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Student Affairs undergoes restructuring

Coughlin promoted to assistant vice president, Poorman reassigns departments to supervisors

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

The Division of Student Affairs began restructuring its chain of command Thursday with the announcement of the promotion of director of the Student Activities Office (SAO) and LaFortune Student Center, Brian Coughlin, to the recently created position of assistant vice president of Student Activities.

Coughlin's promotion marked the beginning of a reorganization that will redistribute the different

departments under the Division's umbrella to different supervisors, including Coughlin.

"Brian is a gifted, experienced and astute administrator who has led the Student Activities Office through a period of substantial growth over the last six years," Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, said in a press release.

Coughlin will continue to head his office's activities, but in his new role he will report directly to Poorman, "freeing up" the department by reducing bureaucratic red

tape. The SAO had previously fallen under the jurisdiction of Division Assistant Vice President David Moss, who also supervised the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE).

"These changes can be seen as an acknowledgement of the SAO's expansion and growth in the last six years and the staff's continued hard work and commitment," Coughlin said. "I'm excited about the new organizational structure because it elevates the SAO to its own category."

Coughlin will oversee the SAO, broken into two

branches, Student Activities for Programming and Student Activities for Facilities. Peggy Hnatusko and Ryan Willerton, associate directors of Student Activities, were also promoted Thursday to head the Programming and the Facilities divisions, respectively.

"This model is consistent with other student activities structures at major universities across the country, and is the most effective way for us to provide students with the highest quality of pro-

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SBPD units respond to traffic block

Driver abandons car, prompts manhunt

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Several South Bend police units surrounded an area near the 800 block of Sorin Street in South Bend late Wednesday night after a driver blocked traffic by parking his car near a curb and then ran away from the vehicle, SBPD Public Information spokeswoman Teri Lanning said in an e-mail to The Observer Thursday.

Notre Dame senior Emily Kane was headed toward a friend's house on Corby Boulevard around 11 p.m. when she saw "three or four" police cars lining Notre Dame toward Route 23.

"The cop from the megaphone told us to go inside," Kane said. "He said they had K-9s looking for someone."

Senior Michael Rossmann, who lives on Corby Boulevard, said he also saw police cars stationed in the area. He said he first saw a police car from his window at about 10:40 p.m. When he went outside to walk to Club 23, located at 744 N. Notre Dame Ave., he said he saw several more squad cars.

"I then walked out of my house at 11 p.m. and tried to walk down Corby, but the nearest police officer told me to return to my home," Rossmann said. "A friend and I then walked to Club 23 a different way, but in our short trip there we saw at least 15 police cars in the neighborhood, stationed at every block."

Rossmann said cars were sta-

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Protester, Saint Mary's debate Iraq war

Sheehan encourages nonviolent activism

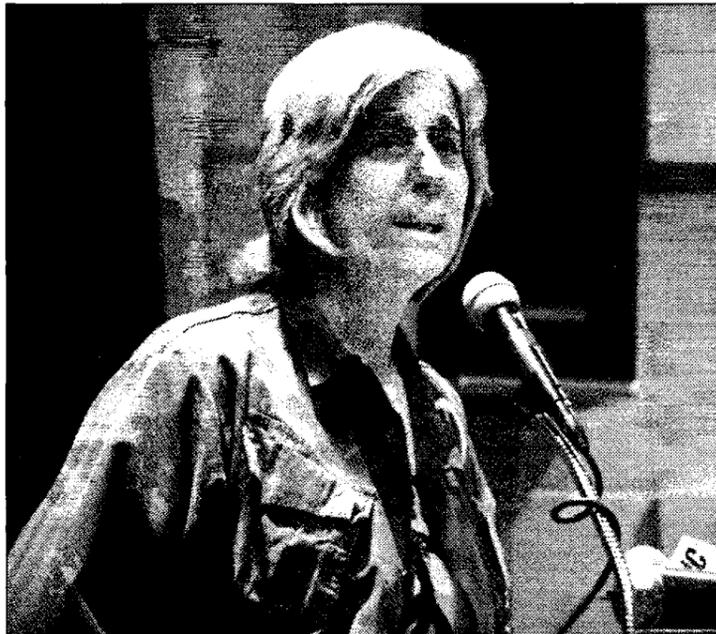
By KELLY MEEHAN
Senior Staff Writer

Hell froze over last weekend, anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan said, as snow fell on President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas — a place where she has spent many of her days protesting the war in Iraq.

"Hell will freeze over when our troops can come home," she said, calling the unexpected southern snowfall a sign from the universe that "we will prevail, and we will be successful" in ending the conflict in Iraq.

Sheehan, who lost her son,

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GRETCHEN MOORE/The Observer

Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan spoke in the Carroll Auditorium to Saint Mary's students and South Bend residents Thursday.

Panel reflects on role of media, White House

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

After anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan's speech on campus earlier in the day, the debate about the legitimacy of the Iraq War continued last night in the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's.

A panel of three Saint Mary's professors — Linda Berdayes, Patrick Pierce and Joseph Miller — spoke to a house full of students and faculty members to conclude "A Day of Reflection" on the war.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin

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Journalist discusses trade's trends

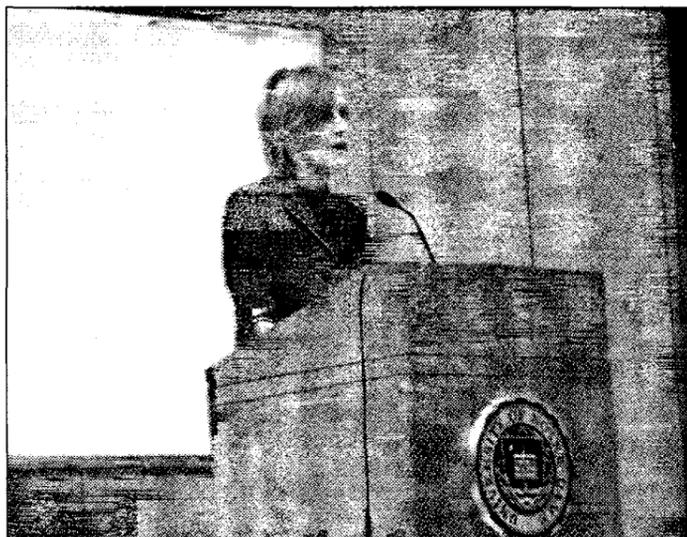
TV correspondent Woodruff stresses role of reporters despite downsizing

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Despite a decline in the popularity of print and broadcast media, journalists will continue to be necessary — especially in light of the younger generation's civic involvement — Judy Woodruff, senior correspondent on PBS's "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," said Thursday.

Students, journalists and University dignitaries, including President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, filled the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library to hear her deliver the annual

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LORNA BATH/The Observer

Senior PBS correspondent Judy Woodruff delivered the annual Red Smith journalism lecture Thursday in the Carey Auditorium.

SMC students spend Easter in Holy City

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

While many Saint Mary's students spent Easter at home with their families and pets, some of their 55 classmates studying abroad in Rome instead joined the Pope in Vatican City.

Saint Mary's has sent students to a satellite campus in the center of the Italian capital since the Rome program's inception in 1970, said Peter Checca, the program's counselor.

Sophomore Meghan Larsen seized the opportunity of being in the Eternal City during Holy Week to participate

in events that commemorated Jesus' death and resurrection with Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the planet in St. Peter's Square.

Larsen said she saw Pope Benedict XVI six times during the week as she attended Mass and participated in a seven-station Church Walk — a pilgrimage around Rome.

"[The walk] was between 15 and 20 miles," Larsen said. "We saw the four major basilicas of Rome and the three minor ones."

Larsen also attended the Mass for the late John Paul II, which took place on April 2. She and fellow Saint

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INSIDE COLUMN

Happy 21st, Buffalo boys

No one will remember them for their so-called contributions to rock and roll or even music in general.

The world won't stop when they dissolve like all great things do.

Their fans aren't rabid; their egos aren't insufferable.

But, goodness, when they sing, they mean something so much more than so many others.

Watching from the back row as the Goo Goo Dolls captured an audience of fifteen and fifty year-olds a month ago, it wasn't too hard to figure out what to like about them.

Front man Johnny Rzeznik first made sure one friend got a little joy on a Saturday night, grabbing a fan's cell phone and singing two thirds of a song with the microphone on one side of his mouth and the mouthpiece on the other.

He smiled and laughed. Later, he pulled out the ND Fight Song bottle opener the Bookstore sells. Someone staying at his hotel met him in the hallway and gave it to him. He pulled it out of his jacket and put the "Victory March" over the loudspeakers. After a smattering of boos, he responded politely.

Do you know how hard it was to be an Irish fan growing up in Buffalo as a Polish kid, where all the Irish kids would beat you up?

His mom was a strict Catholic. Sometimes, it shows in his lyrics.

"And you ask me what I want this year /
And I try to make this kind and clear /
Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days /
Cause I don't need boxes wrapped in strings /
And designer love and empty things /
Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days"

That's from "Better Days." It's a political song, sure — CNN even used it as a symbol its Katrina relief coverage. But more than politics, it's about morality.

"Let's say I'm sorry and start over again. That was basically the message," Rzeznik said in an interview with EMI Publishing. "Something better is going to come."

But in terms of rock, nothing better is going to come than a band with a conscience that maintains mainstream support and can urge a little morality in the listener's life.

For us, it's a question of whether or not we're paying attention.

"And you know I see right through you /
When the world gets in your way /
What's the point in all this screaming /
You're not listening anyway"

Eleven years ago, Buffalo proclaimed April 13 to be Goo Goo Dolls day — 10 years since their birth in "the toughest city in America." On your 21st, Goos, I'll drink to you.

Let love in.
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler1@nd.edu



Ken Fowler
Managing Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT GAME SHOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON?



Andrew Schumacher
sophomore
Siegfried

"'Wheel of Fortune' because I would like to buy a vowel."



Heidi Sundry
sophomore
McGlinn

"'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?' but only if Regis is the host."



Kate Sylvia
sophomore
Howard

"'Legends of the Hidden Temple.' It's so annoying when they can't make the silver monkey."



Stephanie Klem
freshman
Howard

"'The Price is Right' but only with Bob Barker."



Marques Camp
freshman
Keough

"'The Price is Right' so I can win a china set and a car."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

M.O.B.B., a student New Orleans-inspired brass band with a contemporary twist, performs Thursday night at Reckers.

OFFBEAT

Rogue seal menaces man, beasts in California

JENNER, Calif. — Nibbles the elephant seal is defying his tame nickname by killing smaller seals, menacing a kayaker and chomping on a surfer and a dog on the northern California coast.

The 2,000-pound lone male is seen frequently at the Russian River outlet to the Pacific, and local marine recreational outlets are warning the public about the seal's aggression.

On Easter Sunday, the seal grabbed an 80-pound pit bull and only let her go after he was attacked by the dog's owner.

"I was throwing a stick in the water for the dog," Angel

Garcia said. The dog "started to shake when this torpedo thing launched itself out of the water and grabbed her."

On Tuesday, Nibbles growled at a kayaker, scaring him out of the water, said Suki Waters of Water Treks, a kayaking tour company.

Man sentenced for printing lewd stickers

MANTORVILLE, Minn. — A Byron man, who distributed sexually vulgar stickers featuring his ex-girlfriend's name, phone number and address, has been sentenced to four months in jail after pleading guilty to a felony harassment charge.

Thomas Carl Tiedeman, 62, who appeared in Dodge

County District Court on March 21, was also ordered to serve five years on probation, perform 32 hours of community service and pay a \$100 fine.

The stickers included a photo of a woman, along with the phrase "call me now for the best," according to the criminal complaint.

The Kasson Police Department received reports in September that someone was placing the stickers on vehicles and buildings.

Tiedeman admitted to police that he had printed about 20 stickers and placed them on vehicles.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Author and reporter Joel Garreau from the Washington Post will deliver the lecture "Radical Evolution" as part of the "Ten Years Hence" lecture series at the Jordan Auditorium today at 10:40 a.m.

Norma Clarke, professor of English literature at Kingston University in London will deliver the lecture "Scandalous Histories: Mrs. Pilkington, Mary Wollstonecraft and the Kingsborough Family Connection" today at 3 p.m. in 120 DeBartolo Hall.

Owen Smith, a 1995 Notre Dame graduate, will perform his comedy act today at Legends at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

The Spring Run will take place Saturday. Participants can run either 5-K, 10-K or do the 2-mile walk. The races will start from Legends at 11 a.m. Runners and walkers can sign up at RecSports for \$10 prior to the race and for \$15 the day of the race.

Opera Notre Dame will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Saturday at 7:30 at Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 adults. For tickets, call the LaFortune Box Office at 631-8128.

Notre Dame men's lacrosse will play Denver Sunday at 1 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium

Notre Dame baseball team will play Georgetown Sunday at 1:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Admission is free.

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

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SMC to host baseball conference

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Starting today and running through Saturday, Saint Mary's will host the fifth-annual International Women's Baseball Leadership Conference.

The conference, coordinated by the Saint Mary's College Club Baseball Program and titled "Getting Girls in the Game of Baseball," will attempt to increase female interest in the sport at the College.

John Kovach, an archivist and faculty advisor to the Club Baseball Program, said he hopes the conference will stress the importance of women's baseball — which they may not know as women often times replace the sport with softball.

"It is assumed that because you're a female you only play softball. ... It's something [female baseball players] just have to deal with," he said. "Sports shouldn't be regulated by gender because there are so many similarities between baseball and softball."

Kovach, a former Saint Mary's softball coach, sees baseball as a way to

improve softball skills.

"After playing baseball, women come back as better softball players," he said. "The softball field just doesn't challenge them like it used to."

A former major league baseball pitching coach, Bob Cluck, will deliver the keynote address. Cluck, a consultant for the San Diego Padres, will also offer baseball lessons from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday morning in the Angela Athletic Facility.

Kovach wanted to hold the conference earlier in the semester, to avoid sharing

the weekend with Junior Moms Weekend. Cluck, however, was unable to attend the earlier date, as he was at Spring Training with the Padres.

Cluck is also an author of many self-improvement baseball books, as well as "Baseball for Girls," a book focusing on

breaking the stereotypes of women in baseball.

Other speakers include the president of the Women's Baseball League (WBL) and conference founder, Justine Siegal and Terri Lakowski, the public policy coordinator for the Women's Sports Foundation. Siegal will focus on youth girl's baseball, and

Lakowski will discuss the ways to cope with discrimination against girls in baseball.

Participants are coming from Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, California and other regions of the country, Kovach said. This is only the second time the conference has taken place in the Midwest.

Kovach, who has worked with Siegal in the past, said getting the conference to Saint Mary's was fairly easy.

"Justine [Siegal] liked the idea of coming to a women's college and thought we could make it a diverse program," he said.

Typically, the conferences are hosted in club league locations.

The registration cost for the conference is \$65 for adults and \$30 for students. The ticket includes access to all sessions, lunch and the Cluck lessons Saturday. The Friday sessions and keynote lunch cost \$50. Pre-registration is required.

Previous conferences have been held in Cleveland, Baltimore, Orlando and Toronto. The conference is financially sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). Additional sponsors include the First Source Bank, South Bend Blue Sox Women's Baseball and the United States Girl's Baseball Association.

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John Kovach
faculty advisor
Club Baseball
program

Woodruff

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Red Smith journalism lecture, titled "Are Journalists Obsolete?"

Woodruff was not optimistic about the current state of journalism, noting that "every sector of journalism" — especially newspapers — is losing readers or viewers as corporate scrutiny increases and executives downsize news organizations to ensure they are profitable.

"The Tribune Company — owners of the Chicago Tribune and L.A. Times — may soon cease to exist as we know it," she said, "One of the great newspaper chains, Knight Ridder, vanished last year when it was sold. It was profitable, but not profitable enough."

Woodruff also said the major news networks need to increase the amount of resources they spend on their news coverage. There are only half as many foreign correspondents with CBS, NBC and ABC now as there were 10 years ago, despite the increased interdependence of the planet's countries, she said.

"With September 11 there were countless stories on why we don't understand the world, yet none of the major TV networks had a correspondent based in a majority Muslim country," she said.

But Woodruff said she was encouraged about the future of American journalism through her participa-

tion in Generation Next, a documentary for which she interviewed 500 students in 29 cities.

She found that young people were "far more up on national and international events" than their parents and professors may think and that the younger generations are more likely to get their news from the Internet than other sources.

Students were also more likely to engage in volunteer work, she said, citing the 90 percent of the Notre Dame student body that is involved in service projects as "an example for young people across the country."

Woodruff connected the students' commitment to community involvement to the future of journalism, saying high-quality reporting goes hand-on-hand with the expectations of these readers.

"A generation that is this civic-minded will be more receptive to good journalism. Satisfying those minds requires good content and good journalism," she said.

Woodruff also predicted that as the younger generations mature, there will be more demand for high-quality content, as opposed news sources like the Drudge Report that often provide "false" stories.

"Good content is not just content," she said. "It requires thought, imagination and discussion and planning in the newsroom about what [journalists] should be covering."

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2007 BFA/MFA Candidates' Thesis Exhibit

The Snite Museum of Art and the Art, Art History and Design Department congratulate the following award recipients:



KATHLEEN O'ROURKE

Emil Jacques Gold Medal for Excellence for excellence in fine arts to undergraduates pursuing a BFA.

KATHLEEN MONAHAN

Emil Jacques Silver Medal for Excellence for excellence in fine arts to undergraduates pursuing a BFA.

