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manship, which is located in the LaFortune Student Center, to only be available online.

Reilly Scholars visit University

Top academic prospective students brought to ND for weekend visit

By JARRETT LANZ

were chosen for the program solely on their academic per­formance and faculty recom­mendations.

Champions return to campus

Fencing team holds press conference

By ERIC RETTER

was very special and I would like to mention this during this con­ference," Dudas said. "Zoltan was very special and I would like to mention this during this con­ference."

Dudas, however, respectfully declined, choosing — much like he had all season — to stay behind the scenes.

"It's not about the coaches I think. It's about the fencers mostly. They are on the stage, they have to fence, not the coaches," Dudas said.

The press conference marked the first time the entire team had appeared since winning the national title in Houston, Tex., coming back from a 24­ point deficit and defeating perennial rival Ohio State atop the

OIT alerts community as spam fills inboxes

By JEN ROWLING

were infesting e-mail boxes of members of the Notre Dame community in recent weeks, some soliciting personal and credit card information and then scanning customers.

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) alerts stu­dents and faculty when OIT receives new spam or virus threats.

"This is not just a scare. People have been victimized by this problem," said Gary Dobkins, director of OIT. He said he was unable to release the names of specific individuals who were targeted by the scams.

Notre Dame Security/Policing (NDSP) had one such case report­ed March 9, according to the NDSP blotter.

OIT does not interfere with mail delivery to campus Webmail users, but in order to lessen the recurring problem of spam and viruses, the technology center pro­vides access to filters for the Notre Dame community.

"People would not like to receive spam mail, and have [OIT] block it," said Dobkins. "It is a very tricky thing to do and not to jeopardize legitimate mail."

Dobkins said that spam does not leak into the system, rather,
Inside Column

Living in 'travel size'

Have you ever walked through the aisles of a warehouse store like Costco or Sam's Club and wondered who would buy a jar of mustard a foot and a half tall? I mean, if you really stop and think about it, a giant jar of mustard indicates permanence. A responsible adult would not buy such a large quantity of condiment on whim or pangs of fancy. On the contrary, it can be surmised that the driving reason for purchasing such an amount (discounting a mustard fetish) would be the assumption that one, along with one's family, will consume said amount of mustard before the expiration date. Such a self-by-line is most easily met in a household of stability—mortgaged, rented or purchased—or in a flat or apartment of similar stature. Such a large jar of mustard isn't transportable, so whoever buys it probably doesn't plan on moving soon, furthering the idea that a large jar of mustard symbolizes and reaffirms the emerging notion of permanence in our society.

In contrast to this 'economy size' is the 'travel size,' which is just as readily available for those who do not have the luxury of permanence. College students, travelers and others have to carefully choose what size mustard bottle they will buy, because they can't be sure of how much they can consume within one semester or vacation.

The juxtaposition of 'economy size' to 'travel size' really reveals the emotional difficulty of living in a mindset of transience. As exciting as it is to live away from home, on your own, or around the world, as soon as you realize that everything in your fridge (assuming you have one) is shorter than a can of coke and no wider than a slice of American cheese, you can't help but miss the huge pantry full of Costco-purchased supplies at home. Furthermore, once you have left your old residence of permanence to venture into the world of college (for instance), you come to the realization that the next time you'll live in such a permanent situation is when you build your own house, with your own family, with your own closet of Costco food.

So whilst I drift through my transient college years, I have come to understand and realize that from now on, I won't be living at home long enough to see the emptying of the next giant jar of mustard my mother buys from Costco. This is a sad concept, but an eye-opening one. Soon, I will have my own Sam's Club card with my own Saturday morning muffins in it. If it is, the next time I see a giant jar of mustard up close will be when I'm schlepping it home for my family to enjoy for the next six months. So perhaps in the end, it's not so bad to live in 'travel size'—for now.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Seryak at kservak@nd.edu

Correction

Due to an identification error on page 20 of the March 21 issue of The Observer, junior Valerie Provenza was incorrectly identified as Maria Zagana.

One of the reporting errors in the March 22 issue of The Observer, Chris Nichol was identified as a Notre Dame junior. Nichol is a senior at Holy Cross Junior College. The Observer regrets these errors.

Question of the Day: What do you think is the best major offered and why?

Paula Wang freshman Pasquerilla West

"CHEG! Because I'm just that masochistic."

Camden McClelland freshman Dillon

"Architecture. I'm allergic to sleep."

Milo Dodson freshman Carroll

"Psychology. You can legally screw with people's minds."

Grace Shen freshman Howard

"Underwater basket-weaving. That actually takes skill. Wait... is that even offered?"

Kevin Curran sophomore Keough

"Philosophy—you get to argue with dead guys and lose."

Greg Lim freshman Knott

"CHEG, because there are a lot of girls in it. At least I hope that's the case."

In Brief

Notre Dame's softball team plays its first home game today against Western Michigan at 4 p.m. at Ray Field.

Gerhard Bloesinger, S.J., professor of Islamic Studies at Yale University, will give a lecture entitled "Islam and Christianity: Pluralism and Fundamentalism in Tension" today from 5 p.m. to 6:15 in C-100 Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Dusonius Institute.

A panel discussion entitled "The Future of Social Security: A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion on Prospects for Reform" will take place today from 6 p.m. to 8 in 102 DeBartolo Hall. The panel will feature Teresa Ghirarducci, associate professor of economics and policy studies; Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen, representatives from the Social Security Administration; and Lance Wesccher, doctoral student researching Social Security and pensions.

Notre Dame's baseball team has a doubleheader Thursday against Georgetown from 12 p.m. to 4 in the Eck Stadium.

The film "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10.

The film "Ben Hur" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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

Offbeat

Small merchants adopt 'weird' campaign

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The large billboards dotting parts of Louisville are as startling for their color scheme—black and white—as they are for their message.

"Keep Louisville Weird," the billboards scream, it's part of a public relations campaign in Louisville and cities from Boulder, Colo., to Raleigh, N.C., aimed at drawing customers to unique, locally owned stores.

The campaigns and small business alliances are using the effort to stay in competition with large retail chains such as Wal-Mart, Target and the recently merged K-Mart Sears.

Lottery mistake ticks hundreds in New York

NEW YORK — A lucky 13 turned out to be not so lucky in New York. Hundreds of people showed up at the Daily News' midtown Manhattan offices on Monday, angry over an apparent misprint in one of the winning numbers in the newspaper's scratch-match game.

Vanessa Dover, a 62-year-old painter's wife, thought she had won $100,000.

"We were all celebrating Saturday night, jumping around, the grandchildren were screaming," Dover said. "We got up the next morning and the dream was dead."

The way it's set up, the Daily News includes a seven-game ticket in its Sunday edition. Every day, it prints a list of 10 numbers to be scratched off the corresponding day's game, out of 15 possible spaces. If three of the revealed spaces show the same dollar amount, the contestant wins that money.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Obituary

Grace Shen

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Weather

TODAY

HIGH 40
LOW 32

TONIGHT

HIGH 39
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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

HIGH 42
LOW 28

SUNDAY

HIGH 41
LOW 28

High temperatures will reach the low 70s today, with a 20 percent chance of rain. A cold front will move in tonight, bringing colder temperatures and a 40 percent chance of rain. A high pressure system will move in on Friday, bringing temperatures into the mid 40s with a 10 percent chance of precipitation. The weekend will bring very cold temperatures, with highs in the mid 20s and lows in the mid 10s. A high pressure system will move in on Sunday, bringing clear skies and temperatures in the low 30s.
Speaker addresses media biases

By MEGAN O'NEIL

Jennifer Pozner, founder and director of Women In Media & News (WIMN), spoke to a crowd at Saint Mary's Tuesday about the exclusion of women from the news, and about the American public being fed biased and sometimes false war coverage.

In a lecture entitled "Media, Women and War: How does the invisibility of Women's Voices in War Coverage: Shortchanging America?" Pozner cited examples of how women are underrepresented and stereotyped on network television and in newspapers.

Pozner said no women sit on the boards of major media conglomerates—FOX News, MSNBC and CNN Channel. Editorial rooms are equally male-dominated, Pozner said, and minorities fare even worse, composing "just three percent of daily newsroom jobs."

Pozner admitted that women have made strides in journalism and make up roughly half of all newspaper reporters.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Keeping the Conversation Going About Social Security Reform

The Higgins Labor Research Center and the Department of Economics and Policy Studies present these two upcoming events:

The Future of Social Security:
A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion on Prospects for Reform

Panelists include
- Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen, representatives from the Social Security Administration
- Teresa Ghilarducci, Director of the Higgins Center for Labor Research and Associate Professor of Economics and Policy Studies
- Lance Wescher, Notre Dame doctoral student in Economics
- Nancy Griffin, Indiana State Director of AARP

Dean Baker
"Social Security: The Phony Crisis"

Baker is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. and co-author of a widely read policy book on Social Security, also titled "Social Security: The Phony Crisis."

He writes the Economic Reporting Review, a weekly online commentary examining economic coverage in The New York Times and Washington Post, and is the author of "Getting Prices Right: The Battle over the Consumer Price Index," which was selected for the Choice Outstanding Academic Book list in 1998.

