Sudan crisis traced to varied cultural roots

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series focusing on the background and possible solutions to the current crisis in Sudan.

The current ethnic cleansing crisis in western Sudan—with two-year death toll estimates in the hundreds of thousands—actually traces back to grains of sand, according to The Observer. In an interview with The Observer, Juan Mendez, a special advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan for genocide, said he estimated the recent death toll in the region to be as high as 170,000 and perhaps even higher. Some Darfur experts have estimated the death toll to be more than 300,000.

Yet the origin of the situation is not located with any specific ethnic group, but with the Sahara Desert, which began to encroach on Northern Darfur, making water scarcer and increasing inherent tensions between ethnically Arab nomadic herders and African farmers. As precious resources became harder to find, camel and horse-riding Arab marauders began to raid African farming communities, stealing crops and cattle, according to the international watchdog organization Human Rights Watch. Despite claims to political leaders, the black African Darfurians felt the Arab-dominated Khartoum government was deaf to their concerns. According to Robert Dowd, C.S.C., a political science professor and Africa specialist, tensions gradually became heightened as “black African groups in the Darfur region began to feel that they were being discriminated against and neglected by the government in Khartoum.” Some of these African Darfurians formed self-defense groups in the 1990s to defend against the Arab bands, which gradually formed into two large rebel groups.

“There were movements to attack government installations in the area,” Dowd said. The groups’ ultimate aim was to end the economic marginalization of African Sudanese and to gain some African self-governance in Darfur. Not surprisingly, the Sudanese government grew anxious at the hostility of these groups and in 2001, an armed conflict began between them and government forces.

Since the Khartoum government’s recognition of the rebels as a legitimate party in 2004, the conflict has deepened. The United Nations has estimated that 90,000 people have been killed in the conflict since 2003 and another 2.2 million people have been displaced. The conflict has also spread to neighboring Chad and the Central African Republic, and the region continues to be a haven for insurgents from the Darfur conflict.

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Saint Mary’s to perform its own ‘Monologues’

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

In the spirit of Eve Ensler’s award-winning and controversial play The Vagina Monologues, members of the Saint Mary’s community will join together in presenting the SMC Monologues Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. The Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE), along with Feminists United and the Sexual Identity and Diversity Coalition, is sponsoring this innovative event in an effort to spread awareness regarding the issue of violence against women, CARE president Ginger Francis said.

“Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to want to bring the production home to hear our community and see how women feel on this campus,” she said. “It helps show that violence against women is not only real in our world, but it’s real in our community.”

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A bittersweet day

Today my term as the best student job at Notre Dame comes to an end. Many students do not have the same definition as me — working at least 30 hours every week, giving up a lot of your social life and putting everything else second to your job. It’s hard to explain to people when you talk about leaving the office as the sun rises, breakfast cooked in South Dining Hall or your roommate awake while you crawl into bed. But ask the person taking over for me, and she’ll agree. Ask the Editors in Chief from the past 38 years, and you’ll get the same thing.

There’s something about this job that makes it all worth it. Backing my brain for the past couple of weeks to figure what it is, I’ve come to a conclusion: It’s the people down here in the basement of South Dining Hall with me — I’ll always remember the way the staff came together for the Notre Dame presidential change, a U.S. Presidential election and Notre Dame football coaching change. The way the news and sports staff sucked it up to turn what could have been three stories into eight-page special sections.

There events that resulted in leaving the office past 2 a.m. after a 15-hour day. Three events worth every minute of that hard work. Three events that couldn’t have been covered so well without my hard-working staff. I’m not just paying lip service by saying that. I can honestly say without them, especially Meghanne and Joe, the coverage of this place would have been good. We couldn’t have gone as in-depth or as broad with our stories covering those monumental events.

But it’s not the professional relationships that make this place what it is. It’s the personal ones. When you work from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. with people, and do it all over again the next day, a bond develops. A bond that certainly won’t be forgotten just because my name’s not underneath Editor in Chief in Editor anymore or because my four years underneath the Golden Dome have been cut out.

So now I have two months to be a college student. It starts on Thursday with a drive to Miami for a weeklong cruise in the Caribbean. I’ll continue through the end of the semester with watching baseball at the Eck and on my dish, feasting on the local watering holes during the week and maybe studying. (Okay, let’s be honest, I’m a second semester-senior.

Finally I’ll end with a Senior Week to remember and hopefully a picture-perfect graduation weekend. Thanks Notre Dame, it’s been one hell of a ride.

If you didn’t like me, I at least did one thing right. The crossword was in the paper every day.

Matt Lozar
Editor in Chief

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

Chris Ban
senior
off-campus

"Napoleon Dynamite: Moon boots."

Lisa Lombardi
senior
off-campus

"The question is — why isn’t Good Will Hunting my favorite movie?"

Sarah Mathias
junior
Farley

"Tupac. The Resurrection."

Matthew Mundorf
sophomore
Keough

"Nine Queens (Nueve Reinasy. It has some of the most intriguing plots. Unexpected ending, good twists."

Charity Sadow
senior
Howard

"Braveheart because it reminds me of my boyfriend Steve Hill."

Michael Tedoff
junior
Morrissey

"Scarse ... what better way to learn business ethics than from a drug-dealing killer?"

Members of the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees gathered for Mass Thursday evening in the Regina Chapel. The Mass, offered by Board member Ken Molinaro, was open to students, faculty and staff.

OFFBEAT

Florida streaking goes awry

KEY WEST, Fla. — A prosecutor who may have had a little too much to drink thought it would be funny to run naked across a parking lot and hop into a friend’s car. It was funny, until he jumped into the wrong car. Albert Tasker, who works for the Monroe County State Attorney’s Office, apparently got in the back seat of a car occupied by a woman waiting for her boyfriend. The woman screamed and her boyfriend appeared. After the woman called 911, a Key West police officer found the naked Tasker in the middle of the parking lot and hop into a friend’s car.

Blind man who bit dog charged

EDINBURGH, Scotland — A blind man who allegedly bit his guide dog has been charged with animal cruelty. David Todd is accused of sinking his teeth into the animal’s head in a busy street, Scottish police said Thursday. A police spokesman said: "Any attack on a defenseless animal, particularly one trained to help people, is appalling."

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IN BRIEF

Karen Richman will give a lecture titled “Haitian Vodou: Arts, Culture and Religion” today at 3 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art.

“The Laramie Project,” a play based on the 1998 murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., will be presented this weekend in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center. Prices are $12 for the general public, $10 for Notre Dame faculty and staff and senior citizens, and $8 for students.

A seminar on Praying with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be held on Saturday at 10:45 a.m. in the Presbytery basement. The seminar will be lead by mystical theologian Fr. Edward O’Connor, CSC.

Bad Welch will lead a discussion titled “From Rage to Reconciliation” on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the West Wing in Noble Dining Room at Saint Mary’s. Welch’s daughter, Julie, was killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing.

The Notre Dame men’s and women’s fencing teams will participate in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Elizabeth Mazurek, Associate Professor, Department of Classics will present a colloquium Monday at 4:30 p.m. in 131 Decio Hall entitled, “Ovid and the Judgment of Paris.”

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

Blood drive registration table located at Rolfs's

By LISA SCHULTZ

Most students entering Rolfs Recreational Center are concerned with their own health. This week, however, RecSports and the South Bend Medical Foundation switched the focus to the well-being of others.

Blood donor recruiter for the South Bend Medical Foundation Jenna Stuber said the blood drive registration table was set up at the front door to encourage walk-ins to take time out of their day to donate. The Rolfs entrance location was strategically chosen.

"I found out about the drive because it's at Rolfs," senior Lisa M. Schultz said.

In addition to walk-in volunteers, 68 donors signed up in advance on Wednesday and over 70 signed up to donate on Thursday. This exceeded the Foundation's goal of 50 donors each day. All donations go to the Foundation's Central Blood Bank and are used in St. Joseph County. Stuber said that while there currently is no specific shortage in blood reserves, there is never a surplus.

Aside from the sheer volume of donations, another objective was achieved from this drive.

"We like to come to college campuses to get younger donors into a lifetime habit of donating blood," Stuber said.

Donations will be collected at the drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday near the Cashier's Office, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday near the Cashier's Office, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday near the Cashier's Office. A total of 88 donors signed up to donate on Wednesday, 127 donors signed up on Thursday, and 105 donors signed up on Friday.

Student Social Security numbers were donated to a lifetime habit of donating blood," Stuber said.

In response to student requests, and prompted by concern about identity theft in higher education, Notre Dame will discontinue using student Social Security numbers (SSN) as primary identifiers as of June of this year.

SSNs will be replaced by a new identifier, called "ndID," which will be viewable online by students beginning with registration for the summer 2005 session.

"The University is timing this important change with the implementation of new administrative software," University Registrar Harold Pace said. "The transition from SSNs to new ndIDs should be relatively painless."

Pace noted that, in most cases, the easy-to-remember 8-digit number starting with "00" is converted to the new ndID by adding a "9" as the first digit. As an example, if the number printed on the ID card is "30123456," the new ndID is "900123456." New students entering the University after June, or any current student replacing his or her ID card after June, will have the new ndID printed on the ID card. The ndID will become active for University faculty and staff when the new administrative software for Human Resources becomes available in June 2006.

ND physicists chosen as fellows

Special to the Observer

Three Notre Dame physicists have been elected fellows of the American Physical Society (APS) and the Institute of Physics (IOP), United Kingdom. Ikaros Bigi and Małgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna, professors of physics, were named APS fellows, and Ikar Dobrowolska-Furdyna, professor of physics, was named a fellow of the IOP.

