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University fires security monitors

Rectors lament decision, NDSP moves to community policing

Students praise the equality change will bring to dorms

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police told security monitors who work in the University's 13 women's residence halls Friday that their positions will be eliminated after this May.

The monitors will be replaced by an outdoor-based, community security officer system that will patrol dorms for both sexes. NDSP officials decided to make the switch after a six-month evaluation process that solicited input from rectors, students, monitors and two police officers from other campuses who visited Notre Dame for two days in November, NDSP director Rex Rakow said.

"They got a pretty good snapshot," he said, adding that the outside evaluators "picked up right away that there was a real disconnect between the work environment that the monitors are in and the supervision line ... They really worked more for the rectors than they did for us."

Based on these observations, NDSP concluded the monitors did not fulfill the department's mission of providing safety and security to male and female residents both inside and outside.

"[Security monitors] pretty much stayed inside and dealt with their little group of resi-



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Farley Hall monitor Gln Scoggin takes a break between rounds Sunday night. The University fired all of the female dorm hall monitors Friday and will replace them with a community policing system.

dents," Rakow said, only reporting security incidents directly to Security/Police "probably not even weekly that we would hear about."

"It's more irregular than it is regular," he said. "Once we got into [our evaluation] and really started asking the questions,

we just found that the system wasn't serving our needs as much as it once had."

Female monitors were hired in the fall of 1972, the first year female students could attend the University, both to complement the "firewatch" night employees then used in

both men's and women's dorms and to assuage concerns about student safety. The Security/Police department tried to eliminate the monitors' positions in 1980 — when fire-watch employees were

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By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Equality was the key word among students responding to the changes that will take place in residence hall security in the fall, as many believe the current hall monitor system places an unfair — and unneeded — emphasis on safety for female residents.

"I don't think it's right that they have them only in women's halls," said O'Neill freshman Damian Sclafani. "It seems kind of outdated."

Though she described monitors as "a wonderful group of women," Cavanaugh sophomore Elizabeth Callahan also questioned the discrepancy between male and female dorms.

"It's very sad to know they won't be here next year," she said, "but at the same time it's kind of unfair that women's halls had them when men's didn't."

Siegfried junior Ricky Leal reflected the experiences of many male students, saying he had always been "hands-off" as far as interacting

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Sales of The Shirt exceed expectations

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

The Shirt 2004 was unveiled with record success Friday and is now available for purchase.

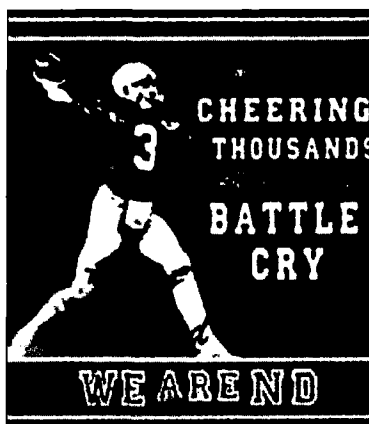
Kate Crossin, president of The Shirt Project, said the unveiling ceremony went "way better than anyone involved expected. It was an amazing collaboration of groups and people."

Students praised the build-up to the release of this year's design.

"They did a great job marketing it this year," said student Lee DeLeon. "There was good anticipation for it."

Crossin was not able to name the specific number of shirts sold this weekend, but said they did well.

"We have already sold out what would have been an initial shipment [for past years]," said Crossin. "Our first goal is to meet the



Courtesy of Notre Dame Bookstore

This year's The Shirt continues the sea of green and features a "retro" look.

60,000 initial order. Sales after that are like icing on the cake."

Most students said they will be getting The Shirt, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, but many have not gotten around to it yet.

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Staff member assaulted

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

A physics research visitor was assaulted and robbed Saturday evening at approximately 8 p.m. as he was walking near Turtle Creek apartments.

The researcher, who is visiting Notre Dame from Portugal from March to May, was walking home from cam-

pus east on Vanness Road, east of Ivy Road, when two or three youths approached him, punched and kicked him. The victim said they took his wallet after he had been knocked to the ground. The suspects fled the scene as a student approached on a bicycle and called police from his cell phone.

St. Joseph County Police, the South Bend Fire Department and Notre Dame

Security/Police responded to the incident. The suspects were described to police as black males between the ages of 18 and 25. Police searched for the suspects but were unable to locate them.

The victim said NDSP transported him to Health Services, but he was not treated there because he is not a student. Physics

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NDSP investigates indecent exposures

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The Notre Dame Security/Police department is investigating five cases of indecent exposure that have occurred on campus since March 18.

Four of the cases took place on the main campus and involved a student-aged male suspect and a female victim,

NDSP director Rex Rakow said. No suspects have been named in the cases.

On March 18 at 12:30 a.m., a white male, approximately age 20, wearing a white-hooded sweatshirt and yellow pants, exposed himself to a female student while she was walking from the Hesburgh Library between Knott Hall and Siegfried Hall. The suspect did not attempt to follow the victim, who contacted

NDSP.

On March 21 at 3:30 a.m., a female student said she was walking between Farley and Breen-Phillips when a male approached her and asked her several questions. She continued walking and the male exposed his genitals to her as she approached the areas between Washington Hall and Cavanaugh Hall. The suspect,

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INSIDE COLUMN

Brake for ducks

Spring is upon us. The trees and flowers are blooming. There are many little animals running around. Baby ducks follow their mothers around the lakes. In fact, I almost hit one, which would have made me cry. As I left campus Sunday night, I thought about how it should be warmer outside since it is spring and all.

With all these thoughts bouncing inside my head, I began to realize how this whole end of the school year thing has become a reality.



Sarah Vabulas

Viewpoint
Editor

The seniors are actually graduating and not coming back in the fall. I have quite a few friends in this class, so not seeing them this fall is going to be sad, as I will miss them dearly.

Everyone goes home in less than two weeks. What am I going to do without all my friends? I live, eat and work with my friends — most of whom do not live in Atlanta with me. I have a couple friends from school back home, but it is going to be tough to leave everyone for the summer.

I'm going to miss campus. I love to see the Dome lit up in the night sky, a shining remembrance which stands tall night after night. I'll miss the beautiful lakes. I'll miss the Grotto — where can I go to find peace at home?

So last night, when I had to brake for the ducks crossing the road, it made me realize that I cannot control how fast the time I spend here goes, but I can control how I cherish the time. I need to slow down my life and not rush through all that I do.

I made a promise to myself to "brake for ducks" every moment I can. I will make sure that I realize how lucky I am to be at school here. I will cherish my friends and the memories that we make together. I will look at the Dome and remember why I chose to come to school here, so far away from Atlanta and all that was familiar to me.

Although my second year of college is coming to a close — a fact that I can hardly believe to be true — I know that I have two more amazing years ahead of me with incredible people to surround me as I learn and grow up.

I'll miss the seniors, but I'm confident they won't be strangers in my life. I look forward to the fall and am excited about football season and seeing all my friends again — particularly those who went abroad for the semester or year.

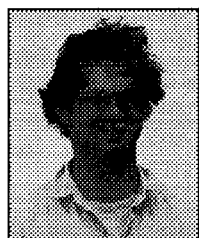
But before I can get ahead of myself again, I need to "brake for ducks" and enjoy what I have in the coming two weeks before the start of summer. Then, I can enjoy my time off from school, come back rested and continue to forge my path into the real world.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How much time do you spend filling out TCEs?



Mike Zawada
Senior
St. Edwards

"More time than the prof spends looking at them."



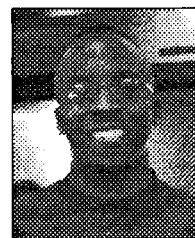
Laura Ott
Junior
Cavanaugh

"TCEs are just days to skip class."



Greg Connors
Junior
Fisher

"I honestly think I failed the TCE once."



Sean Seymore
Law Student
Off-Campus

"As much as possible."



John Mospan
Sophomore
Fisher

"Isn't that a testicular cancer examination?"



Colln Flood
Junior
Dillon

"4.0958 seconds. Exactly. She timed it."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

University President Father Edward Malloy and other dignitaries break ground Saturday for the Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Family Athletics Center. It will be a 95,840-square-foot facility that will house the Irish football program's locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms.

OFFBEAT

No carb couple booted from restaurant

SALT LAKE CITY — A couple on the Atkins Diet have a beef with a local restaurant after being booted from the buffet for eating too much meat.

Isabelle Leota, 29, and her husband Sui Amaama, 26, both on the no-carb diet, were dining Tuesday at a Chuck-A-Rama in the Salt Lake City suburb of Taylorsville when the manager cut them off because they'd eaten too much roast beef.

"It's so embarrassing actually," said Leota. "We

went in to have dinner, we were under the impression Chuck-A-Rama was an all you can eat establishment."

The general manager was carving the meat, and became concerned about having enough for other patrons, Johanson said. So when Amaama went up for his 12th slice, the manager asked Amaama to stop.

Offended by the request, the couple argued with the manager, then asked for a refund. The manager refused, and when the couple refused to leave, he called police.

Hunters leave city, turkeys enter

LINCOLN, Neb. — As hunters leave the city for the spring turkey hunting season, some gobblers are finding refuge strutting around inside the city limits.

Linda Knott, a teacher at St. John's School, recently saw one of the large birds land on a windowsill at the school.

Lincoln Animal Control officials said they have received a lot of calls about turkey sightings recently.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Seniors may pick up their pre-ordered Senior Week Tickets today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Eck Center. In order to pick up tickets, you must have your signed waiver, student ID and payment.

Neil Smelser, director emeritus of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, will give a lecture titled "Patterns of Scientific, Intellectual and Ideological Adaptation in the Behavioral and Social Sciences" today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in 234 Grace Hall.

Cellist Lan Jiang will present a graduate degree recital in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight. Admission is free.

The ND for Animals club will sponsor a showing of the movie "The Peacable Kingdom" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tonight in the LaFortune Montgomery Theatre.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform their spring concert at 8 p.m. tonight in Washington Hall. Admission is free.

The Class of 2005 will sponsor a class ring blessing ceremony at the Grotto Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Spanish Club will provide free food in the Coleman-Morse Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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

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Dorms compete in Fisher Regatta

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Fisher Hall's annual Fisher Regatta attracted a strong crowd Saturday as many students turned out to watch their peers sail — or swim — across Saint Mary's Lake.

The regatta drew 32 boats, with a roughly even field of men's and women's teams. In a head-to-head competition, teams paddled across the lake in makeshift boats comprised of anything from wood to rubber to bicycles.

Teams varied from two to 10 people, although the majority had three to four paddlers.

Siegfried and O'Neill faced off in the men's final, with O'Neill emerging victorious. Two Welsh Family boats made it to the women's final.

Fisher's own boat did well, reaching the semifinals before losing a close race to Siegfried.

Like Bookstore Basketball, regatta teams ranged from the serious to the carefree. Most of the races were extremely close, but several boats did not make it across the lake and a few sank the moment they were put in the water.

"Quite a few people ended up swimming to the other side," said Michael Coogan, one of Fisher's six commissioners for the event.

Many boats were particularly original. St. Ed's team secured a bicycle on top of its boat, assembled so that the paddles would move when



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Teams from O'Neill Hall, above, and Fischer-O'Hara-Grace paddle their boats in Saturday's Fisher Regatta.

someone peddled the bike. But it sunk before they could get moving.

The Regatta was a product of several weeks of preparation by the residents of Fisher.

The Regatta vied against several other events, both on and off campus, but the commissioners were very pleased by the turnout.

Bufalino estimated that attendance was similar to or better than past regattas. This year marked 18 years of the Fisher Regatta.

"With so many things going on, we had a pretty good draw," Bufalino said.

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Camp Kesem set for second summer

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Camp Kesem, a week-long summer camp for the children of cancer patients, will take place again this summer under the direction of Notre Dame senior Adam Dell.

Started in 2000 by students at Stanford, Dell and classmate Dan Doherty instituted the first Notre Dame Camp Kesem last summer.

The camp's mission is to help children with parents who are currently suffering from cancer, or have died from the disease.

"Most of [the campers] don't know any other kids who have parents with cancer and kind of feel isolated," Dell said. "Camp Kesem is a place to share their experiences, build self-esteem and have a really fun week of camp. It's a break for the parents and a really fun time for the kids as well."

Much of the work is done by the planning committee, which has 22 members. This year, they planned for 40 children to attend the camp and have 37 registered so far. Camp is held at Camp Crosley, a YMCA camp.

"It's like your typical summer camp — it has a lake, playing fields, climbing wall, ropes course and hiking trail," Dell said.

The program, for kids age 6 to 13, is offered free.

"[Funding comes from] a variety of sources — our major one is just private donations," Dell said. "A lot of people involved in the project will send out letters to family or friends or people in the community ... and ask them for donations."

Additionally, the Alumni Association and various on-campus groups donate money.

"[We get] a lot of help from Notre Dame student organizations," he said. "They've given donations through different fundraising events."

The committee members also actively recruit future campers.

"We just go out in the community and target them," he said, mentioning local hospitals, oncology units, local schools and cancer support units. "We have to have some credentials and show them that were very serious ... We hold an information session and meetings to tell [families] what the camp's about and answer their questions. If the family is interested, they'll fill out an application."

After last year's success and the expansion of the program, Dell is optimistic about the future.

"We hope it will be a project that continues for many, many years," Dell said. "We have some good leadership for years to come as well."

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Congratulations

Join us in celebrating tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart as these 35 men and women receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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SMC students volunteer at Dia Del Nino festival

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's students donated their time at the second annual Dia Del Nino, a community festival put on by local radio station 98.1 Sabor Latino and the Girl Scouts.

Sunday's festival gave community members the opportunity to bring their children to the festival for food, entertainment and games.

This was the first year Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board has been a part of Dia Del Nino. They have been working closely with Sabor Latino for about one month to coordinate the event.

"We were approached by a member of the radio station who came to SDB's Spring Fiesta and really enjoyed our event," event chairwoman Ashley Doughty said. "He was interested in working with us and we thought it was the perfect opportunity to get involved with the surrounding community."

Approximately 25 Saint Mary's students volunteered at the event. The volunteers worked in shifts and were comprised of Student Diversity Board members and other students.

Dia Del Nino was open to the community, and several hundred people came out to take part in the event. It was previously advertised in local newspapers and on the radio station.

One of the board's goals for the upcoming year is to increase involvement in the surrounding community. Doughty says she hopes the Student Diversity

Board will remain in relations with the event's sponsors, Sabor Latino and the Girl Scouts, to stay active in the community.

Despite encountering minor glitches during the day, Doughty said the day was a success.

"We still had a great time, and the community responded really well to our involvement," she said.

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Ashley Doughty
Event chairwoman

Assault

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Department Chair Albert Barbasi took the researcher to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for a broken bone in his hand.

The victim said he also suffered injuries to his nose during the incident.

St. Joseph County Police is investigating the incident and anyone with information about it should call 235-9611.

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IRAQ

Army orders armored Humvees

Associated Press

NAJAF — Deafening noise, confusion and fear erupted as the roadside bomb slammed into the U.S. Army Humvee, knocking over Spc. Stephen Monti, who was manning a gun in the turret.

"Then we started checking whether we still had our 10 fingers on," Monti recalled of the recent ambush south of Baghdad.

Not only had all four soldiers escaped injury, but the vehicle — which had been fortified by armor plating and bulletproof glass — came through with just a few dents and a cracked windshield.

"There probably would have been wounds, maybe mortal ones, in your basic Humvee," said Monti, of St. Louis. "Every vehicle that goes out on the road should be 'up-armored.' Your safety is dramatically increased."

But many in Iraq are not, and attacks against them by roadside bombs and rocket-propelled grenades are driving up the casualty toll.

On Sunday, a Humvee was engulfed in flames after a roadside bomb struck a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, killing a U.S. soldier. It was not known if the Humvee had the extra armor.

When the war began, only about 2 percent of Army's 110,000 Humvees were armored. Now, of the nearly 15,000 Humvees in Iraq, about 1,500 to 2,000 are armored, according to the Army. The numbers are increasing.

The Army is making a "full-court press" to locate and deliver every armored Humvee in its inventory to Iraq, said

Search is on for armored Humvees

The Army is making a "full-court press" to send every available armored Humvee in its inventory to Iraq. A soldier's safety is dramatically increased if the vehicle has been fortified.

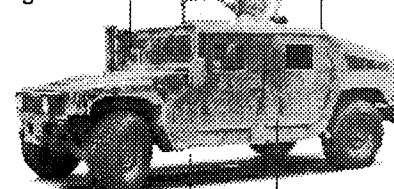
Modified Humvees

- Of the nearly 15,000 Humvees in Iraq, about 1,500 to 2,000 are armored
- Capable of stopping AK-47 bullets, anti-personnel RPGs, most roadside bombs and mines
- Armored vehicles cost \$150,000 apiece compared with about half that for a "soft-skin"

Added protection

Bulletproof glass

Back seats shields



Reinforced flooring

Steel plated sides

SOURCE: Associated Press

AP

Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division. At the same time, factories are boosting production of the armored version.

During the war last year, some Humvees were ambushed as swift-moving U.S. troops bypassed pockets of resistance.

But the attacks have mounted as Iraq became what Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces, calls "a 360-degree battlefield," with none of safer rear areas of conventional warfare.

