Faith impacts political choices, lecturer says

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Catholics need to connect their education with Church principles and apply this to life situations, said John Carr, director of the department of social development and world peace, the national public policy agent of the U.S. conference of Catholic bishops.

Carr, the featured speaker in the "Faithful Citizenship Religion and Politics in 2006" lecture, drew more than 50 students and faculty members to the Eck Center Auditorium Tuesday night for the second part of the Center for Social Concerns' "Democracy Matters: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Mid-Term Elections" series.

Carr challenged students to engage themselves in politics and to do so while carefully considering Catholic social teaching.

Recounting his youth in a "mixed marriage" household, Carr said neither party aligns perfectly with Catholic teaching.

"I learned at an early age that as Catholics, we can express our values in different ways, in different parties," Carr said. "When people talk about the [singular] Catholic vote, I assume they don't know many Catholics."

With questions of morality and ethics at the heart of current political debate, Carr said both the positive implications, as policy makers, and the negative, as dissent, respect for the University's mission and a willingness to enter into conversation" Jenkins, reading a prepared statement, said he was grateful for the group's draft and "agreed in general spirit" with it. He did express reservations about several of its points, but said his disagreement could be addressed within the broader frame of his agreement with the statement.

"My primary concern is about clarity about what the statement asserts," Jenkins said. Jenkins went on to say the
Inside Column

Obsessed with '24' by Marcela Bernos

Like life, '24' is a box of chocolates, and even though I have not missed a single week of this show, I am no less addicted. Each Monday evening, I anxiously await for the 10 p.m. clock to tick, knowing that Jack Bauer is going to be in trouble. However, I still do not know what to expect.

Monday night was completely devestating, with disturbing precision. We were left pondering what to expect. I still do not know what to expect, and even though I can quote what to expect. _____________, _____________, that has developed within the walls of the Counter Terrorist Unit, the government agency should try to understand that plan.

However, I cannot understand why I know better times will come, like the mountain lion. However, Edgar's death does mark a turning point. The clock even ticked away in respectful silence after his passing. He was quirky, huggable, and there was a sexual tension going on there with Chloe. But we will never know what could have happened because the Powers That Be took him away from the beloved 24. That tore him apart from the beloved TV genre. He just dropped dead right by the computer station he loved so dearly, and the 4-hour amnesia that cost with 17th century recipe, won't produce a dozen bars of 184-proof whisky, the company announced.

Offbeat

Boy robs pricey painting with wad of gum DETROIT — Apparently, one 12-year-old visitor to the Detroit Institute of Arts doesn't think much of abstract art. The boy stuck a wad of gum to a $1.5 million painting called "The Bay" by Helen Frankenthaler, leaving a stain the size of a quarter, said Becky Hart, assistant curator of contemporary art. The gum stuck to the painting's lower left corner and did not adhere to the fiber of the canvas, officials told the Detroit Free Press. But it left a chemical residue about the size of a quarter, said Becky Hart, assistant curator of contemporary art.

Patent whiskeys made with 17th century recipe LONDON — Following a 17th century recipe, one of the eight artisanal whisky producers on the tiny Scottish isle of Islay will produce a dozen barrels of 184-proof whisky, the company announced. That's 92 percent alcohol, which is about as strong as whisky can get without being sold in a pharmacy.

"The first taste affects all the members of the body," a 1695 description of the elixir reads. "Two spoonsfuls of this last liquor is a sufficient dose — if any man should exceed this, it would presently stop his breath, and endanger his life." Information compiled from the Associated Press

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Question of the Day: How Far Do You Think Notre Dame will Go in the Big East Tournament?

Teresa Nesbitt freshmen Caravanh
Sara Carter sophomore Pasquerilla East
Magie Rosamowowski freshmen Caravanh
Mallory Mecham freshmen Caravanh
Kat Clark freshmen Caravanh
Davide Lionetti freshmen Stanford

*I have no idea what that is.*

*I What is the Big East."

*Overtime in the first game and lose by two in the last five seconds.*

*If we can pull through in the clutch, we have a shot.*

*7-9 days until football season.*

Dean of First Year Studies Hugh Page gave a lecture titled "Life Beyond Instant Message, Facebook, and Cellphones: Silence, Selecting Disengagement and Self Discovery" in the Coleman-Morse Center Tuesday.

In Brief

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will face Lehigh University at 4 p.m. today at Moose Krause Field.

The film "Pride and Prejudice" will be screened at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Call 1-2400 for details.

The Faculty Senate is sponsoring a discussion forum called "Academic Freedom at a Catholic University" today at 3 p.m. in 141 DeBartolo Hall. It is open to all members of Faculty Senate.

Joyce Majiwa, chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya Chapter, will speak at Saint Mary's Thursday at 5 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. Her lecture is titled "Women and Leadership in Times of Change: A Personal Reflection."

The conference "Health Care in an Increasingly Health-Obsessed Culture" will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. in McKenna Hall and will run through Saturday. The conference will bring together undergraduate students from Notre Dame and other institutions with medical professionals to discuss the complexities of modern medicine.