Former POW honors fallen servicewoman

Jessica Lynch gives tribute to best friend

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Almost two years to the day after their company was ambushed, former POW Jessica Lynch on Tuesday honored fallen comrade Army Spc. Lori Piestewa — the first American servicewoman killed in the Iraq war.

"She taught me so much and knowing her made me a better person," Jessica Lynch, former POW

"We love her like a daughter," said Terri Piestewa, Lori's father. "We know she was blaming herself for what happened. She was blaming herself that she didn't bring Lori home. "She wants to be there for the kids. It's good for her, helps her heal."
Fencing
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really bad, but unfortunately last year we weren't able to do it," said sophomore Natalia Providenzia. "I think everyone just wanted it badly enough that we all just came together." The team takes a unique approach to the Notre Dame athletic history. Not only did the women's squad win the most points a women's team had ever scored in the NCAA round robin (103), it marks the first time that a Notre Dame women's fencing team has won a national title in two of its first three years in charge, as Bednarski and Dudas are leading the way into the final round.
"I got a lot of e-mails from people checking to see if I e-mailed me immediately and then congratulated us," Dudas said. "This is tremendous for the Notre Dame men took the stage and focused on the drama of watching the women's team pull them from behind.
"I think probably everyone had their moments when they felt like there was no chance," said senior epee Specialist Anne Marie Providenzia.
"Just made it that much better to come from behind and then win the championship," Dudas said.
"It's a great way to go out of your season," senior epee captain Kerri Watanabe said. "I think we exceeded what we expected, and we exceeded our expectations, and we were surprised as well.
The team members also addressed their place in Notre Dame history.
"They obviously won the championship you saw before I came here, and that's definitely something we tried to live up to freshman year, and I wanted it something we tried to live up to throughout the year and try our best for the rest of the year." - Valari Anderson

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COMMUNITY REACTS TO SHOOTINGS

Local police and FBI search for motive in school shooting while town mourns

Associated Press

Tuesday, hundreds gather at the State Capitol building in St. Paul, Minnesota for an American Indian prayer service held in response to the shootings in Red Lake.

Band of Chippewa. Authorities were investigating whether Weise, who dressed in black and wore a belt and bulletproof vest, targeted people at random. Weise threatened students and teachers, authorities said. Five students and a 15-year-old remained in critical condition at a Fargo, N.D., hospital with gunshot wounds to the face. "Right now we are in utter disbelief and shock," said Floyd Jaward Jr., chairman of the Red Lake

Associated Press

EAST LAKE, Minn. Authorities were trying to determine Tuesday what caused a teenager to gun down his grandfather, put on the police-issue belt and bulletproof vest, and drive his marked squad car to a high school where he began shooting his classmates at will.

Jeff Weise, who authorities said was 16 or 17, killed 11 people at East Lake Area High School. The shooting appeared to have been planned in advance.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since the Columbine massacre in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

The killings on this northern Minnesota Indian reservation began at the home of Weise's grandfather, Daryl Lussier, 58, who was shot to death with a .22-caliber gun, according to Michael Talman, the FBI's special agent in charge for Minneapolis. Also killed was Lussier's companion, Michelle Signa.

Lussier had worked as a tribal police officer for decades. Weise then drove the old squad car to the school, where he gunned down security guard Daron Brooks with a shotgun and went to about 16 minutes inside, targeting people at random. Weise said Monday he had planned the attack.

Hearing the shots, students and teachers barricaded themselves into offices and classrooms and crouched under desks, authorities said. Five students and a 15-year-old and two 15-year-olds remained in critical condition at a Fargo, N.D., hospital with gunshot wounds to the face.

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VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP RIVER BANKS

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Local News

Volunteers clean up river banks

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Kimmelman to lecture at Snite

New York Times chief art critic to speak at opening reception

Special to the Observer

Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic for The New York Times, will present a lecture titled "The Accident of Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa" at 2:30 p.m. April 3 in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The talk is free and open to the public.

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 and a regular contributor to The New York Review of Books, Kimmelman is the author of a forthcoming book with the same title as his lecture, as well as of "Portraits: Talking with Artists at The Met, The Modern, the Louvre and Elsewhere," which was named a best book of the year by The Times and The Washington Post.

Kimmelman, a former senior fellow in the National Arts Journalism Program at Columbia University, was graduated from Yale University in 1980 and earned his master's degree from Harvard University. The lecture will be part of an opening reception for the Snite's annual student thesis exhibition, featuring video, industrial and graphic design projects, as well as paintings, drawings, photography, prints, ceramics and sculpture.

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Leaders prepare trade security pact

Mexico, U.S. and Canada meet to discuss cooperation on various border issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Early in his first term, President Bush proposed easing immigration restrictions and creating a free-trade zone throughout the hemisphere. His first two years in office were spent trying to win approval of both Mexico and Canada, and Congress, to make their contribution.

Four years later, both measures are still pending, even on the agenda as Bush meets Wednesday in Texas with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Instead, the North American leaders will sign a pact pledging to increase border security without hindering the flow of goods or the millions of people that cross the two borders every day. They will agree to more cooperation on everything from terrorism and drug trafficking. And they will agree to move toward a system of common import duties on goods from China and other exporting nations and blocs.

The three leaders will meet at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and then tour Bush's ranch in nearby Crawford.

They are not expected to propose any far-reaching changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the landmark 1994 pact that ended tariffs on most goods traded within the three nations.

Bush's earlier vision of extending NAFTA to other democracies in the hemisphere — supported by Mexico and Canada — appears to be defunct, as governments in Brazil, South America's largest economy, have not responded.

Thomas Frieden, a senior health official and trade expert with the Washington-based Institute for International Economics, said the accord is not much more than a rhetorical gesture.

"It's not clear to me that any of the three leaders want to commit significant capital to addressing either the current friction within NAFTA or expanding NAFTA," said Frieden, who was a Treasury Department official in both the Bush and Carter administrations.

Bush's hopes for a guest worker program were dashed by the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, which re-focused U.S. attention on securing borders. Bush still advocates liberalizing immigration, but the proposal has generated broad opposition among conservatives, a core Bush constituency.

U.S. relations with neighbors were strained by the Iraq war, which was opposed by both Fox and then-Cabinet Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. While all agree there are more issues on the mend, there have been some recent irritation.

Martin, who took office last year, caught Washington by surprise last month when he rebuffed Bush's offer to include Canada in the Bush administration's missile defense program.

Tensions remain despite attempts by the two leaders to patch up their differences by phone.

The Canadian prime minister is expected to press Bush on the continued mad-cow-disease related closure of the U.S. border to Canadian beef and a long-running dispute over duties on softwood lumber.

Meanwhile, Fox, who cannot seek re-election, bristled at CIA Director Porter Goss' remarks to a Senate committee last week about the potential for instability in Mexico ahead of 2006 elections.

The Mexican president also has complained about militia-type vigilante groups hunting and killing Mexican immigrants along the Arizona border, and about U.S. suggestions that al-Qaida agents may be coming into the United States from Mexico. Fox was expected to raise both topics with Bush.

**FRANCE**

Limiton 35-hour work week lifted

Associated Press

PARIS — France's 35-hour work week was championed by workers but despised by many investors and employers. On the book it seems to have failed, a failure in France's parlance.

The law gave many people more time for their families, for vacation and for plain relaxation — but it fueled anxiety about declining competitiveness and soaring unemployment, currently at 10 percent. It also failed to live up to its original promise: creating millions of jobs by forcing employers to hire more people.

The conservative-dominated National Assembly, France's lower house, voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to adopt a government-backed bill that significantly waters down the 35-hour work legislation, a legacy of the former Socialist administration. It opens the door for companies to increase employees' working time, in exchange for better pay.

President Jacques Chirac's government has tried to sell the reform as an opportunity to "Work More to Earn More," but many remain unconvinced.

Almost a million people joined strikes and demonstrations earlier this month to defend the 35-hour week and protest other perceived threats to their working conditions and pay. The sympathy could spill over into a May referendum on the new EU constitution, in which the government is campaigning for a yes vote.

The law endorses an increase in the extra hours employees can work to 220 every year from the previous limit of 180. It also allows them to go further with "optional overtime" in return for extra pay and lets them sell part of their holiday entitlement.

**In Brief**

FOX exec leaves for Paramount

LOS ANGELES — Gail Berman, president of entertainment at the Fox Television network, is leaving to take an unspecified role at Paramount Pictures.

Paramount confirmed Tuesday it is in discussions with Berman, former studio chief Brad Grey, who himself took the top job at Sony Pictures last month. Grey came to Paramount with extensive television experience. He had run the talent agency Brillstein-Grey Entertainment and produced films and television shows, most notably the hit series "The Sopranos."

Berman had led Fox for five years, a relatively long tenure in the pressure-cooker job of network entertainment.

Vonage sued for misinforming

AUSTIN — Texas sued the nation's largest Internet-based phone service provider Tuesday, saying Vonage failed to clearly inform customers they cannot automatically dial 911 when they sign up.

