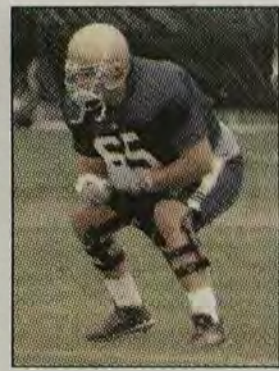


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STUDENT SENATE

Hallahan delivers State of the Student Union

◆ Speech focuses in part on aiding student life

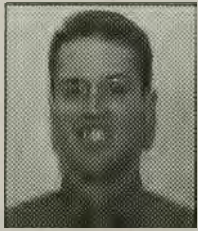
By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

Pat Hallahan, student body president, delivered his State of the Student Union address following the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night and elaborated in an interview Thursday on his plans for the following year.

At the top of his list are ways to

improve student life academically and socially.

"We need to work to give every student the best academic experience possible," Hallahan said in his speech. In order to do this, he said he would like to implement a process of publishing TCEs by the end of next year. By reviewing



Hallahan

TCEs, students would be able to better choose their classes and professors.

The next way to improve student life, Hallahan said, is to "provide students with the best chance to succeed once they graduate."

He proposed to give graduates the opportunity to have an alumni mentor to aid them in networking and job searches for "postgraduate life."

Finally, Hallahan said, Student Government "must also find ways to better the social life on- and off-campus." He wants to sponsor concerts and events which would

interest students and also find ways to ensure the safety of students when they travel off campus.

In addition to improving student life at Notre Dame, Hallahan believes that the government must work to improve the student body itself. To this end, he focused mainly on the new alcohol policy.

"There has been much debate over the alcohol policy of last spring. ... We are the only ones responsible for our behavior, and that behavior has been far from what is acceptable," he said. "We must work to change the abusive

drinking culture that has developed and move in a direction of more responsible alcohol use."

Hallahan said in an interview after the address that the government will effect this change primarily through work with the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and through simple communication with the student body to let students know that more responsible behavior is expected.

"We lost some of our privileges, but we need to work to keep the

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Another bar busted

◆ About 300 students inside The Library during Friday morning raid

Observer Staff Report

Police entered The Library Irish Pub early Friday morning and issued citations to students under 21, an employee of the popular student bar said.

Student eyewitnesses said approximately 300 students were in the bar around 1 a.m. when police entered. Eyewitnesses said police told those over 21 to show identification and leave while the rest were ordered to stay in the building.

Police officials would not confirm the raid and it was not immediately clear how many students were cited.

The bar was also raided in October 2000. Although the new owners changed the name from Finnegan's to The Library Irish Pub, many students still refer to the bar by its old name.

The bust is the second major raid of a popular student bar in four months. Police issued 213 citations in a Jan. 24 sting at The Boat Club.

The Shirt 2003 unveiled

◆ Sophomore Rozann Carter submits winning design

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Saturday's annual Blue and Gold game signals a new season of football that gives Irish fans the chance to see what Tyrone Willingham has planned for the following season, learn the new starters and new cheers. But before the game begins, today in the Bookstore at noon, fans will be able to see for the first time the brand new version of The Shirt 2003.

Dave Brenner, president of The Shirt committee, said that the design of The Shirt for this season has been kept "pretty tightly under wraps," and was unable to reveal any specifics about The Shirt's appearance in advance. However, Brenner did affirm that, like last year, The Shirt is the right color to create the "Sea of Green."

Each year, the design for The Shirt is carefully selected from entries in a contest open to all Notre Dame students.



ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

Sophomores Dave Brenner and Rozann Carter put the final touches on The Shirt for next year.

Sophomore Rozann Carter submitted the winning design for this year's Shirt.

"She did a great job working with the design and we are very pleased with the outcome," Brenner said.

While the design was tweaked several times to get the best-looking final result, Brenner said that such revisions are "pretty standard procedure" and that "everyone working with the project

has been very helpful and very dedicated towards this project's success."

The Shirt project encountered tremendous success last year, as a record number of shirts were sold, and new shipments beyond the original number of 44,000 had to be reordered several times. Brenner said he hopes for a similar positive response this

see SHIRT/page 6

Females seek fair salaries

Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series looking into the issues that face female faculty members at Notre Dame.

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Assistant News Editor

As many female professors at Notre Dame face obstacles within their departments to gain tenure, another sensitive issue is salary equity.

Because Notre Dame has a non-disclosure policy where publishing salaries are concerned, many faculty members have expressed doubt as to how equitable the University's merit-based pay system really is.

Although the Office of Institutional Research publishes salary averages across the University, these numbers are not particularly useful to individuals within specific departments. The differences between

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Student government to help students in lawsuits

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

In response to over 200 court summons students received yesterday, student government plans to provide advice to those who face lawsuits after citations incurred during the Jan. 24 police raid on The Boat Club.

"We're going to send out an e-mail and ask any student who has been affected by this to contact us," said Pat Hallahan, student body president. He is asking students to either respond to the e-mail or contact the Student Government office at 631-7666.

Hallahan said that if a large enough number of the students involved respond, he and Jeremy Lao, student body vice president, want to organize a meeting and offer resources and legal advice to the students. Additionally, Hallahan said he would welcome any feedback from students about the type of resources the students would like to see student government provide.

Over the next few days, Hallahan said he and Lao would continue to develop resources for those students being sued.

"We hope to find ways to address their concerns," he said.

Hallahan said students would benefit most by cooperating on any future action.

"We think — based on the people we've talked to — that this can be solved without a lot of trouble but we really need students to work together," said Hallahan.

Students began receiving their summons Tuesday from Notre Dame Security/Police officers, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of NDSP. Hurley said it is normal for NDSP to deliver this type of notification and said that some students were alerted by telephone and asked to pick up their summons.

The suits are being brought individually by the Millennium

Club, Inc., which is listed as the owner of the property at 106 North Hill Street, The Boat Club's address. Each individual suit requires a \$42 legal fee to be filed with the St. Joseph Small Claims Court.

In a copy of the articles of incorporation for the Millennium Club obtained by The Observer, Mike McNeff was listed as the president, incorporator and secretary of the corporation. No other names are listed on the document.

According to information obtained from the Indiana Secretary of State's office, many other local bars, including Corby's, Club 23, The Linebacker and Fiddler's

Hearth, are incorporated in a similar way as a "for-profit domestic corporation."

McNeff was the owner of The Boat Club at the time of the Jan. 24 raid, although the bar could eventually be sold to new owners as a result of legal action being taken by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission against the bar.

Neither McNeff nor Mitchell Heppenheimer, the attorney representing Millennium Club, has returned repeated phone calls seeking comment.

Matt Bramanti contributed to this report.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Notre Dame is really our mother?

I am graduating from Notre Dame in just a few short weeks, and so I am continually reflecting back on my time here. For the most part, it has been incredible. I have very few complaints about Notre Dame.

Not even the obligatory loathing for parietals, dining hall food or gender relations on campus. In fact, I have only one major criticism of Notre Dame, and that is the University's extremely paternalistic method of decision making.

Kurt Bogaard

Assistant Viewpoint Editor

Time and again I have seen Notre Dame's administration and the Board of Trustees make decisions with very little regard for the opinions of students. Perhaps they know better — certainly they have more experience and possibly more knowledge. Still, most students go to colleges like Notre Dame to gain experience as leaders and broaden their perspectives. What sort of leaders can be created if students are not involved in Notre Dame's decision-making process?

It is clear that the administration and Board of Trustees are not infallible. In doing research for a senior seminar paper, I examined the topic of divestment in the apartheid state of South Africa during the 1980s and Notre Dame's stance on the important issue. Notre Dame insisted on a policy of continued investment that was established by a director at General Motors, Leon Sullivan. Students and faculty both voted overwhelmingly against this continued investment, yet the administration and Board of Trustees continued with limited investment in South Africa. Finally, even the policy's writer, Sullivan, denounced his plan as a failure. Yet Notre Dame, always with its hand on its pocketbook, continued to invest against the wishes of South African activists, students and faculty.

The issues facing Notre Dame now are not nearly as prolific as the fight against apartheid, yet the University continues to take a unilateral approach to decision making. Students were not integrally involved in the establishment of new alcohol policies and new dance policies. Just last week, in a poll of 329 students, 89 percent of those polled did not agree with the decision to hold the ROTC Pass Review indoors again this year, but the administration ignored petitions from earlier in the month to move the event outside.

This method of decision making is not likely to change quickly. However, for those students leaving Notre Dame this year, and those that will remain, please continue to try to influence the decisions regarding any kind of policy that you disagree with. Students will slowly gain a greater voice. The administration is not Notre Dame. We are Notre Dame.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kurt Bogaard at kbogaard@nd.edu.

CLARIFICATION

In Wednesday's article, "Women's tenure fuels questions," Professor Toni Irving, whose photo appears above the story, is not affiliated with the WATCH movement.

CORRECTION

The headline for Thursday's article, "Anthropologist pens novel on genocide," should read, "Anthropologist pens book on genocide."

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| After 28 years, Boston College has approved its first homosexual support group. Members of the Notre Dame. | The most visible Iraqi leader, former deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz, is in custody of U.S. forces in Iraq. | American Airlines president Gerard Arpey will replace Donald Carty as chief executive of the company after Carty resigned Thursday. | The Observer calls on the University to assist students in the Boat Club case, which involves court summons for over 200 students. | Saint Mary's performs a contemporary English version of Mozart's opera, "The Marriage of Figaro." | Center Jeff Faine is projected to garner a slot in the first round of the NFL draft. Other seniors of the Notre Dame football team gear up for the process. |
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Gandhi's Non-Violence: The Political Dilemma of a Religious Vision, 11 a.m., Eck Visitor's Center
- ◆ Badin Spring Breakdown, 4 p.m., South Quad
- ◆ Bhangra Bash 2003 (Indian dance party), 9 p.m., Knights of Columbus
- ◆ Comedian Tim Young, 9 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ "P" Lunch, noon, Noble Family Dining Hall North Wedge Room
- ◆ The Marriage of Figaro, 7:30 p.m., Moreau Center for the Arts, Little Theatre

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Employee injured during work

NDSP transported a University employee Wednesday from the Food Services Facility to the University Health Center for treatment of an injury.

Student reports larceny

A student reported her vehicle was broken in to while outside Building 22 near Fischer Graduate Housing Wednesday between midnight and 9 a.m. NDSP has not identified any suspects in the case.

Students alert police of thefts

Two students reported bike thefts during the week. One locked bike was taken from outside gate 3 Tuesday between 4 and 6:30 p.m. Another student told NDSP his unlocked bike was stolen from the north side of Fisher Hall between 9:50 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Wednesday. There are no suspects in either case.

Vehicle hits parked car

NDSP received a report Wednesday of a vehicle hitting a parked car on Stepan Drive.

-Compiled from NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Fettuccine with fennel, spinach fettuccine, al prosciutto pizza, four cheese pizza, grilled Betsy Flannigan chicken breast, boulangere potatoes, cherry crisp, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, raisin bread French toast, hash browns, BBQ beef sandwich, Szechuan beef and vegetable stir-fry, chicken taco

Today's Dinner: Fettuccine with fennel, spinach fettuccine, al prosciutto pizza, four-cheese pizza, honey-glazed ham, vegetable rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, turbot amandine, scrambled eggs with cheese, gourmet hamburger, foot-long hot dog, polish sausage, oriental shrimp with noodles

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Chicken mozzarella, red clam sauce, chicken fajita pizza, mushroom stroganoff, sauteed zucchini and yellow squash, meatloaf, mississippi fried catfish, baked glazed ham, cut corn, broccoli cuts, cut green beans, peas, gyro, sweet and sour pork, flame-roasted fiesta corn and black beans, fried chili crispitos

Today's Dinner: Chicken breast vesuvio, chicken fajita pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, rice with black olives, veal parmigiana, steamed spinach, beef stew, roasted pork loin, hot chunky apple-sauce, cut corn, broccoli cuts, peas, cut green beans, chicken strips, julienned beef mongolian, chili frito

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Grilled vegetables and quinoa wrap, seafood paella, green bean salad, sizzling California salad meat ball sub, baja beef sandwich, grilled cheese, twice cooked pork, steamed broccoli, pizza blt loafer, sliced turkey, sliced ham, brown sugar cookies, chewy blond brownies

Today's Dinner: Pasta fantastic, veggie cutlet with mushroom sauce, olive cous cous, vegetable corn muffins, nacho bar, chicken parmesan, herb pasta, cauliflower, garlic bread, cheese pizza, mushroom pizza, beef stroganoff casserole, breadsticks, apple bread pudding, chocolate cream pie

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Notre Dame releases new icon for usage

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Notre Dame has a new identity — at least in print. University Communications Design, Notre Dame's in-house graphic design department, has announced that the new University mark is available for use in print, video and Internet-based media. The mark will adorn all stationery, business cards, brochures and other official Notre Dame documents. It was adapted from the 1931 University seal, designed by Harvard artist Pierre de Chaignon la Rose.

Laura Moran, interim general manager of UCD, said the mark aims to provide a consistent, positive design to represent Notre Dame.

"A lot of people were excited about having a mark with academic excellence as its focus," Moran said.

Moran said that the success of the mark depends on its acceptance by its users — academic

departments, administrators, faculty and staff. She added that the design has gained widespread use since its approval in the spring of 2002.

"Overall it's been very well received," Moran said.

Over one million pieces of stationery, 300 brochures and booklets and dozens of Web sites already feature the new mark.

The project began in the fall of 2001, when vice president for university relations Lou Nanni, then vice president for public affairs and communication, identified the need for a unified symbol to represent Notre Dame's academic identity. At the time, different departments used a variety of inconsistent symbols, including the interlocking ND and differing versions of the university seal.

Moran said departments will use their previous letterhead,

brochures, and other materials until supplies run out, at which time they will switch to paper featuring the new mark.

With a \$50,000 budget, a team of nine UCD graphic designers created the mark. A member of that committee, Tom Walker, said the mark faithfully represents Notre Dame's fundamental character.

"It speaks to the foundations of the University as well as its academic excellence," Walker said.

The development of the mark also involved granting a new printing contract to produce the new stationery and other printed materials.

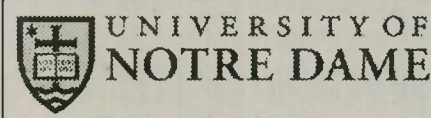
Impressions, an Elkhart-based printing company, was awarded the contract. Moran said the use of the new mark has been accompanied by the creation of a streamlined, Web-based system that allows Notre Dame

users and external printing vendors to customize and order materials online. The system provides for "better speed and ease of use," Moran said. The mark features an open book, representing the University's academic mission, inscribed with the Latin phrase "Vita Dulcedo Spes," or "our life, our sweetness, our hope" — a reference to an ancient prayer to Mary. By September, all academic and administrative documents will feature the new mark, according to UCD's Web site.

"We've already seen a significant turnover," Moran said.

The mark, including variations for use by Notre Dame's eight schools and colleges, is available at <http://mark.nd.edu> to anyone with an AFS username and password. The site also gives information about the history and appropriate usage of the mark.

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Student trustee selected

♦ Mahoney to serve as student representative to Board of Trustees

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Sara Mahoney will serve as the Board of Trustees' student trustee for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Mahoney, a rising senior biology and chemistry major, acted as the 2002-03 Student Diversity Board President and was also a member of Sophomore Board, Friends with Sisters, Christmas in April and Urban Plunge.

Kristen Matha, 2002-03 academic year student trustee, says the selection committee values communication skills as well as experience with student government.

"The student trustee must be knowledgeable of and able to articulate student concerns," Matha said. "I think a woman who is knowledgeable about Student Government Association and the College administration is also a valuable quality."

From her experience, Matha learned that it pays to have a voice as the student trustee.

"I will advise her to listen carefully and contribute to the discussions," Matha said.

The selection process began with an e-mail to the senior class describing the position and asking for applicants. Interested students submitted a letter to the selection committee, comprised of students, faculty and administrators as well as letters of recommendation from one student, one faculty member and one additional letter. The selection committee narrowed down the applicants into a group of candidates that are given to President Marilou Eldred to make the final decision.

Today the Board will meet primarily to formulate and approve a presidential search process, due to Eldred's recent retirement announcement.

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Commissioner, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission
Dwight Professor of Law, Columbia University

Friday, April 25

2:00 p.m.

Room 120

The Distinguished Lecture Series has been made possible through the generosity of Robert T. '74 J.D. and Ann Therese Darin Palmer '73 B.A., '75 M.B.A.

Tenure

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salaries in the Mendoza College of Business and the College of Arts and Letters, for example, are significant.

"Averages by rank across the University is not helpful," Provost Nathan Hatch said. "The standards in business and law, for example, are very different."

Economics professor Teresa Ghilarducci cited a trend in the early 1990s that raised a red flag among female faculty members that their pay might not be equal to those of their male counterparts.

"In the early '90s, many women got huge increases in pay when their male colleagues did not," she said. "That is indicative of salary inequity if we had to all of a sudden 'catch up' to what they were making."

English professor Valerie Sayers said that her own recent leap in salary was completely unexpected, and came without notice.

"Over the years, there have been these periods of significant disparities," she said. "It's hard to tell whether some of our raises have come at the expense of our colleagues, particularly professional specialists, but without really knowing what the standards are, it's really hard for people to figure out how to get a raise."

Because specific numbers are not made available to the teaching community at Notre Dame, Ghilarducci said, anecdotal evidence of salary discrepancies runs rampant and have led a

number of women to believe that their salaries are indeed much lower than those of their equally-qualified male counterparts.

Ghilarducci helped to found WATCH, an informal group of female faculty members formed to monitor the status of women at the University, in 1999, particularly in the interest of upholding the quality of education at Notre Dame, which she said is a natural function of a content faculty.

Ghilarducci said that one of the group's primary goals right now is to achieve salary transparency.

"We're forming committees to investigate the salary discrimination issue," she said. "Basically, we want salaries to be published."

WATCH, its members contend, has played a significant role in bringing the issue of salary transparency to the fore-

front of discussion.

Many members have gone so far as to discuss their own salaries at meetings, a practice which Sayers and Ghilarducci

said has proven incredibly beneficial to everyone involved.

"It riles people up. People do feel sensitive about their salaries and that it's a measure of their worth, which I think is arbitrary," Sayers said.