Bigi was cited for correctly predicting large CP violation in B meson decays. Dobrowolska-Furdyna was cited for her seminal contributions to the understanding of the role of electron spin in optical transitions in semiconductor compounds. Furdyna was elected in recognition of his status in the physics community.

The APS fellowship program was created to honor members who have made advances in knowledge through original research and publication or who have made significant and innovative contributions in the application of physics to science and technology. Each year, no more than one-half of 1 percent of the then-current membership of the society is elected.

Bigi's research is directed mainly toward developing theoretical ideas that will suggest novel methods for uncovering new physics beyond the standard model of high energy physics.

New ID system set for fall '05

Special to the Observer

If you are looking to get involved with on campus events, take a look at what Student Union Board has to offer!

Right now, SUB is currently accepting applications for the SUB Executive Board.

Positions include:

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- Chief Controller

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Please consider this excellent opportunity to get involved!
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ing uprising in Southern Sudan, they lacked the resources to fully engage on both fronts and accordingly hired and armed a large Arab militia force to com­bat the Darfuri rebel groups. These militias are known by Darfurians as Janjaweed — liter­ally, "those who attack on horseback."

Although the Sudanese gov­ernment has consistently main­tained that both its own soldiers and the Janjaweed militias have used exclusively to combat rebel groups, both the Janjaweed and the official Sudanese armed forces have specifically targeted black Darfuri civilians, sys­tematically destroying hundreds of villages, according to Human Rights Watch. Often, the Sudanese air force has attacked villages with bombs or machine guns, after which a joint force of Janjaweed and the Sudanese army kill the remaining Darfurians and rape the village. Moreover, Sudanese soldiers and Janjaweed militias have carried out a systematic campaign of rape throughout Darfur as part of the Janjaweed killers' aim to ethnically cleanse the Darfur region of non-African populations. The crisis in Darfur eventually gained some attention in the international community, and the atrocities there have been deemed ethnic cleansing by the United Nations in March 2004. The Bush administration went a step further, declar­ing that genocide had occurred, sending hun­dreds of mil­lions of dollars in humanitarian aid money and promis­ing to send more. Although the Khartoum gov­ernment and Darfurian rebel groups signed a ceasefire in April 2004, it has been largely without effect, as human rights violations have continued on both sides, accord­ing to Human Rights Watch. The optimistic claim­ing that violence in the region has been reduced fails to recognize that it has decreased largely because the Sudanese government has been so successful in ridding Darfur of its black African population, according to Human Rights Watch. Most of those who have not been killed have gener­ally fled to neighboring Chad, and nearly all international commen­tators recognize that the situa­tion in Darfur is far from resolved.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope breathes with respirator

SUCCESSFUL TRACHEOTOMY CLEARLY AIRWAY, HELPS POINTIFY BREATH AFTER RETURN TO HOSPITAL

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II underwent a successful tracheotomy Thursday night to insert a tube in his throat to relieve his breathing problems, hours after he was rushed back to the hospital for the second time in a month with flu-like symptoms of fever and congestion, the Vatican said.

The 79-year-old was conscious in his hospital room after the tracheotomy, breathing with the help of a respirator, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

A top aide to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi who visited the pope Thursday said John Paul was "defence" after waking up from the anaesthesia. He had a large bandage and attempted to speak with doctors but was taken to try, Cabinet Undersecretary Gianni Letta told reporters at Gemelli Polytechnic Hospital in Rome.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the tracheotomy lasted 30 minutes and that the outcome was "positive."
The pope had approved the procedure, which the Vatican characterized as elective — underscoring that it was not done as an emergency measure.

The frail, 84-year-old pontiff, who was taken to the hospital shortly before 11 a.m. in an ambulance, was to spend the night in his hospital room, Navarro-Valls said.

But the tracheotomy may require a longer hospital stay and have serious consequences for the pope's abilities to carry out his duties, since he may not be able to speak, at least initially, while the breathing tube is in his throat.

Medical experts said the respirator was a serious development. "The fact that he is on a respirator is not good. The fact that he was readmitted so quickly is not good. All this suggests there's a serious problem," said Dr. Michael Kaplitt, a Parkinson's disease expert at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Before the tracheotomy, outside medical experts had said John Paul may have pneumonia. However, Navarro-Valls' statement made no reference to pneumonias, saying the pope suffered a narrowing of his larynx.

President Bush, flying home from a European trip, said in a statement, "On behalf of all Americans, Laura and I send our heartfelt best wishes to Pope John Paul II."

The Holy Father is in our thoughts and prayers and we wish him a speedy recovery and return to the service of his church and of all humanity.

In recent days, the pope appeared to be recovering from an illness that kept him in the hospital for 10 days earlier this month. On Wednesday, he gave a 30-minute audience by video hookup, reading a statement in six languages before waving and giving his blessing at the end.

With each successive appearance, he seemed a little stronger, a little more alert, and his voice rang out with greater clarity.

That made Thursday's reversal all the more shocking for the faithful from Nigeria to the Philippines to St. Peter's Square, and raised more doubts about his ability to carry on.

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if anything, people realize that the body is not something to be afraid of. Awareness and prevention go hand in hand. The SMC Monologues are intended for a mature audience only, as some of the content portrays instances of rape, violence, and sexuality. Regardless, audience members are sure to experience a wide range of emotions. "I am particularly impressed by our students' creativity and energy, not to mention their willingness to honestly and courageously write about their own experiences," said Henry. "Some Monologues are heartbreaking, some incredibly real, and some are laugh-out-loud funny, but all help to tell the story of what it means to be a woman." Although The Vagina Monologues have been known to invoke feelings of discomfort among some, Pittman feels these feelings are vital in the quest for awareness and the battle of prevention. "Of course, we are concerned about provoking discomfort," she said. "But we know that such discomfort is necessary if we want to change our community to be more aware of sexual assault, to be more accepting of diversity and to be more understanding of ourselves."

Despite varying views on Eve Ensler and the controversy surrounding her work, the message behind the V-day movement is aimed at stopping violence against women. With sexual crimes being committed against one in four college women, the impact of these offenses cannot be ignored. "It is hard to face the idea of violence against women," said Francis. "But this is about more than that. This is about celebrating being a woman and not only finding a voice within yourself, but also in the world."

Many feel this initiative represents the values and attitudes encompassed in a Saint Mary's woman. "Saint Mary's women don't sit on the sidelines and watch," Pittman said. "They act. They lead. They speak out. And that's what SMC Monologues is all about."

Admission to the production is free with a suggested $3 donation at the door. All proceeds benefit S.O.N., the rape crisis center for St. Joseph County.

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In Brief

Mittal leader will cut 45,000 jobs

Cleveland — The leader of Netherlands-based Mittal Steel Co. NV says he wants to cut the company’s workforce by about 45,000 jobs after it merges with International Steel Group Inc. The cuts would amount to nearly 30 percent of the combined steelmaker’s work force.

Owner Lakshmi Mittal said Wednesday during a speech to analysts in Chicago that he would like to see Mittal’s 155,000-employee work force drop to about 110,000 workers in about five years.

The combined company would have about 10,000 workers in northwest Indiana — 5,000 at two steel plants in East Chicago and 5,000 at its Burns Harbor mill.

Mittal, who spoke Wednesday for more than an hour on a range of issues about the company’s financial plans, was addressing an analyst’s general question about how big the company’s work force will be. The conference was broadcast on Mittal’s Web site.

Nash Finch agrees to $225 million deal

Minneapolis — Nash Finch Co. said Thursday it has agreed to pay $225 million for Roundy’s Inc. Nash Finch does not expect to close any facilities as a result of the acquisition.

The deal is expected to improve productivity and financial plans, was addressing an analyst’s general question about how big the company’s work force will be. The conference was broadcast on Mittal’s Web site.

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ChoicePoint breach puts users at risk

SAN FRANCISCO — Warren Lambert thought it was just another piece of junk mail until he read the letter more closely and learned that con artists may have obtained his Social Security number, name and address. What they need is to steal his identity and ruin his credit.

Lambert is one of nearly 145,000 Americans rendered vulnerable by a breach of the computer databases of ChoicePoint Inc., a leading tracker in a growing pool of information about who we are, what we own and even where we go.

The Georgia-based company began mailing the warning letters after acknowledging this month that thieves opened more than 50 ChoicePoint accounts by posing as legitimate businesses.

Lambert, a retired banker in San Francisco, now spends several hours a day phoning customer service agents, poring over credit card statements, ordering credit reports and checking bank accounts.

He worries that thieves will eventually do to him what sheriffs detected in Los Angeles say they’ve done to more than 700 other people — ruin his mail, ring up credit card debts, buy a car or even commit a felony in his name.

“Now I have to be on a credit monitoring service and look over my shoulder for the rest of my life,” said Lambert, 67. “I feel sorry for the younger victims who are eventually going to buy a house or a car. They’ll try to buy and then they’ll discover that their credit is ruined.”

More than 50 million Americans were victims of identity theft last year, crimes that cost the nation roughly $5 billion not including lost productivity, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The Federal Trade Commission ranks identity theft as the No. 1 fraud-related problem.

Many victims are dumbfounded by the dearth of federal and state laws aimed at protecting their credit histories and other information about them that data brokers gather and sell to institutions including news organizations, banks and, increasingly, companies vetting prospective employees. Victims are also frustrated by the amount of time it takes to re-establish identities.

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Young cellular phone user difficult to track
Growing population poses problem for pollsters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They're mainly young, single and urban. They move frequently, usually renting rather than owning their homes. Pollsters call them "cell phone only" because they don't own traditional phones.

