Leaders and children show their gratitude
By EILEEN DUFFY
Associate News Editor

The personal side of the high-
est-ranking Notre Dame admin-
istrator — including his self-
admitted "tendency to cry at
chick flicks," his taste for
Deeny's food and his recent
confusion over the sex of the
baby he was bapturing — was
revealed Thursday night as the
Michiana area recognized out-
goong University President
Father Edward "Monk" Malloy.
Malloy was honored for a num-
ber of roles, but most of all for
being a good neighbor to the
surrounding community.

"Michiana salutes Monk,"
held at the Century Center in
downtown South Bend, began
with a dinner — during which
four toasts were offered to
Malloy — and ended with a pro-
gram featuring a video presen-
tation as well as talks by former
Indiana governor Joseph
Kerrman and Malloy himself.

Malloy steps down as presi-
dent June 30.
Mark Eagan, president of the
St. Joseph County Chamber of
Commerce, toasted Malloy first
Thursday on behalf of the busi-
ness community. Eagan empha-
sized the important role that
Notre Dame plays in local com-
merce, noting the expenditures
of its students, faculty and visi-
tors. According to Eagan,
Malloy has played a big part in
the relationship between the
community and the university.

"His legacy to the business
community...will be his per-
sonal commitment to extending
the University out to the com-


Community pays tribute to Malloy

University President Father Edward Malloy speaks with South Bend residents at "Michiana Salutes Monk," an event held in his honor at the Century Center Thursday evening.

Students head to NYC for Big East
Loyal fans follow teams to tournament
By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

As spring break looms clos-
er and closer, many students
are looking forward to a peri-


ND, SMC eager for
vacation from classes
Break plans vary from service to sunbathing
By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

With spring break just a few
classes away, students are
planning to drop their books
and head to exotic vacation
spots, service trips, athletic
events or even home.
Senior David Purcell sched-
uled to see Europe during break,
"I really love castles," he
said. "I'm off to my motherland
for break," he said. Junior Tim
Moore and senior Ryan Mineburg
also will be traveling abroad.
Moore, who said he was never
interested in traveling to the
South, also said he is excited to
return without commitments to "soak
up the culture." Mineburg also
will be sightseeing in London to
enrich his mind while not in class
by visiting historic sites.

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one in the area."

While many students will be
traveling and relaxing, others
have sacrificed their spring
breaks to help the community.
Over 150 students plan to par-


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INSIDE COLUMN
What type are you?

I am away from the computer right now. Unambiguously, straightforward and direct.

This was America Online's intent when creating the now-turned phenomenon of the away message. What was originally invented to serve the simple function of indicating when an AIM user was not physically at his or her computer has evolved into a venue of in-sync expression, an instant indicator of personality and "type." Consider for example, the I-am-too-busy-and-important-to-pot-up-an-away-message AIM user. Seeking to demonstrate their lazy or preoccupied state of being, these users will "laze away" for tediously long amounts of time. But while they hide behind their "too cool for the computer" façade, we all know they are secretly in their dark rooms, carefully evading the mental force field that prevents them from touching their mouse and/or keyboard. For days the standoff continues until a breaking point is reached. Furiously, they break down the bullet list, checking away message after away message, preserving their profile before propagating the cycle and/or keyboard. For days the still-ambiguous away messages serve the simple function of indicating when an AIM user is not physically at his or her computer.

And let's not forget the compulsive away message changer. Movie quotes, inside jokes, song lyrics — these are all fair game for this syncratic expression, an instant indicator of personality and "type." The Observer regards itself as a professional publica-

tion and strives for the highest standards of journal-

ism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please notify us at 631-450 so we can correct our error.

IN BRIEF
Frank Connolly, professor of mathematics, will be featured in the workshop "How to Prepare Undergraduates for Graduate Work and Graduate Fellowship Competitions" today from 3:30 p.m. to 5 in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune. The event is open to all Notre Dame faculty.

The men's and women's track teams will compete in the Alex Wilson invitational from 7 p.m. to 9:30 in the Loftus Sports Center today. The meet will continue Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The South Bend Chamber Singers will present a "Choral Choruses" concert Sunday in O'Loughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30. Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and $5 for students and are available through the Saint Mary's box office.

Saint Mary's will host the WNIT Art Auction Wednesday, March 9 in the Noble Family Dining Hall. A preview of the art begins at 5:30 p.m., and the auction will kick off at 7.

The 2004 Academy Award-

winning film "Sideways" will be shown Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. and 10 in the Dodelhart Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema. The film will also be shown Friday March 11 and Saturday March 12 at 7 p.m. and 10.

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

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Author, therapist tells students how to get ‘unstuck’

Kasl shares 7 steps for self-enlightenment

By LYNN SIKORA and LISA GALLAGHER
News Writers

Saint Mary's welcomed award-winning author and nationally-recognized therapist Charlotte Kasl to Carroll Auditorium Thursday evening for a lecture on her latest book — "If the Buddha Got Stuck: A Handbook for Change on a Spiritual Path." Kasl has written other works involving Buddhism, including "If the Buddha Married: Creating Enduring Relationships on a Spiritual Path" and "If the Buddha Dated: A Handbook for Finding Love on a Spiritual Path."

"The Buddha can apply to anyone regardless of religion or culture — it is an attempt to reach truths to prevent suffering," she said.

Kasl's visit was sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), which became familiar with Kasl through her extensive work with the YWCA. She is responsible for redesigning the Y W C A 's Chemical Dependency Program, a 12-step model for overcoming addiction.

Kasl's model, with 16 steps, focuses on empowerment for women.

Kasl said her book centers on getting "unstuck" by making better connections with other people through understanding. She implemented Zen and Buddhist ideas in her lecture and read several excerpts from her new book.

