond the purpose for which it was intended," Creary said. "It became too much for us to manage."

Creary emphasized the fact that students are not paying more for prescriptions under the new policy, and their insurance companies will still be covering the same costs. The change that was made affects students is the need to bring a personal insurance card to Osco when presenting a written prescription and to settle co-payments directly at the pharmacy when the prescription is filled. Students can also pay for their medication when the written prescription and then file independently with their insurance companies.

The policy toward Osco is thus very similar to the one the pharmacy has with other drugstores in the area.

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more time devoted to reporting what is going on and they're reacting instantly as a result," he said. "It's something you don't see any longer. It's on [their] screens, Video Visualizer, and PA systems, call Dan Zakrowski at 631-0961.

Perhaps most interestingly, the media coverage of the Iraq War also differed from previous conflicts in its ability to provide information on events in 'real time,' according to Jack Colwell, an American Studies professor and columnist for the South Bend Tribune. "People are seeing instantly what is going on and they're reacting instantly as a result," he said. "It's something you don't expect from ... the BBC, " Colwell said. "It's [problematic] when the news reaches the public." Creary also said it is unlikely that future COR plans to meet twice more this week to discuss several more revisions to the constitution. The meetings will take place Tuesday at 10 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. The final changes will be made in next week's meeting.

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Pakistanis uncover terror tunnel

Pakistanis have discovered a hideous terrorist weapon — a mile-long tunnel leading from a dry stream bed in the western city of Herat on Monday after some of the fiercest factional fighting since the fall of the Taliban killed a Cabinet minister and as many as 100 others.

Forces loyal to Herat's governor, powerful warlord Ismail Khan, claimed to have retaken control of Herat by daylight Monday after a bloody battle and fierce raged following Sunday's killing of Khan's son, Aviation Minister Mirwais Saifi.

Khan, a warlord, who admitted responsibility for the killing, was missing Monday, after Khan's forces retook the commander's division barracks and captured 150 of his men.

Afghan troops battle warlord

KABUL, Afghanistan — Shouldering ammunition belts and rifles, newly U.S.-trained Afghan soldiers battled warlord Ismail Khan's forces Monday, after Khan's forces retook the commander's division barracks and captured 150 of his men.

Afghan troops battled warlord Ismail Khan's forces near the outskirts of Kabul, where Yassin prayed shortly before being killed by an Israeli airstrike.

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza, banning all Palestinians from Israel, and placed its security forces on high alert.

Later Monday, Palestinian militants fired several homemade rockets and mortar shells at Israeli targets in and near Gaza.

Israel quickly responded to both attacks. It struck at Hezbollah with powerful artillery fire. No casualties were reported.

McVeigh begins trial

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Terry Nichols went on trial for his life Monday in the Oklahoma City bombing and was alternatively portrayed as an eager conspirator and to have acted in this conspiracy.

Nichols, 46, is already serving a life sentence on federal charges for the deaths of eight federal law officers in the April 19, 1995, blast that claimed 168 people.

One of 41 defendants on trial in the first federal trial of the Oklahoma City bombing, Nichols was one of two men accused of building and detonating a 3-ton fertilized bomb in downtown.

Prosecutors said that Nichols conspired with McVeigh to build the bomb in a plot to avenge the FBI siege against the Branch Davidian sect at Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier.

Keel said Nichols bought 4,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer for the bomb in 1994 and stole blasting caps to set it off. Nichols, who met McVeigh in the Army, also robbed a bank.

Gaza Strip

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians chanting "Revenge!" flooded Gaza's streets Monday to bury Hamas leaders Fatmane Sadiq and Khalid Bani, who were assassinated by a road safety and which caused a serious problem because the forest has so many trees for the moths to devour, said DNR spokesman Russ Grunden.

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Forces first found a tunnel connecting the defendants' flooded compound with the city's main highway.

The tunnel led to a dry stream bed, and said Monday the secret passage may have allowed top al-Qaeda suspects to escape toward the Afghan frontier.

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sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Knights of Columbus.
One of the speakers was Vicki Thor, the founder of Project Rachel, a Catholic ministry that offers counseling to those affect-
ed by abortion, including women who have had abortions. Thor founded the ministry in Milwaukee in 1984, and it has since spread to more than 110 dioceses across the country. In her remarks, Thor discussed the psychological and physical problems women often face after abortions.

Thor said women who have abortions frequently encounter emotional problems following the procedure, a phenomenon Thor attributes to the natural bond between a mother and her fetus.

"By the fifth week, there is an infinite number of messages from the mother to the child through the cells," Thor said. "The messages begin at conception.

"She said post-abortion women are three times more likely to commit suicide than women who have never been pregnant, and six times more likely than women who have had abortions. Thor added that women under the age of 18 who have abortions run a higher-than-normal risk of developing breast cancer.

Daufenbach said Thor’s remarks brought realism to the pro-life cause.

"It’s important to be cognizant that there are people around who have been affected by abortion," she said.

Saturday morning, attendees heard an address by Mark Harrington, founder of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. In his remarks, Harrington defended the use of graphic, vio-

lent images of aborted fetuses, saying they can help to spark discussion about life issues.

That evening in South Dining Hall, advocate Randall Terry spoke to attendees about activists in the anti-abortion movement. Terry is the founder of Operation Rescue, which con-
ference literature described as "the largest peaceful civil dis-

obedience movement in American history." He also ran an unsuccessful campaign for a New York Congressional seat in 1998.

However, Terry’s participation at the conference raised contro-
vosy, even among Right to Life of Operation Rescue, which staged sit-ins around abortion clinics, preventing would-be patients and medical personnel from entering. As a result, Terry has resisted paying, claiming the fines are unjust.