VANESSA VALENZUELA

The Radwan and Allan Riley Prize in Studio Art to a senior studio major for excellence in his or her respective field.

CAROLIN HUBSCHER

The Radwan and Allan Riley Prize in Design to a senior design major for excellence in his or her respective field.

TIMOTHY (MAC) RUSSELL

The Eugene M. Riley Prize in Photography for excellence in photography by an undergraduate or graduate photography major.

MEAGHAN FITZPATRICK

Mabel L. Mountain Memorial Art Award for Excellence in Studio Art

MELISSA MARTIN

Judith A. Wrappe Memorial Prize is awarded to a student who demonstrates the qualities of talent, spirit, and good humor.

MEEGHAN CONROY

JACLYN DOONER

GRAHAM EBETSCH

KYLE ENGOIAN

MEAGHAN FITZPATRICK

THOMAS HANCULAK

CAROLIN HUBSCHER

MELISSA MARTIN

William and Connie Greif Art Award given to underwrite the material costs for BFA thesis projects.

KATHLEEN MONAHAN

CHAU NGUYEN

KATHLEEN O'ROURKE

NINA PRESSLY

JAMES RUDY

TIMOTHY (MAC) RUSSELL

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Coughlin

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grams and services," Poorman said in an e-mail to all the employees in the Division of Student Affairs.

Coughlin will join the senior staff of the Division and assume his new duties July 1.

In his six years heading the SAO, Coughlin said the number of student organizations on campus grew from approximately 250 to 320 and four full-time employees joined the office during the period to assist with the workload.

The SAO's budget has also grown exponentially in the last decade, Coughlin said. In the near future, he said he plans to continue the department's expansion by finalizing plans to construct a building to replace the Stepan Center and increasing the SAO's involvement with graduate students. These goals are a part of the office's 10-year plan, Coughlin said.

Poorman also announced other changes in the Division's structure, including the retirement of assistant vice president of Student Affairs, Sister Jean Lenz, to a part-time position.

"As part of our restructuring efforts, Sister Jean will assume part-time duties as special assistant to the vice president," Poorman said. "She has been an integral part of student life at the University of Notre Dame for the last thirty-four years. She has served for the last twenty-three of those years as assistant vice president for Student Affairs. Her wisdom, experience, compassion and insight are unparalleled, and I am delighted that she will continue to serve as a member of the senior staff of Student Affairs."

The departments under Lenz's supervision, International Student Services and Activities and Multicultural Student Programs and Services, will be reassigned to Division Assistant Vice President Sister Sue Dunn.

Dunn will also take the Career Center under her wing.

Moss will keep supervising the ODAE but he will also start overseeing the other two departments in Saint

Liam Hall, the University Counseling Center and Health Services.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk will continue to work with Notre Dame Security/Police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing. The Gender Relations Center will also keep its present supervisor, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Ann Firth.

Poorman and Coughlin said they believed the new organizational structure would only facilitate communication in the Division and enable its staff to work more effectively.

"I regularly tell trustees, alumni, students and parents that the University of Notre

Dame has one of the best Student Affairs operations in the country," Poorman said. "I am proud of the level of excellence that we have achieved in our division, and of the wonderful service that we offer to our students. We are excited to implement these changes over the summer and hope

that the new structure will allow us to provide even better opportunities for our students."

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"These changes can be seen as an acknowledgement of the SAO's expansion and growth in the last six years and the staff's continued hard work and commitment."

Brian Coughlin
director
Student Activities Office

FOOD SERVICE TRAINING for 2007-08

Current food service training validation will expire at the end of this semester. You must be retrained for 2007-08.

All student groups and residence halls that plan to prepare or serve food for events and hall food service operations next year must have reps trained.

student group football concession stands need at least 2 reps trained

Dates and Times

<p>MONDAY, April 16th 12:00 pm, Montgomery Auditorium 12:30 pm, Montgomery Auditorium 4:00 pm, Montgomery Auditorium</p>	<p>THURSDAY, April 19th 12:00 pm, Montgomery Auditorium 12:30 pm, Montgomery Auditorium 4:00 pm, Montgomery Auditorium</p>
<p>MONDAY, April 23rd 12:00 pm, LaFortune Ballroom 12:30 pm, LaFortune Ballroom 4:00 pm, LaFortune Ballroom</p>	<p>THURSDAY, April 26th 12:00 pm, Montgomery Auditorium 12:30 pm, Montgomery Auditorium</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Montgomery Auditorium is located in LaFortune across from Starbucks</p>

A Journey of Rwandan Genocide Survivors: Seeds of Hope and Peace

The Commemoration of the 13th Anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide

Keynote Speaker **Felicia Middlebrooks**, CBS Radio Anchor, will present her documentary **"Somebody's Child: The Redemption of Rwanda"** and a powerful testimony by **Grace Mukasekuru**, a Rwandan Genocide Survivor.

Saturday, April 14th at 3:00 pm
Hesburgh Library Auditorium



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IAEA chief: Iran in beginning stages

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Wednesday Iran is operating only several hundred centrifuges at its uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, despite its claims to have activated 3,000.

Mohamed ElBaradei said Iran's nuclear program was a concern, but he discounted Tehran's claims of a major advance in uranium enrichment, a process the United Nations demands Iran suspend or else be hit by increasing sanctions.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced Monday that the Natanz facility had begun "industrial-scale" production of nuclear fuel. Iran's top nuclear negotiator said workers had begun injecting uranium gas into a new array of 3,000 centrifuges, many more than the 328 centrifuges known to be operating at Natanz.

Iran ultimately aims to operate more than 50,000 of the devices at the site.

But ElBaradei, head of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, said "Iran is still just at the beginning stages in setting up its Natanz enrichment facility."

Businessman addresses Israeli panel

JERUSALEM — A Syrian-American businessman with ties to the Damascus government made an unprecedented appearance before an Israeli parliamentary panel Thursday, telling lawmakers that Syrian President Bashar Assad is ready to make peace with the Jewish state.

The lawmakers reacted positively, peppering him with questions about secret talks he held with a former senior Israeli diplomat. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's government, however, gave no indication it was ready to restart peace talks with Syria — broken off in 2000.

NATIONAL NEWS

Research supports bird ancestry

WASHINGTON — Researchers have decoded proteins from a 68 million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex, the oldest such material ever found. The unprecedented step, once thought impossible, adds new weight to the idea that today's birds are descendants of the mighty dinosaurs.

"The door just opens up to a whole avenue of research that involves anything extinct," said Matthew T. Carrano, curator of dinosaurs at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Duke lacrosse players may sue DA

RALEIGH, N.C. — The disgraced district attorney in the Duke lacrosse rape case apologized to the three athletes in a carefully worded statement Thursday as their lawyers weighed whether to sue him — and some legal experts say they have a case.

While prosecutors generally have immunity for what they do inside the courtroom, experts said that protection probably doesn't cover some of Mike Nifong's more questionable actions in his handling of the case — such as calling the lacrosse players "a bunch of hooligans" in one of several interviews deemed unethical by the state bar.

"I think their chances of success suing Mr. Nifong are reasonably good, despite what we call prosecutorial immunity," said John Banzhaf, a professor at the George Washington University School of Law.

LOCAL NEWS

Four tornadoes hit Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — Four tornadoes hit central Indiana within three hours, causing damage to houses, barns and garages but no injuries, the National Weather Service said.

The first hit near Harmony in Clay County at about 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, causing minor tree damage. The tornado was the weakest on the Enhanced Fujita scale which rates twisters, the NWS said in a Thursday news release.

The same storm produced a tornado near Brownsburg in Hendricks County, about 20 miles northwest of Indianapolis, at about 5:35 p.m.

IRAQ

Bombing in parliament cafe kills 8

Suicide bomber blows himself up in U.S. Green Zone, video camera captures blast

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber blew himself up in the Iraqi parliament cafeteria Thursday, killing at least eight people — including at least two lawmakers — and wounding about 30 in a stunning assault in the heart of the heavily fortified, U.S.-protected Green Zone.

A news video camera captured the moment of the blast: a flash and an orange ball of fire causing a startled parliament member who was being interviewed to duck, and then the smoky, dust-filled aftermath of confusion and shouting. The video was shot by Alhurra, a U.S. government-funded Arab-language channel.

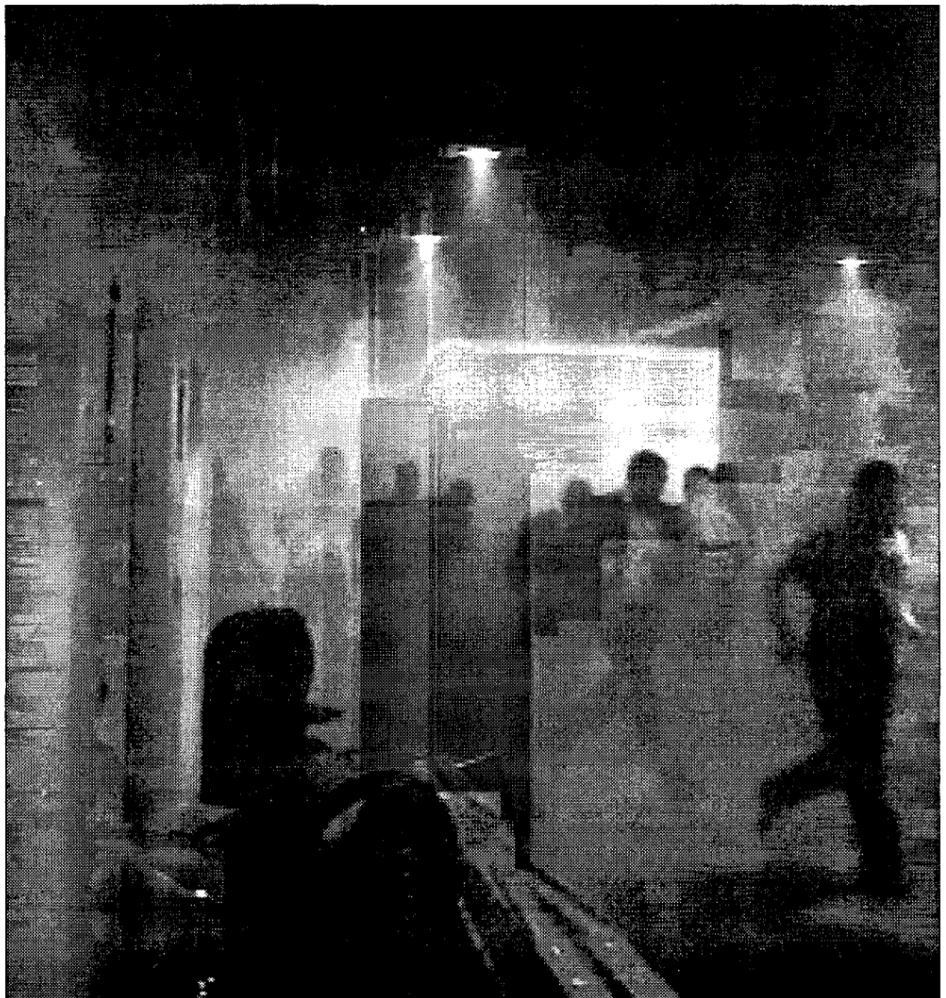
Iraqi officials later gave wildly varying accounts of how many people were killed and who they were, and some disputed the U.S. death toll but gave no definitive figure of their own.

The explosion came hours after a suicide truck bomb exploded on a major bridge in Baghdad, collapsing the steel structure and sending cars tumbling into the Tigris River, police and witnesses said. At least 10 people were killed.

The parliament bombing was believed to be the deadliest attack in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses Iraq's leadership as well as the U.S. Embassy, and is secured by American and Iraqi checkpoints.

Security officials at parliament, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information, said they believed the bomber was a bodyguard of a Sunni member of parliament who was not among the dead. They would not name the member of parliament.

The officials also said two satchel bombs were



An image from AP Television News shows people leaving the area in a U.S. Green Zone in Baghdad after a bombing in an Iraqi parliament cafe Thursday.

found near the cafeteria. A U.S. bomb squad took the explosives away and detonated them without incident.

President Bush strongly condemned the attack, saying: "My message to the Iraqi government is 'We stand with you.'"

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell told The Associated Press that eight people were killed in the attack, which witness accounts indicated was carried out by a suicide bomber.

Iraqi officials said the bomber struck the cafeteria while several lawmakers were eating lunch, and at least two of them — both Sunnis — were killed.

State television said 30 people were wounded.

"We don't know at this point who it was. We do know in the past that suicide vests have been used predominantly by al-Qaida," Caldwell said.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh suggested that those behind the attack might work in the building.

"There are some groups that work in politics during the day and do things other than politics at night," he told Alhurra.

The Alhurra video showed the blast, with startled lawmaker Jalaluddin al-Saghir, who is also a Muslim imam, ducking for cover. It then

showed the immediate aftermath: People screamed for help in a smoky hallway, with one man slumped over, covered in dust, motionless. A woman knelt over what appeared to be a wounded or dead man near a table. The camera then focused on a bloody, severed leg.

TV cameras and videotapes belonging to a crew sending footage to Western networks were confiscated and apparently handed over to U.S. authorities.

After the blast, security guards sealed the building and no one — including lawmakers — was allowed to enter or leave.

Imus fired from CBS radio show

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS fired Don Imus from his radio program Thursday, the finale to a stunning fall for one of the nation's most prominent broadcasters.

Imus initially was given a two-week suspension for calling the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos" on the air last week, but outrage continued to grow and advertisers bolted from his CBS radio show and its MSNBC simulcast.

"There has been much discussion of the effect language like this has on our young people, particularly young women of color trying to make their

way in this society," CBS President and Chief Executive Officer Leslie Moonves said in announcing the decision. "That consideration has weighed most heavily on our minds as we made our decision."

Rutgers women's basketball team spokeswoman Stacey Brann said the team did not have an immediate comment on Imus' firing.

Time Magazine once named the cantankerous broadcaster as one of the 25 Most Influential People in America, and he was a member of the National Broadcaster Hall of Fame.

But Imus found himself at the center of a storm as protests intensified.

On Wednesday, MSNBC dropped the simulcast of Imus' show.

Losing Imus will be a financial hit to CBS Radio, which also suffered from Howard Stern departed for satellite radio. The program is worth about \$15 million in annual revenue to CBS, which owns Imus' home radio station WFAN-AM and manages Westwood One, the company that syndicates the show across the country.

The Rev. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson met with Moonves on Thursday to demand Imus' removal, promising a rally outside CBS headquarters Saturday and an effort to persuade more advertisers to abandon Imus.

Rome

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Mary's sophomore Suzy Swygart participated in multiple services and eventually started recognizing the different seminarians and priests that led them — and later befriended them.

"Suzy and I ran into seminarians that we recognized from the morning station Masses we had been attending," Larsen said. "We sat with them, and it was an amazing experience." She also attended the Chrismal Mass, where priests renew their vows before the Pope the Lord's Supper Mass, known for the rite of washing feet on Holy Thursday and the Passion celebration inside St. Peter's Basilica on Good Friday.

"We knew priests that were in the procession of the Chrismal Mass, so it was pretty neat to see the priests that we knew renew their vows with the Papa," Larsen said. "We had really good seats [for the Passion celebration] and could see the Pope very well."

Larsen attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday with Swygart, sophomore Lisa Ficker and three other Saint Mary's students.

Before entering St. Peter's Basilica, crowds were lined up outside the gates of the square, Larsen said.

"Once the gates open peo-

ple just start sprinting to them," Larsen said. "When the gates open, though, it's every man for himself."

Larsen said Ficker scaled the barricades to get inside, an older man present helped Swygart over the fence while Larsen was "sucked into the crowd" but eventually she also managed to enter the Basilica for the Mass.

"We had an amazing view," Larsen said. "It was such a beautiful Mass mostly in Latin."

"It was one of the most beautiful things I have ever been a part of."

**Meghan Larsen
sophomore**

The entire week was a great opportunity to join other Catholics to celebrate the greatest day of the Christian year with the Pope, Larsen said.

"It was one of the most beautiful things I have

ever been a part of," she said. "People from all over the world were there to celebrate Mass."

Not all the students who are studying in Rome participated in the events of Holy Week — students are on Spring Break until April 15.

Sophomore Sarah Dapkus, who will be in Rome the entire academic year, chose to travel to Ireland during the break because she had seen the Pontiff on other occasions.

"I've gone to a number of events with the Holy Father," Dapkus said. "It's so crowded that I opted to leave the hustle and bustle for Easter."

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moderated the panel, co-sponsored by the Justice Education Program and the Political Science Department.

Berdayes, a professor in the Communication and Performance Studies department, addressed the role of the media in the events leading up to the war, as well as their influence throughout the armed conflict.

"Journalism now is not objective. It is subjective from the very beginning," she said. "There is some bias always because journalists frame stories from how much to cover, what to emphasize, what to make the foreground and what to make the background."

Her focus was on the manipulative nature of present-day journalism and its effects on the American public.

"Journalism is dangerous during wartime in matters of what stories are covered and how," she said. "Propaganda is often a prerequisite of war. Information is a weapon used on all sides."

The most distressing journalistic shortcoming, however, is not a marked political orientation but rather the failure to obtain all the correct information, she said.

"Liberal or conservative bias is beside the point. What you see, read and hear may not be true," Berdayes said.