The women's tennis team will face Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The men's lacrosse team will face North Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m. in Lobus Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Changes
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will affect juniors much differ­ently than freshmen, he said.
"The people it affects the most are going to be anyone who declares the major from now on, although...they won't be involved in the transitions."
The three changes include a new introductory course for all English majors, a restructuring of literary-history or "traditions" courses, and limiting research seminars to seniors only.
The most noteworthy of the changes will abolish all methods courses in favor of English 30101, entitled "Introduction to Literary Studies," which will act as a prerequisite for majors-level elective courses. "The introductory course will significantly change students' experience of the major in that it sets up a prerequisite structure so that in every elective there will be certain things that the professors can assume that all students know," Hendler said.
Hendler said students and professors alike had been dis­pleased with the lack of an introductory course. Though students were often satisfied with methods courses and professors, simply was not enough standardization, he said.
"Often students spoke highly about their individual instructor and the individual course they'd taken, but when they talked to another student in another methods class, they didn't feel like the two had much in com­mon."
Hendler said he hopes the introductory course will allow professors to focus on elective topics rather than reiterating more basic concepts like how to construct a bibliography.
Students who declared the English major before February 2006 will only be affected by this change if they did not take a methods course in which case they will need to take the introductory course instead.
The second change is a reframing of survey courses to make them more flexible, Hendler said. "Traditions" courses will continue to be offered, but over time, there will be other ways to fulfill the literary history requirements.
"The canon of literature has expanded quite a bit in recent decades, and our survey courses, designated as 'American Literary Traditions' and 'British Literary Traditions,' left out whole regions of the world in which people were writing great literature," Hendler said. "We're committed to a breadth of knowledge but wanted to give faculty a little bit of leeway in how to map that broad knowl­edge."
According to Hendler, most universities have a straigh­tward distribution requirement models, putting Notre Dame in the minority.
"Few people argued for a distribution requirement model, in part because we were kind of committed to the survey, to the breadth of knowledge and a sense of literary history having some continuity," he said. "In having survey courses we're not unusual, but we're in the smaller camp."
The last change being implemented in Fall 2006 will block juniors from taking the research seminar, because it was felt that the research seminar is meant to be — according to the English Department Web site — "a cap­sium experience" and therefore should be taken during senior year. The only exception to this rule will be Honors students.
Hendler said the changes are "not drastic," and will not seri­ously alter the complexion of the English major.
Nephew Loren Christopher Wodika said the changes proba­bly will not make a big differ­ence as he pursues his English degree.
"They don't really affect me because most of the changes are to courses I've already taken," he said. "The only thing that really affects me is the [research seminar] but I can only take senior year.
"It's too early to know if the changes will be positive or nega­tive, Wodika said.
"It's hard to tell right now. They're changing the 'traditions' courses to something else, but since they really haven't changed those yet, I can't really say."
According to the English Department's Web site, the cur­rent English major require­ments after the changes are the "Introduction to Literary Studies" course, three literary­historical surveys, five elective courses in English, and the research seminar to be taken senior year.

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Jenkins agreed and said the University must face these recurring problems. He said Notre Dame must find a way to create a forum that crosses ideological and theological lines.

He expressed concern about the University’s response to the Monologues productions. "You know, these are not abstract lifestyles we’re talking about here," McKim said.

"There are few people, looking at the value of events that go on on campus every year, who would say The Vagina Monologues dominated Notre Dame’s cultural life," Smith said. "If you want to talk about sexual assault, let’s talk about sex and consent — but finding a solution was more difficult."

"If you want to talk about sexual assault, it’s not about finding the best way how," Jenkins said. "It’s finding the right forum into which to refuse to listen to both realities," Jenkins added.

Jenkins also disagreed in response to the draft statement’s assertion that a disclaimer lifts the burden of endorsement from a department or the University sponsoring an event. "A certain type of sponsorship may imply endorsement. If the Political Science department only invited Republicans to speak over four years and no Democrats ... all disclaimers would ring hollow," Jenkins said.

The floor was then opened up to faculty questions and commentary, some of which Jenkins responded directly to. Associate dean of the Law School Jonathan Smith asked Jenkins if, in looking at how "The Vagina Monologues" controversy was mediated with the addition of academic panels to the performances, "you find is outdated course description or anecdotes from people down the hall ... or something like ND today.com, which has no restricted access to it," Jacobs said.

The solution offered is a questionaire for faculty members to fill out about their course, complete with information about types of materials taught, manner of teaching and learning and primary learning goals.

"The proposal enumerated four essential elements of a comprehensive evaluation, including course design, implementation, student learning and student perception. It also recommended the selection of representative courses from a faculty member’s teaching history for in-depth review.

"This information is compiled with information about courses from the Registrar or the Office of Institutional Research, including enrollment numbers and related courses, as well as student ratings based on a five-star survey handed out with TCIs at the end of each semester.

The questionnaire will be separate from TCIs, Jacobs asserted, and will not be used in any way for personnel matters, but may be published on the same sheet as the TCE for efficiency purposes.

Though details are still being worked out, Jacobs said the hope was this form could be available only to students on insideND.

The third pilot program for the system will be conducted at the end of this semester.

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Members of Faculty Senate listen to University President Father John Jenkins as he responds to professors concerns regarding academic freedom at Notre Dame Tuesday in O’Shaughnessy Hall.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bombs rock Hindu holy city, kill 15

PARANASI, India — A series of coordinated bombings rocked a packed railway station and crowded temple today in Hinduism’s holiest city, killing at least 15 people and injuring dozens in an attack that raised fears of communal violence.

Clues across India were put on high alert as Indian Home Minister Sharad Pawar appealed for calm, said his spokesman, Jnan Sanskar.

"Stern action will be initiated against all those found involved," said M. Venkaiah Naidu, the chief minister of Telangana state that before Tuesday’s blasts occurred.

The attacks, which killed at least 62 people remaining under threat from Hindus and Muslims fought in the streets of Lucknow, leaving four dead, during a visit to India by President Bush.

Hostage video airs, American missing in Iraq

WASHINGTON — The American soldier feared killed last year in Iraq posed from a video released Tuesday of the exhausted-looking men purportedly appearing to their government to secure their release.

Al Jazeera television, which aired the footage, could not provide explanations why 24, 24 of Clear Brook, Va., was shown.

In Toronto, the co-director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, Doug Pritchard, said he was concerned about seeing three of his colleagues on video again.

"The fact that they’re still well after more than three months says that the kidnappers have been concerned for their well-being," Pritchard said.

National News

U.S. warns Iran to end nuclear pursuit

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration drew a hard line on Iran Tuesday, warning of "meaningful consequences" if the Islamic government does not back away from an international confrontation over its disputed nuclear program.

Edging toward the U.N. Security Council review it has long sought, Washington rejected any potential 11th hour compromise that would allow Iran to process nuclear fuel that could be used for weapons.

Republicans to try to block ports deal

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders Monday embraced legislation that would allow a government-run company to operate on Tuesday, and 30 days later must vote on his Cabinet.

Undersea U.S. concerns over the deteriorating political situation in Iraq, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad held a meeting with Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, head of the powerful Shiite Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, one of the two dominant parties in the Shiite coalition that won the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections.