Right to Life vice president Lauren Galgano said that Terry's invitation was a cause for con-

cern among potential attendees from schools other than Notre Dame. Attendees came from Michigan State University, the University of St. Thomas and Ball State University.

"I look a lot of heat from kids at other schools," Galgano said. "But he feels that he's being unjustly persecuted.

Daufenbach said the week-

end’s events were successful.

"We were all so happy with the way the happened today," Darren said. "We have a very strong core group of people who are ready to be leaders.

"The more activities we do, the more people come and show their support for the pro-life movement.

One of those activities will be held Apr. 22-24 in Washington, D.C., where nine members from the Right to Life Club will participate in Operation Witnes. The event is being held in protest of the ban on gay marriages performed in other states.

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lated in the sexual revolution, and it’s a negative freedom from the restraint of morality," Thomas said.

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"They’re making an appropri-

ate statement about what mar-
riage is and it is not," Hicks said. "These men and women can certainly be characterized as compassionate and caring, and they are concerned about things like discrimination.

More than 600 people rallied last month outside the Georgia Capitol, saying a constitutional amendment would violate their civil rights.

They held signs reading "Marriage is a civil right not a religious one." and "We say no to gay marriage.

"How do they figure that it’s not a civil rights issue?" said the Rev. Paul Turner, a gay pastor from Atlanta who helped organi-

ze last month’s rally.

"This is just a way for those conservative leaders in the black community to say, ‘Look, this isn’t a matter of civil rights because we’re black and we didn’t have a choice in being black.' And they think gays do, and that’s not true," Turner said.

Same-sex marriage is already illegal in Georgia, but supporters of the ban say the constitution needs to be changed to make sure a judge does not direct Georgia to recognize gay mar-
riage performed in other states.

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SPAIN

Four are charged in Spain bombings

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge charged four more suspects early Tuesday with terrorism and mass killings for alleged roles in a series of bombings across Spain that killed and injured thousands.

The judge, Susana Reneses, said five suspects, a Moroccan, a Spaniard and one each from Morocco, Portugal and Senegal, had supplied dynamite for the March 11 attacks.

The bombings in Madrid, Seville and Madrid's airport killed 191 people and injured 1,346.

Prosecutors say the suspects were providing Moroccans with both the dynamite and the know-how to construct the bombs.

Prosecutors said the suspects are accused of conspiracy to commit terrorism and aiding terror organizations.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The world's population growth is slowing because women are having fewer children and more people are dying from AIDS, especially in Africa, according to a Census Bureau report released Monday.

The report forecasts there will be nearly 9.1 billion people by 2050, a nearly 50 percent increase from the 6.2 billion in 2002. However, the growth rate is slowing significantly.

The global population grew 2.2 percent from 2001 to 2002, or about 74 million people, but growth will slow to 0.42 percent by 2050. That's far below the peak growth rate of 2.5 percent between 1963 and 1964.

The projections are generally in line with separate forecasts of the United Nations, the state's primary research agency. The 2050 world population projection is slightly lower than the 9.3 billion forecast in a previous bureau report on the topic in 1998.

Bureau officials warned that such forecasts are based on factors that could change: fertility rates in developing countries and the AIDS epidemic.

Generally, in the United States and Europe, women are having fewer children, while fertility rates remain high in parts of India, in parts of Africa and in other developing countries, said Carl Haub, a demographer with the Population Reference Bureau, a private research group.

The wild card is how prevalent contraceptive use and family planning becomes in these countries, Haub said. As an example, he cited India, where the population is expected to rise more than 50 percent to 1.6 billion in 2050, surpassing China as the most populous country.

According to the bureau, there are at least 100 million women in the world's developing countries who would like to space or limit their pregnancies but are not using contraception.

Family planning education in India and Africa is difficult because of the large numbers of rural villagers that cannot easily be reached, Haub said.

In 2002, the world's women gave birth to an average of 2.6 children over their life time. The bureau projections assume that the fertility rate will drop below two children per woman by 2050.

Meanwhile, AIDS has killed more than 20 million people since the epidemic began two decades ago.

Twice that many people now live with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, and barring major medical breakthroughs most of these people will die within the next 10 years, the bureau said.

AIDS continues to have its greatest impact in developing countries of Asia, Latin America and especially sub-Saharan Africa. Botswana and South Africa are among countries that may see population decline because of AIDS deaths.

"AIDS alone is devastating the heart of these countries, affecting people in the prime years of not only their economic production, but the prime years of reproduction," said Steve Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, a Front Royal, Va.-based group that opposes population controls as a way to curb growth.

"Population control efforts make no sense in the face of the AIDS epidemic," Mosher said.

Still, the bureau report said the trend could reverse if AIDS education programs are expanded successfully in developing nations, and pointed to positive signs in Thailand, Senegal and Uganda, nations in which the AIDS epidemic appears to have been stemmed.

The report also predicted the continued increase in the world's older population. In 2002, people 65 and older made up 7 percent of the population, but that age group will comprise nearly 17 percent by 2050.

ROMANIA

Gypsies await war reparations

Associated Press

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Chasing Harvard

When I chose to come to Notre Dame, two main attributes influenced my thinking: its Catholic foundation and its prestige. In my Jesuit educated, black Catholic 18-year-old mind I figured University would be an adequate fit for my intellectual curiosity and social concerns. These past two years have marginally reflected that. Yet, I hold onto the future benefits, the excellent education and good reputation Notre Dame stood to deliver. Yet, even that vision is not a definite possibility.