The book suggests seven steps for getting "unstuck" — notice where you are stuck, show up, pay attention, live in reality, connect with others, move from thought to action and let go.

"The real purpose of life is to be alive and accept every part of life — the scruffy and the sweet," Kasl said.

Kasl encouraged the audience to move past stereotypes and images of the self, and to find out who they really are by returning to a stage before thoughts.

"It is better to do something and fall on your face than not to do it," she said. "Call a neighbor. Pick up the guitar in the back of your closet. New learning makes you uncomfortable, but it gets better with practice."

According to Kasl, the unwillingness to be miserable for too long is what separates the "unstuck" from the "stuck." Finding a positive outlook and looking at everything from a wider perspective takes a confidence the "unstuck" possess, she said.

Kasl stressed the importance of taking action and showing up. Giving new things sparks bodily energy which should be paid attention to, she said.

"Show up — now. It's the only time to do it," she said. "It doesn't get easier tomorrow."

Kasl also advised the audience to "get out of the box" and to "listen to your truth."

"Without sounding like a Nike ad — just do it. Just go for it. Fear and all," she said.

According to CWIL director of community connections Bonnie Bazata, Kasl is an important local connection.

"It is through the underlying values of social justice and the healing of the whole person that you can see the link between her work as a therapist and her life as a spiritual seeker," Bazata said.

A portion of the book's proceeds will go toward the YWCA of St. Joseph County, which has recently redesigned their chemical dependency program using Kasl's model and other holistic approaches. Kasl said she is passionate about raising funds for women's help.

"The only way to appreciate your privileges is to pass it on," she said. "...it is important to get unstuck in communities because they provide a safety net. If we let go of the separateness we can find unity."

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offered a tribute via video, including Father Theodore Hesburgh. Hesburgh called Malloy a "man of high integrity," who "spoke to the world of thanks I owe him for guiding this University with distinction over the years and during times even more challenging than today." Hesburgh was particularly impressed by the conductor's ability to offer "music of inspiration," and his "capacity to reflect on what life is all about." He noted that Hesburgh was "a theologian of genius," who possessed "a profound understanding of the nature of God and his relationship with humanity." He added that Hesburgh was a "man of vision," who had the "ability to see the big picture." 

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bombers target Iraqi police

Baghdad — Car bombs killed six policemen and wounded 15 in new attacks on government services Thursday as political factions wrangled over putting together a government.

The United States-led Multinational United Nations and a Kurdish coalition, which emerged from Iran, reached 20 decisions on the two biggest blocks of seats in the National Assembly, made little headway in their talks on security, and failed to elect the leaders of the new government.

Meanwhile, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, whose party finished third, denied rumors he had given up his effort to stitch together support from other groups, including the Kurds, that would allow him to remain prime minister.

Firming Iraq's first democratically elected government is a key step in the U.S. plan for stabilizing the country, and insurgents are striking at Iraqi police and military forces seeking to undermine the effort.

Saudi officials demand withdrawal

CAIRO — Saudi officials told Syrian President Bashar Assad on Thursday that he must soon begin fully withdrawing troops from Lebanon or face strained in Saudi-Syrian ties, an official said. Assad promised only to study the idea of a partial withdrawal by later this month.

The kingdom took a tough line as Assad met with the Saudi leader, Crown Prince Abdullah, and other officials in Riyadh.

The strong language pointed to increasing impatience among Arab leaders with Damascus' resistance to calling a quick pullout.

NATIONAL NEWS

Blake lawyer ridicules prosecution

Los Angeles — Robert Blake's lawyer told jurors Thursday it is ridiculous to think the actor would have killed his wife in his own neighborhood while she waited in a car parked under a street light.

"This was an easy case for a restaurant that I've been going to for 30 years," defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach said during closing arguments. "You're going to ask him to go against his client."

He shouted out that the weapon used to kill Bonnie Lee Bakley was a 60-year-old handgun that contained only three rounds of bullets and who fired two of the bullets at her and Bakley was still breathing when paramedics arrived.

Schwartzbach said Blake wouldn't create such an elaborate plot, then leave his wife alive to possibly identify him.

GOP struggles on Social Security

WASHINGTON — Republicans struggled to sort out Social Security disputes among themselves Thursday as Democrats bought radio ads to attack President Bush and GOP allies in Congress along the next leg of his road trip pitching his overhaul.

At the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Congress must confront Social Security's problems this year, dialing back his comments of two days earlier that action might have to wait — a turnabout Democrats were quick to call a quick pullout.

A Palestinian walks next to a section of the separation barrier Israel is building to separate the West Bank from Jerusalem. Israel claims it is needed for security.

Local News

Indiana man indisposed as spy

INDIANAPOLIS — A federal grand jury has indicted a man who authorities say helped Israelis sell names of U.S. operatives in Iraq to Saddam Hussein's government before the U.S. inv

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As he did in the BTK killings.

A computer disk appears to be

Associated Press

Biyli Lahyia — With the deafening explosion of a tank shell in a strawberry patch near Ayn Arab, upper court in Syria, a Syrian industrialist, Kamel Abden, a Palestinian farming couple, lost three of their sons, a grandson, and two nephews — all children and young teens.

Israeli soldiers had aimed a Palestinian rocket squad, but witnesses say the militants were gone by the time the shell hit the youngsters, aged 10 to 16, who had been helping with the strawberry harvest.

"Sadness will never leave our hearts," said the Ghabens' oldest son, Ghassan, 35, who was first on the scene and found his 10-year-old boy Rajeh among the dead.