"They were not intended to be on the front lines," Dempsey said of the unarmored vehicles. "In a linear battlefield, Humvees always operated behind the front lines — in most cases even out of artillery range. Iraq isn't a linear battlefield. As we find ourselves in a low- to mid-intensity conflict, and we have all these vehicles designed for a linear battle-

field, they come up short."

The Army is trying to find every heavily armored Humvee "from every other place in the world," Dempsey told The Associated Press. "I saw an e-mail the other day that said there was one uparmored Humvee in Kosovo and they were tracking it coming here."

In the meantime, soldiers in Iraq are making do. They're hardening their "soft-skins," as unarmored Humvees are called, from kits available at some bases or by getting enterprising Iraqis to whack steel sheets onto their vehicles.

Some who have to ride in the soft-skins resort to prayer.

"It hasn't prevented me from going out, but whenever possible, I bum a ride in an armored Humvee. There is a little extra element of having to trust God more when going out in soft-skins," said Maj. Chip Huey, of Hattiesburg, Miss., chaplain for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

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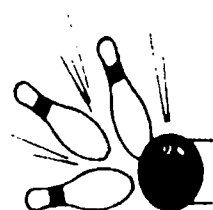
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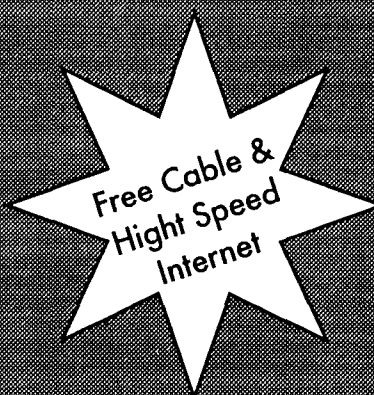
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China's aid arrives in North Korea

DANDONG, China — Emergency aid began arriving Sunday at the site of North Korea's devastating train explosion as the death toll rose to more than 160 — nearly half of them children in a school torn apart by the blast. At least 1,300 people were injured.

The Red Cross said the explosion destroyed the railway station in Ryongchon, near the Chinese border, and turned the surrounding area into a landscape of huge craters, twisted rail tracks and scorched buildings. Thousands were homeless.

"They've been taken in by other families. We were fearing people on the streets," John Sparrow, a Red Cross spokesman in Beijing, said Sunday. "We breathed a big sigh of relief when we saw that wasn't the case."

Pakistan frees accused tribesmen

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — In a gesture of reconciliation, Pakistan on Sunday freed 50 men arrested in a bloody counterterrorism offensive near the Afghan border, saying investigations proved them innocent.

The releases came a day after authorities pardoned five renegade tribal leaders accused of harboring al-Qaida fugitives. In exchange, the leaders promised to live peacefully and not help terrorists.

The deal could end months of fighting between tribesmen and Pakistan's army in the lawless region of South Waziristan, which has emerged as the front line in the country's battle to control tribal militants with strong ethnic and ideological ties to Afghanistan's former Taliban regime.

Its barren mountains and mud-brick villages have long been believed to be a possible hide-out for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri.

NATIONAL NEWS

Michael Jackson replaces lawyers

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson is replacing high-profile attorneys Mark Geragos and Benjamin Brafman in his child molestation case, the lawyers told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The pop superstar's new lawyer will be Thomas Mesereau Jr., another well-known criminal defense attorney who represented actor Robert Blake in his murder case until they recently parted company, citing irreconcilable differences.

Priest re-questioned in nun's death

TOLEDO, Ohio — Investigators re-examined the 1980 slaying of a nun whose body was found in a chapel surrounded by candles after another woman alleged she was abused by Roman Catholic priests during satanic and sadomasochistic rituals, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Investigators said they could not substantiate the woman's allegations, but her mention of the Rev. Gerald Robinson spurred police to take another look at the nun's murder — in which he had always been a suspect.

Robinson, 66, was charged Friday with murdering Sister Margaret Ann Pahl, who was strangled and stabbed about 30 times on April 5, 1980. Her body was found in a hospital chapel, surrounded by lit candles with her arms folded across her chest.

LOCAL NEWS

Wabash student reported missing

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — Argentine police found the passport and clothing of a missing Wabash College student Thursday in a room at an inn after an American couple told authorities they spoke to him in a mountain park two weeks ago.

Anthony Hyatt Lobdell, 21, had apparently been staying at the inn since April 6, a U.S. Embassy official who asked not to be identified told the Journal Review.

Finding Lobdell's clothes and passport, "to us means he had only gone out for the day, expecting to come out shortly," the official said.

Iraqi forces to join U.S. in Fallujah

Plans remain to avoid holy sites, but troops destined to counter radical cleric

Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. troops will begin patrols with Iraqi security forces in Fallujah, the military said Sunday, as the United States backed down from warnings of an all-out assault that could spark new bloodshed and deepen anti-American sentiment.

The patrols are to begin as early as Tuesday, and Fallujah officials will announce in the city that anyone seen carrying a weapon will be considered hostile, the military said.

Meanwhile, a U.S. general said troops will move into a base on the edge of the holy city of Najaf that Spanish troops will abandon when they withdraw from Iraq in the coming weeks. But the Americans will remain away from holy sites — an effort to avoid outraging Iraq's Shiite majority, which opposes any U.S. foray near their most sacred shrine.

Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling said the troops aimed to "counter the forces" of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. A coalition spokesman, Dan Senor, said weapons were being stockpiled in mosques and schools in Najaf, a practice he said must stop.

The measures in Fallujah and Najaf were announced a day after President Bush held a teleconference with senior national security and military advisers to discuss the situation in Fallujah and the rest of Iraq.

The moves appeared aimed at bringing a degree of control over the cities without re-igniting the intense violence that began when U.S. authorities moved on the two fronts simultaneously at the start of April.

The wave of fighting since has killed up to 1,200 Iraqis and 111 U.S. troops, nearly as many in 25 days as the 115 Americans who were killed during the two-month invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein a year ago.



Twelve Marines and one sailor wounded in action receive the Purple Heart medal Saturday, at Camp Fallujah. Most received their wounds in early April attempting to bring order to the city of Fallujah.

The deal to bring patrols into Fallujah meant extending the cease-fire for another two days, U.S. officials said. Military action in Fallujah was still an option, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said, but the warning was dramatically toned down from those in the past week.

The new steps in Fallujah were not without risks.

There was little guarantee that guerrillas in Fallujah won't attack joint U.S.-Iraqi patrols. Some Marine commanders said privately they had hoped to push on with an offensive deeper into the city and were concerned Marine patrols would become targets.

Iraqi security forces due to patrol with them were equally ill at ease.

"I don't feel safe because the Americans themselves are not safe," police Capt. Jassim Abed said. "They get shot at. They can't guarantee safety for themselves, so how can they guarantee my safety?"

Marine Lt. Col Brennan Byrne, on Fallujah's outskirts, said patrols may not start until Thursday as Marines and Iraqi forces organize them.

He said the patrols would be backed by armor and air support but for now will steer clear of Fallujah's Julian district, a poorer neighborhood where many

insurgents are concentrated.

"It will be a combat patrol in the city that is prepared to deal with anything they run into," he said. "If we are attacked, we will absolutely eradicate that source of fire." But he added that individual attacks would not lead to a wider engagement.

U.S. occupation leaders are under pressure not to launch major military action. Some U.S.-picked Iraqi leaders were angered by the Fallujah siege. The top U.N. envoy for Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi — who has been asked by Washington to help pick a new government — warned

500,000 march for abortion rights in D.C.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Abortion-rights supporters marched in the hundreds of thousands Sunday, galvanized by what they see as an erosion of reproductive freedoms under President Bush and foreign policies that hurt women worldwide.

Amid the clamor of an election year, the throng of demonstrators flooded the National Mall. Their target: Bush, like-minded officials in federal and state government and religious conservatives.

Speaking beyond the masses to policy-makers, Francis Kissling of Catholics for a Free Choice

declared, "You will hear our pro-choice voices ringing in your ears until such time that you permit all women to make our own reproductive choices."

Women joined the protest from across the nation and from nearly 60 countries, asserting that damage from Bush's policies is spreading far beyond U.S. shores through measures such as the ban on federal money for family-planning groups that promote or perform abortions abroad.

The rally on the National Mall stretched from the base of the U.S. Capitol about a mile back to the Washington Monument. Authorities

no longer give formal crowd estimates, but various police sources informally estimated the throng at between 500,000 and 800,000 strong.

That would exceed the estimated 500,000 who protested for abortion rights in 1992.

Carole Mehlman, 68, came from Tampa, Fla., to support a cause that has motivated her to march for 30 years, as long as abortion has been legal.

"I just had to be here to fight for the next generation and the generation after that," she said. "We cannot let them take over our bodies, our health care, our lives."

Students

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with security monitors. Others said they had never considered the monitors' impact.

Leal added that he didn't think an inside presence was a necessity in residence halls for either sex.

"I think dorms are safe for the most part," he said. "I don't think that's a naïve assumption ... I think [the monitors] are a bit excessive."

Pasquerilla West junior Tiffany Howell went as far as to say she thought the monitors served no purpose other than "to get us in trouble."

She also approved of the roving officer system that Notre Dame Security/Police plans to implement.

"That sounds like a better use of our money," Howell said.

However, some female students expressed regret over losing the monitors, who in many cases developed close relationships with residents because of their long-term employment with one or two dorms.

"Personally I think they're adorable," said Moira Madden, a sophomore in Breen-Phillips. "We've definitely had a close relationship with them."

She did acknowledge, however, that the monitors' role had become more residence life-oriented than focused on safety issues.

"Security wise, I don't know how important the security monitors are, but as a part of the dorm they're an important part of the family," she said.

Female resident assistants — who several monitors and some rectors believe will have to pick up much of the slack — also offered mixed evaluations.

"I think there is a possibility for more problems to be created for RA's — when girls come in drunk, night monitors alert us so that we can intercept the problem before it escalates," said Jessica Campbell, a current RA in Lewis. "But I can't imagine the RA's sitting up all night at the desk."

She added it will be harder for residence hall staff to control parietals, calling the change a move she didn't anticipate.

"I was surprised — I thought the University would go to night monitors in all dorms before they would eliminate them," she said. "I don't like that they say they're going to have a rule but not enforce it."

McGlinn RA Sarah Eber agreed with Campbell that parietals will be the area most affected by firing the monitors. However, she said that while there was potential for change next year, as she has experienced little overlap between the monitors' duties and her own.

"There have been a few instances of heads up when they've called me," she said. "There's a chance that they do things behind the scenes that I'm [not] aware of, but there hasn't been a lot of interaction aside from getting to know them personally."

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Shirt

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As in year's past, students were concerned over the available sizes.

"We put a much larger percentage of Shirts in small and medium based on previous years. I think we hit it closer [this year]. We're getting closer," Crossin said.

Student reaction to this year's design varied. Student Tyler Wilson described The Shirt as "retro."

This year's Shirt held true to the "Sea of Green" tradition, but is a slightly different green that last year's design.

Sophomore Tony Steier said he did not care for this year's color, and he described it as a "Sea of Mint." But he agreed that the green tradition should

be kept.

Senior Brittany Becker, designer of this year's Shirt, described it as "having a vintage feel."

The front of The Shirt reads "We Are ND. Irish '04 Football."

"It is an extremely popular Notre Dame cheer that went with the theme of involving the entire football populace," Crossin said. "Not just the student section says this cheer, but everyone in the stadium."

The back of The Shirt has a stylized player with the text, "The cheering thousands shout their battle cry," which Crossin explains is from "When Irish Backs Go Marching By," an old ND song not many people remember.

"I thought it really captured the spirit we were going for this year," Crossin said.

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Kate Crossin
Shirt President

Exposure

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described as a white male about 5-foot-8 wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, ran away. The victim reported the incident to NDSP a day later after she saw a Crime Watch bulletin describing a similar offense.

On March 24 at 12:29 a.m., a female student said she was walking between Knott Hall and Siegfried Hall and saw a male standing at the bottom of the walkway steps and said the male pulled down his pants and exposed his genitals. The suspect was described as a white male about 6 feet tall, wearing a grey sweatshirt with red lettering and athletic pants.

On April 18 at 4:12 a.m., a female student said a male followed her as she walked from Notre Dame Stadium to her dorm. She said the male said to her "Hey look at this!" and exposed his genitals near the Hesburgh Library reflecting pool. The suspect was described as a white male with light colored hair.

In an unrelated incident,

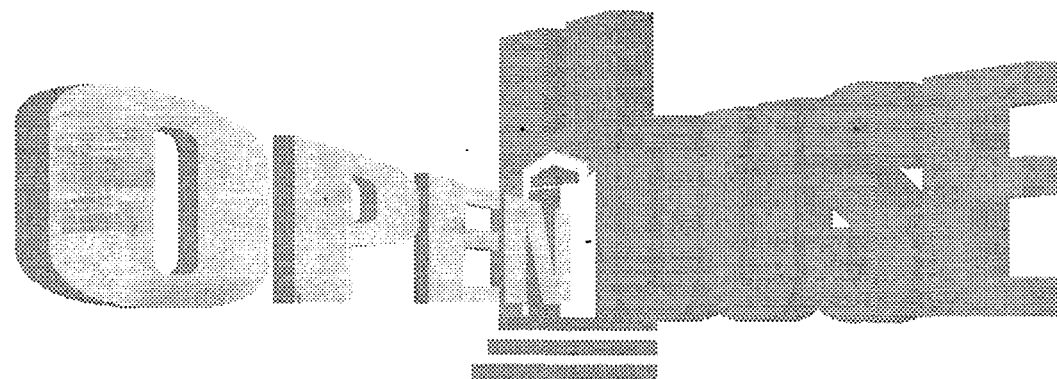
four students reported that a male exposed himself to them as they were walking on Courtney Lane past the Eck Tennis Center April 17 at 4:05 a.m. The students were returning to campus from an off-campus apartment complex and said the man was naked, except for a grey baseball cap. The man did not say anything to the students and he is described as a white male between 30 and 40 years of age, about 6 feet tall with short dark hair. The students contacted NDSP by cell phone as they walked back to campus.

In the four incidents where NDSP was contacted immediately after the incident, officers searched the area after the report but were not able to find any suspects. NDSP urges students to avoid walking alone and to avoid walking in isolated areas during nighttime hours.

Students can request a security officer accompany them when walking at night or report information about these cases by calling NDSP at 631-5555.

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IN BRIEF

Mitsubishi dives without cash help

TOKYO — Burdened with a multibillion dollar debt, plunging car sales and a spate of recalls, Mitsubishi Motors Corp., suffered a major blow Friday when partner DaimlerChrysler AG ruled out pumping more cash into the Japanese automaker.

Shares in Mitsubishi Motors plunged in Tokyo, finishing down 25 percent, the day's allowed limit, to \$2.20 after DaimlerChrysler said it had "decided not to participate in a capital increase" planned by the Japanese automaker.

The news killed off speculation that the German-U.S. automaker would unveil a revival plan that would include hundreds of billions of dollars of additional cash.

Tyco charged with \$10 million fine

HARTFORD, Conn. — A Tyco International subsidiary will pay \$10 million in fines and admit covering up the illegal release of wastewater into a sewer system, The Associated Press has learned.

Tyco Electronics Printed Circuit Group has been the subject of a long federal investigation. Three former employees have pleaded guilty to covering up the release of wastewater into sewers near its now-closed plant in Manchester, in violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

Price, side effects slam AIDS drug

NEW YORK — When the new AIDS drug Fuzeon was launched last year, it was touted as a major breakthrough, with expectations so high it was feared the drug would be in short supply as patients clamored for it.

Instead, Fuzeon sales are below estimates and analysts are slashing revenue projections. Fuzeon's \$20,000-a-year price tag, painful side effects and changing AIDS treatment strategies have made sales a disappointment, one that some experts expect will continue.

Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., which markets Fuzeon for the drug's developer, Trimeris Inc., is taking steps to increase sales, expanding distribution and launching an advertising and public relations campaign.

BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

Cosmetic giant Lauder dies at 97

Lauder's company responsible for birth of Clinique, Aramis, Prescriptives, others

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Estee Lauder, who started a kitchen business blending face creams and built it into a multimillion-dollar international cosmetics empire, has died. She was 97.

Lauder died of cardiopulmonary arrest late Saturday at her home in Manhattan, said Sally Susman, a company spokeswoman.

In 1998, Lauder was the only woman on Time magazine's list of the 20 most influential business geniuses of the century. Her company placed No. 349 in the 2003 ranking in the Fortune 500 list of the nation's largest companies, with revenue at \$4.744 billion.

In explaining her success, the cosmetics queen once said: "I have never worked a day in my life without selling. If I believe in something, I sell it, and I sell it hard."

Lauder sold her products primarily through department stores — Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Marshall Field's, Neiman-Marcus, Harrods in London, Galeries Lafayette in Paris — the tonier the better.

"Beauty is an attitude," she once said. "There's no secret. Why are all brides beautiful? Because on their wedding day they care about how they look. There are no ugly women — only women who don't care or who don't believe they're attractive."

The company's product lines have included Estee Lauder, Clinique, Aramis, Prescriptives and Origins.

A favorite selling tool has been offering a gift with a purchase — a giveaway that began out of necessity. Lauder started off without enough of an advertising budget to attract an agency, so she used the money instead for free samples.