Publicizing salary averages, Ghilarducci said, would provide faculty with the information that

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| 1998/99 | 93 | 92 | 8 | 8 | 101 |
| 1997/98 | 82 | 94 | 5 | 6 | 87 |
| 1996/97 | 80 | 93 | 6 | 7 | 86 |
| 1995/96 | 78 | 94 | 5 | 6 | 83 |
| 1994/95 | 79 | 98 | 2 | 2 | 81 |

Source: Office of Institutional Research

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they need to gauge their own compensation without embarrassing individual employees sensitive to their place on the salary spectrum, and would help the faculty as a whole, not just the women.

"Over the years, there have been these periods of significant disparities."

Valerie Sayers
English professor

"It's definitely something that benefits men as much as it benefits women," Sayers said. "We [WATCH] don't see ourselves as oppositional, trying to divide the faculty in any way. I don't feel it's a 'men-versus-women' issue."

Indeed, WATCH members have found considerable support among the ranks of their male counterparts.

"It's an issue that a lot of people talk about," said English professor Glenn Hendler. "I'm certainly not the only man who has been unequivocally supportive of WATCH and other such groups."

Hendler said that the bulk of the issue lies in the traditionally conservative character of the University.

"The problem here is the culture of secrecy and confidentiality. That keeps us from being able to argue our position," he said.

Salary equity is eternally wedded to the question of whether

female faculty are given consideration for top administrative posts such as department chairs, a position that is inevitably tied to a rise in pay.

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Glenn Hendler
English professor

There are currently two female department chairs, Professor Dayle Seidenspinner-Nunez in the Department of Romance Languages and Literature and Professor Jeanne Day in the Department

of Psychology.

"There's such a gap between who's a chair and who's not," Sayers said. "There are so few female chairs."

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IRAQ

Coalition forces capture top Iraqi leader Aziz

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. forces in Iraq have taken custody of Tariq Aziz, the former deputy prime minister and the most visible Iraqi leader other than Saddam Hussein.

Officials at the Pentagon and at Central Command headquarters in Qatar said Thursday they did not know whether Aziz was captured or whether he turned himself in.

On the U.S. list of the 55 most-wanted members of the former government, Aziz was No. 43, the eight of spades in the military's card deck of top Iraqi leaders.

His prominence in the regime could make Aziz a source for the best information yet on the fate of Saddam and his two sons, as well as the location of any hidden weapons of mass destruction.

"We can confirm Tariq Aziz is now under coalition control," said Central Command spokeswoman Capt. Dani Burrows.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Thursday night the arrest of another top Iraq official, in Syria, would be announced shortly.

Graham, at a session of the Council on Foreign Relations, declined to identify the Iraqi, saying only that he held one of the most sensitive positions in the Iraqi government and was

arrested in the past 24 hours.

Aziz was often the public face of Iraq when responding to accusations by the United States and United Nations.

He was the only Christian in Saddam's inner circle, most of whom were Sunni Muslims like Saddam. He served as foreign minister during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and was a frequent spokesman at that time.

Aziz last appeared in public March 19, when he held a news conference in Baghdad to quash rumors he had fled the Iraqi capital.

"I am carrying my pistol to confirm to you that we are ready to fight the aggressors," Aziz said then. "American soldiers are nothing but mercenaries and they will be defeated."

Although he was one of Saddam's most loyal aides, Aziz, like most non-Tikritis, had virtually no power, U.S. officials have said. That could explain his longevity in Saddam's inner circle — without an independent power base, he posed no threat.

In recent years Aziz did not have the international profile he had in the 1990-91 Gulf crisis when, as Iraqi foreign minister, he was virtually "Mr. Iraq" to the world's media.

Saddam promoted him after the Gulf War to deputy prime minister, forcing him to relinquish the foreign ministry portfolio. Some believe this reshuf-



Reuters

Former Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz speaks to an Egyptian delegation in Baghdad in this February file photo. Coalition forces took Aziz into custody Thursday.

le had to do with Saddam's not liking a Cabinet minister to become too well known.

Others point to the fact that Saddam's son Odai did not like Aziz. Odai's newspaper, Babil, often criticized foreign policy. In 1996, Aziz's son Ziad was arrested for corruption in what Baghdad insiders saw as a turf

battle between Ziad and Odai, who was equally known for graft.

However, Tariq Aziz retained weight within the government. He was Saddam's deputy on the foreign affairs and media committees, in which positions he interpreted Saddam's policies to the ministers concerned.

He also conducted the government's negotiations with the U.N. weapons inspectors.

When Saddam fired Aziz's replacement as foreign minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, in 2001, he appointed Aziz as acting foreign minister for four months until Naji Sabri was given the post.

CHINA

Officials isolate thousands as SARS worries increase

Associated Press

BEIJING

Authorities closed a major hospital Thursday and put patients and 2,000 workers under observation for the SARS virus, while across the city, anxious residents emptied grocery stores of rice, oil and frozen food in a bout of panic-buying.

The People's Hospital of Peking University was the second medical facility to close because of severe acute respiratory syndrome, which killed four more people, raising Beijing's death toll to 39. Nationwide, 110 people have died from the disease, the Health Ministry said.

It was being disinfected and an unknown number of patients and 2,262 employees were under observation at one of the six hospitals designated to handle SARS, said a university official. He would give only his surname, Sun.

He didn't know how many patients were in the hospital; the hospital Web site says it has 1,020 beds.

It was China's latest action this week — along with the closing of public schools and plans for a quarantine — to try to contain the respiratory disease. Its spread has touched on virtually every aspect of society, from tourism to business to sports.

Beijing's airport and train station were packed this week with people try-

ing to flee.

Shoppers worried that officials might close stores as a preventive measure, or worse, quarantine all of Beijing, which would cut off food supplies. They have been rushing to clear the shelves of eggs, dumplings, soy sauce, rice and instant noodles.

At the Ito Yokado, an upscale grocery, a store clerk stacking towers of instant noodles apologized to shoppers seeking 22-pound bags of rice.

They were sold out of that size bag. "I'm sure more will be coming," said the clerk, Zhao Shuli.

China's soccer association postponed the start of the professional season, originally due to begin in mid-May, "to

ensure the health and safety of the athletes, coaches and fans." It said new dates would be announced later.

On Wednesday, the city government announced it would invoke emergency measures to have people who were exposed to SARS quarantined at home and to restrict access to buildings and areas of possible infection. No other details were provided.

Earlier this month, the People's Armed Police General Hospital shut down after staff members fell ill with SARS.

Globally, more than 260 people have died of the virus and about 4,400 have been infected — roughly half of those in the Chinese mainland.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

N. Korean envoy threatens to use nukes

North Korea's lead official at nuclear weapons talks in China told a U.S. envoy that his country has nuclear weapons and may test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions, a senior American official said Thursday.

The comment was made by North Korean delegate Ri Gun to Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly during a social gathering Wednesday following formal discussions on the North's nuclear weapons program, said the senior U.S. official, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

He did not respond to Ri's comment, said the official. According to the official, Ri said during the plenary session earlier that North Korea has reprocessed all 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods in its possession.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Actress critical after being shot in face

An actress who had recently completed work on an episode of NBC's "Law and Order" was shot in the face by her ex-boyfriend early Thursday in the doorway of her apartment, police said.

The victim's mother, who was visiting, watched as the ex-boyfriend then fatally shot himself, police said.

Lyric Benson, 21, was hospitalized in extremely critical condition Thursday evening. Acquaintances said Benson broke off her relationship with Robert Ambrosino, 33, weeks ago after a religious reawakening prompted her to rethink their living together.

"She became religious," agent Jerry Hogan said. "It didn't quite work with living with someone out of wedlock."

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Jackson to testify regarding song rights

Michael Jackson could be making a return trip to his native Indiana soon, though not to perform.

He is expected to be in Indiana, possibly as early as this week, for a deposition, according to Steeltown Records Inc. founder William Adams, also known as Gordon Keith, one of the plaintiffs suing Jackson.

Jackson is a defendant in a 1997 federal lawsuit that also accuses some of his brothers and two record companies of copyright infringement.

The lawsuit contends the Jackson Five were improperly credited for two songs done by another group, Ripples & Waves, that was based in Gary in northwest Indiana.

A weeklong jury trial was scheduled for April 28 at the federal courthouse in Hammond, but it could be rescheduled.

Hacked server changes registration

By KATE NAGENGAST
Senior Staff Writer

Senior Week registration will not be held online this year as originally planned, because during Easter Break a source outside the University hacked into the server that supported Senior Week's registration Web site and compromised the site's security, said Matt Smith, senior class president.

Registration for Notre Dame's Senior Week activities will now be held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stepan Center.

Although the server was restored Thursday, Smith and the Senior Class Council felt it was necessary to provide seniors with a definitive registration plan by Wednesday, the day online registration was to have started, and at that time it seemed unlikely the Web registration server would be repaired.

"Given the circumstances, we did the best we could," Smith said. "Registering online would have been innovative and nice, but we did what was most practical at the time."

"We're confident that through preparation and staffing, the system at Stepan will be efficient. We're not just settling for the same old delays," he said.

Although the new registration plan does require seniors to come

to Stepan on Thursday and fill out registration forms in person on paper, Smith said the process is still more similar to the online registration method than the long lines of past years because the event selection process is separated from the payment process, which often takes longer to complete.

Jacqueline Browder, Senior Week co-chair, said that moving registration to Stepan from its former location in the LaFortune Ballroom will allow for two payment lines and also help to speed up the process.

"We learned from past mistakes," Smith said. "We've taken feedback from the last two years and created a manual way of signing up the seniors most efficiently. Essentially it's just like the Web site, but what's disappointing is that you won't be in the comfort of your own home."

Six of the Senior Week activities require registration at Stepan and three events have a limited number of tickets available.

Events that require registration are: "Margaritaville" on May 10 for \$5; the Chicago Cubs game on May 11 for \$35; the golf outing on May 12 for \$10; the volleyball tournament also on May 12 for no charge; the Senior Formal on May 13 for \$15 and tailgates at the Notre Dame baseball game on May 14 for no charge.

Events which do not require reg-

istration include: Senior Class Mass on May 11; the class service project May 15; and the last trip to the Grotto and class ring blessing on May 15.

"Margaritaville" is limited to 1,000 students, the Chicago Cubs game to 575 and the golf outing to 80.

"If seniors really want to get to these events, they should take it upon themselves to get [to registration] early," said Smith.

He said he did not expect massive lines before registration begins at 10 a.m.

"We're going to try to get people in and out as quickly as possible," said Browder. "We know it's a study day and the day after the last day of class, so the last thing people want to do is stand in line."

Seniors who cannot make it to Stepan on Thursday can have a friend register on their behalf if the friend has the absent student's student ID card, and a signed waiver, which will be available via e-mail by Tuesday.

Only cash and checks made payable to the "University of Notre Dame" will be accepted as payment for Senior Week events.

Additional information about Senior Week activities can be found at www.nd.edu/~msmith15/srweek.htm.

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Shirt

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season, and that "we hope to strengthen the message that this shirt is a great way to show fan unity while also generating funds for worthy causes."

The spirit of supportive fundraising behind The Shirt has existed since the tradition began in 1989, when Sister Jean Lenz encouraged students to purchase them in support of former Notre Dame graduate student Zheng de Wang, a hit-and-run victim.

Today, proceeds from The Shirt are used to fund several scholarships and charities, as well as to contribute to Student Government.

Brenner said that it is important to The Shirt committee to encourage customers to choose The Shirt by making

them aware that the project is about more than football. "We plan to do this by informing customers of the project's origin and reminding them that most of the proceeds go directly towards charity and student organizations," he said.

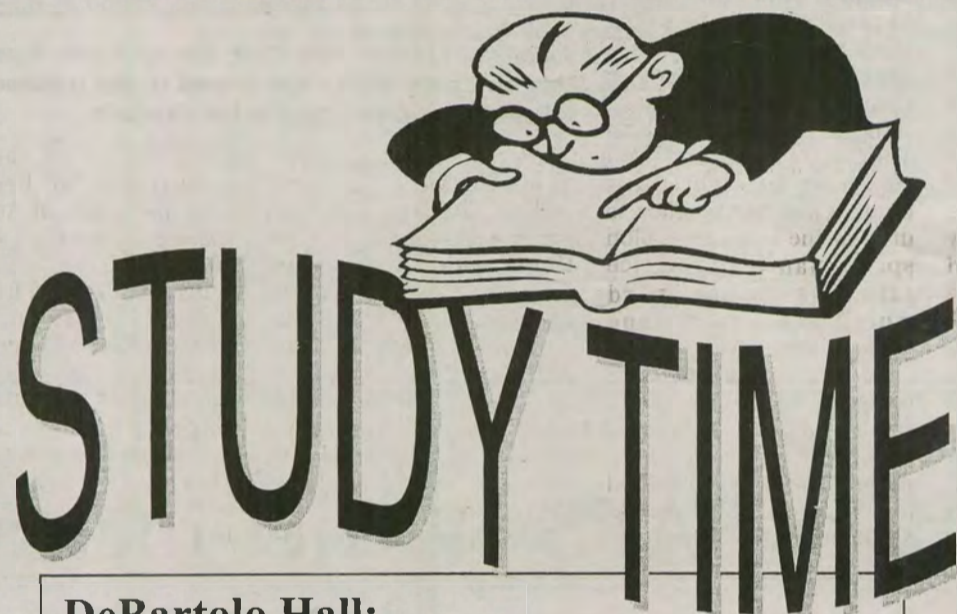
However, The Shirt is still an unrivaled promoter of football unity, and as the Blue and Gold game approaches, Brenner believes that it will be a big success in this aspect as well.

"There is a lot of anticipation about this upcoming football season and there is a renewed excitement amongst the fans."

Dave Brenner
president of The Shirt project

"There is a lot of anticipation about this upcoming football season and there is a renewed excitement amongst the fans," he said. "They are ready to show their support for the Irish, so we have to let them know that wearing The Shirt is the best way to do that."

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| NASDAQ | 1,457.23 | ↓ | -8.93 |
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| ORACLE CORP (ORCL) | +0.25 | +0.03 | 12.03 |

IN BRIEF

OPEC cuts summer oil production

Hoping to stabilize weakening crude prices, OPEC members agreed Thursday to cut their current oil output by 2 million barrels a day, or 7 percent.

At the same time, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries took the surprising step of temporarily raising its official output target to 25.4 million barrels, up 900,000 barrels a day from its existing ceiling.

The changes take effect June 1, OPEC President Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah said.

The group, whose 11 members pump about a third of the world's oil, announced its decision at a chaotic news conference at its headquarters that left some energy analysts bewildered.

Daimler warns as Q1 earnings slip

DaimlerChrysler AG said Thursday it will be difficult for its U.S.-based Chrysler Group to achieve its 2003 profit target, following a first quarter in which heavy incentives and lower volume offset cost savings.

The German-American automaker said its first-quarter profit fell amid heavy price competition and the Iraq crisis, but results still beat analysts' expectations.

DaimlerChrysler, created five years ago by the marriage of Daimler-Benz AG and Chrysler Corp., said it earned 588 million euros (\$646 million) for the first three months of 2003.

SEC orders insiders to file via Web

Investors soon will be able to find out more quickly when corporate executives and directors sell or buy their company stock, following a rule change Thursday by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Starting June 30, company insiders no longer will be able to report their stock trades on paper forms submitted to the SEC. Under the rules adopted by the agency, they will have to file the reports electronically to the SEC and on their companies' Web sites within two business days of the stock transactions instead of the current longer deadlines, most often 40 days.

American CEO calls it quits

◆ Arpey to take over troubled airline company

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The embattled chairman and chief executive of American Airlines resigned Thursday as the flight attendants union split bitterly over a cost-cutting package that was the last hope for avoiding bankruptcy.

Two other unions representing pilots and ground workers agreed to the company's sweetened offer, but leaders of the flight attendants union were said by a source to be embroiled in a "holy war" over whether to go along. The union's board rejected the deal, but the executive committee was seeking to overturn the decision, a source familiar with the situation said on condition of anonymity.

The company has said it would file Chapter 11 bankruptcy unless all three labor groups accepted the \$1.8 billion in annual wage and benefit concessions.

With the airline's fate uncertain, Donald J. Carty resigned as chairman and CEO. Gerard Arpey, the company's president, will replace Carty as CEO, while board member Edward A. Brennan will take over as chairman.

It was not clear, however, whether the combination of Carty's resignation and the sweetened labor

deal would be enough to prevent a bankruptcy filing.

The new deal improves potential bonuses for employees and shortens the length of concessions by one year to five years. The deal would also provide incentives for "additional cash compensation," said John Darrah, president of the pilots union.

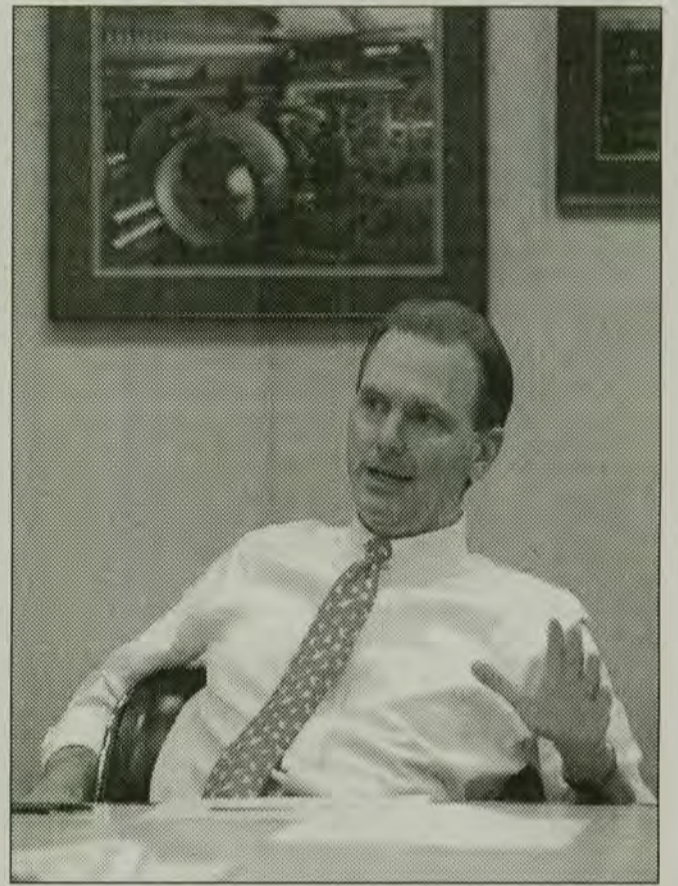
The original package unraveled last week after employees learned of previously undisclosed executive perks, including bankruptcy-proof pensions and huge bonuses.

