**Appeals court upholds ACE funds**

**Judge overturns 2004 decision, supports governmental backing for Notre Dame program**

By JULIE BENDER  
New Writer

An appeals court upheld federal funding for Notre Dame's teacher-training program, Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), last Tuesday, overturning a 2004 ruling that the AmeriCorps-based program violated a constitutional ban on establishment of religion by awarding tuition vouchers to participants.

In a 3-0 decision, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Judge Gladys Kessler stated that taxpayer support of religious schools is constitutional as long as government funding goes to "programs of true private choice." He wrote that the government is not promoting religion by funding programs such as ACE, which provide teachers for disadvantaged Catholic schools.

"We're obviously delighted with the court's decision," said John Stand, ACE director. "It was an unanimous decision, which is very important for ACE and for other faith-based organizations affected by the ruling."

This decision reversed a 2004 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler that the Corporation for National and Community Service, which runs the AmeriCorps program, had violated the constitutional ban on establishment of religion by awarding federal funding to ACE teachers who only serve in Catholic schools.

The 2004 ruling came as a result of a charge by the American Jewish Congress (AJC) that AmeriCorps unlawfully used federal money to awarding federal funding to ACE and for other faith-based programs.

"We do not anticipate any problems; we have been fully used federal money to create a 2004 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Randolph stated that the establishment of religion by funding programs that violated a constitutional ban on the ruling."

Christopher Temple, an academic specialist in the registrar's office, said he does not expect any glitches with students using the new course numbers today.

"We don't anticipate any problems; we have been expecting any glitches with students filling out brackets - competing online, in dorms and across campus. March Madness, the nickname given to the NCAA journey due to its unpredictability, is one of the most widely wagered-on sporting events of the year. Very rare is the workplace without an office pool, and even those less knowledgeable on the subject of college basketball are often participants. Not everyone is pleased with the bracket-

**Students fill out NCAA brackets, plan pools**

By JOHN EVERETT  
New Writer

Notre Dame students passed through the four stages of grief — depression, denial, anger and acceptance — after learning Sunday that the men's basketball team would not be participating in the NCAA tournament.

"I think the six seed will work in our favor. I think the upsets will go in our favor," said Patrick Hyland, a senior from Warren, Mich., in an office pool. "We have a good team. I think we have a good chance of continuing our winning tradition."

Men's and women's dorms organize own contests for March Madness tradition

**Summer registration premieres new system**

By MARY KATE MALONE  
New Writer

Registration for summer classes, which begins today, will be the first time students use the new five-digit course-numbering system.

The new course numbers are part of a series of changes taking place as a result of the Renovare Project, the new University mainframe system being installed and set for completion in two years.

**Activist compares U.S. and China**

By KATIE PERRY  
New Writer

With his salt and pepper hair, large wire-rimmed glasses and unassuming demeanor, he is hard to imagine John Kamm in the desolate setting of a Chinese prison. But the executive director of the Dui Hua Foundation — and this year's O'Grady Asia Lecture Series featured speaker — has worked on behalf of political and religious inmates for over 15 years and tal-

**University selects '05 grad speaker**

By EILEEN DUFFY  
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The President of the United States won't be speaking to Notre Dame's 2005 graduates, but a man who has held three presidencies in his life will.

The University announced Tuesday that Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation and former president of Brown University and the New York Public Library, will be the principal speaker at its 160th commencement exercises on May 15.

Gregorian has held high-ranking positions in a wide variety of fields, making him an ideal selection, University President Father Edward Malloy said in a press release.

"In all his many roles in public life, Dr. Gregorian has displayed extraordinary leadership," Malloy said. "I know that his remarks will be an ideal capstone for our graduates' educational experiences on our campus."

Gregorian has served at the helm of New York's Carnegie Corporation since 1997. The corporation, which was founded in 1911, seeks to carry out
INSIDE COLUMN

The other holiday

Everyone knows about the national holiday coming up tomorrow. Many are getting ready to don their green beads and green shirts while sharing green drinks and good times. But what I’m really looking forward to is the other national holiday that happens to land on March 17th this year. Okay, maybe it’s not a national holiday, but the first day of the NCAA men’s basketball tournament is still one of my favorite days of the year.

So the Irish men are out of the tournament and now out of the year. Good times. But their green beads and green shirts you would find me doing something else.

I plan on celebrating the way it is taking place tomorrow. And I do not have to think about anything else but basketball.

Well, alright maybe I’ll be thinking a little about that other holiday taking place tomorrow. I do plan on celebrating the way it is meant to be celebrated. But I have definitely been looking forward to the NCAA Tournament a whole lot longer.

From now until CBS plays “One Shining Moment” after the final games, basketball will most likely consume the majority of my life. Whether it’s the March Madness bracket for the pool that I take part in, knowing I would have to be present to comment about the game, or watching basketball until midnight without having to think about anything else but basketball. I will be glued to the television from the first tip off at 12:20 p.m. until the final whistle at midnight.

Anyway, I hope you all are as excited about tomorrow as I am. My schedule tomorrow is as follows:

8:00 - Wake up.
8:05 - Crack open a Guinness.
8:08 - 2.90 - Guinness continues. 9:30-12:15 - Class (I know it sounds hard, but they do allow water bottles in class, right?)
12:20-5:00 - Watch basketball.
5:00-7:00 - Eat and continue St. Paddy’s festivities.
7:00-Midnight - Watch basketball. Midnight-? - Heartland.

Now that I think about it, I might just have to follow the same schedule on Friday.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU WORKING THIS SUMMER?

Steve Shaui
junior
Eileen Locke
sophomore
Alissa Mendoza
junior
Tim Stawicki
senior
Jennifer Stall
junior
Christopher Ban
senior

Working at the carwash, The bikini carwash. Yes, I have a job in sunny California. Bouga.
No, I don’t want to work yet.
I’m currently in the running for the Wells Center for Pediatric Research at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.
Yes, I have an internship at the Wells Center for Pediatric Research.
Yes, I’m working as a concession employee at Deaconess.

OFFBEAT

Thousands compete to be named national cheese champ

MILWAUKEE — John Umhoefer calls it the Olympics of cheese. Every two years, hundreds of cheeses are sent in from across the nation to see which makes the cut and is crowned the U.S. champion of cheese.

This year, more than 1,000 cheeses from 25 states are in Milwaukee for the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest to be judged, prodded, squished, chewed, sniffed and ultimately spit out by 14 finicky judges.

Though every cheese that’s entered is good, come Wednesday, only one will get to be the big cheese. It’s kind of like the Olympics where you start out with a 10 and your flaws are downgraded,” said Umhoefer, executive director of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, which co-sponsors the event that started Monday.

Vice mayor receives ‘dirty’ complaint

LExINGTON, Ky. — A harassment complaint has been filed with police after an aide found fecal matter in an envelope addressed to the vice mayor.

The envelope was one of two that contained harassing materials, according to a report filed Friday with Lexington police. The envelopes also contained a letter from someone complaining about the city’s ban on smoking in enclosed public places.

Lexington police declined to comment about the contents of the letter, but Lt. James Carless said officers are investigating. Carless said police think both envelopes were sent by the same person.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Employee allegedly assaulted

**Observer Staff Report**

An assault was reported outside Notre Dame’s Siegan Chemistry Hall around 11:15 p.m. March 9, said Phil Johnson, assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Police.

The alleged victim, a female University employee, said a man approached her behind and kissed her on the cheek as she sat outside the hall, according to a March 10 e-mail Johnson sent to the student body.

The woman said that as she pulled away from the man, he asked her what buildings were open on campus, then began to walk south, Johnson said.

After the employee told her supervisor what happened, NDSP was contacted regarding the alleged assault.

The employee described the alleged suspect as a “black male, about 30 to 35 years old, about 6 ft. tall, wearing a black jacket with lettering on the front, tan pants and a black baseball cap with a red hill and U.S. Flag on the bill,” said Garcia. She would like to obtain a Masters in Education. She said, “I never would have expected to teach in a Catholic school.”

Maya Noronha, a psychology major with experience in social work and diverse communities, was also provisionally accepted into the program.

“Terrorism is a very real issue,” said Garcia. “I have wanted to go into education for a long time, and this seemed like a great way to do it and still attend Notre Dame,” she said.

Noronha will find out today where she will be placed. “I would prefer to be within driving distance of my family so visiting them wouldn’t get too expensive,” she said.

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**Students anticipate ACE program placements**

By JEN ROWLING

Students arrived back on campus this week to receive the final decisions on their provisional acceptances into the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

This year, 360 students applied to the ACE program. Currently, 85 provisional acceptances have been distributed.

Seniors with a variety of majors and backgrounds were encouraged to apply to the ACE program.

“They don’t look for a cookie-cutter person,” said April Garcia, an ACE applicant.

John Staud, ACE director, said it is hard to predict which majors and backgrounds will be needed from year to year.

The ACE program is unique because it is responsive to the needs of the Catholic schools for which it provides teachers, Staud said. Candidates are only admitted into the program if they match the request of a specific school.

“We encourage everyone to apply who has an interest in service through teaching,” Staud said.

Students apply from all the colleges at Notre Dame, Staud said. The College of Arts and Letters, however, has the highest number of applicants.

Math, science and foreign languages are usually areas that are in high demand. Staud, however, stressed the importance of encouraging students with diverse backgrounds to apply.

The ACE program considers each applicant’s major, background and work with ethnic and service groups. All Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students are guaranteed interviews.

“We try to look as broadly as possible,” Staud said.

The 83 students accepted have provisional acceptances, which means the schools to which they have been assigned have the right of refusal. Staud said that a rejection is uncommon, however.

Tonight at 7 p.m. students will find out the details of their assigned positions. They will acquire information including location, school name, grade and assigned subject.

After learning this information, students have the opportunity to accept or reject their placement.