I am part of the wealthy students. The contribution of generous benefactors and substantial sacrifices by my family allows me to attend this school. Mounting tuition makes me apprehensive about my ability to complete my study here comfortably without heaping amounts of debt or disadvantage to my loved ones.

Tuition of prestigious universities climbs higher each year across the board. Yet, my dignity at the 6.9 per cent tuition hike here stems from the revelation of a better and more just way for low income students like myself to access acclaimed college programs: the Harvard way.

Last month, Harvard announced a new financial aid and admission initiative to ease the burden of low-income students, increase economic class diversity and improve its local community relations. Harvard students from incomes under $40,000 will pay nothing towards tuition and others with incomes falling between $40,000 and $60,000 will receive a substantial increase in financial aid.

Admissions department will vigorously recruit excelling low income students who would normally never consider Harvard as an option for their future.

Lastly, to revitalize their position in the Boston community, Harvard will institute the Crimson Summer Academy for outstanding high school students from low-income families. The program will offer these students academic support, mentoring and encouragement to make college a reachable and useful goal. Not only is this delightful program free, but Harvard also will pay for the student's intellectual enrichment, insurance and meals, and provide a stipend to coverforgo summer wages and reward completion with a $3,000 scholarship to any university.

Therefore, this decade in Harvard is recognizing class as an important aspect of a student's academic persona and breaking down barriers for a pool of eager and widely neglected students. In many discussions with professionals here, I have gotten the sense Notre Dame harbors some Harvard envy. Who could blame it for striving to be the best? Yet, as a Catholic institution, Notre Dame ought to fill its own authentic niche, which I feel is currently lacking in many parts.

Catholicity in general, and Catholicism in particular, has rich working and lower class origins. The New Testament, the foundation of our faith, depicts a new world order and the process by which we can achieve it. The Gospels call Christians to be bearers of goodwill, advocates for peace and promoters for economic justice. The revolutionary message of Jesus attracted followers from every strata of society—women and the poor who flocked to this ideology based on the dignity and beauty of human necessity—not only faith in spiritual wealth holdings.

Catholicism all over the world reaches out to the poor and oppressed, and not only with spiritual relief. People of faith immerse themselves in struggling communities, becoming one with the poor and working alongside them to bring about changes in power structures, evident in the extraordinary lives of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, two of the greatest example of the Catholic existence.

When administrators resist pleas for certain programs by asserting the need to maintain the Catholic nature of this institution, I say it is historical nonsense. A school with a sizeable business school, BPC program, an unemployment office and a worker's justice center is a perfect scenario for educational and social justice.

Kamaria Porter

Breaking the Habit

In gratitude for privilege

I would like to thank all who participated in "Gay, fine by me" and attended the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Issues forum last week. As a student leader from a peer institution, I was delighted to be a part of such a great series of events. I believe that both "the shirt" campaign and the forum represent something that many at your University are willing to begin talking about. This truly is a wonderful starting point that will allow the University to first serve those who need it most.

I would like to quickly address a correction to a misprint in The Observer as well. I truly appreciate the support and conveyance that the staff has given to the past week’s events, but I would also like to correct a quote that was printed. In the article regarding the forum, it states that I said that "justice comes from recognition." I was actually the theme of my address, that "acceptance comes from recognition." Again it is a small misprint and I still believe that the entire staff of The Observer did a wonderful job in covering the event.

I would also like to congratulate Joe Dickmann, members of the panel and the GLBT/Allied community for their commitment, hard work and love that was put into these events. All who participated have truly strived to make the spirit of inclusion a reality when others have lost sight of its goal. I believe that open discussion events like the forum will help make your University a meeting place where all can feel welcomed.

As I stated in my address, acceptance is found in recognizing others. As members of the Catholic community all should look to the teachings of Christ and tradition of the Catholic Church as the foundation. From this support and love of all, especially to the least of those among us, acceptance can become a reality. Only through you, as members of The Observer staff will this become a reality. Thank you again for your warmth, compassion and hospitality.

Michael Yaksich
Director of GLBT Issues
Benedum College
March 21

Quoted of the Day

"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president

Observer Poll

Should the United States withdraw from Iraq by the June 30 deadline?

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at www.ndsmobserver.com

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Perusing Parisian culture

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Author's Note: Instead of spending my break getting tan or Notre Dame. Over the week, I naturally watched a lot of movie, review some of my favorites. I have found that the more distracted, hopefully this might help some of you with your transition. Enjoy.

Quentin Tarantino's breakthrough movie asserts the fast-paced and violent style that would become his trademark, complete with snappy dialogue and erratic storylines that all eventually converge in the last moments of the film. The film follows the exploits of a group of criminals put together to pull off the perfect crime. None of them know who the others are, as they are known only by monikers like "Mr. Pink," "Mr. White" and "Mr. Blonde." But when their caper goes awry, they realize that they have a police informant among their ranks. The most famous and most disturbing part of the film is the infamous "ear scene," set to the Steelers Wheel tune, "Stuck in the Middle With You."

This scene highlights Tarantino's penchant for combining violence with a strange kind of comic irony, as well as his frequent use of somewhat quirky music selections in his films to highlight key moments. Reservoir Dogs marked the beginnings of "indie" films having debuted at Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival. It truly shows that a good movie doesn't need to cost a lot. The combination of a great director, a tricky film noir plot and excellent actors like Steve Buscemi and Harvey Keitel produces an interesting and unusual movie.