She also talked about a study that addressed the three major misconceptions of the war, as a result of disinformation, she said. The first untruth was the belief in the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The second misconception, Berdayes said, had people thinking many other foreign countries supported America's war effort. And, finally, the

notion that Saddam Hussein was directly linked to the September 11 attacks constitutes the third and most common misunderstanding about the war in Iraq.

These misconceptions alone illustrate the undeniable influence — positive or negative — of the media on the American people, Berdayes said.

"The stakes are high, and we cannot be naive," she said. "We must be able to see the bias."

Patrick Pierce, a political science professor, addressed the constitutionality of the war and the accountability of the sitting Bush administration.

Initially, however, he revisited the common misconceptions of the American public, shaken by the "incredible percentages of citizens" that believe untrue and unsubstantiated rumors.

He also emphasized the importance of activism, on either end of the political spectrum.

Reflecting on the President's accountability, Pierce said that looking at the past will help dictate the future of the conflict.

"In terms of administration, the last thing Bush wants to do is look backward, but backward is important because it pinpoints accountability of our elected officials," he said. "Regardless of what situation we face politically now, an important part of a democratic state is to hold officials accountable positively and negatively. ... If the president is held accountable for negative actions, he loses power."

The misuse of intelligence was another key point in Pierce's argument.

"It is clear that what led up to the war was a manipulation of intelligence," he said. "Did [the Bush administration] lie? Disregard the truth? Make a good fake argument? Probably a mix of both."

The implications and results of investigating the past for answers to the above questions may determine the electorate's future decisions, he said.

Pierce also said the continued American occupation is detri-

mental to further progress in both countries.

"Our mere presence has made it very difficult for a stable democracy to be established no matter what," he said. "The whole situation was created by poor decision-making leading up to the war. There are no good choices for stability."

The final speaker was Joseph Miller, a psychology professor, who spoke about the impact of the Iraqi conflict on Iran.

"Presently, there is extensive evidence that Bush, Cheney and neoconservative advisors are trying to justify an attack in Iran," he said. "They are using the same tactics as Iraq. This time, however, Congress, media and groups of all sorts are speaking out, demanding unnecessary and dangerous preparations with Iran be replaced with diplomacy."

Miller addressed the importance of avoiding the repetition of the Iraq War in Iran.

"If we launch an attack in Iran, the tragedy will be even more intense," he said.

Miller divided his presentation into four parts, starting with a discussion of the essential information that isn't being acknowledged. He went on to the essential actions that are not occurring, the unfolding provocative actions that could spark a war and the options facing the United States.

"There is no evidence Iran poses a nuclear threat in the near future, so there is no need to provoke war," he said. "Unproven information is as unreliable as the claims with Iraq."

Miller also questioned Bush's willingness to explore diplomatic avenues with North Korea, but not with Iran.

"The conflict with North Korea is much more advanced. Why can't we use diplomacy in Iran?" he said. "Many individuals believe — myself included — that the only way we can make sure war is not launched in Iran is impeachment proceedings."

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Arkansas court remands case

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a state judge was wrong to dismiss Wal-Mart's lawsuit to break a retirement deal with a convicted former executive, saying the world's largest retailer is entitled to have a jury hear its claims.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, wants to void a multi-million-dollar retirement settlement it gave to Tom Coughlin, who later pleaded guilty to defrauding the company through the misuse of gift cards and expense reimbursements.

Wal-Mart and Coughlin had signed a pact in which the two sides agreed not to sue the other for grievances that might come to light after Coughlin's departure. However, the company said it discovered Coughlin's fraud after that pact was signed and believes Sam Walton's former right-hand man was obligated to reveal his deceit before retiring.

Stocks advance despite oil prices

NEW YORK — Stocks resumed their advance Thursday following a one-day hiatus as investors looked past higher oil prices and a somewhat cloudy picture for retail sales. The Dow Jones industrial average has shown gains in nine of the last 10 sessions.

Retailers' reports on sales at stores open at least a year, an important measure known as same-stores sales, initially concerned some investors Thursday because of scattered warnings that sales would be light during April. Investors seemed to shake off those concerns as well as unease about inflation and oil prices as they awaited a deluge of earnings reports set to begin in earnest next week.

"I think investors are trying to figure out what the next Fed move is. We're really at the point of chicken — where the Fed is trying to ward off inflation without submarining the economy," said Mark Coffelt, portfolio manager at Empiric Funds, referring to when the Federal Reserve might adjust short-term interest rates. Sentiment on the health of the economy has wobbled as investors have looked to each new piece of economic data for direction.

Nestle plans to purchase Gerber

Company will become No. 1 in baby-food market after \$5.5 billion acquisition

Associated Press

GENEVA — Nestle SA, the world's biggest food and drink company, said Thursday it will buy Gerber Products Co. from pharmaceutical maker Novartis SA for \$5.5 billion, giving it the largest share of the global baby food market.

The acquisition helps further Nestle's recent focus on health and nutrition, following its purchases of the U.S. weight control company Jenny Craig and Novartis Medical Nutrition.

Nestle, which owns brands such as Nescafe, Perrier and Dreyer's, is also the world's largest manufacturer of infant nutritional products — largely through its leading positions in developing countries such as Brazil and China — but had no presence in baby food in the United States.

Gerber, which Nestle has coveted for more than a decade, dominates the U.S. baby-food market, with a 79 percent share, according to Morgan Stanley.

"The acquisition of Gerber is the perfect complementary fit," said Nestle Chairman and CEO Peter Brabeck-Letmathe. "It not only gives Nestle the leadership position in baby food, but it also constitutes a decisive step to establish Nestle Nutrition as the undisputed global leader in the nutrition field."

Adding Gerber will help the company's nutrition business generate annual sales of close to \$8.2 billion. The company said it expects Gerber to generate sales of around \$1.95 billion this year.

Nestle shares fell 0.7 percent to 406.05 Swiss francs in Zurich, where Novartis shares were up at 67.35 francs (\$55.27).

Nestle first tried to acquire Gerber in 1994, but lost to



Nestle announced Thursday that it will buy Gerber Products Co. in \$5.5 billion deal, which will make it No. 1 in the baby-food market.

Sandoz AG, which later merged with Ciba-Geigy to form Novartis. Since then, Novartis has taken steps to broaden Gerber's business beyond jarred foods.

In 2000, Gerber began selling a line of powders, oils and other toiletries for children, and in 2002 it launched microwavable meals for older toddlers. It also has a life-insurance unit. But the baby-food business has never been a good fit for a parent company that mainly sells medications.

Novartis, based in Basel, has shed several noncore

businesses in recent years. In December, Novartis sold its medical-nutrition division to Nestle for \$2.5 billion. Novartis is focusing on three main areas: inventing new prescription medicines, vaccines, and selling low-cost generic drugs and over-the-counter medicines.

"This transaction is also the right move for Gerber, as it will become a priority business in a leading global nutrition company," Novartis Chairman and CEO Daniel Vasella said in a statement.

Analysts said although the price appeared high at first

sight, it was in line with similar deals.

"Added to Nestle's existing baby food business in the U.S. and its overall North American business, this makes Nestle a very clear leader in infant nutrition in the U.S., where, unlike Western Europe, having babies remains in vogue," said Rob Mann, a Collins Stewart food analyst in London.

The purchase is expected to be completed during the second half of this year, subject to approval by regulatory authorities, Nestle said.

Apple delays launch of 'Leopard'

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc. said it won't be shipping its next-generation operating system in June as planned, saying it had to divert resources from the project so that it could launch its highly anticipated iPhone on time.

The new shipment date for Mac OS X "Leopard" will be in October, the company said Thursday. The iPhone will make its debut in June as planned.

Apple shares dropped \$1.75, or nearly 2 percent, to \$90.44 in extended-session trading after the announcement. Earlier, they had closed at \$92.19, down 40 cents, on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

The "iPhone contains the most sophisticated software ever shipped on a mobile device, and finishing it on time has not come without a

price — we had to borrow some key software engineering and (quality assurance) resources from our Mac OS X team," Apple said in a statement.

Apple announced the iPhone — a smart phone that also serves as an iPod media player — in January to much fanfare. The Cupertino-based company said Thursday the iPhone is still on track to be shipped in late June and has passed several of the required certification tests.

Apple, which had previously said Leopard would be available in the spring, had hoped to release the Mac operating system upgrade at its Worldwide Developers Conference, a five-day event in San Francisco that starts June 11.

Instead, a "near-final version" of Leopard will be ready for the developers at the conference to take home, Apple said. Though Leopard's

features will be complete by then, Apple said the company won't be ready to ship what it considers a "quality release."

"We think it'll be worth the wait," Apple said. "Life often presents trade-offs, and in this case we're sure we've made the right ones."

Analysts agreed. "If it came down to one product or the other slipping, they made the right choice for iPhone to be on time — where consumer demand and anticipation is already running high," said Michael Gartenberg, an industry analyst at JupiterResearch.

Apple plans to ship two versions of the iPhone — a 4-gigabyte model for \$499 and an 8-gigabyte one for \$599. It will be available in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T Inc.'s Cingular Wireless network. It will be sold in Europe later this year and in Asia next year.

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- ... 5:15 p.m. Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- ... 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- ... 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- ... 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- ... Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- ... Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
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tioned on Corby on every block for at least four blocks, and on Route 23 he said he passed three or four more cars. He said he also saw police cars parked along Notre Dame Avenue.

Rossmann said he saw at least one K-9 unit.

An auto impound report filed the incident as a parking violation/traffic hazard, Lanning said. The report listed the owner of the vehicle as Gerald O'Brien of the 1300 block of North Johnson Street. The vehicle was impounded for blocking street traffic on the 800 block of Sorin Street.

Kane said the police cleared out about a half hour after she arrived on Corby Boulevard.

A bartender at Club 23 said the police did not enter the building.

Maddie Hanna contributed to this report.

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Sheehan

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Casey, in Iraq, spoke to a packed Carroll Auditorium Thursday morning as dozens of South Bend residents convened at campus to hear the words of the anti-war activist.

While students were the audience's minority, Sheehan said she did not fear a lack of youth activism calling for an end to the war.

"People always ask me, 'Where are all the young people?'" she said. "It seems they are not involved like they were in Vietnam, but there is a big difference. ... If young people started burning things people would take more notice, but young people are doing it in a peaceful, authentic way."

Sheehan began her personal crusade in August 2005, when she protested at a peace camp outside President Bush's Crawford ranch during his five-week vacation there.

Her continuous efforts to gain Bush's attention garnered her international media attention at Camp Casey during her five-week stint camped outside the ranch. She demanded an audience with the president and an explanation for her son's death.

Sheehan said there is great value in nonviolent demonstrations — giving her a voice louder than angry critics like conservative columnist Ann Coulter, she said.

"If you wrestle with pigs you only get dirty," Sheehan said. "And the pigs like it. We must

keep ourselves clean. Peace is the most radical concept."

The concept of peace within our own society, she said, is so rare that Sheehan only included it in the title of her organization, Gold Star Families for Peace, after careful deliberation.

Sheehan is one of nine founders of the organization, which provides support for families of fallen soldiers and seeks to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

While Sheehan said people often approach her in a state of shock about America's involvement in Iraq in this post-Vietnam era, she said she explains that after Vietnam those actively seeking peace thought their jobs were done.

"I tell them, 'You put your signs in your garages and your peace badges in your jewelry box,'" she said. "Of course this can happen again. The war machine wants constant war ... In twenty, thirty or forty, your children will be involved in something like this."

Sheehan made the decision to speak at the College as a "break" from her large venue speaking tour, College Democrat president Meaghan Herbst said.

And while Sheehan could have spoken at a larger local venue, University spokesperson Don Wycliff said no request to have Sheehan speak at Notre Dame came through his office.

Although the expected attendance was only 200 people — a relatively small crowd for the internationally known activist — Sheehan said she was enthused to be at a small

women's Catholic college, particularly because the religious and leadership values Saint Mary's intends to instill within its graduates attracted her.

"[Leadership] is not being elected or hired," she said. "To me, leadership is about living your life in an authentic way that honors your values and the values of humanity."

As a convert to the Catholic religion and former youth leader within the Church, Sheehan raised concerns over the state of today's Church.

She said she will not believe priests, bishops, cardinals and the Pope are truly against the war until they join the nuns who are willing to physically sit in and protest the unjust bloodshed in the Middle East.

This reference resounded in audience members who were in support of the Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Cross' recently announced stance in favor non-violence.

The lecture's introductory speaker, Regina Wilson, said the Congregation "declared that nonviolence is constituent of Jesus, right with all Creation and requires innovative responses to conflict."

While Sheehan was in support of this declaration, it prompted the audience to question the College's involvement in the Notre Dame-based Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

Introductory speaker and Notre Dame Assistant Professor of theology Michael Baxter said he did not believe ROTC had a place at the University, and the scholarship money should instead be used to finance student peace-

makers' scholarships — an idea that won the applause of Sheehan.

Sheehan said a shortcoming of domestic anti-war activism is the individual protester's unwillingness to make sacrifices.

The first change she urged was the end of Saturday marches on Capitol Hill, jokingly saying that not even the person responsible for clearing dog waste from the sidewalks is in the neighborhood on a Saturday.

In turn, she extended an invitation to the 10,000 Mother March on Monday, May 14 — a date when she said she is confident the manifestation will draw the attention of lawmakers.

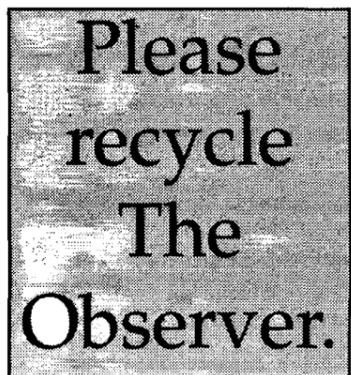
Sheehan said the ultimate sacrifice, however, lies within the individual, as every citizen has the responsibility to contribute his talents to the improvement of society.

"Look inside and figure out what more you can do," she said. "Don't worry about what you will eat, where you will sleep or your clothes. Step out in faith and that will be provided for you."

A mother of three other children, Sheehan said she would gladly stay in her California home to cook and clean for them, but after Casey's death and the loss of thousands of innocent Iraqis, she realized that was no longer an option.

"If we want true and lasting peace," she said, "we all have to sacrifice. ... We have to give something until it hurts."

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McDaniels' presence justified

It's generated strongly worded Letters to the Editor, prompted plenty of angry complaints and often required significant changes before publication.

So why is Kaleidoscope McDaniels still in The Observer?

It's a fair question, and the short answer is, usually, it's pretty funny.

Concerns about Observer comic strips have surfaced frequently in recent years. Readers have questioned Kaleidoscope since it began in January, and before that Jocular was a frequent target of criticism — although other cartoons, from time to time, have drawn objections as well. Whatever the case, a common theme has emerged.

When a joke is made — unless it's the mildest, safest and, more often than not, least funny option — someone gets offended.

And when a joke is made that touches a nerve with a broader group of readers, it's often because it exposed an underlying issue.

What do men at Notre Dame think of the school's women? Do people understand the magnitude of problems caused by eating disorders? Why is there tension between the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses?

These are serious subjects, and they aren't caused by stereotypes or jokes found in a comic strip. Those jokes stem from pre-existing problems — and while it's easy to blame a cartoon for inflaming a situation, it's not addressing any root

cause.

These observations are not meant to undermine complaints. After all, a newspaper's role is to serve its community, and upset readers deserve explanations. What's important to remember, however, is that the purpose of a comic strip isn't to infuriate people — it's to make them laugh. Some may see those laughs as coming at others' expense, but that's ascribing a baser motive to the cartoon than what its author or the newspaper had in mind.

Humor is subjective. That doesn't mean anything goes, however. When we think one of our cartoonists has crossed the line, we tell him. When we judge a particular submission to be in poor taste, we ask for a replacement, or we run a gray box apologizing for the comic strip's absence. (That's not what happened with

Kaleidoscope McDaniels this week, though — the cartoonist took three days off.)

Eventually, it comes down to a value judgment. Maybe the cartoons stimulate productive discussion, and maybe they don't. But we aren't asking our cartoonists to lead that discussion. We're asking them to make people laugh. That's what Kaleidoscope McDaniels does, and that's why we value it.

We hope that readers will continue to tell us when they think we've stepped over the line. But we also hope the community will take these jokes for what they are, and what they're always intended to be — jokes.

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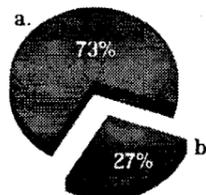
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To be stupid, selfish, and have good health are three requirements for happiness, though if stupidity is lacking, all is lost."

Gustave Flaubert
French realist novelist

The madness of the poets

In the middle of the seventeenth century, the divorcee, propagandist and future regicide, John Milton, claimed that would-be poets should mold their own lives in the form of virtue before daring to represent it in poetry. He “who would not be frustrate of his hope to write well hereafter in laudable things,” Milton asserted, “ought himself to be a true poem; that is, a composition and pattern of the best and most honorable things; not presuming to sing high praises of heroic men, or famous cities, unless he have in himself the experience and the practice of all that which is praiseworthy.”

**James
 Matthew
 Wilson**

*The Treasonous
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To lay such a burden on scribblers of verses must seem madness to us, so far is it from the common assumptions of our society. This is not only because we live in a half-literate age where even the nominally well educated neither read poetry nor could identify it if they heard it. Rather, our time lacks poetry in another sense. Our “popular poetry” is in fact the endless spectacle of mass entertainment, and we demand of that entertainment not that it be “honorable,” not that it be a “pattern of the best” to which a human being might aspire. Instead, we insist that it recreate, in as apparently unmediated a form as possible, the basest and worst aspects of our experience: sometimes to justify it, and sometime merely to affirm its pathos, validating the misery in which we wallow.