The lawsuit follows a case last month in which a 17-year-old girl was unable to call 911 on her family's Vonage service during an armed robbery in which her parents were shot and wounded. The girl ran to a neighbor's house for help.

The lawsuit was filed under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act and seeks $5 million in damages. Reps for Vonage Holdings Corp. did not immediately return calls seeking comment from the company that they must separately inform customers about the local service.

The lawsuit also seeks $20,000 per violation. Edinburg, N.J.-based Vonage has more than 500,000 subscribers.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said information about the type of emergency service Vonage offers is found only in the fine print on the Web site.
Frustrated civilians kill three in street shooting

Militants fire at shoppers, wounding three

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Shopkeepers and shoppers were wounded in Baghdad's main streets pulled out their own guns Tuesday and killed three insurgents when hooded men began shooting at passers-by, giving a rare victory to civilians increasingly frustrated by the violence boiling in Iraq.

The clash in the capital's southern Doura neighborhood erupted when militants in three cars sprayed bullets at shoppers, Interior Ministry officials said. Three people—a man, a woman and a child—were wounded.

The motive was unclear, but there have been previous attacks in the ethnically mixed neighborhood. Earlier in the day, gunmen in the same quarter killed a policeman as he worked, police Lt. Col. Hafidh Al-Graybi said.

"The citizen response is rare, but not unheard of in a country where conflict has become commonplace and the law allows each home to have a weapon. It is certainly in no way common," said police said townsman in Wihda, 25 miles south of Baghdad.

In other violence Tuesday, Iraqi commandos backed by U.S. ground and air forces attacked an apparent insurgent training camp near Lake Tharthar in eastern Iraq, killing an unidentified number of insurgents. Another U.S. soldier was wounded.

The U.S. military said that in the northern city of Mosul, the deputy police commander, Col. Walid Ali, said 17 militants were killed and 14 captured late Monday after a "counterterrorism operation." The regime will stand trial in this court. "My sense was he was certain to rush to hand over security to his new police force." — Barbara Boxer senator

Sistani, but it doesn’t have enough votes to select a Cabinet that is acceptable in one way or another. He is negotiating for the support of the Kurdish regional government, the third-largest group in the National Assembly. The Kurds want an agreement to return the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk to the autonomous Kurdish region as soon as the government is formed, Interior Ministry Chief Husein was told.

The U.S. military reported that a Marine died Monday in an "undetermined incident." The Marine was killed and six wounded in the same quarter killed a police officer in the military government's confrontation with insurgents in Kirkuk's Fordi district.

The motive was unclear, but there have been previous attacks in the ethnically mixed neighborhood. Earlier in the day, gunmen in the same quarter killed a policeman as he worked, police Lt. Col. Hafidh Al-Graybi said.

"The citizen response is rare, but not unheard of in a country where conflict has become commonplace and the law allows each home to have a weapon. It is certainly in no way common," said police said townsman in Wihda, 25 miles south of Baghdad.

In other violence Tuesday, Iraqi commandos backed by U.S. ground and air forces attacked an apparent insurgent training camp near Lake Tharthar in eastern Iraq, killing an unidentified number of insurgents. Another U.S. soldier was wounded.

The U.S. military said that in the northern city of Mosul, the deputy police commander, Col. Walid Ali, said 17 militants were killed and 14 captured late Monday after a "counterterrorism operation." The regime will stand trial in this court. "My sense was he was certain to rush to hand over security to his new police force." — Barbara Boxer senator

TYLER, Texas — An east Texas foundry with a history of safety violations pleaded guilty Tuesday to two federal felonies and agreed to pay a $4.5 million fine for violating environmental laws and hiding information from government regulators.

The plea, in officials at Tyler Pipe acknowledged concealing information when they rebuffed a 60-foot, pollution-emitting furnace in violation of federal law and did not seek permits. The foundry also received a five-year probationary term that includes a compliance agreement and a "true state-of-the-art pollution controls.

Tyler Pipe is the first company to enter a plea guilty under a provision of the U.S. Clean Air Act that requires modern pollution controls at factories, according to Arnold Spencer, an assistant U.S. attorney.

Safety violations at the foundry have led to amputations and deaths among workers.

Federal officials declined to comment on whether they are investigating or have plans to prosecute individuals at Tyler Pipe.

E.R. "Burk" Files, an attorney for the company, said Tyler Pipe was required to turn over 400 boxes of documents.

"The plant has now turned the corner of environmental compliance and is working to be a model for other companies," Files said.

Tyler Pipe president David Green said the company has been making environmental improvements since 2001 and plans to spend at least $55 million on pollution controls and other improvements.

Associated Press

CAIRO — The only man who has dared to challenge Hosni Mubarak for the presidency was charged Tuesday with forging signatures to win a plebescite for his party — an escalation in the government's confrontation with demonstrators in Egypt's struggling democracy movement.

A nun named as a suspect in the case has fled abroad, as has the man who was the leader of the party, the State Security Investigations Service said.

Prosecutors accused Nour of forging signatures required for the registration application of his Al-Ghad — "our tomorrow" — party. The 40-year-old politician denies the charges, saying he was the victim of a "political plot." The lawyer for the party said the party would challenge the charges and appeal to the Higher Administrative Court to overturn the decision.

The party is the center of the increasingly vocal democratic movement in Egypt.

"We will continue to fight this dictatorship," said Nour, who maintains people planted the papers to frame him. He vowed to expose those who "forged the will of the nation" during the past half century of elections in Egypt.

"We will call into this trial all the symbols and officials of those forged referendums and put them into the court to testify," Nour said, adding that his defense team would seek testimony from previous interior ministers who helped run elections.

Associated Press

Candidate charged with forgery
Jury to decide fate of immigrant smuggler

Williams continues to wait as jurors deliberate

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A jury in the trial of Tyrone Williams, who is charged with 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants, will resume deliberations on Wednesday. The jury was scheduled to deliberate on Monday but failed to reach a verdict. Williams faces the death penalty if convicted for his role in the 2003 gambling attempt in which 19 of the passengers died.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Six employees of a company that processed federal tax returns were indicted Tuesday on charges they hid and later destroyed about $300,000 in payments to make it appear employees had met a deadline. The employees faced charges of conspiracy and theft as they worked at Mellon Financial in the spring of 2001, during the peak tax-return processing period.

FAITHPOINT

What's up?

Wednesday, March 23

Today, 3/23

- Eucharistic Adoration (every weekend day; 10-11 PM COMO Chapel)
- Year 1 (10-11 PM COMO Lounge)
- Topic: Courage in the face of suffering
- Saint Egidio Prayer Community (5:30 PM, Log Chapel)

Easter Vigil
Saturday, 9 PM
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday Masses
8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 9 PM (Student Mass)
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Holy Thursday
*Holy Thursday Mass (5 PM, Basilica)

Good Friday
*Good Friday Service (3 PM, Basilica)

Holy Saturday
*RCIA Morning Retreat (10-7 PM, COMO Lounge)
*Easter Vigil Mass (see above)

Easter Sunday
*One above for Mons' Masses

Monday
Nothing scheduled

Tuesday
*Bible Study with Fr. Frank Zegers (10-11 PM, 316 COMO)

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Campus Ministry

Lead Kindly Light: Prayers from the Campus Ministry Prayer Book

On this most holy night when our Lord, Jesus Christ, passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. If we honor the memory of his death and resurrection by hearing his Word and live with him forever in God.

-from the Easter Vigil Liturgy

Catholic Q&A

What are Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum?

Near the conclusion of the season of Lent, Holy Week is this most special time of year when we solemnly reflect on the passing of Jesus from life, to death, to new life. It begins with Palm Sunday, and culminates in the liturgy of the Sacred Triduum (Latin: the “three days”) on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, before Easter Sunday.

Holy Week festivities begin on a high note, with the remembrance of Jesus’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the Mass of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. As its name might suggest, however, this Mass moves quickly to a much more somber tone, as we hear the entire Passion narrative from the Last Supper through the crucifixion, death, and placing of Christ in the tomb. Throughout Holy Week, Mass readings will spend additional time reflecting on each of these events: readings on Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday lead us to “Spy Wednesday,” when Judas Iscariot’s betrayal of Jesus is remembered.

Holy Thursday’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper recalls Jesus’s institution of the Eucharist and His commandment (in Latin, mandatum) to serve others as represented by His washing the disciples’ feet. At the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, we recall with mourning and sadness the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Those who gather for this liturgy are invited to come forward to venerate the cross with a kiss, and Holy Communion is distributed using the bread consecrated on Holy Thursday.

On Holy Saturday evening, the Easter Vigil celebrates the Jesus’s Resurrection and the salvation that He won for us! The Catholic Church also welcomes new members into the fold through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist celebrated at this liturgy.