Reservoir Dogs
Director: Quentin Tarantino
Year: 1992

Now a major star of cinema and the tabloids, Irish actor Colin Ferrell got his start playing a young soldier from Texas in director Joel Schumacher's Tigerland. Ferrell plays Roland Bozz — a soldier in constant battles with his commanding officers. His refusal to follow orders and his tendency to overtly help his fellow trainees escape using his knowledge of the military system gets him into trouble. The other soldiers soon turn against Bozz because the consequences of his actions fall on them as well. When his unit is sent to Tigerland, a camp in Louisiana that closely resembles Vietnam War scenes, he is forced to assume a new mantle of leadership.

The movie deftly combines concerns about the war with the ethos of the military, and this movie proves that Ferrell has what it takes to be a star. He completely carries the movie, and he portrays the strange combination of defiance and fear that keeps Bozz from willfully bending to the military rules. The Texas accent he bears in the film is a big plus as well. The movie shows only men on their way to Vietnam, not actually there or on their way home, so it gives an interesting perspective to war in general and how it affects the young men who must face it.

Tigerland
Director: Joel Schumacher
Year: 2000

Even if you have never seen Casablanca, it is more than likely you have heard of it, or at the very least have seen it quoted or parodied at some point in your life. It has become more than just a movie — it has become a classic, and a part of our collective conscious as a society. The film follows Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), a cynical American ex-patriot who owns a bar in pre-World War II Morocco. The bar has become a haven for people fleeing the nefarious forces collecting in Europe. He is a man, who in his words "sticks his neck out for nobody."

But his continence changes when the woman who broke his heart, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman) arrives in Casablanca. She has come with her new love, Victor Lazlo (Paul Henreid), who is a Czech resistance leader fleeing his pursuers. In the midst of a difficult love triangle, Rick must choose between his own desires and the lives of others who depend on his decisions.

The film captures an atmosphere of desperation and isolation that marks the people who live in Casablanca, and reveals that in the scope of war..." the problems of three people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world." The movie has everything going for it including great dialogue, a great story, fantastic cinematography, elegant costumes and perfectly cast actors. The special edition also has original trailers. It also includes a documentary about the movie's origins and information on the film's far-reaching effects on other movies. Casablanca achieves a kind of cinematic perfection that films rarely achieve. Age does nothing to diminish enjoying the story or the impact it will make.

Casablanca
Director: Michael Curtiz
Year: 1942
Hollywood loves to make mob movies, but it is more than a mere Godfather rip-off. Martin Scorsese's Goodfellas earns its own merit by taking the often mythologized world of the mafia and putting it in the harsh perspective of reality. The film follows Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) through three decades of life in the mafia, revealing the effects of the lifestyle on himself, his fellow mobsters and his family. Hill rides the peaks and valleys of mob life, living from one job to the next, all of which ultimately takes a huge toll on himself and those around him. Hill must ultimately turn to being an FBI informant to avoid prison or the victim of a mob hit, and living a normal life proves to be the hardest challenge of all.

The portrait Scorsese paints is not a flattering or particularly glamorous one. He shows the tenuous nature of the business and lifestyles that the men leave, as well as how it can devastate families and friends. The movie is full of great performances from Liotta, Robert De Niro (as Jimmy "The Gent" Conway), Joe Pesci (as the homicidal Tommy DeVito, which won him a Best Supporting Actor Oscar) and Lorraine Bracco (as Hill's long suffering wife, Karen). Scorsese vividly presents the violent and desperate lives the men lead in the mafia, but also the sense of family and power that attracts them to the lifestyle. It is a long film that requires patience and commitment to watch, but it is deeply moving and interesting, as well as an example of great direction.

Chocolat attempts to throw a new light on the season of Lent by showing the need to balance self-denial with a spirit of joy. This film will be somewhat painful for anyone who may have given chocolate up for Lent, but it does provide an optimistic view of the season.

The film follows Vianne (Juliette Binoche), a free-spirited wanderer who opens a chocolate shop in a secluded French village during Lent. The town turns its back on the non-conforming woman, but her open and accepting mind helps some of those suffering under the facade of perfection and conformity that the town constructs. Judi Dench plays an older woman estranged from her daughter who finds comfort in chocolate and secret meetings with her grandson. Lena Olin plays a married woman who finds the courage to leave her oafish husband and venture out on her own. Included in the supporting cast are Alfred Molina, Carrie Anne Moss and Johnny Depp. The townspeople learn to be more accepting and less rigid from Vianne's unique ways, and she, after a lifetime of wandering, finally joins a community and finds love. The film lags in parts, and is occasionally a little heavy-handed with the allegorical elements of the story, but it is nonetheless a charming and funny story.

Saving Silverman is one of those movies that is so unabashedly dumb and silly that you just have to laugh in spite of yourself. It follows the exploits of three best friends, Darren Silverman (Jason Biggs), Wayne Lefessay (Steve Zahn) and J.D. McNugent (Jack Black), who have known each other since childhood and perform together in a Neil Diamond cover band. Their friendship is torn apart when Silverman starts dating the catty and controlling Judith (Amanda Peet). Silverman's two friends concoct a plan to kidnap Judith so that they can set their friend up with a past love of his from high school who is about to become a nun. Centering a comedy around a kidnapping, which is a tragic and dangerous undertaking, makes it hard to suspend belief enough to laugh at some of the jokes. The movie adds a few scenes and storylines that really aren't necessary. A more streamlined story would have helped the movie out. The actors in the film really deserve a better film, because all of the actors, particularly Peet and Black, are skilled in comedy. The film definitely has some funny moments. The cast works surprisingly well together, but the movie as a whole is kind of a stretch.

Saving Silverman is OK, but it could have been better. There are certainly a lot better dumb comedies out there.
Salmons leads 76ers to victory over Mavericks

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With Allen Iverson out of the lineup, John Salmons got a chance to show his third-string skill might prove powerful.