She also courted the rich and famous.



Estee Lauder, left, and Liza Minnelli pose with bottles of the fragrance "Metropolis," at a Sept. 16, 1987 news conference in New York.

"I don't know her very well, but she keeps sending all these things," said Princess Grace of Monaco, who became a friend.

Said Lauder, "If you have a goal, if you want to be successful, if you really want to do it and become another Estee Lauder, you've got to work hard, you've got to stick to it and you've got to believe in what you're doing."

She enjoyed entertaining in the grand manner, in her Upper East Side townhouse, her oceanfront home in Palm Beach, her London flat, her villa in the south of France.

But that was not how she grew up.

Born Josephine Esther Mentzer in the working-class Corona section of

Queens, she was the daughter of Max and Rose Schotz Mentzer. Lauder never disclosed her birth date, but a company spokeswoman said she was 97.

Lauder said her family always called her Esty (pronounced ES-tee). When a public school official spelled it Estee, it stuck.

In 1930 she married a garment center businessman named Joseph Lauter (later changed to Lauder), and they had their first son, Leonard, three years later.

During the 1930s, she began selling face creams that her uncle John Schotz, a chemist, mixed up in a makeshift laboratory in a stable behind the

family house. And she began experimenting with mixes herself.

While in her home kitchen, "during every possible spare moment, (I) cooked up little pots of cream for faces. I always felt most alive when I was dabbling in the practice cream," she said.

Lauder went to beauty salons where she gave free demonstrations to women waiting under hair dryers. More often than not, they became customers. Sometimes she stopped women on Fifth Avenue to try her products.

"If you put the product into the customer's hands, it will speak for itself if it's something of quality," she declared.

GLOBAL POVERTY

IMF, World Bank discuss Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — World finance ministers promised on Sunday to do more to deal with the crushing burden of global poverty, promising help in such areas as education, debt relief and AIDS.

But activists said the weekend meetings of the 184-nation International Monetary Fund and World Bank didn't back up warm words with cold cash.

Separately, the United States said it had made progress pushing a new initiative to bolster peace prospects in

the Middle East by promoting economic development and jobs.

Treasury Secretary John Snow told reporters Sunday that he had been encouraged by the support the United States received on the issue both from potential donor countries and from officials from the region.

Snow said President Bush wanted the effort to be a key topic at this year's Group of Eight economic summit to be held in June at Sea Island, Ga. Various wealthy countries as well as the World Bank and IMF were exploring ways to provide further

assistance to the volatile Middle East.

"I was encouraged by the receptiveness that we saw," Snow said.

Finance ministers from the world's seven wealthiest countries endorsed a proposal to promote economic development in the Middle East, specifically mentioning the Palestinian areas of the West Bank and Gaza along with Iraq and Afghanistan.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn told a news conference Sunday that there was a "readiness" by the World Bank to support Palestinian economic development.

Monitors

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removed from the men's dorms after all halls installed updated fire alarms and sprinkler systems — but decided against it after significant outcry from female rectors, Rakow said.

"I think pretty immediately the women rectors used their monitors differently than the priests that ran the previous halls," he said. "They kind of co-opted them into residence hall staff — like look, I can go to bed earlier, I've got someone at my door and they'll tell me what's going on in the hall ... In 1980, they were eight years into women at Notre Dame and really felt they needed their person."

Despite the long-term presence of female students — and despite recent advances in cell phone technology to respond to emergencies, another reason Rakow cited for the monitors' diminished value — many female rectors still feel that need extensively.

"I feel terrible about this," said Farley rector Sister Carinne Etheridge, adding that her "colorful, larger than life" monitor Roberta Shupert has been with the dorm for 19 years.

Replacing the monitors will be six roving ground patrol officers, who will each be assigned to a cluster of four or five residence halls to provide additional security — primarily outside, with periodic checks of 24-hour lounges and public spaces — and to serve as a liaison between the security and residence hall staff, Rakow said.

"We're excited to try this — it'll be a great departure from what we're used to," he said. "The way our residence halls are set on campus really lends

itself well to a more community-oriented type of policing."

Unlike security monitors, who currently make several rounds a night, the roving officers will not venture onto dorms' upper floors unless they are responding to a specific incident.

"I really think the floors of the hall have to be private,"

"[Rectors] kind of co-opted [monitors] into residence hall staff — like look, I can go to bed earlier, I've got someone at my door and they'll tell me what's going on in the hall."

Rex Rakow
NDSP Director

Rakow said. "That's your space. I don't think we belong up there unless there's a problem that we need to answer a call to."

But citing an incident when an on-call monitor discovered a male student unconscious in a bathroom in the Farley basement shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday, Etheridge said Shupert and other monitors

provide security within residence halls that the new officers will not be able to replace.

"I need them roving inside," she said. "[The new officers] are going to be everybody's buddy, but I don't need everybody's buddy. I need somebody here in the middle of the night."

Walsh rector Sister Patricia Thomas was more open to NDSP's new plan — "part of me is saying the men's halls have had to do this for a long time," she said — but stressed that her monitor will be greatly missed. Howard rector Kathy Brannock also emphasized the personal role the monitors play in the dorm community.

"I thought their services went beyond the protecting and traditional security efforts," she said. "It's safety in knowing someone's there to talk to when you need to, or security in if something happened at 3 a.m., knowing someone's awake."

Male rectors praised the increased emphasis on outdoor security.

"I think the whole campus can benefit from a greater presence, so I think it'll be a

positive," Zahm rector Father Dan Parrish said.

Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said one officer for four to five dorms "seems appropriate, at least on the male side ... we certainly don't need somebody assigned to Dillon."

Alumni rector Father George Rozum offered a split opinion.

"For the men's dorms it is positive," he said, "but for the women's dorms I don't know what to think."

Associate Vice President of Residence Life William Kirk, whose division oversees the Security/Police Department, said rectors' input was considered carefully in the decision-making process in order to frame the security department's changes within the larger scope of campus life.

"Since it falls under us, every decision like that we try to take that into account," he said. "I know the rectors worked closely with Rakow ... Any change is tough at first and I think [rectors] are having all the normal reactions."

Although Rakow and his staff met periodically with Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup for input and feedback, Kirk added, the final decision was "primarily a security call based on that department's extensive research."

Rakow stressed that research when he broke the news to the monitors on Friday night, and invited human resources employees to explain the severance and benefit packages that will be offered. While three of the 14 full-time monitors are in a position to retire, the others were invited to meet with a local group called Career Transitions that will help them ease back into the job market, Rakow said.

"The University is going to pay for that, our department is going to pay for that, to help the transition," he said, adding that monitors were welcome to

apply for other University positions. "We're hoping we've done this as compassionately as we can."

Several monitors, however, questioned NDSP's provisions.

"They feel, 'Oh you can go out in the workforce,'" one monitor said, speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear that she would not be able to pursue another job at Notre Dame. "My goodness, teenagers can't even get jobs today, let alone 57, 58, 60-year old ladies ... I feel they should say 'You know, this is a big campus, we're going to try to find a job for you.'"

She added that while many other monitors had lost respect for the University, and some had discussed using sick hours instead of returning for the rest of the year, she planned to stick it out and still felt "very fortunate" that she had been able to work on campus.

"My time with these girls and the affection and the love — even when they've come in drunk and I've taken care of them — there is no greater respect than from these girls," she said. "I mean you feel like a mother to these girls."

A second monitor, who also requested anonymity, shared the concern for female residents.

"Who is this benefiting?" she asked. "It's not benefiting the girls, it's not benefiting the rectors, so I don't see who this is for ... it's going to be really tough next year for the rectors, for the RA's — they're going to have it really bad."

Other monitors declined to comment, citing both legal and

emotional reasons, but most agreed that the implications for hall staff will be greater than for the new officers.

"I can't see where this patrol group they're going to have on the quad is going to help, I think students will just blow them off," a third monitor said, speculating that parietals will be harder to enforce.

Etheridge agreed, saying she didn't think patrolling the common areas in Farley and other dorms would be an effective way to deter parietals and alcohol violations.

"That's not where the action is," she said. Rakow, however, suggested that the new system may actually be more effective in those situations than the monitors had been.

"Perhaps we'll even be able to find violations more if we see [students] coming out of buildings, because the officers will be on the outside where people will exit, and [students] won't know exactly where they are," he said. "In a women's residence hall, you can pretty much predict where the monitor's going to be."

He added it was difficult to determine the impact of security monitors on parietals violations because "you can't measure anything you prevent," and added that as a ResLife regulation, enforcing parietals "really isn't a part of our mission."

Rakow also stressed that the new system will be constantly evaluated.

"It'll be a learning process," he said. "We're not in this to make a change that won't accomplish anything."

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Good Luck with Finals

Judge throws Nichols' defense into disarray

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Barely 10 days before they start presenting their case to a jury, attorneys for Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols find themselves with-out much of the evidence they planned to use.

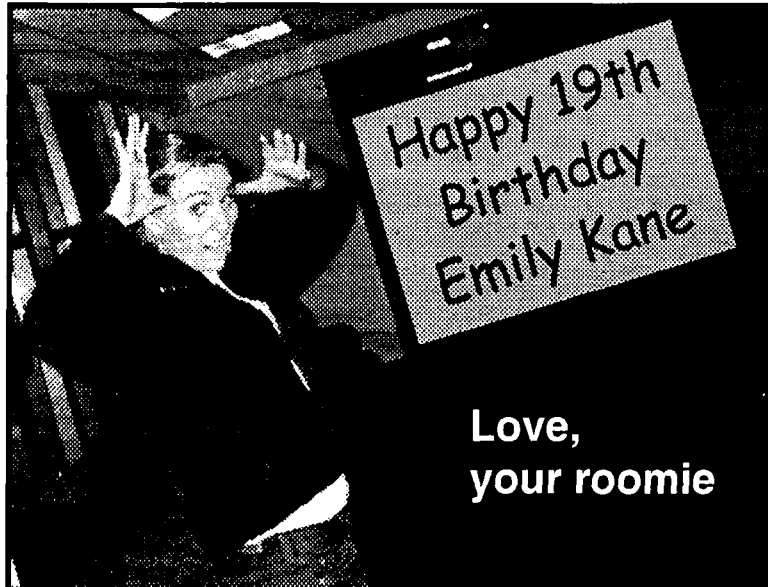
District Judge Steven Taylor ruled much of the defense evidence inadmissible last week. He didn't, however, bar them from offering evidence they say indicates executed bomber Timothy McVeigh received substantial help from conspirators other than Nichols with April 19, 1995, bombing.

Jurors may hear suggestions of another conspirator through

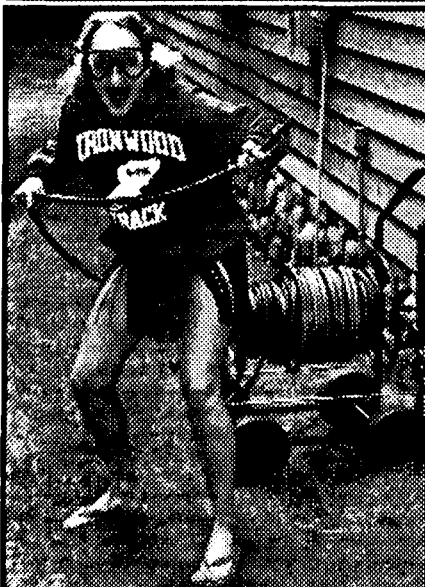
witness accounts of the so-called John Doe No. 2, whom dozens of people said they saw with McVeigh before the bombing. Authorities have said the man depicted in an FBI sketch turned out to have nothing to do with the bombing.

The panelists also may hear more grisly testimony about a dismembered leg, found in the federal building's rubble, that Nichols' defense attorneys may suggest was that of an unknown coconspirator.

Oklahoma's chief medical examiner, Dr. Fred Jordan, testified on Friday that the leg did not match any of the 168 bombing victims and could be from an unidentified 169th victim.



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Billy Joel in third accident

Associated Press

BAYVILLE, N.Y. — Singer Billy Joel was involved in his third car accident in two years Sunday when he slammed into a house on a wet road on Long Island. No one was seriously injured.

There was no evidence that alcohol or drugs were involved and Joel was not suspected of any crime, said Nassau County police Officer Joan Eames.

Joel suffered a small cut on a finger but refused medical attention, Eames said.

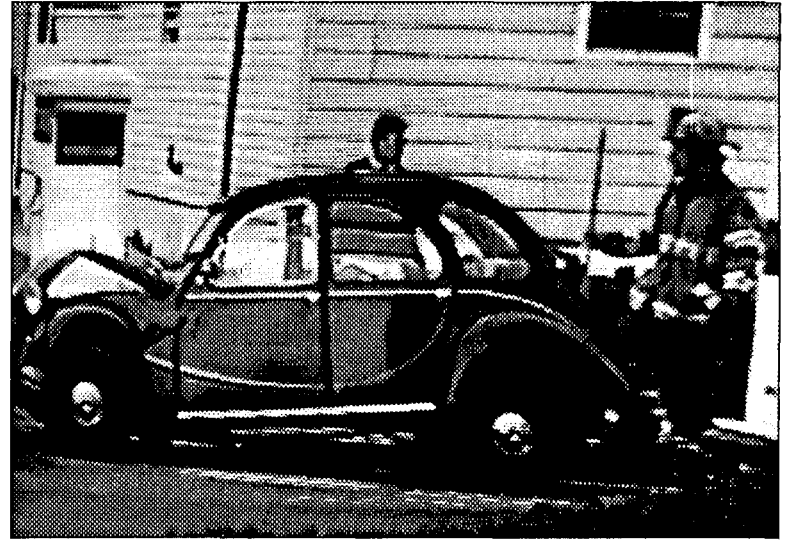
Joel was alone in the car, and no one in the house was injured, police said.

A call to Joel's publicist, Claire Mercuri, was not immediately returned.

Last year Joel was hospitalized after smashing his car into a tree along a Long Island highway. No summonses were issued, and Joel was not given a Breathalyzer test.

Joel escaped serious injury in a crash in East Hampton in June 2002.

He later checked into a substance abuse and psychiatric center, reportedly after becoming



A fireman stands near a car driven by singer Billy Joel that crashed into the side of a house in Bayville, N.Y., Sunday in this image taken from video.

depressed when a respiratory infection forced him to cut short a tour with fellow piano player Elton John.

Joel and model Christie Brinkley, who divorced in 1994, have a teenage daughter, Alexa Ray. Following last year's accident,

Brinkley expressed concern about their daughter riding in a car with him.

Joel, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has had more than two dozen Top 10 hits, including his signature 1974 song "Piano Man."

Gas prices rise 3 more cents

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — U.S. gasoline prices climbed 3 more cents per gallon in the past two weeks because of high crude oil prices, tight capacity and rising demand, an analyst said Sunday.

The nationwide average for all gasoline grades, including taxes, was nearly \$1.86 per gallon on Friday, up 3.07 cents from April 9, according to the Lundberg

Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

The average price "has broken all-time record highs for two months straight," analyst Trilby Lundberg said. However, when adjusted for inflation, she said, it remained about \$1 a gallon lower than the peak of March 1981.

Since Dec. 19, the average gas price has risen 34.55 cents, she said.

The latest increase was prompted by crude oil prices topping \$36 per barrel coupled with OPEC production cuts and a growth in crude oil demand, chiefly in the United States and China, Lundberg said.

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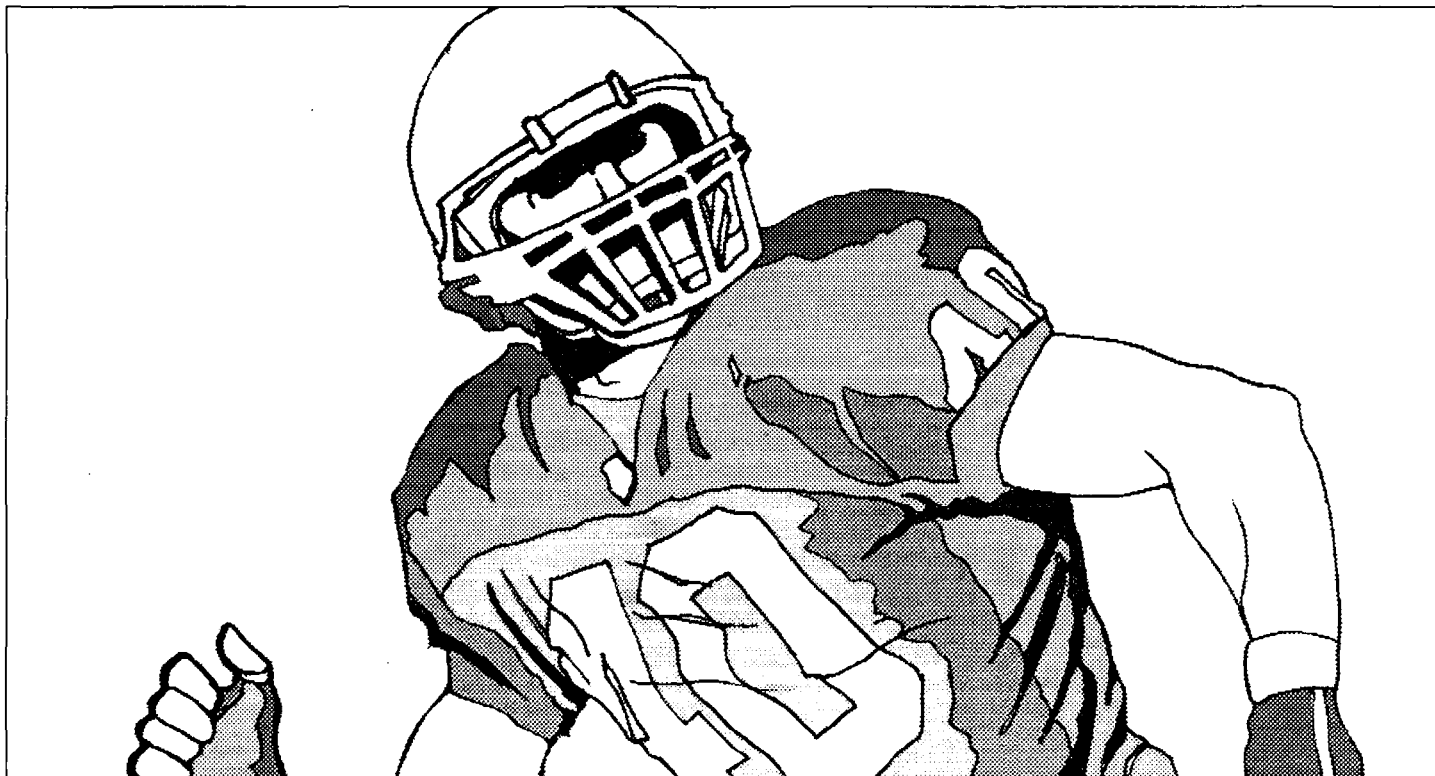
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Honoring a gridiron warrior

If only Pat Tillman were more famous as a football player, perhaps more of them would have followed his example of humility and loyalty.

