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Scaffolding to be partially removed in time for graduation

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Throughout his dialogue with the administration regarding the dome re-gilding, senior class president Darrell Scott prayed at the Grotto to the Virgin Mary and asked that she be uncovered for his class's graduation.

His prayers have been answered.

After several weeks of negotiation and student outcry, executive vice president John Affleck-Graves said Thursday that the scaffolding will be removed down to the base of the golden dome for graduation.

Work will continue on the Dome

as scheduled until May 5, Affleck-Graves said. At that time, the scaffolding will be taken down to the base of the dome itself, a process that — barring any inclement weather — will be completed by the following Thursday and allow the Dome to be uncovered for graduation weekend. Workers will begin rebuilding the scaffolding May 14, Affleck-Graves said, and will hopefully be able to resume re-gilding on the following Thursday or Friday — bringing the time required for the entire procedure to a little over two weeks.

To ensure the re-gilding is still completed by Oct. 1, Affleck-Graves said workers will be working longer hours, especially on

days when the weather is ideal.

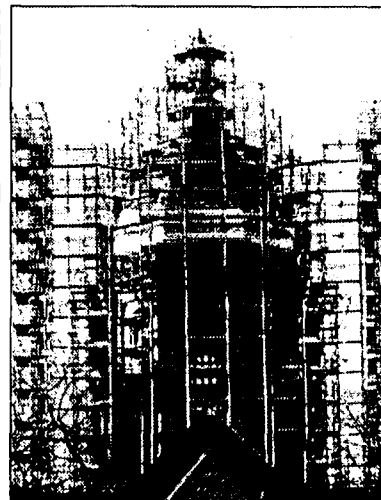
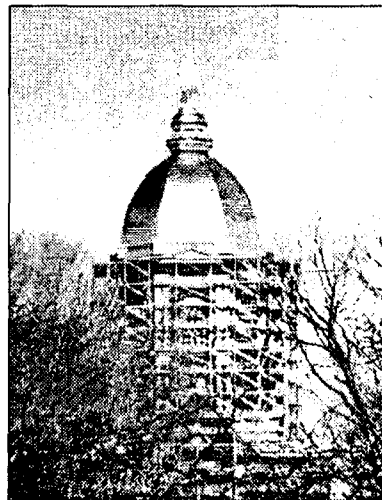
"We still apologize that the Dome is under renovation and we appreciate the students working with us," he said. "Though it's not a complete reduction, we hope what we've done has helped."

Scott, who has been representing his classmates throughout the ordeal, said he was elated upon hearing the news.

"This shows the University does care about our concerns," he said. "They saw our sadness over the scaffolding and they took our concerns to heart. It's the absolute best outcome any reasonable negotiation could achieve."

Two weeks ago Scott and stu-

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

The dome will be uncovered for graduation to make the gold visible. The scaffolding removal will begin May 5th.

John Paul II remembered fondly

Professor recounts
1987 visit with pope

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Over 2.5 million fresh flowers adorned San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas on Sept. 13, 1987, the day Father Virgilio Elizondo, visiting professor in Notre Dame's Latino studies department, jokingly describes as the "day the pope came to visit me."

"We even had his coat of arms in flowers," Elizondo said with a smile.

As rector of the cathedral, Elizondo warmly welcomed Pope John Paul II to the popular, centrally-located church, which currently draws over 5,000 participants to weekend Masses each week of the year.

"I did the traditional reverence of kissing his ring," said Elizondo, who was named one of the century's leading "Spiritual Innovators — New Lights of the Spirit" by Time Magazine in Dec. 2000. "Then I gave him an 'abrazo' [Spanish for 'hug']. I greeted him the way I greet my father or grandfather."

Elizondo said the pope had

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Photo by RUBIN ALFARO

Father Virgilio Elizondo greets Pope John Paul II atraditionally with a hug at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio in 1987.

Pontiff embraced
youth of the world

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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Veronica Denton vividly remembers Pope John Paul II telling the youth in the crowd to carry on his mission since "they were young and he was old." She was at World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto and the crowd erupted into a chant of "the pope is young, the pope is young."

"He laughed quietly and said that 81 is not the same as 18 or 20," the Notre Dame senior said. "He was old and he was relying on us to continue the work he had begun."

This explanation describes the backbone of the pope's mission to reach out to youth and to speak directly to the individuals whom he called the "lifblood of the Church."

Beginning in 1985, World Youth Day has brought hundreds of thousands of young Catholic adults together to learn about their faith and to encourage greater ministry and involvement in the Church.

"World Youth Day is the Church's day for youth and with youth. This idea is not an alternative to ordinary youth ministry,

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Glee Club sings for sick senior

By KATHY LEE
News Writer

One Notre Dame Glee Club member's struggle with cancer has led to mobilization and unity for the entire group.