Two meet at al-Hakim’s Baghdad home to discuss the deteriorating political situation concerning the formation of a new government. An official related to the alliance’s candidate to head the government would withdraw too quickly.

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Insurgents are once again threatening to crush what American forces began in 2003 U.S. ouster of Saddam Hussein had opened a Pandora’s box and the genie is out of the bottle to distort a demonstrated record of accomplishment and success.

Current Iraqi president and incumbent candidate, Jalal Talabani, takes part in a discussion concerning the future of Iraq’s government Tuesday.

Sunnis and Kurds have become an increasingly difficult task in the aftermath of the Feb. 22 bombing that destroyed the golden dome of a Shiite shrine in the main Sunni city of Samarra.

Al Qaeda said it was behind the attack.

Kurds and Sunnis refuse Cabinet posts because of al-Jaafari, it could mark a failure of the U.S. goal of setting up a unity government with support of all ethnic and religious factions.

Washington policy holds that such a unity government would inspire sufficient loyalty from all parties to enable it to fight the rising insurgency by itself as American forces began to withdraw.

Local News

Indiana award honors Hesburgh

WASHINGTON — The House renewed the USA Patriot Act in a cliffhanger vote Tuesday night, extending for another year provisions that allow congressional Republicans facing midterm elections this year to continue enacting laws to combat terrorism on Bush’s urging after months of political combat over the balance between privacy rights and the pursuit of potential terrorists.

Democrats Thursday by Bush to accept new curbs on law enforcement investigations, is expected to sign the legislation before 16 provisions of the 2001 law expire on Friday.

The vote was 238-138, just two more than needed under special rules that required a two-thirds majority. The close vote captured senior Republican aides in both chambers by surprise.

Nonetheless, the vote marked a political victory for Bush and will allow congressional Republicans facing midterm elections this year to continue enacting laws to combat terrorism.

Republicans on Tuesday declared the legislative war won, saying the renewal of the act’s 16 provisions along with new curbs on government investigatory power will help law enforcement prevent terrorists from striking.

"Intense congressional and public scrutiny has not produced a single substantiated claim that the Patriot Act has been misused to violate Americans’ civil liberties," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "Opponents of the legislation have relied upon exaggeration and hyperbole to distort a demonstrated record of accomplishment and success."
tions shed light on the Catholic approach to social justice, as politicians use the focus for shallow purposes.

Beligion in politics, he is not, about politicians promoting their ideologies to gain popularity, but to excite alibi key members of a broad interest in the issue of the day. Again awakening, faith plays a vital role in that it defines the goals for which we strive.

"We bring a set of ideas — 150 years of Catholic social teaching into seven key themes," he said. "We're not free to forget about poverty, to forget about those in need, just because they're not on the network news. Our church has been called a lot of things, but it has never been called trendy. We were globalized before the word globalization existed. We have leaders. Think of John Paul II. Why did the world stop for four days after his death? We have leaders willing to put our Catholic ideas into action.

In placing Catholic ideals into action, though, Carr warned that Americans have lost confidence in the government and in how we define ourselves. Carr explains this mismatch of memories in the 1991 report "Individually Run Home (I.R.H.)" that is, both parties placing selfish concerns above those of their neighbors.

"Very often conservatism trumps compassion," he said. "It seems to say that we're all on our own, that we must forgo our own needs. At the same time, liberalism is often about lifestyle individualism — choice and freedom of that choice becomes the ultimate goal. Most Democrats fight hard for National Public Radio than for assistance to the poor.

According to Carr, politics cannot prevail over historic issues. Carr said he believes the U.S. culture devoured human life, a view he was exemplified by support for abortion and stem cell research. While Carr offered a general call of Catholics to political action, three students spoke after him advocating a particular political party as the best representation of Catholic dogma. Senior Scott Wagner spoke on behalf of libertarianism. He argued that while social justice is important, it is best prioritized by individuals and not by relying on government support. Christ did not demand that the human government provide for the poor, he said, but instead instructed the public to take social justice into its own hands.

Junior Megan Hawley argued that the Democrats have the greatest assistance to those most in need and thus makes the greatest showing of Christian love. "We're all here at Notre Dame, and that says something about our background, our family, the privileges we have," she said. "That is not true of everyone — not everyone in America had the same opportunities we did.

But work is not the only reason we are here. That is what we need to think about when trying to figure out how to help others.

Junior Math Smith said the hierarchy of issues is why Catholics need to vote Republican. The five non-negotiable issues of abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, human cloning and gay marriage are governed by natural laws, and to advocate another position is contrary to supporting life.

Smith said one overriding theme of Tuesday's lecture remained a call for student involvement, regardless of anyone's political party affiliation.

Some people use the first amendment separation of church and state to suggest the Church's involvement in politics is a danger to both faith and politics. Carr, however, feels just the opposite — the first amendment gives the Church every right to be involved in public life, he said.

"As such, he said every Catholic has an obligation to do so, especially those here at Notre Dame.

"No student blessed with access to this education should ever say that politics isn't my thing, it isn't my job," Carr said.

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"don't ask, don't tell" policy toward homosexuals. But the impact on losing federal funding — that could total $35 billion — is too great for most of the nation's law schools.

"Within the government says what you do want but if you do lose federal funding you lose federal funding to the whole university — that's a powerful incentive to do what the government wants," Robinson said.

"The AALS was originally hostile to the Solomon Amendment — they didn't like the idea of law schools being required to allow military recruiting on campus. Robinson said. "So what they did was set up a whole set of requirements for the government to meet. For example, when the military comes to campuses to recruit its students, the AALS, as far as we know, has told our students to the fact that [the military has a] 'don't ask, don't tell' stance "just against homosexuals."

"But, I think the policy holds that the military will discharge any member who engages in homosexual conduct. But this negativity itself is not a bar to service.

The AALS has strict provisions in its funding guidelines. It allows a member school from the law school to the c a r i m i n a t o r y Terms of the National campus to recruit law students — a category that the military falls under under this "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

But since the passage of the S o l o m o n Amendment in August, the AALS modified its standards so that m e m b e r schools will allow military recruiters on campus and continue receiving federal money.