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**9-11 commissioner to speak on terrorism**

Special to the Observer

Lee Hamilton, vice chair of the 9-11 commission, will lay out a blueprint for effective counter-terrorism strategy and U.S. foreign policy in lectures March 22 and 23 at Notre Dame.

The March 22 lecture, “Fighting Terrorism,” will begin at 4:15 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The second lecture, “How to Use American Power,” will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the talks comprise the 11th annual Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy and are free and open to the public. The lectures will be Webcast live at mms://streaming.nd.edu/hamilton.

Hamilton was vice chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States, which issued the influential and best-selling “9-11 Report” on the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.
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mania — critics have claimed these pools are a violation of anti-gambling laws. Legal or not, employers may have a right to gripe about the tournament.
A survey cited on ESPN.com stated that last year, the NCAA men's basketball tournament caused a $1.5 billion loss in productivity to the U.S. economy due to time wasted filling out brackets and the more hoop-mad workers taking sick days to catch all the action.

At Notre Dame, Brian Tracy, president of the Leprechaun Legion and a resident assistant in Knott Hall who will be running a dorm-wide bracket pool this year, said he does not see any hostility on the University's part towards the pools.

"As far as I know, brackets are fully legal as long as student-athletes aren't involved." — Brian Tracy, Leprechaun Legion president

"We were trying to find a creative way to do some sort of social service activity and we figured this would be a great way to raise money," said Selak.
Every student has a different perspective... that at least every guy's dorm will receive a gift certificate to Target.

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Stanford. Gregorian taught European and Middle Eastern history for eight years at San Francisco State College, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the University of Texas. He then joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty. In 1972, he became the founding dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences there; in 1972, he became the provost.
Senior Erin Mai said she is "excited and proud" of Notre Dame's decision to bring someone with a "different perspective."

"This is a Catholic university, but it's still important for people to be exposed to different ideas and different religions," she said. "[Gregorian] seems to know a lot about Islam, and I think that could bring a lot to his speech."
Senior Galen Laughrey agreed, calling the University's choice of Gregorian "a great change from the past commence-ment speakers.

"I would hope [Gregorian] would bring a unique perspective, given his international experience, that might not be at Notre Dame," he said.

Gregorian has received myriad accolades and grants during his career.
Currently serving as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Gregorian has received fellowships from the John Smith Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council and the American Philosophical Society.

He received the National Ethnic Coalition of Organization's Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 1986, which is annually presented to "Americans of diverse origins for their outstanding contributions to their own ethnic groups and to American society," according to that organization's Web site.
He has also been honored by U.S. presidents. In 1998, President Bill Clinton awarded Gregorian with the National Humanities Medal; last year, President George W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Gregorian is the author of "Emergence of Modern Afghanistan; Politics of Reform and Modernization, 1880-1946;" "Islam: A Mosaic, Not a Monolith," and his autobiography, "The Road to Home."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italy withdraws from coalition

ROME — Italy's prime minister announced plans Tuesday to start drawing down his country's 3,000-strong combat troops in Iraq in September, putting a fresh crack in President Bush's crumbling coalition. Bulgaria also called for a partial withdrawal, and Ukraine welcomed its first wave of returning troops.

The moves come on top of the withdrawal of more than a dozen countries over the last year and could help healing the breach in the United States and Europe over the war.

Two years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein, the coalition is unraveling amid mounting casualties and kidnappings that have stoked anti-war sentiment and sapped leaders' resolve to keep troops in harm's way.

European men are more obese

BRUSSELS, Belgium — At least seven European countries now challenge the United States in size — at least around the waistline.

In a group of nations from Greece to Germany, the proportion of overweight or obese men is higher than in the United States, experts said Tuesday in a major analysis of expanding girth on the European continent.

"The time when obesity was thought to be a problem only on the other side of the Atlantic, this has gone by," said Mars Di Bartolomeo, Luxembourg's Minister of Health.

National News

Anthrax detected in Pentagon mail

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of postal workers were offered antidotes Tuesday and many were taking them after initial tests detected anthrax in a pair of military mail-rooms. Nobody reported symptoms of the disease, the officials announced.

Three mail facilities were closed — two that serve the Pentagon and one in Washington that handles mail on its way to the military as well as all federal offices in the area.

In more than three years since the 2001 anthrax-by-mail attacks, there have been scores of initial tests that falsely reported anthrax in government mailrooms. In this case, authorities believe the bacteria were detected separately in two different mailrooms, raising concerns and invoking memories of the September, putting a fresh crack in President Bush's crumbling coalition.

Road assassin kills three men

DALLAS — A man squeezed through the sunroof of a Jaguar early Tuesday and opened fire with an assault rifle on another moving vehicle, killing three men and critically wounding a fourth, police said.

Authorities were searching for the gunman and two others who may have been riding in the light-colored Jaguar with fancy wheels, police said.

Local News

Senate hears new stadium plans

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawmakers started over two bills Tuesday aimed at bringing a new Indianapolis Colts stadium closer to reality.

A Senate committee listened to city officials and Colts coach Tony Dungy speak about the benefits of a new stadium and expanded convention center, but most senators already seemed supportive of the project — at least in theory. Senate Tax Committee Chairman Luke Nishimiki, R-Nicholasville, said while the idea of a new stadium had broad support, funding will be tricky in a tight budget year.

Russia

Reward paid for tracking rebel

Russian security service had $10 million bounty for information on Maskhadov

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's security service announced Tuesday it paid an unprec edented $10 million bounty for information who helped track down the late Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov — an effort to give credibility to its recently offered a similar bounty for the Kremlin's No. 2 rebel leader.

The announcement appeared part of a stepped-up effort to eliminate separatist leaders whose fight against the Kremlin has dragged on for most of the past decade and destabilized much of Russia's southern flank. Chechnya's Moscow-backed president suggested it was part of a plan to rely increasingly on the region's local population in its attempt to stop rebel warlords.

The promise to pay a large sum of money it has been realized, and the population knows that this is no myth. People will turn up who will independently trace Basayev and his underlings and report to the proper authorities, the interior ministry agency quoted a local official.

A little-known Chechen rebel, Shamil Basayev, in January 1997. There is a $10 million bounty on his head.

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Atlanta man charged for rampage

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ripped by 19 officers in a room in his own bathroom, his hands and ankles shackled, the man accused in the crime spree that left an Atlanta judge and three others dead went before a judge Tuesday for the first time since the rampage.

Nicholas Nichols, 35, was properly informed that authorities plan to charge him with murder.

Nichols looked straight ahead during the five-minute hearing and did not make eye contact with anyone outside in the room, including the judge. He spoke only once, when Judge Frank Cax asked him if he had any questions.

"Not at this time," he said.

Nichols was held without bail on the rape charge he was on trial for Friday, when he allegedly overpowered a guard at the Fulton County courthouse, stole her gun and started a rampage that terrorized Atlanta and left four people dead.

This time, authorities took no chances for the hearing at the Fulton County Jail. All prisoners locked into the jail make their first appearance before a judge inside the jail, not at the courthouse. But 19 officers — almost five times the usual number — packed the small room, and several more officers blocked the hall outside.

Those entering the hearing room were searched with a handheld metal detector.

Fulton County Sheriff Myron Freeman said other steps had been taken to improve courthouse security: 40 uniformed deputies have been added and high-risk inmates will be transported separately, accompanied by specially trained officers.

"The security improvements we've made in the past few days will continue," he said in a statement.
promote the teaching of Christian values by awarding monetary vouchers to participants in programs like ACE, which assigns teachers to needy Catholic schools. Notre Dame joined the lawsuit filed against AmeriCorps by a defendant-intervener.

"We think along those lines about how we were not in violation of the establishment of religion clause, and we're pleased that the court saw this too," Staud said. "For the past 11 years, it has been our practice to follow the AmeriCorps guidelines, so the religious activity of ACE participants has not counted toward the service hours required for the AmeriCorps stipend. Those hours come from the secular subjects that are taught, like chemistry and math." The ACE program was founded in 1993 and since then has been training teachers-in-training to teach in Catholic schools across the southern United States. After completing the two-year program, each participant receives a master's degree in education from Notre Dame.

ACE teachers-in-training are allotted a stipend of $12,000 per year from the schools in which they teach. In addition, most ACE participants are eligible to apply for and receive two annual $4,725 education vouchers through AmeriCorps. To qualify, the participant must complete 1,700 hours of service in or outside of the classroom that is of a non-religious affiliation.

Through the ACE program, Notre Dame also receives grants of up to $400 per year for every full-time AmeriCorps member. This money covers nearly eight percent of salaries for the ACE faculty members who are teaching secular subjects.

The court's ruling will allow ACE to continue its service program and especially will help with recruitment of new participants, Staud said. "The AmeriCorps awards enable us to recruit broadly for ACE," he said. "Participants tend to be recent college graduates who have significant loan indebtedness. The award is well deserved for these participants who are providing service for the country."