It began with a "splitting headache" in early November of 2004 that kept Coleman Barker sick all day. Barker, a senior pre-med/philosophy major, assumed he had the flu, and University Health Services gave him medicine to take the nausea away. However, even after a week, Barker's headache persisted.

The second time he went to University Health Services, no doctors were on call. He was forced to go to St. Joseph Medical Center. Concerned that his headache had lasted a week, the doctors decided to perform a CT scan.

Barker, who led an overall healthy lifestyle, said his initial reaction to the diagnosis was nothing short of a surprise.

"I was really shocked," he said.

The shock came when doctors told him they had discovered a tumor in his brain that needed to be surgically removed. The neurosurgeon at St. Joseph Medical Center told Barker he would need to withdraw from classes and receive immediate treatment.

Barker called his parents, who had already heard of the tumor from his doctors, and decided he would return home to his family in Sioux City, Iowa and choose a clinic for surgery. Barker then went through the tedious process of receiving signatures for withdrawal from his classes at Notre Dame.

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Indiana legislature considers daylight-saving

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

While the most of the nation "sprung ahead" one hour this weekend, St. Joseph County and other parts of Indiana remained on Eastern Standard Time.

However, this aversion to daylight-saving time may be almost over, as the state legislature is set to consider a bill which would have all the state's counties observe daylight-saving time.

As any Notre Dame student knows, the current clock situation in South Bend means a weekend trip to Chicago is a one hour time difference — but only from October through April.

"I guess it's only an inconvenience," Pangborn junior Clare Desmond said. "I've lived in Ohio and Illinois, on both sides of the time zone. It's inconvenient here because you are more likely to miss a TV show or forget to change the settings on something."

Travis Gaff, a senior Zahm resident, said he believes the bill is a good idea.

"I think it's silly," he said. "I think the whole state should be one way or the other. It won't hurt anyone to switch time zones, but it would be easier on everyone if we just went one way or the other."

Current students are not the only ones affected by Indiana's practice — prospective students and other visitors are often confused by the fluctuating time

change.

"We do experience some misunderstanding, particularly each time the zones shift," associate director of admissions Alisa Fisher said. "Although we advise prospective students and their families that our zone is unique when arranging their campus visit appointments and have reminders in our printed materials, many families do arrive either an hour early or late for

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INSIDE COLUMN

An unfailing spirit

I always knew that studying abroad would prove to be one of the most adventuresome times in my life — however, I did not anticipate what would be in store for me while spending this semester in Rome.

Kelly Meehan

News Production Editor

On Jan. 24, I had the opportunity to see Pope John Paul II at what was one of his last public addresses during his weekly papal audience held in an auditorium off of St. Peter's square. I did not really know what to anticipate, but I was very anxious to be able to see the pope in person.

When he was wheeled onto the stage it was apparent that his health was failing, but not his spirit. I listened to his every word as he spoke five different languages to welcome people from all over the world to his Church. He spoke slowly and continually impressed upon the crowd his ideas for peace and his hope for a better future led by today's youth.

It was in this past week as I watched the population of Rome double that my reflection on attending his audience really impacted me. Living less than one mile from the Vatican, it is apparent that John Paul touched the lives of so many. I am reminded of this fact by watching the increasing number of pilgrims arrive to Vatican City each day and stand in line for over twelve hours — through the heat of day and chill of night — just to have a 30-second glimpse at his body.

I was fortunate enough to have only waited for five hours to view the pope. Waiting in line was perhaps the best part of the entire experience. It gave my friends and I an opportunity to meet the people who came from so far to listen to the devotions and songs being offered to the pope in the square.

It is anticipated that the Pope's funeral would be regarded as the largest manifestation of humans in modern history with over 3 million people in attendance, all pushing to be part of John Paul II's life.

My experience here became more unbelievable when I learned I would be one of the fortunate people in the Vatican City on Friday morning. Starting at 6 a.m., I will be babysitting the children of a Swiss Guard who lives in an apartment bordering St. Peter's square.

When I left for Rome I did not know what to expect, but I do know that being a witness to the events marking the death of Pope John Paul II has increased my understanding of the world community and proven to be one of the most incredible experiences of my life.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU EVER TRY OUT TO BE THE LEPRECHAUN? WHY OR WHY NOT?



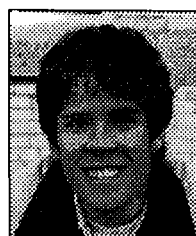
Todd Torres
junior Siegfried

"Is there such a thing as a Portuguese leprechaun?"



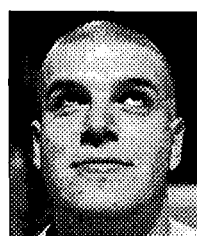
Meg Hunter-Kilmer
grad student Fischer Grad

"Sure! I've been working on growing my beard."



