Notre Dame prepares for Easter weekend

24 new Catholics prepare to join Church

By TRICIA DEGROOT
News Writer

Holy Week is a time of endings and beginnings. For Catholics, Easter is the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of new life in Christ. For the catechumens of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program (RCIA), the week marks the end of their spiritual journey and the beginning of new life in the Church.

This year, Notre Dame’s RCIA program — headed by Tami Schantz of Campus Ministry — will welcome 24 new Catholics. Eleven of these are known as catechumens, who celebrate all three sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and the Holy Eucharist). Thirteen are

Senate

United in Diversity discussed

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

With the end of their terms in sight, members of the Student Senate strove to make the most of their Wednesday night meeting by passing its discussions about voicing support for the recognition of United in Diversity, securing a campus-wide legal downloading service and installing a copy machine in the LaFortune computer cluster.

Though not the first item on the agenda, a resolution was brought to the floor supporting the official University recognition of the student-run gay-straight alliance, United in Diversity. The group was denied club status for the second year in a row on March 3.

Ryan Abrams, member of the Committee on University Affairs, presented the resolution and spoke for its necessity on account that, as he said, a lot of students feel unwelcome or alienated, and current University support structures are not sufficiently addressing the problem.

The resolution denies the claim that the goal of United in Diversity is not in keeping with Notre Dame’s Catholic identity — one of the major points of argument against its recognition — citing the University “spirit of inclusion” and goal to respect and accept the full spectrum of diversity in the community.

“I don’t know if recognizing United in Diversity would create a welcoming environment for homosexuals at Notre Dame, but it would be a step in the right direction,” Abrams said.

Anna Gomberg — president of AllianceND, the group behind United in Diversity — spoke to senators about the necessity of gaining official recognition.

Speakers clarify Social Security

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

The Higgins Labor Research Center and Notre Dame’s department of economics and policy studies sponsored a nonpartisan panel Thursday entitled “The Future of Social Security: A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion.”

Doug Nguyen, left, speaks as panelists Nancy Griffin, Teresa Ghilarducci, Lance Wescher and Bob Walsh listen.

Straightforward Weis addresses Mendoza

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Head football coach Charlie Weis made a point in his lecture at the Mendoza College of Business Wednesday evening.

In a signature showing of his guileless language, the class of 1978 Notre Dame alumnus and former offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots advised audience members to “seize the moment” and make the most of life’s fleeting opportunities.

“What if the day I met my wife I wouldn’t have talked to her? Well, I would have a lot more money, but I would be unhappy,” Weis said.

Further illustrating his point, Weis discussed the ambitious move in 1989 that would eventually catapult his career as a football coach. It was in this year that the determined Weis offered to work for the New York Giants without pay. Nine months later, Weis was hired as an assistant by legendary coach Bill Parcells.

“Hard work can only get you so far,” Weis said. “You’re going to

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The dome: more than just gold

It was exquisitely hot, and my roommate and I were moving our belongings into our tiny freshman-year double. My dad brooded and questioned why he was paying all this money for me, his only child, to leave home and stay in this room. At probably the most important time of that roller-coaster-of-emotions weekend, when my dad was trying to fashion a bookcase, my roommate's father said, "It's just a hovel on the 11th floor Hesburgh. My hovel, or desk, had pictures in front of the Dome before the scaffolding was nearly complete (he intends to Photoshop out what he calls "ugly"").

Coincidentally, our bunk beds were next to the window. My mom sent him a black graduation robe. He took his picture in front of the Dome. Parents Weekend and commencement weekend at Main Circle or the "Jump Momma, Jump" statue to take pictures in front of the Dome. When finals rolled around, I began going to my dorm, started to ramble on about Notre Dame because it is Catholic and it provides students with an excellent education. Coincidentally, our bunk beds were next to the window. My mom sent him a black graduation robe. He took his picture in front of the Dome. Parents Weekend and commencement weekend at Main Circle. It's why families — with mom, dad, sister, brother and even grandma and grandpa — line up on orientation weekend, football weekend, Junior Parents Weekend and commencement weekend at Main Circle or the "Jump Momma, Jump" statue to take pictures in front of the Dome.

These pictures document the memories of the tradition. My mom, who did not graduate from college, called me last week wanting to know why she wasn't going to have a graduation ceremony. I explained that my dad got over his initial issues and insisted on gathering the family up to take one of those pictures at Main Circle. We waited — on a football weekend no less — for people to stop cutting in front to get the perfect shot.

I have just returned from Notre Dame. I heard that someone's mom sent him a black graduation robe. He took his picture in front of the Dome. The city Department of Education said Tuesday. Authorities said Brightly's stand-in was Rubin Leitner, 58. Leitner had met Brightly when the two were students at Brooklyn College in the late 1980s and had tutored him for the exam beginning in 2001 after Brightly failed at least twice, authorities said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

A student watches in delight as two of her classmates race around on South Quad, gathering Easter eggs in their backpacks.

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In Brief

The men's baseball team will take on Georgetown University in a doubleheader beginning at noon today in the Eck Center.

The 2004 film The Passion of the Christ will show at 7 p.m. and 10 tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

The men's tennis team will take on Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 1959 film Ben Hur will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

Professor Kathleen Pyne will give a talk entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of the Sublime" in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Theology on Tap will take place at 10 p.m. Wednesday at The Backer. The event is sponsored by Best Buddies as part of Disability Awareness Month.

The Nuremberg Institute is sponsoring a showing of the 2000 Portuguese film "Captains of April" at 7 p.m. next Thursday, as part of its series of contemporary films "European Cinema, European Histories."

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Security guard credits other with saving life

Associated Press

BEMIDJI, Minn. — A novice security guard who survived a student's shooting rampage at a high school described a frenzied scene to warn students out of harm's way — and credited a fellow guard with saving his life by sacrificing his own.

In an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press, LeeAnn Grant said security guard Derrick Brim, 28, ignored her pleas to run and rose from his desk to confront shooter Jeff Weise.

"Derrick saved my life," the 20-year-old Grant said. "I know he bought me time by confronting Jeff, for me to even get that far much farther away with the students. Derrick's my hero," Grant said.

She said the boy quickly found the open door.

"He walked in and fired another shot and I was telling Derrick, 'Come on, let's go. Let's go,'" Grant said. "He didn't even look scared. He didn't look worried. He knew what he was going to do."

Grant said she and Brun were working at the doors of Red Lake High School as usual on Monday. Three of the four doors were locked, the open door funneling students through a metal detector.

She described Weise stepping out of his grandfather's police truck — taken after the 16-year-old Grant said he bought me time by confronting Jeff, for me to even get that far much farther away with the students. Derrick's my hero," Grant said.

"Derrick just sat there at his desk. ... He just kept staring at Jeff. I kept yelling for him to come with me. He wouldn't. His eye contact with him," Grant said.

"I start yelling at them. 'Run! There's a guy with a gun here! Run! There's a guy with a gun here! Just run!' And then I heard two shots again."

Saint Mary's professor honored

By ANGELA SAOUD
Senior Staff Writer

Almost 110 Saint Mary's students and faculty members met last night to honor professor Mary Connolly as the winner of the Student Academic Council's (SAC) third annual Women Honoring Women award.

Connolly was recognized for her dedication to students both in and outside the classroom, as well as for instilling a strong sense of spirituality into each of her students.

Coordinator of SAC Mary Pauline Moran said Connolly's dedication to the women of Saint Mary's sets her apart from the crowd.

"Professor Connolly is someone the students can go to any time they need her — for academic questions or for personal reasons," Moran said in her introduction speech. "She helps us to take a step back and realize the beauty all around.

"Three other candidates were also nominated for the award — director of the Office of Civic Engagement Carrie Call, professor Astrid Henry and Athletics Director Lynn Kachmarik. Moran said each woman was exceptional in her own way.

"These four finalists always go above and beyond their call of duty at Saint Mary's, and students have noticed that and would like to recognize them this year," Moran said. "They deserve recognition for all they do for the College."

In February, students were asked to submit a letter of recommendation for female faculty or staff they felt best exemplified the mission statement of the group — including furthering women's achievements by encouraging students to grow intellectually, spiritually and personally. Of the recommendation letters submitted, four women moved on to the Nominations Committee, where the winner was chosen by secret ballot.

In addition to having some of the outstanding faculty and staff members present at the dinner, other award nominees and top college administrators, including College president Carol Mooney, were also in attendance.

Students in attendance were nominated by department chairs to represent their major at the event.

"These students are considered exceptional within their department and the campus at large," Moran said. "It is only fair that they receive recognition as well."

After senior Molly Welton announced Connolly as this year's recipient, Connolly thanked everyone in attendance for allowing her to be a part of their lives.

"Each person has a part in shaping the women around them," Connolly said. "No one at Saint Mary's earns an award by herself."

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from the department of econom ics and econometrics, Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen of the Social Security Administration, and Nancy Griffin, the state director of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) of Indiana. The discussion was moderated by Bob Montgomery of WSIB radio, the South Bend CBS affiliate.

Panelists tried to clarify aspects of the Social Security system that cause frequent confusion and underscored the controversy surrounding President Bush's plan to introduce private personal savings accounts into the system.

Professor Ghilarducci, the first speaker, presented on "Social Security Funding, The International Experience."

"If I am going to lay out the facts and let you all make up your own mind," she said.

Ghilarducci compared Social Security in the United States to equivalent programs around the world, noting elderly Americans currently have a higher poverty rate than their counterparts in many industrialized nations.

She called America's stance on poverty among the elderly either "just not that successful" or "just not aggressive."

Ghilarducci also said many nations have lower worker-to-retiree ratios than the United States, whose current ratio is approximately three to one.

"Many believe that the fact that we're moving from three to one to two to one is the problem... it isn't," she said. "The problem is economic growth."