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The World Trade Organization panel released a ruling on complaints by Washington and Canberra against the 25-nation EU. The ruling found fault with some parts of the EU's current rules, which say only foods produced using geographic names such as Florida oranges and Australia against the European Union, can be called Parma can be called Parma ham, Roquefort cheese must come from its native region in needed to give customers a quality guarantee. WTO ruling said the EU had "not succeeded in rebutting that case." even though the EU succeeded in presenting the data that any deal to formally raise production would lift actual output from 27.7 million barrels to 28.2 million barrels a day, or 10 of its members. The 11th, Iraq, is exempt from quota restrictions. Al Sahab said OPEC should not only raise output by 500,000 barrels a day, but follow it some time in the future, if necessary, with another hike of 500,000 barrels a day. Taking matters one step further, Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi signaled his country's readiness to raise output by itself, without OPEC approval. "We have done that in the past in order to meet the requirements in the market," Naimi told reporters. "Uppermost in our minds is (the intention to satisfy) the demand that is out there. Light, sweet crude for April delivery rose 35 cents to $55.30 per barrel in afternoon trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's above the record Nymex settlement price of $55.17 per barrel, set twice in late October, although futures would have to surpass $90 a barrel to meet the inflation-adjusted peak set in 1990. Reflecting the pessimism other OPEC members have toward the Saudi proposal, Algeria's Oil Minister Chakib Khelil said, "We can do a goodwill gesture, but it doesn't mean anything in reducing prices." Other experts also said the effects would be minimal. "It will not drive the price down but stabilize it and keep it from zooming into the stratosphere," said professor Anthony Sabino of St. John's University's Peter J. Tobin Business School in New York. Still, he described OPEC countries opposed to the hike as "a little short-sighted" because ultimately there will be a lower ceiling for oil as the high prices will slow the growth of the world's economies. In a sign of the rest of OPEC may relent to the Saudi proposal, the cartel's ministerial monitoring committee is set to recommend lifting the group's output ceiling by 500,000 barrels a day to 27.5 million barrels a day, according to Dow Jones Newswires, which cited an anonymous OPEC source in Bahrain. Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh has said neither a higher ceiling nor an unchanged one would put more oil on the market. The proposal of a higher ceiling is probably intended to legitimize some of the overproduction, Zangeneh said. OPEC would be unable to raise output aggressively in what is traditionally the weakest season for oil, he said. Both proposals mean we should keep the existing level of production within OPEC," Zangeneh said.

Insurance giant AIG under fire
NEW YORK — Concerned about the upheaval in management at American International Group Inc., federal prosecutors and regulatory probes of its business operations, major credit agencies on Tuesday either lowered the insurance giant's debt rating or said they would review whether it should be cut. AIG shares sank 3 percent. The nation's second-largest insurer, was the world's largest insurance companies, late Monday removed longtime Chief Executive Officer Maurice "Hank" Greenberg in a first step toward trying to resolve the widening federal and state probes into its property and casualty insurance business.

In one ongoing probe, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is investigating AIG's business practices and the Securities and Exchange Commission are looking into the use of so-called finite insurance, or financial reinsurance, which they contend can be used to manipulate earnings.

WTO finds fault with the EU genera
Both sides claimed victory Tuesday in a trade fight pitting the United States and Australia against the European Union, centering on the right of foreign exporters to use geographic food names such as Florida oranges or Idaho potatoes to describe their products in European markets. A World Trade Organization panel released a ruling on complaints by Washington and Canberra against the 25-nation EU. The United States and Australia claimed that they had breached the rules of global commerce by discriminating against their producers in not granting them the right to use "geographical indications" for their products. The WTO ruling said the EU had "not succeeded in rebutting that case," even though the bloc was not guilty of wide-ranging breaches. The ruling found fault with some parts of the EU's current rules, which say only foods produced in their original region can carry certain words that — such as the EU says is needed to give customers a quality guarantee. Under that system, only ham produced using traditional methods near the Italian city of Parma can be called Parma ham. Roquefort cheese must come from its native region in southern France and Madeira wine from the Portuguese island of the same name.
Temple said.

were necessary for the new Renovare System, but he noted further changes will come gradually as the system continues to be upgraded.

"Sometimes you'll hear this called the 'vanilla version' because the University is trying to implement the system with as few customizations as possible," Temple said.

The daunting task of re-numbering each of the University's 9,000 courses began last summer and was successfully completed with the help of all academic departments, Temple said.

"It was a challenging project for everybody," Temple said. "I was impressed with how the academic department steps up." The first two digits of the new numbers, assigned by the registrar's office, will indicate the level and type of course. Previously, a letter suffix was used to indicate the type of course. Each academic department was responsible for assigning the last three digits, using whatever system they preferred.

"Some departments used a numbering system similar to their own old system," Temple said. "Others used this as an opportunity to re-think their structure." Faculty complaints were scarce, as all departments came together to reconfigure their course numbering systems. Temple said. In fact, he noted that many departments welcomed the opportunity to create a new and better identification system.

"Some departments were running out of unique numbers to manage their teach­ings. It was a lot of work, but some were excited at the prospect of reconfiguring their whole organization."

To make the transition as smooth as possible, "insideND" will feature a link on the Student Services page to a tool that will allow students who know a course's old number to find the matching new number, Temple said.

Links to tutorials are also featured on the Web site to help students learn to navigate and take advantage of their course numbering system.

Temple admitted the new numbering system might be a difficult change at first. "A five figure course number can be complicated at first, but over time it will become second nature," Temple said. "It's just a matter of learning the new language."

Christopher Temple academic specialist

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The concession of records, the texting of a large cooperation in human rights in China because the country is overtly closed — without a large cooperation in order to advance this cause. In 1999, he established and chaired the Dui Hua Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving human rights in China. The Foundation prided itself on its establishment of an elaborate database containing names and related information for more than 56 prisoners incarcerated in China.


The 1972 Princeton graduate explained his human rights career as almost inevitable given the social and historical context of his own coming of age. Kamm listed such events as the Muder Evers murder, the March on Washington and the Ashbury Park riots of the 1970s, which occurred just miles from his childhood home, as incidents which shaped his eventual life course.

"I took away the bedrock belief that social change is best achieved through non-violence, even when the cost is high," Kamm said.

One of the most fundamental comparisons between post-WWII America and 21st century China is that both societies are defined by their immense economic growth and the subsequent widening of the gap between the wealthy and the poor, Kamm said. It is this disparity that spurs frustration and conflict, Kamm said.

"It is striking to examine the two societies because the profits of nonviolence arise precisely at the time of greatest tension," Kamm said.

Continuing to link the two movements, Kamm compared the likes of American Civil Rights activists Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph Abernathy and Robert Moses to present-day Christian practitioners in China who, although vehemently non-violent, have been detained for political crimes.

"Both (groups of individuals) are members of movements that seek to wake the conscience of the people," Kamm said.

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Agents bug mayor in graft investigation

Sixteen months after implementation, FBI-installed microphone reveals no corruption

**Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA** — In the final weeks of Philadelphia’s heated 2003 mayoral campaign, FBI agents crept into City Hall and installed a microphone above the mayor’s desk.

For months, they had been gathering evidence that city contracts were being traded for campaign contributions. They wanted to know whether Mayor John F. Street himself was involved.

Sixteen months later — and weeks into the third federal trial to come out of the graft investigation — they are probably still wondering.

The bug in the mayor’s office was in place for only a short time before it was discovered by Philadelphia police and the investigation was cut short. During that time, the listening device picked up nothing of importance, FBI agents said.

FBI agents also secretly recorded more than 25,000 phone calls involving one of Street’s top fund-raisers for nearly nine months. But none of the transcripts released in recent weeks have disclosed Street’s declaration that he was willing to trade city work for a donation, and Street has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

The absence of a smoking gun has allowed his supporters to suggest the mayor’s problems are probably behind him.

“I think a lot of people see that there are some serious questions that have been raised by the investigation, but there are also legitimate answers,” said Street’s spokesman, Dan Fee.

But Street’s knowledge of the dealings between his treasurer and denying city work to people who hadn’t.”

The recordings do not paint a flattering picture of city government. In several calls, the lawyer and treasurer can be heard talking about rewarding companies that had given money to Street’s campaign, and dozing city work to people who hadn’t.

In one typical call intercepted by the FBI, Street listened politely to White’s request that a certain financial services firm be included in a city transaction, but stopped short of promising to take any action.

In another, Street listened as White described a plan to “sell” tickets in the city’s luxury box at Philadelphia Eagles games to campaign contributors. But the mayor seemed to throw cold water on the plan by saying seating in the box was limited.

Investigators also went looking for evidence that Street had used his office for personal gain, but may have come up short there, too.

Financial records seized by the FBI showed that Street and his son received loans from Commerce Bank at a time when the bank was seeking city deposits. But there has been no proof that the transactions were linked to any city deal or conveyed the mayor any special benefit.

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**The O’Grady Asia Lecture Series 2005**

**John Kamm, Executive Director**

**Dui Hua Foundation**

“Civil Rights, Human Rights: The Struggle for Justice in the United States and China”

**Tuesday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

Jordan Auditorium

Mendoza College of Business

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A workshop and discussion with John Kamm

(Dui Hua Founder and Executive Director) & Irene Chan Kamm, (Manager of Administration and Development)

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**Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.**

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**Experts support arbiter proposal**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** — Setting up an independent arbiter of freedom of information disputes with the government would make appeals for the release of information fair and less expensive, witnesses told a Senate panel Tuesday.

"It will mean more for pay itself in diverting cases from the courts," Thomas M. Susman, a lawyer specializing in Freedom of Information Act cases, told the Senate subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies.

Congress is considering a bill that would strengthen the 1966 act in part by forcing government officials and agencies to respond more quickly to requests for information.

Sponsored by Sens. John Corzine, D-N.J., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the bill would create an ombudsman at the Administrative Conference of the United States to review agency compliance with FOIA requests and recommend alternatives to litigation.

Currently, disputes are resolved in court, with the Justice Department defending the agencies.

"Creating a government office with oversight of the conferences would go a long way toward correcting the defensive posture of some agencies toward FOIA requests, sending the message that "we are serious about open government requirements," Katherine M. Cary, division chief of the Open Records Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, told the panel.

"FOIA isn't a game of us versus them," Susman said.

The bill, sponsored in the House by Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, would require agencies to give people seeking documents a tracking number within 10 days and to set up telephone or Internet systems allowing them to learn the status and estimated completion date.

Agencies that didn’t respond within 20 days would lose all exemptions to FOIA requests except for national security, personal privacy, proprietary information or a ban in another law.

The open government issue took on new weight after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks when the Bush administration set a higher threshold for FOIA disclosures. Then White House legal staff advised agencies to make sure the information they released would not jeopardize national security.