Ky Bertoli
senior Dillon

"No, I'm British."



Brad Jenkins
sophomore Knott

"Does the Leprechaun need hair?"



Danice Brown
sophomore Lewis

"No, I'd rather heckle the Leprechaun."



John-Michael Kirkconnell
senior Dillon

"Actually, I'm already trying out for Underpants Gnome, and I think it would be a conflict of interest."



Dustin Mennella/The Observer

Members of Club Rhythm form a drum circle outside South Dining Hall Thursday as a preview of their performance at Legends Friday night. Students were encouraged to grab a drum and join in.

IN BRIEF

"Children and Childhood in Greco-Roman Antiquity," an international conference sponsored by the Department of Classics, the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Henkels Lecture Series) and the Office of the Provost is being held in McKenna Hall Friday 9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The Saint Mary's Social Work Program will sponsor a **"Compassionate Listening Workshop"** community forum from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. today in Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall.

Canadian fiddler **Natalie McMaster**, who has performed with musicians such as Luciano Pavarotti, Faith Hill and Carlos Santana, will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Student Union Board will be showing the movie **"Closer"** Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 101. Tickets are three dollars.

African drumming group **Club Rhythm** will be performing tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight at Legends. Admission to the event is free.

RECESS! Sponsored by O'Neill Hall will take place Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 on the McGlenn Fields. Relive your grade school days and enjoy free food and games including kickball, dodgeball, wiffleball, bocce ball and four square.

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

OFFBEAT

Cookie Monster cuts back

NEW YORK — The "Cookie Monster" is straightening up his act.

"Sesame Street's" beloved blue, furry monster is going to learn some lessons about moderation as the children's show kicks off its 36th season on PBS.

"Cookie Monster" will now advocate eating healthy. His "C is for cookie" song has been replaced with a new song — "A Cookie Is a Sometimes Food."

There's more.

The show's vice president of research and education says each episode will open with a "health tip" and

there will be new characters — like talking eggplants and carrots.

Show producers say with the rise in childhood obesity, "Sesame Street" is focusing on teaching children about healthy foods and physical activity.

Alarm wakes heavy sleepers

CAMBRIDGE — A 25-year-old Massachusetts Institute of Technology student has invented a revolutionary alarm clock that makes sleepyheads find it to quiet it.

Designed to overcome abuse of the snooze feature on most alarm clocks, Gauri

Nanda's "Clocky" falls to the floor and rolls away on the first push of the snooze button.

To turn it off, a person must get out of bed and find it.

The clock features two rubber wheels and is covered in thick, 1970s-style shag carpet and other material to cushion it when it tumbles to the floor.

A built-in computer chip randomly decides how far the clock will roll, so it stops in a different place each morning.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 64 LOW 34	HIGH 35 LOW 33	HIGH 65 LOW 38	HIGH 70 LOW 40	HIGH 63 LOW 46	HIGH 63 LOW 39

Atlanta 69 / 54 Boston 64 / 47 Chicago 53 / 36 Denver 70 / 40 Houston 77 / 52 Los Angeles 73 / 55 Minneapolis 63 / 40 New York 65 / 50 Philadelphia 75 / 48 Phoenix 76 / 52 Seattle 54 / 42 St. Louis 61 / 43 Tampa 81 / 64 Washington 74 / 50

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An active member of the Notre Dame Glee Club, Barker also had to leave the club. After learning of his cancer, the 60-voice club decided to dedicate their 2004-2005 season to Barker by wearing a turtle pin on their tuxedos for concerts in his honor.

Barker said none of his friends at Notre Dame let him down. As he packed up his belongings for the move back home, they came to his aid.

"People were great," Barker said. "I got lots of hugs, and they were all helping me get ready to go home."

Upon returning to Sioux City, he met with doctors and discussed the best options for his operation.

On Nov. 18, Barker underwent surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The doctors effectively removed an 8x6 centimeter cancerous tumor from his right frontal lobe and declared the surgery a success without any complications. Soon after, Barker began receiving chemotherapy at the Mayo Clinic. In December, he went home for Christmas, returning to the Clinic Nov. 27 for radiation treatment.

Finally, on Feb. 5, 2005, after six weeks of chemother-

apy and radiation treatments, Barker went back to Sioux City. Since then, he has been undergoing more chemotherapy and resting at home.

After he completes chemotherapy treatments in Michigan City, Ind. in August, Barker hopes to reenroll at Notre Dame in the fall to graduate in the spring of 2006.

Acknowledging Barker's importance to the Notre Dame Glee Club, many members have agreed his being diagnosed with a cancer has made a huge impact on this school year. Several Glee Club members visited Barker and have been supporting him through his surgery and treatment. Glee Club Treasurer

Thomas Richardson said he noticed how anxious Barker was to return to Notre Dame.