Forty percent of retirees' incomes in the United States comes from the public sector, which includes Social Security, and 10 percent comes from the private sector, Ghilarducci said. The government funds the program, specifically a payroll tax.

Ghilarducci briefly discussed Chile, a nation with a privatized retirement system.

"We're making choices about the distribution of risks," she said. "You have to have a healthy economy."

Nguyen, of the Social Security Administration's regional office in Chicago, and Walsh, of the office in South Bend, spoke next about the structure and history of Social Security in the United States.

"Over 47 million Americans receive a monthly benefit," he said. "Social Security is the only income for 20 percent of these retired workers."

The Social Security also helps to administer the Medicare and Supplemental Security Income Programs, Walsh said.

Walsh offered words of caution concerning Social Security benefits.

"There is only a 40 percent average replacement rate for earned wages. People should try to replace 70-80 percent of their earned income," he said. "[It's] a valuable program for women and minorities. [It's] the only source of income for 40 percent of today's African-American seniors."

Citing the size of the Social Security trust fund, Walsh said Social Security is "doing very well today."

Nguyen discussed the structure of the Social Security administration, focusing specifically on the Board of Trustees and its most recent report, released Thursday afternoon. He also reviewed recent demographic trends in the United States, including birth rates and life expectancy.

There's a projection that birth rates are leveling out, he said. "Immigration also plays a factor."

Nguyen reviewed projections for the Social Security trust fund. By 2017, he said, "the outflow will exceed the incoming payroll. Nguyen said by 2042 the only approximately 74 percent of benefits will be paid if nothing changes in the current system.

Wescher then addressed evaluating different proposals for the future of Social Security. He used hypothetical scenarios to illustrate future trends.

"The Social Security system that we choose today may not have an impact on the working population in 2050," he said, noting any projection would depend on many outside factors.

"Where the plans differ significantly is how you're going to invest [your] money," he said. "If money is returned in the form of tax cuts, there are no growth prospects."

Wescher added that there is a need to consider risks inherent in any plan for Social Security. Wescher said "Social Security is fundamentally an insurance program, not a retirement savings program."

Wescher reviewed the government's prospects for success when investing in stocks of private companies, which, he argued, are variable and depend largely on the state of the company and the economy.

"It pays [individual accounts] in a more realistic light," he said.

Giffin was the final speaker of the evening, Indiana's state director of the AARP. She reviewed a number of plans that would reduce or eliminate the future funding shortage to keep Social Security solvent beyond 2042.

Among her suggestions were raising the current cap on Social Security taxes from $90,000 to $140,000 over ten years, raising the age for benefits eligibility to 70 by 2083, raising the Social Security tax by five-tenths of a percent, and slightly lowering monthly benefits starting in 2018 to compensate for increased life expectancy.

"There is a full range of options that we could use now to maintain Social Security," she said.

Giffin said there is a necessity to preserve the program as an insurance policy for retirees, survivors and the disabled.

"Social Security is designed to be there for all Americans," she said. "It's the only thing that is."

The panel concluded with a question-and-answer session. Questions focused largely on the structure and practices of the Social Security system, its purpose and the proliferation of ideas on how to keep the program solvent in years to come.

Kate Antonacci contributed to this report.

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Views of death are changing
Associated Press
First came Karen Ann Quinlan. Then there was Nancy Cruzan. Now there's Terri Schiavo.

Each time, a young woman was left in a horrible limbo between life and death following a personal disaster: the fatal mixing of alcohol and a tranquilizer; a car accident; a collapse at home and heart failure, possibly from an eating disorder.

Over 30 years, their tragedies not only captured the nation's sympathy and attention, they have spurred new laws, new medical practices and, ultimately, changes in the ways that society views death.

Now every state in the nation recognizes a person's legal right to define how far they want medical care to go if they become very ill — and where they want to set limits. Many doctors make sure to talk with seriously ill and elderly patients about how their life might end. A community of surviving families, lawyers and doctors has been pushing for years to create a path for the end of life that gives as much thought to dying as society does to life's beginning.

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Internacional News

Iran agrees to extend nuclear talks

PARIS — Iran agreed Wednesday to extend new nuclear talks that opened in Vienna on Monday.

The talks are seeking a long-term solution to Iran's disputed nuclear program, which Iran says is for peaceful purposes but which the West fears could be used to develop nuclear weapons.

US officials said on Wednesday that they had failed to reach an agreement with Iran on key issues, including Iran's enrichment of uranium and its heavy-water reactor.

The talks resume on Monday in Vienna, with the sides divided over how to address Iran's nuclear program.

Arab summit revisits peace plan

AMMAN, Jordan — The Arab leaders signed their annual summit agreement Wednesday, following a year of confrontation with Israel and the United States over the Middle East peace process.

The leaders met in Amman, the capital of Jordan, where they signed a joint statement committing to a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine.

National News

Texas explosion leaves workers dead

TEXAS CITY, Texas — An explosion rocked a BP oil refinery Wednesday, killing an undetermined number of people, including more than 100 and sending flames and black smoke billowing into the sky, authorities said.

BP spokesman Neil Chapman confirmed fatalities but did not have a total number.

The cause of the blast was not immediately known.

Plast worker Charles Gregory said he and several co-workers were inside a trailer putting ready to clean the tank when the floor started rumbling. "After that is was chaos," he said.

"It was real scary," he said. "Have you ever heard the thunder really loud? It was like 10 times that."

Army orders updated tour packages

The Army is rasing funds to transport illegal immigrants to the U.S.

The Army has ordered 172,000 of the new tour packages and will begin distributing them next month.

local News

Johnson & Johnson to buy Guidant

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp., a health care products company, has announced it will be acquired by Johnson & Johnson.

Guidant will mail shares to its stockholders a proxy statement and prospectus before the meeting.

Guidant is to pay $76 in cash and stock for each share of Guidant under the deal announced Dec. 15.

World & Nation

Thursday, March 24, 2005

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A truck driver was convicted Wednesday for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who died in a hot tractor-trailer.

The driver, Tyrone Williams, 34, was found guilty on 38 counts of transporting illegal immigrants to the U.S.

Williams is scheduled to face a jury trial on May 27, 2005, on 20 counts of transporting illegal immigrants.

Authorities who found the trailer at the truck stop described seeing piles of half-naked bodies piled 4 feet high on the cement-covered floor and bloody claw marks on its doors where the immigrants had tried to get out.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore set an April 11 hearing on whether to retry Williams on the 20 deadlocked counts, but no sentencing date was set.

Williams could face the death penalty after the jury's decision on his guilt.

The judge also declared a mistrial on 20 counts of conspiracy and harboring after the jury deadlocked on those charges during 2 1/2 days of deliberations.

One of those charges also carried the death penalty.

Williams, who smiled when he learned he would not face the death penalty, could get life in prison.

Prosecutors said during the nine-day trial that Williams was paid $7,500 by a smuggling ring to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants from Harlingen, Texas, to Houston in May 2004.

The refinery unit on Williams' trailer was not turned on for the trip, and authorities said temperatures inside reached 173 degrees.

Survivors testified that as the heat in the trailer became unbearable, the immigrants sought to cool off with cold drinks, but they also turned to desperate measures.

They screamed for air as they died, and some pushed through crowd to open the trailer.

Prosecutors said Williams ignored the immigrants' suffering, and it was only when the door was opened that he got out.

Williams eventually abandoned the trailer with 17 people inside, authorities said.

Seventeen people, including a 5-year-old boy, died inside the trailer of dehydration and suffocation.

Tyron Williams, a Jamaican citizen, was accused of driving and abandoning an air-tight trailer packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants.

Iraqui training camp militants killed

BAGHDAD — The squad of Iraqi commandos was homing in on what they thought was a militant hide-out in central Iraq, when residents pointed them toward a different target nearby — a marketplace next to the famous Grand Bazaar.


The insurgents included Iraqis, Filipinos, Nigerians, Moroccans, Afghans and Arabs from neighboring countries.

What's most remarkable is that the citizens this time really took the initiative to provide us with very good information, Fethel said.

In three days, according to Iraqi and U.S. officials' accounts, troops have killed at least 128 insurgents nationwide.

On Sunday, U.S. soldiers killed 26 insurgents south of Baghdad, while a fight during an ambush on an Iraqi security envoy killed 17 militants on Monday.

This string of successes does have positive repercussions in that it may convince Iraqis not supporting the insurgents — but not supporting the United States either — to perceive that the tide is turning and no longer go with the insurgents, said Nora Bensahel, a Washington-based Iraq analyst for Rand Corp.

But while it's been "a fairly successful few days," Bensahel cautioned that "there's a long, long way to go."}

The U.S. military gave the first report of the Lake Tharthar raid, saying that 11 commandos and an unspecified number of militants were killed. The military declined Wednesday to confirm the Iraqi government's death toll of 85 militants, and it was impossible to check the figure independently.

But K2 deaths would make the raid the heaviest hit militants have taken since the opening days of the U.S-led attack in November on the city of Fallujah, where more than 1,000 insurgents died.

Defense attorneys argued that while Williams was guilty of transporting the immigrants, the ring's other members were responsible for the deaths because they packed too many people into the truck.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said Williams could not understand the immigrants' pleas because he did not speak Spanish, but when Williams found out what was happening, he bought 55 bottles of water for them at a truck stop and showed them through the hole in the trailer.
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campus at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Before the conclusion of Holy Week, however, there will have been more than 15 services and wel-
comed thousands of worshipers throughout the week. Though the pews typically hold 1,200 individuals, the Basilica has been
required for Easter services. Each of the three Sunday masses is expected to draw at least 1,200 individu-
als, Basinica rector Father Peter Rocca said.

"A vast majority of the people in attendance are students, as well as faculty and staff," Rocca said.

"The Holy Cross community of priests, brothers and seminarians usual also present along with
residents of South Bend eager to visit the illustrious house of worship — as well as Notre Dame
alumni from across the nation — are also expected to attend Easter services at the Baslica," Rocca said.