But media outlets and others say that "national security" has become too common a reason for withholding information.

Walter Mears, a retired Associated Press newsman, told the subcommittee that the more information the government tries to keep secret, the greater the chance that what should be withheld will be leaked.

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Mass. governor wants turnpike chairman out

Associated Press

BOSTON — Gov. Mitt Romney asked the state's highest court Tuesday if he has the power to fire the Massachusetts Turnpike chairman after an engineer who led an investigation into leaks at the $14.6 billion Big Dig project says he can no longer vouch for the safety of its tunnels.

"With the Big Dig there's been a pattern of cover-up and stonewalling that has left the public with little confidence that the project is being managed well or that the road and tunnel system are safe to travel," Romney said. But he stopped short of calling the tunnels unsafe and said he will continue to drive through them.

The governor's comments came in response to a March 9 letter written to the Turnpike Authority by engineering specialist Jack K. Lemley, who said he was "unable to express an opinion as to the safety of the I-93 portion of the Central Artery."

Bill redirects license plate profits

State political parties stand to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Indiana drivers spend $48 for personalized license plates, $30 is sent to political parties, a vestige of a time decades ago when the parties ran the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

But a bill that a House committee unanimously advanced Tuesday would take the nearly $1.4 million split between Republicans and Democrats and give it to the BMV.

Democrats said the money should be used to help upgrade license branches.

"We need to upgrade our license branches," said Rep. Clou Dunn, R-Bloomington. But Democrats said the money should go back to customers who probably would not want to donate an extra $30 to help upgrade the branches.

"If we were to ask the people, I'd bet they'd want their money back," said Rep. Caroline Mayes, D-Indianapolis.

"It just looks like it's a slush fund being created for the BMV," said Rep. Terry Goodin, D-Crookedsville.

The only person to speak against the bill was John Livengood, former Indiana Democratic Party chairman. He said the money has helped fund a two healthy-party system in the state and that he realizes where the money goes when he buys his personalized plates.

## FAITHPOINT

### What's up?

**Four:7**

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**Scriptures**

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### Catholic Q&A

**What is the Church's Position on the Death Penalty? Is it Ever Justifiable?**

Modern times, the Church could potentially see that only way to both restore order and protect a community after a heinous crime would be to execute the offender. Even in pre-Catholic times, we hear one of the Catholic Church's eyes, the dual purpose of restoring public order following a crime, as well as ensuring the safety of society at large. In pre-imprisonment, which can more than adequately protect society from the guilty, capital punishment is unjustifiable. The Catechism also states that "if bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor..., public authority should limit itself to such means" (#2267). The Church, in its efforts to promote the respect of all human life, challenges us today to take the higher road on this issue.

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Army platoon leader penalized for assault

Lieutenant sentenced to 45 days in prison

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — An Army platoon leader was sentenced Tuesday to 45 days in a military prison for his role in forcing three Iraqi civilians into the Tigris River. Army 1st Lt. Jack Saville also must forfeit $2,000 of his military salary each month for six months, a military judge Col. Theodore Bloom ruled.

Prosecutors had recommended Saville, who chose a nonjury trial, be discharged from the Army.

"I hope to use these experiences for greater good," Saville, a 25-year-old West Point graduate, read from a statement.

Saville pleaded guilty Monday to assault and other crimes for forcing two curb crew violators into the river at gunpoint in January 2004 near Samarra. One of the men allegedly drowned.

Saville was convicted Tuesday of a lesser assault charge for doing nothing to stop another Iraqi man from being forced into the river near Balad in December 2003.

The charges carried a maximum 9 1/2-year sentence though a plea deal capped the sentence at 15 months; that part of the agreement was kept secret so the judge would not be influenced, Army officials said.

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I had one of those "don't put it off till tomorrow" moments last week. My father called last Thursday and told me that my grandmother (his mother) would probably not live much longer. She "won't recognize you or even know you're there," he told me, "but if you want to come for yourself, you should.'"

I went the next day, on Friday, and she died on Saturday, at 92. My dad was right; she didn't recognize me, and I doubt she knew I was there, even though she did blink a little at one point when I prayed a Hail Mary right in her ear. I did go for myself, and it's a day I won't forget, in part because I sat with my grandmother on the day before she died, but mostly because I got to sit there with my dad.

My grandmother, I should note, was a complex and difficult woman. We never seemed to please her quite enough, though I think that may have been the only way she knew how to love us — believing us to have the potential for just a bit more than what we were showing her. As it turned out, her life never seemed to please herself either, even if to others it was wonderful. When my grandfather had achieved every material success, my grandfather's death, she became more and more adept at re-inventing her own life story, adding more imagined money, travel and privilege every time she told a new audience her constantly-improving autobiography.

My mom and dad had cared for her for the last 15 years, since my grandfather's death, guiding her from a relatively independent life through the gradual loss of her abilities and her freedom into the world of the nursing home. She did not make these changes gracefully or willingly, and my dad, as only child, bore the brunt of her anguishing anger, frustration and loneliness.

Over the course of about three quiet hours, I sat with my dad last Friday in her room. If it's true that we learn how to take care of our own ailing parents by watching the way they took care of theirs, then I have learned how to be a hero from my dad. He made the three-hour round trip to see her, first ones a week, and in more recent years and months two or three times a week or more, even though he knew that he might be greeted by a torrent of complaints, frights silence or a list of imagined ailments.

As she grew more frail, she finally seemed to recognize a love and need for my father and mother that she hadn't been able to admit before. My dad, too, found healing and reconciliation in his ongoing pil­grimages, and especially, I think, in his prayer and belief that God's grace worked through what must have seemed at times too heavy a burden.

My grandmother grew up during a time in our Church when faith was driven in part by fear — fear of somehow not fulfilling the obligations a demanding and punitive God seemed to have imposed. She carried that understanding of her faith into adulthood. My dad and I wondered together as we sat whether she was somehow afraid to die. Did she worry that she hadn't quite gotten it right somehow? That God waited for her with a list of the shortcomings she had accumulated and hadn't yet "erased" with her multitudes of daily Masses and rosaries?

God graced my dad with the gift of forgiveness in his journey through my grandmother's last 15 years, transforming his pain into compassion for her and into hope and prayers for her healing and peace. Sometimes maybe even most times — we can't forgive on our own, but only with God's generous help. We find that help in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our own pilgrimages with those whom God has given us to love. On Sunday we hear the Passion story for the first time this year. Jesus, while on the cross, forgives those who have abused him, mocked him and felt driven to kill him. He tells the "good thief" hanging beside him that, "Today you will be with me in paradise." I believe that my grandmother has gone to be with Jesus in paradise, that God forgives much more readily than she knew and that God gave that gift of healing to my dad.

We again approach Holy Week, our holiest week. Again we can gratefully approach the Lord who loves us, who forgives us, and who offers us the ability, with his grace, to forgive each other in his name.

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FaithPoint
**The Observer**

**The credentials generation**

It is official. Spring break has come to a close after six weeks of wading deep within the collective weariness of the campus mind, synapses, long dormant, are beginning to grow a second brain—a growing temptation about some people, even a kind of dread. There is a wild rush to get engaged, and small marriages are being formed in the flash of the hinterland. All of the signs are here: graduation is coming.

I must admit that I am more than a little superstitious about the whole human life after college is famously rough. Still, stick that fear and doubt—playing off of each other—are perfectly normal. No matter how often some mouths the phrase, I am not sure it can ever be quite true. Everyone knows once one for the ice-water of a national and productive (read: savage) life, it also does not have to be! If I am honest with myself, I know that none of these things will ever give me any sort of happiness, and it is this truth that I fear most of all.

That is really the essence of the problem. Does a career, a diploma, have anything at all to do with my happiness? What have I thrown away for the sake of that career, and what will I lose forever if I continue on this road? Maybe my happiness was among those things that I sacrificed. I worry that I have sold out to someone else's success, someone else's truth, and someone else's happiness. But in the end, I think I have been a farmer, like my great-great-grandfather, or a fisherman by my father-in-law. Maybe I should have followed my heart to Dublin, or Ouagadougou, or to a Chilean seminary. I am envious of those with a greater sense of duty and love. I can only imagine if there is even a god of computer programmers, or whether all of we humans, who are one of its creations, are worth more at the root of all this tension. Very serious than I do a leprechaun, for Ireland is likely a metaphor to me to connect with the culture of a land separated by the Atlantic Ocean and yet we have a nice chunk of debt to force the issue. But for me at least, there is something more at the root of all this tension. Very serious, I think, indeed.

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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Consider it Christian**

I enjoyed reading the piece entitled “Can you afford to be a Liberal?” by Sarah MacMillen. Having lived in South Bend, I can attest to the cost of trying to live in consideration of others. It puzzles me that many food chains drastically raise the price of organic and traditionally farmed foods to force the consumer into believing that sustaining farm is more expensive, when in many cases, it is just the opposite.

**Holly M. James**

**Class of 2002**

March 15
Famous tenor brings true Irish feeling to St. Patrick’s Day

Self-taught singer Ronan Tynan has risen above challenges to become an inspirational and world-famous performer.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $75 preferred seating, $50 for the general public, $40 for Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross faculty and staff, $37.50 for senior citizens and $20 for all students.

Contact Brandon Hollihan at bhollihan@nd.edu
Human characters populate classic children’s film

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Before a family of “incredibles” was born in the imagination, there was an eleven-year-old and his unlikely friendship with a benevolent iron giant.

Robots” ruled the box office as the area of family flick debuted with $16.5 million — a solid opening, but well below the $46.3 million premiere of “Ice Age.” While “Ice Age” opener with little competition for the family crowd, “Robots,” paced Vin Diesel’s hit “The Pacifier,” the previous weekend’s No. 1 movie. “The Pacifier” finished a strong second with $18.1 million, lifting its 10-day total to $54.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

While its other new wide release, the Bruce Willis police thriller “Heritage,” debuted at No. 4 with $9.8 million. Mel Gibson’s religious blockbuster “The Passion of the Christ,” which grossed $370 million last year, made barely a ripple at theaters in a recut version that toned down the blind and violence. “The Passion Recut” played in 957 theaters but took in a mere $29,650.