"The only thing he really wanted to do was come back to school after it was over," Thomas said, "so I really hope everything works out for him."

Glee Club members have constantly voiced their support and respect for Barker.

"Cole is, arguably, the nicest guy anyone will ever know," member Adrian Chiu said, adding he hopes Barker will be able to return to his "normal life" after his treatments.

Paul Sifuentes, Glee Club President, said he believes Barker will not return to that normal life but rather will use

the events of the past few months in a positive way.

"Cole will use this experience to help others," Sifuentes said. "He has a way of reaching to other people in a humble way that amazes me."

To be in solidarity with Barker, many Glee Club members have chosen to shave their heads for the "Brothers in Song" benefit concert Sunday.

Barker will arrive on campus today to meet with several University administrators and to attend the Glee Club's benefit concert on Sunday.

On April 10, at 7:30 p.m., the Notre Dame Glee Club will be performing a benefit concert entitled 'Brothers in Song: Coleman Barker Benefit Concert' in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts to aid the Barker family. Additional proceeds in excess of the Barker family's needs will go to the American Cancer Society, a group chosen by Barker. An American Cancer Society representative will be present at the concert with additional information on cancer education. The Glee Club hopes to make \$10,000 from the concert by selling ads in the program, tickets sold and receiving extra donations from concertgoers. Tickets for the benefit are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for general admission and can be purchased by calling the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 631-2800.

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Originally, Affleck-Graves said Scott and Istvan's plan was not feasible, since it would push the estimated completion date beyond the absolute deadline of Oct. 1, when frost will become a factor.

However, due to a miscommunication, Affleck-Graves said he thought Scott and Istvan wanted the scaffolding removed from not only the gold part of the dome but the 'drum' as well.

Therefore, the plan Affleck-Graves presented to the contractors incorrectly called for the scaffolding to be completely removed from the entire dome structure, not just the gold, and was consequently deemed unfeasible.

"I was under the impression [Scott and Istvan] wanted the drum to be visible as well," Affleck-Graves said. "It was a misunderstanding. We never spoke about the actual level for the scaffolding."

When the proposal was not accepted, students reacted to Affleck-Graves's response with anger. Some saw the administration as turning a deaf ear to their complaints.

Behind the scenes, though, Affleck-Graves was pushing University officials in charge of the project to keep pursuing the possibility of removing the scaffolding. Unbeknownst to him, the plan he articulated Thursday would be exactly the same plan Scott and Istvan originally proposed to him.

"I wanted to be very honest," Affleck-Graves said. "I didn't want to mislead and allude to the possibility if it wasn't going to happen. But we knew all along we were

going to push the contractors as hard as we could."

Meanwhile, Scott and Istvan — though still hoping for the removal of the scaffolding — were pursuing alternative plans that would attempt to compensate for the scaffolding-covered Dome.

"We were discussing possibilities that would help shift the tide and would help to show that the University does care about the students," Scott said.

Scott said when he was pleasantly surprised when told his original plan had been approved.

"Now the seniors can take a picture on graduation day with Our Lady unscaffolded and the Dome glistening," Scott said.

Seniors shared in Scott's elation.

"It's very exciting. I think it's a wonderful gesture," senior Laura Hammond said. "Usually what the University says is final, so I appreciate them compromising."

Though she is pleased the University has responded to seniors' pleas, senior Casey Rotella said it is unfortunate more cannot be done.

"I wish they could take [the scaffolding] all down," she said. "Our class has gone through a lot, but at least [the administration is] listening to us."

Affleck-Graves said he was pleased constructive dialogue was able to achieve an agreement that will help calm students' worries.

"I want the senior class to know that their representatives have represented them in a very, very professional way," Affleck-Graves said. "The administration is always trying to do the best it can for its students, sometimes we are just faced with difficult choices."

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great energy and vibrancy, which excited him and the other young priests and brought great humanity to the Holy Father.

"He was joking in Spanish, English and Tex-Mex," Elizondo said. "It was not a solemn occasion. It was a fiesta, and the pope was leading it."

After formally addressing those in the cathedral, the pope went to a room in the rectory to repose.

"We spoke primarily in Spanish and French. We gave him the room-temperature orange juice he asked for," said Elizondo. "He sat down and relaxed a bit. He was tired — he took off his collar and his shoes."

"These are some personal moments I will never forget," Elizondo said. "For me, it's been a very profound spiritual moment to relive these moments with the pope."

Previous meetings

The intimate meeting in San Antonio was not the first time Elizondo, the 1997 recipient of the Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, met with the late pope.

He first met John Paul in 1979, when the pope, on his first apostolic visit outside of Rome, traveled to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Mexico.

In his essay "Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Guide for the New Millennium," Elizondo said the pope had a clear purpose in visiting Mexico City.