"It's to the large influx of people during Easter weekend, Basilica staff must meticulously plan serv-
ices in advance," Rocca said. According to Rocca, provisions like the inclusion of more than 100
mass, the designation of certain doors as entrances and exits and the use of campus event equipment all
work in tandem to ensure Basilica services proceed accordingly.

The celebration of the Passion is what Rocca calls a "central mystery of Christ's faith."
Indeed, the inherent importance religion and the University’s connection to campus event
and the cancellation of classes to allow for students to be with their families on this weekend.

"Experiencing the great love Christ has for us, even to suf-
fering, dying and rising for us, is a very powerful mystery in the lives of believers," Rocca said. "It goes
to the heart of what it means to be a believer."

Law student Courtney Eschbach has been a part of Easter services at Notre Dame for two years as a
member of the women’s liturgical choir and a teacher in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
(RCIA) program.

"My first year here, I remember being completely bowled over by the beauty of the services at the
Basilica — every last detail from the decorations to the music is designed to truly draw the partic-
pants deeper into the mystery of Christ’s passion," Eschbach said. "Taken as a whole, Triduum at
the Basilica is truly a special event."

One of the more highly-touted events of the Easter Vigil is the acceptance of RCIA members into
the Catholic community. According to Eschbach, one of the most moving moments of the mass is the "thunderous
applause the catechumens receive from the congregation after they have been confirmed.

"I think this emphasis on com-
munity is reflective of the culture
the University tries to create everywhere from the residence halls to the classrooms," Eschbach said.

Following Easter services at the Basilica, there will be another opportunity to celebrate the hol-
day in a communal setting. South Dining Hall will serve a buffet-style Easter dinner in each of the
dining rooms. The meal will include such foods as carved roast leg of lamb, orange-honey glazed ham, chicken breast with ranch greens and glazed cola cheesecake.

"It’s a really strong menu with a lot of popular items," South Dining Hall general manager Marc Poklikowski said.

The meal — which features foods reserved solely for this particular day — will feed many of the thousands of churchgoers pouring from the Basilica after Easter mass. According to

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Not only would club status allow the group to plan events, communicate and gain recognition, O’Malley said it would fill a space left void by the University’s current support services — the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Affairs, the Notre Dame Needs and Campus Ministry.

The tenor of a student organization applying for club status, O’Malley said, would be chosen based on these needs, one that is not being met by the administration or by Campus Ministry, is completely different than anything the Standing Committee has offered, she said.

Father Peter Rocca, chair of the Committee on University Affairs, spoke to the ideological and practical issues of recognition, saying the University’s rejection of the club’s "speaks very loudly" and does not help undo any of the negative press on the subject.

Frequently emphasized during the presentation was the existence of similar groups at other campuses like Georgetown and Marquette, and the resolution was added to the University’s list of the time.

"We are suggesting that, when we reject the club status, "O’Neill said.

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ent. But finding and attracting talent is a way to help build a
recruiting process to common strength of our coaching staff by
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letic potential players.

With regard to his future aspirations, Weis plans on a successful
run at Notre Dame.

"I’m looking forward to being here for the rest of my career; for the sixth-grade son graduates
from Notre Dame," Weis said.

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In the coming weeks, you may have noticed that one of the first acts this group of sen-
ators performed after taking office last year was passing a
similar resolution. A representative from the
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**Market News**

**In Brief**

Ford trucks under investigation

WASHINGTON — In three unrelated cases, federal regulators fined Citigroup Inc. and Putnam, a unit of the biggest U.S. financial institution; Putnam, the seventh-largest mutual fund company; and brokerage Capital Analysts Inc. with Citigroup, the biggest U.S. financial institution; and brokerage Capital Analysts, a brokerage firm based in Radnor, Pa., agreed to pay a civil fine of $1 million and shareholders known as Class B shares in order to raise $4 trillion over the next 75 years, an increase from last year’s projection of $3.7 trillion.

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**Mike Leavitt**

Mike Leavitt, the new Health and Human Services secretary and another trustee, said that Medicare and Medicaid — the health insurance program for the elderly at the state level — face daunting financial problems.

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called candidates, who have already been baptized or are seeking full association with the Church.

The catechumens will be celebrating their sacraments this Holy Week, while the can-
didates will be initiated into the Church on April 10.

Each catechumen and candidate has a spon-
or, many of whom are Notre Dame students. Sponsor
Fleish Radigan said she takes this role very seriously.

"Because the Church is present to us only in community," Radigan said, "and because we believe that the Church is the institution of Christ and his community on Earth, the role of sponsor/candidate, or sponsor/catechumen, is essential in the faith jour-
ney.

Many students elect friends as sponsors so as to experi-
ence their new journey with a comfortable guide.

"A person experiences the love of God through others," Radigan said, "and if that love is powerful enough to call them into a deeper life of faith within Holy Mother Church, then it is not hard to see how such a person would want to choose a friend to walk with them."

Candidate Sarah Roseberry said that their "faith-centered" friendship inspired her to choose Radigan as her sponsor.

"She was instrumental in answering so many of my ini-
tial questions," Roseberry said.

Each sponsor participates in different activities to best ful-
fill this role of spiritual men-
tor.

"I go to RCIA with Spence [McSorley, a catechumen] and basically my job is just to walk with him," Chris Scaperlanda, another sponsor, said. "We have lunch weekly just to talk about life and stuff, and if he has any questions, he comes and talks to me."

Radigan and Roseberry said that their RCIA group every Sunday and meet an additional few times a week to go to mass or just to talk over a cup of cof-
fee.

Many of the sponsors and their candidates or catechu-
mens are making a special effort to meet during Holy Week.

"During holy week, he [Spencer] and I are trying to go to as many of the services together as possible," Scaperlanda said.

The candidates view these next few days as a final prepa-
ratory effort to embark on a hall of efforts to deport him to the United States.

Fischer, sporting a long, gray beard, jumped into a black limousine provided by the

Japan's Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, said in a speech to the Japanese parliament that he had officially asked Japan to hand over Fischer because of "human rights reasons."

"That's what we've asked for," said Abe, deputy spokesman for the State Department. "Mr. Fischer is a fugitive from justice. There is a federal warrant for his arrest."

Fischer, who has been held in detention since his arrest, has been considered for extradition to the United States, where he has been granted citi-
zenship.

"He who has been held in detention since his arrest, claims his U.S. passport has been revoked illegally and sued to block a deportation order to the United States," Fischer's attorney said.

"But the court refused to reconsider his request because he has not proved his new passport is not valid."

Fischer, who was once a world chess champion, was arrested in Iceland in 1972 on charges of illegally entering the country and damaging an official building.

"Fischer became an icon in 1972 when he dethroned Spassky in a classic Cold War chess rivalry that captured the world's imagination.

But a few years later he forfeited the title to another Soviet, Anatoly Karpov, when he refused to defend it. He then fell into obscurity before reemerging to challenge Spassky in a classic Cold War showdown that propelled Fischer to international stardom.

**Bobby Fischer freed from detention center**

Prodigy halts efforts of U.S. deportation

Bobby Fischer freed

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Schiavo's parents suffer setbacks

Federal appeals court refuses to replace dying woman's feeding tube

**Relationship?**

Please join us for an afternoon of reflection and discussion designed for dating couples who are discerning the next stage of a relationship commitment.

What's next for our relationship after graduation? What are some challenges involved in long distance dating? What's involved in making a healthy decisions about a relationship?

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Planned Parenthood charges state officials

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Planned Parenthood officials charged Thursday that efforts by two state attorneys general to seize patient medical records from several Planned Parenthood affiliates as part of the government's defense of a new law barring certain late-term abortions.

Karen Pearl, interim president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, called the efforts to get access to the records an "attack on medical privacy."

"Politicians with rigid anti-choice agendas are trying to rip apart the covenant that we have as providers with our patients," she said at a news conference.

Pearl, attending a seminar in Washington, held her own news conference to rebut the allegations.

"Our investigation has been on going for a year and it's been secret until the clinics actually sought to open it up before the Kansas Supreme Court," Kline said. "So it's impossible for me to have the information on patients when I intended this entire investigation to remain secret."

That could change if the mayor has his way, and the government comes through with promises. Work has already started in some areas, where residents are rebuilding homes and shops.

"Once dubbed the "City of Peace," Baghdad was founded in the eighth century by Caliph Abu Jafar al-Mansur as the capital for his rising Muslim Abbasid empire. The city soon became the heart of medieval Muslim civilization - a mecca of arts, culture and architecture."

Forming half-circles on the two sides of the Tigris, its suburbs, parks, gardens, mosques and marble mansions earned it the reputation as the richest and most beautiful city in the world.

Since then, Baghdad has survived the 13th-century mayhem inflicted on it by the Mongols, the 16th-century marginalization by the Ottomans and two decades of war and sanctions under deposed dictator Saddam Hussein.

But France, Britain and others determined to handle the issue of where to punish those responsible for atrocities. It said Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emry Jones Parry said.

A two-year insurgency attacking homes and government buildings has compounded the scars on the city's face, undermining its ruling infrastructure and sapping the remaining grace.

Beautiful date palm groves that lined the 10-mile-long airport road - a visitor's first impression of Baghdad - had to be removed to prevent gunmen from hiding in what has become one of the city's most dangerous battlefields.

The rampant lawlessness has also encouraged people to take over buildings previously occupied by government offices and construct squat settlements.

Even democracy has taken its toll on Baghdad. Posters and banners of candidates running in the landmark Jan. 30 elections - a collage of mismatched colors - are still plastered everywhere, tainting traffic circles and walls two months after the vote. Huge black banners of religious invocations and political slogans everywhere.