Carty apologized for not telling workers sooner about the executive benefits. The company eventually canceled bonuses for the top six executives that were worth twice their annual salary, but left in place \$41 million in pension funding for 45 executives.

Arpey, who will remain as president, said he would work to "restore the confidence of all employees in their great company."

In fact, Arpey late Thursday invited four officers from the flight attendants union to his office to discuss the impasse, union spokesman George Price said. The union's board would likely reconvene Friday, Price said.

Adding to the pressure on Carty was Wednesday's first-quarter financial report from American's parent, AMR, which posted a worse-than-expected \$1.04 billion loss.



American Airlines' new CEO, Gerard Arpey, speaks in this file photo. Arpey was named to the troubled post following the resignation of Donald Carty.

After details of the executive perks were made public, two unions last week called for new elections, which threatened American's plans to cut spending by imposing the concessions May 1. Some AMR board members were angered, and one, University of Oklahoma President David Boren, said he would call for Carty's replacement.

The new management

team combined the long experience of Brennan with the youth of Arpey, a rising star within American.

Brennan retired from the helm of Sears in 1995. Some shareholders had demanded his resignation because of the retailer's flagging fortunes and its sale or spinoff of successful side businesses. He has been an AMR board member since 1987.

Gigot Center hosts entrepreneurs

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies will announce a winner today in its Dorothy Dolphin Family Business Plan Competition.

The competition joins two other similar events, the McCloskey Business Plan Competition and the Social Venture Plan Competition, hosted by the Gigot Center.

Major universities commonly host business plan competitions in which participants submit business proposals in the hope of winning funds, but the Dolphin Competition is unique in its focus on family-owned enterprises.

"It's the first time a family business plan competition has been done anywhere," said David Hayes, director in family business enterprise at the Gigot Center, which was established in 1998.

Hayes said the initial stage of the competition featured plans from alumni as well as graduate and undergraduate students. All the entries dealt with businesses run by at least the second generation of family members, while some enterprises went back three or four generations. Participants submitted brief descriptions of their plans,

and semi-finalists were invited to submit detailed business plans, which typically include information about the company's operations, financial structure and future prospects.

Hayes was enthusiastic about the six-member panel, which will judge the final round. The fields of law, business consulting and academia are represented on the panel, which Hayes praised as very qualified.

"These are all family business professionals," Hayes said.

After a morning of closed-session judging, the Gigot Center will present the winning team with a \$7,000 grand prize to aid in implementing its business plan.

Promotional materials described the four final teams' ambitions for the contest.

El Fenix Bakery's plan aims to "specialize and consolidate in order to experience growth and stability," according to the team's written description.

Gilsigner Implement Company is a four-store John Deere dealer hoping to effect "the transition of the company to the next generation."

Wyss Farms, an agricultural production concern, looks to run its business with "clearly defined goals and responsibilities, including a genuine enthusiasm for the future."

Martin Whalen Office Solutions, the only alumni team represented in the undergraduate-dominated field, is planning to "change the company from an entrepreneurial one to [one] with an organizational focus."

Hayes said that family business fits in with the values of the University.

"With family business initiatives, we're very consistent with what we stand for as a University, as the Notre Dame family," he said.

He went on to express hope for the future of the Gigot Center's competitions.

"From what I've seen in the last couple of days, ... I'd say with a lot of confidence that we're doing something very meaningful," Hayes said. "We operate in the spirit of Notre Dame."

The competition is named for Dorothy Dolphin, who founded Dolphin Staffing, an employee service company, in 1969. Her \$1,500 investment grew dramatically, and Dolphin Staffing is now the largest company of its kind in Minnesota, serving many Fortune 500 companies. Dolphin's family funds the business plan competition in honor of their mother.

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ones we have. I have all the faith in the world that students can do anything," he said.

In the final part of his address, Hallahan focused on the University's commitment to service and using service as a way to better the world as a whole.

"We can do more and must work to get to the point where every student can more easily give back to the community," he said.

Hallahan also said that his administration has begun the effort to raise awareness of service opportunities by offering students or clubs funding for "new and creative service work."

However, Hallahan also said, "We also need to look beyond just doing service work, but to also develop a socially concerned mentality on our campus."

He said the best way to do this is through events such as the

conference on Solidarity with Africa, taking place in September and sponsored by the Institute for Church Life.

"I think we can have more of a socially concerned mentality and really understand what's going on in the world," Hallahan said. "We need to think of where we are and the opportunities we have as opposed to other places, and by doing that we can find ways to grow as students and give back to people who don't have as much as we have."

At the close of his address, Hallahan stressed the importance of becoming leaders on campus and in the world.

"We cannot shy away from the opportunity to lead and make a difference both here and throughout the rest of the world," he said. "No longer are we the generation of the future, but instead, we are the generation of the present, and we must accept the responsibility to fully realize the potential we have as leaders in this world."

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BC approves gay/straight group

By JESSICA DALSING
Senior Staff Writer

Boston College has approved its first gay/straight alliance. The alliance was granted official recognition on April 15, following a 28-year struggle for a homosexual support group on campus.

Princeton Review had ranked the Catholic institution as the second most unwelcoming college to alternative lifestyles. Now, Boston College is ranked among 21 other Jesuit colleges that recognize a gay/straight alliance on campus.

Paul Brienies, faculty adviser of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community of Boston College commented about the recognition in an April 22 article in the college's student newspaper, The Heights.

"This is a great day for Boston College. I feel immensely proud of the students who made this happen, and I know that others who have waited for this will be forever grateful," Brienies said.

Boston College appears to be making great strides toward a more open community, yet this does not mean that they have surpassed other Catholic institutions.

"Notre Dame has been a leader within the Catholic context due to the model of the Standing Committee," said Sister Mary Gude, chair of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Needs for Notre Dame in a February Observer article.

However, Notre Dame has not officially recognized Outreach ND, the homosexual student group on campus. Yet, the Standing Committee fulfills many of the same roles that Boston College's new student group Allies hopes to pursue.

"Allies seems to have great parallels to the Notre Dame Standing Committee," Gude said Wednesday.

The club has paid special attention to the Catholic component of Boston College. In the club constitution, the group promises to

"consider issues concerning sexuality and sexual orientation in the context of the University's Jesuit, Catholic tradition."

The Notre Dame Standing Committee is directed toward the needs of the gay, lesbian or bisexual student. Gude said the committee offers coffee hours, retreats and other opportunities for students to "discuss sexual orientation in the context of the Catholic tradition."

Allies must work within a number of different limits in order to keep their club status. It is strictly a support group and not allowed to be involved in any protests or advocacy.

The Notre Dame Standing Committee must also work within the limits allowed by the University.

"The student members of the Standing Committee have been adept at understanding how to walk the fine line," Gude said.

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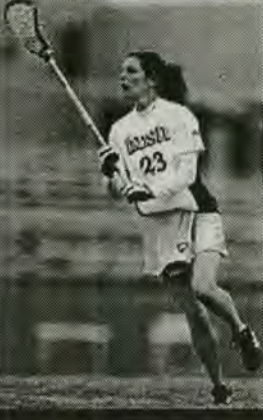
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Alabama executes man convicted of 1986 killing

Associated Press

ATMORE, Ala. — A man was executed by

injection Thursday for the 1986 stabbing death of a 60-year-old man during a robbery.

Gary Leon Brown, 44, was executed after Gov. Bob Riley denied him clemency on Wednesday.

He made no final statement, but appeared to mouth the words "go with God" and "forgive them" to his wife, Elizabeth Anne Brown, who was in the witness room with Brown's friend.

None of the victim's family attended the execution.

Brown told investigators that he and his cohorts went to the home of Jack David McGraw on Memorial Day 1986 to drink with him, hoping that McGraw would pass out so they could rob him.

But McGraw said he had to work the next day and couldn't party with them.

He was tackled and dragged back inside the residence, and Brown said he repeatedly stabbed McGraw with a pocketknife.

McGraw's body was left in the mobile home, where he lived alone, until it was found by neighborhood children. He had been robbed of \$67 and

several appliances.

At the time of the murder, Brown was out of jail on bond in an unrelated robbery.

The trial judge noted that fact in upholding the jury's recommendation for death.

McGraw, described in trial testimony as a homosexual, was stabbed 78 times.

According to trial testimony, the killers boasted of the murder using homosexual slurs.

Prosecutors said the savagery of the attack indicated the killing may not have been simply a robbery, but it was not prosecuted as a hate crime.

Archie Bankhead, accused in court of cutting McGraw's throat with a butcher knife, is now serving life without parole. Also convicted in the murder was James Lynn Bynum, who was paroled from a life sentence in 1997.

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VIEWPOINT

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Choosing between the destination or journey of life

For most Notre Dame seniors, the remaining month of their final semester is hectic, emotional and unsettling. At this time 30 years ago, it was no different for me. It was a time when I was approaching the destination of my undergraduate education and beginning the journey of my career. It was not a time for me to reflect on what I might value more — my life's journey or my life's destination.



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Today, with three decades of social interaction and experience behind me, I can better debate the value of both. Few among us can foresee at an early age what our life may hold. During tragic times in our lives, like the death of a loved one, we scrutinize every aspect of life. Yet it is at the milestones of our lives, like college graduation, that we should take the opportunity to routinely appreciate from where we have come and contemplate where we are going.

Upon graduation from college, most of us do not know what lies ahead on our journey of life. Each of us would relish the opportunity to relate with others in such a way that positively influences them. Some, like the Pope or other well-known figures, are role models for mil-

lions across the world. Most of us have a more limited scope of influence, but none less important than others. The secret for making a difference in another's life is knowing how to relate your personal journey with an eye on your destination. Singer Elton John expressed it best when he wrote, "How wonderful life is while you're in the world."

May is a special month at Notre Dame. For me, it conjures memories of opening dormitory windows to invite a fresh smelling evening breeze that tingles with the immature warmth of spring. In the distance, the excessive chatting of ducks on the lakes prevents solitary silence. Everything on campus seems to awaken from the long, gray, overcast winter. It can be a time that brands itself into the minds of those who experience spring on campus.

For the Class of 2003, the coming month invites every senior to savor each moment with an eye on what may lie ahead. While it may be a time to set career and family goals, it is also a time to reflect on the journey taken thus far. Life, in general, is a mixture of journeys and destinations. Both should be equally appreciated to robustly walk the path of

life.

Looking back on my personal journey, I immediately recall three high points. The experiences of some duration that I most enjoyed occurred while studying in graduate school, working at the U.S. House of

Representatives on a Congressional committee and my appointment in the Clinton Administration. While all three relate to the world of politics, I can attribute those peaks to several passing events that served as bricks in my road.

When I pause to analyze my stepping stones, it begin at age 11 with my standing two feet from President John

Kennedy. His charm and influence led thousands of his time to seek public service careers. I am one of those who sought to follow Kennedy's call. But where has it led? Since my experience with President Kennedy, I either attended events with presidents or shook hands with Presidents Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Clinton and both President Bushes. My political journey has been particularly generous with presidential meetings, something I could never have fathomed at age 11.

Since about the age of seven, one of my

Notre Dame classmates, along with his family, focused their utmost energies on him attending Notre Dame. Once he was accepted into my class, his influence on others and his experiences on campus highlighted his life. However, upon graduation, he found himself with no more important destination. His journey to and through Notre Dame had been his most important quest in his life. Today, while successful and somewhat content, his life is anti-climatic. He will watch Notre Dame sporting events on television, but for 20 years he has not stepped foot on the campus that was once his reason for living.

With commencement addresses and the wisdom of many elders about to bombard the Class of 2003, I add my advice. The wonders of life during your personal journey are like a spring shower. The first few drops feel like they have no effect. But with time, as the shower continues, it eventually drenches everything. The journey will be most rewarding if you savor each drop as it falls. And remember, you are a drop on the journey of others, so make life wonderful while you're in the world.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dollars reward bias

This is in response to Vincent Laufer's April 24 letter. I commend him for trying to get an objective perspective on world affairs. But, as I am sure most of you know, the media is paid to be biased.

Newsweek and Fox News are rather conservative while CNN bats lefty. But there is not a truly unbiased source of information. There is an agenda behind virtually every broadcast, even though I believe people like Bill O'Reilly have concretely pointed out biases and what he likes to call "spin." I do not agree with him on some issues, but it is interesting to see how unfair some people and the media can be. Not to pick on the Democrats — even though I personally like to — but recently several Senators have come out criticizing car companies for pollution from their SUVs in particular. And after their tirade, they ride off in their parade of Yukons or whatever enormous SUVs of their choosing.

It is disheartening, however, that we live in a society that puts agendas before fairness. CNN wants to attack Fox News because of their higher ratings and for other reasons, so they headline an article of a Fox News employee trying to bring back Iraqi merchandise. While I do not think this is right, it is not headline material. Fox News takes their own jabs against CNN and The New York Times whenever they can. The American people are left with a barrage of information that they are to sort out themselves. And subsequently, people's own ideas and convictions will usually dismiss information that invades their "comfort zone" and accept what they believe to be true. In effect, there seems to be an increase in polarity on many issues, which can only lead to further disagreement.

Paul Fowler
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April 24

Use anger to battle ignorance

I write because I am compelled to respond to Michaela Murray-Nolan's April 24 letter to the editor which supported John Litle's column as a healthy dose of anger at the tragedy which occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

I worry about several things which she wrote in her letter, the first of which is her support of generalizations as statements which are "partly inflammatory and partly true." I think that it is important to realize that nearly every statement contains some element of truth — even lies. The fact that there are some — perhaps many — Arabs who are ignorant is not useful in determining the fate of an entire region. There are also some — perhaps many — white Americans who are ignorant, yet that does not give us sufficient grounds to "fight" their ignorance with bombs and guns.

I agree with Murray-Nolan that freedom of speech is truly a great American liberty and that Litle has every right to opine whatever he wishes about racial and ethnic groups. But I think that perhaps the best method for combating ignorance is that which has already been so well demonstrated by the faculty members who wrote in to correct Litle's misstatements about Arabs and the Middle East, not violence born out of the anger which many of us felt after being attacked in our own country.

With respect to Murray-Nolan's criticisms of those who oppose the war, I wish to pose to her the following question: Which problem is it that the U.S. is there to solve? It certainly cannot be ignorance, because we are undoubtedly guilty of taking a very "passive" strategy in our efforts to fight ignorance and lack of education worldwide.

Apparently then, it is not interest in the education of the Iraqi people which puts our soldiers in the Iraqi desert. And it can-

not be just because we want to make Iraq a better place or because we disagreed with its former regime. In my mind, Iraq will be a better place after we have finished reconstructing it, but that is not why we are there. We disagree with our neighbor, Fidel Castro, in the way he administers his country, and we could certainly invade and set up a government more tasteful to us, yet no one would seriously advocate doing so.

So apparently it was not these altruistic and humanitarian reasons which compelled us to wage war against Saddam, but rather because we felt that his regime posed a real and imminent security threat to the United States by fomenting terrorism and creating weapons intended to harm us and our allies. Many disagree with the current administration over whether this was actually the case, including myself.

Though I do not want to engage in a debate which is now essentially moot, I think that it is important for those of like minds with Murray-Nolan to realize that it was not only disagreement over the solution which motivated those who opposed the war, but also disagreement over the problem.

The same Sept. 11 anger that Murray-Nolan supports as useful in battling ignorance is what I believe has fueled many of the rash and irrational decisions made by authority figures that have had serious negative consequence for civil liberties domestically and peace internationally. Perhaps the first problem of ignorance which we should focus on solving is that which exists here at home.

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Love culminates in operas

Notre Dame opera reminds audiences of the transforming power of love

By LAUREN PRICE

Scene Writer

At first glance, the Notre Dame Opera seems to be a little confused this year. After all, the bottom half of the posters advertising Malcolm Williamson's "The Happy Prince" and Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" are upside down. And initially Williamson's 1965 opera adaptation of Oscar Wilde's play seems to have little in common with Purcell's 1689 mythical baroque masterpiece.

But the two one-act operas, directed by John Riley-Schofield, are connected by a deep and moving theme: the power of self-sacrificing love to overwhelm all else. They both star strong-voiced women facing cruel realities and dashing lead men whose duty brings pain to those around them. Silva Schuster's fantastic costumes and make-up design bring the characters to life.

In "Dido and Aeneas," evil appears personified, whereas in "The Happy Prince," Evil is the looming specter of miserable poverty.

Their three centuries separate musical styles, under the fine baton of John Apeitos, no doubt differ. However, regardless of stylistic divergences, the parallel portrayals of Love's power make this theatrical double-header a not-to-miss production.

The characters of "Dido and Aeneas" come from ancient mythology, telling a story of the Queen of Carthage, played by senior Angela Zawada, and the Trojan prince, played by senior Michael Holderer.

The first scene opens as Aeneas' dark, warm bass voice declares his love for Dido. At first, she cannot accept his affection, even though she loves him too. Her sister Belinda, played by charming Danielle Svonavec, and her

emotionally honest "alter ego," played by Kate Daugherty's Second Woman, convince Dido to accept Aeneas' love.

The chorus' well-rehearsed, but occasionally self-conscious, dances in praise of Love and Beauty. All seems well.

Then enters Evil, the majestic Sorceress played by sophomore tenor Brandon Hollihan. She and her two partners-in-crime, the delightfully bickering and light-footed Witches, played by sophomores Erin Sjostrom and Jamie Pilloni, contrive a plot to break her heart and take the city. The Sorceress sends a playful Spirit messenger, played by Jeff Golden to Aeneas, allegedly as from Zeus, demanding that he leave Carthage.

Yes, that's right. The SorcerESS demands Zeus' exit. Although an all-female cast originally performed "Dido and Aeneas," Riley-Schofield's decision to cast Hollihan conforms to traditional performances. And besides, as Hollihan quips, "Evil was always meant to be a flat-chested deity! Playing an evil woman is a wonderful challenge to my acting techniques... She just controls everything."

The supernatural does run the show. Aeneas is torn between his desire to stay and his duty to the gods; Dido refuses to let him stay. As he leaves, Dido realizes her love for him is too great for this earth. Zawada's heartfelt deliverance of the famous aria "When I am laid in earth" only becomes more haunting by the Sorceress' sinister figure triumphing over her. Dido's still body is surrounded by her loving citizens, obeying her last command to "Remember me! but forget my fate..."

Despite the apparent triumph of Evil, the chorus sings for the angels to come and cover her tomb with roses "soft and gentle as her heart."