As this hard-to-track population grows, so does the problem of accurately incorporating them into polling and scientific surveys that seek to measure everything from health and business practices to political attitudes.

For now, the problem is most pressing in areas of research where the attitudes of young adults are sought, like surveys of radio listener preferences.

Paul Lavrakas, a public opinion researcher at Nielsen Media Research, organized a meeting in New York City this month where pollsters and others involved in survey research discussed ways to address the cell-phone-only issue. One major aim is to learn how to deal with this population before the next presidential election.

"What the industry doesn't know how to do is how to statistically balance those reached by cell phones with those reached on land lines," said Lavrakas. The cellular population is growing fast. In 2001, it comprised about a half-percent of the population. Now it's estimated at 7 percent. Among people age 15 to 24, almost one in five have only cell phones, according to Clyde Tucker, a researcher at the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The industry has to deal with the cell phone issue while it's still manageable or it will be doing that research work when cell phones have become a problem for surveys — "and that's not a good practice," said Mike Brick, a statistician at Westat, which handles scientific surveys for the federal government.

"The cell-phone-only issue is just the latest challenge facing survey researchers. People have shown less willingness to talk to survey researchers, especially on the phone. Many polls are conducted on the telephone, the fastest and most efficient way to do a survey. But some surveys are done face to face, or by mail.

Raj Naik, a 26-year-old employee of a software company who lives in Roslyn, Va., is a good example of the "cell phone only" crowd.

"He got rid of the traditional phone because most of the calls he received were "calls I didn't want to take," Naik said he wouldn't mind getting calls from survey researchers. "If those calls aren't costing me anything, as long as some one calls me on my cell phone, it's costing me something."

That's part of the problem for pollsters. Cell phone users don't expect to get survey calls. When they do, many are uncooperative.

"People say, 'Do you know you're calling me on my cell phone?'" said Charlotte Stroh, a Georgia State researcher who has done experimental cell phone surveys. "Some people mentioned the privacy issue, saying, 'How did you get my number? I only give it out to family and friends.' Some just hung up on you.

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state. The grant has provided funding for Saint Mary's facul-
ty and students for various academic and career-oriented
projects and trips within the state, such as this week's trip to Indianapolis.

"We tried to come up with different ideas for grant use and one of them was this annual trip to Chicago," Renshaw said.

In the fall, Renshaw created and submitted a proposal for the trip to Indianapolis to the committee that oversees the grant money. He was given $2,500 to pay for a chartered bus and hotel rooms, making the trip virtually free for him and his students. Each participant is paying just $10 out of pocket.

While in Indianapolis, the group will visit several notable companies and potential future employers such as Union Federal Bank and Deloitte & Touche.

"We have a contact at each place, and they are very generous about Lunch and their graduate," said Renshaw. That is the neat thing about all this, he said, it is a neat thing about their network.

The alumnae club of Indianapolis held a reception for the students Tuesday evening.

Renshaw said he is uncertain whether Indianapolis will become the permanent destination for the trip.

"I know that it will be nice to make some connections ... we don't meet too many alumna around campus." Jessica Adach trip participant

Penalty

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not want the murderer to die at the time. However, she said she understood when her mother told her she was too young to grasp the situation.

"I know what life is and I know it is not in my power to demand it be taken away." Jessica Broome graduate student

Bromoe said the murder of her father was not made any easier by the fact another man will die. She does not want the son of the murderer to feel her grief, and said she felt the execution of an individual affects innocent vic-
tims. Bromoe also said the execution of her father's murderer could never fill the void left in her life. "My heart is not full of hate," she said. "It is full of grief." John Gilmarten, a spritual advisor. Prior to Gilmarten's arrival at the jail, the death row inmate had only spoken with fellow inmates and guards.

Gilmarten said he was scheduled to be executed Jan. 28. Gilmarten said newspapers and television had surrounded the premises. "It was a show, it was terrible," he said. "Ross's execution has once again been postponed." Gilmarten said, adding that the day Ross was to be executed Jan. 28, Gilmarten said, adding that the day Ross was to be executed.

"When you hug me, remember for 13 years I never touched another person," Gilmarten said that through their relationship, Ross learned that God had forgiven him for what he had done.

The prayer was part of a series of activities titled "The Death Penalty Awareness Week.

Other activities include a March 1 speech by Madison Hobley, a former inmate found innocent of murder after 14 years on death row and a keynote address by former governor of Illinois George Ryan.

Ryan's speech will entail his unprecedented 2003 decision to issue a moratorium against state executions, which freed Hobley and three other death row inmates while commuting the sentences of 163 others.

The speech will be followed by an open panel discussion titled "The Death Penalty in Indiana.

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PVS case causes a dispute

Judge, father argue over IV removal

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Before she was a well-known and seasoned patient at the center of a legal dispute over whether she should live or die, Terri Schiavo was a young woman who desperately wanted to be thin.

At 26, she was strikingly beautiful with delicate features. But she had spent her childhood and high school years as a chubby and shy girl, standing just 5-foot-3 and weighing 200 pounds at her heaviest.

When she finally lost 65 pounds in a weight-loss program, she started paying attention — including the man who would become her husband, Michael Schiavo, who was tall and handsome.

But keeping the weight off was a struggle for Terri Schiavo, and years after her heart stopped briefly, cutting off oxygen to the brain — a malpractice case brought against a doctor on her behalf would reveal she had been trying to survive on liquids and drugs for years before she died.

A 2003 appeals court decision upholding the right of Florida's Attorney General James A. Moriarty to remove the feeding tube was the impetus behind the stand that she can starve to death.

Gary Fox, a lawyer who represented Schiavo in the malpractice case, said the disease is the "least invasive in the whole case.

While there is no cure for bulimia, there were things that could and should have been done to help control it," he said in a recent interview. Terri Schiavo, 41, is now locked in what some doctors say is a Persistent Vegetative State (PVS), with no hope of recovery. In one of the nation's most notable legal rights disputes, her husband is fighting with her parents to have the feeding tube removed; a court order preventing its removal expired last year.

Like almost every element in the case, whether Schiavo really is in a PVS is in dis-

pute. Her father, Robert Schiavo, does not believe his daughter had an eating disorder and thinks her husband had something to do with her collapse. Michael Schiavo has denied his wife's
defense attorneys testified they knew she was bulimic because after meals, she always made a point of excusing herself to go to the bathroom. Her husband also knew she had peculiar eating patterns but did not realize they were dangerous,

Fox said.

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Basketball celebrates 100 years

When fans think of Notre Dame athletics, they think football and national championships, Heisman Trophies and legendary games. But when fans think of Notre Dame basketball, a moment here and there along with a couple of coaches and players come to mind. This weekend’s celebration of the 100th anniversary of men’s basketball at Notre Dame presents a perfect opportunity to change that.

Unlike the much-repeated legendary history of the Notre Dame football program, the knowledge of the men’s basketball program usually goes unsaid, except for the banners hanging from the rafters of the Joyce Center.

The sight of UCLA in South Bend on Sunday will bring back memories of the Irish ending the Bruins’ 88-game winning streak in 1974 — a memory many casual Notre Dame basketball fans can recall.

But how many people knew the Irish were the last team to beat the Bruins before that streak started?

The much-repeated chants of 20-1 in the Feb. 8 upset of previously undefeated Boston College made national headlines.

But how many people knew the champs originally occurred in 1977 when Digger Phelps urged the student body to line the court and yell 29-1 prior to the upset of No. 1 San Francisco?

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg. Notre Dame basketball is about more than Digger Phelps, Mike Brey, Austin Carr and Chris Thomas.

It’s about Notre Dame being the only school with three three-time consensus All-Americans — all happening in the 1930s.

It’s about Notre Dame handing four separate teams their first loss after those squads had won 20 or more games to begin their seasons — more than any other school.

Few people know about the illustrious history of Notre Dame basketball because Brey has only brought the program back on the map. The 1990s were a dark era after 20 successful seasons under Phelps — when making the NCAA tournament became expected and not a cause for celebration.

This weekend, welcome back the former players returning to the Joyce Center as the Irish continue their trek to March Madness.

Then after you hear their names, records and accomplishments, go out and pick up one of the well-written books recently composed about Notre Dame basketball.

You’ll be surprised at what you find.

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I was intrigued to see that Wednesday World Trade Center structural engineer Leslie Herbertson spoke on campus and briefly addressed the World Trade Center collapse. However, I was extremely disappointed to find yet another vague and confusing explanation from him regarding the collapses. This comes on the heels of news that only nearly half of the Sept. 11 victims’ remains have been identified due to insufficient DNA evidence.

There is a growing concern among the general population that the explanation of what happened to the towers on Sept. 11 is glaringly insufficient. The shock of images of the towers collapsing is gradually being replaced by skepticism about how this event could have happened. For example, how could fire produced by jet fuel inside of the planes get hot enough to melt the steel inside the towers? Kevin Ryan, a site manager for a division of Underwriters Laboratories (the product compliance and testing company that certified the steel used in the World Trade Centers) was recently fired for voicing his concerns that while “experts” told us that the towers collapsed due to steel melting at 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, the World Trade Center steel was ASTM E119 certified, meaning it withstood temperatures of 2000 degrees Fahrenheit for several hours in testing.