He was picked by Arizona State University with their last scholarship, and excelled both in the classroom (a 3.87 grade point average, graduated summa cum laude in three and a half years) and on the football field (won the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 despite being undersized as a linebacker). He was selected as the 229th overall player by the Arizona Cardinals in the seventh and final round of the 1998 NFL Draft, but went on to start 10 games in his rookie season as a safety and set a team record with 224 tackles in his third season.

Even his modest, unassuming manner as a player stands in stark contrast to the other football players making headlines recently. Consider Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning, whose status as the most highly-coveted collegiate player in this year's NFL Draft evidently went to his head when he "suggested" that the San Diego Chargers should not draft him with the first pick because he didn't want to play for the Bolts, largely perceived as a terrible team. The Chargers obliged, drafting him but trading him to the New York Giants for their pick, North Carolina State quarterback Philip Rivers, and future draft selections.

Had Manning been more like Tillman, he would have simply been grateful for the opportunity and remained loyal to the team that drafted him. In 2001, the St. Louis Rams, who had recently won a Super Bowl and wished to contend for future ones by improving their defense, offered

Tillman a five-year contract worth \$1.8 million annually. He turned it down to remain faithful to the Cardinals, a team that hasn't been successful in years and that was only paying him less than one-third of what the Rams were offering.

Consider, also, former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett, whose effort to sue the NFL to gain entry into the Draft failed last week. Clarett was evidently so motivated to impress NFL scouts that he failed to show up at several of his workouts. Tillman, on the other hand, turned a planned 15-minute tryout for the Cardinals into a 45-minute demonstration because he insisted on repeating each drill until he had executed it perfectly.

But of course, Tillman's most astonishing act of humility came when he turned down the Cardinals' offer for a three-year, \$3.6 million contract extension and left the NFL and his family to join the Army's elite Rangers squad in early 2002. And that was all. No fanfare, no saccharin press conference to serve as a soapbox for self-aggrandizement. He did what he felt he was called for: "My great grandfather was at Pearl Harbor and a lot of my family has gone and fought in wars and I really haven't done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that."

He traded relative anonymity in a football uniform for relative anonymity in a soldier's uniform, and most people simply couldn't comprehend how anyone could walk away from his life to risk it all in some godforsaken foxhole. His then-teammate, Simeon Rice, told a reporter that he thought Tillman was leaving the NFL because he was only an average player and wanted to live out a Rambo fantasy in the military. Rice, by the way, eventually ditched the Cardinals for the more successful Tampa Bay Buccaneers and a contract worth more than \$5 million per season.

Both Pat and his brother Kevin (who played minor-league baseball in the Cleveland Indians' organization) completed Ranger training, and served a mission in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On a return trip, he visited his former team and, according to coaches, commanded respect even from the newer players who were never his teammates. His agent informed him that teams were interested in acquiring him, thinking he was home to stay. But he turned down the opportunity to return to the league as a hero, saying "I made a commitment for three years and I'll fulfill it."

Tillman was redeployed to Afghanistan where, during a routine patrol last week outside the village of Sperah, near the Pakistani border, his unit was ambushed and he was killed in action. Though his death is more known because of the life he left, he is but one of the 110 soldiers killed in Operation Enduring Freedom. Tillman's family has refused comment, stating that "everyone who has given their lives in the war deserves equal recognition for their sacrifice." It's interesting to note that the national motto is "e pluribus unum," or "one out of many." Pat Tillman died in that fashion, but lived his life that way as well.

Perhaps now that Pat Tillman is famous as a fallen soldier, more of us will follow his example of humility and loyalty.

Mike Marchand, class of '01, would like to dedicate this column to all those soldiers who have given their lives and all those who still risk theirs, football players or not. God bless you all. His e-mail address is Marchand.3@alumni.nd.edu. "Undistinguished Alumnus" appears whenever he remembers to send it in.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The hero was distinguished by his achievement; the celebrity by his image or trademark. The hero created himself; the celebrity is created by the media. The hero was a big man; the celebrity is a big name."

Daniel J. Boorstin
U.S. historian

Appealing to natural law

Fifty years ago, in "Brown v. Board of Education," the Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in public schools. That anniversary reminds us that even if the Constitution allowed such segregation, it would still be unjust. That leads to two further questions: Why is legalized segregation, or any other evil, morally wrong and unjust? And how do we know that? The answers are in the natural law.

Charles Rice

The natural law is not a Christian invention. Aristotle and Cicero affirmed it. Everything has a law of its nature, prescribed by its maker. If you throw a rock in the lake, it will sink. The natural law that governs human conduct is a rule of reason, implanted by God in man's nature, whereby man (of both sexes) can know how he should act if he is to attain his end of eternal happiness with God.

Right or Wrong?

The first, self-evident principle of the natural law, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, is that "good is to be done and pursued, and evil is to be avoided." The good is that which is in accord with the nature of the subject, whether a car or a man. It is good for a car to feed it gasoline, but it is not good to feed it to a man. So also it is not good, i.e., it is evil, for a man to steal, since theft is contrary to that natural human inclination to live in community.

"Moral truth is objective," Pope John Paul II said, "and a properly formed conscience can perceive it." Whether an act, e.g., murder, objectively violates the natural law is a separate question from the subjective culpability of the person who does it. You are morally culpable, i.e., blameworthy, only if you knew the act was wrong and still chose to do it. Apart from special circumstances, such as a juror or confessor, we have neither the right nor the capacity to judge the subjective culpability of anyone.

The natural law is the standard for the civil law as well as for personal conduct. When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus in 1955, she made a natural law statement. A law can be unjust, said Aquinas, "when burdens are imposed unequally on the community." Legally-enforced racial segregation, whether on a bus or in a school, is unjust because it violates the dignity of the person and undermines community.

As Aquinas put it, if a human law "deflects from the law of nature," it is unjust and "is no longer a law but a perversion of law." In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law." We may be obliged to obey an unjust law, as Aquinas said, to avoid a greater evil of "scandal or disturbance," but a law that is unjust because it would compel one to violate the Divine law must never be obeyed.

The question remains: Whose natural law are you going to apply? "The ideas of natural justice," said Supreme Court Justice James Iredell in 1798, "are regulated by no fixed standard; the ablest and the purest men have differed upon the subject." Reason can attain to moral truth. But if reason were our only guide, we would be doomed to endless and inconclusive debate. Our intellects are weakened by original sin and sincere advocates can be found on both sides of most moral issues. Aristotle sanctioned infanticide. When people disagree, e.g., on the morality of abortion, they can't both be right. As Aquinas tells us, "If ... we consider one action in the moral order, it is impossible for it to be morally both good and evil."

God gave us the Ten Commandments to spell out the basic obligations of the natural law. But without a visible, authoritative interpreter, how are we to apply the Commandments and the natural law in specific cases?

Pope John Paul II points to the solution: "Christians have a great help for the formation of conscience in the Church and her Magisterium. As [Vatican II] affirms: '[T]he Catholic Church is by the will of Christ, the teacher of ... the principles of the moral order which derive from human nature itself.' ... The Church puts herself ... at the service of conscience, helping it to attain the truth with certainty and to abide in it." Everyone has a pope, an ultimate authoritative interpreter on moral questions. If it is not the real Pope, it will be the individual himself, or CBS, Katie Couric or whoever.

It makes sense to recognize that we have only one pope, not six billion, and that he is John Paul II because he is the successor of Peter to whom Christ, who is God, gave the keys. The Church, however, is not an academic "superteacher" of natural law. Rather, she incorporates the natural law, and especially the teachings of Aquinas, into her teaching of the Truth, who is Christ. The papacy is a gift of God, permitting us to be certain as to what conduct is in accord with our nature and the law of God.

So, on this anniversary of the Brown decision, we ought to remember that all of us, including the state, are subject to what the Declaration of Independence called "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blame Iraqi insurgents, not U.S. soldiers

Sheila Provencher's April 23 letter discussed the civilian casualties in Iraq and the American troops' "excessive and indiscriminate violence" that allegedly led to these incidents. It is always tragic when innocent people are killed, especially women and children, but it is unfair to place the blame for such incidents squarely on the shoulders of U.S. soldiers. Our troops are not fighting a war on a defined battlefield against uniformed militia. Instead, they are battling enemies who refuse to separate themselves from the civilian population. These forces, not the Americans, deserve blame for the Iraqi civilian deaths.

Provencher spoke of American attacks on a hospital and an ambulance. We saw a year ago that Saddam's military hid weapons in hospitals and schools. In an Associated Press article dated April 24, 2004, Sgt. Aldo Hernandez related that insurgents attacked his unit by firing assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades at their vehicles. After Hernandez and his fellow marines sought cover, rebels poured out of nearby ambulances that they had been hiding in. One U.S. soldier tragically lost his life in the attack. The location of this battle was Fallujah, the same city Provencher spoke of. Maybe

that is why U.S. forces chose the targets they did. Maybe it wasn't because they were ordered to use tactics to "escalate the violence and compromise their own humanity," as Ms. Provencher put it.

Insurgents in Iraq are guilty of not only hiding in civilian locations, but also of using women and children as human shields while they fire their weapons from cover. Additionally, the insurgents surround their mortar stations with children to prevent coalition forces from firing on them. U.S. troops have reported the occurrence of these incidents in Fallujah, Qusayba, Husaybah, and Ramadi. The Italian military reported the same thing in Nasiriyah.

There is a reason why the opposition resorts to such despicable acts — they know U.S. troops won't fire at women and children. Contrary to Provencher's belief, our troops do have consciences. She performs a disservice to the men and women serving in Iraq by accusing them of wrongdoing instead of blaming the immoral behavior of the Iraqi insurgents.

Shane Maguire

Law Student
off-campus
April 25

Football frustrations

Andrew Soukup's April 23 column contained comments by John Heisler and Dave Duerson that perfectly illustrated the reason Notre Dame alumni are frustrated with the state of the football problem. Heisler believes the Irish are on the verge of returning to the nation's elite, but he adds that the process is a long one that can't suffer "knee-jerk" reactions when a team has a losing season.

"You can't just flick a switch and guarantee that you'll win games by doing that," Heisler said. "It's not that simple. It's a building process."

Duerson states, "Every program has its ups and downs, but that is not indicative of the direction the program is heading," he said, later adding, "It's time to move on [from the criticism]. Nobody is more upset about last year's finish than those student-athletes and the coaching staff."

Both statements demonstrate the administration's feeble attempt to characterize alumni dissatisfaction as an inappropriate reaction to one poor season. In fact, the football program has been in decline for 10 years, with an unprecedented three losing seasons in the last five. Alumni should not be ridiculed for

stating the obvious. Until this administration acknowledges the problem and commits to fixing it, Notre Dame football will remain mired in mediocrity.

The letter to the Board of Trustees signed by 412 alumni and endorsed by thousands of others was a painful yet necessary call to action. The only knee-jerk reaction in this entire process was the ill-advised response issued under the auspices of the Monogram Club without the knowledge or approval of its membership.

It's time for the administration to quit circling the wagons. It missed a chance to open a private dialogue with alumni by failing to respond to the letter, but it's not too late. The passion displayed by concerned alumni can easily be parlayed into a vast reservoir of emotional and financial support if Notre Dame ceases its attempt to keep them at arms length.

John Vannie

alumnus
Class of 1975
April 25

Disrespectful athletes mar Bookstore tradition

We show up to our friends' game to realize that they are facing a team with some of Notre Dame's star football athletes. Our friends are psyched to go head-to-head with these guys, not only because it is a privilege to run with some of the best athletes in the country, but also because these are the same guys we cheer for every Saturday. This excitement only makes our friends try as hard as they can to match up.

The football players, meanwhile, know that we respect them, and they respect our friends for playing their hearts out. We give the football players and other star athletes a hard time to get them off their game. But the players take it in stride; they laugh at our teasing, shrug it off and respond like the athletes they are. The ushers regulate all the fans equally and enjoy the game with us. And when all is said and done, we shake hands with both teams because we know everything was done in fun. And as we walk away from the courts with stories for our friends and family, we wish our fellow students the best for next season.

Unfortunately, this is not how Bookstore Basketball always is. Instead, genuine effort from our friends

and our heckling are seen as threats. Instead, certain football players treat their classmates with disrespect. One of our friends gets choked on the court and another friend faces a demeaning victory dance every time a football player makes a play. We are told we do not contribute to the school because we do not play football. Instead of having fun stories from a great Notre Dame tradition, we leave bitter, insulted and disappointed.

There are so many friendly and respectful athletes at Notre Dame, and we respect all the athletes who want to be a part of the close-knit Notre Dame family that we all know and love. Imagine if the others were to follow their lead. What an even closer group we could be.

Brian Borchard

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April 25

CONCERT REVIEW

Strokes strike a chord in Chicago

Despite sound system difficulties, The Strokes managed to please its Chicago fans Friday night at the Aragon Ballroom

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Some bands take years to work their way out of obscurity into the limelight of popular culture.

Not so for The Strokes.

These five New York City kids have earned their fame quickly. Since their first release in 1999 The Strokes have been hailed as one of the best new groups to hit rock and roll. The group became popular throughout the United States, Europe and other parts of the world as one of the front-runners of the garage rock genre, and so far that is where they have stayed.

Their first album, "Is This It?" earned the band recognition from Spin Magazine as Band of the Year for 2002. Their second album, "Room on Fire," had a darker sound and more complicated guitar mixing, but it continued the sound that originally made the group famous, and was equally well received by fans.

Friday night the group came to the Aragon Ballroom for the Chicago stop of its spring tour. The Strokes have been cultivating an international as well as national fan base with their hectic touring schedule. Traveling throughout the United States since finishing the European leg of their tour in January, The Strokes have also recently been in Australia and made a brief foray in Mexico in early March.

The Strokes are only one of

an endless series of famous and talented groups to play this well-known Chicago venue. The Aragon has hosted artists from Pennywise to Ani DiFranco to No Doubt over the past few years. The Spanish palace courtyard design and larger capacity of the Aragon makes it a more desirable venue than the nearby Riviera Theater for many artists. Generally shows at the Ballroom are well performed and well received. Friday night's performance by The Strokes was both of these, and for the most part was a pleaser for the enthusiastic crowd.

The group is becoming increasingly known for the well-coordinated light displays that give extra punch and energy to their shows. The lighting at the Aragon was well rehearsed and sharp, but the rest of the technical support didn't do the group justice. The Strokes play with a clean sound and a fast, punctuated rhythm, which, in order to be heard correctly live, depends on good technical support to make the performance come together. Occasional interference on the mikes and a generally fuzzy sound quality during the concert was more detrimental to The Strokes than it would have been to many of the artists who have played in the Aragon's history.

The Ravonettes opened for the group with a set from their full-length debut album, "Chain Gang of Love." The Danish garage rock group got their start when their inaugural EP was named Best Rock

Album of the Year at the Danish music awards, and was picked up Rolling Stone and Q Magazine as part of the wave of new garage rockers. The band was an appropriate choice to open for a group that is an integral part of a rock movement that is as much European as American.

The Ravonettes have fairly sophisticated studio work, but if their live performance was as well coordinated, the sound quality at the theater made it impossible to tell. Over the mikes the music sounded more like fuzzy Gothic rock than the cleaner and more basic sound for which the group is known.

The Strokes fared better than the opening act. Their numbers came together well in one of the less frenzied but still energetic performances the Aragon Ballroom has seen.