"The Happy Prince" opens with

another still figure center stage: the statue of the Prince, played by golden-voiced freshman Nicholas Tonozzi. The townspeople come and go around him, singing blithely in complicated chorus. Only the partying and hallucinating woman Swallow, played by senior soprano Kristen Moskow, pays him much attention. In fact, under Riley-Schofield's direction and interpretation, the entire opera almost consists of Swallow's psychedelic fantasies. Complete with disco ball and hazy orchestration like Gilligan's dream sequence music, this opera makes quite a beautiful fantasy!

On her way to Egypt, a new nightclub in this production, Swallow stops for a rest and warmth under the statue of the Prince, who comes to life in her hallucinations. From his place above the town, he can see a Seamstress' sick son, a poor Author and a penniless match girl. Three times he begs her to take the riches from his statue and give them to the town's poor. It hurts her to pluck them from his body, but she gives his ruby, sapphires and gold to the needy townspeople who he can see from his pedestal.

Swallow begins to love this selfless and beautiful Prince, but the winter is setting in. Because she has been delayed in her departure for warmer climate — here the new production demands an allegorical interpretation of dialogue — she dies on the cold, frozen ground at his feet.

The townspeople and the Mayor, played by an impressive Juan Pablo Alban, discover her body under the weatherworn and undignified statue of the Prince. They insist the statue and body be thrown into a furnace, but the lighting changes and an angelic choir declares that Swallow and the Prince's broken lead heart are the city's most precious possessions.



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The delightful, bickering witches are partners with the Sorceress.

The two stories, as different in plot as in harmonics, both beautifully remind the audience of the transforming power of Love. These days, that's always a welcome message.

"Dido and Aeneas" and "The Happy Prince" play at Washington Hall Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the LaFortune box office.

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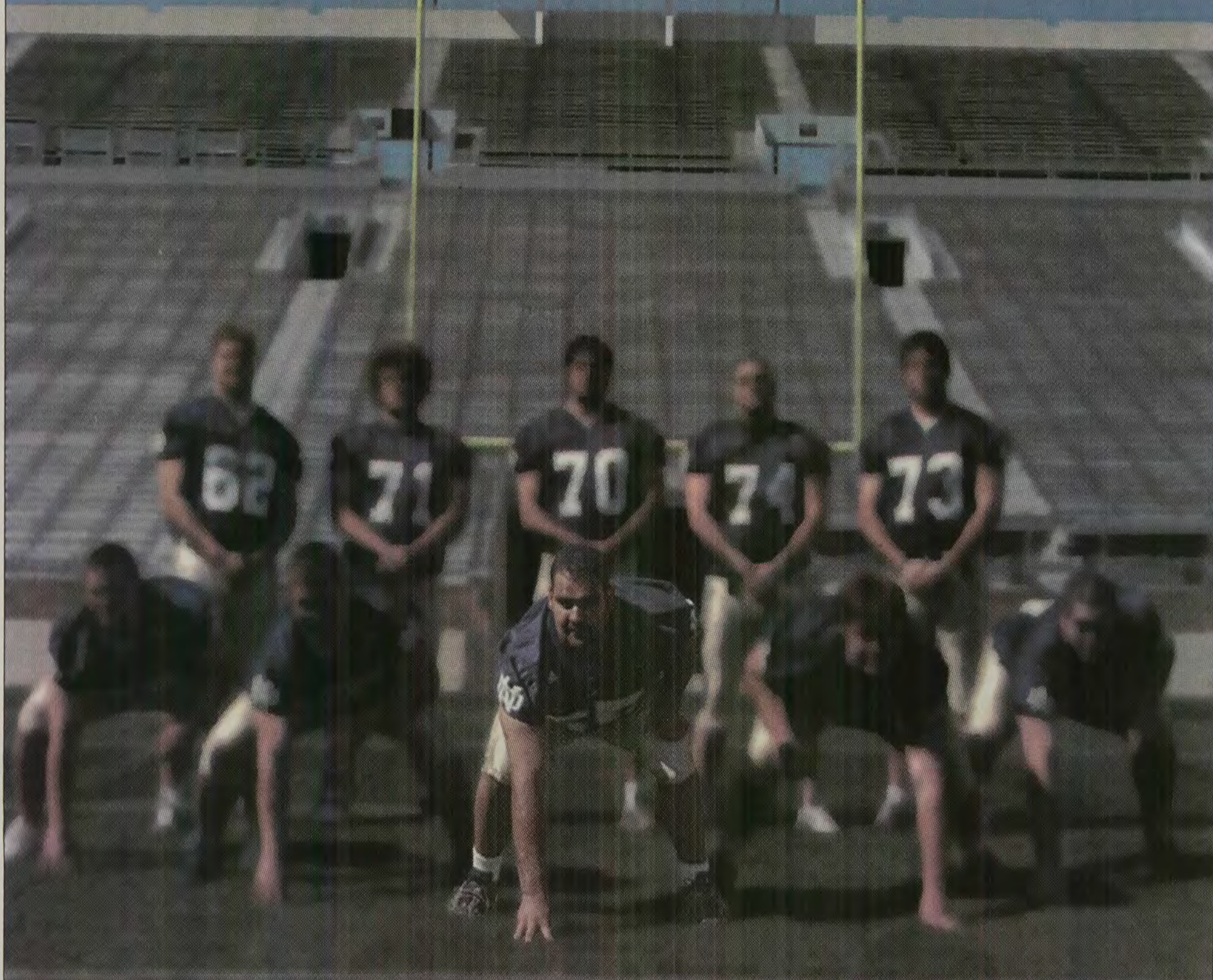
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Senior Sean Milligan
leads an inexperienced offensive
line into 2003 football season

Irish search for chemistry

Perusing the Notre Dame football media guide from last year, one can't help but notice the relative variety of majors.

There's psychology majors, sociology majors, political science majors and film majors. There's marketing majors, finance majors, accounting majors, computer majors. There's even the occasional pre-med or engineering major.

The only thing missing, it seems, is a chemistry major.

That's ironic, especially considering how Notre Dame's team chemistry helped propelled the Irish to an 8-0 start when national experts figured the Irish would have been lucky to escape from September with only two losses.

Last year's Irish had a severe aversion to losing. It began in January, when Tyrone Willingham ended his first team meeting with a PowerPoint slide that said simply, "Win." It continued through the summer, when the focus was not on a team that had two losing seasons in three years but on a team

one year removed from a BCS bowl. It permeated the fall, as coaches assigned offensive players defensive roommates. It dominated the final week of practice, when the mantra was win at all costs instead of a scatterbrained focus on individual units.

By the time Notre Dame stormed onto a field against a higher-ranked Maryland squad, most expected a blowout game. Few expected the Irish would deliver the smackdown.

The 2002 Irish didn't know how to lose because the word had never crept into their vocabulary. A senior class fed up with three years of mediocrity refused to allow that to happen.

But unlike teams in the Bob Davie era, the Irish seemed to be more about action and less about talking. Jeff Faine reserved his leadership by setting an impressive example on the field. The diminutive Shane Walton earned the respect of his teammates to the point where he was voted team MVP. And two years of inconsistency couldn't keep Arnaz Battle from becoming Notre Dame's offensive go-to guy.

Behind the seniors, behind the leaders, the Irish won games based on a sheer force of will. And if they want to duplicate their 2002 success, the leaders of the 2003 Irish need to begin making their presence heard — and seen — immediately.

Each team is unquestion-

ably unique, and developing solid team chemistry is about as difficult as riding a unicycle blindfolded. But every great team has great chemistry — and great leaders who help bind the team together.

The leaders are already starting to emerge. Vontez Duff, Darrell Campbell and Courtney Watson will play in their final spring game Saturday, and each has significant goals for the Irish before the next Notre Dame team plays in a Blue and Gold game. Carlyle Holiday already demonstrates a confidence — with his arm and with his mouth — he rarely showed last season. Countless others will emerge in the summer months to help shape Notre Dame's season.

They'll have huge shoes to fill, too. The departing seniors made up arguably one of the best leadership classes in recent Irish history. Through words or examples, each member left an indelible impact on the Irish football program.

Now, their successors will try to make a bigger one.

And their success won't be evaluated in degrees — it will be judged by trophies in the case at the end of the year.

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Leading his troops

Milligan only returning starter on inexperienced offensive line

◆ Guard will be leader on and off field for Irish

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Sean Milligan looked to his left, then to his right during the first practice in spring football and saw nobody he recognized.

The faces he had seen all of last season as a starter on the Irish offensive line were nowhere to be found. In their place were an array of new faces, inexperience and potential. A bunch of guys that had the talent, but sorely lacked game day experience.

So Milligan knew what his role would be as a fifth-year senior for Notre Dame's 2003 football team.

"It really was a shock looking around and not seeing any [faces from last year] any more. It meant that I had to step up and become a leader," Milligan said.

In his three years as a starter at guard, Milligan never had to be the main leader. He had teammates like Jeff Faine and Sean Mahan who would take charge of the unit and had a vocal presence. But now it's Milligan's turn to be the general of the offensive line, a line that, arguably, presents more question marks than any other position for the Irish when they head into the fall season.

From old to young

Of last year's regular starting offensive line, only Milligan remains. Gone is guard Mahan and tackles Brennan Curtain and Jordan Black, and All-American center Jeff Faine declared himself eligible in January for this weekend's NFL Draft.

Leaving with those four are 117 career starts and countless minutes blocking defenders in the trenches of the football field. In their place are fresh faces — guys like junior Dan Stevenson, who's only career start came in last year's Gator Bowl loss to North Carolina State. Stevenson recorded 82 minutes, 23 seconds in 11 games for last year's Irish squad, which gives him the second most experience, in terms, of minutes of the returning lineman.

Fellow sophomore Mark LeVoi has played in all of six games during his first two years at Notre Dame and started zero. Senior Jim Molinaro does bring some experience to the unit, but has only started in 3 games while playing in 17 others.

Centers Zach Giles and Bob Morton have never played in a college game, while other linemen like Jamie Ryan, Brian Mattes, Darin Mitchell and Jeff Thompson all will be vying for spots despite none or very limited playing time during their careers.

All this inexperience leaves Milligan as a sort of "father fig-

ure" for the group. He's been in almost every situation the linemen will face and he's learned the ropes throughout his career.

"Right now, obvious to everyone is that we don't have a lot of experience on the offensive line so one of the guys we've really leaned on from a coaches standpoint to teach the young guys how to go about their business is Sean Milligan," offensive line coach Mike Denbrock said. "He's really taken on that role and taken in to heart and really been a positive force into the way we've conducted ourselves this spring."

A new role

Milligan admits he's not a vocal leader. He'd much rather let his play talk, then his words. So instead of getting in his teammates faces this spring, Milligan simply resorted to executing his blocks to

perfection and showing others the way to carry themselves on and off the field.

"I'm not really much of a vocal type of guy. I'm trying to

lead by example and be there for the other guys," Milligan said. "If they have any questions, I encourage them to come and talk to me. They're going to be the guys in there playing with me so I want guys in there that know what they're doing."

As a three-year starter for the Irish, Milligan's play at the guard position has done a lot of talking. He's played in over 400 minutes during his career, including 266:27 last season. The Norcross, Ga. native started 17 games in his first three years and came off the bench in seven others. Last season, Milligan started 12 of 13 games. As a sophomore, he started five games before succumbing to an injury that limited his action in several other games throughout that season.

Denbrock said he believes Milligan's work ethic has been a good example for his teammates to follow throughout the spring practice sessions and in the weight room.

"As a player he's making strides on his own accord," Denbrock said. "You would think you would get to a point, sometimes, where you feel like you've got it licked, and you've got the game figured out. Sean's never struck me as a guy that feels that way and he's always worked hard at getting better and it's helped the other guys follow his example."

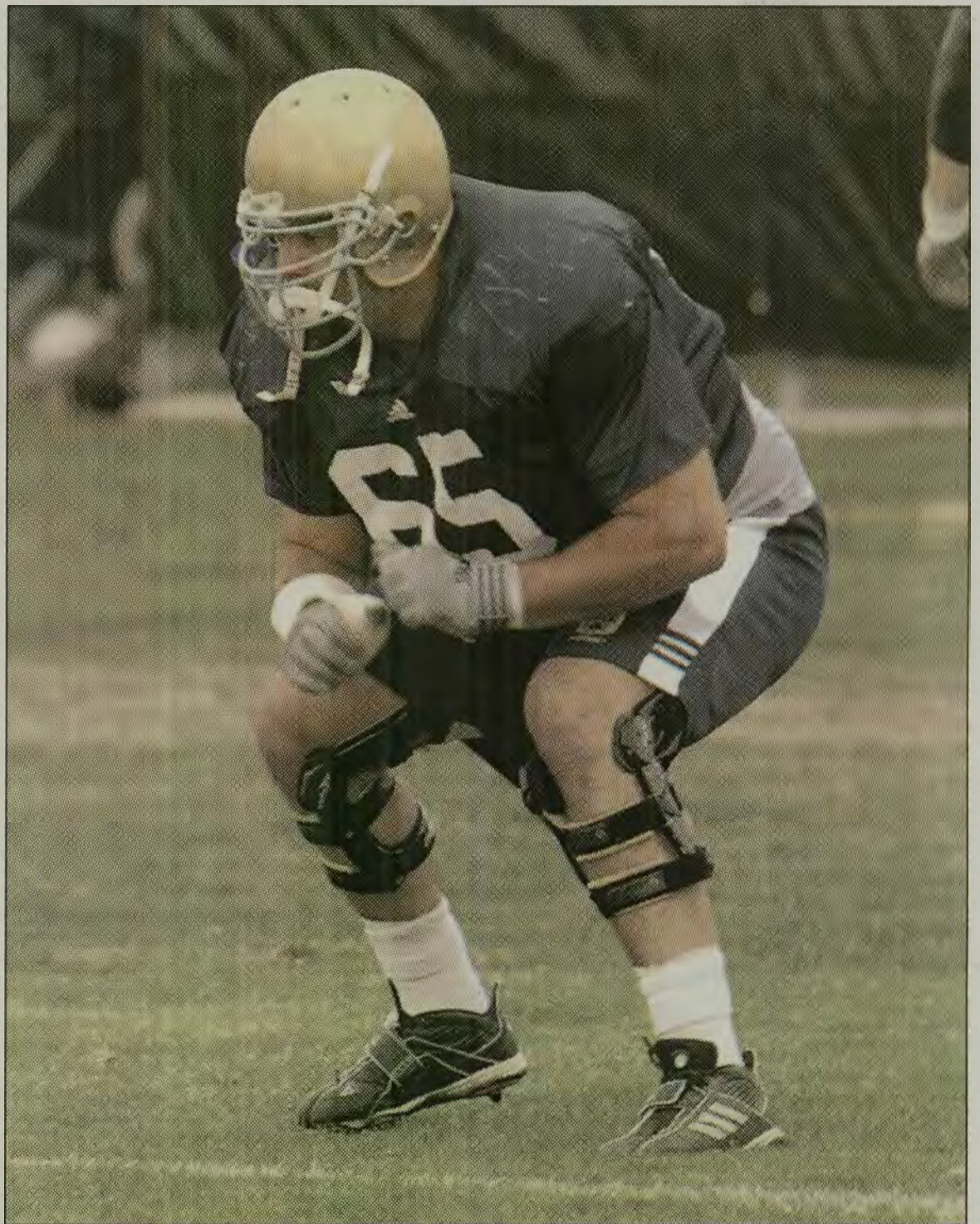
While Milligan might not be totally comfortable with his new role, Denbrock believes the senior has done a more

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guard

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Mike Denbrock
offensive line coach



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Notre Dame guard Sean Milligan crouches during a recent spring practice. Milligan is the only returning starter from last season's offensive line and will help lead the younger, less experienced linemen into the 2003 football season.

than adequate job helping his younger teammates.

"He certainly has a lot to offer these younger guys in terms of experience and being out there and doing it," Denbrock said. "We're fortunate that he feels comfortable enough to step up in that role."

Milligan won't just be a good player for the Irish next fall, but he'll also be a coach on the field. His teammates will turn to him when they're frustrated with their coaches or if they don't agree with what those coaches are telling them.

"It's kind of like your parents telling you something and you won't listen to them, but you'll listen to it from a friend or someone else's parents," Denbrock said. "So the more that our young guys can hear the right things and the things we're trying to get across and teach, the better it is for them."

His teammates agree that Milligan's experience will help them during practice and in

games.

"He is a leader because he has more experience than anyone else. He has been through it more than we have and we have to look up to him with respect," Mitchell said.

Proving doubters wrong

The expectations aren't very high for Notre Dame's offensive line next season, but Milligan isn't worried. He's heard the questions surrounding the linemen. He knows people think they're too young and that their inexperience will be costly. He understands people's concerns about the loss of four starting offensive linemen from the 2002 football squad.

But the lineman has stayed calm and focused on the upcoming season.

"I think we've made big strides on the offensive line," Milligan said. "... Now we have the whole offense pretty much in and we know what we're doing, and we feel more comfortable with the guys around us."

Now it's only a matter of time for the line to mesh together and gain the game experience they are desperately lacking. But how long it will take is unknown to anyone, including

Milligan.

"You can go through all the practice you want, but you don't know what it's like to be in there until you're actually in the fire," Milligan said. "When the bullets are flying and you've got 300-pound guys running and linebackers blitzing that's when you know whether or not you can hang in there."

"We hope [the linemen] are good to go by the first game," he continued, "and once they get their feet wet, there shouldn't be many problems."

If the line can come together and be the force the Notre Dame coaches believe they can be, the future will be very bright for the Irish — and Milligan — next season.

"I'm glad to be on this team," he said. "I'm here where I want to be. I want to be the best I can and be a leader ... I'm looking to have great season because we have a solid core of returning players on offense and defense. Basically it comes down to the O-line — we have to decide whether we're going to be [buttkickers] or not."

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With the departure of four starters from last year's unit, the off attempting to find the right combin

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Four starters are leaving from last year's offensive line and, of the players currently practicing on the first team line, their 2002 combined game experience is 121 minutes, 58 seconds.

But those new starters know they are being looked upon to open up large holes for the running game and keeping quarterback Carlyle Holiday's jersey clean.

"When we came in, we

weren't really in any competition for spots, now we have four spots open," Zach Giles said. "We have a chance to play, to step it up and do our parts. The spots are open for us and are available to take them."

"Now, they are expecting a lot of us to step up and become starters," tackle Dan Stevenson added. "That is a big difference from before."