In the greatest works of art, however, we discover what the philosophers

intend when they say all things possess truth, goodness, and beauty insofar as they exist. In the madness of Achilles, we encounter the very form of courage, seeing that the practicing of a virtue takes narrative shape, and that shape we discover as beautiful. In Achilles also we discover a certain blindness, a failure to distinguish courage from pride. The thin veneer of Christianity that has been brushed over most of us helps us to see that Achilles’ lack of mercy proves at times a deficiency, an imperfection in the form of his life that betrays his adherence to a false system of truth.

In most societies and times this identification of the beautiful with the true and the good holds in art and in life. Of ours this cannot so confidently be asserted. The vast majority of us consume mass entertainment and that alone. We devour the crude banalities of rock or hip-hop as quickly as possible, requiring the music to be simple yet intensely emotional so that it provides satisfactions closer to those found in brothels than in the sacraments of enduring love.

The complications of orchestral music render it unintelligible to us, as if we can believe that the only excuse for assembling so many instruments must be that they are going to bleat one, loud explosive noise while some airplane blows up an asteroid at the end of this week’s box-office smash. We justify this scorn of the sophisticated and saturation in the squalid by saying that the music of mass entertainment speaks to our experience. This is partially true. The sulfurous auditory secretions of Trent Reznor, I’m sure, originate in the bowels of a painful adolescence no less than

“Ms. Jackson” translates some of the sorrows of a country where illegitimacy and estrangement are commonplace.

Some of us dabble in the decayed forms of the fine arts, justifying our practice on the authenticity of the suffering or sentimentality that inspired it, rather than on any actual achievement. We have no “mute inglorious” Miltons, but we have mobs of millions looking to express their all too legitimate sufferings in the sincere but incompetent lineated prose they call “poetry.” They speak of the “healing” printing their pain brings about, but that is no excuse for bad art. As many of us have witnessed, one can have fantastic success as a playwright, no matter how ugly and vulgar the play, if one can convince enough college students that they are being “liberated” by acting or viewing it. This therapeutic justification serves not to better the world or the lives of its audience, but to assure those still maturing that they are just fine the way they are and to short circuit any serious critical thought.

All art has some aboriginal contact with the foundational emotions of human experience. All great art engages dialectically with that experience, representing it truly, calling forth its actual form. In that dialectic, great art also calls forth the potential forms of experience, to show us how life should be and how we should live. We find in it what we already know as well as what we ought to desire, what we lament as well as what we ought to praise.

In this respect, art frequently acts as a kind of goad, which suggests why human beings have always assigned an “edifying” element to art even as they fail time and again to explain it.

Sometimes this “goad” can smack of pedagogical arrogance. How many school children of past generations came to loath Mozart or even poor Longfellow, because their knuckle-rapping schoolmaster said they ought to love “The Requiem” or “The Song of Hiawatha”? The sublimity of a poem should not make one feel like a court jester staring ruefully up at his king; it rather threatens to absorb us in that sublimity.

True poets and artists must indeed be mad, as in angered, to live in a time when the craft of making a beautiful thing is either ignored or patronized as therapeutic “self-expression.” The more numerous charlatans who manufacture the monstrosities that pass for much of contemporary art, however, are prone to a peculiar madness. They march about the ruined colonnade of the fine arts, believing themselves to be its king making great works. What they in fact produce — in film, print or music, on canvas or in “installation art” — is a mirror, ugly yet rose-tinted to flatter our culture in the midst of its own deprivation. They are Miltons who helped murder a king and wrote lengthy tracks to “validate” the blood on their hands. They are not the Milton who wrote an epic about Christ, capable of praising the beauty of a life he might not succeed in imitating, but to which he might still aspire.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pride in appearance not a flaw

Katherine, Katherine, Katherine. As someone with a 3.66 GPA I am sure in your SAT prep you came across the definition of hypocrite. You know, someone who does something that they themselves condemn? Because you, my dear, have done just that.

You claim that Liam Moran stereotypes Notre Dame women and rowers and that he needs to broaden his standards, that his viewpoint of Notre Dame women and rowers is wrongfully placed. Yet as soon as you are done bashing someone (who produces comics that the majority of the student body enjoys) for his actions, you turn around and do the exact same thing by stereotyping him and telling him not to lower his standards and to go after the sexy unintelligent bimbo that you are sure he wants.

Someone does not practice what they preach. As a fellow Katharine and someone who was a member of not only her high school crew team but also one at the collegiate level as well, I can tell you I never took Moran’s comics serious. I never felt like a Gremlin; it was you who called me a Gremlin. You don’t know me or Liam, therefore you do not know how I feel or what kind of woman Moran is interested in.

At a University that prides itself on having hardworking, well rounded students who obviously put forth a great deal of effort, I can say I am ashamed of your actions. You claim not to put enough effort in to your appearance and therefore could be considered unattractive by Liam Moran or possibly other male students. If you consider yourself unattractive due to lack of effort it is only natural that other people will too. You call yourself a Gremlin. I do

not know you and therefore will not comment on your physical appearance, but no one can love you unless you love yourself and respect yourself.

Taking pride in your appearance is in no way a crime, nor does it take away from the ability to learn and increase intelligence. We all have hard days where we may not look our best, but in no way is it acceptable to make this an everyday occurrence. If you do, it will not only be boys who are turned off by your appearance but girls and teachers as well. I respect well-dressed women and men alike. Take note boys, sweats and sweat-shirts everyday are not that hot. I take time in the morning to make myself presentable, I wear some hot shoes and I am a good student. I don’t think this little bit of self-pride will offend you since you were so inclined to declare your GPA.

See, Katherine, it’s not that hard to have it all. Some of the smartest girl I know are also some of the most beautiful girls I know. I can say that they do not take care of themselves to attract boys, as many of them already have boyfriends, but to feel good about themselves. It’s called self-esteem and self-love. And let me tell you that combination is awesome. So don’t take offense to Moran’s comic — as it is a comic, the opposite of serious. But do listen to it, as taking care of yourself makes you feel good.

I would say that judging on your strong reaction, someone hit a nerve, learn from it. Chocolate? Fine by me.

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 April 12

Sheehan not in line with College mission

As an alumna of Saint Mary’s College, I was ashamed to read the story, “Anti-war activist to speak,” in the April 12 issue of The Observer. I was disappointed to learn the College had extended an invitation to Cindy Sheehan to speak Thursday morning. I continue to find her behavior and conduct disrespectful and undeserving of Saint Mary’s support.

While I admit I am no enthusiast of Sheehan’s views on the war in Iraq, I have real reservations over the manner in which she has chosen to protest this war in Iraq. Please do not misunderstand my position. I believe in the First Amendment. I believe in the right of every citizen to question her government. These are values of our American democracy. Nevertheless, Sheehan has routinely abused those rights.

First and foremost, she continues to misrepresent the war through false facts while casting unwarranted aspersions upon those who fundamentally disagree with her. She has been arrested on numerous occasions due to unlawful protests across the United States and the world. The most despicable of these being her 2006 attempt to wear an anti-war T-shirt in the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives during President Bush’s annual State of the Union Address. As she most certainly knew or should have known, protesting in this chamber is not allowed. Her actions were disrespectful and political in nature. There is a time and a place for this type of activity. This certainly was not the time.

I am disappointed that my alma mater chose to allow Sheehan to speak

on campus. There are certainly many other scholars and activists who disagree with the war that would have been a better alternative than her. She is not someone who the College should be so willing to be affiliated with as her avenues of protest are not valued in the College’s mission.

During her visit, Sheehan received an overwhelming amount of support from official entities of the College, including the Center for Women’s Inter-Cultural Leadership (CWIL), the Women’s Resource Center, Peacemakers and Justice Education. These organizations, funded by grant money and student tuition, should not be sponsoring such a high-profile, politically-driven visit. That should have been left solely to the College Democrats or other politically-affiliated clubs on campus. Would the CWIL — or the other groups — ever sponsor a visit by a supporter of the Iraq war, or even just a conservative, to speak on campus? From my four years spent at Saint Mary’s, I have my doubts.

If the goal of Sheehan’s visit was to allow students the opportunity to participate in democracy and to aid Saint Mary’s women in becoming informed citizens, then Saint Mary’s should be as willing to invite an alternative viewpoint to argue the other side. I’ll be waiting.

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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

When the curtain goes up on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" tonight in Washington Hall, it will mark a milestone for Opera Notre Dame — the culmination of its most ambitious project to date.

Most college students have come to know and love William Shakespeare's play through high school English courses, but it's an entirely different show when presented in opera form.

For a quick refresher course, the play's rather complicated plot revolves around two pairs of lovers — Hermia and Lysander, and Demetrius and Helena — who end up in a forest after Hermia and Lysander elope. The play is very soap opera-esque,

as Helena is in love with Demetrius, who loves not Helena but Hermia, who in turn loves Lysander. This complex "who-likes-who" dynamic becomes even more complicated when fairy king Oberon has his hench-fairy, Puck, intervene. Puck plays Cupid with a series

of love potion applications, which scramble the preexisting romantic relationships and create a whole new series of interlocking love triangles.

In addition to the lovers, a roving band of thespians arrives in the woods, Oberon feuds with his fairy wife Titania, and there's an impending marriage between Duke Theseus of Athens and Amazonian queen Hippolyta.

Oh, and one man's head is turned into that of a donkey.

As far as the opera goes, legendary British composer Benjamin Britten composed the music in late summer of 1959 for a performance at the Aldeburgh Festival, held less than a year later. Britten is considered to be perhaps England's most important composer ever, but any discussion of the music of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" must include mention of Peter Pears, Britten's lifelong friend and contemporary. In fact, Britten composed much of the opera with Pears' tenor voice in mind. Due to the time constraints under which they wrote the opera, Pears was responsible for adapting the text of Shakespeare's original play.

As such, there's a considerable amount of change and revision in the operatic version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which makes its performance considerably more difficult.

"Whenever you're talking about the opera, it's important to keep in mind that it's an adaptation," director Mark Beudert said in the midst of a busy rehearsal Wednesday night. "The location of the opera is changed to the woods. The woods music runs through the whole opera. [Also], Oberon's role is bigger and the lovers' roles are proportionately smaller. The mechanicals are about the same. Theseus and Hippolyta are reduced to almost nothing.

"In Shakespeare's text, there's more words and therefore more nuances. However, for the opera, it can't be handled the same way. You have to search for the nuances in the music. In fact, we had to go back and look for clues in the play in order to find back-story for the lovers.

"Here, you have a decision to make in order to create an opera that works well. You have to pick and choose. So it's an interesting process."

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In "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Helena (Erin Smith) loves the reluctant Demetrius (Robert DeBroeck) in one of the opera's complex romances.

In addition to the challenge of custom tailoring the opera, there's the music itself. Fortunately for Beudert, in Andrew Bisantz he has found a conductor up to the task.

Bisantz earned a Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting at the Cleveland Institute of Music in 1997, making him the youngest person ever to achieve such a degree in the institute's history. Ten years later, he is the resident conductor of Florida Grand Opera in Miami.

Of course, Beudert himself is an accomplished professional. A visiting professor of opera here at Notre Dame, Beudert is a tenor who completed his undergraduate studies at Columbia University, then received his doctoral degree in music from the University of Michigan.

In terms of degree of difficulty, Beudert and company should be awarded a perfect ten for taking on the challenge of pulling off "A Midsummer Night's Dream." As Beudert himself says, "This is music that challenges professionals."

So why did he choose to put on "A Midsummer Night's Dream?"

"This is a fiendishly difficult opera to present, and it's almost impossible for an all-undergraduate cast to perform — but we didn't accept that," Beudert said. "We have a very diverse cast, a very young cast. Frankly, we had so many talented people we had to do it. We have pushed everyone. It's been a learning experience for all of us. I don't know anyone else who's doing this. I think it's unique for us."

But due to the difficulty of the performance, Beudert did wind up making one concession — calling in some backup with professionals imported from the South Bend Symphony.

"It's a perfect opera for this campus because it's a complete liberal arts experience," Beudert said of the opera, speaking for himself, cast and crew. "It's been a tremendous experience, and we're looking forward to doing it in front of an audience."

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Much of the humor in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" comes from the mechanicals, a troupe of actors led by Bottom (Steve Soebbing, back row).



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Callie Hoffman (left) and Emily Sladek take the stage as fairy king and queen Oberon and Titania, respectively, in Opera Notre Dame's latest production.

CD REVIEW

'Devils and Angels' is divinely uninspired

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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With their newest release, "Devils and Angels," pop-rock band Melee have somehow managed to create one of the most generic albums ever put to digital disc. This album is what Rob Gordon once called "music I can ignore," and its polish seems so overdone that it has virtually eliminated any semblance of originality or talent.

"Devils & Angels" opens with the especially ignorable "Built to Last." Frontman Chris Cron's style feels something like

Coldplay, melded to a sad imitation Motion City Soundtrack and with a dash of The Shins — only, well, not as good. When Cron wants to croon, his vocals try to massage the tinny guitars in an attempt to sound epic. Unfortunately, it only sounds like over-produced babble. Cron should leave the singing to guys like Modest Mouse frontman Isaac Brock — someone who actually knows how to croon with his instruments — and return to the delusions of grandeur from whence he comes.

This is not to say that every song on the album is horrible — some of them manage to be only quite bad. The third track, "Frequently Baby (She's a Teenage Maniac)," kicks the album into second gear, past the feeble "first gear" of the rest of the album. Sadly, for listeners, this is where the placid excitement ends. Trying to sound like British rockers Muse, they throw in piano for good measure. But where Muse is epic, Melee sings about a teenage maniac with her heart of the dance floor. If Melee wants to sound and look like British rockers, it should stop singing about high school girls. It's just plain creepy.

The rest of album follows along like a pop music cookbook. Producer Howard Benson seems, like numbers before him, to have followed the path of least musical resistance, and "Devils and Angels" feels like an uninspired combination of pop tendencies and pseudo-hipster sensibilities as a result. It's as though Benson and Melee consulted the library of generic blues conventions, added a quarter of a cup of rhythm, mixed in a dash of monotonous guitar and covered it with a bland production glaze.



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Californian pop-rockers Melee have recently released a new album, "Devils and Angels," which aims to imitate artists like Muse and Modest Mouse.

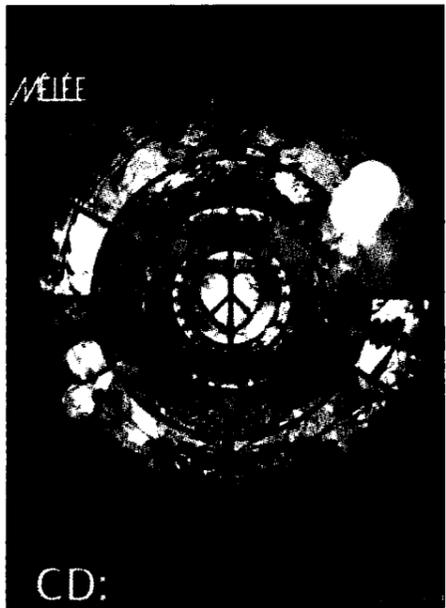
"Drive Away," from the first half of the album, tries to be edgy with some crunchy guitars. Sadly, it's just too little too late — and Melee hasn't hit the middle of the album. The rest of the "Devils and Angels" continues along the same well-trod path.

The only decent song on the album is its bonus track, "You Make My Dreams." This song is actually catchy, with its fuzzy guitars that seem to have escaped the producers' spit-n-shine routine. Cron sings with some real feeling, and the rest of the band provides decent background vocals. The best thing about this track is its honesty — the band isn't trying to be epic or ground-

breaking. They are, strangely enough, having fun with the song. It's too bad for Melee that this diamond in the rough is a bonus track, and that they couldn't take a cue from it for the rest of the album.

All in all, Melee's "Devils and Angels" is a horrible piece of recorded music. It knows what it wants to be, which is more than many bands can say, and it is what it is — very bad. Go check out Modest Mouse, Muse or even Coldplay before you go near this one.

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DVD REVIEW

'Dazed and Confused' gets high on teen spirit

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In hindsight, high school really was one big haze. At least, that's the impression you get from "Dazed and Confused," writer-director Richard Linklater's cheerfully droll and hilarious revisit of his '70s teen years.

Employing an ensemble cast with the talent to match the prowess of his prose, Linklater drives the movie forward by parading his characters, one group after another, in front of us. He flexes his rare talent for developing a handful of characters in a two-minute exchange, before whisking us away to another equally compelling group and introducing us to them. Big names like Ben Affleck and Matthew

McConaughey and superb character actors like Adam Goldberg and Parker Posey all shine here — several of them in their very first screen appearances.

In this way, "Dazed and Confused" becomes one of the most singularly character-driven movies in recent memory. Even Linklater, on the director's commentary to the new DVD, admits to the film's lack of an identifiable plot. Do we miss having a plot? Not really. But if you need one, here it is: A bunch of high schoolers cruise around a small town in Texas for kicks on the last day of school in May 1976. They have fun, get in trouble and get away with it. Some justice is served, but mostly they talk the night away.