The AALS handbook states that military recruiters can interview "as long as a school provides 'amelioration' in a form that both expresses publicly the law school's disapproval of the discrimination against gays and lesbians by the military and provides a safe and protective atmosphere for gay and lesbian students."

Robinson said the Law School follows these AALS requirements.

Information from the Associated Press is included in this report.

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The former "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs" is expanding and seeking new underclass student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, is now accepting applications.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Core Council web site http://corecouncil.nd.edu/. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, and can be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.
shares have already risen 16 percent in 2006. Sunday to The Associated Press. Messages left for — or further consolidation of the fragmented communications for AT&T, declined to comment on reports published Sunday. according to reports over 70 million tons after more than a year in business. would create a company with production capacity of nearly 130 million tons a year, 3 1/2 times enough to skeptics to ease resistance to its host.

The companies were expected to announce the terms of the deal as soon as Monday, according to reports. The partnerships that he said Skilling approved — LJM1 and LJM2 — were named with initials of his wife and sons, and Jeffery and Matthew, though Fastow didn’t share that detail with jurors. Skilling, chief operating officer at the time, would later serve as chief executive for six months until resigning in August 2001. Jeff Skilling approved — LJM1 and LJM2 — were named with initials of his wife and sons, and Jeffery and Matthew, though Fastow didn’t share that detail with jurors. Skilling, chief operating officer at the time, would later serve as chief executive for six months until resigning in August 2001. Fastow said his boss, former Enron CEO Andrew Fastow leaves the federal courthouse in Houston after testifying in the trial of Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling Tuesday. Fastow spoke with confidence Tuesday focused on Lay’s temper, but under questioning from prosecutor John Hueston, he showed no contritiveness. Fastow, who agreed as part of his plea deal to serve 10 years in prison, is a key pillar of the government’s quest to prove Lay and Skilling lied to Wall Street and to their own employees to conceal the crumbling finances that drove the company to seek bankruptcy protection in 2001. The ex-CFO is central to the defense as well. Lawyers for Lay and Skilling say there was no overarching fraud at Enron, and that the only crimes at the company involved Fastow and two of his former lieutenants stealing money through his partnerships.

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Former Enron exec testifies
Ex-CFO, Fastow, takes stand against Enron founder Lay, ex-CEO Skilling

GM to alter worker pension plans

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Women criticize Annan's policies
Female representatives urge U.N. head to focus on gender issues

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — More than 240 women from over 50 countries accused U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan of failing to promote women's rights and of neglecting gender equality in his U.N. reform plans.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan is proposing a shakeup of U.N. management practices, that would create a mobile civil service, allow a one-time staff buyout costing about $100,000 per person, modernize technology and consider outsourcing.

The proposal, to be unveiled Tuesday, is a response to last year's investigation into the U.N. oil-for-food program which concluded that the U.N.'s shielded management was partly to blame for widespread corruption. It is also an effort to transform the U.N.'s post-World War II management structure and practices so the world body can deal with 21st century problems.

In an open letter to Annan, the women said they were disappointed and frankly outraged that strengthening the U.N. machinery focusing on women is not a central part of the U.N.'s reform agenda. They also expressed deep concern "that the position of women in high-level U.N. posts of authority" is "relatively small." Charlotte Bunch, executive director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership, accused Annan of paying lip service to women rights.

"Although we've had a lot of rhetorical commitment to women's rights, it still hasn't made it on to the big agenda of U.N. reform," she said at a news conference Monday to highlight the letter.

Kenyan women rebel against censorship

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Thousands of opposition supporters opposed by activists demonstrated in Nairobi Tuesday to protest against last week's raids on Kenya's oldest newspaper and its sister television station.

It was the first time since Kenya's 1963 independence that the government shut down major media operations. The country's media have been reporting on corruption scandals swirling around President Mwai Kibaki, who has been seen as increasingly politically isolated.

Waving placards and shouting "That Internal Security Ordinance is an outrage; it must go," about 3,000 demonstrators walked peacefully through the Kenyan capital.

Similar peaceful demonstrations were held in the southwestern towns of Nakuru and Eldoret, private TV reported.

Michuki ordered Thursday's raids in which armed and masked police smashed The Standard Group's printing presses and disrupted Kenya Television Network's broadcast.

The Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award

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Nominations are due by Thursday, March 9, 2006.
Dana Reeve, widow of ‘Superman’ dies

Spiral injury activist succumbs to lung cancer

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Dana Reeve, the singer-actress who married the superstar in 1992 and gave him the "Superman" movie光环 and then devoted herself to his care and his cause after he was paralyzed, has died of lung cancer, a year after the death of her husband. She was 44.

Although Reeve had announced her cancer diagnosis in August — an outpouring of sympathy and support from admirers around the world — her death seemed sudden. As recently as Jan. 12, she looked healthy and happy as she belted out Carole King's "Now and Forever" at a packed Madison Square Garden during a ceremony honoring hockey star Mark Messier, a friend.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Sexual assault services on campus

This letter is written in response to the Staff Editorial in the March 2006 Scholastic Magazine regarding “The Grind and Subjects.” The article presented what is presently available to students who are victims of rape or sexual assault.

The most appropriate care of these patients is to support and assist them in the field. The perception that a gynecologist or a rape crisis center on campus would better meet the needs of the stu­dents is erroneous. Our campus has practices in the South Bend area that refer their patients to the EM for the best care. The Saint Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office attributes much of their success in convic­tion of rape cases to the expertise of the SANE nurses (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) in the EM.

Students who are referred to the Emergency Department at Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center maintain treatment of charge (not the $1,000 figure mentioned in the editorial) through the Victim Compensation Fund, without any charge to themselves or to their parents or insurance com­pany. The only requirement is to cooperate with police investigation.

I implore you — for the good of mankind — to burn this newspaper (Disclaimer: Please do not try this at home, in your dorm, or anywhere else, for that matter) unless you’re a total psycho, in which case you’ll prob­ably abuse the legal system to further your own selfish interests. The flammable ones (like I said, in the editorial) through the University Counseling Center. If successful, our actions will force the powers­that-be to create the kind of Manhattan Project-like task whose inventions will free us from the consequences of waste. By merely twisting the arm of genius, we could have efficient solar cars and alternative fuel sources in just a few years, not decades. Instead of colonizing Mars in a hundred years, we could do it in about twenty — and be well on our way to litter­ing the Red Planet as soon as 2030.