Prior to the Gator Bowl loss to North Carolina State, the Irish offensive line mainly featured five senior starters. A University issue kept tackles Jordan Black and Brennan Curtin from play-

ing in the postseason contest. Black's eligibility was used up and Curtin declared himself eligible for the NFL Draft.

Thrust into the starting lineup was Jim Molinaro and Stevenson to take the place of those seniors with less than a month of practice time under their belts. Stevenson had the added task of learning a new position having practiced at guard prior to last December.

Two-year starter Sean Mahan graduated and Jeff Faine left Notre Dame a year early and to likely be a first or second-round pick in this weekend's NFL

Draft.

Over the past 14 practices, the Irish have been working on finding the right combination of players to replace the four departed starters. While progress has been made, there is still obviously work to be done.

"I think it has been a very positive improvement but yet there is still a lot of room for us

"We wouldn't we weren't good Now we have and answer challenge

Mark Le guard

JIM MOLINARO

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FIRST TEAM

Stuck on the bottom of a depth chart after Bob Davie's assistant coaches suggested he switch positions, the Tyrone Willingham era couldn't have come any sooner for Jim Molinaro.

He first came to Notre Dame as a defensive line prospect, but one look at the number of people he would have to leapfrog in order to get on the field convinced the coaches to have Molinaro switch sides of the ball before his junior year began. And while Molinaro welcomed the switch, he knew he'd have to work hard to learn the specific techniques required of an offensive lineman.

But while Molinaro worked hard, he never felt like the coaches gave him a fair chance. So when Willingham arrived touting a philosophy that everyone began with a fresh slate, Molinaro saw his chance and grabbed it.

"In the old regime, I was looked at as a freshman tak-

ing up a junior's seat ... Last year was going to be the make or break year for my career," he said. "But the coaches told me if I worked hard, they were going to put me in there. And they were true to their word."

A summer of intense work resulted in a No. 2 spot on the depth chart at left tackle. Although Molinaro played sparingly during the first half of the season, he started the last three games of the season when starters Jordan Black and Brennan Curtin couldn't play.

For Molinaro, starting validated his position switch. It gave him confidence heading into winter workouts, knowing he was the front-runner for the starting slot.

"Two to three years ago on the depth chart, I was so deep I couldn't see all the way up," he said. "I just tell the other guys that if they work hard, they're going to get their chance."

It took a while, but Mark LeVoir's slide across the offensive line appears to have finally ended.

As one of the most highly-recruited prospects out of high school, recruiting experts wondered where the Irish would play the versatile LeVoir. In Minnesota, LeVoir was a fierce tight end who also played some tackle. The biggest player on Notre Dame's roster, he dominated opponents on the outside with his monstrous size.

But the day he arrived at Notre Dame, the coaches turned LeVoir into a tackle — a change he knew was inevitable.

"I don't think I would have been that productive at tight end with how big I am, but now at tackle and guard, I feel a lot better," he said. "I'm a lot more comfortable now, and that's where my future is at."

Still, it took a while for LeVoir to carve a spot on the

playing field. He sat out his entire freshman year and only played 10 minutes last season.

At the end of the season and over the winter, the Irish coaches noticed a relative lack of depth at guard, and looked into moving either LeVoir or Dan Stevenson to the inside.

Even in the early days of spring practice, the coaches rotated the two trying to find what combination would work the best. Eventually, they settled on having LeVoir play guard — a dramatic shift for a player who had never played the position his life before.

However, LeVoir thinks the shift — which he hopes is his last — is worth it. After two years of learning different positions and different offenses, LeVoir is prepared for the changes.

"I needed those couple of years," he said. "And now I'm ready to go."

He learned from second-team All-American Jeff Faine and now junior Zach Giles is trying to take what he observed from a first or second round pick in this weekend's NFL Draft and use it on the field.

"I learned as much last year from just watching Jeff as I did from doing it," Giles said. "His play speaks for himself. I learned a lot from him on how to play the game."

"He set an example for everybody."

During the 2002 season, Giles was much further down the depth chart behind Faine and Ryan Scarola. With both of those players not returning for the 2003 season, Giles has been competing with sophomore Bob Morton in Spring Practice to claim the starting center position.

Giles came to the Irish

BRIAN MATTES

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SECOND TEAM

When Brian Mattes needed encouragement after switching from defensive line to offensive line, he didn't have to look very far.

In fact, all he had to do was glance at the name ahead of his on the depth chart. There, Mattes would see Jim Molinaro, who switched from defense to offense three years ago and is now playing left tackle with the top offensive line unit.

The sight of Molinaro's success — coupled with the advice the fifth-year senior has given to the rising sophomore — was enough to convince Mattes that he, too, could end up on the starting offensive line someday.

"Some days you're going to come out and think, 'What was I doing out there,' because you're not used to it out there," he said. "But [Molinaro] taught me a lot over the summer, and I feel a lot more comfortable than when I started."

After spending most of his freshman campaign buried on the scout team as a defensive lineman, the coaching staff switched Mattes to offensive line during preparations for the Gator Bowl. The switch was a daunting one for Mattes, whose only offensive experience came at tight end.

But he buckled down over the winter, acclimating himself to his new position. He increased his strength and dedicated himself to learning the nuances of playing left tackle — the same position Molinaro plays.

So far, the transition has been relatively smooth. And while Mattes entertains few notions about playing next year, he knows he has to be ready should something happen to his mentor.

"He was in the same position then that I am now," Mattes said. "And if he could be successful, then why can't I?"

Darin Mitchell played in only one game during the 2002 season, but he learned a lot more than one would expect from 1 minute, 59 seconds of playing time.

Watching two-year starter Sean Mahan and seeing how two backups were thrust into the starting lineup for the team's last game in the Gator Bowl, Mitchell knows tomorrow could be the day he goes from the sidelines to the huddle.

"You have got to be ready it does open your eyes knowing that anything could happen," Mitchell said. "Even if you don't start right now, anything can happen, you've got to be ready."

He's only been on the field for one game, but by working on and off the field, Mitchell feels more comfortable taking repetitions on the practice field

and for when he could be looked to contribute in a time of need.

"When I first came in, I was more nervous when they threw me in, but now I am more comfortable and more prepared than last year," Mitchell said.

When Mitchell was further down the depth chart, he didn't have to worry about knowing the intricacies of the offense. With the four starters not returning for the 2003 season, Mitchell has taken a much more determined interest in being ready. He knows that his time could come at any moment.

"Now it is more open and everybody has a chance. You have to work hard and step it up," Mitchell said. "I'm more in the mix now. I have to study the playbook and pay more attention."

The grin on Bob Morton's face is as wide as the gap in the middle of the offensive line.

With all-everything center Jeff Faine heading for the NFL draft, the red-headed, rosy-cheeked Morton is angling to replace Faine in the starting lineup next fall — even though he hasn't played a down in college.

But that doesn't diminish the rising sophomore's enthusiasm. Nor does he use it as an excuse.

"If I want any role in the offensive line, the guys have to know they can trust me in the battle and I can get the job done," he said. "The whole thing with it being my sophomore year, that doesn't fly any more."

The year he spent on the sidelines wearing a uniform free of dirt was a year he spent learning the nuances of being a college center. A USA Today All-American after a stellar high school

step it up

ensive line has shuffled around throughout spring practice
ation to take the field in the fall.

go," Notre Dame coach
yrone Willingham said. "It is
ossible in 14 days, to
replace the
kind of experi-
ence that we
had leave that
position."
With the
departure of
four starters,
including
Mahan who
was a team
captain, the
question of
leadership on the line becomes
pparent. Losing four players

who appeared in a total of 147
games in their careers seems to
put a lot of pressure on return-
ing starter Sean Milligan to lead
the youthful line.
While Milligan has made it a
priority this season to be a
leader on and off the field, the
other players aren't going to
solely rely on him.
"The leadership role is divided
one-fifth of whomever is out
there at the time," Giles said.
Everybody needs to take
responsibility for what they are
doing. Everybody is trying to
step up and if you are going to
be out there, you need to be a

leader to play."
Having little veteran leader-
ship and actual game time
experience, the Irish linemen
don't want to listen to any
excuses and are ready to go out
and create their own personali-
ty.
"We've got a long way to go
but we have a lot of upside."
guard Mark LeVoir said. "I
think a lot of people are looking
at that we don't have a lot of
experience but that's because
we had four great players ahead
of us last year who are all leav-
ing to play on Sundays now."
Even with the youthfulness

giving the Irish energy and
determination to not let the
graduations affect them, the
numbers don't lie.
The current starters have
minimal game time experience,
and their backups have even
less, with 4 minutes, 29 seconds
of playing time in 2002.
But they're ready to answer
the bell.
"We wouldn't be here if we
weren't good enough," LeVoir
said. "Now we have to step up
and answer the challenge."
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GILES SEAN MILLIGAN DAN STEVENSON

the fall of 2001 as a
cond team pick on USA
oday's prep All-America
am and the USA Today
assachusetts Player of
Year. The Marshfield,
ass. native was named
e of the top 100 players
ationally by the Dallas
orning News Chicago
n-Times.
Three and a half weeks
go, Giles and the rest of
e offensive lineman
pped onto Cartier Field
oking to replace four
arters. What seemed
ke an eternity went by
aster than Giles could
ave imagined. Now it's
heir turn to step up and
ecome the future.
"When you start with 14
ractices it seems like so
uch but with none left,
s like, 'Geez,'" Giles
aid. "You hope you are
oing your best everyday,
aking little steps and fix-
ng the little things you
re doing wrong."

Sean Milligan enters the
2003 football season with
an entirely new set of
offensive line teammates.
He's the only returning
starter from last year's
offensive line that gradu-
ated three players and
had another enter the
NFL Draft.
But Milligan's confident
his younger, inexperi-
enced teammates can
overcome these hurdles to
dominate in the trenches
throughout the season.
"This is why you come
to Notre Dame, to play on
a team like this and to be
a leader," Milligan said.
Milligan anchors a line
that has less than 150
minutes of gametime in
their careers, as a whole.
His job will be to coach
the younger players and
guide until they're more
comfortable with the posi-
tions as the season pro-
gresses.
"We hope [the lineman]

be good to go by the first
game," Milligan said,
"and once they get their
feet wet, they're shouldn't
be many problems."
A three year starter on
the line, Milligan has
logged over 400 minutes
for the Irish. He has start-
ed 17 of the 24 games
he's played in as well.
While the other lineman
may be saying that every-
tone must be leader,
those guys will still look
to Milligan for leadership
as the unit faces chal-
lenges throughout the
upcoming season.
Milligan will also serve
as another coach on the
field for Notre Dame. His
knowledge of the game
and experience should be
key for the Irish in 2003.
The biggest questions
marks surround the
offensive line and Milligan
will do his all to make
sure the line exceeds
expectations.

Dan Stevenson played 10
games at guard during the
2002 regular season but
started at tackle in the
Gator Bowl North Carolina
State.
Due to the suspensions of
Jordan Black and Brennan
Curtin prior to Notre Dame's
postseason game, the Irish
coaching staff was forced
make some changes and
Stevenson's switch was, as
expected, difficult.
"That was a big adjust-
ment for me after practicing
at guard earlier that year,"
Stevenson said.
So far this spring,
Stevenson remains at his
"new" position from last
season as the first-team
right tackle. He has made
the adjustment from being a
guy who just watches on the
sidelines to being in the
middle of the action and
watched by everybody.
"When I came in and you
were a second-team kind of
guy, you stood around and

waited for the chance to do
something," Stevenson said.
"Last year you were looking
up at the leaders trying to
see what they do but now
you are looked at to be that
guy."
Everyone knows about the
offensive line returning only
one starter in senior guard
Sean Milligan. The natural
tendency of looking to the
fifth-year senior for leader-
ship seems logical, but in
talking with Stevenson, the
line can't depend on one
player to provide leadership
out on the field.
"Leadership is dependent
on everyone. I don't think it
is one individual person,"
Stevenson said. "Good lead-
ers out there aren't anyone
in particular. You can't have
everyone looking at one guy
out there. Whether it's
myself, Zach [Giles], Sean
Milligan or Jim Molinaro, it
doesn't really matter where
it is coming from but that
everybody is a leader."

FIRST TEAM

MORTON JAMIE RYAN JEFF THOMPSON

career in Texas, Morton
egan his freshman season
with the Irish expecting to sit
on the sidelines the entire
time. And while he admitted
the constant watching wore
on him at times, he knew he
was watching one of the best.
"With a guy like Jeff Faine
at center, you kind of prepare
yourself to be a scout team
guy," he said. "But I don't
think I really settled for a role
on the scout team. I came
here looking to use that first
year to grow stronger, and I
knew was going to be here
for five years."
Morton wanted to imitate
Faine's work ethic. And he
wanted to imitate how Faine
started the first game he ever
played.
Now, he gets a chance to
imitate Faine on the field.
"Last year, I was able to
relax a little bit, knowing I
could sit in the film room and
watch how things could be
done," Morton said. "But that
stops now."

He doesn't want to
remember it, but Jamie
Ryan learned to go hard on
every play because it could
be his last.
In his senior year of high
school, Ryan developed a
blood clot that allowed him
to only play four games. The
blood clot also prevented
Ryan from getting a lot of
practice time early on last
season.
Now, even if it's just spring
practice, Ryan is happy to
just be on the field.
"I am very happy practic-
ing and being out there with
the team. It's just something
I want to put in the past,"
Ryan said. "I know that it
could be your last play so it
is full go all the time. I know
what it feels like from the
sidelines."
Like most of the offensive
lineman, Ryan is part of the
numerous players working
at a different position this
spring. When he came to
Notre Dame Ryan was a

guard, but the loss of both
starting tackles from last
season forced the coaching
staff to move him to right
tackle.
And it's a whole new
world.
"It is a big difference with
the footwork. The guards
work on the inside helping
the center sometimes.
Tackle has some more foot-
work kicking out and getting
the defensive end on pass
plays," Ryan said. "It has
been a big adjustment and
I'm just trying to learn day-
by-day."
The inexperience of the
offensive line keeps every-
body on their toes not know-
ing what to expect. Coupling
that fact with the Gator Bowl
situation last year, Ryan
wants to be ready because
his number could be called
sooner than later.
"You have to prepare and
can't go out there and slack
off because God forbid some-
thing happen," Ryan said.

Jeff Thompson might have
changed from defense to
offense, but that doesn't give
him a huge advantage into
the defense's plan of attack.
"A little bit but I think that
will come more down the
road," Thompson said.
"Right now I'm just trying to
learn what I have to do."
Being on the defense,
Thompson worked to plug
up holes made for running
backs and chase down
opposing quarterbacks.
Instead of being on the pur-
suit, Thompson is watching
the defensive linemen and
being reactive.
"It is a big switch. You are
sitting back not playing on
your toes as much,"
Thompson said. "You have
to play with more balance. It
is more mental since instead
of reacting, you have to
know what to do."
Moving from the defense,
Thompson can't just go into
the film room or absorb the
teachings of his coaches by

studying the playbook. The
Spring practices have given
Thompson an opportunity to
take snaps and learn
through repetitions.
"You can't just use the
chalk work but have to get
our there and go through the
motions," Thompson said. "I
work on getting better by
just playing."
With the chance to move
over to the offense, the loss
of four starters puts
Thompson a lot closer to get-
ting onto the field. At the
defensive line, three starters
return and the young depth
at the line gives the Irish a
solid two-deep rotation.
Now, Thompson knows,
just like in the Gator Bowl
last year, he is one event
away from being in the hudd-
le.
"It is a great opportunity
for all the guys. They are
really counting on us to pro-
vide depth and have the
chance to get on the field,"
Thompson

SECOND TEAM

**CARLYLE HOLIDAY
QUARTERBACK**

Irish fans are still waiting for quarterback Carlyle Holiday to have his breakout season. The rising senior has one year of coach Tyrone Willingham's West Coast offense under his belt and should be primed for a big year.

Holiday's play will be a key for how well Notre Dame performs next season. If he can throw the ball with consistency and find ways to scramble when under pressure, the Irish offense may finally produce, after several seasons of struggling performances.



**MAURICE STOVALL
WIDE RECEIVER**

Rising sophomore Maurice Stovall didn't play like a freshman last season for the Irish. In '03, he'll be expected to carry an even bigger load for Notre Dame's receiving corps, with the departure of Arnaz Battle.

Stovall had 18 catches and three touchdowns in '02 and should surpass those numbers with ease this fall. He has the size and the athletic ability to become the go-to guy for Notre Dame.

With Holiday still searching for his best year, Stovall could give the senior quarterback a consistent target to throw to for big plays and first downs.

**PLAYERS TO
WATCH IN 2003**

These four Irish players could determine the success of the 2003 team

**GARRON BIBLE
SAFETY**

Safety Garron Bible looks to fill the void left by graduating senior Gerome Sapp. The rising senior recorded 32 tackles, a sack, a tackle for a loss and 19 special team appearances in '02 for the Irish.

Sapp is arguably the biggest loss for Notre Dame's defense, so Bible must play well to fill the gaping hole in the secondary.

Bible will be pushed by rising juniors Lionel Bolen and Quentin Burrell. But the competition should help Bible become a better player.

If Bible can play well, the Irish defense will have, perhaps, its biggest question answered and make them that much better.



**JULIUS JONES
RUNNING BACK**

After missing a year for academic troubles and transferring to Arizona State, running back Julius Jones is rumored to be returning to the Irish in '03. If he does, the senior could be the biggest difference maker on the Irish squad.

ESPN analyst Lee Corso said Jones would give Notre Dame at least two extra wins, which could be the difference between a BCS bowl and the Gator Bowl.

Jones gives the Irish more depth at the tailback position and a dangerous kick/punt returner. If he can play like he did during 2001, the Irish may be contending for a BCS berth or even better.