In sharp contrast to the firestorm over the original film, the new theatrical version of “The Passion” arrived quietly, with little fanfare. The fact that the original “The Passion” was limited theatrical prospects for the recut edition.

Gibson said he recut the movie for prospects for the recut edition. Despite all his other accomplishments, Bird’s most poignant and wholly human character, an innocent alien robot, he elicits a sense of wonder and yearning.

Produced at the Warner Bros. feature animation studio, “The Iron Giant” was a tremendous critical success despite flying beneath the radar of the general public. It quietly crashed and burned at the box office. An unmarketed push never sold the film to potential viewers and doomed the film on a quick turn around. It doesn’t seem to have worked that period’s mass threat and atomic holocaust, its message can easily be applied to the 21st century. Russian spies and atomic holograms are still institutionalized for foreign terrorist threats and nuclear warfare. The film’s lessons are simple but at the same time

The special edition DVD features an excellent new digital video transfer as well as a solid surround-sound audio track. The video transfer highlights the film’s vivid color palette and is quite striking.

The real heart of the special edition lies in the wealth of special features. These features include an audio commentary with key members of the creative team (including Bird himself), 18 minutes of deleted scenes and several short featurettes on the production, design and voice talent in the film. These features provide a peek at the amount of love that went into making this project, and there is nary a regret to be found for the film’s dismal box office returns.

Bird infuses the project with the same sense of life and character that pervades “The Incredibles.” Beneath the veneer of an innocent children’s tale, “The Iron Giant” is populated by very real characters, as human as any seen in live-action feature films. Although it cleverly uses the theme of Bird’s creative brilliance.

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distribution for Fox, the studio behind “Robots.” "The holidays are coming up, kids are getting out of school, so it’s positioned wonderfully.”

In limited release, the Joan Allen- Kevin Costner comic drama “The Upside of Anger” opened strongly with $225,783 in nine theaters.

The film, centering on a boozzy mother embittered over the abrupt departure of her husband, expands to about 150 theaters this weekend.

“Millions,” a British family film from director Danny Boyle (“Trainpotting,” “28 Days Later”) grossed $72,987 in five theaters.

The movie follows two young brothers momentarily distracted from grief over their dead mother after a suitcase of cash lands in their laps. It expands gradually over the next six weeks.
Oakland gets 64th berth in first tourney win

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — It took eight years in Division I for Oakland to get its first win in the NCAA tournament.

As a reward, the Golden Grizzlies got to play top-seeded North Carolina — in Charlotte, no less.

Oakland broke open a tight game behind Rawle Marshall's 29 points and Cortney Scott's 21 to beat Alabama A&M 79-69 Tuesday night, opening the round of the NCAA tournament at the University of Dayton.

"There can't be too many colleges who can say they won a game in the NCAA tournament," a grinning Marshall said. "We'll ride this momentum and see how far it takes us."

The Golden Grizzlies (13-18) won their sixth game in a row, including three upsets in as many days last week by a combined seven points to top the Mid-Continent Conference title, giving them a berth in the field of 64.

"If we win the national championship, we'll finally get to 19-18," said Greg Kampe said with a laugh.

Now they get to play the mighty Tar Heels on their home turf.

"To play against some of the No. 1 players in the nation — it'll be great to put your talent on the pole and see where you stand," Scott said.

Oakland became only the fifth team with a losing record to win an NCAA tournament game, following Brackenridge College in 1955 and the last three years at the Dayton opening round: No. 13 Uncisia in 2002, UNO, American in 2003 and Florida A&M a year ago.

"There was a whole lot of adversity during the season," said Brandon Cassise, who chipped in with 13 points. "It brought us together. That's why we've played so well in these do-or-die games."

The Trotter scored 24 points and Joseph Martin added 22 for Alabama A&M (18-14), regular-season and tournament champs of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

Both teams were making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament. Oakland made the NIT, losing to Division I in 1997-98 season.

The Golden Grizzlies stretched to lead 21 points with 5 minutes left, the emboldened Oakland student section began chanting, "We want Tar Heel! We want Tar Heel!"

The turnaround is almost incomprehensible for a team that was 7-18 and riding a three-game skid just 18 days earlier. Almost as incredible. Oakland opened the season 0-7, losing by an average of 13 points a game against a who's who of powerhouses; Illinois, Marquette, Xavier, Missouri, Texas A&M, Kansas State and Saint Louis.

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"It's a revelation," Cassise said. "I can't believe it's all happening."

Scott built his 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting and added eight rebounds and McClusky had 11 rebounds as the Golden Grizzlies took a 43-29 edge on the boards.

A&M coach L. Vann Pettaway said his team was worn out from playing four games in six days, winning the conference tournament on Sunday before hitting the road less than 24 hours later to make it to Dayton.

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Diener's 30 lift DePaul over Missouri in 75-70 victory

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — After burning Missouri from 3-point range all night, Drake Diener's big benched shot of the game ended up being a tip-in.

Diener scored a career-high 30 points and tied his career best with seven 3-pointers, leading DePaul to a 75-70 victory over Missouri in the opening round.

Diener was 11-for-15 overall, topping his previous career best of 27 points against Grambling State on March 18, 2004, and he hit 7-of-15 from 3-point range and five in his second game in 13 years.

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The Golden Grizzlies (13-18) won their sixth game in a row, including three upsets in as many days last week by a combined seven points to top the Mid-Continent Conference title, giving them a berth in the field of 64.

"If we win the national championship, we'll finally get to 19-18," said Greg Kampe said with a laugh.

Now they get to play the mighty Tar Heels on their home turf.

"To play against some of the No. 1 players in the nation — it'll be great to put your talent on the pole and see where you stand," Scott said.

Oakland became only the fifth team with a losing record to win an NCAA tournament game, following Brackenridge College in 1955 and the last three years at the Dayton opening round: No. 13 Uncisia in 2002, UNO, American in 2003 and Florida A&M a year ago.

"There was a whole lot of adversity during the season," said Brandon Cassise, who chipped in with 13 points. "It brought us together. That's why we've played so well in these do-or-die games."

The Trotter scored 24 points and Joseph Martin added 22 for Alabama A&M (18-14), regular-season and tournament champs of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

Both teams were making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament. Oakland made the NIT, losing to Division I in 1997-98 season.

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**NFL**

**Redskins attempt to sign DE Brown**

Associated Press

The Washington Redskins made the first overtures to Courtney Brown, with coach Joe Gibbs flying to Cleveland on Tuesday to try to win the one-time top draft pick who was cut by the Browns the previous day.

With hours left before Brown's release, Gibbs and defensive line coach Greg Flache had dinner with the oft-injured defensive end and his wife.

Cleveland had said it would like to re-sign the No. 1 pick in the 2000 draft, who was released a day before he was due a $2.5 million roster bonus. If Brown were to join the Redskins, he would be reunited with his Penn State teammate, linebacker LaVar Arrington, who was taken with the second overall pick that year and also has been plagued by injuries.

If Washington acquires Brown, the team will have the top three picks from that draft: Brown, Arrington and tackle Chris Samuels.

In another development Tuesday, Minnesota signed wide receiver Travis Taylor, a disappointment with Baltimore after being taken 10th overall in 2000. It probably put an end to any chance Plaxico Burress will end up with the Vikings, one of the few teams that had some interest in the player thought to be the most sought receiver in free agency.

Pro Bowl left tackle Orlando Pace wrapped up a two-day visit with the Houston Texans, the first step of a process that could eventually lead to a trade with St. Louis.

"We've had contact with the Rams and we bought the players for an offer," Texas general manager Charley Casserly said. "That's all I'm going to say for now.

St. Louis faces a 4 p.m. EST Wednesday deadline to re-sign Pace. After that, under NFL rules the Rams wouldn't be allowed to strike a deal with him until July 15.

With most of the top players in free agency already signed, there were some lesion contract discussions Tuesday.

Tight end Anthony Becht, a late first-round pick in 2000, signed with Tampa Bay, leaving the New York Jets. The Bucs are hoping his blocking helps their run game.

Offensive tackle Stucke McEacher signed with Miami. McEacher had been Detroit's starting right tackle.

Arizona signed former Seattle linebacker Orlando Huff.

Jacksonville re-signed wide receiver Troy Edwards and running back Chris Fuamatu-Maafala, both former Pittsburgh Steelers.

**Indianapolis considers building new stadium**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawmakers started over Tuesday in their work to find the money for a new Indianapolis Colts stadium after several proposals failed during the first half of the legislative session.

A Senate committee listened to city officials and Colts coach Tony Dungy speak about the benefits of a new stadium and expanded convention center, but most senators already seemed supportive of the project—at least in theory.

Senate Tax Committee Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, said while the idea of a new stadium had broad support, funding would be tricky in a tight budget year.

The proposed 63,000-seat retractable roof stadium to replace the RCA Dome is projected to cost between $525 million and $700 million.

"We all want to do it," Kenley said. "Now we need to see who will pay.

The lobbying effort for the new stadium included NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who met with Gov. Mitch Daniels in the afternoon and was to attend an evening reception for legislators.

"I think the need is clear," Tagliabue told reporters after meeting with the governor. "And I think the opportunity is a good one." Several NFL cities have formed public-private partnerships to build new stadiums, Tagliabue noted.

"It's a mixture of public and private funding — it's a public and private asset," he said.

Kenley and other members of the Senate have their chance to make a funding plan on which the state, city and team can agree. Several House bills to finance the stadium died in the first half of the legislative session, although the legislation could be revived by adding them to other bills.