"The pope started to proclaim his message of the new evangelization for the entire Church. As he often stated, this is to be not a re-evangelization but truly a new one — new in ardor, new in methods and new in expression," Elizondo wrote of the visit.

Elizondo met John Paul again on Oct. 6, 1979 when he became the first pope to set foot in the White House. 40,000 people gathered to hear the pope say Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington before he moved to the White House to speak with President Jimmy Carter. It was unlikely that such a meeting would have occurred before John Paul, the 264th pope, became leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

The pope joined Carter in calling for nuclear disarmament and heightened awareness of the need to reach out to Third World nations.

"I was just very moved by him at this moment," Elizondo said. "It was very emotional."

At this meeting, the Pope called the U.S. to aid poorer countries, which Elizondo said he focused on a great deal in his 26-year papacy.

"The U.S. plays a particularly important part in the quest for great security in the world and for closer international collaborations," Pope John Paul II said at the White House.

"He spoke about the need to address human issues," Elizondo said. "He believed in the fundamental, unquestioned dignity of the human person."

Affecting the worldwide Catholic community

Pope John Paul II was the most widely-traveled pontiff, making 104 pastoral visits outside Italy and traveling to more than 120 countries.

Through his visits and support of Catholics around the world, he had a great affect on the Latin American Catholic Church, Elizondo said.

"He was very encouraging of

different indigenous groups," Elizondo said. "When he said 'America,' he spoke of the whole hemisphere. When he was talked about the U.S., he said 'the United States,' not 'America.'"

The pope brought with him heightened awareness of poverty and restrictive social structures to every country he visited.

"He had a very sincere concern for the poor," Elizondo said. "He brought it to the level of nations — he challenged the rich nations to address these issues."

Pope John Paul also encouraged new evangelization and finding new ways to communicate the Gospel, Elizondo said.

Dedication to the youth

Elizondo also remembers Pope John Paul II for his dedication to alleviating suffering and intolerance and his strong belief in the youth as the future of the Church.

"He always challenged young people to greatness," Elizondo said. "He said 'You know, if this is the future of the Church and society, we have nothing to worry about.'"

In 1985, Pope John Paul II called young people to join him for the first World Youth Day

(WYD) celebration in Rome. Every other year, the pope held a WYD, where he encouraged the world's youth to live the gospels and reach out in a spirit of evangelization to their peers, Elizondo said.

"He has outreached to young people," Elizondo said, who attended WYD in Denver, Paris and Rome.

The pope connected to youth in a unique way, Elizondo said, calling them, with confidence, to be dedicated to achieving greatness.

"He never challenged them to be like anyone else. He called them to be great with the talents God has given them," Elizondo said.

Man of great faith

Praying with John Paul II in his private chapel in Rome on numerous occasions, Elizondo saw first-hand the deep faith of the pope.

"It was always very simple, very silent," Elizondo said. "He never read from the Bible, just prayed silently."

Elizondo said the pontiff's last words were fitting, as they encapsulated his spirit and deep faith in the Lord — "I surrender myself to Christ, who has always been my strength and my joy."

"I think it was a very Christocentric spirituality," Elizondo said. "At the very basis, even in the way he held his staff, was Christ. As [Pope John Paul II] said, 'Christ is the answer.'"

In addition to being a man of great faith, Elizondo described the pope as "a man of tremendous talents," who was interested in poetry, languages, sports and even acting.

"He carried that theatrical part into the papacy," Elizondo said. "People connected with him."

Next step for the Church

With Pope John Paul II's death on Saturday, a whirl of discussion began about his possible successor. 117 cardinals eligible to vote in the Sacred College of Cardinals have the task of choosing a new pope.

According to Elizondo, they will not be looking for another John Paul II.

"I don't think they'll come close to filling his shoes because it will be totally different shoes," he said.

Though he cannot predict who the cardinals will choose to be the next leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Elizondo said a pope from a Latin American or African nation, for example,

would be a positive step in the Catholic Church.

"Catholicism is really a world family," Elizondo said. "Having a pope from one of those countries would be a wise choice."

Raising the bar
Though John Paul II is often identified as a conservative figure in the Catholic Church, many believe he is still one of the most significant. He believed very strongly in devoting energy to spreading the message to people around the world and people of all ages, Elizondo said.

"He raised the bar very high for the expectations of the papacy, on the world level," Elizondo said. "For example, he challenged communism, but also what he called the 'savage capitalism' of the U.S. He was not afraid to speak out."

Elizondo cited the pope's visits to mosques, talking to "so-called Christians" in Senegal" and meeting with the President of the United States to discuss the war in Iraq as times the pope emerged as not just a Catholic leader, but a world leader.

"I would classify him as a great visionary," Elizondo said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico strips mayor of immunity

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Congress stripped Mexico City's leftist mayor of his immunity from prosecution Thursday, clearing the way for his arrest in a vote that could also block him from running in the 2006 presidential race.