Salmons set career highs with 21 points and added 3 three-pointers to lead Philadelphia 76ers to a 107-99 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

"That's all," said Salmons, who had never made more than 10 points in a game. "For me, there's no reason to shoot only two 3s in a game. "

Earlier Monday, Iverson was listed as day to day with a sore right knee. He ended up missing his 23rd game of the season, meaning he's out for at least one campaign.

Iverson was not on the bench during the game. A team spokesman said he was in the training room, receiving treatment on his injured knee.

With Robinson missing his fourth straight game with an elbow injury, the Sixers' sluggish offense was supposed to be no match for the high-scoring Mavericks.

"We were able to find guys that step up in these situations," Sixers interim coach Chris Ford said. "Johnny and Willie and Jermaine. They had an opportunity and made the best of it.

Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 13 rebounds, rookie Willie Green had 12 points and 12 of Philadelphia's 39 three-pointers. The Mavericks beat the Sixers for the fifth time in six games.

Sixers, who ended a four-game losing streak. He was pulled from the game in the third quarter along with most of Chicago's starters.

"I don't think we've scored it just comes to a point where we can to stay out there. But if we want to look in a different direction, that's fine with me. Whatever he calls, I'm going to do my best to get ready.

"Tonight's a night we can feel good about," Carlisle said. "But there are a lot of good teams who lose occasionally. If we lose a potential MVP in Tim Duncan, that's going to be a bad, bad scenario.

"I don't really think I sent a message," Mohammed said. "They know what I could do." Mohammed, dealt to the Knicks last month in a three-team trade also involving Tim Thomas and Keith Van Horn, played as though he had something to prove against the team he spent nearly three years with. He shot 7-for-11 in just 24 minutes.

He took six of the Knicks' first seven shots and had eight points, five rebounds and two steals before picking up his second foul eight minutes into the first quarter, then had 10 points and five rebounds in the third quarter.

"Actually, I was probably too motivated just because I got tired so quickly," Mohammed said. "I don't think I played as well as I probably should have tonight.

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Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana high school basketball traded tradition for trophies in 1998 when it scrapped the tournament format that produced the most famous shot in Hoosier hoops history.

Now, 50 years after Bobby Plump and second-basket lifted tiny Milan over big-school Muncie Central, the tournament is split into four separate classes. There’s almost no chance the state ever will go back to the open-class format.

“They put the emphasis on getting the trophy, and now you’re a champion. But you’re a champion of what?” Plump said.

“I don’t want to take anything away from the student-athletes. It’s still great if you’re a champion of 90-some schools. But you’re not the champion of the whole state.”

When the 380-plus-member Indiana High School Athletic Association changed the tour­ nament format, more than 80 years of tradition was abandoned in favor of separate playoffs based on school size, to placate the state’s smaller schools. That produced more champions, but it all but assured there would never be another Milan Miracle, a David-and-Goliath triumph for the heavy underdog.

Plump and other traditio­nists are still aghast.

“I haven’t given up on trying to change it back, but I have no authority to change it,” said Plump, whose high school team was the inspiration for the 1986 movie “Hoosiers.”

“The IHSSA holds all the cards. ... They own the basket­ ball, they own the goal, and they make the rules,” he said. “How can anybody penetrate that?” It’s unfortunate they can’t see what it has done to the student-athletes.”

Plump, the 1954 Indiana Mr. Basketball, formed a group called Friends of Hoosier Hysteria, which enlisted such basketball icons as John Wooden, Oscar Robertson and Bob Leonard to lobby on behalf of the single-class tournament known throughout the country.

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In 1990, before the restruct­uring, more than 40,000 peo­ple watched Ben’s Bedford North Lawrence team win the championship in the IHSAA — a national record for a high school game.

Attitude and pro-lapsed basket lifted tiny Milan over big-school Muncie Central, the tournament is split into four separate classes.

Total boys attendance at all four rounds of the tournament dropped from 756,024 in 1997, the final year for the single-class tournament, to 440,914 last year, a drop of 44 percent.

Profit to the IHSSA plunged 51 percent, from $392,016 to $448,405, over the same span.

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Men's Tennis

Irish travel to Michigan to face near-perfect Wolverines

By KATE GALEs
Sports Writer

The Wolverines are hungry for a victory to close out their home non-conference schedule, but the Irish aren't planning on an easy dinner.

Despite dropping their last two matches at the Blue/Gray National Classic, the Irish may be playing their best tennis of the season. Ranked at No. 35 in singles play, Notre Dame boasts three solid doubles teams. Senior tri-captain Luis Haddock is ranked No. 14 when playing with freshman Ryan Keckley and No. 29 when paired with junior tri-captain Brent D'Amico.

Freshman Steven Base and sophomore Eric Langenkamp have also played consistently, reaching the consolation finals of the Pacific Coast Doubles Classic earlier this month.

The rest between today's match and the two tournaments the Irish played in early March plays to Notre Dame's favor. The Irish were forced into a difficult situation earlier in the season, as top players succumbed to injury and were exhausted by a tight schedule.

Michigan (8-1) is coming off a 6-1 win over Ball State on March 13. Nationally, Michael Rubin is ranked No. 46 in singles play for the Wolverines, and freshman Ryan Heller has posted an undefeated record playing at No. 3 and 4 in the dual-match season.

The Wolverines lead the all-time series with the Irish 40-23, although the Irish posted a 5-2 victory in last year's meeting.

The match will be at 4 p.m. at the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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SMC Softball

Belles drop four games over the past weekend

By ROBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Dropping back-to-back doubleheaders wasn't exactly what the Belles had in mind coming off their 5-4 spring break trip to Florida.