About 13 miles away, in Jerusalem, Arnold Roth, 73, was grieving the death of his 12-year-old daughter, Malka, killed by a suicide bomber in a Shabab picnic in the park, and tried to help her surviving six children through the trauma.

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Stewart to leave federal prison
Citizens of Alderson, W. Va. prepare to say goodbye to favorite convicted felon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The commissary T-shirts and mugs have been printed up and the Dunkin’ Donuts bakery is cooking up some Martha Stewart branded morning meals. Alderson, the West Virginia town where Martha Stewart gets ready to say goodbye to her federal prison sentence, is preparing for her departure.

The $11 billion discrepancy is less than 0.2 percent of the country’s total budget, according to preliminary estimates by the Office of Management and Budget. However, in later trading, the dollar figures were not reported.

For Stewart’s release, Alderson is selling two new shirt designs and a commemorative mug that reads, “I spent time in Alderson, W.Va.” Mayor Luther Lewallen said Stewart’s presence has been a good thing for his town of about 1,100. “As people came in, they saw things they liked in the stores,” he said.

The crocuses were planted much earlier. The productivity of American workers rose at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the final three months of last year, the strongest three-year period for productivity growth in more than a half-century of record keeping.

Workers’ annual productivity rises

WASHINGTON — The productivity of American workers rose at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the final three months of last year, much higher than originally believed.

The Labor Department had initially reported a gain of 0.3 percent in productivity — the amount of output per hour of work had risen by just 0.8 percent in the October-December quarter, a figure that had raised worries that inflation pressures could be mounting.

The better-than-expected 2.1 percent revised estimate for productivity left this indicator for all of 2004 rising by 4 percent, the department said Thursday, capping an impressive three year period for productivity growth in more than a half-century of record keeping.

Productivity is the key component for rising living standards. In a separate report, the department said the number of Americans firing first-time claims for unemployment benefits dipped by 1,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 310,000. That was the lowest level since the week of Dec. 28, 2000 when the country was in the final year of a record-breaking 10-year long economic expansion. In other economic news, many of the nation’s large retail chain stores reported stronger-than-expected sales in February. Analysis said new spring fashions and bigger tax refunds helped boost spending in the face of another spike in oil prices and severe winter storms in the Northeast and Midwest.

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The Bouts, which began 75 years ago, are a unique experience for not only the boxers, but for the Notre Dame community as well. Founded in 1931 by Dorothy "Naugy" Napolitano, the Bouts have a long-standing tradition of sportsmanship and competition. Boxing came to Notre Dame in the 1920s under the watchful eyes of legendary football coach Knute Rockne as a way to keep his football players in shape during the spring, but it wasn't until Napolitano that the Bouts became what they are today — a largely competitive event with a twist.

Each year the boxers aren't entered in only one event. The event is about the $45,000 the boxers raised last year to support the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. These missions, run by the Holy Cross Brothers, benefit the poor, bringing education and outreach programs to those in need. Every year the boxers raise money and fight for the cause.

The boxers are a unique group. They train months just for the opportunity to step in the ring. Half the fun is in the first round. Months of sparring, pushups and training are thus all geared toward one fight. Sure, battlers go on to compete in the National Tournament, but what about the rest?

They are, in a way, even more impressive. Bengal Bouts and those who fight in them constitute another reason Notre Dame is a special place. It just takes a little give-up-attitude of the Bouts is one of a kind. So when spring break ends, students are encouraged to get out to the Joyce Center and support the fights. They will no doubt be inspired by the dedication and service found both in and out of the ring.
Tortured policies in the U.S.

While speaking at Notre Dame’s 2001 Commencement, President George W. Bush praised the “great tradition of Catholic social teaching” and its call “to protect life in all its stages.” In Brussels, Bush recently suggested that democracies are “nurtured, not by the law and the respect for human rights and human dignity, but by the fact that democracies are not captive to the cycle of perpetuating unfair labor schemes and exploitation. An old song goes, “I don’t think I want anything.” I drove away back home to make rice, guacamole, sour cream — what more could a burrito won’t hurt. I drove to the Taco Bell. I went through the drive-thru, looked at the menu and cut down on pollutants. I had an extremely guilty craving. It was ten o’clock in the evening and I hadn’t yet eaten dinner. Driving downtown I only had a few bucks to spend. I could cook, but I had nothing in the house, there was Fiddler’s or the Oyster Bar, but nothing there I could afford. McDonalds, Burger King — but these were no good because it was a Friday in Lent. No meat. And their fish sandwich was just too greasy for me. Besides I only had about two bucks in my wallet. That wouldn’t even cover a trip to McDonalds. And oh yeah, there’s the Taco Bell. Taco Bell. The “cater to a new generation of people” and cut down on pollutants. I had an extremely guilty craving. It was ten o’clock in the evening and I hadn’t yet eaten dinner. Driving downtown I only had a few bucks to spend. I could cook, but I had nothing in the house, there was Fiddler’s or the Oyster Bar, but nothing there I could afford. McDonalds, Burger King — but these were no good because it was a Friday in Lent. No meat. And their fish sandwich was just too greasy for me. Besides I only had about two bucks in my wallet. That wouldn’t even cover a trip to McDonalds. And oh yeah, there’s the Taco Bell.

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At 5 p.m. sharp the video game testing room much as they would from any paid to play games, but often play the for an entire work day.

The gift shop is, of course, a walk around Nintendo fans — a timeline display of the company, which actually before the onset of video games. Nintendo flashlights and other merchandise are on sale, and a big screen TV new games as they come out. It is Nintendo fans can satisfy their craving of the pixelated world they love.

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an old favorite for traditional Nintendo enthusiasts. Kingdom Hearts, a

PlayStation2 game featuring several Disney characters, is popular among Notre Dame students.