Where some groups are known for a raucous stage presence, The Strokes will never be seen jumping around the stage or smashing guitars. The musicians might be soft-core substance abusers, but they are never very emotional, lending them an image of somewhat

apathetic urban sophistication. Drummer Fabrizio Moretti sucked on a beer between sets and lead singer Julian Casablancas sang through an endless string of cigarettes.

Guitarists Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. and bassist Nicolai Fraiture collaborated well through the performance, although they were noticeably for a small section of the performance.

Some lead singers seem addicted to the stage and to crowd reaction, but beyond the obligatory thanks to the crowd and the theater, Casablancas didn't make much of an attempt to work the crowd. The Strokes are one of the few groups who are sincere when they promise three more numbers — the group rarely if ever returns for encores. If the fans enjoy the music the band will welcome them, but they don't try to play the game of pandering to anyone who came to the show for the kicks or the image.

The shows started out somewhat slow, but picked up with their performance of "Whatever Happened" off their second album, "Room on Fire." Hits like "Last Nite" and "12:51" were well received as always.

"New York City Cops,"

included in the group's European release of their first CD, was respectfully removed from the United States version before its release after September 11. The song remains one of their biggest concert crowd-pleasers, and Friday night was no exception.

The highlight of the show, besides the group's usual hits, was a flawless performance of "Reptilia." The number, one of their darkest and most energetic, has become one of the traditional closing songs for their shows. Although The Strokes play off a detached image, some of their best performances are of songs like "Reptilia" and "Take It or Leave It" that exhibit more emotion.

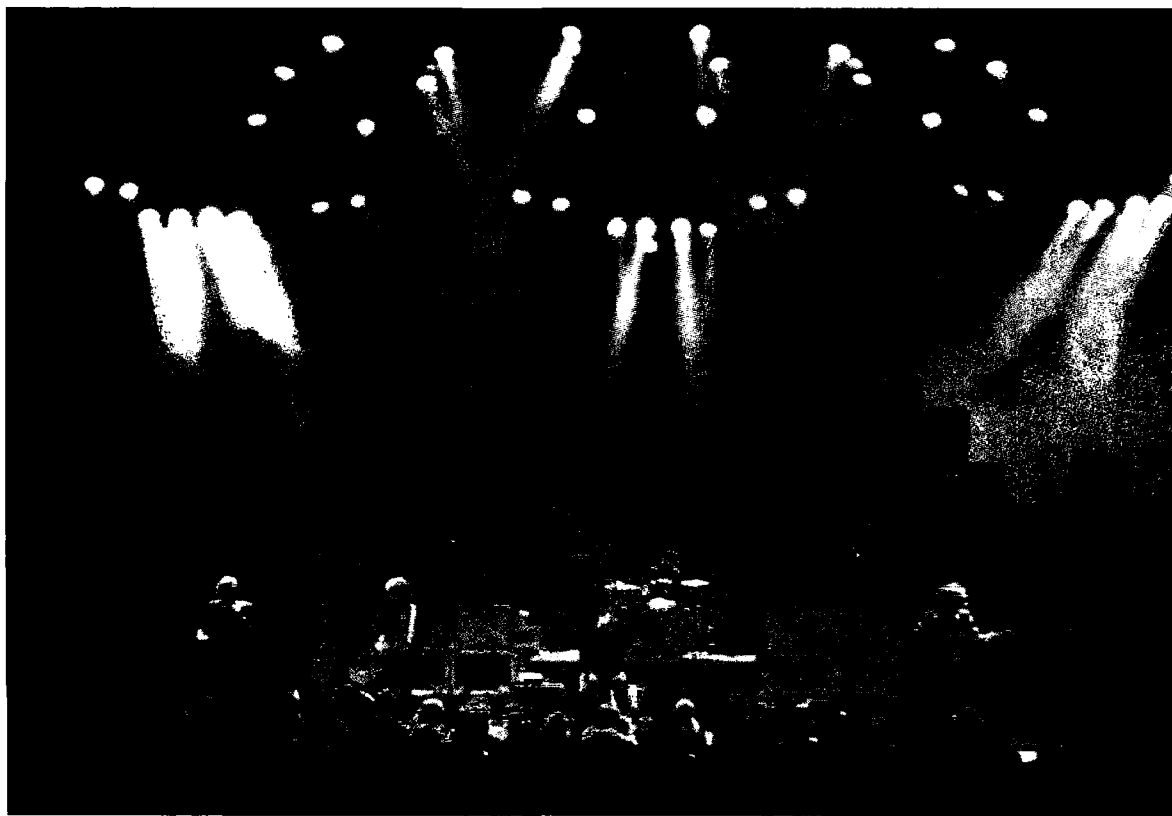
It's hard to say where any band that makes it big for a while will end up. Pushing through the rock music world takes talent and passion, and it's too early to tell if The Strokes will make the cut in the long run. The group is still young both in age and in stage presence. But for the moment, The Strokes are putting in the touring time and effort to continue to make a name for themselves, and are worth keeping an eye on.

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The Strokes performed in Chicago Friday night playing a string of hits including "New York City Cops" and "Reptilia."



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An impressive show of well-coordinated lights and flashes gave The Strokes concert a needed boost after a poor sound system muffled the band's sound at Chicago's Aragon Ballroom.

CONCERT REVIEW

Air needs to freshen live sound

French duo's electronic sound is better in the studio

By JUAN BERNAL
Scene Writer

Electronic music nowadays is characterized by either fast, dynamic big-beat tracks, or a jaded jazzy, lounge-ambient style. Fortunately, this genre has been infused with a fresh breath of Air, a duo composed of French artists Nicolas Godin and Jean-Benoit Dunckel. Playing together since high school, this pair used the time to experiment with 80s sounds, imitating The Cure and other great 80s bands.

The band eventually developed a completely unique style, and has since released many albums, each using various and different styles. Part of the charm of Air is that the two artists making up the band do all of their own instrumentation — an unusual trait in the realm of electronica where most artists strictly rely on synthesizers. These guys have fused elements from everywhere to generate their own sound and feeling. They have been influenced by the sophistication of the womanizer and cabaret-master Serge Gainsbourg, as well as the best melodic rock, jazz and bossa nova beats to be heard. In other words, they take the best from the best.

Before hitting commercial success, Air released a few singles exclusively in Europe, which became relatively pop-

ular among electronica fans. In 1998, they produced their magnum opus, "Moon Safari," and broke through the international market. This album is amazing from start to finish, transporting the listener from romantic depths to light-hearted fun, from subtle sarcasm to lush, paradisiacal soundscapes. They collaborated with the American Beth Hirsch, who lent her voice in the extraordinary song "All I Need."

After noticing its success, the band's record label launched an anthology of early singles, called "Premiers Symptomes." Although a random collection, it feels like an album of its own, due to a solid, jazzy ambience, using wind instruments and various layers of acoustic guitars.

In 2000, the duo broke its two-year silence with a brilliant soundtrack to Sofia Coppola's debut film, "The Virgin Suicides." Air's use of bittersweet melodies softly blends with gentle sensuality, which proves fundamental to the experience of watching the movie. Godin and Dunckel collaborate with Gordon Tracks in the single "Playground Love," which is known from its use in various Levi's commercials. The very next year, the band worked with Beck, releasing "10,000 Hz Legend." This album was poorly received by fans since it departs from the soft,



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Nicolas Godin, left, and Jean-Benoit Dunckel stopped in Chicago last week to promote the album "Talkie Walkie" on the midwestern leg of the duo's American tour.

melodic sound Air had so carefully cultivated in past years. Some, however, feel it is simply an underestimated and misinterpreted album.

This year, Air came out with "Walkie Talkie," which is reminiscent of the calm,

delightful sound of "Moon Safari." Yet the guys made a very different album, entirely relying on their own vocals and singing in English for the first time. It contains a few solid songs, but their high-pitched vocals become tiresome if one listens to it in its entirety.

Promoting this latest album, Air has been touring the United States and, last week, made a stop in Chicago for the midwestern leg of their tour. The Chicago performance, however, was disappointing, since standards were so high. The pair started out strong, concentrating on their latest work, and displaying an engaging light show that appropriately adorned their music. The musicianship was impeccable without one mistake or screw up. Keeping neatness and coherency in a live show is a virtue without doubt.

However, as the show developed, the band progressively extended all the songs in their set, reaching a point where they spread themselves thin. The experience slowly became monotonous, since their improvisation lacked imagination. The beats, rhythms and sound effects dragged on and on, as if they were about to deliver some surprising change to their audience, but only left them with uncomfortable expectation. Another weak point in the performance was that a

big chunk of their appeal is found in their studio albums. The use of multiple textures and sound layers is meticulously crafted, but inevitably lost in concert. Additionally, they did all their own singing, which is fine for a 40-minute album, but not for 90 minutes worth of show.

Maybe Air should have stuck to hiring singers on its albums and performances, since their faithful fans have become accustomed (or spoiled?) to luscious, sonorous voices, not the castrato-type singing that pervaded in the concert.

On the other hand, listeners should know what they're getting themselves into with an unpredictable band like Air. The majority of the crowd definitely enjoyed the show and cheered the band on, even throughout the weakest points. Thus, the opinion and expectations of every concert attendee is different; what is good for one fan may disappoint another.

These electronic performers, Godin and Dunckel, make good music, but not for live shows. Listening to them live is a completely different experience — cute, yet trite. One should be warned that what is made in the studio cannot always be re-created on stage — that is one art form Air has yet to master.

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Originally from France, Air uses its own unique blend of instrumentation to create an electronic sound that fares well on studio albums, but needs work in live performances.

Tourney captures spirit of school

In the Final Four of the men's Bookstore Basketball tournament, D.J. Lipke of KPMG threw up a floater over imposing defenders. The ball bounced high off the rim and towards the middle of the lane.

Varsity football player Jerome Collins leapt into the air. He flushed the rebound. The crowd exploded and a freshman taking a mid-afternoon nap in Keough Hall woke up.

The kid could have had his window opened or closed. It doesn't matter. What does matter is that not only the freshman but nearly every person on campus knew about Collins' dunk by the time the final game rolled around at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

And that is the effect this tournament has on people on a campus ripe with basketball talent.

There are students who play every weekday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Rock in preparation for the outdoor spring tournament.

There are kids who sprint from their last Friday class to the Rofls locker room, change into gym shorts and a T-shirt and walk out onto the court yelling, "Who's got next?"

There are some who never leave the gym.

And while Mike Brey and Chris Thomas try to take the varsity basketball program to national prominence next season, the sport of basketball and the spirit it creates has already engulfed the historically football-crazed campus in South Bend.

Fans sat six-deep at the championship game. Others stood four-deep around the court's perimeter. Referees' whistles brought simultaneous cheers and jeers.

People cared about every play up-and-down the court because the players were their friends, roommates, teammates, brothers or cousins.

Many of the players Sunday were actually varsity football players, guys who had just played a full-length, full-pad scrimmage Saturday but were back competing just one day later.

Wide receiver Carlyle Holiday occasionally defended quarterback Brady Quinn. Converted tight end Collins blocked offensive lineman Dan Stevenson on several occasions. Place-kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick drove by safety Chinedum Ndukwe.

Fans got the chance to see just how great of athletes these guys are, and who ended up winning?

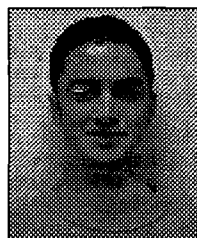
Well, the team with four freshmen, of course. Yes, freshmen.

And as much as a freshman victory emphasizes the tournament's positive parity, it never gets easier to watch the pain on the faces of seniors whose chance to take the ultimate prize has vanished.

There are many courts and countless teams, many great names and better games. Bookstore Basketball completed its 33rd year of competition Sunday, and every person on campus couldn't be more disappointed.

Because we all have to wait until next year.

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Associate Sports Editor

Injury helps Anthony Travel win

By PAT LEONARD

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The halftime score was 11-10, but most of the preceding play had been five-on-five. In the second half, playing without an injured Christina Esposito, In It to Win It could not defeat the team that knocked them out of last year's Bookstore Basketball tournament.

Anthony Travel dominated the second half Sunday, outscoring its opponent 10-2 and winning the women's championship, 21-12.

"We found holes better with the person down," said Jill Bodensteiner, of Anthony Travel. "I don't think we were playing well in the first half, but in the second we were able to get a couple easy buckets on the fast break for our point guard, Suzanne [Bellina]."

Esposito went down with a sprained ankle late in the first half.

Her ankle — and her team of girls from Pasquerilla West — never recovered. Despite the shooting of Alyssa Howell, the hustle of Heather Van Hoegarden and the play of Maureen Sprung and Sara Ryan, In It to Win It could not overcome the loss of a player inside.

"They played incredible," Bodensteiner said. "They had great effort and intensity, and [Van Hoegarden] is an incredible athlete."

Anthony Travel lost in the finals last year and some thought they should have been the No. 2 in this year's tournament. A committee oversight, however, placed them out of the seeding and in the path of tougher opponents throughout the tournament.

"We had to play the second seed in the round of eight this year," Bodensteiner said.

Their team won that game, 21-11, the smallest margin of victory Anthony Travel forced even up until its championship victory.

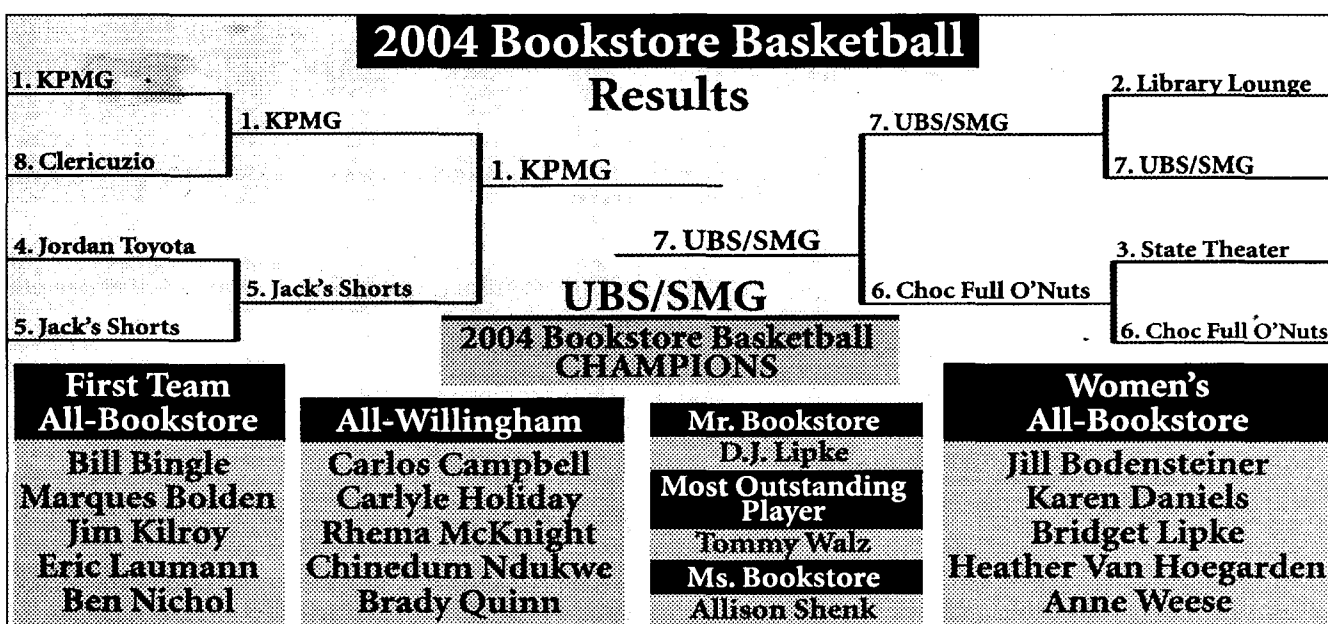
Anthony Travel was composed of a collection of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame employees and coaches.

Sara Liebscher, in fact, played on the Notre Dame women's varsity team from 1987-91. Bellina and Amanda Hall are the head and assistant coaches, respectively, of the Saint Mary's basketball team.

Christy Yarnell and Bodensteiner make up the remainder of the championship roster. Bodensteiner graduated from Notre Dame and lived in Pasquerilla West during her undergraduate years. The bittersweet irony of her victory Sunday against an alma mater, though, did all but disappoint Bodensteiner — a lawyer for Notre Dame and an assistant coach of the Saint Mary's team, also.

"Nothing makes me happier than to see PW play that hard and get this far," she said.

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half, featuring a physical inside game with plenty of blocks and a number of fouls called.

USB/SMG had trouble penetrating KPMG's 2-3 zone defense, which forced them to take shots from outside. In previous games, Dan Stevenson was a formidable inside force. However, Jerome Collins' tough defense proved difficult for Stevenson to get around.

Shane Sigsbee's foul shot put USB/SMG up 5-4, but Tommy Walz's midrange jumper immediately erased the lead. Brady Quinn of USB/SMG answered with his own jumper, but Walz let loose from behind the arc to give KPMG a lead going into the halftime break.

The outside shot was falling for Walz, who was named the Most

Outstanding Player by the commissioners.

"We took each game as a stepping stool to the next level," Walz said after the game. "We talked about and corrected problems in our defense ... this was definitely the hardest game we played."

For a time, however, KPMG looked unstoppable. Leading 11-9 at halftime, Collins was dominant inside until he went down in pain as his team was leading 14-11. When play resumed, teammate D.J. Fitzpatrick sank a baseline jumper to give KPMG a four-point lead.