CatholicQ@A Send your questions to Perkins@ind.edu
Celebrating Taco Bell boycott victory

Two weeks ago, I received a call I never imagined would come. A friend and colleague phoned me to say the Taco Bell Boycott — a four-year campaign within an 11-year struggle — had ended in victory for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

About 11 years ago, migrant farmworkers — Americans, Mexicans, Haitians and other nationalities — started to organize around their joint suffering in the Florida tomato fields. Paid starvation wages of 40 to 50 cents per 22-pound bucket of produce, denied the right to organize, unable to have pensions, overtime, health insurance and other labor benefits, and even (at least five known cases) held against their liberty and forced to work like slaves, farmworkers saw themselves imprisoned in a cycle of oppression and poverty and were ready to fight back. By crossing ethnic and language barriers, they organized the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Four years ago, after discovering the bulk of their tomato labor going to thriving Taco Bell restaurants, the workers decided to launch a consumer boycott of the company and sought allies. My story in this began when, as a first year student, I attended a Progressive Student Alliance meeting and learned about the boycott. Never having eaten at a Taco Bell before — combining Mexican cuisine and fast food never seemed right — I figured I should participate in the organizing component. By sophomore year, I found myself planning our weekly protests — Fair Food Fridays at the LeSalle Taco Bell, going to meetings with administrative lawyers about the boycott and our contract with the company and talking with Student Farmworker Alliance members from Florida to California.

While I have never been to Immokalee and seen the conditions, nor do I have personal ties to migrant farmworkers, I was drawn to the movement. Seeing people standing up for themselves, asserting their right to receive a livable wage inspired me to work in solidarity with them. Additionally, it angered me that growers abused these vital workers through forced labor to no other end but higher profits. I did not want to live in a country that allows such exploitation.

About a year ago, the local campaign to get Notre Dame to take a stance for justice with the Immokalee farmworkers seemed bleak. Our meetings with administrators were not going anywhere.

Then, unexpectedly during PSAs Student Week of Action, a friend and comrade, Tony Rivas, decided to go on a seven day hunger strike to call attention to the ways our University was out of step with Catholic Social Teaching principles, especially in terms of the Taco Bell contract and campus labor policies. His stand for justice and self-sacrifice ignited a fire under our student-organizing project. Our core of students began arranging a larger contingent of 147 student justice fighters, wrote letters to newspaper editors, organized protests and sat in at the administration building. As one of the lead organizers, I saw courage and resolve in others around me that we would not have had a few months back. While I have never been to Immokalee, one of the lead organizers, I saw courage and resolve in others around me.

Now that the boycott nationally has ended with YUM! Foods/Taco Bell agreeing to pay the covered "one more penny per pound" and to work with the CW to enforce labor codes of conduct and make industry-wide changes, I feel we must all pause to not only celebrate this enormous victory, but also view this event as part of a larger and longer fight for justice denied by people for centuries.

Other companies must follow Taco Bells example to enforce labor and wages codes for workers in their supply chain. Labor makes our lives possible from the food we eat, to the buildings we live in, to the stores and restaurants we frequent. However, labor is not a commodity — labor is people — living, working, loving and deserving recognition. Whether in the Florida fields or Notre Dames Campus, workers ought to have a living wage and a means to organize for changes in working conditions.

This feat is a step along the way for me. Robert F. Kennedy once spoke of victories like these: "Yew will have the greatness to bend history; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The final test of a leader is that he either behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on."

Walter Lippmann
American author
Symposium to expose ways women handle conflict and resolution

I found a March 21 letter to the editor from Sandy 2004 and follow alumni of great interest and am compelled to respond.

I believe that the inequitable or low number of women present in our military and governmental ranks is significant to affect the outcome of war versus peace and the how and the why of what is being done. I am looking for a radical and thoughtful question that will get women thinking and deciding that they want to be that they must be. The solutions to those decision making tables in order to influence the outcomes. Voting for others to represent our best interests is not enough. The wonderful ways and wisdom of women must be valued and protected as all women at the very least with the embracing of it by contemporary and enlightened men as well. I am proud of my decision to join the military. I stand on my belief that I wanted to preserve peace. I still want to preserve peace with women as the last resort. I am not universal in thinking that compassionate listening to others who have the skills can be called upon to prevent all wars and conflict. But with more women in positions of leadership, I know there will be attempts made towards this outcome. There would be a difference. I spent 10 years involved, but chose to remove myself from the military and am currently looking for the next opportunity to lead in troubled times. I am needed. We all are.

The human condition defines us as people, who come with biases, but we need those biased and diverse people to come together and share some of the biases, and I must learn from each other to decide if war is the only way to go and why. And if women choose not to lead in some way then there must be that is potential to be viewed as an oppressor to the oppressed.

There is no excuse for non-participation and we need the thought provokers to spur us on to action and leadership. Getting into public office or positions of influence is another story. Perhaps this dilemma is why we have feminists feeling that they are limited to symposiums forever in the reviews. Sadly, our male dominated society does not always embrace women as leaders.

That attitude is still out there. Misunderstanding of “women’s ways” by other women is the first line of defense. I am hoping the symposium will provide for an expression of a holistic feminist view by other women is the first line of defense. I am hoping the symposium will provide for an expression of a holistic feminist view by other women. Rarely have I taken a class that had the same title. Has Notre Dame really prepared me for this moment? I want to say “yes,” but I can’t.

While the University “prides itself on being an environment of teaching and learning,” it fails to promote a learning atmosphere that values those critical thinking skills necessary for well-rounded and learned individuals. Sadly, at Notre Dame there is no learning for the sake of learning. The focus of the majority of students is GPA. In response, professors concentrate on structuring courses around grades rather than discovery. Moreover, the pursuit of knowledge and the growth of the individual is subjugated by university and secondary status to preserving the ego of the students of this University.

The people who should be held most responsible for Notre Dame’s failures are the students. Notre Dame is our school. It is our interest that drives the direction of this place. Yet, instead of demanding that the University offer us more, we sit idly. Rather than force the administration to seek out higher quality and challenging professors, we enjoy inflated GPAs, weekends of partying and reject discussions of business in a business class for discussions of last weekend’s activities.

Professors must hear some of the censure as well. Surely I have taken a class that forces students to consider an issue beyond what is on the surface. Instead, I constantly encounter exams and papers that emphasize rote memorization and the ability to regurgitate the professor’s opinions.

Finally, the administrators and trustees of this University—who take pride in a homogeneous campus—look to others for their leadership. These people continue to place a run-of-the-mill football program at the forefront of an “elite” institution of learning. It is this sad truth, along with all of the other failures that I have mentioned, which makes me wonder if there is a time when the time has come for someone to stand up and seek change.

So, as these workers brighten the golden dome, who among us will find the beacons of Notre Dame’s less-than-golden academic life—yes or no?

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

‘Star Wars: Republic Commando’ brings bold new vision

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

First-person shooter video games are becoming a dime a dozen on the Microsoft X-Box. They run the range from garbage, such as “RoboCop,” to the truly excellent games, such as “Halo.” With the recent release of the new “Timesplitters,” it may be easy to overlook shooter games in general. However, with the last Star Wars movie on the horizon, overlooking “Star Wars: Republic Commando” would be a shame.

The setting of the game takes place at the end of the second movie, “The Clone Wars.” The game is placed in the boots of one of Jango Fett’s many clones. This placement may lead people into believing the storyline will be boring, but people who may think that would be wrong. As the game explains, each of the clones begins to develop a different personality as they mature. Further distinguishing the clones is the fact that some are trained to a greater degree than you average storm trooper. These special clones, with the extra attention, become commandos for the Republic and become part of an elite force.

The player assumes the role of leader of the elite force. The player is Delta 58, the leader of Delta Squad. Rounding out the group of commandos is Delta 07, Delta 40 and Delta 62. Although the names may seem bland, each “Delta” is given a distinct nickname and personality within the squad. Delta 07 is referred to as Sev and at times is downright psychopathic. He’s the violent hunter of the group and tends to headcharge first at the enemy trying to mole them to death.

Delta 40 is referred to as Fixer and is the intelligent one in the group. If there’s a terminal anywhere needing hacking, or a task that requires any level of refinement, he’s your clone. Delta 62 is known as Scurch and is the comic relief. He earned his name through his penchant for explosives and numerous close shave with them.

Even though most of the characters you work with are clones of a single man, each one has a distinct personality that helps drive the game. Being a squad-based game, they are often by the side of the player. Using them for support and giving them commands is often vital for success in the game, even on the easiest level. The squadron mates are often the only source of help for the player. Their constant banter makes the player begin to think of them according to their personalities, close instead of just computer generated and controlled characters.

Giving them commands is not very complicated. Every command in the game is done through pushing the ‘A’ button, sometimes accompanied by a hit of the directional pad for specific directions.

For being a fighting game, the individual storylines for each of the characters can be quite engaging. The Mishima Corporation is in turmoil because it’s leader, R. M. S. Mishima, dies in the introductory cinema. Let it be known that Heihachi has been a staple of “Tekken” since its inception. By killing him off before the game begins, it shows that Namco is willing to throw things up a little in the name of innovation.

After Heihachi dies, the King of Iron Fist Tournament is once again scheduled. This is the tournament that “Tekken” bases its storyline on in the previous versions. However, Heihachi was usually the sponsor and therefore a bit of mystery is created concerning the sponsor of the tournament.