A break-through for the country's majority Shiites oppressed under Saddam - are randomly scattered around the city.
The University has made its statement. The regilding process of the revered dome continues will continue through graduation ceremo­nies in May. To the chagrin of many graduating seniors, there will be no scenic Commencement weekend photos in front of the landmark administration building, no gleaming gold in the background — none, at least, without metal scaffolding sur­rounding it. Unfortunately that responsible for instituting the regilding process did not provide students with sufficient notice of the project. The University's intentions were revealed quietly the Friday before spring break, when few students remained on campus and President Bush's visit captured the attention of those who did.

Workers began erecting scaffolds the following Monday, when even fewer students were around to see it. All subsequent student reaction, therefore, has been of surprise — rightfully so — and of resent­ment that the University had a responsibility to communicate the need. When it gave notice at an in­timate moment, Notre Dame underestimated the negative student perception of its decision, and did not adequately anticipate the reaction that ensued.

Though that reaction was somewhat slow in coming, it reached full force this week as the implications of the regilding began to settle in. It is clear now that the University's decision was based on 150 responses.

The University offers "smoking cessation pro­grams," directed to "Viewpoint" Managing Editor, Claire Heinmger.

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The Observer Editorial

Notre Dame rocketed to the top of the political piazzas charts with the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival (QFF). That moment of glory was, it seems, only to note some key points regarding the QFF.

Charles Rice

Helen Keller

The key strategy of the "gay" movement is to turn normal, everyday, non-homosexual activity as a cause of the homosexual inclination. As the sponsorship of the QFF by Notre Dame lent important support to that strategy, the University's prominence as a campus of the state is, at least in part, due to its refusal to affirm that the homosexual inclination is not disordered. So why is that a disordered? But, if, as our leaders imply, the inclination is not disordered, why may Notre Dame students are entitled to the freedom of speech, the right to talk about it, the right to join and leave a club pursuing a moratorium on the regilding process, they refuse to affirm that the homosexual inclination is not disordered. It is not, therefore, that Notre Dame's Spirit of Inclusion com­munity who desire them." To treat an shares no similarities with the views of the author and does not necessarily reflect the position of The Observer.

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that year, I found the bonnet to have a sec­ond purpose. Never one to be praised for his good sportsmanship, my brother threw his racket in disgust after he lost, and it hit me square in the head. The bonnet was the per­fect way to hide the lump that resulted from his little "John McEnroe moment." Luckily, there have been no such incidents in recent years, seeing that I no longer wear bonnets.

Another favorite Easter activity of ours was the fiercely competitive annual egg hunt that was held near my grandparents’ house in Florida. In order to keep all of the chil­dren happy, there were special golden eggs for everyone. One of my most vivid Easter memories occurred when I was hot on the trail of my golden egg, only to have my efforts thwarted when a lizard crawled up my dress.

Because Easter is the most important Catholic holiday, we were always taught to celebrate with an eye towards the religious aspect of the feast. In my house, this meant that every year during Holy Week, my dad would make us sit with him and watch Ben­Hur and The Ten Commandments, two bibli­cal epics starring Charlton Heston. Perhaps this one has more to do with my dad’s taste in movies than any religious message, but it is nonetheless part of the family tradition.

This is not to say that my family loses sight of the true meaning of the holiday. On Easter Sunday, we all pile in the car and go to Mass, where we encounter another of our holiday traditions: our inability to find an empty seat. No matter how early you arrive, there is no way it could be avoided.

All of these traditions are enshrined in the family meal that we always share after Mass. Like all holidays, each family celebrates in its own way with a unique set of customs. After reflecting upon some of the rather unorthodox rituals that occur within my family during the Easter season, I have come to realize that while it is important to keep sight of the fact that we are celebrating Jesus’ resurrection and our salvation, we can also recognize Easter as an opportunity for families to gather and spend quality time together.

Editorial Cartoon

Molly Arker
Nobody Likes a Dumb Blonde

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Dome repairs needed now

On March 4, 2005, the University administration was undertaking a major effort to regild the Golden Dome atop the Main Building, beginning March 7.

The work, as originally outlined, the need to regild the Golden Dome for the first time in 18 years, in a manner to redress and refresh our campus landmark. The project, however, is far more significant an undertaking than cosmetic correction and arguably could not be delayed until after Commencement.

On behalf of the University administration, we hear and understand your disappointment surrounding the scaffold­­ing and construction. We appre­ciate and sympathize with the visual impact it will have on you at graduation. Unfortunately, there is no way it could be avoided.

Although the Main Building is safe for continued use, the do­me’s condition requires damage and water leakage that are impairing the integrity of the landmark. While the regild­­ing process itself will be

Hope for Schiavo on Good Friday

"I'm begging you, don't let my daughter die of thirst." This is exactly what is hap­pening to Terri Schiavo — she is dying of thirst. And it is piercing her mother’s heart like a sword.

On the cross, Jesus vocal­­ized the words, "I thirst." (John 19:28) You see, this thirsting was physical, but it was also spiritual. He thirsted for water and for souls, for a liquid for his body and for a people to accept him. Like Terri’s moth­­er, the mother of Jesus proba­bly said in her heart, "I’m begging you, don’t let my son die of thirst."

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used those two words — "I thirst." She was a driving force behind her ministry. She knew she was quenching the thirst of Jesus as she quenched the various thirsts of others. Today, we find us­­ere a woman slowly dying of thirst because her feeding tube was removed five days ago.

I have the saddest feeling that Terri will die this Friday, on Good Friday. If so, we would die from the same hard­ness that caused Jesus’ death: our inability to see the beauty of this person and to recognize her true self.

To me, it seems as though the question of Terri’s life really cannot be answered in medical or legal terms. Instead, this brings to light one of the key areas where religion helps to inform socie­ty. How can doctors, nurses, lawyers and judges determine

when someone is, in their very essence and at their core, alive and when they are not? How can we, using medical and legal terms, define such a thing?

Somehow, though, we have ruled that Terri Schiavo — the true Terri Schiavo — is dead, and what we cannot accept is the in­­mate shadow of her. Because our society thinks that the real Terri is dead, we are will­­ing to let this shadow die, too. In fact, we are willing to cause the death of this "shadow."

As it was with Golgotha, I find myself being hung in the nails and hanged on the cross. I feel sadness and pain with Terri, while I know that I am part of the culture that is slowly draining the life out of her. I am thirsting and causing the thirst.

Is it a tragic tension to find oneself both persecuting and being persecuted?

I hope against hope that Terri will live, and that her feeding tube will be reinsert­­ed. I am praying for a miracle — maybe she will, somehow, find words in her mind, or speak, or else our hardened hearts will soft­­ened, I thirst for Friday to come and go without Terri dying. Maybe life in the stead­­ing of death Tuesday and Thursday.

Is it not that something, if resurrection came before death? It is possible, you keep the lines of resurrection to come after death.

Lenny De Lorenzo
Institute for Church Life

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CONCERT/ALBUM REVIEW

Stroke 9 evokes sentimental emotions

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN

The first bar Saturday to reach maximum capacity was not State. It was Legends, which achieved one in, one out status and left a line of people waiting on the steps outside, straining to hear churds of their high school and junior high memories floating from the stage as Stroke 9 played inside.

Even though the band's newest album, "All In," was released in November, it is safe to say the eager audience was most interested in reliving a time when they wrote notes in study hall and wore mini backpacks in lieu of old lady purses.

Stroke 9 is not disappointed, playing its biggest hits from its first major label release, 1999's "Nasty Little Thoughts," as well as other hits and new material.

Speeding further down memory lane, the set list included a cover of the terri-

ble dance phenomenon, the Macarena, which conjured visions of those awkward
times when the audience would consent to be seen performing the moves in public.

The good-natured fans who danced onstage deserved applause, even though seeing it again was like a big neon "What were we thinking?!" sign.

Stroke 9's treatment of other covers fared much better — an especially rock-
nin' performance of Smoke's "Gin and Juice" nearly outdid the Stroke 9 staple, "Little Black Backpack." Watching lead singer Luke Esteryon croon about his Seagram's Gin and Tanqueray was so funny that the fight song almost sounded boring in comparison. The band also paid tribute to the quintessential alt-rock band Weezer, with a rendition of "My Name is Jonas," although one dis-
gusted fan yelled out, "Play your own songs!"

To the delight of the packed crowd at Legends Saturday night, Stroke 9 played all of the biggest hits from its 1999 debut, "Nasty Little Thoughts."

Unfortunately, for both former and current Stroke 9 fans, it probably would have been better for the group to continue with Weezer covers than its own band, musical countering his every move. "All In" deserves a fair chance.

Inexplicably, one of the most enjoyable tracks is the seemingly random and potentially annoying "Words To Live By," True to the band's "songs about girls" genre, but with a twist, it plays like an AOR get-to-know-you question game but prettier. "Do you like to heavy pet? Do you wanna make a bet? Did you surf the morning set?" Another standout track is the acoustically glittery "My Advice," which slows the pace and spotlights the group's fun penchant for spelling bee vocabulary. "It's cold, I know I resuscitate my feelings daily for you / It necessi-
tates this healing, not to bore you."

The rest of the album bounces along brightly. "Set You Free" is a lyrical para-
digm of the band: "She stops talking to me / With spiraling eyes that keep on twirling / And that ring, does it shine for me? / Like you said when I was shaking my rusty tambourine around your head."

Its songs still scream "Total Request Live," but if you like parties and you hate goodbyes, Stroke 9 still has what it takes.

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CONCERT REVIEW

The Updogs rekindle spirit of rock 'n' roll

By JULIE BENDER

People used to live, breathe and bleed rock 'n' roll. There was a time when rock music was at the forefront of existence, causing generational divisions and stirring social movements along the way. Music used to be more than just entertainment — it used to matter.