Although KPMG had fast-break opportunities, the shots weren't falling for them. A crisp passing game and outside sharpshooters like D.J. Lipke, who was named Mr. Bookstore, and Walz helped the team build a lead in the second half — a lead which disappeared with frightening speed.

Eric Laumann kept his team in

the game, scoring points in traffic and hitting a jumper to bring his team within three. Quinn sank a lay-up to make the score 18-15, answering a reverse layup by Fitzpatrick.

Then Ndukwe, who had been quiet all game, caught fire. He hit a shot from outside and made a layup in traffic on the next possession to bring USB/SMG within one at 20-19.

Laumann put back his own rebound, drawing a foul and making the free throw to tie the game at 20. A pass on the next possession to Stevenson made the score 21-20.

Despite a heroic effort to reclaim the lead by KPMG, Collins missed two free throws and Ndukwe sank the winning shot to give USB/SMG the title.

"We couldn't have done anything without the fans," said Quinn, captain of USB/SMG.

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Thanks, O Staff, its been a fun ride. - Andrew & Scott

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	12-6	.667	8-2	-
Baltimore	10-7	.588	7-3	1.5
New York	8-11	.421	3-7	4.5
Tampa Bay	7-10	.412	3-7	4.5
Toronto	6-12	.333	4-6	6

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	12-6	.667	8-2	-
Chicago	11-7	.611	6-4	1
Detroit	11-8	.579	5-5	1.5
Cleveland	7-12	.368	4-6	5.5
Kansas City	6-11	.353	2-8	5.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Anaheim	11-8	.579	5-5	-
Texas	11-8	.579	7-3	-
Oakland	10-9	.526	4-6	1
Seattle	6-13	.316	4-6	5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Florida	12-5	.706	6-4	-
Atlanta	9-8	.529	6-4	3
Philadelphia	7-10	.412	6-4	5
New York	7-12	.368	2-8	6
Montreal	5-14	.263	3-7	8

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	12-6	.764	8-2	-
Cincinnati	11-7	.654	6-4	1
Houston	11-8	.543	5-5	1.5
St. Louis	10-9	.432	6-4	2.5
Milwaukee	10-10	.321	5-5	3
Pittsburgh	8-9	.321	4-6	3.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	12-6	.667	7-3	-
San Diego	10-9	.526	6-4	2.5
Colorado	8-10	.444	4-6	4
Arizona	7-11	.389	5-5	4
San Francisco	7-12	.368	2-8	5.5

NCAA Softball Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Arizona (17)	34-1	497
2	UCLA (3)	26-1	483
3	California	32-3	453
4	Florida State	35-4	429
5	LSU	22-7	401
6	Georgia	28-8	400
7	Alabama	27-4	385
8	Washington	22-6	365
9	Louisiana Lafayette	28-4	349
10	Michigan	21-6	288
11	Oklahoma	26-9-1	286
12	Stanford	20-7	284
13	Tennessee	26-8	247
14	South Carolina	17-5	235
15	Oregon State	26-8	230
16	Florida	27-5	192
17	Fresno State	25-10	190
18	Pacific	18-8	146
19	Oregon	21-7	119
20	South Florida	33-7	93
20	Nebraska	19-11	93
22	Georgia Tech	27-6	77
23	Texas	16-10	57
24	Baylor	27-6	42
25	Long Beach State	27-7	41

NFL DRAFT



San Diego Chargers draft pick Eli Manning, center, was traded to the New York Giants, and he holds up his new jersey while posing with coach Tom Coughlin, left, and general manager Ernie Accorsi Saturday.

Manning becomes a Giant after trade

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After a tense hour in which Eli Manning was a prospective law student, the NFL's first family of quarterbacks got what it wanted.

Eli will be a New York Giant.

In one of the more bizarre first hours in recent draft history, Manning was taken with the first pick by the San Diego Chargers, for whom he earlier announced he wouldn't play.

Manning then appeared on the stage at The Theatre of Madison Square Garden with his parents, Archie and Olivia, looking as glum

as any No. 1 pick ever has as commissioner Paul Tagliabue held up a Chargers jersey with "1" on it. He didn't put on the Chargers hat and boos cascaded down from the galleries.

An hour later, as Manning walked away from the podium at a press conference in which he insisted he would go to law school, someone rushed into the room to say the Giants just obtained him for another quarterback, Philip Rivers, who they had taken with the fourth overall pick.

"I'm a lot happier now than I was 10 minutes ago," Manning said, jumping

back on the podium. He then returned to the main room for a much happier picture, this one including brother Peyton and agent Tom Condon, the man behind the maneuvering.

Meanwhile, the rest of the draft went on around that soap opera.

With the second pick, Oakland took offensive tackle Robert Gallery of Iowa and with the third, Arizona chose wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh, a ball boy for Cardinals coach Dennis Green when Green coached in Minnesota.

Washington then chose safety Sean Taylor of

Miami, who was the first of six Hurricanes chosen in the opening round, a record.

Cleveland paid a high price simply to move up one spot for Miami tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. Detroit got the Browns' first-round pick and their second.

The Lions then took Texas wide receiver Roy Williams, who like Taylor and Winslow ranked as players with long-term star potential. And they used a second-round pick to move up late in the first to choose Kevin Jones of Virginia Tech, considered by some the best running back in the draft.

IN BRIEF

Rain forces Houston Open to Monday

HUMBLE, Texas — Vijay Singh chipped in for eagle just before play was suspended Sunday to move into a three-way tie for the lead at the rain-delayed Houston Open.

He was tied with John Huston and Joe Ogilvie at 7 under when play was halted yet again at the Redstone Golf Club. The tournament was interrupted by bad weather for the third straight day. PGA Tour officials hoped to complete all 72 holes Monday, when more favorable weather was forecast.

"It finally got to a point late in the afternoon where the golf course, the fairways just were under water," said PGA Tour tournament director Mark Russell.

Only 15 players completed their third round, which had been halted by thunderstorms on Saturday.

Rory Sabbatini shot a 3-under 69 and D.J. Brigrman had a 70 and

were the leaders in the clubhouse after three rounds with a 3-under 213.

But 14 other players still on the course, led by Huston, Ogilvie and Singh, had better scores midway through their rounds when play was suspended. Huston and Ogilvie had three holes remaining in their third round. Singh had just made eagle at No. 12 when play was stopped.

Attorney says Jones never received steroids

SAN FRANCISCO — An attorney for Marion Jones on Sunday rejected reports the Olympic track star received steroids from a nutritionist charged with distributing illegal drugs to pro athletes.

Two newspapers, both quoting sources who requested anonymity, reported Sunday that nutritionist Victor Conte told federal agents he gave performance-enhancing substances to Jones, fellow track star Tim Montgomery and other top athletes.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that Conte, who faces federal charges for his alleged distribution of steroids, told federal investigators that Jones and Montgomery received the drugs in exchange for endorsements of his ZMA nutritional supplement.

Gordon gets win over Earnhardt

TALLADEGA, Ala. — This time, the decision went Jeff Gordon's way.

After a NASCAR ruling went against him a week earlier in Martinsville, Va., costing Gordon a shot at victory, the sanctioning organization handed the four-time Nextel Cup champion a controversial win Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

Gordon seized the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr. with six laps remaining and barely beat him, ending DEI's winning streak at Talladega and bringing a rain of beer cans and garbage from the pro-Earnhardt fans.

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MLB

Atlanta at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m., TBS

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San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m., ESPN

TRACK AND FIELD

Weekend meets see Irish enjoy success

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Like a car going to the mechanic to make sure everything is in order before a long road trip, the Irish track and field team received a tune-up this weekend in preparation for next week's Big East Championships.

The team was split in two as most members competed in the Purdue Invitational while a handful of others participated in the Drake Relays. Overall, there were two Irish athletes who qualified for the conference meet and many others who achieved season-best marks.

Maryann Erigha led the contingent at Purdue, as she was a double-winner in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Her times of 12.03 and 24.29 seconds in the 100- and 200-meters respectively were season bests as well as conference-qualifying times.

Austin Weaver was the other runner to qualify for the Big East meet as he finished first in the 10,000 meters in a time of 31:36.03. Weaver was happy to be able to qualify as this was only the third outdoor meet he has run in all year.

"Most importantly I feel relieved," said Weaver. "I had been expecting to qualify for the Big Easts all year."

In the field events at Purdue, Laura Huarte had her best performance of the season in the pole vault by clearing a height of 3.75 meters to qualify her for the NCAA regional meet to be held in late May.

Among the six other Notre Dame competitors to turn in season-best performances were pole vaulter Dave Viken, throwers Chip Roberts and Dan Porter, hurdler Alex Fortunado, sprinter Tricia Floyd and middle-distance runner Elizabeth Webster.

The squad the Irish sent to the Drake Relays might have been small but it garnered its share of attention. The men's 4x1,600-meter relay team won the competition for the second time since 2002 as Kurt Benninger, Vinnie Ambrico, Kevin Somok and Eric Morrison finished in a time of 16:23. Benninger led the team with an anchor-leg time of 4:02, while Morrison, Ambrico and Somok finished in 4:07, 4:05 and 4:09 respectively.

In 2002, the 4x1,600 squad of Morrison, Somok, Luke Watson and Pat Conway won the event in a time of 16:39. This is a notable accomplishment for the Irish as the Drake Relays are billed as one of the most competitive meets in the country.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish roll in weekend games

ND still undefeated in Big East play

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

The pitching was solid, the bats exploded and the wins came rolling in.

After shutting out Villanova (25-18, 9-5 Big East) 4-0, 2-0 on Saturday, the Irish came back Sunday to defeat Rutgers (23-26, 6-10 Big East) 8-5, 4-2.

With the two sweeps, Notre Dame (39-13) remained undefeated in Big East play, as they stand in first place with a 12-0 conference record.

In the first road series of the weekend, the Irish were led by stellar pitching performances from Heather Booth and Steffany Stenglein. Booth pitched the first game, giving up just five hits in a complete game shutout. She also struck out eight.

In the second game, Stenglein matched Booth with a complete game shutout of her own, allowing just four hits while striking out seven.

Offensively, the Irish were led by Nicole deFau, who was 4-for-7 on the day. deFau was joined by Carissa Jacquish, who was 4-for-6 in the doubleheader. She also added the first Irish RBI in game two, when she drove in Kenya Fuemmeler with a single in the top of the second. It turned out to be all the Irish needed.

With the two shutouts, it was the first time Notre Dame has swept Villanova without giving up a run since 2001.

Sunday was much of the same for the red-hot Irish as they left the Wildcats to face the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers.

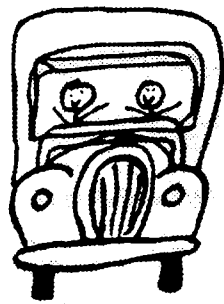
Booth started game one again, but this time gave up four runs in 6 2/3 innings. However, the Irish offense responded, as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead behind deFau.

deFau finished with five hits on the day, with two RBI in the first game and a 2-for-3 performance in the second. Liz Hartmann joined in the efforts with a home run in the first game, her seventh of the season. She was 3-for-4 on the game.

Meanwhile, in the second game, Stenglein held the Scarlet Knights in check, scattering six hits and striking out nine while allowing two runs.

In the top of the seventh, the Irish exploded by registering four runs, all coming with two outs. Sara Schoonaert posted an infield hit with Jacquish on first to keep the inning alive for Stephanie Brown. She then hit an RBI double, driving in both runners. After a deFau walk put runners on the corners, Megan Ciolli and Mallorie Lenn hit back-to-back RBI singles to make give Notre Dame its second sweep of the weekend.

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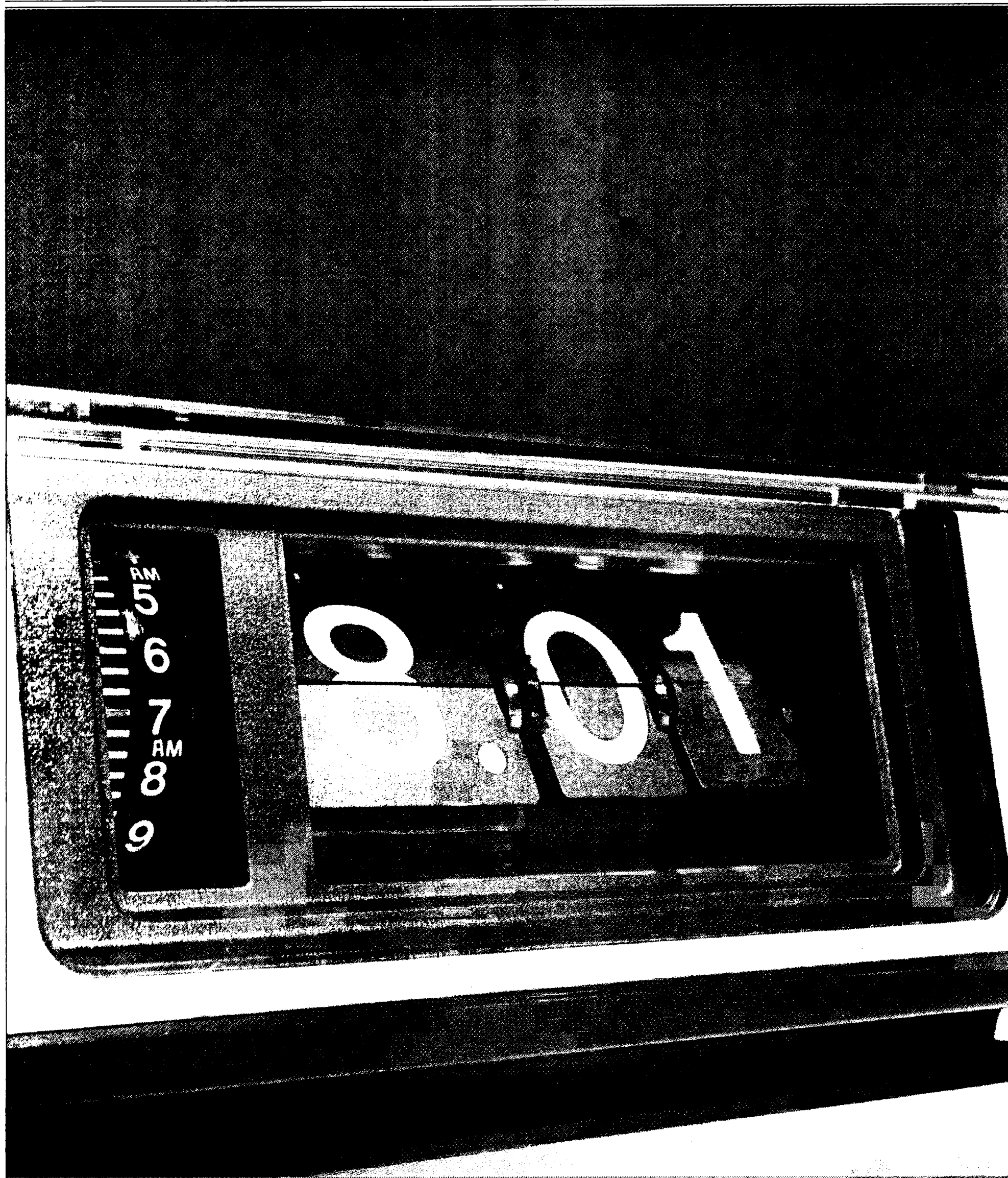
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Football

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said. "That was the biggest thing you were concerned about.

Willingham ended the day relieved, because none of his players got injured. Quinn ended the day as the Offensive MVP, having thrown for 263 yards and one touchdown on 17-of-22 passing. And the Blue team, composed mainly of first-stringers, ended the day victorious, having soundly walloped the Gold team 35-7 Saturday in Notre Dame's final spring practice performance.

In a departure from normal Blue-Gold game routine, the Irish coaches kept most of the first-team players together — a move Willingham said came because injuries prevented that unit from practicing significantly during earlier spring practices.

That suited Quinn fine. Although he lit up a defensive secondary that, due to injuries, was heavily composed of third-string defensive backs, Quinn looked far different from the freshman quarter-

back who showed flashes of greatness in his rookie season despite throwing more interceptions than touchdowns.

"It was a year of learning, growing and sometimes painful learning," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "Sometimes you learn best with the mistakes you make. You have an opportunity in the offseason to assess what you did right, what you did wrong, and what you can do to work on the things you did wrong and get better at that."

That's what Quinn — and the rest of the Irish offense — appears to have done. Coaches praised the leadership he demonstrated by working with the receiver corps over the winter, and Willingham said that the soon-to-be sophomore quarterback's performance Saturday was indicative of how he improved the entire spring.

The Irish quarterback efficiently spread the ball around, completing

passes to eight different receivers. He also looked confident in the pocket, rapidly progressed through his reads and showed solid decision-making when it came to knowing when to throw a pass.

His most impressive drive of the day came on the Blue team's final possession of the first half, when Quinn led the Irish on a 98-yard touchdown drive that culminated in a four-yard Rashon-Powers Neal touchdown run with 19 seconds left in the half. In that drive, Quinn completed all four of his passes for 60 yards.

Quinn's lone touchdown pass came on a short pass to Powers-Neal, who made a nifty move to elude a defender and scampered 59 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter. The Irish quarterback may have had two more completions had Maurice Stovall not dropped two passes.