This question drives what some of the participants. Other characters are fighting for personal reasons, some for control of the company, and some just for the money. All of the characters have some motivation to be in the tournament and each one has multiple story driven fights, as well as.

Quality of ‘Tekken’ series continues

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Jack the shooter game

In the world of high-stakes action, there’s almost nothing that can match the excitement of a competitive game of Tekken. The game is enjoyed by people of all ages, and it’s no wonder why. The fast-paced action, dynamic characters, and strategic gameplay make it a favorite among players of all backgrounds.

With "Tekken 5," the developers at Namco Bandai have taken the series to new heights. The game offers a wide range of fighters, each with their own unique abilities and move sets. This diversity of characters is what makes "Tekken 5" so engaging and exciting.

The game is set on a variety of environments, from bustling cities to dark alleyways. The graphics are sharp and detailed, with smooth animations and realistic character movements. The music is energetic and fitting for the game’s action-packed nature.

The gameplay is straightforward but challenging. Players must learn the move sets of each character and master their unique strategies. The game offers both single-player and multiplayer modes, allowing players to compete against friends or the online community.

In summary, "Tekken 5" is a must-play for any fan of the series or anyone looking for a exciting action game. Its attention to detail and emphasis on strategy make it a standout entry in the Tekken franchise.
You have to be focused," from a mental standpoint and you have to be focused, McGrady said. "You have to find a way to challenge yourself and make him feel that you're not even looking at him and not give him any easy dunks. That's something that I think I always can do well against him."

David Wesley scored 14 points, and Yao Ming and fellow center O'Neal led Miami with 23 points. McGrady scored a total of 37 points and shot just 27 percent in the previous two games, struggled again to find his shooting rhythm and shot 5-of-27, made all the clutch plays down the stretch.

During one late sequence, McGrady scooped up a loose ball at midcourt, fought a crossover dribble and dribbled a deep 3 that gave Houston a 74-72 lead 62 lead with fewer than six minutes left. He followed that with another 3, and later whipped a crosscourt pass to Mike James for a 3-pointer. He also scored Houston up 80-72 with 40.5 seconds to go. But the Rockets nearly fumbled away the win with a couple of silly mistakes in the waning seconds of the game.

James missed four straight free throws and Miami's Damon Jones made a 3 and completed a four-point play, cutting Houston's lead to 80-79 with 14.3 seconds left.

While they saved the victory by making a couple of free throws, and McGrady made one off a defensive rebound and hit a 3-pointer for the win, McGrady scored 35 points and had 24 rebounds, getting the best of his personal rivalry with Yao. Wade added 20 on just 4-of-19 shooting. The Rockets had 16 points and seven rebounds. Radmanovic, who probably is lost for the remainder of the regular season because of a stress fracture in his right leg, scored 22 points and Desmond Mason had 21 for the Bucks, the last-place team in the Central Division which beat the Sonics by 26 in Milwaukee in February. The Bucks lost for the fifth time in seven games.

**NOTES**

Houston Trail Blazers

After seeing so many hustle-coaching changes in the NBA this season, Rice and the Blazers are even more appreciative of his patience to keep piling up wins with the Sacramento Kings.

"You just have to be prepared for that mental standpoint and you have to be focused," McGrady said. "You have to find a way to challenge yourself and make him feel that you're not even looking at him and not give him any easy dunks. That's something that I think I always can do well against him."

Houston Rockets guard Bob Sura, left, is fouled by Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade Tuesday night.

Mike Bibby had 12 points and 10 assists while leading an effi­ cient offense for the Kings, who had 28 total assists and four turnovers for their lowest total since the NBA this season.

It was an appropriate performance for a reserve guard for the offense-loving coach. Only Larry Brown (1973), Jerry Sloan (1986) and George Karl (1972) have more victories among the league's active coaches.

"That's a good accomplishment, and I'm happy for him," Bibby said. "We have a lot more to go. We're going to try to add to that list."

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 27 points and Jojo Przybilla had 13 points, 21 rebounds and a career-high eight blocked shots for the Trail Blazers, who lost focus for long stretches of their eighth straight road defeat.

Damon Stoudamire had 25 points and a season-high 11 assists, but Portland made 21 turnovers and got no steals in its 10th loss in 11 games since interim coach Kevin Pritchard took over for Maurice Cheeks. Portland has lost 17 of 20 overall.

"If you don't compete, if you don't fight, you're not going to have no kind of chance," Abdur­ Rahim said. "So we've got to keep competing and fighting and pulling for each other."

Sacramento is clinging to fifth place in the Western Conference standings despite its usual late­ season rash of injury problems — which now might include Darius Songaila, who didn't return after hurting his back in the second quarter.

Sacramento never trailed after opening the minute despite an impressive game for Przybilla, who dominated the paint and fell just short of his career high of 22 rebounds.

"I had my breakout game in my first game (in Sacramento), but it's kind of a confidence booster," Przybilla said. "But if we got the victory, I could care less about the numbers. I just want to get that win. We're been struggling, but we've got a lot of work ahead of us."

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"I just had to focus on the game," Bibby said. "I thought Luke had a lot of things to do with it. He's a great shooter, he's a great passer, he's a great defender. He's got everything. And when you look back, you know how much you can shoot, you know how much you can pass, you know how much you can defend. So I just had to focus on getting one of these.""
Powell, Wallace lead Gamecocks, combine for 28 points in win

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Playing some of its best basketball of the season, South Carolina is one victory away from reaching the NIT semifinals for the second time in four years.

Carlos Powell scored 15 points and Brandon Wallace matched his career-best with 13 points to lead South Carolina to a 77-66 victory over UNLV in the second round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

The Gamecocks (17-13) reached the NIT for the first time since 1991, when they defeated Mississippi State 76-70 in the first round.

"South Carolina is in the quarterfinals," said Powell, who had arguably his best game of the season. "We just don’t want to stop playing right now," said Powell, who had arguably his best game of the season.

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All three Triangle schools in Sweet 16 for first time since 1989

Wolfgang joins Blue Devils, Tar Heels on tournament trail

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Reaching the round of 16 is nothing new for Duke and North Carolina, two programs that have a total of six national championships between them. North Carolina State? That's a different story.

Hobbled by various injuries during the regular season, the Wolfpack stumbled to a seventh-place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference and needed a pair of victories in the conference tournament just to secure an at-large bid. The selection committee did them no favors, either, giving them a No. 10 seed in the Syracuse Regional.

N.C. State survived two close games in Worcester, Mass., to reach the regional semifinals for the first time since 1989. That's also the last time the three teams from the Triangle region of the state made it that far — until now.

The Blue Devils are there for the eighth straight year and the Tar Heels snapped a five-year drought with two easy victories in Charlotte, N.C. Three schools, separated by about 30 miles, all but none of us being in the next round. There is a lot of pride here, there's no question."

Considering the strength of the ACC this season, perhaps it's only fitting that it's so well represented in the NCAA tournament. The Tar Heels finished first in the regular season, followed by Wake Forest and Duke, and those three teams each were solid contenders to make a run to a national title.

"The Demon Deacons lost in double overtime to surprising West Virginia in the second round, but N.C. State made up for that upset with one of its own, beating seeded Connecticut in the final seconds on a three-point play by Julius Hodge. If the Wolfpack can win one more game, they would play North Carolina in the regional final.

Quite a change from early February, after a three-game losing streak dropped N.C. State to 7-7 in the ACC.

"In the middle of the season, not everything was perfect," Hodge said. "Now, the handwriting is crazy. Everybody is on the bandwagon."

Duke and North Carolina kept tabs on each other in Charlotte, playing in the same arena on the opening weekend for the first time since 1979, and they also closed the Wolfpack. After the Blue Devils beat Mississippi State in the second round of the Austin Regional, coach Mike Krzyzewski took time publicly to congratulate N.C. State coach Herb Sendek.

"I'm really excited, of course, for us," Coach K said. "I talked to Roy and said it would be great for both of our teams to make it. But the guy I'm really happy for is Herb. We should all just say, 'Thank you,' for the great college basketball we have in this region."

Sendek, who faced rumbles of discontent on internet message boards and sports talk radio during the regular season, denied feeling vindicated by the success of this past weekend. He has N.C. State in the tournament for the fourth straight year, the longest run since the late 1980s.

"I'm busy coaching our team," Sendek said. "I've been grateful all along for the people who have given us our unwavering support."

With all three teams playing Friday, TV stations around the state were scrambling this week to make sure each game was covered. The Wolfpack and the Blue Devils start their games 17 minutes apart, so CBS affiliates were forced to look for other options.

In Charlotte, WBTV will air Duke against Michigan State, with the N.C. State-Wisconsin game will be carried by UPN affiliate WJZY, which has a news partnership with WBTV. The Raleigh CBS affiliate, WRAL, is located across the street from the N.C. State campus, and it will show the Wolfpack's game.

"I think it's great," North Carolina guard Rashad McCants said. "It's great for the state and the programs, I think it's just beautiful for the recruiting."

North Carolina State coach Herb Sendek laughs with Julius Hodge after the Wolfpack defeated Connecticut 65-62 Sunday.