Girl gamers do exist, but in the minority

By MARIA SMITH

There aren't many serious "girl gamers" working at Nintendo headquarters, but Deanna Guay is proud to be one of them.

Video games are a male-dominated pastime. The chances of walking into a room in Fangorn Hall and finding a GameBoy are probably less than the chances of walking into a quad in Morrissey Manor and finding a GameCube, XBox or PlayStation3, started next to each other.

But Guay and her husband have always been gamers. The couple had Pong and Atari before the real birth of Nintendo. They bought the regular Nintendo console when it first came out and have had every system since then. Guay's all-time favorite game is Uniracers, and her husband hesitates to play against her in Tetris Attack.

Although the corporate side of Nintendo does not seem to show particular gender disparities, the games do not often seem to catch on with women the same way they do with men. Guay estimates she is one of three or four of the women working in consumer service who really gets into the games.

Guay, who answers customer calls and works on Team Nintendo, finds women who do play games often pick up a different set of games than serious male gamers.

"Girls aren't as much into the football, baseball, Mortal Kombat kinds of games," she said. "They like the cute games, or the puzzle games."

The difference may just be in the level of difficulty learning to play — whereas mastering the controls and learning to move in a game like Halo or Metroid Prime is difficult, picking up a game of Tetris is much easier.

Vice president of Marketing and Corporative Affairs Perrin Kaplan said the Nintendo DS, with its touch screen and stylus in addition to button controls, has a slightly higher percentage of female users than the GameCube. Guay has noticed that Donkey Kong and Donkey Kong: Jungle Beat, which use a set of bongo drums instead of a hand-held controller, are also popular with women.

"When we tested Metroid Prime Hunters for the DS, boys seemed to like the buttons better, but girls liked the stylus," Guay said. "We seem to be more into holding a pen and writing than boys are. Girls seem to like the hongos too."

Perhaps the different preferences also lie in the scenarios, with strategy or story-line as opposed to violence, or in attachments to familiar characters.

"I get grandmas who call in about Zelda, and they'll just talk and talk," Guay said. "Wheel of Fortune is such an addictive game, I get housewives who call in on that one."

And it goes down the line from "grandmas" to "housewives" to female stu-
dents at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

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Notre Dame senior Sarah Bates enjoys the old school Mario games but also loves Donkey Kong.

Notre Dame senior Leslie Humboldt and Saint Mary's junior Sarah Nowak both consider Tetris one of their favorites, with various Mario games close behind.

For Notre Dame junior Katie Buss, it's Kingdom Hearts, a storyline game for PlayStation featuring favorite Disney characters, and Dance Dance Revolution.

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Saint Mary's senior Kelly Hradsky prefers racing games — including Mario Kart and Crash Team Racing — partly because, she believes, many role-playing games seem to be created almost exclusively for men.

"If you want to be a female character you have to be a tiny girl with a huge chest," Hradsky said. "No girl can relate to that."

Notre Dame senior Megan Anderson prefers to play Kingdom Hearts and The Urbz: Sims in the City. While she and her roommate both like to play, they rarely play multiplayer games with the same gender play.

"Girls don't usually get together in big groups and play," Anderson said. "I think that's why the sports games aren't as popular."

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**Irish Women's Track**

**Irish to compete in Wilson Invite**

By RYAN KIEFER  
Sports Writer

A group of Irish athletes will compete this weekend in an effort to get themselves off the NCAA bubble.

*Sound familiar?*

But this team's athletes do not pass, shoot and score—they run, jump and throw.

While the men's basketball team looks to seal an NCAA berth tomorrow afternoon in the NCAA, the Notre Dame women's track team will be running an equally important meet in Lotus Sports Center at the Alex Wilson Invitational, which begins tonight.

With several athletes on the brink of NCAA qualification, the Irish will field team members in a limited number of events.

Many runners who would normally compete in several events will only run once, focusing their attention on their strongest event in an effort to qualify for next week's NCAA Indoor Championships.

A handful of Irish athletes, highlighted by high jumper Stacey Gowan, have the NCAA's within their reach. The junior currently stands No. 18 in the nation in the high jump, tied with seven other athletes at 1.80 meters. The NCAA minimum field for the high jump is 14 competitors.

"As it stands now, she'd probably be in because she's tied with the kids who are in 13th and 14th," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "But if a few kids hit some jumps this week, she could fall out of that top 14. She needs to improve."

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Senior and team captain Chrissy Dunham was expected to have an especially strong season this spring. Dunham was named to the first-team All-MIAA after improving her average score from 89.67 in the spring of 2004 to 87.13 in the fall.

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**Belles open year in North Carolina**

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Saint Mary’s will kick off its spring season over the break with a spring training trip to Pinehurst, N.C. The team will depart on March 6 and remain in North Carolina until March 12.

After they return from the trip, the Belles will have nearly another month to prepare for their first competition of the spring. The season opens on April 1 when the team joins the field of the Purple and White Invitational at Capital University in Ohio.

After capturing the NCAA Conference title in the fall 2004 season — their third consecutive conference championship — the Belles are going into the spring season in a fairly confident position. The team has participated in the NCAA National Championship for the past two years, and with a team that has remained intact for the most part, 2005 could provide the same opportunity. After capturing their third MIAA title, Saint Mary's is ranked No. 3 in the nation in the national rankings of both the Golf Channel and GolfStat.com for Division III women's Golf.

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Senior Mar. 11-12, those Notre Dame athletes who have already qualified and who manage to do so this weekend will travel to the NCAA Indoor Championships.

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**Men's Track**

Runners look to earn berths in NCAA meet

By JOHN EVERETT  
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With the NCAA Indoor Championship to be held in Fayetteville, Ark., next week, many collegiate track teams need one last chance to get some athletes qualified for the prestigious meet.