"There wasn't any mistakes in terms

of not being on the same page or missing blocking assignments," Quinn said. "I think our team did a good job meshing well and taking away from a good opportunity."

Meanwhile, Ryan Grant carried the ball three times for 30 yards. But he scored two touchdowns, including a 16-yard run in the first half when he made a spectacular cut to break into the open field and score.

The Gold team's lone touchdown came when Jeff Samardzija caught a 24-yard pass from Pat Dillingham near the sideline, spun away from Dwight Ellick and scampered into the end zone untouched.

The defensive MVP was Blue safety Tom Zbikowski, who picked off Dillingham on the final play of the first half and would have added another interception if the Blue team was penalized for being offside.

"Everyone did a great job today," Quinn said. "You get a lot of confidence from this, and that's something this team needs to get its swagger back."

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Brady Quinn
quarterback

Draft

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to hear his name called, as the Dallas Cowboys selected him with the 11th pick in the second round. Then New Orleans picked Watson with the round's 28th pick.

Sunday, safety Glenn Earl went to Houston with the 24th pick of the fourth round. Two rounds later, the Texans also selected cornerback Vontez Duff with the fifth pick of the sixth round.

Jim Molinaro, the final Irish player to be drafted, was picked with the 15th pick of the sixth round by the Washington Redskins.

The five Irish players drafted

is the lowest number since 2000, when only Jarious Jackson was drafted. But the Irish haven't had at least two players drafted in the first two rounds since 1997.

One of Saturday's more mild surprises came with Jones' selection, who some experts had rated behind other running backs still available (including former Florida State running back Greg Jones and Oregon State back Steven Jackson). But Dallas was impressed with what they saw as Jones' ability to play a significant role early and his quickness.

"He's got the size to get it done and was durable in college," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "There is no reason to think that he can't become a full-time back."

Then the Saints surprised Irish fans even more by picking Watson in the second round — even though some analysts thought it would be a triumph for the Irish linebacker to get picked in the third round. Watson was the fourth inside linebacker to be picked.

"A lot of times you eliminate things when you draft guys; if you get a tough guy, he's not always a fast guy, or a tough or fast guy isn't always instinctive," Saints director of player personnel Rick Mueller said. "To a certain degree, this guy has a little bit of everything. I think all around, he's a good player with versatility and a lot of things we're looking for."

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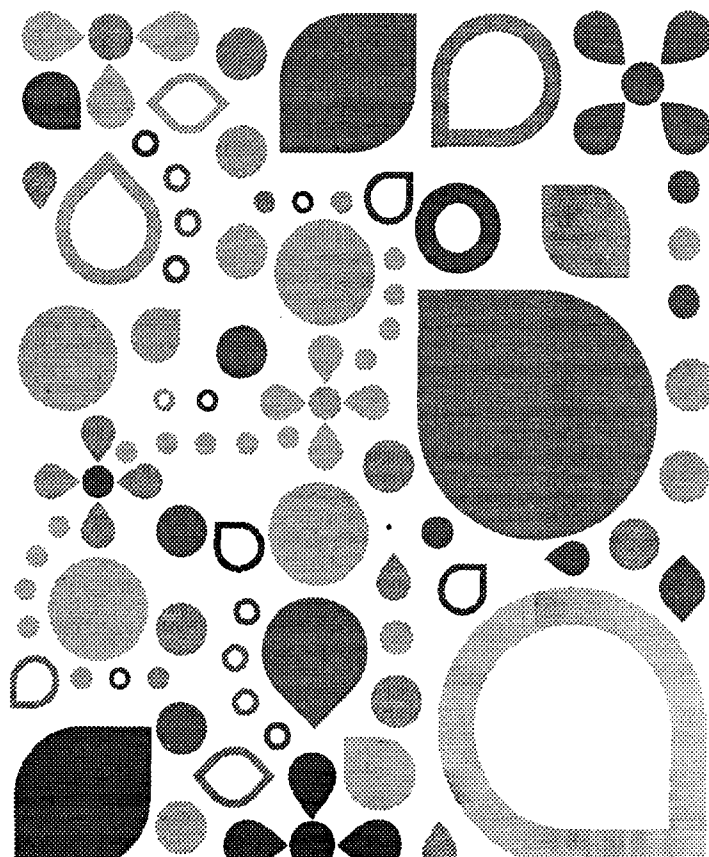
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SMC GOLF

Hanlon earns career-best score, Belles finish first

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

For senior Liz Hanlon, the Tri-State Invitational was a near fairy-tale ending to the season.

Saint Mary's took first place in the tournament with a collective 325 strokes as a team, besting

their closest competitor, Manchester, by 25 strokes. Further, Hanlon fired a career-best score of 79. This season, Hanlon averaged close an 88 each round.

Coach Mark Hamilton said he couldn't have asked for a better end to the regular season for Hanlon.

"[Breaking 80 strokes] is hard

enough to do when you're out playing with friends. Playing under pressure is an even bigger feat," Hamilton said. "She's come a long way and is as good of a player as anyone in the country. She'll give anyone a run for their money."

But for a truly happy ending to this story, Hanlon would like to see

the Belles win a spot in the NCAA Tournament. They'll find out May 3 if they are one of the 10 teams in the Division III tournament.

"Getting to the NCAA Tournament means everything to our team," Hanlon said. "We went last year and we want people to realize that we'll keep coming back. Last year wasn't just a

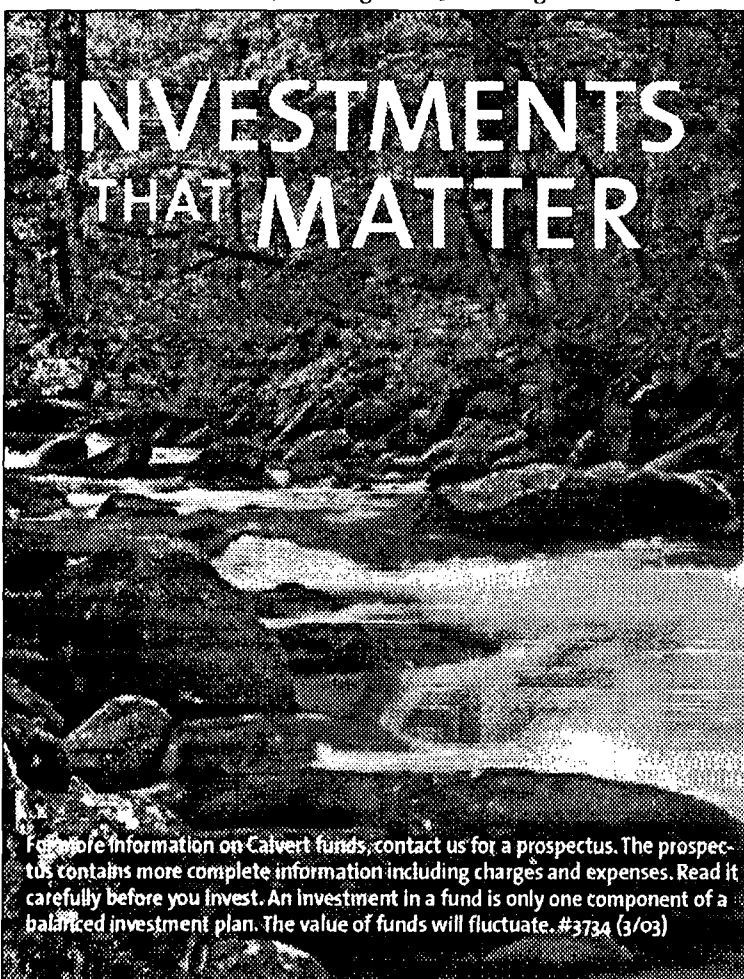
stroke of luck. We have to prove our staying power."

The Belles' scores speak for themselves. Junior Julia Adams shot a 78, junior Stefanie Simmerman posted an 80, junior Chrissy Dunham followed with an 88, sophomore Nicole Bellino registered a 92 and freshman Helen Casey rounded out the Belles' success with a 94. Each of the Belles recorded scores below their season scoring average. Hanlon attributed their stellar performance to focusing on individual aspects of their games in practice.

"It's the little things that have been making a difference. We put so many hours in during practice and things really come together for us at meets," Hanlon said.

Hamilton said he hopes this weekend's performance is enough to spur the Belles on to a NCAA Tournament berth. The NCAA Championships will take place in Green Lake, Wis. May 11-14.

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FOOTBALL

Powers-Neal shows he can double as tailback

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham knows what fullback Rashon Powers-Neal did in Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

"Rashon is one of those guys that says to a coach, 'Coach, I'm going to change your mind.' The reference is that I've got him at fullback," Willingham said. "The other thing he does is says, 'Coach, you've got to get me more balls.' And I was pleased with that."

Two touchdowns and 81 yards on only four offensive touches will make a coach think like that.

Especially after Powers-Neal had four rushing attempts for 16 yards and caught seven passes for 50 yards over the 2003 season.

"I'm going to come out there, play hard and prove to everybody that I am able to play that position and play at a high level," Powers-Neal said. "I went out there and had fun today and played the best I can."

The coaches only really used four running backs Saturday — Blue starter Ryan Grant, Gold starter Marcus Wilson, Blue starting fullback Josh Schmidt and Powers-Neal. After Grant showed off improved speed and cutting ability in the first half of the game, the coaches replaced him with Powers-Neal — who took full advantage of the opportunity.

He scored on a 4-yard run in the closing seconds of the first half, which capped off an efficient and impressive seven-play, 97-yard drive using the two-minute drill.

It was when Powers-Neal found the end zone for a second time that really showed where he has made

strides.

His third quarter touchdown where Powers-Neal made a little cut to avoid a defender and ran away from the rest of the defense to find the end zone for a 59-yard touchdown is a perfect example of the two areas Powers-Neal worked hard on in the off-season — speed and catching.

In 2003, Powers-Neal dropped a number of passes, especially coming out of the backfield in the flat. That improvement came from what Powers-Neal said is concentrating more when the ball is coming his way.

As for outrunning the defense to the end zone, that's also something Powers-Neal didn't show last year in his transition from running back to fullback. With all the weight he gained, the speed seemed to be missing.

"I worked really hard on that in the off-season, getting my speed up, and it's kind of showing up now," Powers-Neal said. "I like to think I was always fast, especially with all the weight I've gained."

With the small number of running backs on the team Saturday, the coaches gave him a chance to make a statement, and he did.

"If Rashon keeps doing what he's doing, he's going to make me change my mind and move him, so we have some flexibility there," Willingham said.

As for questions about whether he's too big to play fullback, Powers-Neal feels that's not really an issue.

"I could probably play tailback [with the size]," he said with a big smile.

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Samardzija runs, then flies

Hours after catching touchdown pass, receiver catches flight

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Only a few hours after catching the only touchdown for the Gold team in the Blue-Gold game Saturday, Jeff Samardzija ran to make a 6:20 p.m. flight to Pittsburgh with the rest of the Notre Dame baseball team.

After all, he was scheduled to start in game one of Notre Dame's doubleheader against the Panthers Sunday.

"There are literally days where he walks right off the football field and goes over to the baseball diamond," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "It's phenomenal that he's able to do both sports, and that he's also able to manage his academics so well."

Samardzija was a high-school standout in football, basketball and baseball when he was being recruited by the Irish, and said that there have been no conflicts so far between the two sports he plays in a Notre Dame uniform.

"It's just something I try to put out of my mind and not let one carry over to the other," Samardzija said. "[Willingham and baseball coach Paul Manieri] are fair and understanding and they both know what is best for me and I pay attention to what they have to say."

Samardzija was the losing pitcher in Notre Dame's 8-6 loss to Pittsburgh Sunday.

No more red jersey

Receiver Carlyle Holiday caught a quick pass from Brady Quinn in the second half of the Blue-Gold game Saturday and lowered his shoulder to try and run over safety Freddie Parrish in an attempt to gain more yards on the play.

That's a far cry from previous Blue-Gold games, where Holiday started as quarterback and it was taboo to make any contact with him at all.

"They took away my red jersey," Holiday joked. "Now I'm out there working hard and trying to be as physical as I can be and try to use the strength that I have."

"As a quarterback you're always dropping back and getting high, so this spring I had to learn how to run low more so that's what I've really been

working on."

Just give them all the ball

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed passes to eight different receivers on Saturday for the Blue team, while his Gold counterpart Pat Dillingham completed passes to seven different receivers.

Tight end Billy Palmer and fullback Josh Schmidt — along with receiver Rhema McKnight — tied for the most receptions with three, and fullback Rashon Powers-Neal had the longest reception of the day, a 59-yard touchdown.

"One of the things we want to do is use all the guys on the field and make it to where the defense has to put someone on every player," Quinn said.

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him All-Big East honors as well.

Sophomore Mark Baldwin was close to repeating his all-conference performance from last year, finishing just out of the top seven, in eighth place with a 13-over 223 (74-76-73).

Finally, Gustafson rounded out the lineup with a score of 224 (73-78-73), landing him in 11th place.

Playing at the par-70 Warren Golf Course, the Irish led by two at the end of the first round Saturday.

Isban opened with a career-low round of 69, enjoying the

support of friends and family and the familiarity of the home course.

Gustafson, for his part, pulled in a 73, while the other three golfers all shot solid 74's.

The team struggled a little in the second round, dropping to five shots behind Virginia Tech at the end of first day.

Still, coming into the final round on Sunday, the Irish were confident in their abilities.

Last year, the Irish had held the lead going into the final day but were defeated by a late push on the part of Virginia Tech. This year, they decided to return the favor.

The Irish made up 11 strokes on Sunday, 10 of them coming on the back nine.

"Everyone played really

strong," Balderston said.

Midway through the final round, Notre Dame gained an advantage as the wind started to pick up and the golfers had to factor in gusts of 30-40 mph.

While the Irish had been practicing in similar conditions during the preceding weeks, the other teams were not accustomed to it.

"It gave us a huge advantage," Irish coach John Jasinski said.

"It made it difficult to judge distances," Balderston added. "It helped us make up strokes. Our team plays well on windy days."

With Notre Dame and Virginia Tech even after 13 holes, Balderston made an eagle on the par-5 14th hole.

"That hole was a huge turnaround for all of us," Balderston said. "A lot of birdies. We made up a lot of ground."

The Irish were able to capitalize from there on out and sailed to their fourth Big East title and first since 1997.

"We're a young team, with only freshmen and sophomores playing up to this point," coach Jasinski said. "These young guys have been put in the fire. All those things you learn from playing, they haven't gotten yet. Every week it's been learn your lessons the hard way."

"So to have a finish like this, with all the circumstances, it is a huge confidence boost for us."

Notre Dame's final regular

season tournament will be held in East Lansing, Mich. next weekend, but Jasinski will not be sending his top players.

The Irish will most likely be assigned to the NCAA Central Regional, which will be held May 20-22 in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Irish played their last tournament at the Boilermaker Invitational and found it to be a good fit for their team. With a few weeks to rest and practice, they should be ready to go.

"We're getting better and better," Balderston said. "This win was a stepping stone. If our team plays to their potential, we have a realistic shot."

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Women

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"There's really a more younger influence [this year as compared to previous one's]," said junior Karen Lotta, the oldest Notre Dame golfer competing this weekend. "The freshmen and sophomores have helped lead the team, and they've pushed upperclassmen to play their best."

Individually, these young stars consistently shined, with four of Notre Dame's five entrants finishing in the top 10. Freshman Noriko Nakazaki finished third with 222, with her tournament low 70 coming between rounds of 75, and 77. Finishing right behind her teammate was sophomore Katie Brophy, who played consistently well, shooting two 75s and a 74 to finish in fourth place with 224.

Lotta finished in seventh, shooting 81, 72, 76 in her three rounds to finish with a 229. Sophomore Sarah Bassett finished four strokes behind her, finishing with round of 74, 76, and 83 to total a combined 233. Sophomore Suzie Hayes rounded out the Irish contingent, scoring 245 with rounds of 78-84-83.

Despite their best performance of the spring this past weekend and the fact that they are conference champions, the Irish still may not be invited to next weekend's NCAA Regionals.

"A lot of it will have to do with things out of our control," King said.

Since the Big East has only held a women's golf tournament for two years, its champion does not earn an automatic spot in the NCAA Tournament, with automatic invitations only being issued to teams whose conferences have held championship tournaments for three years or more. As such, The Irish must compete for an at-large bid.

Notre Dame must also rely on a little luck, hoping that no upsets occur in other conference tournaments, which could take away one of the few remaining slots from the Irish.

"It really depends on what other teams win their conferences," said King. "You hope teams ranked ahead of you win their conference's automatic bid."

Regardless of whether Notre Dame gains an NCAA bid, which would be a first for the program, the Irish can be satisfied in the accomplishments of this young team in a year that has been called the best in program history.

"It's the start of a new beginning," King said.

However, as one era begins another must necessarily end, and the prevailing satisfaction of victory and the optimism of future success is made bitter-sweet by the quiet departure of the team's two senior captains, Rebecca Rogers and Shannon Byrne.

"We're really going to miss our seniors," said King. "We dedicated our win to them."