Linklater's motivation for making the movie was simple and two-fold: to capture the energy of being a teenage and playing loud music. Everything else is nonessential. He hoped to capture "what it was like in that moment-to-moment reality, looking around for something to do, trying to be cool, and not much really going on," he admits on the commentary. "But I still wanted to capture the essential boredom of being a teen and trying to find something to do."

The finished film plays out a lot like its simple premise, with teens amusing themselves, realizing their boredom before moving on to another pursuit. Its refreshing simplicity never gets old and instead elevates it to one of our great teen pictures. And as a testament to Linklater's storytelling skill, it never feels like a string of sight gags, which is what it could have easily devolved into in the hands of a lesser filmmaker.

As promised, the soundtrack is bumping. The characters tool around while Aerosmith, War, ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd carry the plot with ease.

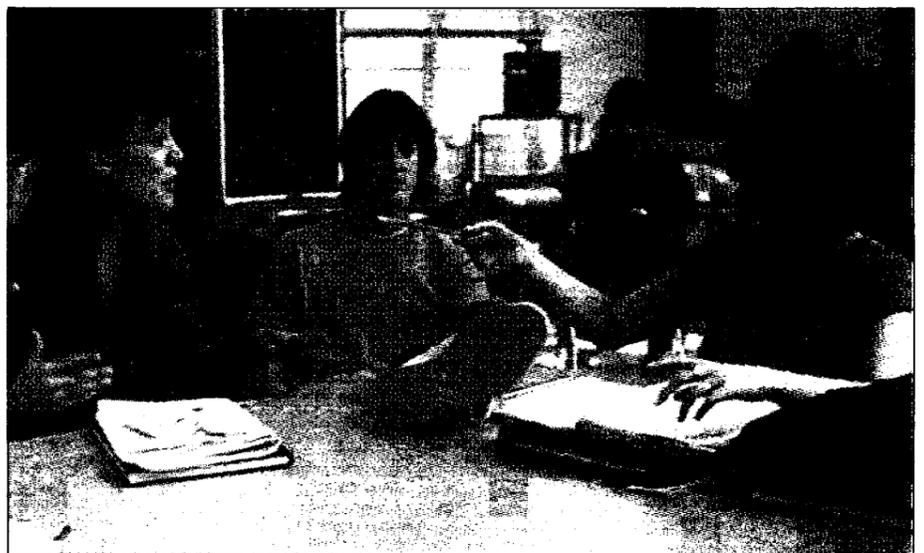


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Director Richard Linklater's classic 1993 film "Dazed and Confused" is an irreverent, character-driven return to his high school years in the mid 1970s.

Like Zach Braff with "Garden State," Linklater had the music in mind when fashioning the screenplay. "Music articulated everything you couldn't really say," he admits.

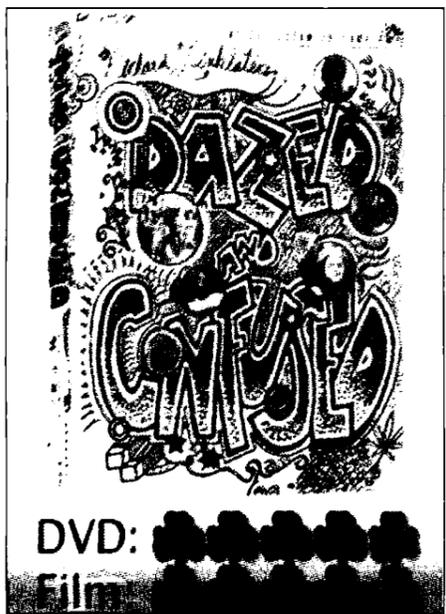
With the film already past its 10th birthday, the Criterion Collection has bestowed Linklater's lovable little film with a two-disc special edition DVD that captures its seminal place among '90s independent cinema. Featuring a new clean-up video and audio transfer and a wonderful commentary from Linklater, the film looks and sounds better than it ever has before.

But the meat and potatoes of the release are the copious extras. The DVD includes on-set and behind-the-scenes interviews with cast and crew, trailers, deleted scenes

and footage from the 10-year anniversary reunion. The real treasure is the "Making 'Dazed'" documentary, a 45-minute piece that digs into why the film was so hard to make, and how Linklater and the crew managed to will it into existence.

Playing out like one charming vignette after another, "Dazed and Confused" is a rare and wonderful film that succeeds without ever concerning itself with a plot. "Dazed" remains a landmark teen picture purely on the strength of its characters. They seem almost endless as they laugh, idle, bicker and torment one another for the better part of a day and night in '76.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers prepare for home tilt versus Georgetown

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame will look for a crucial win Saturday, facing off against Big East foe Georgetown.

The Irish (10-3) will conclude their five-game home stand against the No. 11 Hoyas (7-5) at 1 p.m. Georgetown sits atop the Big East standings with a 3-0 record, and Notre Dame stands tied for second at 2-1.

Georgetown, ranked third in the preseason, has played an up and down season against an incredibly tough schedule. While the Hoyas have impressive wins against ranked conference opponents Rutgers and Syracuse, the team has dropped five games,

including three of its last four.

All five of Georgetown's losses have come to opponents ranked in the top-12 nationally.

For Notre Dame, the game against the conference leader is critical if the Irish want to remain in contention for the Big East regular season title. A win against the Hoyas would vault the Irish into first place, while a loss would effectively end any hopes of a regular season championship and the No. 1 seed in the inaugural Big East Tournament.

Offensively, the Hoyas are led by senior Coco Stanwick, currently second in the conference in points with 40 goals and 18 assists. Seniors Brittany Baschuk and Schuyler Sutton also have 22 and 20 goals,

respectively.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the team hopes to contain Stanwick, but doesn't expect to completely stop the Georgetown star.

"You know Coco will get her goals," Coyne said. "But we feel confident we can handle and contain her defensively, and I have a lot of confidence in Kaki Orr against her in draw control." Georgetown's strength this season, however, has been in its defense. The Hoyas are giving up an average of only nine goals per game — best in the conference.

Notre Dame will look to continue two recent trends that have led to wins — smothering defense and a balanced offensive attack. In the Irish wins this

season, the team has given up an average of 7.3 goals per game, while giving up totals of 20, 16 and 18 in the three losses.

While sophomore Jillian Byers and junior Caitlin McKinney have been Notre Dame's top scorers all season, the emergence of a complete offensive attack has been a key to Notre Dame winning five of their last six. Sophomore Jane Stoeckert and senior Meghan Murphy have each led the Irish in points in recent games, and seniors Orr and Lena Zentgraf have each made significant contributions as well.

"I've been excited to see so many players stepping up," Coyne said. "Mary Carpenter had a career high in goals last

game, and Meghan, Lena and Jane have been excellent — it's been great and huge to our success."

The Georgetown game starts a tough schedule leading up to the Big East tournament for the Irish. Notre Dame will face No. 15 Vanderbilt on the road and conclude the regular season against No. 18 Rutgers.

The Irish, however, look forward to these challenges.

"I'm psyched to play three ranked teams, especially with the rivalries," Coyne said. "It gives us good mental preparation without any easy games, and we want to end the season on a positive note."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to maintain dominance

Team travels to Evanston to take on No. 9 Northwestern

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The No. 2 Irish will attempt to improve to 22-1 overall as they take on No. 9 Northwestern today in Evanston, Ill.

The Irish, riding a 16-match winning streak, are coming off two impressive performances over the weekend in which they easily handled both No. 34 Indiana and No. 48 Ohio State by a score of 7-0.

The Irish have been battling injuries all season, but Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback hopes to get junior Brook Buck back in the lineup at some point this weekend.

"We'll know tomorrow," Louderback said. "We're going to try to get Brook in some doubles this weekend but we don't know when for sure. It all depends on how she's feeling."

The Wildcats, who have won their last four matches and seven of their last eight, will

look to carry the momentum into the match after they defeated Indiana 5-2 on Easter Sunday.

Louderback understands that this will not be an easy match because, at No. 9, Northwestern brings a different level of play to the court.

"It's going to depend on line-ups," Louderback said. "If they go with the lineup they've been going with, I feel pretty good about the matchups. The key is going to be doubles because they have good doubles teams and their number one team just beat the No. 1-ranked William and Mary's number one doubles last week."

The two teams are no strangers. They faced off in the semifinals of the ITA Indoor National Tournament in February. The Irish outlasted the Wildcats 4-3 in that match, but Louderback feels that his team has improved greatly since that match.

"Our freshmen aren't freshmen anymore because they've played a lot of matches,"

Louderback said. "I just think that we've gotten a lot of experience playing against a lot of good teams, and I really think our doubles depth right now is very good because all the kids have played a lot."

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

because doubles is going to be very important, and our singles are pretty sharp at this point because we've played a lot. I figured we needed to be ready to give ourselves the best shot of winning the doubles."

After battling Northwestern today, the Irish will look to finish their regular season on a high note as they take on DePaul and Marquette Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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MEN'S GOLF

Team heads to tuneup for conference tourney

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

For the second consecutive weekend, Notre Dame will have to contend with Mother Nature as well as the other teams in the tournament field.

In their final event before the Big East Championships, the Irish will head to Columbus, Ohio, for the Kepler Intercollegiate at the Scarlet Course of the Ohio State Golf Club.

"[The course] is going to play tough," Irish senior co-captain Cole Isban said. "It's difficult to begin with and the wind and snow we're expecting is just going to add to that."

Last week, the Irish carded an eighth-place team score amid rain and strong winds at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

In Columbus, Notre Dame will take on a number of regional foes, including the Buckeyes, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Michigan and Michigan State.

"We're just looking to get some district wins against some

of those teams," Isban said.

This tournament will also mark the first one of the season in which the Irish will have the opportunity to take on Louisville, a team Isban calls Notre Dame's most formidable Big East opponent.

"We get to take on Louisville so that should give us a good idea of where we stand," Isban said.

Along with Isban, the Irish will send senior co-captain, junior Greg Rodgers, sophomore Josh Sandman, and freshman Doug Fortner to compete in the team's final tune-up before the conference tournament. Freshman Mike King will also play in the Kepler Intercollegiate as an individual performer.

"It's going to be an important weekend for us," Isban said.

Practice rounds will be held today. Each team will play two 18-hole rounds Saturday and one on Sunday. Temperatures are expected to top out in the mid-40s with constant precipitation likely throughout the weekend.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	pct.	GB
Toronto	5-3	.625	-
Boston	4-4	.500	1
New York	4-4	.500	1
Tampa Bay	3-5	.375	2
Baltimore	3-6	.333	2.5

American League Central

team	record	pct.	GB
Cleveland	4-2	.667	-
Detroit	5-3	.625	-
Minnesota	5-3	.625	-
Chicago	4-4	.500	1
Kansas City	3-6	.333	2.5

American League West

team	record	pct.	GB
Los Angeles	6-4	.600	-
Seattle	3-2	.600	.5
Texas	4-5	.444	1.5
Oakland	4-6	.400	2

National League East

team	record	pct.	GB
Atlanta	7-1	.875	-
New York	5-3	.625	2
Florida	5-4	.556	2.5
Philadelphia	2-6	.250	5
Washington	1-8	.111	6.5

National League Central

team	record	pct.	GB
Milwaukee	58-19	.753	-
Cincinnati	40-38	.513	16.5
St. Louis	38-40	.487	19
Pittsburgh	37-40	.481	20.5
Houston	32-45	.416	24
Chicago	3-5	.375	1.5

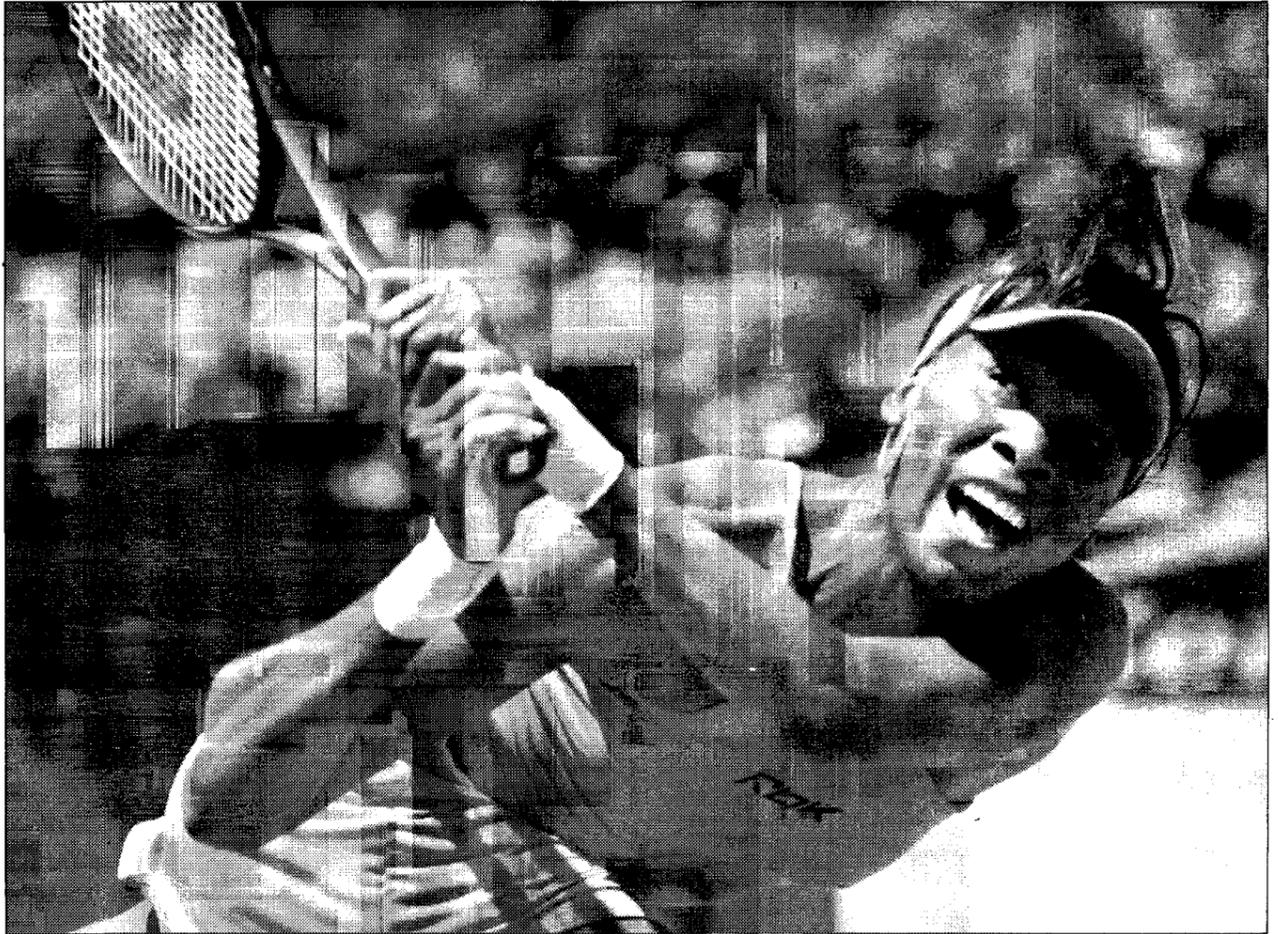
National League West

team	record	pct.	GB
Arizona	7-3	.700	-
San Diego	6-3	.667	.5
Los Angeles	6-3	.667	.5
Colorado	4-5	.444	2.5
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	team	W-L	prev.
1	Vanderbilt	29-5	1
2	North Carolina	29-5	4
3	Florida State	31-4	2
4	South Carolina	26-7	5
5	Virginia	29-7	3
6	Texas	28-10	7
7	Rice	26-10	8
8	Oregon State	25-7	9
9	Arkansas	25-10	6
10	Pepperdine	26-8	11
11	Wichita State	26-8	10
12	Arizona State	26-10	15
13	Arizona	28-6	17
14	Clemson	23-9	18
15	Oklahoma State	23-8	13
16	Texas A&M	27-7	16
17	UC Irvine	23-8	23
18	Cal State Fullerton	19-12	12
19	Coastal Carolina	28-5	14
20	Mississippi	24-10	20

TENNIS



Venus Williams reacts as she makes a diving shot during her tennis match against Taiwan's Yung-Jan Chan in the third round of the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament Thursday.

Williams advances to Cup quarterfinals

Associated Press

Venus Williams cruised into the quarterfinals of the Family Circle Cup on Thursday with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Chan Yung-Jan of China.

The American, unseeded and in her fourth tournament since recovering from a wrist injury earlier in the year, reached 125 mph with her serve and needed just over an hour to win the match on a bright, breezy day on the green clay at Daniel Island.

In Friday's quarterfinals, Williams, ranked No. 29, meets Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain, who eliminated eighth-seeded Li Na of China, 6-4, 7-5.

Williams won in Memphis in her return, advanced to the third round in Miami and made the quarterfinals last week at Amelia Island. She said she feels stronger with each match.

"I've been off so long and I'm eager to play and I'm eager to get my ranking up and I want to play matches," she said. "I'm excited about the snowball effect."

Second-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, ranked No. 9 and the highest remaining seed at the \$1.3 million Family Circle Cup, had an even easier time than Williams.

She defeated Mara Santangelo of Italy 6-3, 6-0 in 47 minutes, losing only six

points in the second set. It's Jankovic's fourth appearance in Charleston, but until this week she never survived the second round. Last year, Jankovic lost to a qualifier.