Duke's Shelden Williams, left, and Lou Melchionni celebrate during the Blue Devils' 63-55 victory Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.
Irish rowers skin Wolverines, Spartans
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The Notre Dame men’s rowing club faced snowy weather and freezing temperatures at the annual Luther’s Cup regatta in Grand Rapids, Michigan this weekend. Despite the cold weather, the Irish rowed off their spring season with a successful showing against tough competition from the Michigan, Michigan State and Western Ohio rowing teams.

In the men’s eight races both the varsity and junior varsity boats did well in the morning preliminary rounds to put them in the petite final in the afternoon. The junior varsity boat was in a neck-in-neck race against Western Ohio to take second in the petite final with a time of 6:23. Western Ontario won the petite with a time of 6:20, and Michigan’s varsity A boat won overall with a time of 6:11.

The men’s novice team also had a strong showing in their first race of the spring season. In the men’s novice category, they rowed a great race, coming in thirds in a five team race and improving almost twenty seconds on the record they set the previous week to post at 7:97. Michigan’s novice A boat won the event with a time of 6:40.

The Irish look forward to holding onto their successes this weekend when they participate in the San Diego Crew Classic on April 9 and 10.

Men’s Volleyball
The Notre Dame men’s volleyball fell to the Blue team in a nine game tournament at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. Led by veteran setter Brad Weldon and anchored by the passing of defensive specialist Ryan Dax, the Blue team controlled the middle from the opening point to post a 25-22, 25-20, 25-20 victory in the first round of the opening pool play. The Irish prevailed 25-22, 25-20 against Juniata, a team ranked 20th in the nation’s top teams on the west coast. On Sunday, the Irish opened the trip with a 25-15 victory over Maryland, the nation’s 10th ranked varsity team. The Irish swept through the rest of the day’s competition, defeated by the host team 25-15, and lost 2-0.

The Irish dropped a 25-15 loss in the final game against Villanova squad on Sunday, to complete the tournament action with a final record of 2-1. Freshman Kautilin Shorrock and Rachel Seghal highlighted the weekend effort.

The team is currently 15-5 and will next compete at Miami (Ohio) next month.

Notre Dame completed its annual swing through tournaments over spring break, more than halving its losses against some of the nation’s top teams on the west coast. On Sunday, the Irish opened the trip with a 25-15 victory over the USC club team, 8-4. This marked the first win in history for the Irish over the Trojans.

The next day, the Irish traveled to Pepperdine and were again victorious, 11-9.

Wednesday found the Irish challenging two old teams defending national club championship Cal Poly. The Irish came up short, losing 25-19, 25-20, 15-9, but in the process set a new single-game scoring record by defeating Wheaton, 13-7 in Game 3.

The Irish dropped the final match of the weekend, 25-6, 25-17 against Baldwin Wallace. The Irish dropped the final four games against their team as a middle blocker was continuing his conversion to outside hitter. Weldon kept setting open all the outside hitters for the Irish in their game against the Trojans. Weldon played well in the first game to help the Irish achieve a 22-20 victory. The Irish were anxious to test their skills against tough competition and opened some eyes the next day in their second game of the weekend against South Bend State tournament.

A solid 13-11 victory in the first game for the Irish against the Bears proved to be no fluke. Irish senior setter Willik Shorrock set the Irish up with a 9.8 point over Div. III Laverner. On Sunday, the club played against host Baldwin Wallace in a Div. II varsity, before falling, 10-7, and the Irish dropped their final match of the weekend, 7-6, Div. III Chapman.

The Irish dropped a 4-3 record against the field including the defending championship national champs and two other national club powers, three top ranked Div. III varsity teams, and a powerhouse Div. II varsity.

Ultimate
The Notre Dame Ultimate Club hosted “Whitesmoke,” the Notre Dame women’s team, facing off against teams from the Great Lakes region.

The Irish women opened the weekend by moving the venue from Bierle Field to Boompark, though the change barely affected either the men’s or women’s team’s success. The men placed third in a field of ten, while the women won their eighth team bracket to take home the tournament title, 25-15, and 25-20 over Div. III and B team competed for both the men and women. The Irish alumni reunion team in each division.

The top pool play on Saturday, the men’s A team got off to a slow start in their first game against Michigan, but were able to put on a late surge to take the game, 11-9.

Having settled and adjusted to the windy and rainy conditions, the Irish won their next two games against Western Michigan and Michigan State. The confidence was regained with a 13-2 victory over Michigan State A, 13-7, the other undefeated team from the tournament. Another accomplishment was an inspirational weekend for the women’s squad, which, for the first time in the program’s history, claimed 1st place.

With 24 players the team was able to enter two teams. A 9-5 victory over the Notre Dame alumni team started off the weekend with great momentum. A 9 loss to long time rival Michigan State B, 9-10 showed that the confidence was regained with a 13-2 victory over Michigan State A, 13-7, the other undefeated team from the tournament. Another accomplishment was an inspirational weekend for the women’s squad, which, for the first time in the program’s history, claimed 1st place.

The women’s team competed against the men’s team in a single elimination tournament. For the Men, pool play began against the Michigan State Alumni team, 9-8, and Lehigh 9-7 en route to a perfect 3-0 day.

Day two had the men playing in an upper pool against three other undefeated teams from the field. In lower pool conditions, the Irish opened with a come-from-behind 15-10 victory over Michigan and 13-7 against Lehigh respectively. They also put forth a strong effort against the alumni team to make it to the final four match up, dropping the contest to the alumni team 9-11. The Irish lost impressively holding an early lead, one point short of victory.

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The Irish will next compete at Michigan State in the semi-finals.

On Sunday, the team won their game against the South Bend Club Team, 15-8, but fell in the semifinals to the unbeaten Michigan State Alumni team with a 2-4 record. The Irish women closed their season with a 25-21, 25-20 victory, finishing sixth out of 12 teams, while the men finished 6-2 to take third.

The Men, pool play began Tuesday in wind gusts of over 40 mph, placing a high demand on skilled throws to cope with the conditions. The team was up to the challenge, scoring enough difficult goals to take a 13-12 win over the Michigan Alumni team and a 13-6 win over the Irish Alumni team.

The next day, a poor start and second half of over 40 mph winds allowed Edinboro to jump out to a 14-8 lead, followed up with a strong third quarter push to take the gap to 14-13, but Notre Dame was unable to get behind the Irish to take the win, 13-12.

The Irish last faced off against the Ohio State Alumni team on Sunday to bow out of the tournament in third place.

All week long, the men were propelled on offense by the consistent play of handlers Andrew Hanculak, Ryan Butler, and Richie Bartholomew and rutters Nick Chambers, Mike Bishoff, and Erich Morin, Kyle Engosan and Tom Minshew.

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The Terriers would prevail and champions this year as well.

Highlights of the first day included an upwind scored by Joel Caplin in a pass from Lizzy Shiel and a Callahan point scored by Joel Caplin in a block by Lucy Summerville.

Playing better as the weather improved, the Irish dropped all three opponents the next day.

KnifeGLOSS followed the attack and sliced a pass from Lizzy Shiel and the Callahan point scored by Joel Caplin in a pass from Lizzy Shiel.

After pool play the Women were ranked 9th in the A bracket.

For the second consecutive year, the Irish were eliminated from the tournament by Michigan State in a 7-6 thriller.
Bonds may take entire year to rehab knee

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball’s steroids scandal, Barry Bonds said he may not play at all this season — despite standing on the doorstep of the sport’s most hallowed record.

The San Francisco Giants slugger also said he was physically and mentally “behind” Hank Aaron’s all-time home run mark, which is nine behind now.

Bonds said he was tired of his kids crying when he finally got them out of the house with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side, and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

“I’m tired of my kids crying. You wanted me to jump off a bridge, I finally did,” Bonds told reporters Tuesday, shortly after returning to training camp.

“I finally brought back my family and my family down. So now we pick a different person.”

Bonds, whose 703 career home runs are 13 short of Babe Ruth’s total and 52 behind Hank Aaron’s record, was back in camp following last week’s arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants’ clubhouse with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side, Bonds said, “My son and I are just going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me.”

Bonds said he was tired of paying dearly and disappointing the fans who followed his career and believed in him.

Associated Press

GIANTS outﬁelder Barry Bonds, left, returns on crutches to spring training Tuesday with his son Nikolai in Scottsdale, Ariz. Bonds is undergoing rehabilitation after a second arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last week.

In Brief

NCAA president knocks new Title IX standard

INDIANAPOLIS — NCAA president Myles Brand criticized the Education Department’s new Internet-based survey schools can use to show they are accommodating the athletic interests and abilities of women on campus.

Brand also said the new Title IX standard should have been debated publicly. Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex at any school that receives federal money.

“The e-mail survey will not be adequate,” Brand said Tuesday. “It will not provide an adequate indicator of interest among young women to participate in college sports.”

Brand said in a written statement, “Nor does it encourage young women to participate, a failure that will likely stymie the growth of women's athletics and could reverse the progress made over the last three decades.”