Blue Squad

QB: Carlyle Holiday
Pat Dillingham
HB: Jeff Jenkins
FB: Cole Laux
Josh Schmidt
WR: Omar Jenkins
Rhema McKnight
Mike O'Hara
Adam Rieck
Nate Schomas

TE: Marcus Freeman
Billy Palmer
OL: Zachary Giles
David Kowalski
Brian Mattes
Sean Milligan
Darin Mitchell
Scott Raridon
Dan Stevenson

DL: Brian Beidatsch
Kyle Budinscak
Chris Frome
Cedric Hilliard
Derek Landri
LB: Jerome Collins
Anthony Salvador
Courtney Watson

DB: Jason Beckstrom
David Bemenderfer
Lionel Bolen
Jake Carney
Vontez Duff

K/P: Nicholas Setta LS: Casey Dunn

Injuries

James Bonelli OL
Carlos Campbell DB
Daniel Chervanick DL
Glenn Earl DB
Dwight Ellick DB
Gary Godsey TE
Mike Goolsby LB
Ryan Grant RB
Corey Mays LB

OFFENSE

QB: Matt Krueger
Chris Olsen
Stan Revelle
HB: Nate Schiccatano
Marcus Wilson
FB: Rashon Fowers-Neal
Mike Profeta
WR: Ronnie Rodamer
Matt Shelton
Maurice Stovall
Rob Woods

TE: Jared Clark
Anthony Fasano
Patrick Nally
OL: James Bent
David Fitzgerald
Mark LeVoi
Jim Molinaro
Bob Morton
Jamie Ryan
Jeff Thompson

DL: Darrell Campbell
Matthew Hasbrook
Travis Leitko
Greg Pauly
Dan Santucci
Jason Sapp
Justin Stetz
Justin Tuck
LB: Derek Curry
Brandon Hoyte
Chris Seponski
Raymond Webber

DEFENSE

DB: Garron Bible
Quentin Burrell
Preston Jackson
Matthew Mitchell
Mike Richardson
Brian Thomas
K/P: Craig Cardillo
D.J. Fitzpatrick
LS: Paul Jancha

Gold Squad

Players may switch teams before/during the game



**Blue/Gold
Spring Football
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Returning starters

FB



Tom Lopienski
Graduating

Powers-Neal and Schiccatano are the elading candidates for fullback in '03.

QB



Carlyle Holiday
Senior

Continues to search for his breakout year after throwing for 1788 yards and 10 TDs in '02.

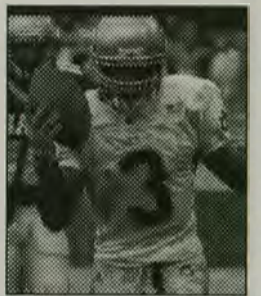
RB



Ryan Grant
Junior

Rushed for 1160 yards in 2002 season, but hasn't participated in spring practice this year.

WR



Arnaz Battle
Graduating

McKnight and Stovall will look to replace the playmaker Battle and his 58 catches in '02.

WR



Omar Jenkins
Senior

Grabbed 37 receptions for 633 yards in '02. Could be the go-to reciever for the Irish next season.

LT



Jordan Black
Graduating

Fifth-year senior Molinaro has the task of taking over for Black, who started in 42 games.

LG



Sean Mahan
Graduating

LeVoir must replace Mahan, who started all 13 games for the Irish last season.

C



Jeff Faine
Graduating

Giles and Morton must try to replace All-American Faine. The two have little experience in games.

RG



Sean Milligan
Senior

Only returning regular from last year's offensive line. Has started 17 games for Notre Dame.

RT



Brennan Curtin
Graduating

Stevenson played in 11 contests last season and replaced Curtin in the Gator Bowl loss.

TE



Gary Godsey
Senior

Returns for fifth-year after catching 16 passes for 155 yards last season.

DE



Kyle Budinscak
Senior

Recorded 20 tackles and three sacks in '02, while playing in all 13 Irish games.

DT



Darrell Campbell
Senior

Had 33 tackles and six sacks last year. Also credited with eight tackles for a loss.

DT



Cedric Hilliard
Senior

Mainstay at nose tackle for much of the last two seasons. Tallied two sacks and 31 tackles in '02.

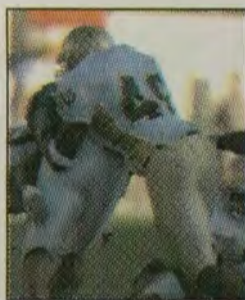
DE



Ryan Roberts
Graduating

Campbell may move to end, but if he doesn't Landri or incoming freshman Abiamiri will play.

OLB



Derek Curry
Senior

Had breakout year in '02 with seven tackles for a loss and four sacks.

ILB



Courtney Watson
Senior

Butkus Award candidate last season. Returns as arguably the best linebacker in the country.

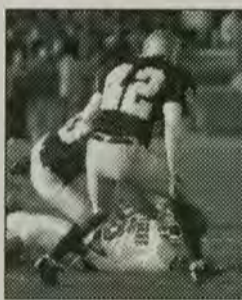
ILB



Mike Goolsby
Senior

Had breakout year in '02 with 75 tackles, including team-high 13 tackles for a loss.

CB



Shane Walton
Graduating

Fifth-year senior Beckstrom returns from injury to take over Walton's spot.

SS



Gerome Sapp
Graduating

Bible hopes to take over for Sapp and fill a major void on the Irish defense.

FS



Glenn Earl
Senior

Known for his hard hitting, he was second on team with 81 tackles last season.

CB



Vontez Duff
Senior

Dangerous punt/kick returner who played a large role for the Irish defense in '02.

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'The Marriage of Figaro'

*Saint Mary's music department performs Mozart's classic comedic opera*By SARAH VABULAS
Assistant Scene Editor

This weekend, the Saint Mary's Music Department presents Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Le Nozze Di Figaro" or "The Marriage of Figaro," a comedic opera of sorts.

The Saint Mary's music department edited the opera by updating it and omitting some scenes in efforts to save time. Although Mozart originally wrote the opera to be performed in Italian, the English translation will be performed.

Set in the 1950s in the Michiana area, it features a modern plot line despite being composed in 1786. The actors' costumes, designed by Maggie Baker, imitate the clothing trends from the '50s, adding flare and character to the actors' voices.

The music department significantly edited the piece, resulting in a two-hour performance rather than the four-hour version Mozart intended. There is a short intermission following the first act.

In an e-mail sent by the opera's musical director Dr. Laurel Thomas, a Saint Mary's faculty member, she describes "The Marriage of Figaro" as a tale of mistaken identities, disguises, deceptions, double crosses and blunders that create total and delightful confusion set against a musical tapestry that demonstrates Mozart's artistic genius at its greatest.

The opera involves many twists and turns characteristic of a Mozart opera. The plot begins when Figaro, an architect living in Count Almaviva's house while working for him played by Darren Kemble, suspects that the Count desires his fiancé Susanna, the Countess' live-in maid played by Andjela Subotic. Count Almaviva,

played by Jeremy Stayton, is a rich and powerful architect himself, who, despite his best efforts, cannot win over Susanna's heart.

The Countess picks up on the Count's affections, and persuades Figaro and Susanna to help her catch the Count in the act.

The tales of love and lust continue as Marcellina, a wealthy woman played by Kathleen Douglass, falls in love with Figaro and hires a lawyer to keep Figaro and Susanna from wedding. She hopes to break them up on the morning of their wedding. Marcellina despises Susanna since Figaro loves her only. The young man Cherubino, a trouser role or a male role written to be acted by a female is played by Kristina Schliesman, falls in love with the Countess. The Count discovers this passion and becomes jealous and full of rage.

The conclusion, however, can only be revealed if you attend the show.

All of this combined makes for a highly entertaining and delightful experience. Mozart's plot is similar to a Shakespearian comedy, leaving the audience wondering where the characters will take them next.

The music department consistently performs solid and entertaining pieces; "The Marriage of Figaro" is no exception. The opera features Saint Mary's women in the female roles, while the male roles are sung by students from IUSB, with the exception of the role of Bartolo, sung by Mark Abram-Copenhaver, a member of the Saint Mary's music department.

The cast exhibits great unity and the ability to adapt well with each other. Since the entire play is sung, the audience benefits from the beautiful, gifted voices of the actors. From the moment when the first notes is sung to the last, the audience can enjoy the individual

talents as well as the flow between the different voices as the characters develop. Sherry Klinedinst, a Saint Mary's faculty member, plays the piano throughout the show, aiding the actors in their singing. The actors' voices are phenomenal, generating awe and respect from the audience.

This isn't the typical music or lyrics one thinks about in relation to operas. Fun, upbeat music with humorous lyrics rules this modernized show. Since it is sung in English rather than Italian, the audience has an easier time keeping up with the complicated, yet highly humorous plot.

"The Marriage of Figaro" is sure to please both the opera enthusiast and the comedic enthusiast alike. This opera offers a form of entertainment for everyone, if not simply because it features possibly the most beautiful voices one can find in one place at one time.

"The Marriage of Figaro" is playing in Little Theatre at Saint Mary's on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Photo courtesy of Maggie Baker/Saint Mary's
The Countess Almaviva, played by Shannon Nelson, sings about the Count.



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Cherubino, played by Kristina Schliesman, hides from the Count when he interrupts his conversation with Susanna so that he may win over her heart.



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The Count (Jeremy Stayton) hands Figaro (Darren Kemble) a document from Marcellina and her lawyer against his marriage to Susanna (Andjela Subotic).

Big East

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exempt from Friday matches during Big East weekends in Coral Gables, but today the Irish will have to contend with St. John's in the first round.

If the Irish top St. John's — something Bayliss and his team expect — they will then face off against Virginia Tech Saturday.

"What is important is not to be overconfident going into the first round," Irish junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "Take it like any other match. Just go in and get the job done."

While the Irish did defeat the Hokies earlier in the season, the matchups will be different this weekend, with the exception of the number one singles flight.

Though they fell to the Irish, the Hokies did defeat Miami — a heartening fact for the Irish who fell to the Hurricanes 6-1 a week after their victory over Virginia Tech, which was

arguably their best moment of the season.

"We've had a good two weeks of practice," Scott said. "We've really been looking forward to this. It'll give us some extra confidence, but at the same time it's going to give them a little extra something to pump themselves up, since we beat them pretty handily."

Looking back on the season, Bayliss wants his team to be angry about their close matches, and he wants that anger converted into points for the Irish this weekend.

"I hope they're mad," Bayliss said. "I am. I'm not just disappointed. I'm mad that we didn't win some of those. You never know how a team is going to

react at the end of the year. Everybody has a breaking point, whether it be POWs or an athletic team. When you get hit in the head by a two-by-four 10 or 12 times, it starts to hurt. I hope we haven't reached that point."

Despite being frustrated with many aspects of the season, Bayliss is focusing on the near future and not the past.

"[I can say] I wish we had done this, I wish we had done that, but I have a saying about that. 'If wishes

were horses, beggars would ride.' So far we need to get a chance to ride. This is going to be our weekend," Bayliss said. "We'll be in a position to win each match we play. That's pretty much how it's been all year."

"This is a time that that's going to happen. We're going to use all of our battles from throughout the season."

Unlike the men, the women will have Friday off. Saturday, they will take on the winner of the Boston College-Syracuse matchup.

The Eagles are likely to win, and the Irish have never fallen to their Catholic rival in seven matches.

Senior captain Katie Cunha is pleased with the circumstances.

"I think it's a pretty good draw," Cunha said. "Miami definitely has the harder bracket, having to play Virginia Tech. I think we got the better end of the deal."

While the women have had many close matches this season too, they have had relatively more success than their male

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish mens coach



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Freshman Kristina Stastny and the rest of the women will have Friday off and face the winner of Boston College and Syracuse.

counterparts on the courts.

"We've had a very solid season," Cunha said. "We didn't have any bad losses. However we struggled to pull off those 4-3 victories against top teams, but we're very young. No one

really expected much out of us this season, losing so many of our starters.

"I think we've had a very good year, and it's encouraging to know that we went 4-3 with several top 15 schools. We're right in there."

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Katie Cunha
senior captain

The Irish are approaching the Big East Championships with this brand of confidence and the knowledge there is relative parity among the three main contenders for the title. As is usual in the Big East, Notre Dame is one of those contenders, despite having a very young team.

"If everyone goes out there and gives their best and plays well, we have a shot at anything," Cunha said. "The title is up for grabs — I don't think there's a question about that."

The women ended their regular season where they are beginning their postseason — at the University of Miami. The Irish hope though that this weekend's result will not be a loss like it was a few weeks ago. Given the increased importance this time around, the Irish are expecting a challenge from Miami, if they are able to progress that far.

"We pretty much know what to expect," Cunha said. "I think the crowd is going to be a little bit more rowdy. It's going to be a little bit harder."

According to Cunha though the team has its sights set on the Hurricanes.

"They are definitely beatable," she said.

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Draft

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Black, Brennan Curtin and Mahan could either be first

day selections, slip all the way to the second day, or remain undrafted and subject to free agency.

"It's nerve wracking to sit there and wait for your name," Mahan said. "It's

telling you your future, where you're going to be living, and how much money you're going to be making."

Some Irish players are trying to stay away from watching the draft on television. Battle,

for example, plans to attend his 14-year-old sister's musical in Chicago to get away from the agonizing wait. But he'll have his cell phone with him if he hears his name called.

Others, like Faine and Black, will wait at home with the television on, but won't stay glued to the draft.

"I'm going to practice," Mahan said, "so I don't go insane."

Mahan is one of a handful of Irish players who improved his draft stock since the Gator Bowl. Overshadowed during the season by Faine, Mahan spent most of the 2002 season playing in the shadow of Notre Dame's highly-regarded center.

But when the season ended, Mahan - voted one of Notre Dame's team captains in

December - got a chance to shine in individual workouts. He participated in various combines to boost his status to the point where Mahan said "teams are saying they'd be shocked if I was still around in the fifth round."

Others, like Walton, may have hurt themselves since the Gator Bowl. Regarded as a scrappy cornerback during the season, some teams raised questions about Walton's size. And a 4.62

40-yard dash time he ran at the NFL Combine might have dropped him from the first to the second day.

But for now, all the rampant speculation is just that, speculation. At least until Sunday.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Coyne sets goals for weekend on the road

By **ANDY TROEGER**
Sports Writer

The overwhelming sentiment surrounding the Irish is that their play has been much better than their record shows. Their last opponent, Davidson, would certainly agree as Notre Dame dominated them en route to an 18-6 victory. Notre Dame hopes to make believers out of Northwestern and Rutgers this weekend.

The Irish are looking to work toward two goals this weekend — finishing third in the Big East and finishing with a winning record. To finish third, the Irish need to beat Rutgers Sunday, while they must also knock off Northwestern on Saturday to give themselves a chance to finish with a winning record. The Irish stand at 5-7 with three games to go.

“Northwestern is a regional rivalry for us, and Rutgers is for third place in the Big East,” Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said. It’s also important for us because we want to win our last Big East game.”

Coyne was very pleased with the way her team responded against Davidson, which snapped a three game losing streak.

“It was a good game and everyone got to play,” said Coyne. “It was just a very positive game for us.”

A number of players scored goals for the Irish against Davidson, led by Danielle

Shearer and Crysti Foote, both of whom scored three first half goals. The game against Davidson was the first contest against a team not ranked in the top 20 in weeks for the Irish, whose brutal schedule has already included eight out of 12 games against ranked teams, including five in a row before the game against Davidson.

The Irish will be looking to build on the momentum gained in their win, but also felt they played fairly well in many of their losses. Notre Dame lost at No. 3 Duke before losing in double overtime to Stanford and in overtime against top ten foe Georgetown. The Irish had late leads in both of those games.

“We had a pretty good game against Duke and expected a good game against Stanford, but we expected to win,” said Coyne. “That game was an anomaly and we’ve just moved on. The team has been very focused and we showed character in fighting back from adversity.”

“I think the game against Georgetown was better even than Stanford. I was pretty pleased, although it was disappointing to lose because we were up three with a few minutes to go. It was such an exciting game though and I was happy with everything we did to put us in position to win.”

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“That [Stanford] game was an anomaly. The team has been very focused and we showed character in fighting back from adversity.”

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

MENS LACROSSE

Irish seek postseason at-large bid

By **PAT LEONARD**
Sports Writer

The Irish did their part. No. 19 Notre Dame (8-4, 4-1 GWLL) concluded league play last Saturday with a convincing 14-4 victory at Fairfield, extending its winning streak to three games.

Now, all the Irish can do is wait — and win out.

In order to stay in the hunt for an at-large bid to the postseason NCAA tournament, Notre Dame must defeat Ivy League foe Harvard (4-8, 1-4) Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Irish have two non-conference games remaining, with Maryland traveling to South Bend on May 3.

Coach Kevin Corrigan has reason to be optimistic after seeing his team blowout Fairfield on the road, where the Irish are just 3-3 on the season. The Irish dominated the Stags on both ends and were up 8-2 at the half. Senior midfielder Travis Wells scored three goals and junior attackman Dan Berger netted three to increase his team-leading goals total to 31.

The league win over Fairfield was big, but closing out the season with two wins over Harvard and Maryland would be even bigger.

Notre Dame has the advantage on paper this weekend. The Irish are 6-3 all-time versus the Crimson and 4-1 at home this season. In addition, Harvard has lost to both Fairfield (10-7) and



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Junior attackman Dan Berger leads the Irish in goals with 31 on the season.

Penn (8-6), both teams Notre Dame has defeated.

Still, while the Crimson is struggling, they bring a talented team that includes freshman attack man Sean Kane. Kane has been named Ivy League Rookie of the Week the previous two consecutive weeks. Harvard also boasts a 7-6 overtime victory over Notre Dame last season.

While Corrigan is concerned with avenging last season’s loss, he is looking for consistent play at every position.

“It’s kind of been an up and down year,” he said. “You win three, and you lose three. You come back and win a couple. We have to show we’ve made some

progress, to show we’re getting better and developing more consistency.”

With Denver upsetting first place Ohio State, 7-6, the Irish and Buckeyes sit in a tie for first in the GWLL. As of right now, however, Ohio State (7-3, 3-1) would win the head-to-head tiebreaker due to an 11-5 win over Notre Dame April 6. If the Buckeyes defeat Butler in their final league game Saturday, they will clinch their first ever NCAA tournament birth and leave Notre Dame hoping for an at large bid.

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TRACK

Chamney, Nurudeen to run Drake Relays

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Writer

Most of the Irish will take the weekend off to prepare for the Big East, but for others the Drake Relays this weekend give them the opportunity to shine.

Luke Watson will take a break, as last weekend, he joined Molly Huddle by breaking a school record in the 5,000 meters, taking 11th overall and fourth among college athletes (13:38.73). His time was also good enough to put him third among the national qualifiers both overall in the United States and in the Mideast Region.

Joining Watson was Lauren King, who broke her own school record in the 1,500 meters, taking fourth place.

Freshman Thomas Chamney will lead the way for the Irish this weekend in the 800-meter run. Chamney has already qualified for both the Big East and region-

al meets.