"I'm now in the top 10 and I'm just a different player," she said. "I really don't have to prove anything to anybody, but all I want is just to enjoy my game, play my game."

Jankovic meets Katrina Srebotnik of Slovenia, who beat Zheng Jie of China 7-5, 7-6 (5) in the quarterfinals.

Fourth-seeded Dinara Safina of Russia also won in straight sets, defeating Lourdes Dominguez Lino of Spain, 6-2, 6-2. She will face Tatiana Golovin of France, a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 winner over

Peng Shuai of China.

Golovin captured the first tour victory of her career last week at Amelia Island and said success builds confidence.

"It's one of the most important things," she said. "A lot of top players sometimes win matches they shouldn't win because they have confidence even if they aren't playing that well. And I think that's what I'm building up to."

Michaela Krajicek of the Netherlands, who earlier this week defeated the tournament's top-seed, Nicole Pietrangeli, also advanced with a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1 win over Sybille Bammer of Austria.

IN BRIEF

Slight progress in basketball players staying in school

Two weeks ago, Kevin Durant showed up to collect one of several player-of-the-year awards wearing a burnt-orange tie, black shirt and black suit. Somehow, it made him look even younger, taller and skinnier than he did in a Texas Longhorns jersey. That is no small accomplishment.

Durant had to lean down at the lectern to reach the microphone, and at the end of a short, gracious acceptance speech, he flashed an uncertain smile at the front row. There, his parents and grandmother sat and beamed back. He still looked like an 18-year-old kid to everybody present, but he was about to become a \$40 million man with a lot more to worry about than his grades. It was a bittersweet moment.

Sorenstam's injury improves Ochoa's ranking

REUNION, Fla. — Lorena Ochoa would prefer a head-to-head victory against Annika Sorenstam to become No. 1 in the women's world rankings.

The 25-year-old Mexican star might have to settle for gaining the top spot a different way — with Sorenstam injured and out of the mix.

Ochoa shot a 6-under 66 in the opening round of the Ginn Open on Thursday, tying Laura Davies for the lead and moving a step closer to supplanting Sorenstam atop the rankings.

"I would love for her to be playing, yes," Ochoa said. "So I guess right now it's the way it is. But I think I better keep playing good and just take advantage of that. But I wish her all the best. Hopefully she will be (back soon)."

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One of America's two iconic cities will get the nod Saturday as the country's candidate to host the 2016 Olympics. Although winning this part of the selection process will be something to celebrate, it will only be the start of the hard work.

The real race is in the quest to win over the International Olympic Committee and earn 60 votes in 2009, when the games are awarded. The field is expected to also include Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo.

Finding a way to win those 60 votes has been the crux of every speech, every presentation, every detailed list of instructions the U.S. Olympic Committee leaders have given the cities since the USOC commandeered and retooled the domestic selection process 21 months ago.

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CREW

Team to compete in its largest event

By DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Redwood Shores, Calif., to compete in the fifth-annual Windermere Real Estate Rowing Classic this weekend.

The regatta is the team's largest competition this season, featuring more than 100 races among the nation's top universities. Rowers will compete in two days of Henley style racing, in which all the races consist of just two boats.

Notre Dame kicks off the weekend with a varsity-eight race against California on Saturday. The varsity-four boat will also race against California later in the morning.

On Saturday afternoon, Notre Dame's varsity-eight and second varsity-eight boats will race Stanford. Saturday's competition ends with the novice-eight boat racing UCLA. The second varsity-eight boat returns to action on Sunday morning in a race against UCLA. The varsity-eight and varsity-four boats will also race UCLA Sunday.

UCLA's last competition was in the San Diego Crew Classic, in which the Bruins won the

Laurel V. Korholz Perpetual Trophy for the novice-eight race and placed in the top-four in three other races. Stanford and California also competed in the San Diego Crew Classic. No. 9 Stanford placed third in the varsity-eight race and third in the novice-eight race. California placed second in the varsity eight race and the open eight race, third in the second varsity-eight race, and fourth in the novice-eight race.

Notre Dame is ranked No. 14 in the Collegiate Coach's Rowing Association/US Rowing Poll. Last weekend's regatta in Indianapolis was cancelled due to inclement weather. In their previous competition, the Irish won the Lubbers Cup at a regatta in Grand Rapids, Mich.

So far the team has enjoyed success, due in part to the novice-eight boat, which went undefeated for the earlier part of the season. After this weekend's regatta, the Irish will travel to New Jersey, where they will face No. 6 Princeton and George Washington, before in the Big East Championships.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish, Demons rained out

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's doubleheader against No. 18/14 DePaul, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, was postponed until April 29 to be played in Cacciatore Stadium in Chicago. This marks the second time this season the two teams have had to cancel a doubleheader due to inclement weather.

The Irish (19-13, 8-0 Big East) and Blue Demons remain the only undefeated teams in conference play, and their set of games could be crucial once the Big East championships start.

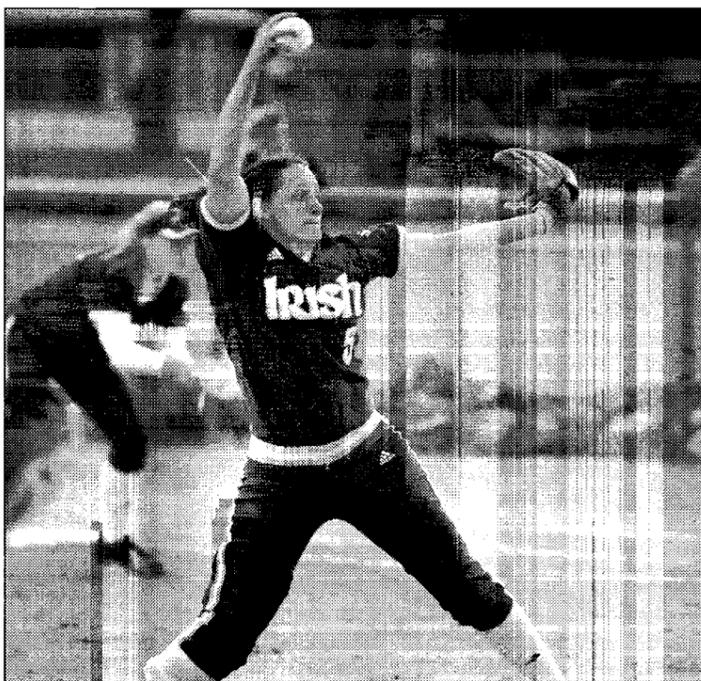
The Irish, however, have to focus on a pair doubleheaders this weekend at conference rivals Providence and Connecticut.

On Saturday, Notre Dame will face the Friars in Providence, R.I., at 12 p.m. Providence is currently ranked ninth in the Big East with a 3-7 conference record to go with a 14-14 overall mark.

Against Providence, Notre Dame will face senior pitcher Sara Surosky, who is 7-8 with a 2.87 ERA and freshman Danielle Bertolette, who has a 3-3 mark with a 3.05 ERA.

On the offensive side, senior catcher Rachel Bartholomew is the Friars' main threat with a .405 batting average and a team-leading seven home runs and 31 RBIs.

Notre Dame will then travel to Storrs, Conn., to face the Huskies, who currently occupy



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler winds up during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Syracuse April 1 at Ivy Field.

seventh place in the Big East with a 4-5 conference record. The Huskies are 15-15 overall.

Huskies freshman pitcher Tricia Sullivan will take the mound with a 5-5 mark and 3.82 ERA. Also, the Irish expect to see senior hurler Krista Michalczyk, who has a 7-5 record to go along with a 4.31 ERA.

Sophomore utility player Jillian Ortega is the main offensive threat for the Huskies, batting .358 with 23 RBIs. Senior catcher Holly Calcagno can also do damage at the dish with her .342 average and five home runs.

Notre Dame's pitching staff will rely heavily on its pitching staff, especially sophomore Brittney Bargar, who has a 12-7 record to compliment a 1.94 ERA. Senior Kenya Fuemmeler has also been solid, compiling a 7-6 record and 2.58 ERA.

Irish senior outfielder Stephanie Brown brings a nine-game hitting streak into this weekend's contests. She also boasts a .472 average and has scored 25 runs this season.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad heads into last regular season event



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish senior Ryan Keckley hits a backhand in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Illinois Apr. 1 at the Eck Tennis Center.

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to add another win to its record as the team travels to Louisville for its final regular season matchup.

The No. 6 Irish enter the match after sweeping Kentucky 7-0 in their final home match Wednesday. The win put Notre Dame at 9-0 on its home courts and 20-3 overall. After struggling in doubles play earlier this season, the Irish rallied to sweep doubles play for the second time in a row — the team also won the doubles point in its 7-0 win over Ball State Tuesday.

The Irish had not changed their double pairs all season but did so against Ball State and kept the new lineup against Kentucky. They likely will stick with the same pairings against Louisville. Senior Stephen Bass and Ryan Keckley defeated Kentucky's Bruno Agostinelli and Kenny Hodge 8-5 at No. 1 doubles in just their second match together this season. The duo hadn't played alongside each other since Sept. 18, 2004.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said Bass and Keckley's recent success at No. 1 doubles has been a result of the pair's great chemistry.

"We put our two best sets of hand at No. 1 doubles," Bayliss said. "Ryan's ability to poach off Stephen's serve has been helpful."

New pairings also include junior Sheeva Parbhu and sophomore Brett Helgeson at No. 2 doubles and senior Barry King and junior Andrew Roth at No. 3

doubles. All three doubles teams have won the past two matches in which they have been paired together, and Bayliss hopes they will see the same success in Louisville.

"We've been successful with [doubles] the last two matches, and we hope that this will continue to make us a more viable threat to win the doubles point," he said.

Louisville enters Saturday's matchup with a record of 8-13 on the season. The Cardinals last faced No. 31 Virginia Commonwealth April 8. The team was defeated at doubles but rallied back in singles play. Louisville jumped ahead to a 2-1 lead as No. 60 Slavko Radman made quick work of No. 79 Petr Olsak defeating him in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. But VCU took four points at No. 3-6 singles and captured a 5-2 win.

Even though Louisville fell to VCU, Bayliss said that Notre Dame is prepared for a challenging match.

Louisville defeated Notre Dame 4-1 in the 2006 Big East championship final last April. En route to victory Radman defeated Bass 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 at the No. 1 spot. The lone Irish point came from Helgeson as he cruised past Johnson in a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 decision. The Irish had defeated Louisville 5-2 earlier that month during a regular season match.

Bayliss said that the team hopes to avenge last year's showing in the Big East championship as they travel to Louisville Saturday. The team will look to doubles to continue posting strong performances as well as Roth. The junior has been a key player for the Irish at No. 6 singles. Roth's ability to secure wins for the Irish at the bottom of the lineup has been crucial to their success.

"The growth in Andrew Roth's game has been important," Bayliss noted. "We started the year not really knowing what we were going to get from him. Now he's our spark plug, he plays with a lot of emotion."

The Irish are prepared to be challenged by Louisville but will look for strong performances at doubles play to jumpstart the match. Bayliss said the memory of last year's match won't hurt either.

"We are expecting a big challenge and our guys remember the loss we had a year ago," Bayliss said. "That's been firmly imprinted on their brains the whole year, and they are anxious to make amends to that match a year ago."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles ready to take on streaking Tri-State team

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Facing a team with a nine-game winning streak may seem daunting to some, but Saint Mary's said it was ready.

The Belles (14-4, 1-3 MIAA) will face league rival Tri-State in a doubleheader Saturday in Angola, Ind., beginning at 1 p.m.

Tri-State, currently third in the league, has a conference record of 2-0 and an overall record of 18-4. The doubleheader with the Belles will be Tri-State's second in two days. The Thunder take on Olivet today in a series that was postponed from Thursday.

After dropping three of its first MIAA contests, Saint Mary's sits at seventh in the MIAA. Sweeping Tri-State is important

if the team wants to reach its goals of postseason play, Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

"We always want to win all of our conference games," Sullivan said. "Tri-State is doing a great job this year but they are a team we can beat as long as we're prepared."

The Thunder, who are 7-1 at home, have a potent mix of power hitting and pitching. Only three players are hitting below

.300.

Their bullpen is deep, too — their five pitchers feature a combined ERA of 2.57.

But the Belles pitching is just as stingy. Talented sophomore pitchers Calli Davison and Kristin Amram have a 2.03 ERA between them.

The Belles recently split a doubleheader against Calvin, which squeaked out a 4-3 win in the second game. Sullivan said

her team needs to maintain focus in order to sweep one of the league's best teams.

"I think we have to realize that once game one is over, game two is a completely separate game," Sullivan said. "We have to come out with the same intensity and the same motivation to want to win."

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's suffers first conference defeat

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's lost its unblemished conference record after a 5-4 loss to Hope today.

Both teams now boast a 3-1 MIAA conference record and are tied for third place behind Kalamazoo and Albion.

The Belles only earned one win in doubles play

The number one doubles duo of freshman Camille Gebert and senior captain Kelly McDavitt narrowly defeated sophomore Samantha Stille and freshman Lucy Himes 8-6. Gebert's powerful serves, combined with McDavitt's flawless finesse, allowed them to come back after initially being down 4-3.

The number two doubles team of seniors Tara O'Brien and Grace Gordon did not have as much luck. Though the duo dominated when in control of the serve, they had trouble returning their opponents' serves, which eventually led to an 8-2 loss to Flying Dutch freshman Ashley Austin and junior Christine Garcia.

"I feel like we played alright. We didn't play terrible, but we certainly didn't play our best," O'Brien said. "We had trouble returning serves and ended up digging ourselves into a hole. We need to learn how to close matches. The score does not reflect our competition and ability."

In the final doubles match of the afternoon, the freshmen team of Lisa Rubino and Erin Kaplan utilized their strong serves and quick feet to push the match into a tiebreaker. After a long battle, the duo was defeated 9-8 by Hope College senior and three-time letterwinner Ashley Leary and freshman Danielle Werley.

After trailing in the doubles matches, the Belles hoped to dominate in singles play, but didn't quite achieve their goal. While McDavitt played in the number one singles spot and defeated Stille in two straight sets 7-5, 6-2, Gebert fell to Austin, also in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Lisa Rubino had better luck in the number three spot where she earned the victory against Leary in two sets 7-5, 6-3. While O'Brien battled through to the

end of the match, she eventually fell to Garcia after three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. In the fifth spot, junior Cassie Quaglia fell to Werley 6-2, 6-3. In the final singles match of the day, Gordon dominated freshman Marissa Kooyers and won the match in two sets, 6-3, 6-4.

With an overall record of 7-10, the Belles will host Alma this Saturday. They will hope to add another win to their record and move into second place in the MIAA conference. In last year's match, Saint Mary's dominated Alma, shutting them out 9-0.

The match will take place this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavillion.

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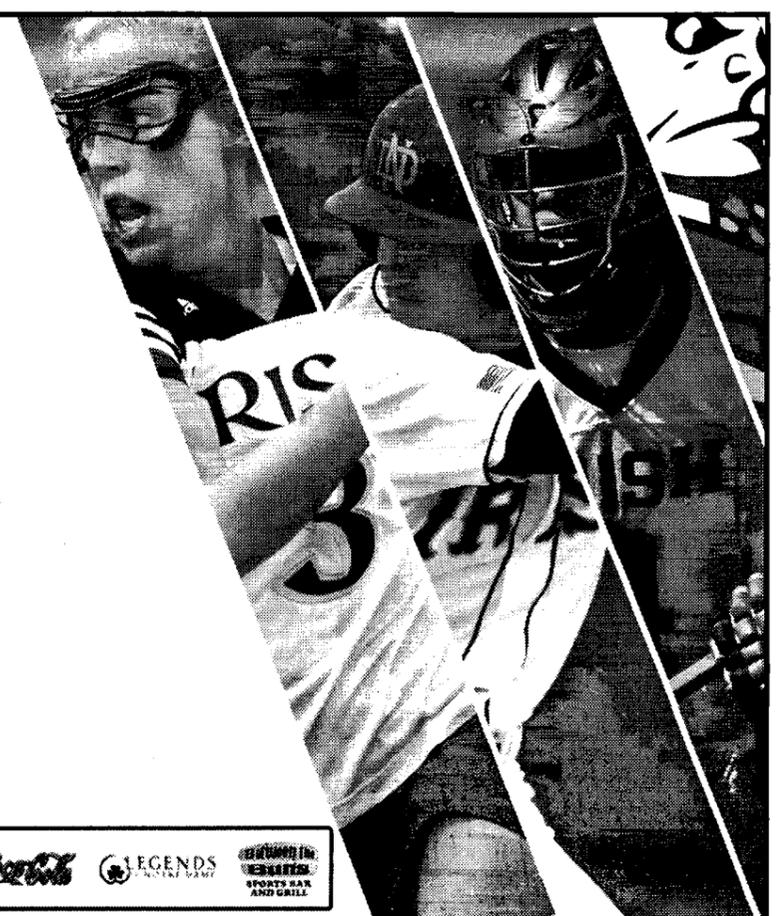
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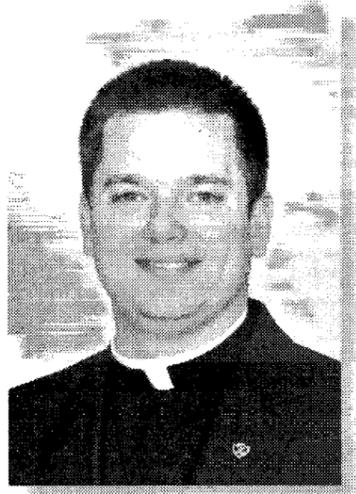
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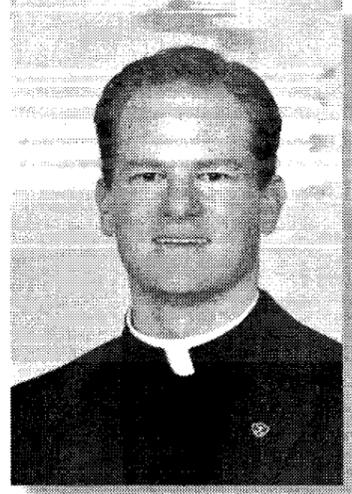


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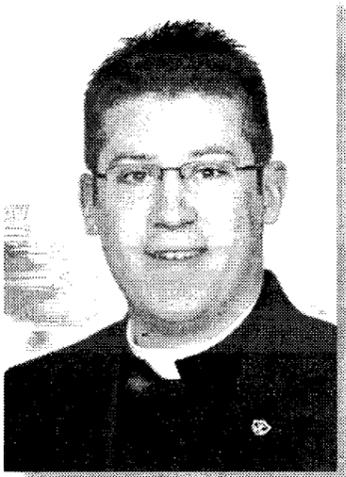
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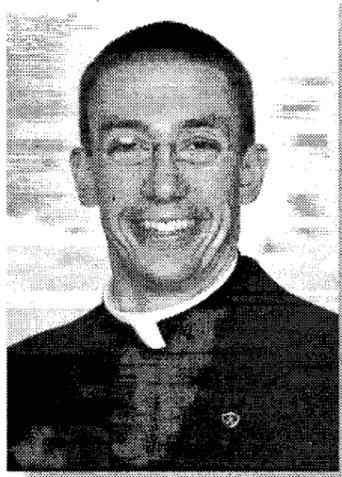
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valiant effort. The Forfeitters were without two of their original members and were only able to recruit one other player before the game started. With a 5-to-4 player ratio, the outlook was bad from the onset.