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I offer the following manifesto:

We must undertake a blitzkrieg campaign of mass­building, garbage­incineration, wanton back­yard deforestation and other miscellaneous acts of small scale environmental­terrorism, our ultimate goal to make this environmental collapse the sin­gle qua non national security threat.

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At a time of year when serious and dramatic movie awards, light-hearted, inspirational films can be in short supply, Sports movies in which children are heroes is a genre that provides both inspiration and simplicity. Children's sports movies blossomed in the 1990s and continue to entertain to this day for anyone young at heart.

Angels in the Outfield (1994)

This Disney movie follows a young orphan, Roger, whose prayers are answered when he asks for the chance to have a family if the then-California Angels can win the pennant. An anchorman, played by the always-lively Christopher Lloyd, leads a group of real scrumham to help the struggling team reach the playoffs and answer Roger's prayers. Danny Glover gives a good performance as the team manager, but the scene stealers are the young baseball fans under Lesnik Gordon-Levitt, "3rd Rock from the Sun") and his friend J.P., another orphan. By the time its sentimental ending touches home plate, "Angels in the Outfield" touches on prayer, faith and friendship while turning viewers into Angels fans.

UP ink Giants (1994)

Pee-Wee versions of the NFL Giants and Cowboys galore, but when Danny O'Shea (Rick Moranis) decides to form a team out of misfits to train the team that has never won, and together the Ducks learn as a unit the importance of teamwork. The hockey portion of the movie is ridiculous, it is exciting and fun to watch, especially the famous "Flying V" and "Triple Dokie" maneuvers.

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While Woody Allen has secured his place in Hollywood history as a comic genius, his latest film, "Match Point," serves up the latest film in a well-rounded movie maker.

Set in England, "Match Point," starring Jonathan Rhys-Meyers and Scarlett Johansson, takes an in-depth look at the lives of tennis player, faith and friendship and how these are tested when a young Chicago boy suffers an accident that gives him an amazingly strong arm, he becomes an ace pitcher for the struggling Chicago Cubs. While enjoying baseball as a 12-year old on the big stage, fame and fortune threaten his happiness and friendships. Funny performances by Daniel Stern and John Candy help turn "Rookie of the Year" from a good movie into a memorable one. While "Rookie" features some unrealistic baseball, the film works well because its characters are memorable and the film as a whole forces audiences to see baseball as a game that should be played for fun, not money.

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Kevin (Ed O'Neill), the underdog, ragtag group of kids uses heart and intelligence to beat the bigger, stronger, and faster Cowboys team. The fun in this film comes from the actions of the children and the boys in the audience, with lines featuring names like the "Annexation of Puerto Rico." NFL greats including John Madden and Emmitt Smith make cameo appearances that help older crowds enjoy this feel-good film.

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These children's sports movies represent the best of the large and ever-expanding genre. They are well known and remembered more than a decade later not because they are realistic or technically superb, but because they inspire all who watch them to be a child again.

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Minnesota goaltender Manny Fernandez blocks a shot by the Kings' Craig Conroy in the first period of Tuesday night's game. The Kings won 3-2 on an overtime goal by Lubomir Visnovsky.

NHL

Visnovsky's overtime goal lifts Kings over Wild

Roenick, Kostopoulos' score top ace in 3-2 victory; Minnesota loss pushes team closer to playoff edge

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Two shots by Lubomir Visnovsky might ultimately keep the Minnesota Wild out of the playoffs.

Visnovsky scored 1:21 into overtime to give the Los Angeles Kings their fifth straight victory, 3-2 over Minnesota on Tuesday night.

Danny Reoenick and Tom Kostopoulos also scored for the Kings, who won all five games in the streak by one goal.

Wes Walz scored twice for Minnesota, his second of the game sealing a two-goal margin.

Visnovsky took a pass from Derek Armstrong at the blue line, made a couple of strides and beat Manny Fernandez high on the glove side with a slap shot from above the left circle. Visnovsky, who trails Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom by one point for the NHL-lead among defensemen, also scored the winner in Los Angeles' 3-2 home victory over Minnesota on Thursday.

"It's almost like we're scared to succeed," Walz said. "When we get a two-goal lead it's almost like we're playing preventive defense and our safety is sitting down on the goal line. In year's past when we get a two-goal lead it didn't matter what the score was, we were going to play the same way. We're just sitting back a little too much and waiting for something to happen. In most cases it doesn't happen."

After a scoreless first period, Walz put Minnesota on the board 12:47 into the second when Los Angeles waited behind the Los Angeles net for 20 seconds before coming out on the right side anducking the puck under Mather. Walz, who scored twice and had an assisted Sunday in a victory over Colorado, has seven goals and seven assists in his past 10 games.

Wild coach Jacques Lemaire wonders how his team came close to getting two points.

"For the way I look at the game, the way I want the guys to play, it's been a long time now that we've played the way we've played," he said. "I'm talking about without mandatory overtime winning battles on the board, puck handling, driving at the net. It's not so much the way you come up with a game like this." 

Avalanche 2, Blues 1

Milan Hejduk scored the only goal in a shootout to lead the Avalanche to victory over the Blues on Tuesday night.

"It's great to be back, I love it here in St. Louis," Quenin said. "It was a special day. It's to be back behind the bench coaching a game here."

David Aebischer made 23 saves for the victory, and Curtis Sanford stopped 22 shots for the Blues in their first home game since Feb. 4.

Christian Backman broke a scoreless tie 4:44 into the third period, whistling a slap shot from the top of the circle past a screened Aebischer. The goal came with Colorado's Kurt Bauer off of hooking.

The Avalanche scored five in the period to make it 3-1.

Arizona Coyotes are still in the running for a playoff berth after scoring three straight goals. St. Louis had six goals on 16 shots in the first 12 minutes, but couldn't rattle their own teammates between the posts or get closer. They were even given a penalty shot with 5:01 left only to see Joseph turn away Mark Mowers' shot.

The Western Conference-leading Red Wings peppered Joseph with shots — 12 in the first, 15 in the second, in the third — and hit the post and crossbar. They gave them a lot of great chances and Curtis played outstandingly.