The House vote against Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, similar to impeachment, could force him to stand trial on charges he disobeyed a court order to stop construction of a road on contested private land. It effectively removes him from office.

Earlier in the day, the populist mayor told a rally of over 100,000 supporters in the capital's central plaza that he would turn himself in, go to jail, refuse to accept bail and later represent himself in court against charges.

Pope had considered resigning

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II, weighed down by illness and age, considered resigning as he turned 80 in 2000, according to his last will and testament published Thursday. The pope also wrote of tormented times for himself and the church and left instructions for his notes to be burned.

The document, written in several entries over 22 years, provides extraordinary insight into the pope's thinking in the twilight of his life as he reflected about death and his legacy, and as he prayed for the "necessary strength" to continue his mission.

"The times in which we live are unutterably difficult and disturbed," he wrote in 1980, according to the official Vatican translation from Polish. "The path of the church has also become difficult and tense ... both for the faithful and for pastors." that reinforced the accord.

NATIONAL NEWS

Shooting spree leaves two dead

LAUREL, Del. — A man wearing a bullet-proof vest killed two people and wounded four others Thursday during a shooting rampage in Maryland and Delaware before police arrested him, authorities said.

Police said the suspect also carjacked a vehicle, shot and killed a dog, and rammed a sport utility vehicle into a house during the crime spree. Delaware State Police Cpl. Jeff Oldham said authorities had determined a motive for the attacks, but were not releasing details. Police said the suspect, Allison L. Norman, 22, did not know any of the victims.

"Quite a morning for a little rural town," said Laurel's mayor, John Shwed.

NASA prepares return to space

PACE CENTER, Houston — As she prepares to return a crew of astronauts to space, shuttle commander Eileen Collins said Thursday her crew won't fly if NASA doesn't meet a task force's safety recommendations.

"If we ever get to the point where a recommendation is not filled in anyone's mind, we are not going to fly," the retired Air Force colonel said as she sat alongside her six-member crew during a news conference at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

But the space agency's only female commander said she is confident NASA has met all the requirements — and exceeded some.

LOCAL NEWS

Daylight-saving time vote pending

INDIANAPOLIS — A House vote was possible Thursday evening on a bill that seeks to mandate statewide observance of daylight-time, but representatives had until Monday to approve the proposal and send it to the Senate.

The bill's primary sponsor, Republican Rep. Jerry Torr of Carmel, said he was unsure whether he had the 51 votes needed to pass the bill on Thursday. He noted that two supporters of the controversial legislation were absent, which could hurt its chances.

Student's upset father shoots football coach

Shooter likely angry over son's dismissal from high school athletic programs

Associated Press

CANTON, Texas — The father of a high school football player shot and wounded the team's coach Thursday, fled in a truck loaded with weapons, and then tried to kill himself by slashing his wrists, authorities said.

Jeffrey Doyle Robertson, 45, went to Canton High School just after classes started and shot coach Gary Joe Kinne in the chest, apparently with a .45-caliber pistol, police said. The coach, who also is the school's athletic director, was airlifted to a hospital in nearby Tyler, and a family spokesman said he was in critical condition.

Robertson's pickup was found about two hours later abandoned on a rural road next to a golf course a few miles outside town. Officers found him in the woods with cuts to his wrists, said Tom Vinger, a spokesman with the Department of Public Safety.

Television footage showed Robertson being carried to an ambulance on a stretcher. A balding man with a goatee, Robertson had a tattoo on his arm of cartoon character Yosemite Sam brandishing two guns and the words "Born to Raise Hell." Police were investigating a possible motive. On Wednesday, Robertson's son, Baron, had apparently been banned from playing all school athletics, said Steve Smith Jr., a senior who was a defensive end and kicker on the team.

The father had been banned from the school's campus and told not to attend school functions after several confrontations with coaches over the past year, Canton Police Chief Mike Echols said.

Some parents had been upset that Kinne had made his son the starting quarterback as a freshman,



Canton High School students, left to right, Jessica Carroll, Jodi Morris and Kayiesha Brown, pray outside the school following an on-campus shooting incident Thursday in Canton, Texas.

said parent Steve Smith Sr., who described Robertson as "a very high-strung, hot-tempered individual."

Smith said Robertson threatened his son last year — grabbing his shirt and pushing him up against a fence — over an on-field teasing. He said Baron Robertson, then a freshman, was walking off the field when some older students "razed" him. "This guy blew up," Smith said. "He thought some kids were picking on his son. My son wasn't even the one who said anything. But he threatened to kill him."

Smith said he complained to the school and police, but Robertson was never charged. Canton school

district Superintendent Larry Davis declined to comment on Smith's accusations or complaints from other parents. "I have no personal knowledge of that," he said.