These days, fans are hard-pressed to find that former passion for rock. The best music out there is heard in small clips on Cadillac and Buick commercials. If you are lucky enough to see a band's reunion tour, you can sometimes catch a glimpse of what rock used to be. But even the concert experience has declined. The best of the decades from the 1960s up to the present.

Scheduled to begin at 10 p.m., the band warmed up for 25 minutes before captivating into their opener, AC/DC's "You Shook Me." Raw energy radiated from the stage as Davis tore into the famous Angus Young riff, and that energy never let up once during the non-stop set of guitar-driven rock.

Next on the list was an early Who song, "I Can't Explain," which saw Updike do his best Pete Townsend windmill impressions on air guitar. Luckily for the audience, however, no instruments were destroyed in the typi-

cal "Who" fashion this early in the evening.

The third song of the night brought the band into their element with The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues." Strutting the stage like a young Jim Morrison, Updike proved a magnetic stage presence with the band musically countering his every dip and dive. The group's exuberance was contagious, and the audience became the necessary sixth man of the band, singing and dancing to the driv-

ing rhythms.

For nearly two hours, the band con-

tinued in this manner, tearing through the likes of The Five-Man Electrical Band, The Kingsmen, Jon Bon Jovi, Journey and Led Zeppelin. More recent bands were not ignored as the group touched on the latest garage rock sounds of Therokes and Jet.

Closing the night, the band played the classic, "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll" sung by Bob Seger. The lyrics, "Today's music ain't got the same soul / I like that old time rock 'n' roll," never rang truer as the audience, pulled from their seats, demanded an encore presenta-

tion. Though mildly unprepared for such enthusiasm, the band responded with the ever-appropriate "Piano Man." Jahr's keyboards set the mood, and the band followed suit for the evening's final number.

And, right there, as the last notes faded out, with the band and the fans linking arms and swaying to this classic sing-a-long, for a moment the missing element of rock 'n' roll was found, just one more time.

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WSND-FM TOP 5 SPINS OF THE WEEK: 1) IRON AND WINE - Woman King [EP] 2) BECK - 'E-Pro' [single]
WARDING 'Handwriting' is a transcendent experience

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

The little side-project that could, Ben Gibbard and Jimmy Tamborello's The Postal Service, seems more ubiquitous than the "LOVE" stamp these days. A full two years after the largely unheralded release of full-length "Give Up," Sub Pop is still dashing aural carrots before the ears of mozzstruck listeners eager for new material.

Interestingly, it opted to premiere "We Will Become Silhouettes" as the third single off of "Give Up." The track, a sunny, almost insouciant account of nuclear holocaust (and a sing-a-long, no less), was chosen over more distinct material like the Human League's sunny, almost insouciant account of nuclear holocaust (and a sing-a-long, no less)

One could also consider "Handwriting" an abstracted answer to the Postal Service's electronica-pop milestone, "Give Up." The music operates in much the same way, embellishing lyrical climaxes and creating exalted moments of its own in a term sheark of the band's early distortion

"We Will Become Silhouettes" sounds as fresh as ever, removed from its context served toward the center of "Give Up." The song manages superficial charm with its lilting electronics, while the diatonic created between lyrical content and delivery is nothing short of a postmodern masterpiece.

The gem here is "Be Still My Heart," a thoroughly satisfying non-album track, that is on par with the finest moments of "Give Up." Gibbard's characteristic thrash-pop romance is in top form as he beseeches his amorous organ against overreaches, for this could be a brand new start with you." If "Be Still" proves indicative of the material on the inevitable sophomore effort, Postal Service fans have good reason to rejoice.

After two solid numbers and a passable remix of "Nothing Better," the heartfelt "Clark Gable" or even crowd-favorite "Brand New Colony"

We Will Become Silhouettes
The Postal Service
Sub Pop

Blonde Redhead dizzles with "Butterflies"

Having graced listeners with the mesmerizing "Misery Is a Butterfly" just last spring, it comes as no surprise to find a follow-up EP on shelves during this season of love and flowers. The Secret Service of Butterflies collects the b-sides from Blonde Redhead's EP "Daylight And Delight," the effect is to practically chill insects in the prop, or contest, such as a post-date mid-night drive home, the melodies and atmospheres here serve as a cadre for a blossoming romance, or even a moment of enlightenment.

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Postal Service, Blonde Redhead deliver

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Panhel coach Bruce Pearl wants to keep focus on basketball

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ROSEMONT, Ill. — The few dozen Illinois fans barely mustered a yarn, let alone righteous indignation, at the sight of Bruce Pearl coaching his team through a media availability.

Come gametime Thursday night, though, the Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach knows the reception will be as hostile as any he's ever seen.

It's been 16 years since Pearl gave the NCAA a secretly recorded tape that he said was proof Illinois was cheating. He moved on a long time ago, and no one connected to the incident is left at Illinois. But for Illinois fans, the bitterness toward Pearl remains as fresh as it was the day sanctions were imposed. Instead of another step toward the Final Four, the Illini's game against the 12th-seeded Panthers in the Chicago Regional on Thursday morning will be as hostile as any he's ever seen.

"I'm not that person that coach Pearl tried to say that I was. That's not me at all," said Thomas, who turned Tuesday from Israel, where he plays professionally. "For him to go out and lie and tell them off as the truth in order to hurt me and give some notoriety or whatever he was hoping to get from it, it's wrong."

The tape touched off a 16-month investigation by the NCAA. Though Illinois was cleared of the allegations involving Thomas and Pearl's tapes, other infractions were found and Illinois was barred from postseason play in 1991.

Thomas went on to become Illinois' all-time leading scorer, but he says his ability to trust people was forever shaken. Both Pearl and Collins saw former assistants turned in Illinois. The brouhaha has as much meaning for them today as short shorts and canvas sneakers.

"Personally, I really don't know much about the Illinois situation," Illini guard Deron Williams said. "Growing up in Texas, I really didn't watch Illinois basketball until they started recruiting me.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl celebrates with his daughter Leah after upsetting Boston College on Saturday.

It's surprising we've never played in the NCAA as many times as he's been there and as many times as we've been there," Sutton said.

Olsen is 740-255 in 32 years, including 22 years at Arizona where he won a national title in 1997. The Wildcats have been to the NCAA tournament nine times in 32 years.

Sutton's record is 781-298 in 32 years, and he's led the Cowboys to 13 NCAA appearances, including the Final Four a year ago when the Cowboys knocked off top-seeded St. Joseph's in the regional finals. A national title has eluded him as long as college winds blow.

Sutton and Olson are currently 2-3 among Division I men's coaches in victories, trailing Bob Knight.

Both started their coaching careers at high schools and worked their way up to junior colleges. After a series of stops along the way, both have established two of the country's premier programs.

Sutton's stopovers included Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before Stillwater. Olsen was at Long Beach State and Iowa before Tucson.

"I've known Eddie for probably 30 years, a fine gentleman," Olsen said. "I think a good coach will adjust to talent they have and I think Eddie has done that very well.

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Just as Olsen earlier worked out rough spots with star guard Salim Stoudamire, one of the nation's top-long range shooters, Sutton is hoping to find a way to get one of his top players Joey Graham, out of a two-game funk.

"I said yesterday if my hair hadn't been black four years ago, Salim would have turned it white," Olsen said. "From mid-March last year to mid-March this year, I've never dealt with a player who changed as much as Salim has.

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Coaches match wits with season on the line

No. 1 Washington and No. 4 Louisville clash in Sweet 16

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — To learn more about the coaching icon from Texas Tech, you need only thing Washington guard Will Conroy had to do was turn on the TV.

"I was just watching a special about him in the room," Conroy said Wednesday.

The subject of the special, Louisville's Rick Pitino — he of the slicked-back hair, the movie-star looks, the 447 career victories, the four Final Four appearances and, yes, the one made-for-television documentary.

Little-known Lorenzo Romar is in charge of trying to outwit Pitino in the Albuquerque Regional semfinals Thursday. Romar has 151 wins, is making his third trip to the NCAA tournament and coaches a team that hasn't been to a Final Four in 52 years. Not counting a minor movie a few years ago, "The Sixth Man," in which the Huskies won it all.

It was fictional, of course.

"I think there's still a perception of, 'Isn't that cute, Washington is in the Sweet 16,'" Romar said. "I think every game we've played, there has always been some doubt about us."

For good reason, Romar doesn't want to make the semifinal — the winner will face Texas Tech or West Virginia — any easier for himself and Pitino. And honestly, if figures that the past-balanced matchups will take place on the floor, not the sideline.

Pitino has a 2.79 career winning percentage and has been this far in the tournament six times before. He's been to Kentucky, where he won the national title in 1996, and once before that with Providence.

Romar made it out of the first round of the tournament for the first time in more than a decade, and he's not counting a minor movie either.

"I've never felt like it was me against them," Romar said of the way it was chronicled in the last bunch of matchups. "At the same time, when I was in the NCAA, and I'm playing against, Julian boxed, you know your role in that deal."

Led by Conroy, Tre Simmons and 5-foot-9 guard Nate Robinson, Washington (29-5) surprised almost everyone when it was chosen as the top seed in the Albuquerque region. The Huskies are, by most accounts, one of the most likely to keep seeds in the Albuquerque region.

The Huskies, meanwhile, are trying to keep their matchup with the Huskies.

"They're a great team and maybe they deserved a No. 1 seed, too," Robinson said. "But this game is just a game to get to the Elite Eight and that's the only way we're looking at it."

If the Huskies were to make it, it would mark the program's first trip that far in the tournament since 1953 when they lost in the national semifinals and took third in the consolation games.

That's not counting, of course, the 1997 movie starring Mark Wahlberg that culminates with the fictional Huskies winning the national championship.

Romar has a taste of the title — in 1995, when he lost his third trip of four years as an assistant to Jim Harrick at UCLA.

When Romar left St. Louis — where he went 2-0 against Pitino — and returned to his alma mater in 2002-03, he was faced with a team that had gone 31-58 over the past three seasons, a program with a few good players and a few bad ones.