But that is exactly what they got over the weekend, losing a pair each to Rose-Hulman on Saturday and Saint Mary's of the Woods on Sunday.

"We don't want to play catch up anymore. Once we begin to start playing aggressively from inning one, then we will be a much more successful team," coach Anna Welsh said.

Traveling to Rose-Hulman after a Friday cancellation against Goshen, the Belles lost 4-1 in their first game and 4-3, in eight innings, in the second. Kate Sajewich lost the first game, giving up nine hits and striking out four.

In the second game of the double header, Libby Whelley gave up nine hits and struck out four. Katrina Tobe went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

On Sunday, Saint Mary's was defeated by Saint Mary's of the Woods 6-5 in the early game and 5-3 in the second game. Bridget Grall gave up six hits and walked none in the loss. Grall also went 2-for-4 at the plate, driving in two runs.

In the Belles' final game of the weekend, Sajewich pitched again, giving up seven hits in five innings. Laura Heline doubled for the Belles and drove in two runs.

Welsh attributed the losses to the team's failure to get anything going until late in the game.

"We had good comebacks over the weekend, however we waited until the later innings of the games to start hitting and playing defense," Welsh said. "In order to reach our goals on the season we are going to make adjustments to help us get prepared to have a better start in the first inning."

The Belles were supposed to play Goshen on Thursday, but inclement weather postponed the game until Friday. Goshen then canceled Friday due to a lack of players because of a team illness. Saint Mary's has one more game to start hitting and playing defense.

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John Lynch, right, makes a tackle on Atlanta running back T.J. Duckett, in a Dec. 20 game. Lynch was signed by the Denver Broncos on Monday after being released by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week.

Safety Lynch signs with Denver
Former Pro Bowler is among three defensive acquisitions

Associated Press

DENVER — John Lynch is a Denver Bronco.

The five-time Pro Bowl safety agreed to terms with the Broncos Monday after Denver continued to revamp its defense, also signing defensive end Raylee Johnson and agreeing to terms with defensive tackle Luther Ellinis.

Lynch played his entire 11-year career with Tampa Bay, but the Buccaneers released him last week. The five-time Pro Bowler was a key part of Tampa Bay’s Super Bowl team two years ago, but was scheduled to make $4.2 million next season.

Lynch, 32, can play either safety position, although he has played primarily free safety throughout his career.

Johnson, who spent his first 11 seasons in San Diego, signed a three-year, $3.3 million contract that includes a $1 million signing bonus. The 33-year-old is expected to split time with Reggie Hayward at right end, helping compensate for the loss of Bertrand Berry, who signed with Arizona.

The Chargers released Johnson earlier this month to save salary-cap space, but tried to re-sign him. He also visited Baltimore.

The Broncos have added Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey in a trade with Washington, signed defensive end Marco Coleman and re-signed middle linebacker Al Wilson.

Ellinis spent his first nine seasons with Detroit and was a Pro Bowler in 1999 and 2000, but was released by the Lions on March 2 in a cost-cutting move.

Lynch struggled with neck problems last season with the Buccaneers and had surgery to remove bone spurs in January. He chose Denver over the New York Jets, coached by close friend Herman Edwards.

Johnson has 26 1/2 sacks the past three seasons, but missed the final seven games last year with a foot injury.

IN BRIEF

Davis rumors to be candidate for Auburn

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana coach Mike Davis says he has not been contacted by Auburn University about its vacant head coaching spot despite reports in three Alabama newspapers that he is a likely candidate for the coaching job.

Davis declined to comment Monday. He referred questions to the athletic director, who was not in.

Davis told The Indianapolis Star he has had no contact with anyone at Auburn.

"Everything I’ve heard about the job has been from people calling me and telling me about it," he said in the telephone interview Sunday.

Speculation has been fueled because Davis is from Fayette, Ala., and was that state’s Mr. Basketball in 1979. He played four years at the University of Alabama, and spent two seasons as an assistant coach there.

The Mobile (Ala.) Register reported Friday that Auburn was moving quickly to find a successor to former coach Cliff Ellis, who was fired last week.

Toronto defenseman suspended for slash

TORONTO — The NHL suspended Wade Belak eight games for his two-handed chop to the face of Colorado defenseman Ossi Vaananen.

The Maple Leafs defenseman will be out for Toronto’s remaining six regular-season games and the club’s first two postseason games.

Belak slashed Vaananen on Saturday night and was given a match penalty for attempt to injure. He met with Colin Campbell at the league’s office in Toronto on Monday before the NHL executive vice president and chief disciplinarian handed down his decision.

"It was a little severe I think," Belak said. "I wasn’t expecting to walk away with less than three (games), but I thought no more than five. Getting six plus two, it’s kind of harsh.

Belak is a repeat offender, having received a two-game suspension in November 2002 when he elbowed Washington’s Brendan Witt in the head.

The suspension will cost Belak $67,682.94 in forfeited salary.

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George Mason vs. Oregon, 11:30 p.m., ESPNU

NBA

New Jersey vs. Chicago, 8:30 p.m., WGN
Saint Mary’s sweeps Adrian 9-0 in MIAA contest Saturday

By RYAN DUFFY
Spots Writer

Senior Jeanne Knish was able to sum up her team’s performance in Saturday’s match against Adrian in one word: domination.

“We expected to dominate, and we pretty much did,” said Knish, who played a big role in the Belles’ 9-0 dismantling of Adrian in its first conference game of the year. “We worked really well as a team. I mean, the girls were some of the nicest we’ve played with, and they really played hard, which I really respect. But we were just all really on our ‘A’ game, and it showed.”