Notre Dame's Alex Wilson Invitational will offer athletes from many teams just that chance this weekend.

The Invitational will be held at Loftus Center on Friday night and all day Saturday, Michigan, Illinois, Penn State, Wisconsin, Texas, Washington, Duke and Virginia are just some of the teams that will be sending competitors to South Bend. Most of these teams will only send a small contingent to the meet, comprised predominantly of those who are close to the qualifying mark in their event.

As for the Irish objective for the meet, coach Joe Plane set specific goals for the weekend. "We'd like to see some more people qualify, and others who have already qualified we'd like to have improve their times," Plane said. "Our men's distance medley has a legitimate shot to qualify this weekend."

Plane also mentioned junior distance runner Tim Moore as a runner with a good chance of making the cut this weekend in the 3000 meters. Plane cited senior Selin Nurudeen as an example of an Irish athlete looking to improve on a qualifying mark. Nurudeen has already qualified for the NCAA in the 60-meter hurdles and dash, as well as the 200-meter dash.

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Saturday last chance to qualify for NCAAs

By RYAN DUFFY

Sports Writer

Having capped off one of its best seasons in school history with a Big East championship two weeks ago, Notre Dame will look to add to its accolades over break, sending representatives to the Boiler-Make-It Invitational and NCAA Zone C Diving Championships to vie for NCAA spots.

Sophomore Ted Brown will swim the 500-meter freestyle to represent the Irish at the Boiler-Make-It Invitational at Purdue this weekend. The invitational falls on the last day for swimmers to qualify for competition in the NCAA Championships. Brown hopes to improve his chances of being selected with a strong time on Sunday.

"I'm very confident that Ted will post a faster time," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "I'm confident he will do a life-time best and set a new university record for the event."

Another Irish swimmer looking to qualify for a spot in the NCAA Championships is freshman diver Sam Stoner, who will compete in the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships March 11-12 in West Lafayette, Ind. Unlike the other swimming events, the zone qualifying meet represents the only chance for divers to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

"The zone qualifying meet is extremely difficult," Welsh said. "We're in the Big Ten area, so all the divers in this entire area will go to Purdue that weekend. There is a very small number of designated spots for each zone; 40 or 50 divers will go down there, and maybe only five or six will advance."

Welsh, who earned Big East Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive year, expects a strong showing from Stoner.

"It's a very high level of pressure, but it's very exciting for Sam to get to go as a freshman and get this great experience," Welsh said. "I think Sam will have his best performance of the year. He's been diving well, and I'm confident he'll have his best meet of the year."

The two meets will give Notre Dame a chance to add to its list of swimmers under consideration to swim at the NCAA Championships, which currently stands at an impressive eight.

"We've never had eight people under consideration for the NCAAs," Welsh said. "As a program, we still think we're moving in the right direction, putting one foot forward every time."

Even if members of the Irish squad do not manage to qualify for the NCAA Championships with their performances over break, their coach said the season will still remain an overwhelming success.

"Everything is a win from here on," Welsh said. "The season's been great, the number of university records has been terrific and the number of guys inside of that consideration number has been terrific. Whatever happens, we're going to be happy with it."

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles kick off season with spring break trip to Florida

St. Mary's to play 11 games over an 8-day span in Fort Myers

By BRIAN CARDILE

Sports Writer

Like many of their classmates, Belles softball players are heading south for spring break. But Saint Mary's hopes to return from its trip with more than sunburns and souvenirs. The team looks to start strong on its 2005 campaign, which kicks off this week in Ft. Myers, Fla. The defending MIAA champion Belles will play eleven games in the next eight days against teams from all over the country. The team that takes the field this week in Florida will look somewhat different than last year's St. Mary's squad, which lost four starters to graduation. The 2005 club fields no seniors and is headed by a first-year head coach, Kristi Beachy, who takes the helm of her first collegiate program after serving as an assistant at Sienna Heights for two seasons. But the squad is not without experience — most all returning members played crucial roles in last year's MIAA championship run.

"We've never had eight people under consideration for the NCAAs," Welsh said. "As a program, we still think we're moving in the right direction, putting one foot forward every time."

The Belles' spring break slate starts today with a match against Transylvania University. Beginning Sunday, the squad will use that extra Florida sunshine to squeeze in two games per day. The first doubleheader will pit the Belles against Mac Murray College and Alfred University. On Monday, the team faces Lakeland College and Hiram College. Dominican College and Saint Mary of the Woods fill Tuesday's lineup, while Emmanuel College and Medaille College await the Belles on Thursday. Finally, St. Mary's wraps up the week with a game against Rensselaer Polytech and Aurora College.

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Pair of Northwestern runs down Irish, 18-11

5-0 second-half run lifts No. 3 Wildcats over Notre Dame

By KEN FOWLER Special Writer

The Irish knew it wouldn't be easy, but they were ready for a fight Thursday afternoon against No. 3 Northwestern.

"We were really pumped to go out there and play them no matter what their ranking," freshman midfielder Caitlin McKinney said. "Behind McKinney's three goals and an assist, the Irish hung in for three-quarters of the game but seemed to run out of gas at the end, falling to the Wildcats, 18-11.

Northwestern jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a pair of goals within the first five minutes. The Irish quickly countered, though, as Crystal Foote put Notre Dame on the board just 19 seconds after the second Wildcat goal.

"When we had the ball, we were scoring," Caitlin McKinney
Irish midfielder

Caitlin McKinney Irish midfielder

The two teams spent the next 17 minutes alternating goals and ties until Northwestern's Kristen Kjellman and Aly Josephs netted consecutive goals in just over a minute and a half.