"The first thing we had to do was create a culture, a winning culture," Romar said. "And not just the score at the end of games, but a model of how to do things as a program."

That wasn't Pitino's challenge. He followed Denny Crum, who turned the Cardinals into one of the nation's top programs over a remarkable, 30-year run. They slumped a bit, but with anyone who really double-pitino could get them back up to par — and quickly?

"You're always hoping that by the time your first graduating class leaves, you can turn around your program," Pitino said. "We were very lucky. We improved right away."

Led by Francisco Garcia (13 points a game) and Taggart Dean (who made a Louisville record 103 3-pointers this season), the Cardinals come into The Pit having won 20 of 21.

Pitino, always known for his presssing, pressuring style, has had to adjust this year, as injuries and illnesses left Louisville short-handed. Last week, for instance, the Cardinals smothered Georgia Tech with a 2-3 zone — about the last thing you'd expect from a Pitino team.

"We've played some games in the 50s and 60s, we've played some games in the 90s. It all depends on our health status," Pitino said.

Washington would prefer this game to be in the 90s. The Huskies have been running all season and more than making up for the lack of a dominant big man. At 6-foot-8, forwards Bobby Jones and Mike Jensen are the team's tallest major contributors.

Who will win the matchup of Xs and Os?

Romar isn't conceding anything.

"At this point, not much is going to change with the Xs and Os," Romar said. "We are what we are, and Louisville is what they are."
Andrew Bogut leads All-American voting

Associated Press

Andrew Bogut was just another international player when the college basketball season started, not even meriting an honorable mention in the preseason All-America balloting.

All that has changed now for the 7-foot sophomore from Australia. The Utah center was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press All-America team announced Tuesday.

Bogut, who averaged 26.4 points and was second in the country in rebounding at 12.4, was joined on the first team by senior forwards Wayne Simien of Kansas and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse, junior guard J.J. Redick of Duke and sophomore guard Chris Paul of Wake Forest.

The voting was done on a 5-3-1 basis by the same 72-member national media panel that selects the Top 25 each week. The balloting was conducted before the NCAA tournament began.

Bogut received 60 first-team votes and 330 points, 22 more than Redick, who had 53 first-team votes.

Simien and Paul each had 299 points with Simien getting 45 first-team votes, one more than Paul.

Warrick also had 44 first-team votes and got 283 points.

Bogut was the only member of the first team not to have received any recognition after last season. In fact, he was the only one of the five not to have been at least an honorable mention selection in the preseason All-America balloting.

Now Bogut is considered a sure lottery pick, and the possible top pick, if he decides to declare for the NBA draft.

“The thing that impresses me the most about Andrew is his ability to get better as the year went along,” first-year Utah coach Ray Giacobetti said.

“I’ve never seen a guy his size with the versatility he has and the will to win he has.”

Redick is one of the best shooters in the game from long range — 40.5 percent on 3-pointers — and the free throw line — 93.7 percent. The 6-4 Redick averaged 22.1 points and played 37.3 minutes per game for the short-handed Blue Devils, who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years and are in the round of 16 for the eighth straight year.

Redick is the first Duke All-America since Jason Williams was selected in 2001 and 2002.

Utah’s Bogut leads All-American voting

Andrew Bogut celebrates during Utah’s win over Oklahoma in the second round of the NCAA tournament on March 19. Bogut led the Utes in scoring this season with 20.4 points per game.

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NASCAR’s suspensions for crew chiefs overturned

Charlotte, N.C. — NASCAR Motorsports has issued a by-the-book organization that plays within NASCAR’s rules.

If Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch failed inspection, then it had to be a technical issue, not cheating.

An appeals panel agreed.

The National Stock Car Racing Commission on Wednesday rescinded the two-race suspensions NASCAR levied against crew chiefs for Johnson and Busch, and instead placed both on 90 days probation.

Chad Knau and Alan Gustafson were penalized 10 days ago because the cars they prepare for their drivers failed post-race inspection in Las Vegas.

George Silbermann, chairman of the three-man appeals committee, noted that the decision was by majority vote and was not unanimous.

This year’s Super Bowl in New York may become a reality

“Today is a landmark day,” Jets owner Woody Johnson said, “The decision pertains specifically to the evidence presented in this appeal,” he wrote. “The commission’s rulings do not have a bearing on existing or announced NASCAR enforcement policies.”

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NBA

Philadelphia tops Detroit behind Iverson's 39

Pistons were unable to defend title against surging Sixers squad

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson toyed with Detroit's unusually anemic defense, finishing with 39 points and 10 assists in the Philadelphia 76ers' 107-84 win over the Pistons. Andre Iguodala played 42 minutes and was in the game until the final buzzer, long enough to get a triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. It was the first triple-double by a rookie since Kirk Hinrich on Feb. 28, 2004.

Coach Larry Brown can't come back soon enough for the Pistons, who looked downright sluggish in their second road loss in two nights after winning five straight.

The Pistons entered the game ranked second in the league in fewest points allowed with 89.4. Detroit's opponents were shooting 43 percent. That was enough to get a triple-double by a rookie since Kirk Hinrich on Feb. 28, 2004.

Iverson and Iguodala had some help in keeping the Sixers in the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. Chris Webber had 19 points and Samuel Dalembert added 11. The Sixers shot 54 percent and had 27 assists on 41 baskets.

Detroit was without leading scorer Richard Hamilton, who was out with a sprained left ankle. Rookie guard Carlos Delfino made his second start in place of Hamilton and scored three points.

Rausher Wallace scored 17 points and Chauncey Billups had 15 for the Pistons, who were coming off a 91-76 loss on the road.


Stoudemire opened the game with a 19-footer, then Nash stole the ball from Bernard Robinson, who was making his first start of the season, and used a crowd-pleasing behind the back pass to feed it into Marion for a dunk.

Before the Bobcats knew it, Stoudemire had added a dunk and Quentin Richardson hit a 3-pointer for a 9-2 lead that had them gasping for air during a frustrating timeout.

The Suns stretched their lead to 29 in the second quarter, and took a 70-47 lead into the break.

Mathematically, it wasn't the worst Charlotte loss of the season, that was a 112-80 loss to Philadelphia on March 11. But it had the makings to be just as bad until a strong second-half effort made it respectable.

The Bobcats cut it to 13 in the third quarter while many of the Suns' starters were on the bench, then Jason Hart hit a 3 to cut it to 91-81 with just over 10 minutes to go.

Then Phoenix sent its starters back in, and promptly started a seven-game winning streak against the Bobcats.

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Hart led Charlotte with 21 points in the game, but his team couldn't hold off the Bulls, who have won three straight overall.

Chicago 94, Toronto 85

Eddy Curry scored 16 points and the Chicago Bulls defeated Toronto for the eighth straight time.

Rookie Andre Nocioni added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Bulls, who have won three straight overall.

Chicago led by as many as 21 points, but Toronto got back in contention by taking advantage of seven turnovers in the fourth quarter. The Raptors used a 12-2 run to close within eight points, but Antonio Davis' three-point play pushed the Bulls' advantage back to 91-80 with 3:56 left.

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Minnesota leads throughout in its second straight game

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 13 rebounds and Eddie Griffin came up with some key plays down the stretch to help the Minnesota Timberwolves hold off pesky New York 107-102.

After New Orleans scored six straight points to pull within five in the fourth quarter, Griffin hit two free throws and converted a three-point play to give the Wolves a 97-89 lead with just over four minutes to play.

Griffin finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who didn’t trail for the first time in 11 games, though New Orleans did make things interesting for most of the second half.

Jamaal Magloire led the Hornets with 20 points and 17 rebounds and J.R. Smith added 20 points and seven assists, but it wasn’t enough to keep New Orleans from losing for the seventh time in nine games.

The Timberwolves are going to need to keep winning if they want to stay in the playoff hunt, but their schedule looks more difficult, which did not play well on Wednesday, holds a 2 1/2 game lead over the Seattle SuperSonics in the Western Conference, 3 1/2 games behind eight-place Philadelphia.

New Orleans had their seven-game winning streak snapped and were held to a season-low point total.

Jamal Crawford led New York with 21 points, two of them coming when he passed the ball to himself off the backboard, caught it and dunked. Trevor Ariza added 14 points, and Tim Thomas and Maurice Taylor had 13 apiece.

The Knicks won for the third time in four games, keeping their slim playoff hopes alive. A big test begins Friday as New York travels to Seattle to start a four-game trip, playing its fourth straight game against a playoff team.

New York began the night in 11th place in the Eastern Conference, 3 1/2 games behind New Jersey and Philadelphia.

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The Bucks, who fell behind 46-20 with 8:51 left in the second quarter, got as close as 104-98 with a 15-4 run led by Anthony Goldwire and Zaza Pachulia.

Goldwire, starting his second straight game at point guard in place of Mo Williams, who is out with a bruised left knee, scored 11 of his 13 points. Redd made three free throws after getting fouled by Rodney Rogers on a 3-point shot, and Pachulia’s tip-in tied it at a six-point game with 2:52 left.

But Maggette helped seal the win, hitting a layup and a 3-point shot, and Brown hit a 14-footer that restored the Clippers’ double-digit lead.

The largest deficit the Bucks have overcome in a victory this season was 13 points, on Nov. 10 against Charlotte and March 8 against Atlanta.

Bobby Simons, the only player to appear in all 68 games for the Clippers, came off the bench for the first time this season and scored seven of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. He was playing his second straight game after rolling his sore left leg after getting kicked during Saturday’s overtime loss against Sacramento.

Injury-plagued Clippers guard Shaun Livingston, the fourth overall pick in the draft, made his first NBA start after seeing action as a reserve in 15 previous games. He had two points and a career-high 11 assists in 25 minutes.