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Bonds accused of steroid use in book

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs, including steroids and human growth hormone, for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to a book written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters.

An excerpt from "Game of Shadows," which details the San Francisco slugger's extensive doping program, appears in the March 13 issue of Sports Illustrated.

"I won't even look at it. For what? There's no need to," Bonds said at Giants camp in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Giants said Bonds would not comment any further.

Bonds, who testified before a California federal grand jury looking into steroid use by top athletes, repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I've read what was reported," Bonds said. "I'm looking forward to playing this year and the improved health of his knee, and being as productive as he's ever been."

Phone messages left by the AP seeking comment from Bonds' attorney and publicist were not immediately returned Tuesday. Baseball did not ban performance-enhancing drugs until after the 2002 season.

Authors Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, who led the newspaper's coverage of the BALCO scandal, recount in remarkable detail the specifics of Bonds' drug regimen, which they wrote started in 1998 with injections of Winstrol, a powerful steroid also linked to Rafael Palmeiro.

According to the book, Bonds was using two undetectable designer steroids, informally known as the cream and the clear, plus insulin, human growth hormone and other performance enhancers by 2001, when he hit 73 home runs for the Giants to break Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70 set in 1998.

The seven-time NL MVP enters this season with 768 homers, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron's career mark. "Game of Shadows" is scheduled to be published March 27 by Gotham Books.

In Brief

NFL owners to look over labor proposal

GRAPEVINE, Texas — What was supposed to be the absolutely, positively final meeting to solve the NFL's labor problems began Tuesday, with owners trying to decide whether to accept the union's latest proposal.

A decision on whether to extend the collective bargaining agreement was unlikely to come down until Wednesday, close to the latest deadline of 8 p.m. EST. It'll take that long for the owners to resolve their differences over internal revenue sharing, the most divisive issue facing them. If they don't get that straight, a deal is unlikely.

Much of the early hours of Tuesday's meeting was spent simply listening to commissioner Paul Tagliabue go through details of the union's proposal. Then Tagliabue outlined revenue sharing, but there was no discussion before the owners broke for dinner.

Woods having strong start to 2006 season

MIAMI — The road to the Masters usually starts with the Florida swing on the PGA Tour, although Tiger Woods already had a head start even before he arrived at Doral.

He began 2006 with a victory at Torrey Pines, making a birdie on the last hole and winning when Jose Maria Olazabal missed a 4-foot par putt in the playoff. He birdied his last two holes in Dubai to get into a playoff with Ernie Els, winning when the South African found the water.

But his victory on the Blue Monster might have been the best proof that Woods is getting closer to having full command of swing changes he has worked on with Hank Haney the last two years.

It was his ninth wire-to-wire victory among his 48 titles on the PGA Tour. And it was another case of Woods doing whatever was required — birdies early in his round to keep his two-stroke cushion.

Players and fans mourn death of Kirby Puckett

MINNEAPOLIS — In the middle of a steadily growing memorial to Kirby Puckett, outside the Metrodome and right alongside a street named for the beloved Hall of Famer, one cardboard sign stood out.

"There IS crying in baseball," the message was written, in red ink, bannered over a couple of old Parkett baseball cards taped to the corner.

All around the game, people who were close to the eternally outfielder who led the Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles — and even those who only watched him on TV — were saddened Tuesday by Puckett's death.

"This morning, when I got up and took a shower and watched the news, tears started coming out," said Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

around the dial

Men's NCAA Basketball

Rutgers vs. Seton Hall, 7 p.m. ESPN
Louisville vs. Pittsburgh, 9:30 p.m. ESPN

World Baseball Classic

Cuba vs. Panama

1 p.m. ESPN 2
WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Strother climbs Mountaineers for Big East title

No. 9 Huskies defeat West Virginia 50-44

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — No other player in Connecticut women's basketball history has played more minutes than Ann Strother. As the clock ticked down in what could be her final collegiate appearance in the state, Strother delivered.

She scored nine of her 20 points in the final seven minutes to lead the Huskies to a 50-44 win Tuesday night over West Virginia in the Big East Conference championship. It ended the Mountaineers' surprising postseason run and earned Strother most outstanding player honors.

"There was a time where nothing was really going on and it was kind of stagnant," Strother said. "I think we needed to get something going if we were going to win. So this was the time."

She's played in 139 games at UConn and along the way has picked up two national titles and two Big East tournament crowns. Her lone 3-pointer Tuesday night was her 280th and moved her into second place on UConn's all-time list behind Diana Taurasi.

"This time of the year, it's individual players who make the difference," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Your style of play, your system as a program gets you to this point and then individual players end up deciding the outcome of the game. Ann stepped up and made some huge plays."

The 12th-seeded Mountaineers (15-16) ended their regular season with an eight-game losing streak and were the lowest seed to make the final. They upset Louisville, St. John's and top-seeded Rutgers in their remarkable march and did it without leading scorer Meg Bulger, lost in January to a season-ending knee injury. Bulger had been on the bench throughout the tournament, but was scheduled for surgery Wednesday morning and left for home Tuesday morning.

The Mountaineers backed down to no one in Hartford and had the crowd behind them in Monday night's upset over regular season champion Rutgers.

This time, however, UConn faithful were not about to switch allegiance, not even for the underdog.

"I think it was harder than all the other 12 put together," Auriemma said. "I thought our guys battled through a lot of stuff tonight. We played against a really good team that played their hearts out."

Britney Davis-White led West Virginia (15-16) with 12 points, Olayinka Sanni finished with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

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"It was pretty tough," Sanni said. "We needed to save our energy every chance we got. We see what we can do and who we can play with."

Abandoning the zone defense that had stymied opponents throughout the tournament, the Mountaineers concentrated on Strother, doubling and triple-teaming her. With her team "clinging to a four-point lead with 40 seconds left, Strother battled out of triple-team and found a wide-open Wilnett Crockett on a backdoor cut.

Connecticut's Renee Montgomery scores a layup in Tuesday night's 50-44 win over West Virginia in the Big East championship.
Men's NCAA Basketball

Gaels capture MAAC title with 80-61 victory

Burtt gets 20 points in win over St. Peter's, collects 2,011 for career

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Iona guard Steve Burtt was running circles around the court, zigzagging through the maze of cheering Gaels fans, when he finally spotted his father standing on the sideline near the press table.