The Wildcats then added two more goals to their lead and took a 9-4 advantage with 4:10 remaining in the first half. Then, Notre Dame's first goal with 2:31 remaining, and Kjellman and Aly Josephs netted three goals apiece until halftime.

After another Irish goal with 22 seconds left in the half, the Wildcats led by just two at the break. When play resumed, Notre Dame picked up right where it left off, scoring 2:55 into the period. The Irish had tied it with another Foote goal, this time on a side-armed shot to the top left corner.

"One of the good things we did was... to force them into a slump," McKinney said. "When we had the ball, we were scoring." After that run, though, the Irish would score just two goals the rest of the way, and Northwestern would find its offensive spark.

After falling to score for over sixteen minutes of play, the Wildcats then put up the scoreboard five times within the next five minutes to take a commanding 14-2 lead at halftime.

First, Northwestern's Lindsey Munday five goals, three assists and Sarah Albrecht for a score. Less than twenty seconds later, Laura Glassanos found the back of the net, and the Wildcats began with a full swing. Three of the five goals during the 5-0 run came on free-position attempts caused by Irish fouls in front of the net.

"That's obviously something that we wanted to avoid," McKinney said. "Not getting position after the draws put a lot of pressure on the defense."

For the remainder of the game, the Wildcats would play ball control and drain the clock.

"It was really frustrating because that was when we needed the ball most, but you don't want to leave open girls," McKinney said. By the time there was just 2:30 left in the game, Northwestern had expanded its lead to 17-10, and the outcome was no longer in doubt.

The Irish will look to rebound over back with three games against formidable foes — Cornell, Vanderbilt and James Madison.
**NBA**

Eastern Conference, Atlantic
- Boston: 30-28 (.517), 7-3 (.0)
- Philadelphia: 27-30 (.474), 4-6 (.5)
- New Jersey: 26-32 (.448), 5-5 (.491)
- Toronto: 24-26 (.423), 4-6 (.5)
- New York: 24-32 (.413), 5-5 (.491)

Eastern Conference, Central
- Detroit: 36-19 (.650), 7-3 (.0)
- Cleveland: 31-25 (.554), 4-6 (.5)
- Chicago: 29-25 (.554), 4-6 (.5)
- Indiana: 26-32 (.448), 5-5 (.491)
- Milwaukee: 34-27 (.554), 12-4 (.286)

Eastern Conference, Southeast
- Miami: 42-16 (.724), 8-2 (.0)
- Chicago: 29-25 (.537), 7-3 (.615)
- Cleveland: 31-25 (.554), 4-6 (.5)
- Orlando: 29-27 (.518), 4-6 (.5)
- Atlanta: 19-47 (.297), 5-18 (.286)

Western Conference, Northwest
- Seattle: 47-16 (.750), 7-3 (.0)
- Denver: 28-29 (.491), 7-3 (.0)
- Minnesota: 26-30 (.461), 4-6 (.5)
- Portland: 22-33 (.400), 3-7 (.0)
- Utah: 29-37 (.451), 4-6 (.5)

Western Conference, Pacific
- Phoenix: 43-14 (.764), 7-3 (.0)
- Sacramento: 36-23 (.610), 6-4 (.5)
- L.A. Lakers: 40-22 (.650), 6-4 (.5)
- L.A. Clippers: 29-22 (.541), 3-7 (.0)
- Golden State: 17-40 (.286), 4-6 (.5)

Western Conference, Southwest
- San Antonio: 44-13 (.772), 7-3 (.5)
- Dallas: 36-18 (.670), 7-3 (.0)
- Houston: 33-25 (.541), 6-4 (.5)
- Memphis: 27-30 (.474), 5-5 (.491)
- New Orleans: 12-45 (.211), 4-6 (.5)

**College Basketball**

Big East Conference
- Syracuse: 0-0 (.0)
- Villanova: 0-0 (.0)
- Boston College: 0-0 (.0)
- Providence: 0-0 (.0)
- St. John's: 0-0 (.0)
- Notre Dame: 0-0 (.0)
- Seton Hall: 0-0 (.0)
- Pittsburgh: 0-0 (.0)
- Connecticut: 0-0 (.0)
- Rutgers: 0-0 (.0)

**College Baseball**

Big East Conference
- Rutgers: 0-0 (.0)
- Villanova: 0-0 (.0)
- Notre Dame: 0-0 (.0)
- Pittsburgh: 0-0 (.0)
- St. John's: 0-0 (.0)
- Connecticut: 0-0 (.0)
- West Virginia: 0-0 (.0)
- Seton Hall: 0-0 (.0)
- Boston College: 0-0 (.0)

**NFL**

NHL offered $3 billion to sell entire league

Associated Press

BOSTON — Two Boston companies have offered NHL owners a way out of their labor woes: Sell the entire league — pucks, Penguins and penalty boxes — for more than $3 billion.

Bain Capital Partners LLC and Game Plan LLC made the proposal on Tuesday in New York, where NHL owners were meeting to discuss their next step in the lockout that canceled the entire 2004-05 season. The offer received an icy welcome.

"I don't think it's realistic, and I don't think there's much interest, and I know there's no interest on the part of the Bruins," said Jeremy Jacobs, whose Delaware North Cos. owns the Boston team, its building, part of its TV broadcast and the concession contracts for several NHL clubs. "And I think it takes 30 team owners to do it."

The Toronto Star and Globe and Mail reported Thursday that NHL commissioner Gary Bettman invited the two Boston companies to present the offer. If accepted, the single entity, an ownership structure where most decisions are dictated by the central office and the teams have the autonomy of a fast food franchise. Sports leagues structured in that way — Major League Soccer and the WNBA among them — have been able to avoid some antitrust scrutiny in the courts and that can translate into greater power in labor negotiations.