Los Angeles Clippers 116, Milwaukee 108
Corey Maggette scored 34 points and the Los Angeles Clippers sent the Milwaukee Bucks to their seventh straight road loss.

Ellen Brand had 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Clippers, who nearly squandered a 26-point lead. Brand scored a season-high 31 points against the Bucks in a two-point loss at Milwaukee on Feb. 4, flogging an eight-game losing streak that torpedoed the Clippers’ playoff aspirations.

Milwaukee’s Desmond Mason sinks in for a shot against the Clippers’ Quinton Ross in the Bucks’ 116-108 loss.

Livingston had four assists, a layup and two rebounds during the Clippers’ game-opening 11-4 run. They extended the margin to 46-20, outserving Milwaukee 25-9 during a 7:11 span with Simmons contributing a 3-pointer and a pair of 2-pointers.

Bucks reserve center Tony Kukoc responded with 13 points of his own during a 5:19 stretch, but it hardly made a dent as Milwaukee cut just five points off the Clippers’ 26-point lead.

Joe Smith, who came in averaging a career-high 52.5 percent from the field this season with Milwaukee and 61.7 percent in his previous eight games, attempted only three shots in 33 minutes and missed two.

Dallas 109, Golden State 97
Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 10 rebounds, and Keith Van Horn scored 24 points in the Dallas Mavericks’ fourth straight victory over the Golden State Warriors.

Nowitzki also traded shoes with Baron Davis and Jason Richardson in a game featuring two of the NBA’s hottest teams look rather ordinary in a victory over Boston.

In a game that featured seven technical fouls and a flagrant foul in the first half, the Knicks made one of the NBA’s hottest teams look rather ordinary in a victory over Boston.

It was just the second loss in 13 games for the Celtics since they reacquired Antoine Walker, and they looked nothing like the offensive juggernaut that had surpassed 100 points in six straight games.

Walker shot just 3-for-10, Paul Pierce was 2-for-5 and Ricky Davis shot 2-for-10 as the Celtics made just 12 of 44 field goals, playing its fourth straight game against a playoff team.

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SMC TENNIS

Conditions force Belles to postpone

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Wednesday was a chilly day for Saint Mary's tennis. The Belles' match against Olivet College was cancelled due to frigid weather conditions. Coach Dee Stevenson said the match against the Comets will be rescheduled for next Thursday.

"It's NCAA rules that if it is lower than 45 degrees, then you're not allowed to play the match," junior co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "That's a general rule for our safety."

Safety is particularly important to the Belles after finding out sophomore Grace Gordon will miss the remainder of the season. MRI results on her knee are not yet available, and neither is the time frame for recovery.

"So many of our players are from the area," Notre Dame head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "A lot of them will be able to spend the Easter holiday with their families. It really works out well."

No. 9 Notre Dame will need every advantage possible when facing No. 13 Hofstra. The Pride lost to the Irish 19-11 last season but they are not being overlooked.

"I really don't expect to score as much as we did last year," Corrigan said. "Last year's game was a lot like our win [22-6] last week over Butler. It was just one of those days where everything went right for us."

Irish defenseman D.J. Driscoll agreed the Pride pose a stiff challenge.

"I really don't think we'll have an easy day against them this year," Driscoll said. "They return a lot of players, including one of the best defenders in the nation in Brett Moyer. It should be really competitive. We'll have to be at the top of our game."

Moyer was named a pre-season first team All-American by Inside Lacrosse magazine. He leads the team with 24 ground balls and is a two-time all-Colonial Athletic Association player.

Driscoll agreed the Pride won't be easy to score against.

"They were very focused and practiced really well this week," Kevin Corrigan said. "I really don't expect to score as much as we did last year."

Driscoll agreed the game is competitive.

"We'll have to be really competitive," he said.

The Hofstra match will be the fourth game the Irish have played against a top-25 opponent so far this season. The rigorous schedule forces the Irish to play at the top of their game every weekend to avoid defeat.

"I don't want you to go into this thinking we've got great practices this week," Corrigan said. "I thought the guys might come in with big heads because of the win over Butler last weekend. But they were very focused and practiced really well this week."

The game against Villanova will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in Villanova Stadium. The Wildcats have not played the Irish since 2000, when Notre Dame won 17-9 in South Bend. The teams have not played at Hofstra since 1999, a game the Irish won 14-10.

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Sprinters, distance runners and throwers split up

By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Much like a baseball team playing a split-squad game in spring training, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will be sending athletes to two different meets this weekend.

A group comprised of distance runners and hammer-throwers will head west to the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., while a diverse contingent of sprinters, hurdlers and field competitors will travel south to Waco, Texas for the Dr. Pepper Invitational, hosted by Baylor University.

The Stanford Invitational will be held on Friday and Saturday. The Dr. Pepper Invitational will take place on March 26.

Those not competing this weekend are expected to send the same distance squad that ran to a second-place finish at the Big East meet last month. These athletes include Stephanie Madlo, Sunni Oding, Katie Dehmuso, Amy Kahlmeier, Elizabeth Webster, Jackie Carter and Brinnie Schmidt.

Coach Tim Connelly defended his decision to run in the meet, showing confidence in his athletes.

"I wouldn't bring these girls unless I thought they could compete," he said. "There are only a handful of opportunities to run in a top meet like this. We want to take advantage of this NCAA-level competition."

While the distance runners are at Stanford this weekend, a limited number of sprinters, hurdlers and throwers will be at Baylor University for the Dr. Pepper Invitational. This meet will feature many of the athletes who competed at the University of Arizona last weekend, including NCAA regional qualifier Maryann Erigba and long sprint standout Okechi Ogbeukiri.

"Regional is a realistic goal for a number of our athletes," Irish coach Tim Connolly explained that the transition to outdoor meets is usually more difficult for sprinters and hurdlers.

"They're running different races outside," he said. "Instead of the 60, they are running the 100. Instead of the 100-meter hurdles they now run 400-meter hurdles. It's the same for the throwers. Outside we add the javelin and the discuss. These athletes need the outdoor experience."

The goal for all athletes this week is to achieve standards that will qualify them for the NCAA regional meet. Connolly felt confident that these marks were within the reach of several of his athletes.

If you look at the standards, they are reasonable. Regionals can be a good opportunity for our athletes, certainly the ones going to Stanford. We qualified 15 women across all events last year, and I think we can have a similar number go this year," said Connolly. Those not competing this weekend are expected to make their outdoor debut when Notre Dame sends a full squad to their meet next weekend at Purdue.

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Associated Press

Seimone Augustus plays with dazzling skill, a crowd-pleasing flair and, according to her coach, plenty of smarts.

With that combination, it's no wonder the LSU star was a unanimous pick for All-America.

Augustus led The Associated Press women's basketball All-America team, which was announced Wednesday. She was the only player picked for the first team by all 45 members of the national media panel that also votes in the weekly AP poll.

"People marvel at her mid-range jumper. I marvel at the fact she's always wide open when the opposition has practiced all week (to stop her)," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "That's why she's an All-American. She understands what cuts to make and when to pick up the ball." 

Augustus, a 6-foot-1 junior, received the maximum 225 points in the voting and was joined on the first team by all 45 members of the national media panel that also votes in the weekly AP poll.

Davenport was second with 163 points, Ohio State's Jessica Padula was third with 153 and TCU's Kendra Wecker was fourth with 120.

"She understands what cuts to make and when to pick up the ball," Chatman said. "I think I heard her whisper ... when they were having a team meeting. No one heard her, but the fact she was doing something is something she's worked on." 

LSU and Baylor were the only schools with two players on the three All-America teams.

Tomeka Johnson, LSU's feisty 5-foot 3-guard, was a second-team pick. Baylor had Sophia Y�ven, taking the ball early and Steffanie Blackmon on the third team.

Also on the second team were Minnesota's Janel McCarville, Stanford freshman Candice Wiggins and Mississippi State's Tan White. The other third-team selections were Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast, North Carolina's Ivory Latta, Texas' Tiffany Jackson and DePaul's Khara Smith.

Wecker has been such a key figure in the women's basketball resurgence at Kansas State that her jersey number already has been retired. The 5-11 senior, the Big 12's career scoring leader, averaged 20.6 points and 10.1 rebounds in the regular season.

"It's exciting and a great honor," Wecker said. "It definitely a tribute to my team mates and the success we've had as a team." 

Strong around the basket, Wecker also could burn opponents on the perimeter. She went 8-for-9 on 3-pointers while scoring a school-record 41 points against Illinois State this season.

"I think that is perhaps one of the greatest individual performances I have ever seen," said Duke coach Gail Goestenkors, who attended that game. "She can beat you in so many ways."

Carrie, a 6-foot junior, had to become the go-to player at Duke following the departure of three-time All-American Alana Beard and Leics Tills. She responded to that calling by averaging 17.6 points, seven rebounds and 3.3 assists in leading the Blue Devils to a share of the ACC regular-season championship.

"I am really proud of Monique," Goestenkors said. "The way she has helped this team accomplish so much this season shows what kind of player and leader she is. She had a lot of responsibility placed upon her." 

Davenport didn't receive a single vote for the preseason All-America team, but made herself known while leading Ohio State to a share of the Big Ten title. The 6-4 sophomore averaged 19.3 points and 9.1 rebounds, shot 59 percent and blocked 109 shots.

She scored 36 and 32 points in back-to-back games in late January and was durable, playing the full 40 minutes in five straight games in February.

"This has been a great year," Davenport said. "I am excited about the recognition. My teammates and I have worked hard this season to accomplish all that we have. I am thankful for everything we have done.

When it comes to blocking shots, Irvin has no peer. The 6-3 senior, the niece of former NFL star Michael Irvin, broke the NCAA's single-game and career records for blocks and averaged 2.0 points and 1.2 rebounds.