Evidence suggests that the weak and quick-burning fires in the World Trade Center only exposed the steel to 200 degrees Fahrenheit. If you are an endorser of FEMA’s “Truss Theory,” take into consideration that the report left out the presence of pressurized, the fact that the tower’s inner cores were not stacked but a collection of columns. The core structure of the towers is inconsistent with the “zipper theory” which purports to explain the rapid demise of the towers. Observational evidence that shows concrete (notably an iceberg being discovered by a surprisingly large part of the population genuinely confused and genuinely angry about the lack of legitimate inquiry into what really happened on Sept. 11. There is a movement occurring that is larger than a few cheezy flashlight videos. What I’ve quickly noted above is not the main or even best arguments against the official explanation. I’d encourage anyone curious to check out www.911truth.org.

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**Quote of the Day**

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness — only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate — only love can do that.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
civil rights activist
Why Europeans doubt Bush

It is difficult to gauge what is worse — bitter rivals or bosom buddies. Sometimes the actions of either group need identical results, almost as though they are one and the same. Such is the case with the relationship between European leaders and President George W. Bush. Europe is convinced that as best alliances go, Bush will not make serious efforts to include them during his second term.

On Monday in Brussels, a seemingly insignificant series of small incidents spoke volumes on what type of arm’s-length inclusiveness Bush plans for Europeans. As was usual during last year’s American campaign appearances, the White House dictated the visual messages placed on the stage backdrop. The visual insignia on the podium as well as the stage placement of podiums, chairs, and flags, Bush set up a tone that the U.S. was the eight hundred pound elephant in the room and had no intention of changing.

In another effort to avoid difficult questions during the president’s so-called campaign town hall meetings last year, the White House went to the extreme effort to hand-pick the entire audience for Bush’s major speech. It was another sign that the next four years will not change much. Europeans loudly heard that while Bush speaks of improving relations abroad, he will absolutely not participate with those whom he most needs to engage, namely his policy opponents.

Most importantly, though, to better control the content and message that appeared in the United States, the White House insisted on two separate press offerings during Bush’s photo opportunity opposite French President Chirac — the first for foreign press, followed by a session for American reporters. To further manipulate the subliminal visual message for the American audience, the White House dared to alter the stage between press sessions.

Initially, the stage held a blue and white backdrop with the words “Belgium Brussels” entered behind two chairs. Four flags adorned the stage. Two flags sat at each side of the backdrop about two feet apart behind each president so that both flags, one French and one American flag, appeared over the shoulder behind each president in television close-up shots. During the first foreign press session, European broadcasts and the CNN European web site clearly showed a French flag behind Bush.

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It is ironic that most of Bush’s agenda may not have succeeded if not for our sense of fear and revenge emanating from the attacks of Sept. 11. Americans have given Bush a blank check to fight terror, even in a benign Iraq over radical Iran or Syria. Europeans know that despite Bush’s claim that differences regarding Iraq should be left in the past, they know Bush will proceed with or without them. That is the type of diplomacy Europe may cope with for now, but will continue to doubt.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Darfur — a call to action

After attending the Darfur symposium on Wednesday I was appalled by the atrocities that are being committed on a daily basis in Sudan. But what really angered me was the continued inaction on the part of the United States and the rest of the international community on this issue. President Bush spoke in his Inaugural Address about spreading freedom and liberty throughout the world. If ever there was a time to give these words some concrete meaning, the time is now. The people of Darfur are becoming the victims of a systematic campaign of displacement, rape and murder by the Janjaweed militias that are supported by the Sudanese government. President Bush should be praised for labeling the atrocities in the Sudan as genocide, but because we refuse to act to put any kind of force behind our rhetoric, the genocide continues.

As a result of the continued inaction on the part of our government and the international community, we are allowing 10,000 Darfurians to be killed on a monthly basis. In this day and age after we have witnessed the horrors of Armenia, the Holocaust and Rwanda, atrocities like this should be unacceptable. Despite the horrific events that have already occurred, there is still an opportunity for Americans to prove themselves to the challenge and bring a peaceful settlement to the situation in the Sudan.

We must all speak out as Americans, as Catholics, as supporters of freedom and justice, as Republicans and as Democrats, as people of good will, we must speak with one voice and demand action on behalf of the Darfurians who are in dire need of our assistance.

Andrew Sullivan

EDITORIAL CARTOON

“GRAB A BRUSH. TONY. AND I’LL SHOW YOU HOW WE MEND FENCES IN AMERICA!”
The 2005 Oscar race has been one of the closest in recent history. At first it seemed “The Aviator” was the clear front-runner. Since then, the tables have turned somewhat, as the dark horse candidate “Million Dollar Baby” has started to overpower the Miramax machine. I’ve gone back and forth several times in several categories despite going 37 for 39 for the last year, where nearly all of the winners were foregone conclusions. Expect this to be one of the most exciting and hotly debated Academy Awards in recent history.

**Best Picture**

*What will win:* “The Aviator”

*Why it will win:* Martin Scorsese’s grand biopic of mogul Howard Hughes may not be the obvious frontrunner, but it will still likely win the Oscar for a variety of reasons. It won the Best Picture (Drama) Golden Globe and leads the Oscar pack with 11 nominations, which is a good sign. No Scorsese film has ever been named Best Picture (this includes such past revered nominees as “Taxi Driver” and “Raging Bull”), so the Academy will take that into consideration.

Finally, it has the overpowering Miramax machine behind it, which is both a good thing and a bad thing, since it tends to smother smaller films. It’s possible that “Million Dollar Baby” will overcome its dark horse status and win over Oscar voters, but the last time a dark horse won was in 1981, when the Oscar went to “Chariots of Fire.” As for “Sideways,” it’s started to fall out of favor, with A.O. Scott from The New York Times declaring it the most overrated film of the year.

*What should win:* “Million Dollar Baby”

*Why it should win:* This was a really, really difficult call. On one hand, three of the five best picture nominees are phenomenal films (“Million Dollar Baby,” “Sideways,” “The Aviator”). On the other, none are quite so affecting and emotionally charged as “Million Dollar Baby.” Eastwood has crafted a remarkable film that is nearly on par with his previous Best Picture winner, “Unforgiven.” This is probably the best picture of the nominees.

**Best Director**

*Who will win:* Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”)

*Why he will win:* In 1976, Martin Scorsese failed to receive a nomination for “Taxi Driver,” his first Best Picture nominee. The Oscar that year went to John G. Avildsen, who won for “Rocky,” written by first-time actor-turned-writer Sylvester Stallone. In 1980, Martin Scorsese received a nomination for “Raging Bull” and lost to first-time actor-turned-director Robert Redford for “Ordinary People.” In 1990, Martin Scorsese received a nomination for “Goodfellas” and lost to first-time actor-turned-director Kevin Costner for “Dances With Wolves.” It would only be fitting if Scorsese loses this year to actor-turned-director Clint Eastwood (who has previously won the directing award for “Unforgiven”). This is not to detract from the considerable talents of Eastwood, who directed “Million Dollar Baby” with a rare power and understatement almost completely missing in contemporary Hollywood. Besides which, the Academy tends to favor directors who work well with actors, and Eastwood evoked powerful performances from not only Hilary Swank and Morgan Freeman, but also delivered a technically masterful film.

*Who should win:* Martin Scorsese (“The Aviator”)

*Why he should win:* No Scorsese film has ever won Best Picture. This includes such venerable American classics as “Taxi Driver,” “Raging Bull” and “Goodfellas,” all of which lost to inferior films. The director has proven his mettle time and time again and continues to make solid movies to this day, even after his film school brat contemporaries (Laraia, DePalma) have faded into the background, leaving Scorsese the long-deserved Best Director award. Although his work on “The Aviator” is slightly weaker than in previous roles, he still remains a technical master and manages to bring an indelibility to “The Aviator,” as he has with nearly all of his previous work.

**Best Actor**

*Who will win:* Jamie Foxx (“Ray”)

*Why he will win:* If there is one thing the Academy loves more than actors playing real-life historical figures, it’s actors playing characters with disabilities. Jamie Fox has the best of both worlds here—not only does he play Ray Charles impeccably (down to the famous great singer’s quirks and blindness), but he also inhabits that-Oscar-loved category of the comedic actor breaking into serious roles (Tom Hanks, “Philadelphia,” Robin Williams in “Good Will Hunting”). Beyond even that, Fox has been nominated in both the Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor award for two different roles (only the second actor to ever do so, after Al Pacino’s 1992 double-nomination for “Scent of a Woman” and “Glory”). Additionally, the surprise nomination of Foxx in the Best Supporting category in the Best Picture category will help bring more attention to Fox’s performance. This race is all but over.

*Who should win:* Leonardo DiCaprio (“The Aviator”)

*Why he should win:* This was a surprise nomination, but a welcome one. While a role like Howard Hughes, but he, like Jamie Fox, gets to play a real-life figure with a disability. DiCaprio, wisely, concentrates on those qualities that made Hughes such a fascinating person. He is also a good actor, which he has demonstrated in roles such as “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?” (for which he received a nomination) to “Catch Me If You Can.” He may have finally overcome his “pretty boy” status, as Johnny Deep and Brad Pitt had to do, by carefully choosing roles. His performance in “The Aviator” solidifies the arrival of a new DiCaprio, the actor rather than DiCaprio the teen idol. While he will likely receive another nomination (as he did for Johnny Deep), it may come too late, as that notorious sympathy award for superior work in “Scent of a Woman,” Paul Newman for “The Color of Money” and “Wayne’s World.” Instead of going through all that trouble later, why not give him the award now, when he truly deserves it?