"We're kind of in the third quarter about how other stadiums are running out of time," Kenley said.

House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said some lawmakers meet Monday with Colts owner Jim Irsay to discuss the project. A group of city officials, Colts representatives and Senate and House members planned to start work on a new funding plan, starting with a meeting Wednesday. Bosma said House Republicans in the group want to make sure the stadium money comes from balanced sources, including the city and the team.

He also said lawmakers wanted to look at the stadium agreement Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson reached with the Colts to see whether it is fair.

"There are still a lot of discussion that need to happen," Bosma said.

Fred Glass, president of the Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board, which oversees the RCA Dome and the adjoining convention center, said Tagliabue's visit could bring pressure to act on how other stadiums have been constructed using NFL loans.
Georgia Tech football coach recovering from heart attack

By Associated Press

ATLANTA — It was a normal morning for Chan Gailey. The Georgia Tech football coach was running around the racquetball court, getting in a little exercise before getting down to work.

Suddenly, he felt a tightening in his chest.

Then, a pain surged through his left arm.

"He was having a heart attack," Braine said. "We expect him to be able to eat ice cream any time," Braine said.

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Most of the players learned of Galley's condition shortly after he went into the hospital.

"I couldn't believe it," said safety Chris Reis, one of the team's top defensive players.

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The Yellow Jackets have yet to win more than seven games in a season after eclipsing that total each of the last four years under O'Leary.

Gailey plays racquetball every morning, playing odd numbers of sets by doctors that he'll need to make a quick exit from the hospital if his diet to reduce the chance of additional heart problems, according to Braine.

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Georgia Tech began spring practice last Friday. Much of the attention is focused on the quarterback position, with junior-to-be Regg Be Ball fighting to keep his job.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Christoforetti reflects on four fighting years

By MATT PUGLISI
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Jim Christoforetti, left, shown here in a preliminary round of this year's 75th annual Bengal Bouts, is finishing his last year in the ring at Notre Dame.

Christoforetti reflects on four fighting years

Following brother's footsteps, the senior made his own niche

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The No. 16 Notre Dame women's rowing team looks to overcome the inclement weather that plagued its races last week against Michigan State and produce strong finishes at today's competition.

The team was originally slated to take on the No. 4 Michigan State Spartans on April 12, but the regatta was cancelled shortly after the start due to inclement weather conditions.

The women's rowing team is confident in its performance.

The normal race lengths of 2000 meters will be shortened, and it will be more of a scrimmage," says Stone. "We approached and did things differently last fall, so the result was almost assured.

We have a young team, so everything is still coming together so far this spring."
ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING

Perry-Eaton registers NCAA-worthy score

By MIKE TENNANT

It really seemed more of a formality than anything as senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton qualified for the NCAA Championships Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind.
The All-American finished third off the one-meter springboard in the Zone C Diving Championships, earning her a berth in the national meet for the third consecutive time in her career. She will join swimmers Christel Bouvron and Katie Carroll as the only Irish representatives in the NCAA Championships.

Perry-Eaton took third place last year in the NCAA’s on the one-meter board, finishing a mere 3.3 points behind the champion.
The five-time conference champion started off the Zone C Championships strongly, posting the second-highest preliminary score with a 386.15 in the round. Her fifth dive, a reverse 1.5 somersault with 1.5 twists, earned Perry-Eaton her highest score of the day with a 54.60. She then followed that round with a mark of 302.50 in the finals for a 12-dive score of 588.65.

Her final mark put her behind only Indiana’s Christina Lakos and Purdue’s Carrie McCambridge. This event marked only the second time Perry-Eaton has been beaten in 11 competitions in 2004-05. Lakos and McCambridge are the only two swimmers to best the Irish diver this season.

Saturday also was the third consecutive time that Perry-Eaton finished in the top three off the one-meter board at the Zone C meet, taking third in 2003 and winning the competition last year.

Named the Big East’s Most Outstanding Diver each of the last three years, Perry-Eaton is only the second diver in Notre Dame history to qualify for the NCAA Championships, following in the footsteps of Heather Mattingly (2002).

This year will be the eighth time in nine years that the Irish have had three or more qualifiers to the championship meet.
The NCAA Championships are scheduled for March 17-19, and will be held at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center in West Lafayette.

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Belles look to finish strong

Golfers return home after successful trip to Pinehurst course

By THOMAS BARR

The Belles are back in town after their spring break trip to Pinehurst, N.C.
The trip allowed the team to get its first swing of the new season. It also allowed the players to walk the course of the NCAA national championships.
The team is very optimistic as it goes into the new season with a first idea of where it is coming from and where it wants to go.

Under the guidance of second-year coach Mark Hamilton and with returning roster of full talent and experience, the Belles look to continue on the path they laid in the fall.

“We all worked hard and played well in the fall, and I feel the spring as a continuation of that, as well as an opportunity to really push ourselves and prove we belong among the elite in women’s Division III golf,” captain Chrissy Dunham said.

Hamilton has helped SMC golf to rise from relative mediocrity to near the top of Division III women’s golf. The team finished eighth in NCAA in the fall and fourth last spring. The team is grateful for the improvement and has not forgotten its hard work.

“Through hard work, great coaching and dedication, you can achieve anything,” Dunham said. “We took a program that had never won a conference tournament to the NCAA National Tournament in a year.”

The team is returning to the course after a fall season marked by both team and individual success. The roster of the Belles boasts three first-team All-MIAA golfers in Dunham, Julia Adams and Stefanie Simmerman, as well as two second-team All-MIAA golfers in Nicole Bellino and Megan Mattia.

“Our success in the past has been due to our ability to be successful as a team, but we also realize that we need to keep working on our games in order to keep reaching the goals that we have set for ourselves,” said Julia Adams.

The team forged its character from both the climb in the national rankings and a solid core of returning players from year to year. “Besides being teammates, we’re all very good friends and support each other on and off the course,” Simmerman said. The team is pleased with its growing recognition and its past success, but it is not satisfied.

“We need to stay focused for the entire 18 or 36 holes,” Simmerman said. “We have to remember that every shot counts, and that if we do have a bad shot, on next hole to look past that and think of how to come back and finish strong.”

The team benefits from a multitude of veterans, including seniors Simmerman, Dunham, Adams, and Adams, who have been on the varsity squad all four years.

The wealth of upperclassmen will benefit the team with not only experience but also perspective.

The Belles hope to leave their mark individually and collectively on the course as well as to leave a legacy for their community.

“We’ve watched the team come from a mediocre squad to one that is ranked third in the nation,” Simmerman said. “We’ve helped build up a great reputation for SMC Golf, and I hope that we’re passing that dedication on to our underclasswomen.”

The path to Pinehurst starts with a tournament April 1 and 2 in Columbus, Ohio.

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All-American Meghan Perry-Eaton, shown here in a December 2 meet, is ready to dive into the NCAA’s.
Belles prepare for two games against Goshen

Double-header offers chance for team to regroup, improve

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to get back to their winning ways with a double-header this afternoon against Goshen College. The Belles return from their spring training trip in Ft. Myers, Fla., with a 5-4 record, but they finished strong by winning four of their last five games.

After dropping three of four to begin the trip, the bats came alive as the Belles outscored their opponents 25-7 during the Belles suffered a three-game winning streak. Unfortunately, the streak was broken in the final game of the trip as the Belles suffered a defeat at the hands of Medaille College.

Freshman pitcher McKenna Corrigan was touched up for nine runs in four innings of work, but Bridget Grail held Medaille scoreless in the last two innings. Grail and Laura Heline had two hits each for an offense that was held scoreless on five hits.

The Belles are looking to repeat as MIAA champions, but the road ahead appears quite challenging. The Belles are returning only five players from last year's championship team, and the entire squad will have to make the transition under first-year coach Kristi Beechey.

The Belles lack a single senior on the roster, which means the five returning players will be expected to step up as leaders, especially when it comes to setting an example for the five freshmen. The schedule proves to be challenging as Tri-State University officially joined the MIAA this year. Even so, the Belles will certainly be up to the task of defending their Tournament title.

After taking on Goshen College tomorrow, the Belles will play two games before competing in the Trinity Invitational Tournament on April 2. The Belles will then go on to play fellow MIAA opponents in eight of their next ten games. If the Belles worked out all of the kinks on the spring trip, a quick start out of the gate will undoubtedly send the message to the rest of the conference that this year's team possesses much of a challenge as last year's group.

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Team turns around over break

Irish win four to take Hawaii Invitational with power hitting

By THOMAS BARR
Sports Writer

Maybe it wasn't exactly a cruise or a week in a sunny tropical paradise, but far from the frozen tundra of South Bend, spring has sprung, and the Irish bats have thawed.

The team heated up while in the tropics for the Hawaii Invitational Wednesday through Friday last week. The team went 4-0 before the tournament was called Saturday due to inclement weather. The Irish were declared tournament champions, netting them their second tournament championship this season.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Irish stay busy, notch victories over break

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Spence Writer

Spring break is usually a time to catch some sunshine and much-needed rest and relaxation. The Irish men’s tennis team found both of the latter rare during the past ten days, but they did catch plenty of sun in several contested outdoor matches.

Transitioning to outdoor play for the first time this spring, No. 18 Notre Dame (13-4) competed in four dual-matches and sent heavily favored the Irish, the team collectively dropped just 20 total games in the victory. The two doubles matches ending break were not quite as easy. Competing in the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic, Notre Dame won their first 6-3 stop William and Mary in a close 4-3 decision.

In their first outdoor match of the season, Notre Dame easily rolled past St. Joseph’s in a 7-0 victory. The two doubles points were closely contested, but the Irish had no problems in singles. In a match that featured both of the latter to catch some sunshine and relax—much-needed rest and relax—Barry King returns a serve in a match against Marquette on Feb. 23.

Filib Grozimovic, in an 8-4 decision.