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ROWING

Irish crowned Big East champions

Notre Dame eclipses defending champion Syracuse by 34 points

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

For the first time in the rowing program's short history, No. 17 Notre Dame was crowned Big East champs Sunday after winning four out of five races on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. The Irish beat the three-time defending champions Syracuse by an astonishing 34 points. Notre Dame's coach, Martin Stone, was also named Big East Coach of the Year.

Notre Dame's outstanding times garnered the Irish 116 team points. Miami followed the Irish with 92 and the three-time defending champion Orangewomen finished third with 82. Rutgers, Georgetown, Boston College, Connecticut, Villanova and West Virginia rounded out the rest of the Big East group.

The varsity eight boat won in 6:54.89, topping the Orangewomen's 7:00.43. Miami finished in 7:01.95,

followed by Boston College in 7:04.13, Rutgers in 7:04.25 and Villanova in 7:04.29.

In the second varsity eight race, the Irish crossed the finish line in 7:09.17 to win the Grand Final, more than four seconds ahead of the Hoyas. Miami had a third place finish in 7:13.37, followed by Syracuse in 7:13.51, Rutgers in 7:19.23 and Boston College in 7:33.27.

But the Irish weren't done yet. The next Irish victory when their varsity four boat triumphed in the Grand Final race. With a 7:36.66 finish, the Irish easily beat the Hurricanes by more than nine seconds. They were followed by Syracuse, Rutgers, Connecticut and Georgetown.

Finally, the Irish continued their dominance in the varsity four races, taking first and fourth places in the Grand Final race. Notre Dame's A crew won the race in 7:35.74, ahead of the Orangewomen's 7:56.41 effort. Georgetown took third place in 7:56.76. Notre Dame's B boat finished fourth in 8:00.29. Rutgers and Boston College followed.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team falls just short of wins

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

So close, and yet so far away.

Such was the case for the No. 6 Irish this weekend as their losing ways continued following a pair of tough one-goal losses — a 13-12 defeat against No. 9 Johns Hopkins (12-3) Friday and then a 7-6 loss to Rutgers (7-7, 3-3 in the Big East) Sunday.

Notre Dame (10-4, 3-2) now finds itself searching for an explanation having now lost four consecutive games after starting the season with a perfect 10-0.

"I just do not have the answer," coach Tracy Coyne said. "If I had the answer we wouldn't have lost the game today."

Though both losses were very close, the Irish played much better against Johns Hopkins on Friday. The game was perhaps the most competitive Notre Dame has played all season. Captain Meredith Simon exploded in the first half for three goals and three assists to carry the team to a 7-6 halftime lead after a back and forth first half.

But Johns Hopkins burst out of the gate in the second half, tallying the first four goals to take a 10-7 lead after only 5:28 had elapsed. After Coyne called a timeout to regroup, the Irish responded immediately scoring not less than a minute later.

And after a quick Johns Hopkins goal, the Irish put together a streak of their own. They scored four of the next five goals, tying the game at 12 when Mary McGrath slipped the ball past Blue Jay goalie Lauren Riddick on a wrap-around play for her third score of the game.

It looked like the Irish might have finally turned the corner in the game, maintaining a sustained attack with a chance to take the lead when Simon was awarded free position. But her ensuing shot was blocked and the Blue Jays regained possession and scored the go-ahead goal with only 3:24 to play.

Working against the clock, the Irish retook possession with 40

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Tracy Coyne
coach

seconds remaining. They moved the ball downfield and had a shot to tie, but the smothering defense of Johns Hopkins knocked the ball loose. The Blue Jays took the ball and ran down the clock.

Simon led the way for the Irish on Friday, scoring all six of her points in the first half. She had a hand in six of the seven first-half goals for Notre Dame. Simon's first goal, in which she completely faked Riddick out of the net, also marked the 100th goal of her career. Only two other players in

school history have ever reached the century mark.

But none of the Irish goals came easily. The Blue Jays employed a physical, aggressive defense which caused the Irish a great deal of difficulty setting up their attack.

Additionally, the Johns Hopkins offense was the most potent Notre Dame had seen. The 13 Blue Jay goals are the most scored against the Irish in a game all season.

The Rutgers game ended in just the opposite fashion to Friday's contest. The Irish had staked themselves to a 6-5 lead with just over one minute to play behind pair of goals from Abby Owen and Lauren Fischer. But the Scarlet Knights scored on a free possession goal from Jamie Farewell with 1:09 to play.

After recovering an Irish turnover following the ensuing face-off, Rutgers came down on the attack and scored again with only 20 seconds remaining. Notre Dame could not muster a shot as the clock ticked.

A failure to capitalize on those chances ultimately doomed the Irish, who managed only one second-half goal, very similar to the low output in an earlier loss to Northwestern.

"Ultimately it's my responsibility to figure out what the problem is and to come up with a solution that gets the team back on track," Coyne said. "I just have to get some perspective."

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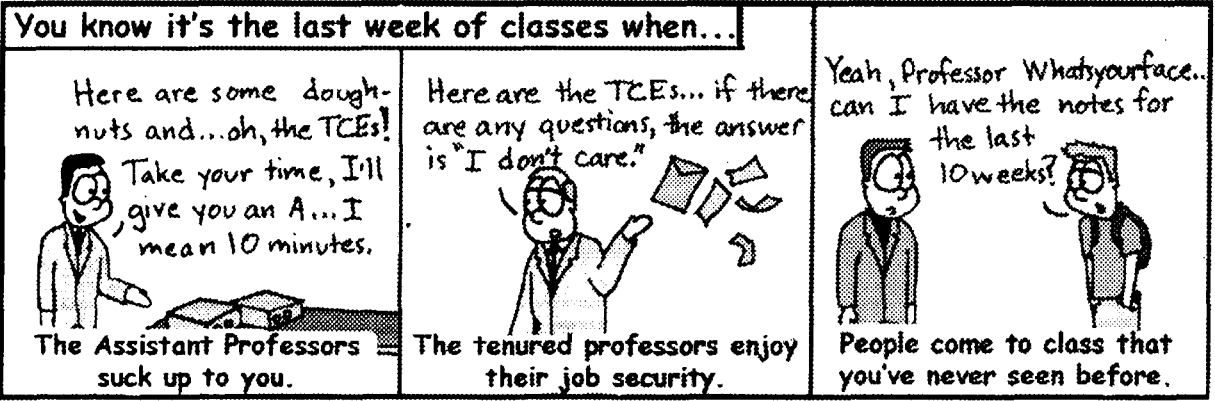
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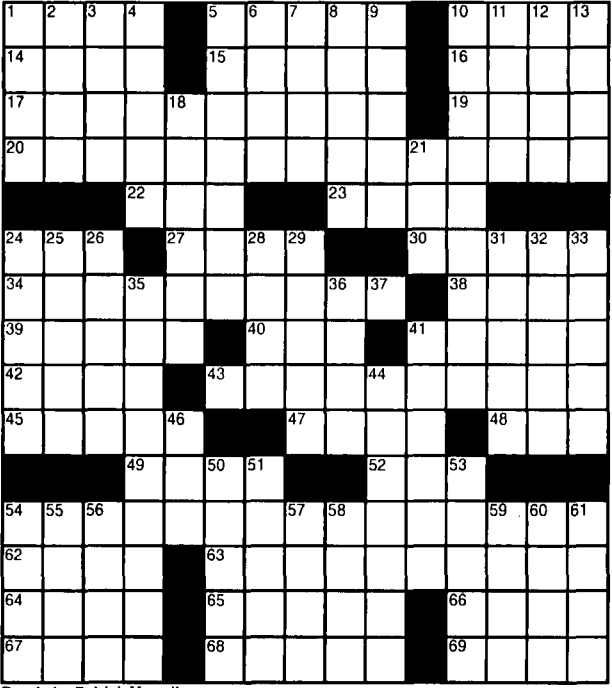
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 - 63 One who warned Caesar
 - 64 Bronx cheer
 - 65 Golfer Palmer, familiarly
 - 66 Liberals, with "the"
 - 67 ___-bitsy
 - 68 Fabric colorers
 - 69 Schnauzer in Dashiell Hammett books

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

APPARAT ADHERES
BEEHIVE DOODADS
REPAPER ENLACES
ALABAMA SLAMMERS
AWILL
ELABORATE DETAIL
MASONITE LILLE
MYTREAT DUMPSON
AIRER MILEPOST
STARSANDSTRIPES
DALAI
DIAGNOSISMURDER
USURERS TANTARA
SARALEE ETIENNE
ENABLER RASSLES



- Puzzle by Patrick Merrell
- 36 Drum accompanier
 - 37 John Philip Sousa offering
 - 41 Moistens with droplets
 - 43 "Little Women" family name
 - 44 Grows chewers
 - 46 VW predecessors?
 - 50 Syrian president
 - 51 "Mine eyes have seen the ___"
 - 53 Australian "bear"
 - 54 Land SW of Samoa
 - 55 Assist in crime
 - 56 Fannie (securities)
 - 57 Top-notch
 - 58 Mix (up)
 - 59 Deli loaves
 - 60 Adept
 - 61 Sp. miss

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EUGENIA LAST

Sharing this birthday: Carol Burnett, Koo Stark, Bobby Rydell, Gary Wright

Happy Birthday: Pace yourself or you'll be worn out before the year is half over. You need to learn to have some fun. Your focus has been too material oriented, and it's time you started to concentrate on your loved ones and the more personal aspects of life. You will learn a lot if you just give into the changes going on around you and stop trying to force issues. Your numbers: 4, 7, 13, 20, 33, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be quick-witted and charming, which will help you gain popularity at work. Friends and relatives will give you good advice. Romance will be exciting and spontaneous. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be too quick to invest in something just because someone you trust is investing. Overspending will lead to all sorts of problems in the future. Excessive behavior will result in poor health. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't evade issues or twist the truth. If you're honest, you stand a better chance of convincing your mate that you still love him or her and that you're willing to bend. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push your luck with authority figures. Secret affairs will eventually backfire on you. You may not get your facts straight, so double-check before you make decisions. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be yourself and you'll be surprised how many love interests you will entice. You can step into the limelight if you want to. Favors will be granted if you ask. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotions will flare up among family members. Take one step at a time and don't pick sides. Get sound advice from someone you respect and trust. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need to look at your situation from a different perspective. Sit down with someone you know well and find out how he or she would handle your situation. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can prosper if you are smart with your money. Clear up any pressing legal matters or personal papers that need to be renewed. The time to make changes is now. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your partner busy and you will avoid the second degree. Overindulgence will result in putting on the pounds. Discipline will be required. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make changes around the house that you've been talking about. It will make a difference to everyone who lives with you. You can save some cash if you get everyone to pitch in and help. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Secret affairs or hidden matters may be revealed. Be careful whom you confide in. Social activities that involve children will help bring your family closer together. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be taken advantage of. Don't be too quick to help someone who is telling you "poor me" stories. You're only hearing one side of the situation, and you can bet it's not accurate. ***

Birthday Baby: You were born with class and an awareness of what is good and what isn't. You have a great outlook, a good mind and will strive throughout life to acquire the finer things in life. You have qualities others will admire and look up to.

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BIG EAST GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

A clean sweep

Men rally late to win first Big East title since 1997, earn bid to NCAA Regionals for first time in history

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

With their season on the line, the Irish finally pulled it all together.

After a thrilling come-from-behind rally, the men's golf team won the Big East Championship and is headed to the NAAs for the first time in 38 years.

"We're thrilled," sophomore Tommy Balderston said. "Everything we've done in the season has been leading up to this point and coming through today has been really, really great."

"It's been a long time coming for us," said sophomore Scott Gustafson. "It's been a long, tough spring season. It feels great to finally break through like

this."

The Irish defeated three-time defending league champion Virginia Tech by six strokes with a team score of 876 (290-295-291) and a well-balanced attack that included three all-conference finishes.

Balderston (74-73-71) and freshman Cole Isban (69-75-74) tied for third place at eight-over par 218, both recording their lowest tournament score of the spring.

Meanwhile, sophomore Eric Deutsch's breakthrough performance landed him in a tie for fifth place at 219 (74-71-74), a full 13 strokes better than his previous low score in the spring, and earned

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Young women's team uses tremendous second round to capture first, now wait to see if they'll make NAAs

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's strong performance in the 2004 Big East Tournament may translate into an even brighter future for the program.

The team cruised to a 14-stroke victory in this weekend's event held at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course, turning in a three-round score of 905, only five shots over the team's goal of 300 per round. Perhaps even more noteworthy is the fact that the Irish did so with such a youthful lineup, perhaps serving as a sign of things to come.

"We're moving in the right direction," Irish coach Debby King said.

The Irish led the tournament from the start. The team finished round one ahead of second-place Miami by four strokes, shooting a 302 to the Hurricanes 306. Then the Irish caught fire, blowing out the Hurricanes in the second round with the tournament's lowest round, 293, to build up a 19-stroke lead before Saturday's play had ended.

On Sunday, with the championship already seemingly in hand, the Irish finished strong, shooting a 310 to win their second straight conference title, and much of their success can be attributed to the efforts of their young and talented nucleus of players.

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Quinn-essential weekend

Irish QB wins MVP honors in Blue-Gold game Saturday ...

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

Brady Quinn dropped back from center, fired a pass and suddenly found himself lying flat on his back — the victim of a shove from a defender who had temporarily violated the no-hitting-the-quarterback rule.

On the sidelines, Tyrone Willingham figuratively covered his eyes.

"The only thing I prayed for and winced about every time somebody got hit or moved was that they get up and move about at the end of the day," the Irish coach wryly

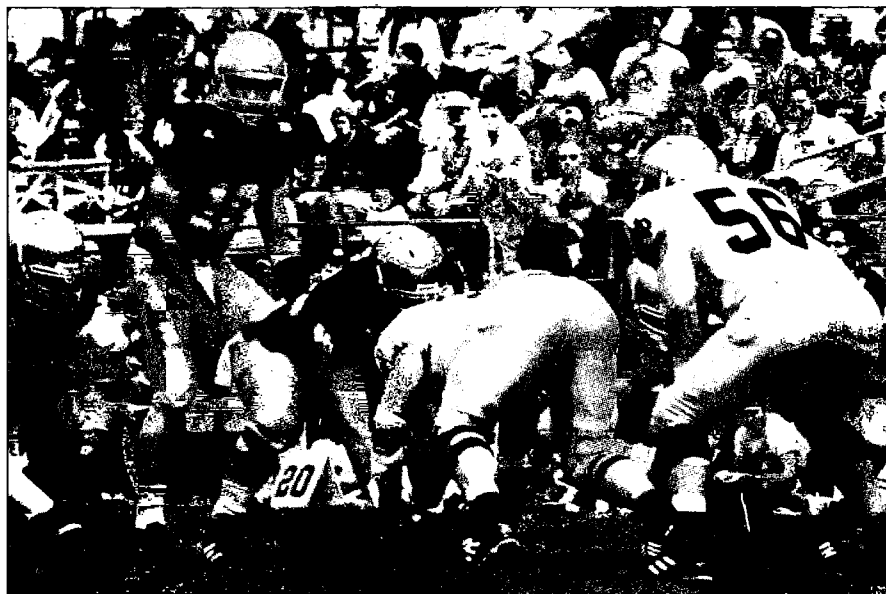
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"Samardzija runs, then flies"

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn surveys the defense Saturday. Quinn completed 17-of-22 passes for 263 yards to earn Offensive MVP honors.

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NFL DRAFT

5 players picked in draft

Jones, Watson go in second round

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

Courtney Watson never had a one-on-one interview with the New Orleans Saints and never talked to their coaching staff on a significant basis.

So you'll pardon the linebacker if he was surprised when he and his family, watching from Sarasota, Fla., saw his name pop up when the Saints picked him in the second round of the weekend's 2004 NFL Draft.

"It was starting to get long, because I wasn't sure how many teams were going to pick a linebacker at this spot in the round," he said Saturday in a statement the Saints released. "It was an eight-hour marathon anyway. It seemed to take forever for the pick to come."

Watson was one of five former Irish seniors who were selected over the weekend. Running back Julius Jones was the first



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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Members of UBS/SMG trap a player on Choc Full O' Nuts during the semifinals Saturday. Brady Quinn, at left, helped UBS/SMG win Sunday.

... then helps UBS/SMG win Bookstore tourney Sunday

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

In a stunning come-from-behind victory, USB/SMG defeated top-seeded KPMG 22-20 to win the 33rd Bookstore Basketball Championship Sunday.

Chinedum Ndukwe sparked a late comeback for USB/SMG, who erased a 16-11 deficit from KPMG.

"We just stepped up at the end," Ndukwe said. "It was a whole team effort."

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ROWING

First at Big East Championships

Notre Dame won four races to clinch its first conference title in school history.

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WOMEN'S LAX

**Johns Hopkins 13
Notre Dame 12**

**Rutgers 7
Notre Dame 6**

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SMC GOLF

First at Tri-State Invitational

Now the Belles must wait a week to see if they made the NCAA Tournament.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame won all four of its weekend games against Big East foes. The Irish beat Villanova 4-0 and 2-0 and Rutgers 8-5 and 4-2.

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TRACK AND FIELD

The 4x1,600-meter relay team won at the Drake Relays, while two other Irish athletes qualified for the Big East Championships

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BOOKSTORE

The Observer has full coverage of this weekend's Bookstore Basketball finals — including the post-tournament awards.

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