**Best Actress**

*Who will win:* Hilary Swank (“Million Dollar Baby”)

*Why she will win:* She has not won an Oscar since her first Oscar win for “Boys Don’t Cry” with a true knockout performance. If there’s one thing that Eastwood knows how to do, it’s direct actors. Gary Hackett won the Oscar for “Unforgiven,” Tim Robbins and Sean Penn both won Oscars for “Mystic River.” But it’s Swank who moderates her performance into one that is multi-layered and surprising—demonstrating a dramatic mettle the Academy will certainly notice. Plus, there is a certain irony here—the last time she was nominated was five years ago, when she beat Annette Bening (for American Beauty) in a two-horse race. Bening received a nomination this year for Being Julia, her first nominal since American Beauty.

*Who should win:* Kate Winslet (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind)

*Why she should win:* Eternal Sunshine may be the most woefully under-appreciated film of the year, but the Academy has always been right about the quality of the film. They love “Sideways,” “The Aviator”). Instead of going through all that trouble later, why not give him the award now, when he truly deserves it?

**Best Supporting Actor**

*Who will win:* Thomas Haden Church (Sideways)

*Why he will win:* This is a really tough field to call. All the actors possess great comedic timing, and each has a unique quality that could propel him to the top. Haden Church, however, has shown a range not seen in the past few years, and his performance is one of the most memorable of the year.

**Best Supporting Actress**

*Who will win:* Uma Thurman gave an excellent performance in “Kill Bill, Volume 2,” but did not receive an Oscar nomination.
actor stubn may be rectified by a win for Church despite the fact that the duo's characters are so closely interwoven that it into consideration, to the point that it reveals a notable imbalance — Church may win while Giamatti fails to even make the ballot.

Who should win: Morgan Freeman (The Shawshank Redemption)

Why he should win: Freeman has never won, despite nods for Driving Miss Daisy and The Shawshank Redemption. He is still one of the most respectable and consistent actors in Hollywood, so an Oscar is well deserved. This may not be Freeman's year, but it is likely to be his last (he's not even nominated for Star Wars: Episode III, due in May).

Why he will win: Freeman hasn't won yet, but he could win his first Oscar for playing the most-nominated and winningest actress of all time. His performance in The Aviator is truly outstanding. As a naturalistic actor, there are few who can better him. Martin Scorsese's The Aviator was the obvious frontrunner in this field, but since then, Virginia Madsen has emerged as the favorite. Her wonderfully charismatic performance in Sideways is not only suitable for a wonderful mid-film monologue that may be one of the most memorable in cinematic history. It's a good possibility that Madsen will win, but it is a close field. Don't expect surprise nominations. Natalie Portman to win, however, for a variety of reasons. Not only is she still very young, but the Academy probably still has painful memories of Star Wars: Episode III.

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Why they should win: One of the best-reviewed films of the year. The performances and the script. Payne's road-trip-puddly-movie transcends its origins precisely because the script is so well written. The Academy will not overlook this film, especially if it fails to win the Best Picture — the Best Screenplay award will be something of a runner-up prize for Payne.

Who should win: Before Sunrise, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, and The Aviator

Why they should win: This is a beautifully written film (by the director and the two stars from characters created by Linklater and Kim Krizan) and one of the best screenplays of the year. As a philosophically tinged examination of love and relationships, Before Sunrise is the kind of sensitively written, minimalist film that draws the viewer into the lives of its characters. The dialogue flows easily between the two characters as a kind of naturalistic duet that forms a framework within which the bigger themes of the film are woven. It is likely it won't beat Sideways, but it probably deserves to — Linklater, Hawke and Delpy have written a wonderful script.

Oscar Oversights

It was inevitable that there would be some oversight in the nominations this happens every year. This year's nominations are even more glaring than usual, as entire films were completely or nearly completely overlooked. Some notable oversights:

♦ Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind was overlooked in several categories, including Best Picture, Best Director (Michel Gondry) and Best Actor (Jim Carrey, who still has never received an Oscar nomination).

♦ The Passion of the Christ and Fahrenheit 9/11, both strongly ideological and controversial films, received no major nominations. Michael Moore's lobbying for a Best Picture nomination (and thus sacrificing Best Documentary eligibility) backfired, while Mel Gibson's general disinterest in the Oscars (he's already won Best Picture and Best Director for Braveheart) and Hollywood's negative reception to the film likely hurt its chances.

♦ Paul Giamatti, once thought to be a possible frontrunner in the Best Actor race, was not even nominated for Sideways. Julie Delpy was woefully overlooked for her performance in Before Sunset.

♦ The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, Wes Anderson's quirky film starring Bill Murray, failed to receive any nominations.

♦ The Motorcycle Diaries did receive a Best Foreign Language Film nomination.

♦ Mark Wahlberg, was overlooked for his quirky role in I Heart Huckabees.

♦ Zach Braff's debut Garden State (which he wrote, directed and starred in) received no nominations. The most notable oversight was in the Best Original Screenplay category.

♦ Liam Neeson was not nominated for Kinsey.

♦ Jude Law received no nominations, despite acting in six films this year.

♦ Kill Bill Volume 2 received no nominations, possibly due to the confusion over the film's split into two parts, one released in 2003 and one released in 2004. This film had potential to be nominated in several categories, including Best Picture, Best Director (Quentin Tarantino), Best Actress (Uma Thurman), Best Actor (David Carradine) and Best Original Screenplay (Quentin Tarantino).

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Unlike his counterpart Thomas Haden Church, Paul Giamatti did not receive a nomination for his performance in "Sideways."
chicago's iguchi adjusting to the major leagues

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tadahito Iguchi's body clock is a bit out of whack, so when he hit a home run on his second day of spring training, it was a rather remarkable accomplishment.

Yeah, sure it was just batting practice, but he's still trying to shake off jet lag after arriving at the Chicago White Sox spring camp two days ago.

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**Michigan State's Alan Anderson, right, puts up a shot over Wisconsin's Sharif Chambliss during the first half Thursday.**

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**Nominations are due by Friday, March 4, 2005.**

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

**Anderson leads Michigan St. past Wisconsin**

Associated Press

**EAST LANSING, Mich. — Alan Anderson got choked up — and it had nothing to do with earning a spot in Michigan State's record books.**

Anderson didn't miss and scored a career-high 28 points to lead the 10th-ranked Spartans to a 77-64 win over No. 20 Wisconsin on Thursday.

He was 10-of-10 from the field and 2-of-2 from the line, becoming the fourth Michigan State player to take at least 10 shots without a miss.

But the senior forward passed and stammered as he spoke after the game because the Spartans snatched a 12-game streak against ranked opponents as a six-game skid against Wisconsin.

"It was our last chance against those guys," Anderson said. "This one was big. We knew they took our home-winning streak from us. They took a couple of championships, too. That's why we were so emotional."

The Spartans (20-4, 11-2 Big Ten) have won 10 of 11 since losing to the Badgers on Jan. 16, winning their last nine by double digits.

Those lopsided victories didn't quiet their critics because of the strong showing by opposition in previous games since the regional finals of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

"I don't think I could be happier for our players," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "This has been hard on them. It wasn't like they conquered the world. But they beat a good team soundly."

Wisconsin's Alando Tucker had 11 points and 16 rebounds and Andre Murray added 11.

The Badgers didn't pull within 10 after Anderson's 13:53 left in the first half. His one-man career high was 18 points, thanks to Anderson.

Michigan State led by as much as 14 before halftime and didn't let the Badgers get closer than eight after Anderson's scoring barrage. Anderson scored 15 points in the first half to help Michigan State take a 33-25 lead.

It didn't take long for the Spartans to earn a comfortable lead again. Offensive rebounds led to seven of their first eight points in the second half, giving them a 41-27 lead with 17:55 left.

"Those (offensive rebounds) reminded me a little bit of our teams in the past," Izzo said. "Those are breakaways."

The Badgers didn't pull within single digits again until there was just over a minute left.

No. 24 Cincinnati 80

Marquette 68

With Marquette missing its best player, all No. 24 Cincinnati had to do was let its two formidable power forwards take over the game.

Eric Hicks and Jason Maxiell were up to it again.

Hicks scored 17 points and Maxiell added 14 on Thursday, leading the Bearcats to a win in Marquette's first game without leading scorer Travis Diener, lost for the season with a broken hand.

Cincinnati (21-6, 9-4 Conference USA) got up 28 points in the second half before coasting, one of the Bearcats' worst defeats. Marquette hit some late 3s, cutting the lead to seven points in the final minute against Cincinnati's reserves.

"We get passive," coach Bob Huggins said. "We come out and play really, really hard, then get a lead and get passive."

We get comfortable, and it's hard to play this game comfortably."

Marquette (18-9, 6-8) had trouble finding shots without Diener running the show. Cincinnati is No. 2 in the nation in forcing opponents to miss, holding them to 36.8 percent exactly what Marquette shot.

Diener, one of the nation's top point guards, led the conference in scoring (19.7 points per game) and assists (7 per game) when he broke his hand Tuesday during practice. He had surgery and will miss the rest of his senior season.

Steve Novak led Marquette with 21 points, going 7-of-12 from behind the 3-point arc. Sophomore guard Domen Mason took Diener's spot in the lineup and had 17.

Diener was upbeat and smiling as he walked around the court during pregame warmups, slapping hands with teammates as they stretched on the floor. Huggins spotted Diener, walked over to him, shook his hand and warmly wrapped an arm around his shoulders.

Huggins said something that made both of them laugh, then pumped his hand again before walking away to attend to his team.

Then, the Golden Eagles found out just how much they're going to miss Diener.

Marquette had won three of its last five games, showing signs of stabilizing. Without Diener, the Golden Eagles looked lost on offense. They couldn't get into a flow without the school's career 3-point leader on the floor.