Robertson had worked for six years for Dallas Plumbing Co., leaving in 2002 to start his own business with another man. Dallas Plumbing President John Downs described Robertson as a good employee and a devoted father who enjoyed taking his son hunting and fishing.

The last time Downs saw Robertson was about six months ago, when Robertson had a broken leg, bruises and abrasions from a road-rage-related

fight on the side of a highway, he said.

"The last conversation that I had with him was that he really needed to learn how to control his temper or he was going to get hurt worse than that," Downs said.

The state's Homeland Security Office had alerted state officials about the possibility that Robertson had a hit list.

But Chief Mike Echols said officers did not find a hit list on Robertson when he was arrested, but authorities were trying to get a warrant to search his truck, where several guns were visible. The Homeland Security Office is not part of the investigation.

ROME

World says goodbye to Pope John Paul II

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Presidents, prime ministers and kings from around the world joined hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, prelates and other religious leaders in paying a final farewell Friday to Pope John Paul II in one of the largest religious gatherings in the West in modern times.

Applause rang out in St. Peter's Square as John Paul's simple wooden coffin adorned with a cross and the "M" for Mary was brought out into the windy square from the basilica and placed on the ground in front of the altar. The book of the Gospel was placed on the coffin and the breeze

blew the pages.

A choir sang the Gregorian chant "Grant him Eternal rest o Lord" and the service got under way.

Cardinals wearing white miters processed out onto the square, the wind whipping their red vestments.

Earlier, groggy pilgrims awoke in their sleeping bags at dawn to slowly gathering hordes of the faithful stepping over them, eager to secure a good spot to view the Mass in the square. The boulevard, Via della Conciliazione, was a sea of red and white flags waved by pilgrims from John Paul's beloved Poland.

"We just wanted to say goodbye to our father for the last time," said

Joanna Zmijewska, 24, who traveled for 30 hours with her brother from a town near Kielce, Poland, arriving at St. Peter's at 1 a.m. Friday.

American Archbishop James Harvey, head of papal protocol, greeted dignitaries and religious leaders as they emerged from St. Peter's Basilica onto the steps. Many of the officials shook Harvey's hand and offered condolences before mingling and taking their appointed seats.

Turbans, fezzes, yarmulkes, black lace veils, or mantillas, joined the "zucchettos," or skull caps, of Catholic prelates in an extraordinary mix of religious and government leaders from around the world.

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often carried out with great sacrifice and self-denial," Pope John Paul II wrote to Cardinal Eduardo Francisco Pironio in May 1996. "... By aiming to foster greater fervor in apostolate among young people, on no account the Church desires to isolate them from the rest of the community, but rather make them the protagonists of an apostolate which will spread to the other ages and situations of life in the ambit of 'new evangelization.'"

John Cavadini, chair of the theology department, believes the pope's calling stemmed from his desire to reassure young adults in this secular culture to embrace their ideals and their hopes instead of their fears.

"I think he wanted to institutionalize his own commitment to young people, and to institutionalize his commitment to preach the Good News to them," Cavadini said. "He placed a lot of hope in the youth of the world to act as agents of change for the better."

Denton said the pope offered youth hope and the ability to build upon his "foundations of renewal."

"I know that I and other young people need world leaders to recognize our potential to make a difference in the world and call us to fulfill that potential," Denton said.

Several said the pope's commitment to youth attracted many young adults to uphold their Catholic faith, creating a movement of heightened awareness, Notre Dame sophomore Molly Harding said. She added that recognition from high-ranking Church officials propelled this awareness, empowering youth to take ownership of their faith.

Harding witnessed this commitment and reaffirmation of faith when she attended World Youth Day in Toronto. She said the pope united the faithful across barriers of language and culture, adding the connections she made with other pilgrims were "incredible."

"I entered an individual, but became a member of something much larger and more meaningful that I wasn't even aware existed," Harding said.

Since World Youth Day began in

1985, over a million young adults between ages 16 and 35 have similarly been united in faith and encouraged to carry the Church's message into the future.

Theology professor Timothy Matovina said the youth's admiration for Pope John Paul II's presence, charisma and integrity furthered his goal of inviting the youth to embrace their faith. He also said the pope's dedication toward the youth movement could be designated as one of Pope John Paul II's top three influences on the Catholic Church, with the others being the internationalization of the papacy and the appointment of more than 90 percent of the world's bishops to exercise his goals.

Matovina highlighted the importance of Pope John Paul II's recognition that the youth weren't just leaders of the future but could offer value leadership within the Church today.

"He expressed tremendous confidence and belief in youth," Matovina said. "What he was always saying to young people is you are blessed by God and you have a calling to greatness ... there is a tremendous optimism and hope for young people."