Knish certainly backed up her post-game talk, beating Laura Kelley 6-1, 6-1 from the No. 1 spot for her second win of the year and first in conference. The rest of the Saint Mary’s squad followed suit, giving up only 19 points across the board. While most matches took upwards of five hours, the Belles had finished taking care of Adrian within a speedy three hours.

Sophomore Kristen Palombo also played strongly, defeating Liz Filipiak from the No. 2 spot in consecutive sets, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 singles player Katlin Cutler continued her stellar season, taking down her opponent 6-1, 6-0, to improve her overall record on the year to 8-1.

No. 4 singles player Kris Spriggle also moved to an overall record of 8-1 after winning straight sets 6-1, 6-0 over Heather Fraser. At the No. 5 spot, sophomore Kate Bowler posted a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Karen Kruisenga to match her teammates’ success.

“It was a great start to our season,” said No. 6 singles player Miranda Mikuliyuk, who took down Lyndsey Davis in straight sets, 6-4, 6-0. “It’s always helpful to our mentality as a team to get a conference win. I thought that we all played strongly. Each of us played our best game.”

“They’re a nice team, but they’re not actually our strongest competition. No matter the opponent, it’s always good to start a season out with a win.”

Although happy with the victory, the team was also looking forward to its next game against conference rival Hope College.

“We all played well, and we’re really looking forward to our next match,” said Knish. “We gave 100 percent in this match, and we plan on giving 117.5 percent in our next match. After demonstrating their skill in the six singles matches, the Belles showed a similar penchant for winning in their doubles matches. Knish and Bowler, who make up the No. 1 doubles team, defeated Adrian’s No. 1 tandem of Kelly and Cindy Kruisenga 6-2, 6-1 in straight sets.

The other two doubles teams followed in form. The combination of Cutler and Spriggle took down Adrian’s pair, Liz Filipiak and Heather Fraser, 6-1, 6-1, to improve their doubles record to 7-1 on the year. In the No. 3 doubles spot, Palombo and freshman Grace Gordon were easily victorious over Adrian’s Karen Kruisenga and Davis, 6-0, 6-1.

“It was just all around a good day,” Palombo said. “It was the first match where every single flight won, and we were very happy about that. Because it was on a Saturday, a lot of the parents showed up to watch, which was great. We’re all very happy about how we’ve started the season, and we’re looking forward to our game against Hope.”

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before knocking out North Carolina — just the third time in No. 13 has advanced past the first round. Patricia Holmes and freshman Krey Zemaitis led the Blue Raiders. Those two combined for 34 points on 13-of-26 shooting and had just three turnovers.

"(Holmes) is a great player, their team leader and their go-to player, but the entire team is good," McGraw said.

The Blue Raiders trailed the Tar Heels 13-6 after five minutes, but came back to end the first half on a 9-0 run and take a 35-26 advantage into intermission. With 6:48 left in regulation, Middle Tennessee State built a 12-point lead before North Carolina stormed back with a 10-0 spurt to close within two points. But the Blue Raiders didn’t waver under the pressure, and hung out on to a 67-62 victory. Middle Tennessee State’s demeanor down the stretch of its first-round game impressed McGraw.

"They play with great emotion, but also were very poised when North Carolina made their runs (Sunday)," McGraw said.

Meanwhile the Irish needed an extra period to stop a determined Southwest Missouri State team. Forwards Jacqueline Batteast and Courtney LaVerre combined for 28 points and 24 rebounds as Notre Dame outscored Southwest Missouri State 10-6 in the extra five minutes.

"Mountaineer and LaVere Sunday," McGraw said Notre Dame’s experience of playing close games was critical for the team Sunday and for the rest of the tournament.

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COACHING

McGraw has led five of her last seven teams into the Sweet 16 and this year’s team has the ability to go for it. She has as much experience as any coach and has been down this road before. McGraw has built Notre Dame into a national power.

Notre Dame

McGraw has used eight players on her starting lineup, three of whom are seniors. She is a talented young coach but has not yet built a proven program.

MTSU

This is the second team under Smith to make the tourney. She has never coached a team past the first round and has much less experience than McGraw. She is a talented young coach but has not yet built a proven program.

No question — McGraw knows what it takes to reach the Sweet 16. She’s been there nine times in her career, and is familiar with the territory. Smith is still looking for two wins in the tournament as a head coach, and is in uncharted waters.

STORY OF PLAY

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Horton and Stovall are the two inside forces for MTSU. Both scored in double figures against North Carolina. Even though she’s just a freshman, Horton took over the game against the Tar Heels.

PERIMETER PLAYERS

Hilton leads the team in scoring — averaging nearly 16 points a game and can shoot the 3-pointer well. McGraw calls her one of the best defenders the Irish will see this season and could be matched up on Notre Dame’s best shooter during most of the game.

Notre Dame routine­ly uses eight players and all can be effective in different ways. Burton, Joyce and Erwin may all be needed to make contributions at some point during the game.

Bench

MTSU used six players in its last game and really doesn’t have much of a bench. The Blue Raiders are going to need all five players for most of the game.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has played better defense against better teams and that should be a key for tonight. MTSU’s offense revolves around Holmes and Horton, so stopping one or both of them will be key.

This is close, but the Irish have the No. 13 in Batteast. She is one of the best players in the country and can take over a game at any time. Stopping her is something no team has done this season.

Notre Dame plays outstanding defense against the outside shot and should be able to hold MTSU shooting guard to a lower percentage. Batteast will find some shots on the perimeter with her scoring and a defender which could make things tough on the Irish guards.

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MTSU is this year’s Cinderella and they have a confident mind-set as they enter the game. If they can hang around the Irish will have some problems. MTSU is going to need a big effort from the starters for the most part, even if they tire during the second half.