Senior captain Brett O’Amico and sophomore Ryan Kcckley beat Marco Amorico and Jarred Kubren 6-1, 6-2, losing 8-6 to Fresno State’s No. 1 team, Jakab Cseh and Sergui Modor in the round of 32. The Irish next take the courts against No. 3 Illinois Thursday.

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Kegelman becomes first ND swimmer to make NCAA’s

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Spence Writer

The rise of a program to elite company occurs in small steps. It has been a continual effort for the Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team, but after years of hard work the program can add one more important milestone to this season’s accomplishments.

Sophomore Tim Kegelman earned an invitation to the NCAA Championships last Friday afternoon. This marks the first time Notre Dame will send a swimmer to the pinnacle of collegiate swimming in its 47-year history.

“As far as the program goes, it means that now all doors are open,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “The path to the very top of collegiate swimming is open and Tim is going to be the first person to walk through the door. That’s huge and we wanted that to happen for a long time.”

Kegelman garnered the invite due to his season-best time in the 100-yard butterfly (47.66 seconds), which came in the preliminaries of the Notre Dame Invitational in December. That performance broke the meet, pool and University records in the 100-yard butterfly. His time was 03 seconds faster than Pat Cary of UC Santa Barbara (47.69), the final qualifier in the 28-man field competing in the 100-yard butterfly. "The best thing is that not only does it mean the doors are open, it happened for the program in the best of all possible ways — Tim has made his last step of improvements while he was at Notre Dame,” Welsh said. “He’s been a final call all year long on this program, he’s improved to the point where he can qualify for the NCAA Championships.”

Kegelman will swim the 100-yard butterfly events on March 25 in Minneapolis, Minn., the site of the NCAA Championships. Having already registered NCAA B cuts in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard butterfly this season, Kegelman qualified to swim those events as well. He will swim those events on March 24 and March 26, respectively.

Kegelman headlined a strong performance by the Irish swimming corps in the Big East Championships. Seven other Irish swimmers also qualified NCAA B cuts for consideration to take part in the NCAA Championships.

While Kegelman is the sole Irish representative for the season, Welsh sees the team’s performance as a sign of things to come.

"I’m not disappointed at all," Welsh said. "The reason I say that is because all of those B cuts are lifetime-best achievements. In our sport, anytime you’re talking about a lifetime best performance, that’s good news. What we have seen is step-by-step, stroke-by-stroke, second-by-second. We’re getting closer. There will be a point at which we have a gang going.”

This season has seen the Irish crack the national ranking polls, beat a nationally-ranked opponent and also win the Big East Championships — all in program history. As the season draws to a close, the Irish are looking for a little more from one of their leaders.

“We’re going to focus on the simplest and the hardest of all things — getting faster,” Welsh said. “The qualifying time is the fastest time ever in the 100-yard butterfly. So even at 28 guys deep, this is the fastest field ever assembled in the 100-yard butterfly to take part in the men’s NCAA Championships. His next step is to say, ‘Can you go to the biggest meet in college and go faster at that point?’ That’s what we’re focusing on.”

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**MLB**

New York Yankee Jason Giambi stands on the field during warmups before the team's game against the Florida Marlins Tuesday. Giambi did not have to testify about steroid use at Thursday's congressional hearings.

Giambi excused from hearing, does not testify

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi was excused from testifying at Thursday's congressional hearing on steroids in baseball, and the top Democrat on the committee said it's possible other players also could have subpoenas withdrawn.

Giambi does not have to go to Washington because of his involvement in the ongoing federal investigation into illegal steroid distribution, House Government Reform Committee Chairman Rep. Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Rep. Henry Waxman said Tuesday. The New York Yankees slugger testified in 2003 before a grand jury probing the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

**IN BRIEF**

Sorlie leads the Iditarod close to the finish

NALAQUEET, Ala. — The church bell rang and the whole village came out to welcome Robert Sorlie on Tuesday when he arrived at the White Mountain checkpoint, just 72 miles from the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog.

The 47-year-old Norwegian, who held the same commanding lead he won with eight dogs in 2003, won with eight dogs in 2003.

The winner of the 33rd running of the Iditarod will receive $72,066.67 and three more dogs than Sorlie, who dropped another in Elim. He also won with eight dogs in 2003.

The winner of the 33rd running of the Iditarod will receive $72,066.67 and a pickup truck. The total purse this year is $750,107.

Tigers release Sanchez after 2 years

DETROIT — Alex Sanchez was released Tuesday by the Detroit Tigers, five days after the center fielder was reunited with his mother for the first time in 11 years.

Instead she's home in Palm Beach Gardens, working on her fashion business and preparing to seek her fourth consecutive Key Biscayne title at the Nassau-100 Open, which begins March 21.

**Serena Williams skips Indian Wells tournament**

MIAMI — Four years later, Serena Williams says the memory of being jeered at Indian Wells, Calif., remains vivid, which is why she's skipping the tournament this week.

**A R O U N D  T H E  N A T I O N**

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undergo surgery, but it was unlikely that team physicians would clear him to play anyway.

Ryan was heading into his senior season and would likely have been the top reserve offensive lineman on the depth chart. The 6-foot-5 senior from Tamaqua, Pa., had a productive but injury-filled career at Notre Dame.

As a sophomore, Ryan started three games, logging over 120 minutes of playing time. However, knee injuries in 2004 mostly kept him off the field for all but 10 minutes, 24 seconds.

The back condition — a degenerative disk problem — will allow Ryan to pursue other interests in football.

He has said that he would like to stay involved in some way with the Irish and eventually go into coaching.

Giles' case is much different.

The senior had only started one game in his career for the Irish, and the South Bend Tribune reported his departure is rooted in Giles' desire to play, according to his former high school football coach Lou Silva.

"I haven't talked to Zach, but according to some of his good friends it's a done deal. He just wants to play football," Silva told the South Bend Tribune.

The center played in place of the injured Bob Morton at times in 2003, including the entire second half of the Boston College game and the fourth quarter against Florida State.

Giles will join a Northeastern team that finished 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the Atlantic 10 conference.

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"Carol Owens is one of the top assistant coaches in the nation, and in my opinion, she is the best skills coach in the country when it comes to the post position," Riley said on Notre Dame's athletic Web site. "As a young player, I was very grateful for the knowledge teach and mold young student-athletes. I am very grateful for the time she invested in making me the best post player I could be."

Owens has also been an integral part of Notre Dame's outstanding recruiting classes. The Irish claimed eight straight top-20 ranked classes from 1996-2003.

"Carol's one of the reasons we've gone to 10 straight NCAA Tournaments," McGraw said. "She's turned our program around. I don't know what we'd do to replace her. We're so happy and sad at the same time. We're losing a friend, a big part of the Notre Dame family."

Owens played for Northern Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 and then into the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

Owens graduated from Marshfield, Mass., on Saturday, March 19, and he has been part of the Fighting Irish football program since 2001. He has said that he would like to stay involved in some way with the Irish and eventually go into coaching.

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Ganicheva 7-6, 6-1, No. 29 Buck followed up with a quick win over Znumer 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 to put the team within a point of victory.

But UNLV’s Cindy Treheber made the match more competitive, recording a win over Stastny 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 at No. 4 to put the score at 3-2. Lauren Connolly’s 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 win over Smith secured the win for the Irish at No. 5 after the score was tied at 3-3.

At No. 3, Christian Thompson added to the team’s success with the final win, edging out O’Sullivan 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Junior Liz Donohue winds up to return a volley in a match against North Carolina earlier this season.

The Irish did not fare as well against No. 24 BYU (10-10) on March 12.

The team felt the void of Christian Thompson, who played her doubles match but was sidelined because of a knee injury for singles. Notre Dame registered victories at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, but were unable to secure the win.

“Pulling Christian out of singles really hurt us,” Loudback said. “Any time you’re missing one of your top players, it affects the team.

Prior to her injury, No. 2 Christian and sister Catrina Thompson collected the lone victory in doubles for the Irish at No. 1 doubles over No. 56, Lauren Jones and Dolly Chang 8-0. The remaining doubles teams were not as successful, with Buck and Lauren Connolly falling 8-5 to Anastasia Szkurka and Jenny Miccoli at No. 2 and Sarah Jane Connelly and Stastny dropping their match 8-6 for a loss against Olga Boulycheva and Sofia Holden.

This is the only second time this season that the Irish have lost the doubles point, a testament to the hard work they have put in, Loudback said.

“I’ve been really proud of our doubles this season,” Loudback said. “They’re all tough competitors. I think this was one of our worst matches this season, but I guess we were due for a bad one. We’ve been playing so well the rest of the year.”

In singles, Catrina Thompson bested Jones 6-2, 6-2 to register the lone point for the Irish. Lauren Connolly was the only other Irish player to win a set in singles. Although she bounced back from a loss in her first set tiebreaker versus Holden, she was unable to secure the win and fell 7-6, 2-6, 6-2 at No. 4.

Chang defeated junior Liz Donohue 7-6, 7-6 at No. 6. Suffering an upset, Buck lost to Boulycheva 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2. Stastny, filling in for the injured Christian Thompson, played at No. 3, but dropped her match 6-0, 6-2 to Szkurka at No. 3.

Finally Miccoli defeated Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 6-1 at No. 5. The Irish will return to the courts on Friday versus Tennessee.

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recruiting for next year is very well underway,” he said.

Wis believes the success of any college football program begins with its ability to recruit. In Feb. 27, he demonstrated the concern to improve that essential effort at Notre Dame.

Wis and his new staff had 80 junior recruits visit the campus that Sunday, coordinating meetings between players, parents and the entire coaching staff and later dividing players up between specific position coaches.

The players attended a Notre Dame-UCLA basketball game at the Joyce Center, a storied series between two basketball programs that would bring an advantageous atmosphere and experience to the recruit visits.