Team Cougar did not exercise chivalry, trying to get the game over as soon as possible due to the miserable weather conditions.

The game was marked by sloppy play from both teams, each having trouble dribbling the wet ball. However, it was Cougar that was able to take advantage of their opportunities, scoring nearly all of their points in transition.

When Cougar was not scoring on a fast break, they moved the ball around on offense, taking advantage of their extra player.

"Playing 5-on-4 made it pretty easy to score, there was just always an open man," Cougars guard Jim Napier said.

Forfeit did not go down without a fight, however, playing aggressively, but seemed to fall just short on every opportunity.

"They put up a great fight," Cougar forward Michael Urbaniak said. "They were really scrappy, especially with their defense. Toward the end they were difficult to score on."

The Best of the Best of the Best 21, Los Bombones Asesinos 19

In a game that lasted over an hour, these two powerhouses battled it out on Bookstore Court Four. The game, rescheduled from Wednesday due to inclement weather, was marked by turnovers, half court heaves, long passes and a lot of over the backboard shots.

Despite the win, Best of the Best captain Paul Laughlin was disappointed by his team's effort.

"We probably had 30 turnovers ... and I got blocked by my own teammate. I think a blacked-out team could have beaten us," he said.

Los Bombones Asesinos (The Chocolate Assassins) jumped out to an early lead, helped by their pump-up Spanish music that played throughout the match. They were quick to pull the trigger. And their first couple of shots hit nothing but net, but they soon cooled off.

The Best were quick to respond, battling back with fast break opportunities and capitalizing on turnovers committed by Los Bombones.

Both teams scored in bunches, as well, going long stretches of time without a basket.

In the end, The Best were just too strong for Los Bombones, as Laughlin, the leading scorer for The Best, took over down low.

"I think five really tall parking meters could have beaten both of our teams combined," The Best's Andy Gloss said.

PT on the ET 21, Team 335 1

In a game that was over shortly after the opening basket, PT on the ET was able to make quick work 21-1 of Team 335.

It was obvious at the outset of the game that PT on the ET was much more athletic and talented on the basketball court, and until Team 335 made an off-balance jump shot

late in the second half, PT on the ET was poised to shut out its opponent.

After a dominating first half, PT on the ET head coach Ryan Kelley was pleased, but critical of his team's performance.

"We got an 11-0 start to start the first half of the game, so I really can't complain because that's the best you can do," Kelley said. "I'm not liking the defensive output, though, and we just need to step up and stay focused. I don't like the work ethic right now, but I think we should be able to pull this one out in the end."

Much to the delight of the head coach, however, PT on the ET came out firing in the second half jumping out to a quick 17-0 advantage.

Team 335's lone bright spot in the game came when a fade-away jump shot somehow tickled the twine to cut the lead to 16 points.

However, PT on the ET was not ready to relinquish any more of their lead and they turned up the heat to eventually secure the 21-1 victory.

With the brutal wind and temperatures in the 30s, PT on the ET was somehow able to overcome the adversity and put together a solid all around performance.

"It's all about heart," birthday boy and key contributor Graham Austin said. "We just wanted it more. It's also the off-season conditioning. We've been running sprints for four months now, and I grew like three inches in three weeks so we had a solid height advantage."

PT on the ET hopes to carry their momentum into the third round next week.

Engineering Giants 21, That's What She Said 8

After a somewhat slow start, the Engineering Giants were able to overcome the weather as well as That's What She Said's aggressiveness to prevail 21-8.

According to the Giants after the game, it was all about the basics as they were able to take control late in the first half.

"We got rebounds," team captain Brian Seger said. "They played pretty tight at the beginning of the game, and the score really wasn't indicative of how close the game was."

The Engineering Giants jumped ahead early and appeared ready to end the game, up 20-8, but couldn't finish it off for 20 minutes.

In addition to not giving up at the end, That's What She Said opened the game strong and for the first few minutes of the first half out hustled and even overpowered the Engineering Giants.

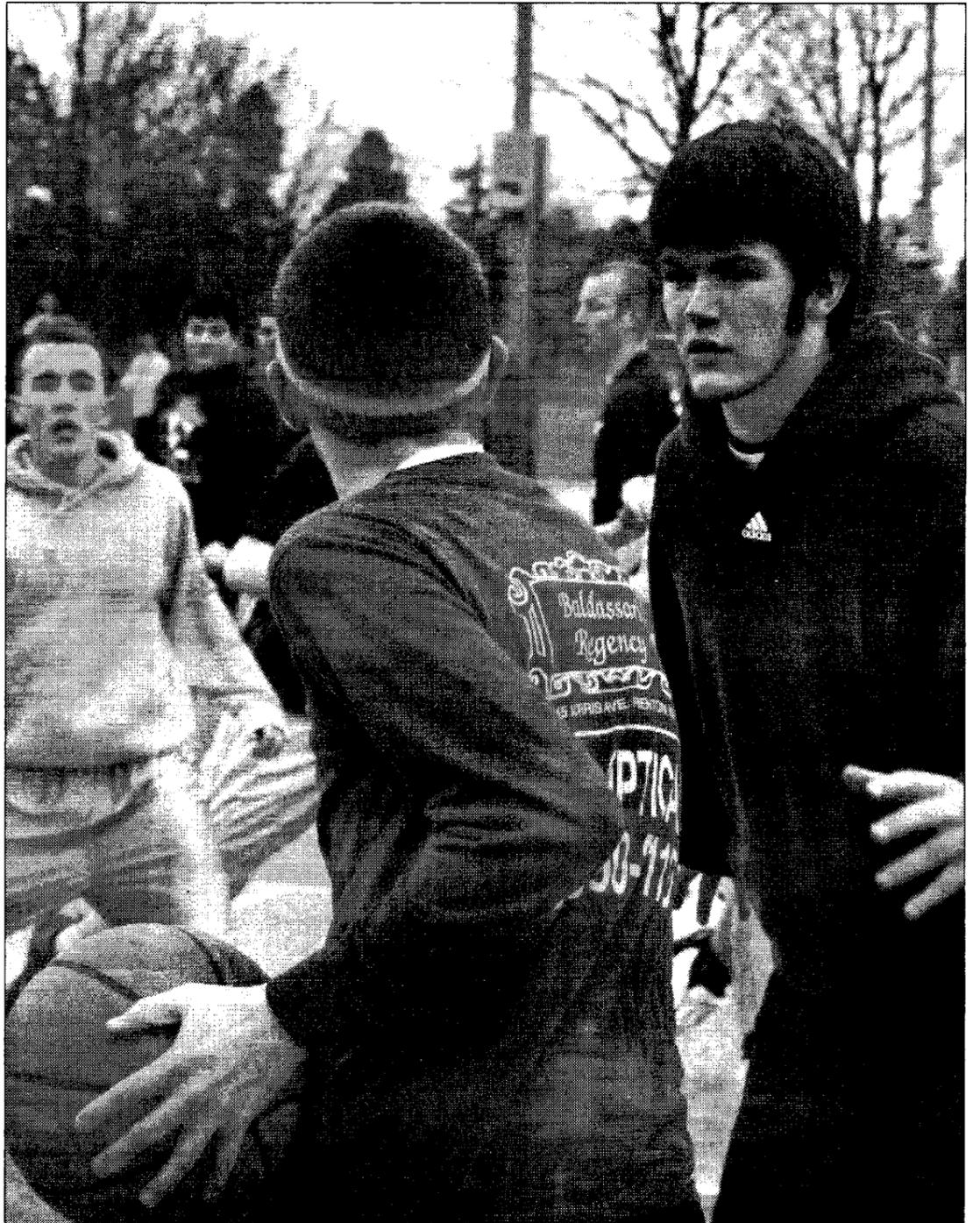
When the Engineering Giants took the lead at 5-4, the game was theirs for the rest of the way.

The Engineering Giants were able to step up their play and eventually matched the intensity of their opponent, but it was the fundamentals that ultimately secured the victory.

"Turnovers and rebounds were huge," Seger said. "We were able to commit a few less turnovers, and that was a big key to the victory."

The Engineering Giants will look to continue their aggressive play as they will matchup with a formidable opponent in round three next week.

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A Bookstore Basketball player looks to pass to a teammate at the Bookstore Courts Thursday. Action in the tournament continued Thursday after being cancelled due to inclement weather Wednesday.

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Championships in 2006, Molnar won the 400 meter hurdles, his main event, in 51.97 seconds as well as the 400 dash in a time of 47.63 seconds. It was his performance at the 2005 European Junior Championships, however, that paved the road to Notre Dame.

Molnar finished fourth in the 400 hurdles (in 51.38 seconds, better than his winning time a year later). An American coach was at the meet scouting talent, and word of

Molnar's performance got back to John Millar, Notre Dame's assistant sprints coach.

"Coach Millar wrote me an e-mail and invited me to come to Notre Dame," Molnar said. "After that, I really wanted to come here and race here because I knew that the competition and atmosphere is way better than in Europe. It's a higher level. You can race better competition."

In an unexpected show of

interest, Millar then made the trip to Hungary to meet with Molnar and his family.

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Balazs Molnar
Irish freshman

"We were surprised," Molnar said. "I had never heard of an American coach coming. We just spoke about this university. I didn't know anything about this university. After that, I decided to love it, and I decided to come here."

Another Hungarian runner who had come to Notre Dame and now works as a commen-

tator in Hungary visited Molnar, an event that cemented the decision.

"He thought was this university was the best, so I just wanted to follow him," Molnar said.

As Molnar's coach, his father had a profound influence on his career and decisions. He wholeheartedly supported Molnar's decision to come to the US.

"I'm really thankful to my father, because he told me all the time if I want to be a unique person and if I want to see other places and other cultures, I would be different than other people who just stay in one place," Molnar said.

Used to a vibrant social life in Hungary, where everyone was eager to go out and Budapest was a short car ride away, the smaller venue of South Bend took some getting used to. He believes it to be for the best, at least for the time being.

"I think it's good to me that I can't go to a lot of parties and go out, because I can just focus on study and training," he said. "When I go home during the winter break and during the summer, I have some fun."

Home is the common subject of his musings, and it's mainly his friends, whom he says he misses very much. Thoughts of his family don't quite tally with this sentiment.

"I'm surprised, but I don't really miss my family," he said, shrugging. "I don't know why. Maybe I grew up, I don't know."

Training in America, especially in a closed setting like a university track team, benefits Molnar's running. Molnar never ran track for his high school; instead, he joined clubs to race. The clubs met

for weeks at a time in training camps, but outside of those camps the athletes could never run together. The team atmosphere gives Molnar more training partners.

Molnar and the rest of the track team will compete in the Mount SAC Relays this weekend. Molnar will run the 400 hurdles as well as the 4x400 relay along with seniors Jordan

Powell and Ryan Postel and junior Austin Wechter. The Irish, who have already earned 16 NCAA regional qualifications, will look to add more to their resume. Athletes still looking for qualifications include Wechter, Powell, senior thrower Garet Koxlien, senior distance runner Thomas Chamney, sophomore distance runner Billy Buzaid and sophomore high jumper Blair Majcina.

Molnar will run the hurdles on both Friday and Sunday in order to acclimate himself to

the tougher competition he'll face in America. He has qualified for the NCAA regionals, and if he keeps going at this pace he may

soon have another plaque on his desk.

"It's a really cool feeling," he said of the plaque, which represents Notre Dame's Big East indoor victory. "It's so colorful and it's so nice, like gold and everything. I really like it. It's a good thing because when I was in the coach's office after I arrived, I saw a lot of these kinds of awards on the shelves. I really wanted one."

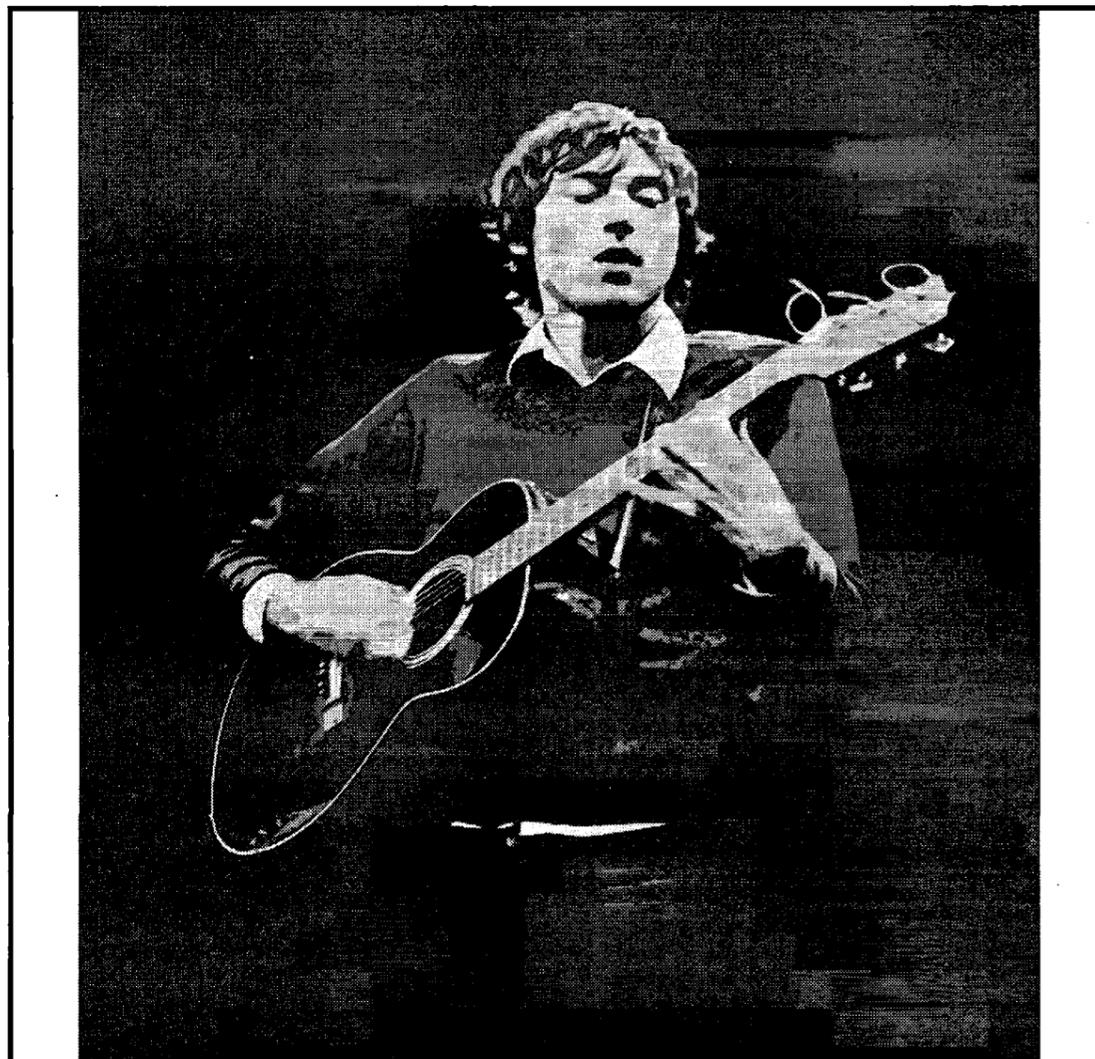
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McDonald

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Willingham, Notre Dame never received a verbal commitment before July.

Frank credited part of the improvement in early recruiting to the hard work of new Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown.