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Something has to give. The Irish are tough at home and have more seniors than MTSU. But the Blue Raiders are playing a possible Free Throw of the year and pose a difficult opponent in the second round.
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"We didn't really swing the bat as well this past weekend as I would really like to see," he said. "But I attribute that to the fact that we didn't play during the week. When we start playing these mid-week games, I think we're really going to get into a groove."

On the mound, Mainieri expects to start senior Joe Thaman against the Chippewas. Thaman, the left-handed converted first baseman, has 1-0 on the season with a 2.31 ERA over 11 2/3 innings pitched.

The Chippewas enter the game with the Irish having won two of three from Illinois State.

Central Michigan is batting .310 as a team on the season and average eight runs a game. The Chippewas are led at the plate by infielder Jim Guldof with a .412 batting average, 22 runs scored and a slugging percentage of .656. First baseman Kurtis Wells leads Central Michigan with 25 RBIs and boasts a .388 batting average.

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hit back-to-back 3-point goals, putting the Irish up 46-41. Saint Louis' Anthony Drejaj then missed two free throw shots after being fouled by Chris Quinn and the Billikens would never recover the lead.

The Irish defense was strong throughout the contest, especially against 3-pointers by only allowing one during the entire game.

Against Iowa in the first round of the NIT, Saint Louis shot seven 3-pointers, which helped the Billikens recover from an 18-point first half deficit.

"We defended the 3-point line, they didn't shred us from there. We could absorb the threes because ... (Thomas) was scoring enough to absorb the threes," Brey said.

The difference between the first and second half for the Irish was staggeriing.

In the first half, Notre Dame couldn't get a shot to fall, making 11-of-27 field goals and only 2-of-10 3-point goals.

But in the second half, the Irish made 14 of their 22 field goals and 6-of-11 3-point goals.

A technical foul called against forward Chris Sloan following a controversial trav­
eling call shook the Billikens up even more during a media timeout with 7:45 remaining in the half. Thomas made both resulting free throws, fol­
lowed by an unanswered 3-point goal and two 2-point goals to open a 17-point lead for the Irish.

"We don't really know what happened with the technical," Thomas said. "That gave us the opportunity for us to take control of the game.

Josh Fisher, with 21 points, and Reggie Bryant, with 19 points, led Saint Louis in scoring.

Saint Louis threatened to open a large lead at the end of the first half, with Fisher shooting three unanswered baskets in between a foul shot by Bryant, and the Irish trailed 19-14.

But the Irish put up their own run, scoring eight unanswered points to put them back on top.

There were a couple points in the game where our backs were against the wall and we took bad shots and made bad turnovers," Thomas said. "But for the most part we played well and with a lot of maturity.

Saint Louis also played tight defense for most of the game, resulting in a very physical, but satisfying game for Irish players.

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Irish forward

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Irish guard

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Notre Dame will face the winner of the Oregon — George Mason game in the Joyce Center Thursday night.

Season ticket holders and students may purchase tickets today, with sales being opened to the general public on Wednesday.

And while some have the attitude that the NIT is a great way to prepare for next year, Brey has his sights set on higher goals.

"We're excited to play ... this year's team is still playing well and you play for a champion­ship in this tournament," Brey said. "We talked about three steps back to New York City — we're one step away."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ask for favors, but don’t take others for granted. Do not give directions if it will mean doing without requests. You may have to learn to do without certain luxuries.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ask for favors, but don’t take others for granted. Do not give directions if it will mean doing without requests. You may have to learn to do without certain luxuries.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be overly critical. Get involved in projects that will allow you to do what you want. Emotional restraints may cloud situations. Children can be a source of frustration if you spend time listening to their point of view. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have to take care of those who can’t do for themselves. Rewards for your actions will be granted. Financial matters such as real estate and other solid investments look good. ****

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel a little cool toward your mate today.沟通 the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Use your wit to find the answer. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your emotions may cloud issues. Your emotional response may cloud issues. You will have to be careful of how you feel and act today.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Thomas, electric atmosphere spark victory**

Irish advance to NIT quarters with win over St. Louis

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Listening to the roar of the crowd as the Irish came on the court, no one could tell that the team wasn’t at the Joyce Center. From the band to the PA announcer to even corny timeout promotions, this was essentially a home game.

Notre Dame fed on this “home” energy throughout the game, recovering from a sluggish first half where they trailed Saint Louis by a point to beat them by 11, with a final score of 77-66.

“That’s one of the best atmospheres I’ve ever been in,” Irish coach Mike Brey said.

“To come out and look up and you’ve got green shirts all the way to the ceiling. There’s no question that motivated our kids and our kids were excited to play.”

Chris Thomas led the Irish to victory, picking up a career-high 39 points and playing a key role in the turning point in the game.

With 12 minutes remaining in the second half, Jordan Cornette and Thomas Muffet McGraw said. “I thought Middle Tennessee played much better as a team and played well together.”

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**ND readies for Blue Raiders**

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State may have been the No. 13 seed when it defeated No. 4 seed and 12th-ranked North Carolina in the first-round of the NCAA Tournament Sunday, but don’t tell Muffet McGraw that.

To McGraw, the Blue Raiders victory was no fluke.

“I honestly think that the best team won that game,” McGraw said. “I thought Middle Tennessee played much better as a team and played well together.”

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**BASEBALL**

**Irish open home season today**

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

After five weeks and 15 straight games on the road, the Irish are ready to return to Notre Dame and the comfort of Frank Eck Stadium for their home opener today.

Notre Dame (13-2) will host Central Michigan (6-10), as the Irish kick off their 2004 home season.

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