Indiana AD gives ultimatum

On Tuesday, athletic director Rick Greenspan silenced the critics for now by announcing that Davis would return for his sixth season as the Hoosiers’ coach. He also sent a blunt warning: Win now.

“I think that was implicit in the four corners of this release,” said Fred Eichhorn, president of Indiana’s board of trustees. “I think there is an emphasis on winning.”

At Indiana, winning is not a choice, contend the Hoosiers. At Indiana, winning is a tradition.

The Hoosiers have won five national championships, and during the 1970s and 1980s, Final Four appearances became the norm in this basketball-cries state.

Now many wonder whether Davis can live up to the legacy after going 29-29 the last two seasons — dismal by Indiana standards — and missing the NCAA tournament two years.

Bonds, who set the single-season record with 73 home runs in 2001, underwent a similar operation on the same knee on Jan. 21, but had a setback after workouts in camp earlier this month.

He returned to the Bay Area on March 16 and had surgery last Thursday to repair cartilage. Conte said last Thursday the second operation put Bonds back at “square one.”

Conte said Bonds went through a “normal rehab” six days out of surgery on Tuesday, and that his knee looked as expected.

Jets net ‘Super’ stadium news

KAPALUA, Hawaii — New York moved a step closer to getting the 2010 Super Bowl on Tuesday when an NFL committee approved the Jets’ bid to get the game — contingent on the construction of a new stadium on the West Side of Manhattan.

The approval by the league’s Super Bowl advisory committee came a day after the Jets upped their bid for the rights to build on the land to $720 million, surpassing the $700 million from an energy company and the $600 million from Cablevision, which owns Madison Square Garden.

The Dolan family, which owns Cablevision, has been in a bitter fight to block construction of the stadium.

The Jets initiated the move to get the 2010 game at this meeting, hoping it would help their chances of building the stadium. But whether it will be built is still a major question — the city and state support it, but numerous political groups in New York oppose it.
Panthers in Sweet 16, will face off with Illini in Chicago Thursday

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Before last weekend, Wisconsin-Milwaukee was best known for being the school where the late Israeli prime minister Golda Meir went.

For "Happy Days" aficionados, it's where Richie Cunningham, Potsie Weber and Ralph Malph all hit the books when they weren't hanging out at Arnold's Drive-in.

Now, the No. 12 Panthers are the lowest seed remaining in the NCAA tournament, holding the banner for all the mid-majors who dream of knocking off the big basketball schools like Alabama and Boston College, both of which fell to Bruce Pearl's pressing Panthers, champions of the Horizon League, last week in Cleveland.

UWM is a commuter school of 25,000 that has gone from NAIA Division II to NCAA Division I in a little more than a decade.

When athletic director Bud Huliet was hired in 1988, he counted 65 fans at his first basketball game and many of them mistakenly handed back the pun-poms he gave them on their way into the arena.

Now, UWM is taking some of it's 65 fans, just 6 miles away, which went to the Final Four two years ago, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where the Badgers, under coach Bo Ryan, are also in the Round of 16.

There wasn't a lot of buzz on campus Monday, however, because spring break just started.

"We only have one dormitory but I still feel the support," guard Ed McCants said.

About 50 people, mostly friends and family, greeted the Panthers at Mitchell International Airport upon their triumphant return Sunday.

On Monday, players entering the Kletzke Center in practice weren't met by a throng of fans but by two men seeking autographs on four deflated basketballs, items that might very well end up on eBay.

"It's quieter than usual today," McCants said.

Weber even pitched a story about Illinois coach and Milwaukee native Bruce Weber playing his alma mater, where he unsuccessfully tried out for the UWM basketball team.

But what just about everyone wanted to know was Pearl's latest thoughts on the Deon Thomas scandal at Illinois 16 years ago.

Pearl was an assistant at Iowa when he secretly taped a conversation with Thomas during which the player appeared to confirm that Jimmy Collins, then an assistant at Illinois, had offered him $80,000 and an SUV to sign with the Illini.

Thomas has always denied the allegations and the school was cleared of them, but the 16-month investigation found several other infractions and Illinois was barred from postseason play by the NCAA in 1991.

ESPN's Dick Vitale criticized Pearl for committing "career suicide."

To this day, Collins, now the coach at Illinois-Chicago, refuses to shake Pearl's hand.

But Pearl said he would do what he did again.

"Regrettably, I would because of principle and I'm a bit of an idealist," Pearl said.

"But a lot of people got hurt in that situation and it's unfair to recruiting the folks at the University of Iowa wanted me to document it." Pearl said his only regret is "if it's taking away from UWM and these players."

This will be the first time Pearl has faced Illinois as a head coach, but he doesn't think that will put an end to all the talk about his role in the scandal.

"It's never going to go away," he said.
Johnson can't miss, helps Tigers tame 'Cats

Point guard's scoring aids top-seeded LSU in pursuit of title

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — LSU's Temeka Johnson is making the most of her last chance for a national championship.

The Lady Tigers' senior point guard scored all 14 of her points in the first half and had 10 assists to help LSU rout Arizona 76-63 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

LSU 131-21, the tournament's No. 1 overall seed, will face 13th-seeded Liberty in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals on Saturday, Liberty upset fifth-seeded DePaul 88-79 on Tuesday night in College Park, Md.

"This is it. No time to leave anything," Johnson said.

Johnson had a perfect shooting night, going 4-of-4 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and 4-of-4 at the foul line. She did not attempt a shot in the second half, and it wasn't needed.

"That just shows the type of player she is," said teammate Seimone Augustus, who often gets most of the attention as the leading scorer.

Augustus wasn't bad herself, finishing with 18 points on 7-of-18 shooting before going to the bench with about 10 left in the game. Scholanda Hoston added 12 points.

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The Lady Titans' senior point guard Cappie Pondexter scored 25 points and 13 rebounds for the second-seeded Huskies.

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The shorthest player on the court at 5-foot-3, Johnson had six assists in the first 6 1/2 minutes of the game.

The shortest player on the court at 5-foot-3, Johnson scored inside and outside. She got one of her buckets before halftime driving the baseline and past 6-5 Shawninice Polk from the point.

"We came out of the blocks pretty strong," Johnson said. "If I bring the energy, it will trickle down."

Arizona trailed by 25 at the break, its largest halftime deficit of the season. LSU outscored the Wildcats 48-26 in the second half to go ahead by 33.

Arizona's set a season low with 43 points, and the margin matched the biggest loss of the season. Arizona also lost by 33 at Ohio State earlier this season.

Dee-Dee Wheeler led the Wildcats with 13 points, and Polk had 10. Danielle Adelese added 12 rebounds. Arizona had only four assists.

"Arizona's hand tried to drum up support for the flailing Wildcats by playing Tennessee's "Rocky Top," and Lady Vols fans who arrived early for the Tennessee-Purdue game briefly cheered against their Southeastern Conference foes."

"I guess it didn't work," Johnson said.

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"That just shows the type of player she is," said teammate Seimone Augustus, who often gets most of the attention as the leading scorer.

Augustus wasn't bad herself, finishing with 18 points on 7-of-18 shooting before going to the bench with about 10 left in the game. Scholanda Hoston added 12 points.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish set to impress in opener

Team opens home schedule, taking on Western Michigan

After 21 away games, the Irish softball team (13-8) will open its home schedule today against Western Michigan. The game will come into its home opener on a hot streak, winning seven of its last eight games. The Irish were originally slated to play one game against the Broncos. However, due to several inclement weather cancellations, the Irish will play a double-header.

The likely starting pitchers for Notre Dame are Steffany Stewart, who is averaging just under ten strikeouts per seven innings, and Heather Both, who boasts an 8-4 record and 1.43 ERA.

The Irish come into Wednesday's games with a 5-12 record. The likely starters are Tricia Vandraski (2-7) and Kyla Sullivan (5-1). Western Michigan will face a Notre Dame squad that has been hitting well as of late.

Irish third baseman Liz Hartung was named Big East Player of the Week after hitting .700 and recording 7 RBIs at the Buckeye Invitational last weekend. However, Irish are not underestimating the Broncos.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles anticipating tough matches from the young but potent Comets

Team says it is not underestimating opponent's lineup

By PATRICK MCCABE Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team plays at home against Olivet at 3 p.m. facing a Comet roster that features freshman and sophomore players.

Regardless, Belles Coach Dee Stevenson is wary. "Olivet's been improving every year," Stevenson said. "Our first concern is to win the matches."

Co-captains Kristen Palombo and Miranda Mikulay are more confident.

"We expect no one to lose," Palombo said. "They graduated a whole number of players three years ago so they're rebuilding."

Palombo said the Belles "are really hitting well as of late." Stevenson is wary.

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the new England Patriots offensive coordinator.

"Our philosophy has always been: throw it on the wall and see what sticks," he said. As the leader of a revamped Irish offense, all eyes are on Brady Quinn, who returns for his third year at the Irish helm.

"I have a great deal of confidence in the offense and in our defense picking up where we left off," he said. "I really felt like we were gaining ground as far as how we were progressing through the offense and as a unit."

In the interests of learning a complicated new scheme, tight end Anthony Fasano said he has been studying the playbook and getting to know the coaches in meetings.