Steve Ross, a sports law professor at the University of Illinois Law School, said courts would want to examine whether the new arrangement stifled competition.

"If some investment firm wanted to buy Ford and General Motors and Honda and Toyota, that would be illegal," he said. "I think that would be a huge problem for them."

Mired in a lockout since Sept. 16, the NHL last month became the first major North American pro sports league to cancel an entire season. The league has said its teams have lost a collective $500 million over the past two seasons.

Before the work stoppage, the total value of the 30 NHL franchises was estimated by Forbes Magazine at $4.9 billion. The Detroit Red Wings topped the list at $266 million, with the Edmonton Oilers last at $86 million.

A bigger problem is that, by selling their hockey team, owners who also own their buildings or net-works might be selling off the synergy that makes the whole thing profitable.

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**College Softball**

Big East Conference

Syracuse: 0-0 (.0)

**NHL**

Trevor Linden, president of the National Hockey League Players Association, answers questions during a news conference on Feb. 19 in New York. If the NHL is bought, the players could have more power in negotiations.

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**NBA**

Kings at Heat, 8 p.m, ESPN

Mavericks at Lakers, 10:30 p.m, ESPN

**Tennis**

2005 Davis Cup First Round, 4 p.m, ESPN2

That makes us significantly better against the run," Peck said. "The house committee invites Canseco to testify "Washington — Former slugger Jose Canseco and several players he has accused of joining him in abusing steroids have been invited to testify before a House committee.

"There's a cloud over baseball, and perhaps a public discussion of the issues, with witnesses testifying under oath, can provide a glimpse of sunlight," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee.

Davis and the top Democrat on the panel, Rep. Henry Waxman of California, announced Thursday that they were inviting Canseco and six other former or active players, including the New York Yankees Jason Giambi and former St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGuire, to testify at a March 17 hearing.

A spokesperson for Waxman, who last week wrote Davis to urge hear-ings on baseball's response to the steroid scandal, said they don't know if the players will agree to attend. Commissioner Bud Selig has also been invited.

**owens among three Eagles to undergo surgery**

PHILADELPHIA — Wide receiver Terrell Owens was among three members of the NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles to undergo successful offseason surgery, the team revealed Thursday.

Owens, who put forth a heroic effort in the Eagles' 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX on February 6, had the screws in his left ankle removed by Dr. Mark Myerson in Baltimore.

Owens suffered a broken fibula below the right knee and ligament damage to the ankle after being tackled from behind by safety Roy Williams in a Dec. 19 game against Dallas. Three days later, he had two screws and a plate inserted in the ankle by Myerson.
Bengal Bouts

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After a slow first round, junior Mark Basula of Keghn started a string of combos against graduate student Nathan Lohmeyer in the first 160-pound class fight. The stellar third round secured a unanimous win for Basula.

Sophomore Adam Burns of Zahm secured an automatic spot in the semifinals due to a pre-match injury to Billy Henderman.

In the next fight, sophomore Preston "The Punch Thrower" Carter of Carroll stormed out like a hurricane in the first round against junior Daniel Lien of Morrissey. The victory, however, went to Lien after Carter suffered a broken nose in the second round.

Senior Bobby Gorszky wasted no time and came out aggressively in his match against senior Tim Ulhade. Using his quickness to get inside on Ulhade, Gorszky prevailed in a unanimous decision.

IN THE FIRST ROUND, senior Tim Range advanced to the semis on the back of a dominant victory over graduate student Guillemo Tijerina. Ranje attacked early, using a jab combination toバック Tijerina against the ropes, forcing the referee to intervene. A big right 12 seconds into the second Tijerina dazed and unable to continue, and Ranje took the round, counting Ranje the win.

Ranje will face senior Tim Holmes in the semifinals. Holmes defeated sophomore Brian Tynan in a unanimous decision. After being knocked down early in the first following a right-left combination from Tynan, Holmes methodically took control of the bout. He landed a series of jabs to set up a combination to assert himself followed by a huge right that sent Tynan flying to the canvas. The fighters traded big punches in the second,商品房 both blocks, but Holmes victorious following a decisive four punch combination just before the round ended.

The opening match at the 155 lb. level saw sophomore Bryan Grissinger come out firing in a attempt to knock off senior Mike Panzeri. Grissinger landed several punches early, but the more experienced Panzeri weathered the storm, taking control late in the second. With Grissinger tired, Panzeri seized the opportuni ty, landing a right-left combination that backed Grissinger and gave Panzeri the win in the third round.

In a similar bout, graduate student Brian "Huggy Boy" Nicholson faced off against Senior Chris "Count of Monte Fisto" Milliron in an extended fight. Blood was drawn repeatedly until the fight was stopped in the second round giving the victory to Nicholson.

In the next fight, senior Colin Kerrigan of Fisher came up against junior Jeff Schaeff of Morrissey. Kerrigan gained a unanimous victory after a strong third round.

After gaining an early advantage, freshman Patrick Ryan of Keenan could not hold off the sweeping hooks of junior Chris "Youngblood" Adams of Keghn. In a close split decision, Adams won in the first round, the win was bailed giving Brezlin the nearly flawless victory.

Senior Patrick Ahern defeated the vicious inside punches from senior Jim "Where Did the Day Go" Christoforetti, who won in a unanimous decision.

Junior Jeff Golen of Alumni fought evenly with junior Nicholas Klein of Morrissey for the first two rounds. In the third round, Golen made an aggressive push to earn a unanimous win.

In the next fight, freshman Mike Reilly of Fisher gained the early lead against LaMorte, but failed to hold off senior Dana Collins with ferocious combos to win in a split decision.