"When they called plays, I know a lot of people weren't in the right spots," Hicks said. "There was confusion at times. I could tell they missed not having Diener out there."

Coach Tom Crean called a 30-second timeout after Cincinnati surged ahead 13-4 in the opening minutes. Diener walked pressingly around the perimeter of the huddle, and a fan in the Cincinnati student section held up a sign that read: "No Diener No Chance."

Crean thought his team missed Diener's leadership at the outlet.

"Probably, but that's not an excuse," Crean said. "We've got to learn to deal with it. We figured it out in the second half."

Cincinnati got open 3s over Marquette's zone, packed in to the arc, putting the Bearcats in control early. Williams finished with 16 points.

Freshman walk-on guard Ryan Patzwald made a three and a jumper during an eight-point spurt, and Hicks made a turnaround jumper and three-point play that put the Bearcats up, 38-21 at halftime.

Marquette had only two assists in the first half, underscoring how much it missed Diener.

Hicks and Maxiell scored Cincinnati's first 10 points in the second half.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Horns, Hawks loom on horizon

By ANN LOUGHERY

Sports Writer

The No. 20 Irish are looking to redeem themselves after two heartbreaking losses to No. 5 Duke and No. 9 North Carolina.

Notre Dame (4-2) nearly pulled off a pair of upsets last weekend, winning the doubles points and holding early advantages but ultimately falling 4-3 to both teams. This weekend, coach Jay Louderback hopes the results will be just the opposite as the Irish take on No. 13 Texas (6-0) on Saturday and No. 57 Iowa (4-2) on Sunday.

"Last weekend, we just had trouble finishing our matches," Louderback said. "We can’t let them get into third sets like we did against Duke and North Carolina. This weekend is another opportunity for us to compete against a top team."

"Texas looks to be the most challenging opponent the Irish will face this weekend. Last year, Texas defeated Notre Dame 5-2, winning two of the three doubles matches and four of the singles matches. The team returns many of its top players, including No. 80 Kodiya Storlom and the No. 26 doubles duo of Katie Buckert and Storlom.

Freshman Courtney Zautf, ranked 31st in the nation, also joined the already impressive lineup. This year’s match looks to be equally tough. Texas remains undefeated this season at 6-0 with a conference record of 4-0. Last weekend, Texas took on Nebraska and Oklahoma State in a double header. The Longhorns were flawless in their matches, upsetting both teams 7-0. The Hawkeyes look to be a tough chore as well. Although Notre Dame won last year 6-1, Iowa has the momentum since then, boasting rankings in both singles and doubles. Hillary Mintz is ranked at No. 78 singles and also at No. 29 doubles with teammate Meg Ratcliff.

Mintz and Ratcliff each played an integral role in the team’s 7-0 victories over Marquette and Bowling Green last weekend. Louderback expects the team will be just as competitive this weekend.

"They kind of had a slow start, but they’ve been playing well in the last few meets," Louderback said. "They’re very talented just like all of the teams on our schedule. We don’t really have any off meets."

Louderback added their rigorous and demanding schedule is what will propel them to a strong finish towards the end of the season when they face especially tough competition in the NCAA championships.

"We’ve already got a solid doubles team," Louderback said. "And now we’re focusing on singles. I think the more chances our kids have competing in the season, the stronger our singles will become."

The Irish will take the courts against Texas on Saturday at 12 p.m. and against Iowa on Sunday at 9 a.m.

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FENCING

Fencers pointing to national meet

By ERIC RETTER

Sports Writer

Consider this weekend’s event a transition tournament. Notre Dame, who is No. 2 in the women’s poll and No. 4 in the men’s, will play host to the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. The tournament, though a postseason event, has no relevance to the NCAA finals or regionals, the latter of which are next weekend.

"It’s our first tryout for NCAA’s, but the Conference tournament is not the place to qualify," head coach Janusz Bednarski said.

With that in mind, the Irish are still approaching the event with the same goal as always — winning.

"It’s a prestigious event, and we want to be champions," Bednarski said.

The Irish men will be led by senior epeeist Michal Sobieraj, who is still hunting for his first NCAA title. Sobieraj currently owns the men’s single season record for wins, with 65 this season.

"He’s one of the most talented fencers on our team," Bednarski said.

The women will be led by their two defending NCAA champions, sophomore sabre Waltera Bednarski and defending three-time foil champion Alifie Kryczalas. Freshman Mariel Zagonis, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist, has also had a strong season and looks to continue that success this weekend.

"We have the opportunity to face some of the strongest teams in our region before regionals," Bednarski said. "It’s our first tryout, and we need to check how we stand on both sides (men’s and women’s)."

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ND SOFTBALL

Balmi Palm Springs awaits softball team

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Associate Sports Editor

A week after flying out to California only to see rain cancel four of the five games they were scheduled to play, the Irish are hoping for a little more cooperation from nature this time around.

Notre Dame (4-2) is scheduled to play in the Palm Springs Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., this weekend in the team’s third straight road tournament. The Irish expect to face a wide variety of opponents, including three ranked teams.

The team’s 12-1 loss to Pacific was the worst loss for the Irish last season, but Notre Dame will have a chance for redemption this Saturday when they take on the No. 20 Tigers.

The Irish open with two games on Friday — against Loyola-Marymount and then a battle with No. 4 UCLA.

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NBA
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 Deadline reached with deals

The weakest division in the NBA suddenly looks a little stronger, with Antoine Walker back on the Celtics and Chris Webber in Philadelphia.

The NBA trade deadline came and went Thursday with a total of 11 deals involving 35 players being agreed to in the final 24 hours before the cutoff.

Baron Davis was traded from New Orleans to Golden State for Speedy Claxton and Dale Davis, Keith Van Horn went from Milwaukee to Dallas for Calvin Booth and Alan Henderson, and Houston acquired several veterans to add to the league's oldest roster.

Walker went to Boston in a four-player trade, with Gary Payton, Michael Stewart, Tom Gugliotta and a No. 1 pick going to Atlanta.

Rodney Rodgers and injured forward Jamal Mashburn were dealt from New Orleans to Philadelphia for Glenn Robinson, who has not played this season. It was the second trade in a span of less than 24 hours by 76ers general manager Billy King, who pulled off a blockbuster Wednesday night by acquiring Webber from the Sacramento Kings for forwards Corliss Williamson, Brian Skinner and Kenny Thomas.

In other deals:
- San Antonio acquired center Naz Mohammed and a No. 1 pick going to Atlanta.
- Cleveland acquired guard Jeri Welsh from Boston for a future No. 1 pick.
- New York acquired forward Maurice Taylor from Houston for guard Moochie Norris, forward Vin Baker and a second-round draft pick.
- Houston got guard Mike James and center Zendon Hamilton from Milwaukee for guard Reece Gaines and two future second-round picks.
- Golden State sent center Endy Chavez to Denver, guard Luis Flores and No. 1 pick to Denver for forward Nikoloz Tskitishvili and guard Rodney White.
- Charlotte dealt veteran Steve Smith to Miami for forward Malik Allen.

Webber was on the telephone with former Michigan teammate Jalen Rose when Webber received a call from Kings coach Rick Adelman to inform him of the trade.

IN BRIEF

Wood's coast in match play championship
CARLSBAD, Calif. — Two-time defending champion Tiger Woods won his 13th consecutive match at the rain-soaked Match Play Championship on Thursday.

Woods coasted to a 4-and-3 victory over Nick Price, as nine of the top 10 seeds advanced to the second round.

Top-seeded Vijay Singh beat Shingo Katayama 4 and 3, Phil Mickelson led by as many as four holes before dispatching short-hitting Loren Roberts 3 and 1, and Retief Goosen came and went Thursday.

Fifth-seeded Mike Weir was the only loser among the top 10, falling to Kirk Triplett 1-up.

Sergio Garcia, the No. 6 seed, easily beat Alex Cejka 4 and 2, but the remainder top 10 needed at least 18 holes to win. Seventh-ranked Padraig Harrington edged Jeff Maggert 1-up, and No. 9 Davis Love III beat Chris Riley by the same score.

Cubs, Sosa, at odds

MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker and some of his players are disputing some comments Sammy Sosa made when he reported to the Baltimore Orioles' camp.

At a news conference Wednesday, Sosa was asked about comments by Cubs players who said he and the team were better off following the Feb. 2 trade. Sosa apparently interpreted that as the Cubs saying they didn't need him anymore.

"They lie," Sosa was quoted as saying in several newspapers.

The Cubs insisted Thursday that's not what they said or meant.

"Did I say that?" asked Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood. "I never did say it, so apparently somebody else lies. Not him, I'm not talking about him. I never said we were better without Sanny. I said I think both teams got better in the offseason not because Sammy. I said I think both teams got better in the offseason not because Sammy. I did nothing but wish Sammy the best of luck, and I'll continue to wish Sammy the best of luck."

Gagne sprains ligament

VEBO BEACH, Fla. — Los Angeles Dodgers closer Eric Gagne sprained a ligament in his left knee Thursday during the team's first full-squad workout of spring training, and will undergo an MRI exam.

Gagne didn't seem particularly concerned, but trainer Stan Johnston said the 29-year-old right-hander probably will have his activity limited for about a week. Johnston said the injury needs about six weeks to fully heal.

"Any time you hurt something, it's usually going to take that long," Johnston said. "We want to do a precautionary MRI to see what the damage is. It was hard to examine him because he was apprehensive at times."
The Notre Dame women's track team will enjoy a well deserved bye this weekend, just six days after finishing second at the Big East Indoor Championships.