Selim Nurudeen, another runner already qualified for the postseason, will compete in the 110-meter hurdles. Nurudeen finished third in the event (14.10 seconds) last weekend at the Mount SAC Relays.

The men will also send a 1,600-meter relay team and a four-man mile relay team to Drake.

For the women, Stephanie Madia and Kerry Meagher will run in the 1,500-meter. Madia will also run in the 5,000 meter-run for the Irish.

New qualifiers for the NCAA Regional as of last weekend include Molly Huddle (5,000 meters), Jennifer Handley (5,000 meters) and Petra Dankova (triple jump).

New qualifiers for the men include David Alber (3,000 meter steeplechase), Luke Watson (5,000 meters) and Tim Moore.

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ROWING

Irish drop five of six races to Spartans in East Lansing

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

Notre Dame rowers contended with strong winds as they fell to Michigan State in five of their six races Tuesday on Lake Ovid at Sleepy Hollow State Park in East Lansing, Mich.

The Irish crew of Maureen Gibbons, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keefer, Kristen Henkel and Jacqueline Hazen was the only exception, as they led the second varsity four to a win by almost 12 seconds, with an 8 minutes 32.70 seconds finish. The Spartans took second in 8:44.70, while Notre Dame's B

boat of Rebecca Campbell, Courtney Quinn, Antionette Duck, Megan Sanders and Ann Mulligan placed third with a time of 9:06.10.

"Our boat had a strong race and we plan to take the momentum to the Big East," Gibbons said.

The Spartans' first varsity crew, who crossed the finish line in 7:28.05, defeated the Irish by over 8 seconds. Notre Dame's boat of Cassie Markstahler, Natalie Ladine, Ashlee Warren, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Katie Chenoweth and Danielle Protasewich finished in 7:36.17.

In the second varsity eight, the Spartans easily beat the Irish by more than 20 seconds with a time of 7:28.80. Notre Dame's crew of Kathryn Long, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Meredith Thornburgh, Kati Sedun, Devon Hegeman, Erica Drennen and Melissa Felker finished in 7:49.6.

Michigan State's third victory came in the varsity four, with the Spartans winning in 8:23.48. The Irish crew of Kacy McCaffrey, Katie McCalden, Christy Donnelly, Katie O'Hara and Andrea Amoni finished in 8:33.52.

The Spartans won both the first and second novice eight

races, posting times of 7:54.37 and 8:34.0. The Irish novice eight crew of Shannan Lettieri, Pamela Jefson, Julie Lewis, Morgan Ertel, Danielle Stealy, Jenna Redgate, Sarah French, Andrea Doud and Catherine Schmidt posted a time of 8:08.50, while the second eight crew of Nicole Barczak, Megan Sheehan, Meghan O'Neil, Nikki Karis, Fallon Shields, Laura Joyce, Marcia Luttio, Katie Hanafin and Rachel Kemp finished in 8:59.10.

The Irish are hoping to redeem themselves when they travel to Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass., for the 2003 Big East Rowing Challenge Sunday. Notre Dame hopes to

prevent Syracuse from defending its title. Nine Big East teams will compete in six races — second novice eight, novice four, first novice eight, varsity four, second varsity eight and varsity eight.

Last year, No. 10 Notre Dame placed second with 109 points at the 2002 Challenge behind No. 13 Syracuse, who scored 117 points. Boston College, Georgetown and Rutgers followed behind Notre Dame.

"We are looking forward doing well at the Big East this weekend," Gibbons said.

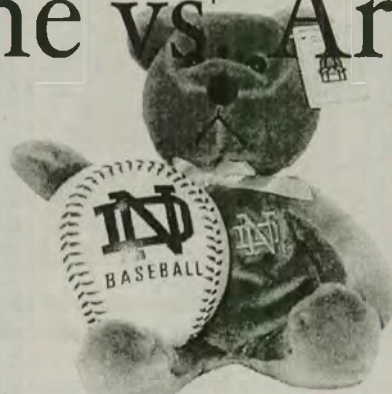
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| 5 | Baylor | Southern Cal | 5 |
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| Villanova | 7 | 5 | 14 | 23-11-1 |
| St. John's | 7 | 7 | 14 | 24-24-0 |
| Connecticut | 6 | 4 | 12 | 18-19-1 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 9 | 10 | 19-26-0 |
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| 20 | Bucknell | Rutgers | 20 |

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Freshman Carmelo Anthony cuts a piece of the net after Syracuse defeated Kansas 81-78 in the national championship game. Anthony announced Thursday that he will forego his final three years and enter the NBA draft.

Anthony to leave Syracuse for NBA

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — With tears in his eyes and his voice trembling, Carmelo Anthony delivered the news most Syracuse fans were expecting but none wanted to hear.

"I'm here in front of you today to announce that I will not be coming back next year," Syracuse's standout freshman forward said Thursday, just 17 days after he led the Orangemen to their first national championship. "I will be moving on, moving on to the pros."

And just like that, all

those pleas for Anthony to stay "One More Year!" were forgotten.

"This is a very happy day for Syracuse basketball, and a sad one, too," head coach Jim Boeheim said, his voice cracking with emotion, too. "The guy sitting here has done more for Syracuse basketball than any player we've ever recruited or that's ever played here. To lead his team to a national championship as a freshman is truly a historic moment in college basketball. I'm very thankful that he was here with us."

Anthony had delayed making the decision until

after the season, preferring to focus on winning. He led the Orangemen during the regular season with 22 points and 10 rebounds per game and broke Lawrence Moten's freshman scoring records and Derrick Coleman's freshman rebounding mark.

At the Final Four in New Orleans, Anthony had a career-best 33 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in Syracuse's semifinal win over Texas. He then put up 20 points in the championship game victory over Kansas and was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four — just the

third freshman to earn that honor, and the first since Louisville's Pervis Ellison in 1986.

"I've got to move on," said Anthony, who will turn 19 in May. "We won the national championship, I brought Coach Boeheim what he was waiting for for 27 years. I don't want to make it sound bad, but there's really nothing more that I could get out of college. And I'm going to get my degree — you can quote me on that."

He said he made up his mind after discussing his situation with his mother, Mary, over Easter weekend, and his coaches.

IN BRIEF

Burroughs claims he was hit by cell phone at Wrigley

San Diego Padres third basemen Sean Burroughs said he was hit by a cell phone thrown from the stands at Wrigley Field during Thursday's game.

Burroughs said the phone hit him in the right foot shortly after the Cubs' Mark Grudzielanek grounded out in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"It shocked me," Burroughs said. "It could have been worse, it could have hit me in the head."

He blamed immature fans. "They are going to rag you a little bit," Burroughs said. "But I was a little surprised to see an object come on the field. That's uncalled for."

The Cubs said no one was arrested but that a police report had been filed. The team said the report indicated no one was hit by the phone.

Chicago Police spokesman Carlos Herrera said a cell phone was thrown onto the field in the direction

of an umpire, but he did not elaborate. Police were questioning three people.

Burroughs said it "barely hit me." He said he then picked it up and handed it to one of the umpires. He expressed hope the phone could be tracked back to the fan who threw it.

Five days earlier, Texas Rangers right fielder Carl Everett was beamed in the back of the head with a cell phone in Oakland.

On April 15, a fan ran on the field at U.S. Cellular Field and attempted to tackle an umpire during a game between the White Sox and visiting Kansas City. Last Sept. 19, Kansas City coach Tom Gamboa was attacked by a father and son who came out of the stands at the same stadium, then called Comiskey Park.

Malone's daughter expected to be selected in WNBA draft

Karl Malone will have a nice diversion Friday from questions about his future and his team's 2-0 deficit to

Sacramento.

Malone expects his daughter, Cheryl Ford, to be selected in the WNBA draft.

"I've got a list of the teams, so I've got a good feeling of where she's going to go. I don't want to tell her though," Malone said.

"The whole way to practice this morning, she wouldn't get off the phone unless I told her. I told her I'm sworn to secrecy right now."

Like Malone was nearly two decades ago, Ford is a Louisiana Tech star about to embark on a professional career.

The 6-foot-3 center averaged 15.7 points and 12.9 rebounds as a senior and helped lead the Lady Techsters within one win of reaching the Final Four.

The women's league tentatively scheduled its draft for Friday afternoon pending the approval of a collective bargaining agreement between the WNBA and its players.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles drop doubleheader to Knights in make-up game

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Belles knew they were ready to play Calvin a week ago. Calvin decided not to travel due to imposing weather and cancelled the game.

The Belles thought they would be prepared Wednesday for the make-up games. No umpires showed up.

By yesterday, the Saint Mary's softball team must have been unsure whether they could win the two biggest games of their season.

Whether it was extra time to think that bugged the Belles or just a bad day, Saint Mary's (15-15-1, 4-6 MIAA) lost both games

of a doubleheader to Calvin (18-11, 6-4) yesterday, 11-2 and 5-3, to erase any hope of a trip to the postseason.

To taunt the Belles even more, first place Alma beat Hope twice today. Not only does that slide Hope into a tie for third in the conference with Albion, it bounces Calvin to second place with a 6-4 record in league play. The Belles know that with two wins yesterday, that could have been them.

"We are having a hard time finding the mental state to play our games in," Belles coach Anna Welsh said. "Whether that's getting fired up for some [players], getting focused, visualizing, or just being ready to play, we can't seem to make it work."

Saint Mary's was desperate for at least a split in the doubleheader. To the disappointment of an upbeat but concerned coach, it did not happen.

"For the most part, we are breaking down," Welsh said. "The good thing is I've seen the team at their finest, and there is so much talent and so much drive. I know it's out there. I'm just trying to find a way to get it out of them again."

In the first game against Calvin, the Belles and Knights were in a close, 3-2 battle after four innings. Then came the fifth.

Calvin scored eight runs in the inning and the game ended after five with a mercy rule in effect. The inning began with Saint

Mary's pitcher Libby Wilhelmy getting Calvin's Trisha Balkema to ground out to the shortstop. A single, a walk and a wild pitch later, Rachele Heyboer's fielder's choice knocked in two runs for the Knights. With two outs, Calvin went for the throat and scored six more runs, totaling eight runs on five hits and two errors.

Wilhelmy struck out five batters and walked just two for the game, but she also surrendered eleven runs on eleven hits. Only six of the runs were earned.

"Since we are not ready to play mentally, we are not ready physically, and we make errors," Welsh said. "We all make ill-advised decisions."

The second game was closer, but it ended in the same result.

Freshman pitcher Kate Sajewich started with a shaky, three-run first inning but settled down and pitched well the rest of the day, giving up five runs

and four earned runs on seven hits.

Freshman Meghan Marenkovic knocked in two runs in the second inning and scored on an RBI single by freshman Jackie Zurcher in the fifth inning, but Calvin added an insurance run in the sixth inning and held the Belles scoreless to attain their second victory of the day.

The Belles play their next league doubleheader away Saturday versus first place Alma College, who also is ranked as eighth in the nation in Division III softball.

"We are hoping to surprise them," Welsh said. "The great thing is that there is no pressure on us because on paper, Alma is supposed to win. So we are going to try to sneak up on them."

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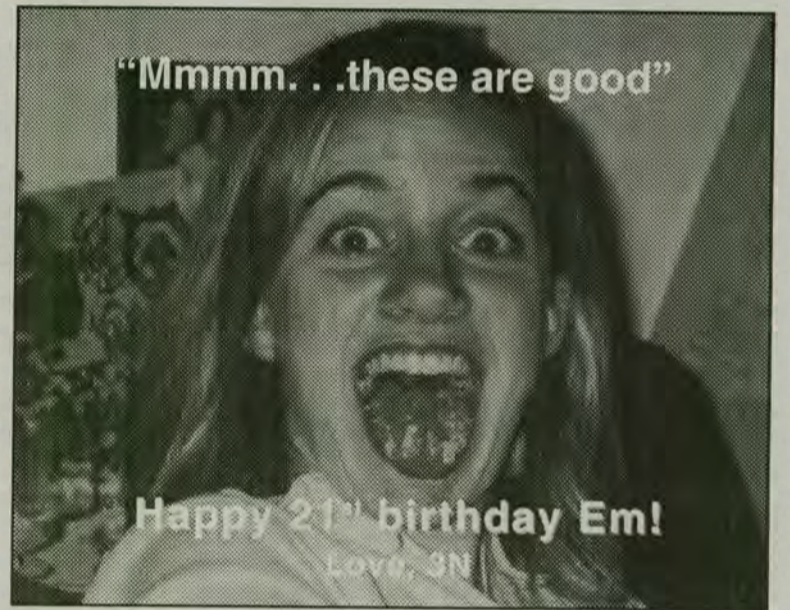
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By **BRYAN KRONK**
Senior Staff Writer

In probably the two most intense games of the Bookstore Basketball tournament this year, four of the top 16 teams bashed heads in games that went down to the wire.

No. 13 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing 21, No. 4 Hoosier Racing Team 19

Forget about half amazing. This team was completely amazing.

The No. 13-seeded 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing squad fended off a bigger, bulkier Hoosier Racing Team for the day's only upset.

The smaller 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing team maintained a healthy lead throughout the first half, and was able to extend the lead even further in the second, leading at one point by seven at 16-9.

But the fourth-seeded Hoosier Racing Team battled back, fighting for boards and penetrating for inside layups. Thanks to an 8-1 run, Hoosier Racing Team was able to even the score at 17, setting the stage for a dramatic finish.

After the two teams exchanged baskets to draw even at 18-18, 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing drew loud cheers with its second consecutive hoop — a long jump shot — which pulled them ahead 20-18.

Hoosier Racing Team brought the lead back down to one, keeping the score at 20-19 for quite some time.

However, 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing was too much in the end, sinking a layup off an offensive rebound and prompting their fans to rush onto the court in a frenzy.

No. 7 S.P. Shockers 22, No. 10 Ouhh Blaking 20

Though neither their uniforms nor their team names indicated so, this game was a battle of Knott versus Keenan.

In the most hard-fought match of the day, the Juggs emerged victorious over the Knights.

This game had "extra time" written all over it from the beginning, as neither side ever led by more than three points.

After the No. 10 seeded Ouhh Blaking battled to a 16-13 lead, S.P. Shockers rallied to tie the game at 16-16.

The game seemed perpetually tied, as the teams matched baskets at 17, 18, 19 and 20 points apiece before S.P. Shockers were able to put the game away with two strongly-contested baskets in a row.

No. 3 We Get Wet 21, No. 14 5 Jamonies 16

On paper heading into the night, this game seemed like a blowout.

On the court, the game was anything but.

After falling behind 7-3 early in the first half, 5 Jamonies responded, battling for rebounds and driving to the hoop to send the game to halftime at 11-9.

The lead grew smaller, to 11-10, with the first basket of the second half, but We Get Wet never cooled off, extending its lead back to four at 14-10 and maintaining that lead for the rest of the game, sealing its Elite Eight berth with a free throw.

No. 8 RBC 21, No. 9 Irvin Jones 14

If the rest of Thursday's games were sprints, this game was four marathons back-to-back.

In easily the longest match of the night, in which both teams relied heavily on the jump shot, RBC crossed the finish line first with the win.

Both teams decided to air it out from long range rather than driving inside, as both teams stepped up their defenses to prevent most driving lay-ups.

Unfortunately for any impatient spectators, the shots were not falling much of the time, and the two teams plodded into halftime with RBC holding an 11-9 lead.

The second half featured much of the same, with both sides attempting penetration into the key, but unsuccessfully, and then resorting to the outside game.

In the end, RBC wore down the older Irvin Jones squad, eventually converting on some inside drives to put the game away.

No. 2 ndtoday.com 21, No. 15 Should our name be a question? 11

Should our name be a question? couldn't find the answer for just one thing: Dan Lustig.

The Notre Dame mens basketball team walk-on put on a show for the fans and the second-seeded ndtoday.com team walked away with the victory, thanks to a run that spanned both halves.

The two teams fought to a 5-5 tie early on, and the game seemed like a hotly-contested match at 7-6 in favor of ndtoday.com.

Lustig and company had other plans.

ndtoday.com ran off six straight points before Should our name... brought the game back slightly within reach at 14-8.

However, Lustig sparked another 4-0 run to quell any doubts about the second-seeded squad.

No. 6 Michael Jackson's Buddies 21, No. 11 Nunc Dimittis 9

In perhaps the most ironic match of the night, Michael Jackson's Buddies, sporting T-shirts direct from the Kitty Kat Lounge, overpowered the seminarians of Nunc Dimittis.

The win was aided in no small part to a dominating presence down low for Michael Jackson's Buddies, as the team's center converted some key drives and grabbed plenty of rebounds to spark a 6-0 run to put his team ahead, 9-2. The teams then exchanged baskets to go into halftime at 11-4.

The game was delayed for a few minutes in the second half, with Michael Jackson's Buddies ahead 13-5, when a member of Nunc Dimittis suffered an ankle injury and had to be treated before the game could continue.

However, the offense of Nunc Dimittis was just too inconsistent — relying heavily on the jump shot, which often didn't fall for them — and in the end, even divine intervention would not have saved the seminarians from defeat in the round of 16.

No. 5 La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries 21, No. 12 Derelict 18

This game was a tale of two halves.

After trailing heading into halftime, 11-5, the fifth-seeded — and much bigger — La-Z-Boy squad came storming back, wearing down the Derelict team



with its strong inside presence.

Some strong offensive possessions, combined with some key defensive stops, guided the La-Z-Boy team to a huge run in the second half to halt any upstart-minded members of Derelict.

No. 1 AdWorks 21, No. 16 Bat us — Go to ResLife 11

If the team's name is true,

someone's finally going to ResLife.

Not intimidated in the least by their opponent's threatening name, AdWorks dominated the Beat us — Go to ResLife squad, putting the game out of reach early thanks to an 11-4 halftime lead.

Perhaps the highlight of the day turned out to be the highlight that wasn't, as AdWorks' Carlyle

Holiday missed a dunk after leaping over a defender, prompting boos as well as laughter from the crowd, which included virtually every member of the entire Notre Dame mens basketball team.

In the end, AdWorks dominated all aspects of their game to cruise into the Elite Eight.

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Edwards

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Edwards] to have this kind of season," Mainieri said. "I had a lot of faith in what Matt was going to do, we just hadn't seen it yet [because of injuries]."

Few were as confident as Mainieri that Edwards would perform the way he did before the numerous injuries. The reasons for doubt were obvious: Edwards had only a limited number of at-bats in over a year, had an injury that could have been career-threatening and could hardly move for nine months while rehabilitating from the leg injury. The question marks surrounding Edwards were many more than the certainties.