“I think that every time someone steps foot on campus, an impression is being made,” Wis said. “Notre Dame shouldn’t be about weather, it should be about the place.”

Wis pointed to past recruit complaints about the characteristically overcast weather of South Bend as unfortunate but existing reasons — among others — for why players have not chosen Notre Dame. Wis said he makes the recruits receive a more thorough experience of the school and program before making surface decisions, exhibiting a developing understanding of the college recruiting process new to the first-time head coach.

“I have a passion for recruiting, as much as I like to coach,” Wis said. “Now, that confuses some people [who ask] ‘How can somebody who’s been in the NFL for the last 15 years and hasn’t had to recruit be a guy that has a passion for recruiting?’

“It’s because I look at recruiting like a game with wins and losses and setbacks and small steps.”

Wis has been on four Super Bowl-winning staffs over his NFL career, and though he is not used to losing the big game, he understands the feeling and has applied his disdain for that experience to recruiting.

“When you go after a guy and you don’t get him, sometimes it’s a setback, and sometimes it feels like you just got punched in the mouth,” he said.

Wis’ competitive approach to recruiting is a testament to his roots in the NFL, with head coaches Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick, a place Wis knows is the destination of many of the talented players he seeks.

“These kids all think they are going to play in the NFL,” he said. “Everyone who goes to a Division-I school thinks that that’s where they’re going to end up. So all of a sudden, that’s what winning is all about right there.”

So, along with attractive weekend visits and meetings with assistant coaches, Wis has the perfect marketing tool.

“I don’t wear it because it fits so well on my finger,” Wis said, reluctantly removing a Super Bowl ring from his finger.

“Everyone wants to make an impression visually. You can make an impression verbally. Well, you can also make an impression non-verbally — it’s tough not to notice.”

Wis plans to make recruiting efforts and — eventually, recruiting success — just as difficult to ignore.

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of 10 on 3-pointers) and Russell Carter (seven points) hit consecutive three-point field goals to cut the deficit to seven.

Teams traded baskets for the next six minutes, and Holy Cross led 60-55 with 5:31 to go. But Chris Thomas—who had a team-high 21 points and nine assists—hit a pull-up jumper and then found Rick Cornett for a wide-open dunk to cut the score to 60-59. Then, the ghosts of Madison Square Garden appeared in purple jerseys.

Crusaders center Nate Lukin canned 1-of-2 foul shots. Hamilton scored a bucket and point guard Torrey Thomas converted a fast break lay-up to make the score 63-59. Notre Dame would not recover.

Holy Cross made 7-of-8 free throws—including 5-of-6 from Hamilton—to hold on to the win and advance in the NIT.

While the Irish struggled once again to make key defensive stops, they also were severely out-rebounded—especially on the offensive glass. Holy Cross grabbed 20 offensive rebounds to Notre Dame’s 11, leading to 18 second-chance points and 34 points for the Crusaders in the paint.

In comparison, Notre Dame scored just 11 points in the lane.

“I think that if everyone boxes their man out, we won’t have a problem rebounding,” forward Rick Cornett said. “I think that’s where we struggled the last few games.”

In a 66-56 win over Rutgers on March 2, Notre Dame struggled with its offensive rebounds and grabbed only five.

In the first half Tuesday night, Torris Francis (23 minutes, seven points) made a free throw to open the scoring, but the lead changed often throughout the half. Though the Irish seemed they would go into the half with the lead and some momentum up 32-30, Holy Cross freshman point guard Pat Dubrey stripped Thomas and fed Hamilton for a buzzer-beating lay-up to tie the score at the break.

“That’s a big momentum play right there,” Brey said. “That’s a deflating play right before the half.”

The Crusaders then opened the second half with an 18-5 run.

As the NCAA tournament started, a disappointing Notre Dame basketball season came to an end Tuesday night.

Appearing on ESPN2 while the play-in game aired on ESPN, the Irish simply got beat by an inspired Holy Cross team.

A Holy Cross team jumping at the opportunity to knock off the Irish even after the Crusaders saw their 16-game winning streak come to an end on their home court in the Patriot League title game Friday. A Holy Cross team grabbing 20 offensive rebounds, forcing 19 Notre Dame turnovers and scoring 34 points in the paint.

Holy Cross team meeting a Notre Dame team that needed to change to simply earning an NIT berth in a white button-down shirt and black pants instead of in the backcourt alongside Chris Thomas. Hart this team a lot. Brey’s right—the Irish simply don’t have the depth to replace what Quinn brings to this team. But it wasn’t just physically where the Irish couldn’t keep pace with the Patriot League runner-up in the first round of the NIT.

Most importantly, it was mentally.

When reaching the preseason goals of a Final Four run and a 30-win season became less realistic each time the Irish stepped on the court, expectations changed to simply earning an NIT tournament bid.

But then the late-season collapse even took that goal away with a collapse capped off by a loss to Rutgers that effectively ended Notre Dame’s season.

And the criticism about a disappointing season peaked.

“We always held ourselves to high expectations, but all the negativity and criticism put a hamper on our team,” Thomas said.

Not meeting those high expectations became physically apparent with the sparse Joyce Center crowd of 2,518 for Tuesday night’s game.

That sent a strong message—one received by the Irish.

“When people don’t show up, that takes a lot out of you,” Thomas said.

That wasn’t any more evident than after the game in the Notre Dame locker room.

Usually the immediate voices of this Irish team, even after disappointing losses, Thomas and Jordan Cornette just sat on the stools in front of their lockers with towels pressed against their faces.

Towels hiding the tears streaming down their cheeks.

Thomas eventually removed the towel from his face and fought through tears at the start of his interview before eventually settling in.

Cornette didn’t move.

Those two didn’t want to have their careers in an Irish uniform end this way. Removing the towels meant facing the reality there were no more chances left.

No more chances to practice.

No more chances to make a mark on the Notre Dame program.

When practice started in October, no one would have said this was the way Notre Dame’s season—one of the most anticipated in years—would end.

But it was a good thing it did.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

"Cross'ed out"

Crusaders eliminate Irish from the NIT

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Deflated by its opening-round loss in the Big East tournament and nagged by injury, Notre Dame saw its final bubble burst Tuesday night.

The Irish fell to visiting Holy Cross in the Joyce Center, 78-73, in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament, bowing out two rounds earlier than they did last season in a quarterfinal defeat to Oregon.

"We haven't had much in the tank here the last three weeks," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I think that was evident weeks," Irish coach Mike Brey said last season in a quarterfinal defeat to Oregon.

The Crusaders led by 13 points and 12:28 remaining before Colin Falls (18 points, 4-of-6 from the field) and Christian Thompson defeated the Irish 5-2.

Irish shooting guard Chris Quinn did not dress due to a bruised clavicle, which Brey said would have kept Quinn out the remainder of the season had Notre Dame advanced. Forward Omari Israel dressed but also did not play due a bone chip in an ankle.

Holy Cross guard Kevin Hamilton led the Crusaders with 26 points on 7-of-16 shooting, and Holy Cross took a page from Rutgers' playbook in staving off a late Notre Dame run.

The Crusaders clinched the win over UNLV. Connelly returned a volley in a match against Iowa.

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Owens will return to alma mater

By JOE HEETLER
Senior Staff Writer

After 10 years at Notre Dame, Carol Owens, women’s basketball head coach Muffet McGraw’s top assistant, is returning home.

Owens, the associate head coach, accepted a job at her alma mater, Northern Illi­nois, Tuesday after serving on the Irish staff since 1995. She will assume duties with the Huskies when Notre Dame’s sea­son.

**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

No. 22 Notre Dame bests UNLV, falls to BYU

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish had their share of triumphs and heartbreaks over spring break, claiming a victory over the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 5-2, but dropping their match against Brigham Young University, 6-1.

The No. 22 Irish (6-6) showed just how much potential they possess, remaining poised under pressure in what coach Jay Louderback described as an especially tight match against No. 30 UNLV (5-2).

"It was really great knowing that we could win a tough match like that," Louderback said. "Our kids played hard and really hustled. We won 5-2, but it felt like it could’ve easily been 4-3." The Irish jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the March 10 match after dropping the doubles point.

The nation’s No. 2 duo of Gengi Zsori and Claire Smith 8-4 to round out the doubles matches.

With the doubles point secured and the team’s momentum in large supply, Notre Dame looked to carry that success over to the singles matches.

And the Irish didn’t disappoint. Sarah Jane Connelly was the first to walk off the court with a win at No. 5 over Tempelfelde 6-2, 6-1. Though No. 39 Catrina Canville defeated Elena Gantcheva and Sharon Marin 6-2 at No. 1 while freshman Brook Tuck and junior Lauren Connolly collected an 8-2 win over Anne Claire Ortiz-Luís and Linda Tempelfelde at No. 2.

Senior Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stantin dropped a hard-fought match against Gyorgy Zsori and Claire Smith 8-4 to round out the doubles matches.

**FOOTBALL**

Weis makes recruiting his first main focus

Editor’s note: This is the first of a three-part series detailing the recruiting methods and policies under new head football coach Charlie Weis.

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

It has been just over three months since Notre Dame named Charlie Weis its new head football coach. It has been only 38 days since Weis former team, the New England Patriots, won Super Bowl XXXIX and gave the offensive coordinator-turned-head coach an opportunity to give full attention to the Irish football program.

With that minimal time window, however, Weis has hit hard on what he believes to be the foremost concern of the team he is inheriting from Tyrone Willingham.

"The bottom line for us is that we just didn’t have a whole lot of energy,” Brey said.

Linemen to pursue options

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Assistant Sports Editor

In order for the Irish offense to be successful next year under new head coach Charlie Weis, the continued development of the young offensive line will be imperative.

Junior Kyle Stantin dropped a hard-fought match against Gyorgy Zsori and Claire Smith 8-4 to round out the doubles matches.

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