"It's making everyone excited to get on the field. I don't think we're nervous at all," he said. "Excited is the best word."

Offensive lineman Ryan Harris agreed that the team was eager to take the field and start to put the system into practice.

"The excitement's just unbelievable because we've been looking at the playbook for so long, and we have new plays and we just can't wait to get out there together, make the call, and just really go out there and play football again," Harris said.

And especially on offense, now we're a veteran group, there's really no room for excuses and it's about time we start to play at that level."

Running back Ryan Grant was the only starter to leave the lineup going into spring 2005. However, freshman Darren Walker is ready to take on any and all responsibilities in the backfield.

Walker rushed into the national spotlight with 115 yards on 31 carries that included two fourth-quarter touchdowns against then-No. 8 Michigan.

Walker said the team has a considerable amount of work to do before players can analyze their development.

"We've just kind of got to sit back and take this as it comes," he said.

"As we get further along in the playbook and further along in the offense, we'll know where we're going to go."

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Irish gave up the lead. Joe Williamson faced six batters and surrendered one run, one of them unearned. Williamson started out shaky, hitting the first two batters and giving up three runs in the top of the first inning. Cincinnati's first run came on a fielder's choice ground ball hit by Lilley. The Bearcats scored off shortstop Greg Lopez's throwing error for the 2-1 lead.

The lead was brief.

In the bottom half of the inning, the wind died down just enough for right fielder Craig Gordan to pull a long run in the left field. Using a two-out rally, the Irish played small-ball small-ball the rest of the inning, capitalizing on four singles and seven walks to grab a 2-1 lead.

Wade Korpi, Jess Stewart, David Gruener, Dan Kapals and Tyler Jones all saw action on the mound in the rest of the way for the Irish. Korpi, who entered with the lead in the fifth, nabbed the first win of his college career.

Besides rotating the pitchers nearly every inning, coach Pat Mainieri jumbled the players positions at other times as well.

Appearing in just his seventh game this season, sophomore Mike Dury started at designated hitter.

Non-starter Cody Rizzo—who had played in 15 games this season—entered the game at center field in the eighth, and Tony Langford made the start at left field.

Left-handed hitting Lilley had a steady presence at the plate to become the first freshman in Notre Dame baseball history to record five hits in a game.

Lilley hitting good pitches up there. I just felt good up there," he said. "I just worked out. The ball fell in the right place for me."
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Weis said, "I think right now [that] is the biggest goal. I'm trying to accomplish, is to get us all to where we want to be.”

Notre Dame went 6-6 in the 2004 season. November 30, head coach Tyrone Williams was fired after three seasons.

Controversy surrounded the firing, and the administration hired Weis — a 1978 Notre Dame alumus — to alter the direction of the program.

In the spring game, Montana and Fort will help coach the Blue team in the spring game, while Theissm and Brown will pace the sidelines with the Gold squad.

Weis said he checked with NCAA compliance officers to make sure the former Irish greats could coach the spring game and received permission.

"They can be involved and they will be involved," Weis said.

Weis recognized his own purpose Tuesday, announcing his intention to make tradition a part of the present.

"All I do know is that I don't have all the answers," he said.

There's a lot of rich tradition at Notre Dame that I'd like those players to be a part of.... I just know that I feel I'm just a part of Notre Dame. I'm Notre Dame myself."

Meanwhile, the coach spoke of looking toward the future and not evaluating his team based on past performances.

It would not be fair to judge players on the past when the coaching staff and schemes will be new, Weis said.

"The only assistant coach not available to media Tuesday was former University of Mississippi head coach David Cutcliffe."

The Irish assistant head coach of the offense and quarterbacks coach underwent triple bypass surgery recently and is currently recovering at his home in Mississippi.

"I flew down to see him,” Weis said. "I was at his house on Sunday. He looked surprisingly well. He was in good spirit and was happy somebody from the staff was there shortly after he had gotten home. I told him I don't want to see him any time soon."

Weis will fill in for Cutcliffe in coaching quarterbacks, meaning he will have a more hands-on opportunity with starting quarterback Brady Quinn in the learning curve of a new and complicated offense.

"Coach Weis is somebody who's been through it all, having expectations and having success, and at times been through some difficult experiences," Quinn said.

"He's someone I think this program needs and needs to have in the future."

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Lauren Connelly also found little difficulty in topping Pacific Coast Beier and Stephanie Wooten in their 8-4 victory. However, it was the final pairing of senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Jen Smith at No. 3 that showed an impressive comeback.

After falling behind early 2-0 by Beier and doubles partners Hala Sufi and Alyssa Rodriguez, Connelly and Smith won the next eight straight points to secure the 6-2 win.

"We started a little slow, but we played a lot more impressive than we did against Tennessee," Sarah Jane Connelly said.

"But we just focused on the basic serve and return to get the win.”

Focusing on the key elements of the game is what has helped the team adjust to several lineup changes after losing Christian Thomas on their No. 1 doubles and No. 2 singles player.

"It has been tough balancing doubles partnership because you never know who you will be playing with,” Connelly said.

"It's been tough with everybody for most of the year, you begin developing a rhythm. You just have to be really adaptable for any changes (right before the match)."

"But we are hoping to get Christian back because she is a real anchor for our team."

In singles, playing at the No. 1 position for the Irish was No. 44 ranked Catrina Thompson, who topped No. 74 Sufi 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

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The losses came at the Nos. 5 and 6 positions from Smith and junior Liz Donohue.

Smith lost to the Bollemaker's Beier 3-6, 0-6 and Donohue fell to Amy Wolfshuch 6-3, 4-6, 0-6.

Notre Dame will next hit the courts when the Irish travel to Stillwater, Oklahoma this Saturday to face Oklahoma State at 1 p.m.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Victory over Purdue boosts team’s morale

Irish snap two-match losing streak, collect much-needed win

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After dropping their last two matches, losing one of their key players to an injury and falling to No. 29 in the team NCAA rankings — the Irish were in desperate need of a win.

Fortunately for Notre Dame (7-7), it found little trouble in achieving this feat by defeating No. 61 Purdue (2-8) 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Tuesday.

Despite losing key matches to No. 24 BYU and No. 23 Tennessee last week, the Irish looked confident against the Boilermakers as they began the contest with a sweep in the doubles matches.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish were sophomore Catrina Thompson and junior Kiki Stastny. The pairing defeated the team of Lara Burgarello and Shawna Zuccarini 8-4.

The No. 2 pairing of freshman Brook Buck and junior

March 29, six days away — the Notre Dame head football coach also divulged some unexpected information.

Former Notre Dame football players Tim Brown, Joe Montana, Joe Theismann and Chris Zorich all will return to campus the weekend of the Blue and Gold game (April 23) to serve as assistant coaches in the spring contest.

“Those players are four good representatives and alumni of Notre Dame that were part of this football program, that matriculated through here, that could help restore the image of Notre Dame,”

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PITCHERS PROVE PIVOTAL IN 10-4 WIN

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

On a chilly, blustery evening at Frank Eck Stadium, an armada of Notre Dame pitchers shut down Cincinnati in the Irish home opener.

Notre Dame used eight pitchers en route to a 10-4 win Tuesday — giving some of the less experienced hurlers an inning or two of work. The Irish improved to 8-9 on the year.

The Irish jumped on the board early with a run in the bottom of the first. Leadoff hitter Alex Nettey alertly sprinted to first base after a dropped third strike. Nettey advanced to third after a single up the middle by second baseman Brett Lilley. Hard-hitting first baseman Matt Hardy and right fielder Jeff Scioscia each knocked in a run.

Notre Dame pitchers Derik Olvey and Scott Bickford set the tone early when they faced a combined nine Bearcat batters through three innings. The two controlled the game, holding the Cats to one hit and no runs.

Bickford appeared for his sixth appearance this season. After a successful previous week, including his first win of the season against Northern Illinois, he is gaining poise.

“I feel extremely comfortable out there,” Bickford said. “I think we’re doing a good job of pitching every other day of the week. And I think we’re finding an identity.”

In the top of the fourth, the Irish took command of the contest with a seven-run inning. The top half of the Irish lineup found eight hits and three walks in the opening stanza.

That helps a lot with confidence. There on the mound frequently. I haven’t thrown much in the past two years. It’s good to get out there on the mound frequently. That helps a lot with confidence. Once your confidence is up, everything goes well.”

All eight Notre Dame pitchers held Cincinnati’s top two hitters — starting Mark Haske and third baseman Jon DeLuca — to one hit apiece.

In the top of the fourth, the Irish scored a combined seven runs. Olvey and Bickford each earned the first and third run of the inning, respectively. Freshman Andrew Wright and junior Marcin Zalewski each scored on an infield single.

The 2005 version of the Irish offense is ready to shed the last vestiges of a controversial off-season and start fresh in spring practices. Returning 10 of 11 starters and 20 letterwinners from last year’s 6-6 squad, the team’s leaders are ready to prove their worth.

New head coach Charlie Weis is ready to implement an offense of the style that won three Super Bowls in four years when he was

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