The injury against USC loomed largest over Edward's head and presented the greatest uneasiness to his return to the field. The subject is one Mainieri doesn't like to talk about.

"That was one of the saddest days I've ever experienced on the baseball field," Mainieri said.

Edwards, playing shortstop, had allowed a pop up to drop between him and Irish leftfielder Matt Bok earlier in the contest. So when a similarly hit pop fly headed toward the space between Edwards and Bok in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Notre Dame shortstop wasn't about to let another ball drop.

Edwards raced hard after the ball, while Bok charged in to make the catch. The two collided, leaving Edwards with a grotesque injury and his baseball career in jeopardy.

"The pain was much worse than anything I've ever felt by far," Edwards said. "I didn't start thinking about my career until later. But I never doubted I could come back, ever at any point."

Edwards healed and entered winter practice ready to polish the skills that had been out of

use for almost a year.

But there were still more challenges awaiting Edwards. In the winter, Mainieri approached Edwards and asked him to change positions from third base to first base so freshman infielder Greg Lopez could play on a more regular basis.

The move would help the team, Mainieri told Edwards. So instead of complaining, Edwards simply agreed, and quickly began to learn an entirely new position. He's held his own at first so far, touting a .975 fielding percentage with 16 regular season games remaining for the Irish.

It's this type of unselfishness that makes Edwards stand out from just being a good hitter or fielder. He's the complete baseball player.

"I was little concerned about Matt Edwards' reaction to [the switch] but Matt has been so unselfish," Mainieri said. "[He's] made the move for Greg Lopez. I think his unselfishness is something that has really stood out."

And the position change hasn't affected his hitting either. Through 40 games this season, Edwards is hitting .355 and tops the Irish with seven home runs. His 48 RBIs lead the Big East conference, while his slugging percentage hovers around .600.

"He has not flinched a bit [since the injuries]," Mainieri said. "He stands right on top of the plate, he challenges pitchers to challenge him and he's fearless up there."

But his excellent stats don't do Edwards justice. The infielder from Mechanicsville, Va. seems to always come through in the clutch for his team. Mainieri says that's Edwards' biggest asset and the reason he's become one of the

best players in the Big East.

"He's a clutch hitter that drives in the big runs for us. He does it with two strikes on him, which is especially tough," Mainieri said. "I think he's been a great leader for our team because of the way he performs in the clutch and in the wake of what adversity he had to go through."

Notre Dame needed Edward's clutch hits and run production after losing players like Steve Stanley, Brian Stavisky, Andy Bushey and Paul O'Toole after the 2002 season. Those absences left the middle of the Irish lineup with some gaping holes.

"Clutch hitting is something I as a coach emphasize more than anything else," Mainieri said. "I think the greatest thing he does is just perform in the clutch. He seems to always make a big play for us. His greatest form of leadership is how

you can count on him in clutch situations.

"Some guys have that ability to raise their game in pressure packed situations."

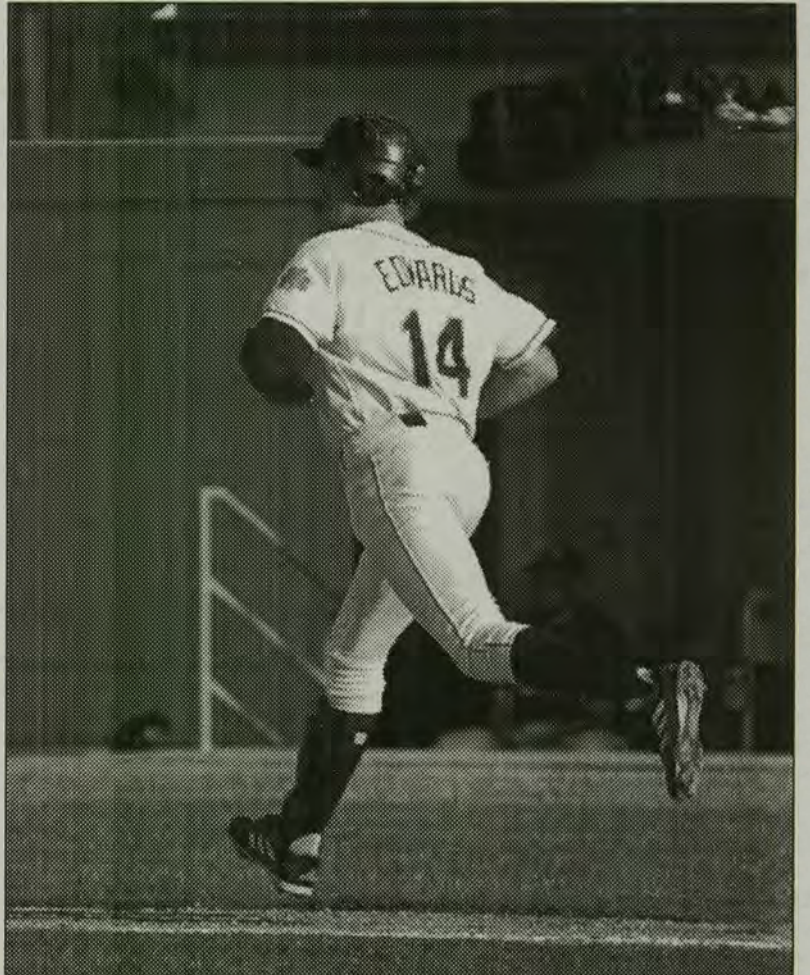
Edwards must continue his stellar play if the Irish hope to return to Omaha, Neb. for the College World Series. The team needs his slugging and defense to contend for another Big East title. But most importantly, the Irish must get the clutch hits and unselfish play that Edwards has provided all season.

"Honestly, I expect myself to [have this kind of] season every season," Edwards said. "I set really high goals for myself and I thought I could do this going into the season and I'm happy I've been able to do what I've done so far. Hopefully I can finish it out as strongly as the season started."

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SOPIA BALLON/The Observer

Freshman Matt Edwards overcame multiple injuries sustained in the summer and fall to lead the Big East in RBIs with 48.

Irish hitters light up IPFW ace in blowout

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Notre Dame weren't supposed to play this season, but they scheduled the game to make up for rain outs each team had earlier in the year.

The Mastadons might want to fire whoever made that decision.

Notre Dame (31-9) batted around in the first inning, scoring six times on six hits and blew out IPFW 13-3 at Frank Eck Stadium Thursday.

"I was really happy with the way we swung the bats tonight," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "That was not just any guy out on the mound, [IPFW's] David Zachary is a good pitcher. He has a good arm and a good curveball. ... He was no easy guy, he was a challenge out there. I thought our hitters did a really good job, especially in the first inning."

Righthander Tom Thornton went six innings, allowing one earned run on five hits and striking out four. The win improved Thornton's record to 3-1.

Notre Dame, who hadn't scored more than two runs in any first inning this season, pushed ahead early when designated hitter Alex Nettey singled to start the game, rightfielder Cody Rizzo walked and then leftfielder Brennan Grogan drilled an RBI double off Zachary. Zachary allowed an incredible 17 hits in 6 2/3 innings of work, yielding 10 earned runs.

First baseman Matt Edwards followed Grogan with a fielder's choice to score Rizzo. Centerfielder Kris Billmaier then knocked in Grogan with a single before catcher Javi Sanchez scorched a double down the left field line to plate Billmaier. Shortstop Matt Macri singled before second baseman Tim Murray added a single to score Sanchez. Third baseman Greg Lopez ended the Notre Dame scoring with his own RBI single to make it 6-0 Irish.

Notre Dame added another run in the second on an Edwards' RBI single.

The Irish raised their team batting average to .311 with the season-high 20 hit performance.

"We're not going to hit a lot of home runs so we must get hitters on base early in the inning," Mainieri said. "I thought our execution was good and we hit in the clutch."

The Mastadons fought back to score three runs, one earned, off Thornton in the fourth inning. Second baseman Brent Alwine opened the inning with a double over Billmaier's head, followed by Dustin Fremion's single that sent to Alwine to third and allowed Fremion to reach second on an error by Macri. IPFW outfielder Brandon Armstrong singled in Alwine to cut the Irish lead to 7-1. Shortstop Tyler Fowler had an RBI base hit and designated hitter Jacob Abramson added his own RBI hit to make it 7-3 Irish after three and a half innings.

Notre Dame responded in the bottom of the inning with two runs of their own. Edwards picked up his third RBI of the game with a sacrifice fly and Billmaier added an RBI double to give Notre Dame the 9-3 edge.

Billmaier also had an RBI single in the sixth inning to extend the Irish lead to 10-3.

Notre Dame added some more runs in the eighth when Murray singled in two runs and Zach Sisko picked up an RBI with a fielders choice.

The Irish will face Big East rival Connecticut in a three-game series this weekend at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notes:
♦ Second baseman Steve Sollmann did not play the second straight contest due to a slight wrist sprain.
♦ Prior to the six-run first inning Thursday, Notre Dame had only outscored opponents 17-16 this season in the first.

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ND SOFTBALL

Lowly Illinois-Chicago gives Notre Dame a scare

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was involved in a David vs. Goliath matchup at Illinois-Chicago Thursday night.

Luckily for the Irish, the sling-shot just fired wide.

After outscoring Valparaiso by a combined score of 26-1 in its two previous games Wednesday, the Irish looked set to easily add to their winning streak against the Flames, who came into the game with a losing record.

Someone forgot to tell Illinois-Chicago, as the unassuming Horizon League members gave the Irish more than enough of a challenge.

Notre Dame (29-11) had to rally from an early 2-0 deficit against the Flames (16-32), but

was able to tie the game in the sixth inning before scoring the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh to eventually win 3-2.

The nail biting win extends the Irish's winning streak to 19 games, and continues an April winning streak.

Relief pitcher Carrie Wisen picked up the win by pitching three innings of scoreless relief, after previous Irish pitchers Heather Booth and Steffany Stenglein each gave up a run.

Notre Dame started off looking as though they were going to strike early in the game, finding the bases loaded with one out in the top of the first. Feisty Flames starter Alison Aguilar worked out of the jam by striking out shortstop Andria Bledsoe and then getting first baseman Lisa Mattison to line out to second.

Irish starter Heather Booth had difficulty early in the game, allowing the Flames to also load the bases with one out in the bottom of the first. Unfortunately for the Irish, the Flames were able to get on the scoreboard.

After getting a groundout, Booth allowed a single and a double, then intentionally walked the next Flame batter to load the bases in hopes of a double play. Instead, Booth walked Alycia Creese to push ahead the first Flame run.

Booth settled down, getting the next batter to strike out and then inducing a popup to shortstop to get out of the inning with no further damage.

With the score still 1-0 going into the fifth inning, the Irish pulled Booth in favor of Stenglein. Stenglein received a

rude greeting with a home run over the left field wall by freshman Joyce Cathey, giving the Flames a 2-0 lead.

Stenglein would allow two more singles before she was replaced with Wisen, who doused the Flames by retiring the next three batters in order.

The Irish took advantage of Wisen's clutch pitching and tied the game back up in the sixth inning. After Mattison grounded out to shortstop to start the inning, left fielder Liz Hartmann followed with a hard double to left field.

Catcher Mallorie Lenn then doubled off Aguilar, scoring Hartmann. Right fielder Nicole deFau hit an infield single and Lenn advanced to third.

The Irish then loaded the bases on another infield hit by Kellie Middleton. Second baseman Alexis Madrid bounced into a fielder's choice scored Lenn to tie the game at 2-2.

Aguilar got the next two outs, including one off a tremendous throw from left field to gun down deFau at the plate.

Wisen allowed two hits in the bottom of the sixth, but no runs

would score. With the game tied at two going into the final inning, the Irish led off the seventh with a walk by designated player Meghann Ruthrauff.

That walk would prove deadly for Aguilar, as Bledsoe followed with a single that moved Ruthrauff to third base. Bledsoe was thrown out at second trying to stretch the hit into a double.

Mattison struck out looking for the second out of the inning. Hartmann dribbled a weak grounder to second base, but emergency second baseman Michelle Miller bobbled the ball and allowed Ruthrauff to score the go-ahead run.

Wisen got the first two outs of the bottom of the seventh easily and got out of a two-out jam to end the game.

The Irish travel to Massachusetts Saturday for a crucial doubleheader against Boston College, who sit in second place in the Big East. Notre Dame does not return home until May 5 against Villanova.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles travel to league tournament

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

After finishing in a tie for second in the conference standings after the dual match season, the Saint Mary's tennis team still has a chance to make a run at the conference championship. The Belles will compete in the MIAA conference tournament today and Saturday at Kalamazoo College.

The overall champion of the MIAA is determined by a point system using dual meet results and the outcome of the conference tournament. Saint Mary's has been the overall winner for the past two seasons.

While the Belles feature a slightly different roster from last season, having lost former No.1 singles player Annie Knish to graduation, the team is ready to make a statement. With last year's success and experience, the team feels

confident that they can compete again for the title.

"We're still confident and have an incredible chance to win conference," Elisa Ryan said. "But if we don't get first no one will think the season was a disappointment."

"My freshman year we were third in the MIAA and we were happier than the teams that were first and second because we had more fun together."

This year the Belles (13-5, 5-2 in the MIAA) faced stiff competition in a conference that saw improvement from many teams. Saint Mary's lost to Albion and Kalamazoo in dual matches. Albion was undefeated in the MIAA at 7-0, while Kalamazoo finished 5-2.

Rounding out the MIAA is Calvin (8-6, 4-3), Hope (11-8, 4-3), Adrian (6-7, 2-5), Alma (1-9, 1-6) and Olivet (0-9, 0-7). All teams will compete in the conference tournament in

Kalamazoo.

Last year Saint Mary's won the tourney and had several conference champions among its roster.

Last year's conference tournament MVP, Kalamazoo sophomore Clark, returns this season as a nationally-ranked player. Several first-team All-MIAA players will be competing, including Saint Mary's Jeannie and Annie Knish, Clark, Sally Skodinski of Calvin, Amiee Greene of Albion and Hoorn of Kalamazoo.

From the second team, Jennifer Coleman of Hope, Karen Dumas of Albion, and Cutler from Saint Mary's return to the tournament.

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NFL DRAFT

Draft looms for Irish seniors



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Center Jeff Faine should be the first Irish player taken.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The wait, for Sean Mahan, is nerve-wracking.

He has spent over four months training on his own, been put through rigorous physical fitness tests and met with countless football teams. Everything has been devoted toward improving his draft stock so Mahan can fulfill his dream of playing professional football.

This weekend, the wait will be over — finally.

Over the weekend, Mahan and a handful of other former Irish football players will learn where they are headed next season in the NFL Draft. And finding out their fates



can't come soon enough.

"I'm just ready to get this over with," Mahan said. "This is the worst part. There's nothing I can do but sit back and wait."

The draft's seven rounds are divided across two days, with the first three rounds being conducted Saturday and the final four rounds being held Sunday. Most draft analysts predict as many as eight grad-

uating Irish athletes will be drafted over the weekend.

When they'll be drafted, and by which teams, remains anyone's guess.

Center Jeff Faine is generally seen as the Notre Dame player likely to be drafted first, but he has no idea where he'll be heading. According to a multitude of mock drafts, Faine — one of the top center prospects in the draft — could either be a first- or second-round selection.

After Faine, though, nobody knows who could go next. Depending on who you asked, defensive backs Shane Walton and Gerome Sapp, wide receiver Arnaz Battle and offensive lineman Jordan



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Defensive back Shane Walton could go in the late rounds.

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BASEBALL

Edwards overcomes adversity for Irish

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

He pulled a hamstring four games into his summer season after high school graduation. Then he went down with a knee injury before fall ball started.

And finally there was the gruesome compound fracture

of his lower leg that happened during a game versus USC last season.

In all, Irish infielder Matt Edwards played in a grand total of 14 baseball games from the end of his high school career to the beginning of the 2003 Notre Dame season.

So why is Irish coach Paul Mainieri not surprised by the outstanding season Edwards has put together thus far for Notre Dame?

"I really did [expect

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Matt Edwards has been one of the most valuable players for the Irish, living up to the expectations of coach Paul Mainieri.

BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Young Irish have work cut out

◆ Men must win to advance; women look for Big East Championship

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla.

For both the mens and womens tennis teams, this weekend's Big East Championships will serve as an opportunity for proving that despite inexperience and youth, pure mettle and hard work can make a team successful.

For the men, the tournament is crucial. Save for some act of God, they must emerge as the victors of the Big East if they wish to advance to their 12th straight NCAA tournament.

For the women, the burden is a little lighter — they will very likely reach the NCAA Tournament no matter how they finish this weekend. Nevertheless, a conference title is coveted, particularly in a strong conference like the Big East.

Both Irish squads will see their toughest opponents in Virginia Tech and Miami. Both Irish squads defeated the Hokies, and both were topped by Miami.

Ever since they began the season with a 0-4 start — the worst in program history, the Irish have had trouble over-



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Captain Luls Haddock returns a shot earlier in the season. The men began the season 0-4, the program's worst start ever.

coming the mental barriers created by their initial losses.

A great deal of the Irish losses have been very close matches.

"It's been disappointing to not have had a better season," Irish mens coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We did not win very many of the close matches we played. That's been a trait of our teams over the years — the ability to win the close ones."

It has been hard to pinpoint a specific source for the Irish troubles.

"I don't know if things didn't fall our way or if there are any real concrete reasons," Bayliss said. "There's no one particular player or point that broke

down. We just didn't quite seem to get it down. Coming close in tennis is like being a little big pregnant."

Because coming close does not count, and because the Irish must make it count this weekend if they count on going to the NCAA tournament, Bayliss is hoping for a "break-out tournament."

"We're good enough to play with every team, but we just haven't gotten over the hump," Bayliss said. "I think everyone knows the score. The scene is pretty well set and we've got to win the whole thing."

Usually Notre Dame is

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 3
Illinois-Chicago 2

The Irish came back from a 2-0 deficit to win a close non-conference game Thursday.

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No. 1 Adworks 21
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The Elite Eight field is set.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Calvin 11
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Calvin 5
Saint Mary's 3

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ROWING

Michigan State
defeats Notre
Dame

The Irish lost five of six races in Sleepy Hollow State Park in East Lansing, Mich.

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MENS LACROSSE

Harvard at Notre
Dame

Saturday, 2 p.m.

This game against an Ivy League opponent is a must-win for the Irish.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish to face
Northwestern and
Rutgers

Coach Tracy Coyne is setting goals for her team this weekend.

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