Graduate student Doug "Sudden Death" Bartels kept in mind quality not quantity in his fight against sophomore Stu Styppa of O'Neill. Bartels landed heavy blows on his way to a unanimous win.

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Junior Chris Cavanaugh of Morrissey fully exploited his height advantage against senior John "Stitch" Hughes of Siegfried. The fight was ended in the third round to give Cavanaugh a trip to the semifinals.

Sophomore Andy "Doogie" Houseman of Alumni controlled the initial pace of his fight against graduate student William Ziriz.

After a slow start, Ziriz took over in the third round and gained the win in a technical knockout.

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Virginia (16-11, 7-9) or tenth-took us by surprise," McGraw said. "But then to look and say, 'That's as bad as we can play, and we still won,' that has to give us a little more confidence.

No. 9 Rutgers (23-3, 14-2 Big East) won the regular season conference title outright. The Scarlet Knights finished No. 14 Connecticut (20-7, 13-3) third. The Irish won the tiebreaker with the Huskies after the two split the season series.

The fourth place team, No. 22 Boston College, knocked off the Scarlet Knights this year. Notre Dame beat the Eagles twice, giving them the edge. As a team, the Irish will play either seventh-seeded West Virginia (10-11) or top-seeded Pittsburgh (13-4, 15-11). Notre Dame has beaten both by sizable margins this season.

However, for Notre Dame, winning games in the Big East tournament has been challenging. The Irish dropped its first round game to Rutgers, 51-45, after relinquishing a 17-2 lead in the third. The Irish lost in the second round to Villanova as a No. 6 seed.

'This team, this group, has not won a lot of games in the Big East tournament,' McGraw said. "It's something that at the beginning of the year was one of our goals to do a lot better at. I think it's a stepping stone to the NCAA tournament — you want to be peaking right now.'

The Irish, whose 25-4 overall record in the second-best in McGraw's tenure, have a lot to be happy about this far this season. However, McGraw doesn't want her team to be too complacent.

'We've put ourselves in great position,' she said. "We have a lot to be happy about, but we have a lot of work to do yet. You want to put them on the back and say it's been great, but let's not get carried away because there are still some games to play.'

The Big East tournament kicks off Saturday, when the Irish face off against their opponent. Then they play the winner Sunday evening, and if they win their first game, they could face No. 3 seed Connecticut Monday.

"You've got to be ready to play a great team every night,' McGraw said. "And we're well prepared because we played all the top teams twice, so our schedule of strength has developed really been good, our RPI has been really good. So it's an opportunity — it's one and done, but your season's not over, so there's not quite the same pressure.'

Tip-off for the Notre Dame game is 6 p.m. Saturday at the Hartford Civic Center, the site of last year's tournament.

Notes:
- McGraw was named one of 20 finalists for the Naismith Coach of the Year award Thursday.
- McGraw is in her 18th season at the helm of the Irish and won the award in 2001 when Notre Dame won its first national championship.
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Irish guard Megan Duffy attempts to dribble around Eagle guard Kindyll Dorsey during Notre Dame's 64-57 victory over Boston College Feb. 2 at the Joyce Center.

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Last year at this time, Notre Dame was 5-7 on the road. Losses at Seton Hall, Georgetown and West Virginia put a damper on the Irish's second place finish in the Big East.

But this season, the No. 10 Irish are 11-2 on the road going into the Big East tournament, having found a way to beat good teams on the road. Notre Dame even defeated Connecticut in Storrs, Conn., Notre Dame even defeated Georgetown and West Virginia on the road, trying to get them to focus. The Irish coaches have really led that because of their maturity making it the same every time, trying to get them to focus.

"I think we're in a pretty good routine on the road right now, so it's been good." Notre Dame finished second in the Big East after Tuesday's ugly 41-35 win at Seton Hall moved them to 13-3 in the conference — the victory was Notre Dame's twelfth in its last 13 games.

Above, guard Charel Allen drives against Georgetown. At right, guard Breona Gray defends Georgetown's Bethany LeSueur.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Quarters fights completed

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

An exciting night of Bengal Bouts quarterfinal action opened with the 125 lb. weight class and a bout featuring junior Peter Sarpong and sophomore Jover Navey. Sarpong gained the upper hand late using his left jab and right hook to land shots to Navey's body and head, opening a gash late in the third round. Sarpong was able to block a majority of Navey's punches, giving him the split decision win.

In one of the most dominating performances of the evening, freshman Steve Buchanan needed only 1:10 to take out freshman Nate Serazin. Combinations of left jabs and right hooks sent Serazin to the canvas early, and a right hook to land shots to Serazin's head.

The tournament runs from March 9-12 and will include games against Campbell, Hawaii, Virginia and Nevada. Notre Dame didn't have much success on its last trip to California and will look to fare better this weekend. Last weekend, the Irish traveled to Palm Springs to participate in the Palm Springs Classic, dropping their first four games in the next eight days.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish have full slate scheduled for break

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish might not be going on any cruises with buffets, but they've still got a full plate for spring break this season. Notre Dame (5-6) will travel to Los Angeles for a doubleheader against Loyola Marymount Sunday and remain in California for a single-game match-up against California-Santa Barbara Monday. The Irish then will trek across the Pacific Ocean to take part in the University of Hawaii's Spring Fling Tournament in Honolulu.

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"Anytime you lose to teams that have yet to leave the country, it's going to be a challenge to see how we do. But the Irish finished on a positive note, knocking off No. 5 Tennessee 5-2 Sunday in Notre Dame's final game of the tournament. "Anytime you lose to teams that are unranked and then have a win over UConn, it shows that when we don't focus we can lose to anyone."