Taking three giant steps, Burtt vaulted into his father's waiting arms and smothered him with a hug. This is what victory felt like, and it was something the son could finally share with his father, Steve Burtt Sr., who in 1982 and 1984 led Iona to Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament championships.

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"I owe it all to him," he said.

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Iona's Steve Burtt shoots in the second half of the MAAC championship game against St. Peter's on Monday.

The younger Burtt said. "I've grown a lot this year and tonight it really showed. It means the world. It's four years together. We've been to the bottom, and now we're on top."

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PHOENIX — One after another, the American pitchers were untouchable. A pair of big blows provided all the help they needed.

Jake Peavy and a parade of relievers combined on a four-hitter against a lineup loaded with major leaguers Tuesday, leading the United States to a 3-0 victory over Mexico in its World Baseball Classic debut.

Home runs by Derek Lee and Chipper Jones were all that was necessary on offense.

"Today I felt proud," Lee said. "I felt like the whole country was watching." Lee hit a 1-1 pitch from starter Rodrigo Lopez over the right-field fence and Jones homered on the first pitch he saw in the tournament — off Oscar Villareal in the seventh.

These U.S. stars have been talking pride and patriotism since gathering on Friday.

"I've never had a better feeling in my life," Peavy said. "It was the coolest thing I have ever done when Team USA took the field today.

Adam Jones said, "I probably had more butterflies today than any playoff games." Peavy allowed one hit — an infield single by Karim Garcia that easily could have been ruled an error by second baseman Chase Utley to start the fifth.

"We were all aware of their lineup," Lee said through a translator. "We knew it could be tough.

"We were all thinking of the Olympic sport. That 2-1 victory over Venezuela on Tuesday was a huge win for the United States, a memorable victory against San Francisco on Saturday.

"I felt like I was with Mexican fans, some of whom even danced on top of their seats after a 3-2 victory over Venezuela.

"We were all aware of their lineup, and we had to be patient and wait for the right pitch to hit," said Ortiz, who hit a two-run home run in the ninth as the Dominicans broke open a 6-5 game.

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"It was a good game," Mexico manager Juan Samuel said through a translator, "but there really was no room for mistakes. There were two hits, and it was just a matter of pitching.

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The crowd of 32,727 at Chase Field — formerly known as Bank One Ballpark — was loud and livid. Lee's two-run homer cut into a 6-1 lead the Dominican Republic built with the help of Ortiz's solo homer off Santana and Beltre's three-run drive off Carlos Zambrano. "The umpires are closer than we are," Alfonso said. "We tried to see the replay, but it was too tough to tell."

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the competition is so great wins player of the year distinction during a press conference smiling when she learned of the honor. "It's amazing, I watch all the games," Connecticut head coachGeno Auriemma said. "There's a lot of stars out there, so I'm fortunate enough to make the first team."

She was an unanimous selection.

"I appreciate all their support, that they have the respect for my game," she said. "Especially being a senior, you kind of want to go out the right way."

But Duffy said she didn't realize she had the support of all the conference's coaches.

"I didn't know that I was an unanimous selection," she said, smiling when she learned of the distinction during a press conference.

Duffy, who struggled in the first half of both Notre Dame's NCAA tournament games, a 73-66 loss to No. 2-seeded Connecticut and an 80-78 win over Florida in the first round, said she's going to get back to work. "I'm probably in trouble," Duffy said Sunday. "I got a big midterm coming up Tuesday," she added. "I'm going to get the legs ready to go."

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The Irish played the Hoyan tough down the stretch last, 24 at the Joyce Center and lost despite some fan-game heroes. Shooting guard Collin Falls made a 3-pointer, got fouled and sank the foul shot at the end of regulation to tie the game and send it to overtime. But the Hoyas made a second consecutive week point guard Quinn missed a 31-second third, and Notre Dame to a 1-5 Big East record.

Notre Dame's offense has shifted somewhat since then. Though the team is the conference tournament champion to send a large fan contingent to the Garden — the Irish have multiple individual players who are playing the best basketball of their careers. Quinn earned All-Big East first team honors Monday, and received the Big East sportsmanship award Tuesday in New York. For being a "two-year team captain who has carried himself well, wth class," according to an official conference press release. Notre Dame guard Russell Carter also was named a "well-deserved recognition for the second consecutive week."

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Baylor said, "We obviously made no mistakes on the Sheeva's return added a lot and he competencies. "But we're going to be good if they play together."

Both Carter and Andrew Roth clinched the point with an 8-5 victory at No. 3.

"We played pretty well," Baylor said.

"Andrew was all over the net and did a great job of cutting balls off, and I did the match out at 7-5 and played a solid service game."

In singles, No. 17 Stephen Basset was first off the courts with a 6-2, 6-4 straight set win.

"I thought Stephen Bass did a fabulous job handling a difficult opponent and really doing the specific things he needed to do under pressure time and time again," Baylor said. "Langeokam also recorded a straight set victory, winning 6-2, 6-2 at No. 6 to put the Irish up 3-0."

"At sixth, Eric just was way too tough for Antonis," Baylor said. "He got up early in both sets, never let up and didn't lose his serve once. It was a very convincing 7-5." Parbhoo clinched the match with a 7-6 (5-7), 6-3 victory at No. 5.

"When you play Sheeva and you expect to win, you better bring your lunch because you're going to be there for a while if he's not playing well," Baylor said. "If he's playing well you won't need it because the match will be over quick." No. 60 Helgeson fell to Darck McGoughlin at No. 3 as the Hoosiers avoided the upset. "Brett is normally used to dictating, and now he knows what it's like to be on the receiving end of some of the shots that he hits," Baylor said. "He's going to live to play another day. He's going to be better when we get outside." At No. 5, King defeated Michael McCarthy 7-6 (11-9), 7-5, and Keckley won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to close out the match at No. 4.

At four, Ryan got down a fairly early break in the second set and didn't even catch up, but took control of the third and won pretty comfortably," Baylor said. "He's had an unbelievable year for us, he's 12-1 — the best record on the team."