The Irish were scheduled to travel to Boston to compete in the USAF Championships, a national championship-caliber event featuring several professional athletes. Instead, Notre Dame has chosen to keep all their athletes home to rest. Coach Tim Connelly explained the logic behind the decision.

"The girls competed real hard last week. The competition was intense, and it was a very long week — we left Wednesday night and didn't get back until Monday morning," Connelly said. "After a week like that, we need some time off to get everyone rested for NCAA's and let people catch up on work."

Connelly was pleased with his team's performance last week at the conference meet. Knowing that Pittsburgh was the prohibitive favorite, the Irish came closer to the Panthers than Connelly figured they would. Junior Stephanie Madia's performance drew special recognition from Connelly. "She [Madia] ran a great meet, running second in the mile and the 3,000, and running strong in two relays," he said. "To run four races at that level was incredible."

The only negative Connelly drew from the Big East meet was junior All-American Molly Huddle's foot injury. Huddle, running in her first meet of the season because of a foot injury she sustained in cross country, suffered an injury on a different bone in her foot. The injury is blamed on running before the previous ailment was healed. Connelly said, lamenting the decision to run Huddle last weekend.

"It simply wasn't worth it," he said. "This will be a longer recovery period because we need her to run at a high level."

The Irish will run next in the Notre Dame Invitational Feb. 5. Their 3,000-meter runners will also compete at the New York Invitational Feb. 18. The Irish will also travel to New York to compete in the Big East Indoor Championships.

A member of the Irish 4x400 meter relay team runs during the finals of the Meyo Invitational Feb. 5.

**ND Women's Track**

**Irish runners to rest this weekend**

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

**SPORTS**

**MLB**

**No pain in ankle for Red Sox ace**

Red Sox pitchers David Wells, left, and Curt Schilling share a laugh during spring training Thursday.

Associated Press

**FORT MEYERS, Fla. — Curt Schilling's manager was encouraged, but the perfectionist pitcher was less than thrilled Thursday after throwing off a mound for the first time since winning Game 2 of the World Series.**

Sixteen days after beating St. Louis, the Boston Red Sox pitcher had ankle surgery.

"This was a day when I didn't feel as good as I wanted to feel," Schilling said after his 47-pitch, 16-minute workout at Fort Myers, Fla. "My ankle didn't hurt, so I guess that's a positive for people other than me."

Pitching opening day against the New York Yankees on April 3 — probably against former Arizona teammate Randy Johnson — remains a possibility, and Schilling's competitive nature is driving him toward that.

But he wants to make sure he's healthy at a much more important time.

"I think he looks terrific," manager Terry Francona said. "He wants to do everything right now and throwing splits, and that's just not going to happen."

Schilling's 21-6 record and 3.26 ERA in his first season with Boston boosted the Red Sox into the playoffs, where his bloody sock became the symbol of his determination to do whatever he could to help them win the World Series for the first time in 86 years.

He had one of the worst outs of his career in the first game of the AL championship series, allowing six runs in three innings of a 10-7 loss to the Yankees.

Before his next start, a tendon that had been snapping off of place was stitched to his skin.

With blood seeping through the sutures, Schilling allowed one run in seven innings during Boston's 4-2 win.

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**Men's Tennis**

**Cavaliers pose challenge for Irish**

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

When facing the No. 2 team in the nation on the road, any extra edge is always welcome. Luckily for the Notre Dame men’s tennis team, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss knows the lay of the land on this road trip.

No. 24 Notre Dame (10-2) will head to Richmond, Va. and take on No. 2 Virginia (8-1) on Sunday. Originally scheduled in Charlottesville, the match has been moved to the Country Club of Virginia — where Bayliss, who hails from Richmond, worked as the assistant tennis pro while in graduate school.

“It's a big challenge but it's a great opportunity,” Bayliss said. “It's going to be fun to play in front of a vocal and knowledgeable crowd at the Country Club. There's a great number of UVA alums who live in Richmond as well as some Notre Dame alumni, so I think we'll have a good following.”

Notre Dame is coming off a 4-3 road victory against Michigan State last Tuesday that came down to the wire. On a four-match winning streak, the Irish will face a difficult test against a powerful Cavalier squad.

“Their lineup is loaded from top to bottom,” Bayliss said. “For example, their No. 6 player, Darrin Cohen, is ranked No. 36 in the United States among all college players. That gives you an idea of their depth. Their No. 6 player is ranked No. 7 in the nation. Straight on down, they have a very loaded lineup.”

Although the Irish have stayed close to home this spring, playing only two matches on the road, Notre Dame is undefeated on the road thus far. Their last victory against Michigan State allowed the team to test its mettle in a pressure situation on the road. Although the team dropped the doubles point, they bounced back and pulled out the win. That experience should prove valuable this Sunday.

“I think that anytime you're in a close match — like the one at Michigan State — and you're fortunate enough to win it, you grow a little into your confidence to handle tough situations,” Bayliss said. “I think that's going to benefit us as the year goes on.”

“The meet is coming off a dominant week of competition at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship. Entering the competition as the No. 9 seed, the Cavaliers defeated three top-10 opponents to reach the final — No. 7 Stanford, No. 2 UCLA and No. 6 Mississippi. Although the Irish dropped their only match against a top-10 team this year — No. 9 Duke — they'll get another shot this weekend.

“It's a big challenge but it's a great opportunity,” Bayliss said. “We've had the best success lower in the lineup and I think any team we play — on paper — that's where we have the greatest chance of success. I think we have chances to do well but we're going to have to be pretty focused.

We have to play our best match of the year to have a chance to win.”

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**ND Women's Swimming**

**ND tries to boil water at Purdue**

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

Several Irish swimmers will head to Purdue this weekend for the Boiler-Make-It Invitational.

The meet is primarily an end-of-the-year hurrah for a number of younger swimmers, head coach Bailey Weathers said.

“For kids that didn't get to go to Big East, this is kind of their big meet,” Weathers said.

But the meet could also serve as a stepping stone for two swimmers in particular. Sophomore Jessica Stephens and freshman Caroline Johnson will both participate this weekend with the hopes of posting better times before the NCAA Championships approach March 17-19.

“We're trying to see if we can improve their times in terms of getting them to the NCAA’s,” Weathers said. “We think they need to be a little faster.

Both swimmers have already posted NCAA “B” cuts, meaning they will be considered for the NCAs, but only the faster “A” cuts are guaranteed spots in the championship meet.

Steps to it is a 200-yard individual medley and the 200 breaststroke, while Johnson posted “B” cuts in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100 backstroke and the 100 freestyle.

Both swimmers had good meets last week in East Meadow, N.Y. and were named All-Big East. Stephens won the 200 backstroke and was a member of the title-winning 400 medley relay team. Johnson did not take any individual titles, but was a member of all four of the Irish championship relay teams. She was the first or second swimmer in the 400-yard medley and the 200, 200 and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. The 400-yard freestyle team even set a school record last week.

Also swimming in the meet will be a number of younger swimmers who did not get a chance to compete in East Meadow.

Baine Paulson-Andrews, a freshman, is a member of the national swim team in Hawaii.

She participated in the Pan American Games and achieved All-America status in the 50-yard freestyle as well as in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Sophomore Krissy Archer was a co-recipient of the Beeler-Hipp Award, presented to an outstanding freshman in honor of Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp, both of whom were killed their freshman year. Archer is primarily a sprint-freestyle swimmer. The meet will meet most of the Big Ten schools.

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**Men's Lacrosse**

**Penn State packs sharp bite**

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

The Irish will kick off their 2005 season this Sunday when they visit Penn State, taking a No. 11 preseason ranking into University Park.

The Irish, who have high expectations coming into the season, don't expect their first game to be easy. Penn State and Notre Dame have played a series of close games in the past.

“We expect a great game because if you look at the history of the two teams, there's a one or two goal [contest],” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

This year should be no different. Penn State will present Notre Dame with a tough game, as the Nittany Lions are ranked No. 11 in the country in the preseason poll.

Corrigan stressed the strengths of Penn State, focusing on the Nittany Lions' midfield and transition game as key strengths that the Irish need to focus on.

“They are very strong in the midfield, they got a lot of good midfielders, and they cause you a lot of problems there,” Corrigan said. “That's something that we're going to be concerned about, just keeping them out of the transition.”

Corrigan acknowledged the importance of executing in all facets of the game. For the opening game of the season, getting in rhythm is crucial.

“It's the first game of the year and you can't get too caught up in your opponent,” Corrigan said.

“We don't like to do it at anytime, but we certainly want to make sure that for the first game of the year we were concentrating on our own execution.”

Notre Dame has a lot of talent on their team coming into the season opener.

The Irish are coming off an impressive 2004 season, when they finished 7-5 overall with a No. 12 overall ranking.

In addition, the Irish retain six starters and 17 monogram winners from last year's team.

While all of that looks good on paper, coach Corrigan does not feel that rankings matter much at this point.