Irvin set the game record while putting up an eye-popping triple-double: 20 points, 18 rebounds and 16 blocks against UAB. She in TCU's first All-American in women's basketball.

"That's what everybody keeps telling me — that I'm the first to do a lot of things at TCU," Irvin said. "It's a big accomplishment and definitely something I wanted to do. TCU gave me a chance to make that happen."

The Irish will take the court in Ann Arbor at 1 p.m. at the Courtyard Tennis Center.

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**Tennis**

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the score indicated.

Bayliss worked the team hard this week, both indoors and outdoors.

"We worked some more on our doubles, and we're working on getting back indoors," Bayliss said, talking early in the week, which is a component of indoor play," he said, noting that the team was also focusing on ground stroke drills.

"We have been sort of watching the weather day-to-day," said Bayliss. "Monday we went outside and practiced ... Now it looks like we're going to be indoors at Ann Arbor."

The lineup has featured a rotation of eight singles players this year.

"I've felt like we have eight players who are capable of playing singles and winning," Bayliss said. "If someone looks particularly good in practice, I might be so inclined to alter the lineup and get them in combinations with doubles and possibly in mixed doubles in terms of combinations."

Bayliss is unconcerned with the team's drop in the ranking from No. 16 to No. 24.

"At this point, the rankings aren't particularly important," he said. "They only become important during the NCAA tournament."

On Easter Sunday, the team was working on ground stroke drills.

"That'll be a pretty quick turnaround after the Michigan match," Bayliss said. "We can handle that — we played three days, in a row in Montgomery."

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Junior Patrick Buchanan returns a shot in his March 17 match against Illinois at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.
Big East
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The Hoyas are coming off a 12-8 loss to Mount St. Mary's Tuesday. The Hoyas gave up three runs in the top of the first and third innings, forcing the team to play catch-up all game. Senior Jim Supple leads Georgetown with a .446 batting average and is tied for the team lead in RBIs (17) with Bill Quinn.

Mike Gaggoli has made three starts this season for Georgetown and compiled a 2.43 ERA to go along with a 2-0 record. Reliever Mike Halforan (3-1) leads the Hoyas in appearances with 10 and has a 1.98 ERA.

Seton Hall (4-10) visits Saturday for another conference doubleheader before the Irish return to non-conference play Tuesday, hosting Western Michigan (5-7).

Derek Olvey got the start and threw two innings while allowing only one hit. Freshman Wade Korpi (1-0) pitched a one-hit fifth inning to pick up his first career collegiate win.

The victory over Cincinnati ended a two-game slide for Notre Dame.

An area of concern that continued on Tuesday was Notre Dame's defense, as Cincinnati turned four Irish errors into three unearned runs. For the season, the Irish have committed 32 errors and yielded 33 unearned runs.

Of Notre Dame's regular starting position players, Lilley leads the team with a .366 batting average and is tied for the team lead in RBIs (17) with Bill Quinn.

During the past 12 games against the Pirates, the Irish are 11-1, with the lone loss coming last season in East Rutherford, N.J.

The seven-game homestand ends Wednesday against Chicago State, a team that started the season losing its first 20 games.

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and Oregon State's Derek Anderson (138 yards, four touchdowns).

"A lot of games could have gone different ways...but that's why we play football and that's why we were 6-5," Zbikowski said. "We didn't get it done."

Bill Lewis, assistant head coach of defense and defensive backs coach, comes way of the NFL's Miami Dolphins to coach Zbikowski's end of the field. Lewis sees no point in looking back.

"I'm not concerned about what happened in the past," Lewis said. "We cannot control the group in the fall. The guys Lewis has in the program are young and inexperienced. Zbikowski (70 tackles), Mike Richardson and Freddie Parish IV are the only defensive backs returning who saw significant minutes last season. The guys Lewis has in the program are young and inexperienced. The statem ent makes us go back to fundamentals to his players."

"I'm not concerned about the past, last season along with those who did not graduate. Everything we have to prove ourselves," he said. "I think we've got a chip on our shoulder right now, and we're gonna keep that chip on our shoulder until we get to where we want."

Tom Zbikowski
strong safety

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Tom Zbikowski was encouraged by Lewis' promise to evaluate talent that did not see the field last season along with those who saw significant minutes.

"Everyone's going to have to prove themselves," he said. "Everyone's a freshman again." The statement rings true, as Zbikowski exhibits fresh-man-type excitement to get the spring rolling.

"I think we've got a chip on our shoulder right now, and we're gonna keep that chip on our shoulder until we get to where we want."

This is a young, enthusiastic group with a lot to prove.

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CHARLES SCHULZ

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Puzzle of 2/28/05: The answer is "Frederick Douglass: The Rhetorical Power of the Written Word." (Answers tomorrow.)

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Happy Birthday: The days are slowing down and you can think about following your dreams rather than putting them on hold. This is a day for the planner, but don't worry if you don't have your act together. You're just halfway through the year, so it's a great day for inspiration! List three or four goals that you feel are important to you and be sure to put them in writing. You may not be able to achieve all of them, but you'll be on your way to success. Enjoy this day and all it has to offer! 

Aries (March 21-April 19): A speculative financial venture will pay off. Deal with issues quickly before the fertile season. Check to see if there's been missing money. Have a creative skill be the future. ****

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone push you around on your one. You can only do what you do, but don't let guilt keep you from doing your best for you and everyone. **

Gemini (May 21-June 21): This is a great time to travel. You can make a career or financial move. A home-based business will work out well. Stars lo FDO (July 23-Aug. 22): Not everyone will catch on to what you arc trying to do. The ones who do will be right by your side. Shared ideas will lead to a fantastic deal. ****

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be thinking about your future and your plans for the upcoming year. Decide to yourself if you have fulfilled your needs. It's not too late to back-track.****

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can have it all you are strong and control what is going on around you. Believe in your abilities and offer suggestions and help to others. You will get what you want. ****

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you let things develop naturally, you will stand a much better chance in the end. Your jealous nature may get the better of you, causing upset at home and with friends. **

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moving around is what it's all about today. The more versatile and candid you are, the better you will do. Purchases made today will ensure someone's happiness. ****

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be in too generous a mood. Think before you offer to help others. Don't back yourself into a corner by making impossible promises. ****

Aquarius (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will be living in the fast lane, having a great time. The excitement that comes from following your dreams can be exhilarating but dangerous as well. ****

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep an eye on work-related matters. You are asked to do something, but it's not someone else to do it. You will only put out what is going on around you. Believe in your abilities and offer suggestions and help to others. You will get what you want. ****

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BASEBALL
Big East action starts today at Eck Stadium

Irish take on Hoyas in home doubleheader

By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

The defense of their regular season Big East championship starts today.
Hosting Georgetown (12-8) this afternoon, Notre Dame (8-9) returns to Frank Eck Stadium for a conference doubleheader, with first pitch scheduled for 12:05.
No one expects the Irish to have much success against the Hoyas, who have the nation's second-best team batting average.
Sophomore strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a fumble for Associated Press All-American honors.

Football
The primary secondary

Young defensive back unit eager to start over this spring

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Tom Zbikowski played his first full season as a sophomore in 2004. That was a only one of the younger players on the defense due to lack of experience at the college level.
But with four senior defensive backs graduating and a lack of experience at the college level.
Young defensive back unit eager to start over this spring.

ND Women's Basketball
Batteast, Duffy named Associated Press All-Americans

By HEATHER VAN HÖGEARDEN
Sports Writer

Senior Jacqueline Batteast and junior Megan Duffy were the leaders of this year's Irish and have received national recognition as a result.
Batteast and Duffy earned Associated Press All-American honors Wednesday, with Batteast earning third-team honors, and Duffy chosen as an honorable mention, one of 27 players to earn that honor.
The awards were chosen by 45 members of a national media panel who also conduct the week-by-week women's basketball poll.
Batteast earned honorable mention honors last year, and this year earned a spot on the team after what was arguably the best season of her career. She was named the Big East Player of the Year and was MVP of the Pressbox WNIT. The finalist for the John R. Wooden Women's Award and Naismith Award, Batteast averaged 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. The senior was also named first-team All-Big East for the second straight year, and this in the fourth time she has been named to an All-Big East team.
Duffy was named first team All-Big East for the first time in her career after averaging 12.3 points and 5.4 assists per game.

Men's Tennis
Big Ten matches await

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

It's another big weekend against the Big Ten.
The Irish, who have had a week to rest their racquets from a 6-1 loss to No. 2 Illinois, face Michigan on Saturday and Purdue on Sunday.
"Illinois just moved up to No. 2 this week, and I think we have to be realistic and understand that that wasn't a terrible loss," coach Bobby Bayliss said.
Michigan, ranked No. 56 in the ITA poll released Tuesday, defeated Michigan State 6-1 last night.
Earlier this season, No. 20 Notre Dame narrowly escaped with a 4-3 score in East Lansing.
"Michigan is the better team, I think, but Michigan State's a very difficult place to play," Bayliss said.
The Irish came out flat against Illinois, a team featuring two highly-ranked doubles players. Brent D'Antoni was dangerously close to an upset of Ryley Debeerth, ranked No. 4 in the country, at the second spot in the singles lineup.
Iraqiaki Acklevildiani posted the only score for the Irish at No. 5 with a three-set victory, and Patrick Buchman's dramatic comeback attempt made the match closer than.

ND Track

Men's and women's track will compete at Stanford and Baylor this weekend.

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SMC Tennis

Today's match was canceled due to cold weather. The Belles rescheduled for Wednesday.

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NBA

Minnesota 107

New Orleans 102

Kevin Garnett had 24 points as the Timberwolves held off the Hornets.

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Philadelphia 107

Detroit 84

Allen Iverson scored 39 in the Sixers' runaway win over the Pistons.

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NCAABasketball

Wisconsin-Milwaukee Coach Bruce Pearl is ready to move beyond a scandal that occurred 10 years ago.

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