The Irish return to action on March 14 in a road match at Florida State.

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in a row to start the season for a squad that went just 3-12 last year. She noted Cornell had exposed some of the team's weaknesses, something she hopes her squad can improve upon today against Lehigh.

"We respect Lehigh," Coyne said, "but we have to respect them enough to know this will be a good game. There are a lot of specific things we have tried to fix from the last game and want to see if we have taken them to Lehigh." Lehigh's last contest was an 18-7 drubbing at the hands of Drexel on Friday. The Mountain Hawks have scored only four of their 21 goals in the second half this season, while the Irish have been consistent in both halves, scoring 11 of their 21 goals in the second. Notre Dame should also have an advantage in caused turnovers, averaging over six more caused turnovers per game so far this season.

Notre Dame is led by attack Foote, who was selected as the Big East player of the week for the second consecutive week Tuesday. Coyne called the honor "well-deserved recognition."

Foote has 21 goals and 10 assists in the first four games of this season, including five goals in Sunday's game against Ohio. Meaghan Fitzpatrick joined Foote on the Big East honor roll this past Tuesday in New York for being a "two-year team captain who has carried himself well, with class," according to an official conference press release.

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"But we look at [today] as the third round of the Big East." That's because Notre Dame played its win over Providence and DePaul as do-or-die situations — a loss in either contest would have bumped the Irish off the plane to the Big Apple.

But Notre Dame was able to win down the season's stretch, Brey said, because the team learned from its early schedule regimen without of dwelling on the negative.

"We're a better team," Brey said. "I think we've been hardened by the [close losses]. You can either crumble ... or hang in there and be hardened by the experience."

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Irish point guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 66-62 victory over DePaul Saturday.  
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By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame won five of its last seven games to earn the Big East Tournament’s No. 12 seed. Irish players raked in individual awards this week. And the squad faces No. 5-seed Georgetown today at 2 p.m. on ESPN in the conference tournament’s first round with an opportunity to avenge a mid-season double-overtime loss.

So Notre Dame enters Madison Square Garden with the attitude anyone would expect from a team that lost 10 league games by a combined 35 points — one of ambitious confidence.

“We know we’re the last guy in,” Irish coach Mike Brey said in a Big East coaches teleconference Monday. “We’ve had to scratch and claw to get here. I just want to be loose, and that’s obviously the role of the non-favorite.”

“But I also want us to be confident, because everyone in this league

Irish forward Russell Carter drives against Georgetown’s Darrel Owens during the Hoyas’ 85-82 double-overtime win over Notre Dame at the Joyce Center Jan. 24.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Duffy earns two more Big East distinctions

Senior wins student-athlete award and all-conference honors

By ERIC RETTER  
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — The entire nation knew that Megan Duffy was a standout both on the court and in the classroom, as the senior point guard garnered postseason All-American honors and was named to ESPN The Magazine’s Academic All-American first team earlier this month. Last week, the Big East made it clear the conference knew that as well.

“The Scholar Athlete (of the Year award) is really important to me,” Duffy said after Notre Dame’s opening-round victory over South Florida in the Big East Tournament Saturday. “That’s one of the reasons I came to Notre Dame — for the education. The senior point guard’s academic success and basketball prowess were honored March 3 at the Big East Awards banquet in Hartford, Conn. Duffy was named first-team All-Big East and captured the 2005-06 Big East/Aeropostale Scholar Athlete of the Year award.

In winning the award, Duffy becomes the third Irish player in six years to receive the distinction.

Her success in the classroom was honored earlier this month when she was named to ESPN The Magazine’s Academic All-America first team. Duffy posted a 3.917 grade-point average last spring and a 3.821 GPA this fall. She also led the Irish with 12.5 points per game in the recently completed regular season.

Because of her commitment to her education, Duffy, who ranks in the all-time top-10 in 11 Notre Dame statistical categories, puts the Scholar Athlete of the Year award near the top of her list of achievements.

“To be voted on by the coaches

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish snag seventh straight

Team earns easy win on road at Indiana

By KATE GALES  
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The Irish improved to 7-1 against the Big Ten Conference with a 6-1 victory over Indiana Tuesday afternoon.

With the win, No. 19 Notre Dame improved to 9-4 overall and won its seventh straight match.

“I thought overall, when you go on the road and play a respected Big Ten opponent on their home indoor courts and you come away with a win, you should be happy,” Irish coach Bobby Baylins said. “But there’s still things we need to do better and need to work on.”

After spending time in La Jolla, Calif., at the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament, the Irish won two of the three doubles matches to take the point.

First off the courts were Peter Antons and David Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu won at No. 1.

“We looked great at one,”

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Women's Lacrosse

Team vies for fifth straight to open year

Irish won just three games in tough 2004-05 season

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its winning ways today against Lehigh (1-11) at 4:30 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center.

The Irish are coming off a 17-15 win against No. 18 Cornell Sunday where three players — Cristy Foote, Mary Carpenter and Caitlin McKinney — scored hat tricks. Foote reached the 100-goal plateau in the process. She now has 108 in her four-year Irish career.

Moreover, the Irish were able to stave off numerous comeback attempts by the Big Red, who stayed close until the end, cutting into numerous Notre Dame leads.

Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne was proud of her team’s win — the fourth

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NBA

- Clippers 98  
Suns 85

Elton Brand scored 30 points for Los Angeles as the Clippers rolled past San Antonio Tuesday.

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BASEBALL

- World Baseball Classic

Chipper Jones and Derek Lee homered to lead the Americans to a 2-0 win over Mexico.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

- Jona celebrated its first berth in the NCAA Tournament Tuesday after defeating St. Peter’s 82-61 Monday in the MAAC championship.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

- Connecticut 50  
West Virginia 44

Ann Strother scored 20 points to lead the No. 2 seed Huskies to the Big East championship.

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BASEBALL

- Sports Illustrated reported that a new book by two San Francisco Chronicle writers details Barry Bonds’ steroid use.

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NHL

- Kings, 3  
Wild, 2

Wes Walz scored two goals for the Wild but Labonte, Vinogradov scored in overtime to lead Los Angeles.

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