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offense," Coyne said. "We're tai­worked well thus far, as the Irish to have a different look to your people [on offense], you' re going strengths of this team are." things like that to w hat the North D ining Hall are asked to u se South D ining Hall for Saturday lu nch and would not occur w ithout you. Coyne plans to goals, with Simon's 46 tallies con­ributing to a Notre Dame single records in goals (206) and points Alter taking care of Team Canada Corbett scored 14 points and grabbed 14 rebounds and had pro­cesses that helped last sea­son's success. Coyne is a first team All-American Meredith Kassen Delano — from a year host nearly 600 m em bers of The Edward Frederick Sorin Society. Made u p of The Irish beat the Bobcats, 13- 8, last April at Moose Krause Stadium in their most recent victory. "Last year they gave us a really good game," Coyne said. "I think we were better as a team that day and I think they're going to try and put us in a position to have to do the tough things today." Part of that challenge will be shutting down Canadian national team member Dana Dobbie. "Dana is very, very important to us," Coyne said. "She's a tall and dominating attacker, but they graduated a lot of players, so I think that they're going to be a different team, also." "We're going into it slightly blind, but we don't know about Dartmouth or Boston University," Coyne added. "We can go into the game and adjust accordingly as the game goes on." Contact Matt Puglisi at mnpuglisi@nd.edu Dear Notre Dame Students, This Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26, the University will host nearly 600 members of The Edward Frederick Sorin Society. Made up of alumni, parents, and friends, this generous crowd gathers biennially for "A Weekend of Recognition," an effort on our part to say thank you for all that they do for you and Notre Dame. The group is responsible, for example, for funding $2.2 million annually in expendable scholarships and supporting endowed professorships and capital improvements. Their generosity has touched every aspect of Notre Dame life. The group is so large (this is good news) that they will use North Dining Hall for Saturday meals. This means your dining options will be limited (this is bad news). On behalf of the Sorin Society, please accept our sincere gratitude for your cooperation and join us in welcoming these benefactors to campus. Special thanks too, to all the students participating in the weekend — the event simply would not occur without you. Michael C. Brach Executive Director The Edward Frederick Sorin Society
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and some of these assistant coaches and start form­
ing relationships with them," Frank said. "And probably just as important is the parents being here and meeting the coaches. I think that it's more of a pre­
liminary introduction — this is Notre Dame and this is what we can do. So, it's an orientation, if anything. Obviously they're going to try to get people excited about Notre Dame.

On Sunday, juniors and their families — or high school coaches, in some cases — will meet with the entire Irish coaching staff. From there, they will meet with individual coach­
es. Weis said each assistant coach is assigned an area of the country and how the juniors will be split up. The group then will have lunch and attend the team's practice. Weis sees the game as an opportunity for both the men's basketball team and Irish fans.

"I happen to be a big fan of other teams," he said. "I'm not selfish. I don't look at this as just an opportunity for football. I'm looking at this as we can two birds with one stone on Sunday. Our basketball team's on the bubble, and really for this game against UCLA, we need to win the game. So you would hope the student body would be going to the game anyway, and our basketball team would like the help of the student body because it makes a difference when they're in the game.

"I get a residual effect of this. When I'm sitting there, I get 80 senior classes and the coaches from across the country and how the juniors are going to try to get people excited about Notre Dame."

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Weis said this is the first step in improving recruiting, after Notre Dame has finished out­
side the top 10 the past two years.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is not the day to be uncertain about your abilities. Give in your best shot and you will get what you want. Live in a high cycle to take advantage of it and enjoy the ride you can most about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Just when you think you have everything going, something else will come up that sends you off on another whirlwind. Don't get too involved in whatever you are doing that you miss out on an opportunity that could change your life.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you overextend to those that don't really matter, you will miss out on the countless happenings going on in your own back yard. Change may not be something you like, but it will be to your advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You would rather give the orders than take them, but today is not about hard work and achievement. A financial change will come as a surprise. Don't leave anything to chance.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept 22): No one will understand what you are trying to do, but as long as you have a handle on the situation, you will be successful. Emotional matters may lead you away if you aren't grounded.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have to deal with situations or government agencies today. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to deal with whatever comes your way. You are feeling strong today and if you are willing to give and take, you will succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new creative direction is in the picture. Combine your talents correctly with that angle that will put you on top of any competition you face.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You start a new project, project or makes changes, especially if it requires dealing with other people. Emotional matters will escalate, and unforeseen problems will crop up. A new profile is in order.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have everything in place and everyone wants to do what you want. But you can also take of yourself; you will probably make a costly mistake. Don't think too big. Stay within your boundaries and you will gain greatly.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything will come back to ownership, legality and money. Prepare to give up a few things in order to rid yourself of a responsibility you don't want or need. It's a new day, and your future looks bright.****

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel a little wrong if you don't take care of personal matters like you should. Letting bad situations hang over your head will hold you back. Keep making changes until you find yourself in a more suitable situation.*****

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This Sunday, the Irish will welcome UCLA to the Joyce Center for one of Notre Dame’s most storied college basketball rivalries. But this year there will be more at stake for the Hoosiers than continuing a tradition.

With the season winding down, and both the Big East and NCAA tournaments quickly approaching, the Irish cannot afford any setbacks.

So while the Notre Dame alumnus will ride the court, and the memories of the snipped 88-game win streak remain the Irish faithful of their glory years, this current Notre Dame team will have much more on their minds than celebrating the past.

In the teams’ last meeting, Notre Dame defeated the Bruins 75-60 at UCLA. In that game, Irish guards shooting 88 percent on 3-pointers, and combined for 21 and 20 points respectively on combined 15-31 shooting.

This year, the game is even more important. With Notre Dame currently sitting at 16-6, and 8-4 in the conference, this is not the time for the Irish to make a Mid-American Conference sweep. Sunday’s game to its historical significance.

“Our main goal is to get into the NCAA tournament, and with three regular season games left we’re in a good position where we are at right now,” Quinn said. “There is a lot of basketball to be played and we have to do a lot of things well to get to where we want to get.”

With two Big East matchups looming next week, the Irish are going to need to pick up another quality win Sunday.

“It would be a very good addition to an NCAA tournament resume that we are trying to build given the fact that they are a top-50 RPI team,” Brey said.

UCLA has a talented, young squad. Brey said. The Bruins play well on the perimeter and have decent size down low.

The Irish coach singled out forward Dijon Thompson as a particular player that concerns him.

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Football
ND hosting “Junior Day”
Top prospects arrive for recruiting event slated for Sunday

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Less than a month removed from Signing Day, new head coach Charlie Weis and his coaching staff are recruiting hard for the class of 2010. Approximately 80 juniors will be on campus Sunday for a Junior Day, Weis said Wednesday. The players will meet with the coaching staff and attend the men’s basketball game against UCLA at 7:20 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

“It’s a pretty large number,” Mike Frank of irisheyes.com said. “For something like this, it’s a pretty good-sized group of guys.”

The key juniors will be cornerback Phillip Strozier out of Kansas City, Mo., and local product A.J. Edds, Frank said. Notre Dame will also be recruiting three quarterbacks — Demetrios Jones out of Chicago, Zach Frazier of Pennsylvania and Isaac Burke, all of whom will be here Sunday.

The high school juniors, hailing mostly from the Midwest, have to pay their own way to visit Notre Dame but were invited by the Irish coaching staff. Weis said, Frank said Sunday is a key part of the recruiting process.

“I think it’s important, but probably more important is for some of these kids to get a chance to meet coach Weis,” Brey said.

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ND Women’s Basketball
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What started four years ago with six, ends Saturday with just two.

Jaqeline Batteast and Teresa Burton, the only two remaining players from the 2005 recruiting class, play their final game at the Joyce Center this weekend against West Virginia at 2 p.m. when the No. 10 Irish (23-4, 11-3 Big East) face the Mountaineers (16-9, 7-7) in the Big East Conference.

Batteast and Burton will be honored before Notre Dame’s conference matchup on Senior Day. The pair has seen its class dwindle from six to two after Allison Stastamante, Kelsey Wicks, Katy Flecky and Jill Krause all left the Irish program.

“Even though it was tough, I think it’s pretty cool that six of us came in, and I would be always thinking about how Senior Night would be with people coming out and how long it would take,” Batteast said. “But now, it’ll be pretty quick.”

But for Irish coach Muffet McGraw, what the 2005 class lacks in numbers they make up with performance and leadership.

“You can tell from the success of our team how good our leadership has been this year,” McGraw said of Burton and Batteast.

Batteast, an All-American last season, has continued to lead the Irish on both ends of the floor this year. She averages 17.7 points and 6.6 rebounds per game and passed Alicia Ratay for fourth on the all-time scoring list with 20 points against Georgetown on Feb. 12.

Burton has battled through injuries to help Notre Dame in numerous ways. She is third on the team with an 8.6 scoring average.

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Baseball
Team to face Dayton at HoHoKam Park

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Despite a week of midterms looming, the No. 20 Irish baseball team is revved up for its weekend trip to Arizona. The Irish (3-1-2) face the Dayton Flyers (2-2) in a three-game series — and not just in any old ballpark.

The teams square off at HoHoKam Park, the spring training home of the Chicago Cubs, in front of Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry and a handful of scouts.

“How can you not be excited to play in a major league ballpark?” coach Paul Mainieri said. “I’m sure the players are going to be excited to go out there and do their best.”

The series gets underway Saturday with a 2 p.m. game, which pits Notre Dame vs. Tom Thornton (0-0) against Dayton right-hander Craig Stammen (1-0) at 5:30 p.m. sophomore Jess Stewart (1-1) will take the mound for the Irish in the second nine-inning game of the day. Flyers’ ace Luke Trubee (2-0), who has already called a team-leading 13 strikeouts and will try to continue his hot-five-inning dominance. To top off the weekend, Irish sophomore Jeff Samardzija (1-0) gets the call for a noon Sunday game.

Thornton is coming off a solid five-inning outing last weekend in the first game against Central Florida. Stewart allowed an unearned run in the second battle against UCF and nabbed the win. Samardzija picked up his victory against Florida A&M. He pitched five strong innings and allowed an earned run in the third. For the Flyers, Stammen

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