"Corwin Brown has done an outstanding job," Frank said. "He's kept in constant contact with Anthony, telling him 'you're my middle linebacker.' I can't remember anyone who works as hard as him at landing these guys."

Posluszny is the younger brother of former Penn State standout Paul Posluszny. Frank said the two linebackers have very similar styles.

"David reminds me a lot of his brother," Frank said. "He's got a real knack for playing linebacker. And he does a heck of a nice job in pass coverage."

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at Moose Krause Stadium, looking for a school-record 11th and 12th straight wins at home.

After sputtering to a 3-3 mark to begin the season, Notre Dame has run off three consecutive victories, outscoring opponents 37-11 over that span. The winning streak has helped propel the Irish up to No. 11 in the latest Nike/Inside Lacrosse media poll and USILA coaches' poll.

The only problem is that just as the Irish were starting to build some momentum, their schedule intervened. Thanks to cancellations, Notre Dame's last game was April 3 — which means it will have had 10 days off before facing Air Force.

Corrigan, however, feels that his team will be ready to go despite the break.

"I wouldn't have volunteered the break for us when we got it," Corrigan said. "We were playing very well, and when you're playing well, you don't want to take a break. I'll tell you what, though, our practice intensity has been so good lately that I don't feel there will be any drop-off. Despite the break, we should be ready to play."

Notre Dame will have to be ready to play this weekend because their games will have critical implications on the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) standings. Currently the Irish, Falcons, and Pioneers all sit tied atop the standings at 1-0.

Air Force is coming off a 16-9 victory over Bellarmine in its

GWLL opener. Notre Dame is 9-0 all-time versus Air Force at home, but the Falcons won last year's contest in Colorado Springs 9-8. Overall, Air Force carries a 2-5 record into this weekend's game, but Corrigan expects the Falcons to pose a difficult challenge.

"I can't believe they're 2-5," Corrigan said. "When you watch them at their best, you see a very good lacrosse team. Whenever you prepare to play somebody, you prepare to play them at their best, and their best is very good."

After taking on Air Force, the Irish will return to action Sunday afternoon when they take on Denver. The Pioneers will carry a 6-5 overall record into this weekend's action, and they will play Bellarmine on Friday before coming to South Bend on Sunday.

Denver has defeated the Irish in each of the past two seasons, and the Pioneers are also coming off a GWLL title in 2006 when they went 5-0 en route to an NCAA tournament berth. Denver lost 16-8 in the first round to Maryland.

Junior goalie Joey Kemp said the Irish "definitely" have extra motivation for the Denver game given last year's results.

"You always want to beat a team coming off a loss to them last year," Kemp said. "With them winning the league last year and getting an automatic qualifier, they're obviously a good team. Getting our league's automatic qualifier is something we're trying to accomplish this year."

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Hoyas

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In its last conference series, Georgetown was swept by Seton Hall in a three-game set in South Orange, N.J. The Hoyas' last conference win was an 8-3 decision over Cincinnati March 30.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame dropped two of three to the Bearcats last weekend and was swept in a two-game series with Pittsburgh the weekend before.

Schrage said both squads have had the same problem — defense.

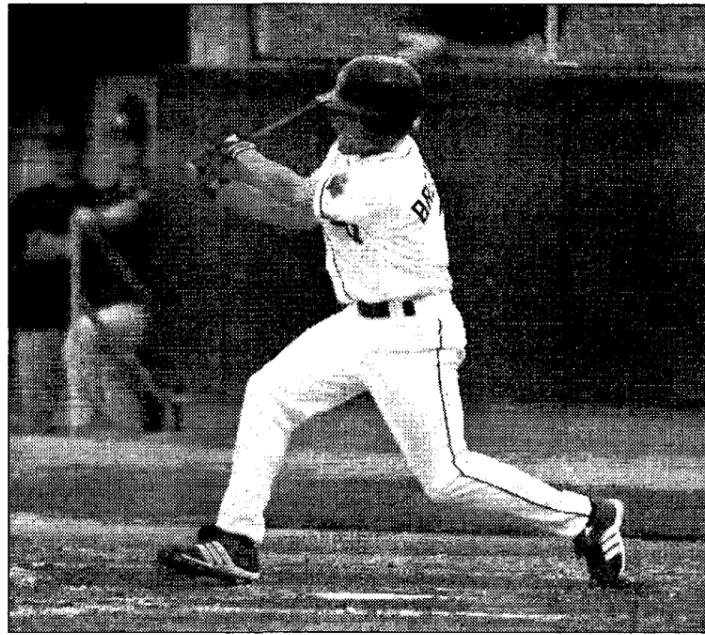
The Irish have made 52 errors in 31 games this season, and unearned runs were the difference in both of their losses to Cincinnati.

"The times we're making the errors are hurting us," Schrage said. "We're making errors that are causing unearned runs."

Georgetown has been even worse. The Hoyas have made 78 errors this season, including 15 by shortstop Matthew Bouchard.

Schrage changed his pitching lineup last weekend against the Bearcats, moving former closer Kyle Weiland into the conference starting rotation in place of junior lefthander Wade Korpi. Weiland is scheduled to start Sunday's matchup.

Weiland, who made 16 saves last season, has only appeared in six games this spring because Notre Dame hasn't had many save situations. Schrage said he will be more valuable as a starter.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer
Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky slaps a single to right field in Notre Dame's 14-4 win over Oakland April 3.

"We felt like he was one of the best pitchers in the league, and he wasn't getting on the mound," he said.

Korpi switched to making midweek starts and will be available out of the bullpen during conference series. His scheduled start this week, against Bowling Green, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Schrage said Weiland may still come in to close if necessary today and Saturday, and, in that case, Korpi would start Sunday's game.

"We'll have some depth this weekend," he said. "If we have to use Weiland [today and Saturday] we'll start Wade on Sunday."

The forecast for this weekend is cold with scattered showers. Schrage said that makes pitching and defense even more important than usual.

"You have to pitch and play defense on cold weather days, because it's hard to get a lot of hits," he said.

The bad weather also increases the chance of rain-outs, which would be frustrating for a team that has already had three this season.

"The players get up to play," Schrage said. "Anytime you show up to the park and don't play, it's frustrating."

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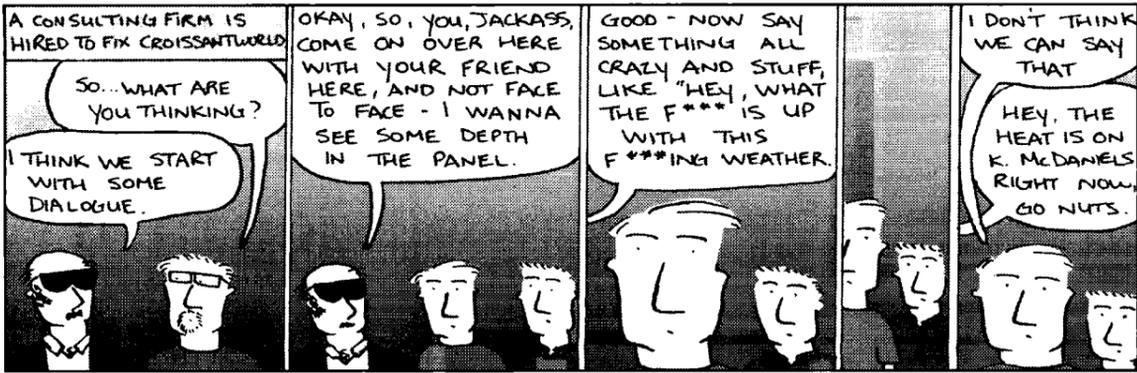
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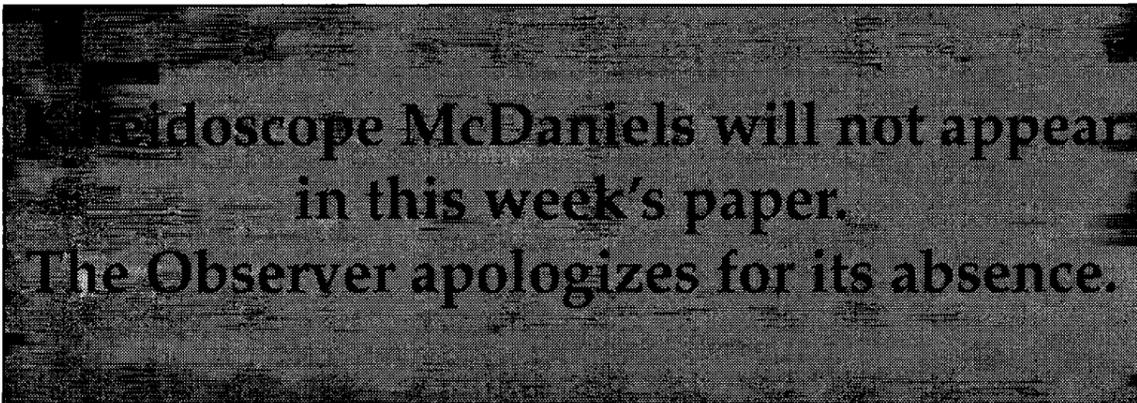
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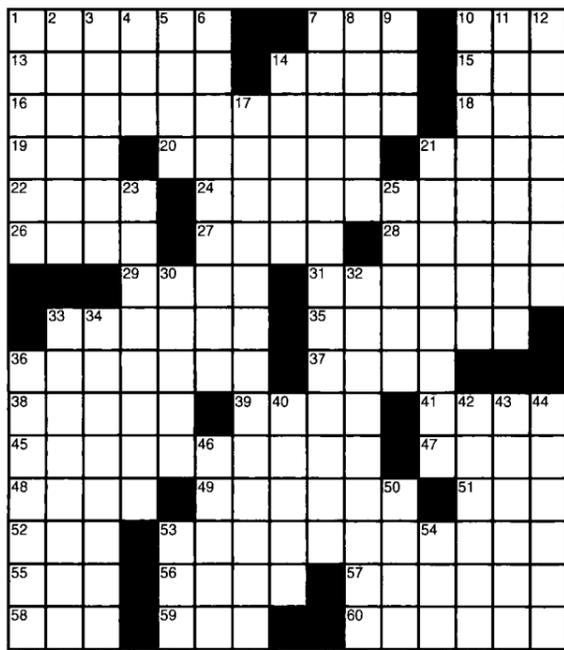
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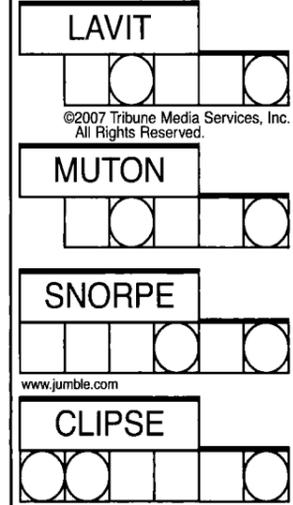
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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

California linebacker gives verbal commit

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Just days after Notre Dame received a verbal commitment from Pennsylvania prospect David Posluszny for the recruiting class of 2008, another linebacker has committed to the Irish.

Anthony McDonald, 6-foot-3, 220-pound junior at Sherman Oaks-Notre Dame High School outside Los Angeles, gave his verbal to Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis Wednesday.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, said McDonald had been excited about the Irish from the very beginning of the recruiting process.

"The first time we talked to him he was very excited about Notre Dame," Frank said. "Notre Dame was the school he was most interested in to begin with. As soon as the offer came, it didn't take very long [for him to commit]."

Frank said McDonald likes contact and should be an excellent run stuffer.

"The thing that I like about this kid is that he's a very physical player," Frank said. "He loves to hit and he's got a real good feel for the position. He recognizes things very quickly."

McDonald also possesses a linebackers instinct — a knack for being in the being in the right place that is hard to teach, Frank said.

"He looks like a natural linebacker, not an athlete playing linebacker," Frank said. "He really understands what he's supposed to do."

McDonald's father Mike played

at USC, but despite showing interest in Anthony, the Trojans did not offer him a scholarship.

"They only need one or two linebackers in their entire class," Frank said of USC. "He was a guy that they liked, and they were recruiting him, but they haven't offered too many guys at linebacker. That was the one thing holding Southern Cal back."

Scout.com lists Boston College, Ole Miss, Nebraska, North Carolina State and Oregon as schools that gave an offer to McDonald.

McDonald is Notre Dame's sev-

enth commitment for next February's signing class. Three of the verbals — McDonald, Posluszny, and Woodstock, Ill., native defensive tackle Sean Cwynar — play in the defensive front seven, a key need for the Irish this year.

In the past two recruiting seasons, Notre Dame has had just two verbal commitments each by the time the second week in April rolled around.

In the three years before that, under former coach Tyrone

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

Back on the courts

Ballers return to action after weather cancelled contests

By DAN MALOOF and
JAY WADE
Sports Writers

After getting rained and snowed out at the same time Wednesday, Bookstore Basketball XXXVI returned to the courts Thursday for second round action.

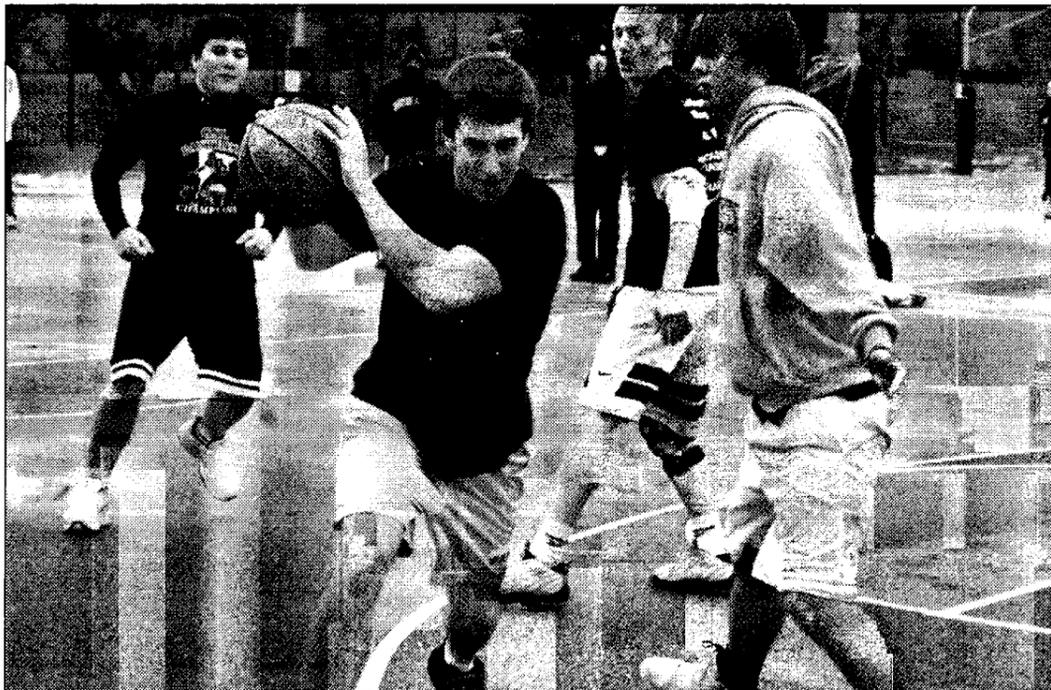
Team Cougar 21, Team Forfeit 5

Team Cougar came to play in this male vs. female match-up.

"We had to represent for the men ... plus it was really freaking cold," Cougar captain Jason Larch said.

While the score was lopsided, Team Forfeit gave a

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

A Bookstore Basketball player drives around a defender at the Bookstore Courts Thursday. The tournament's second round continued Thursday after rain and snow cancelled Wednesday's session.

BASEBALL

Irish host last-place G'Town

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Two teams desperate for conference wins will face off this weekend at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (15-16, 2-6 Big East) will host Georgetown (12-21, 2-7) tonight at 6, Saturday and Sunday in a three-game series that is crucial for each team's chances to climb back into the conference race.

"I think it's going to be a very spirited weekend because both teams are fighting for their lives," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

The Hoyas are at the bottom of the Big East standings, with the Irish just a half game ahead of them.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Hungarian sensation emerges for ND squad

Freshman Molnar leads team into Mount SAC Relays in California

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Eight months ago, Balazs Molnar was a member of the Hungarian National track team, was coached by his father and had a knowledge of American teenage culture that came only from "American Pie."

Now he's a full-fledged college athlete who, going into this weekend's Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif., has qualified for the NCAA Mid-east regional competition and has a Big East

Championship plaque placed proudly on his desk.

The culture shock of coming to America and keeping up with the Notre Dame workload is difficult enough. Add the commitments of a varsity sport, and life can get downright crazy. But Molnar takes it all in stride.

"It's kind of hard, but I'm getting used to it," Molnar says in clear but heavily accented English. "I really like the university in terms of academics. And now I really like the track here."

Excelling in track gave Balazs (pronounced Bollage) the exposure needed to give him a chance to study and run in America. At the European Under-23 Outdoor

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Team chases school record

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame takes the field this weekend, it will have an opportunity to set the program record for consecutive home victories.

Just don't tell that to the Irish.

"[Setting the record] is not something we've talked about at all," Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said. "It's one of those interesting, but irrelevant facts. What's important for us is that we're starting to reach our potential as a team, and that's what we're focused on."

The No. 11 Irish take on Air Force today at 5 p.m. and Denver Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Irish midfielder Grant Krebs defends against a Villanova player in Notre Dame's 15-5 win at Moose Krause Stadium April 3.