For Matovina, the pope's connection to pilgrims worldwide, specifically the younger generations, is evidenced in the reactions to the Pope's death seen in the media and stories he heard in the classroom from students who shared their own personal experiences.

Though Cavadini was hesitant to compare Pope John Paul II's connection to the youth to his predecessors, he said he did not believe other pontiffs expressed such a continuous desire and outreach to youth as Pope John Paul II.

"Pope John Paul II could communicate affection very powerfully, and this warmth or affection was so obviously unfeigned that it evoked an affection and admiration in return," Cavadini said. "Young people respond, as they should, to idealism and to those who obviously care about them."

The pope's ability to connect with the youth in his flock was not solely confined to the annual World Youth Day events.

Colleen O'Brien, a Saint Mary's junior who prayed the rosary with the pope last year, said the pope strove to make a connection with the youth, an often-overlooked

group, and told them "Be not afraid." She wondered what the state of the Church would be if Pope John Paul II had not taken the initiative to focus on the youth, adding the pope taught through being an example of holiness.

"He let us see that holiness is not just some pious wish that can never really be attained," O'Brien said. "It is real and realistic; it is something worth aspiring toward ... This call to holiness gives living breath to the faith and makes it not only part of our lives but our entire lives."

Many said the pope was effective because of his genuine approach of reaching out toward the young adults instead of simply believing the youth would automatically embrace the Church and uphold its teachings.

Ashley Oberst, a Saint Mary's sophomore, believes this action was necessary for the Church's survival, adding that other Christian faiths have also recognized the importance of including youth. She cited the growth in youth groups across the country as evidence of the youth renewal.

"Educating youth to take action, whether that means voting in a national election, or writing a letter to the local newspaper about a recycling program, seems to be the key factor in our American society today, and it will continue to be an issue for the Catholic Church," Oberst said.

Though Oberst did not attend a World Youth Day event, she said the pope's focus on youth inspired her to become more entrenched in her faith. She believes the popularity of this movement in the church inspired youth to voice their opinions on politics and technology in light of their beliefs.

"Because I know someone influential was rooting for me, so-to-speak, I have since challenged myself to learn more about topics facing our society and how my faith may help me to take a stance on an issue," Oberst said.

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their admissions information sessions and tours."

Fisher said that in order to combat this problem, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has an "on-call" admissions counselor available each day to meet with families who arrive after sessions have begun.

According to Annette Edwards, coordinator of office services, the office does not feel the bill will have a large effect on visitor mishaps.

"The proposed bill to bring daylight savings time to Indiana will not adversely affect our office because we receive national and international visitors from a wide variety of time zones," she said. "There will always be difficulty with 'the time at Notre Dame' due to our close proximity with Chicago and the Central Time Zone. The struggle we encounter on a daily basis is the misconception with the term Eastern Standard Time, which is commonly known as 'New York' time."

While students and visitors may not be dramatically

impacted by the legislature's decision, Professor Gerald Frieling of the Mendoza Business School's Management Department explained there are still many practical reasons for Indiana to make the change.

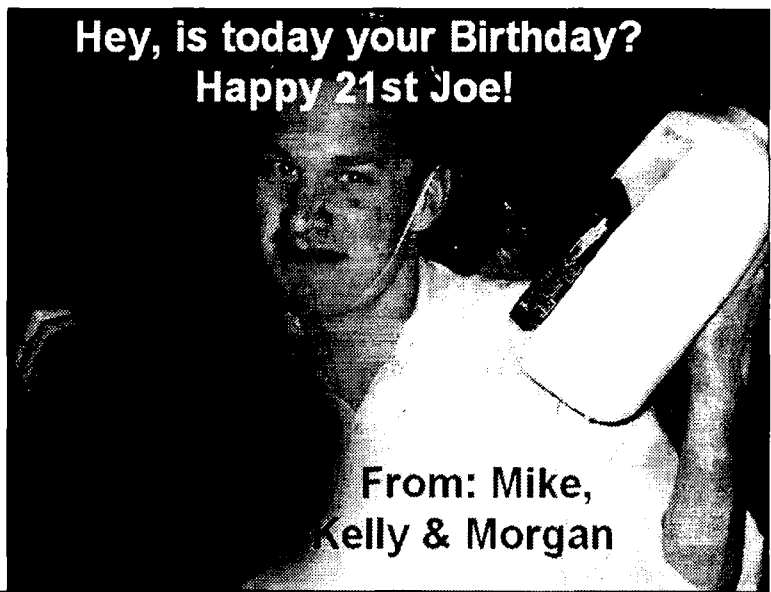
"Indiana not going on daylight savings time with the rest of the country is not business friendly," he said. "Most travel is to the East, and with the exception of Chicago, most of the business transactions and communications are to the East Coast. Because of the time difference [businesses] automatically lose two hours of productive time at noon, as an example. Indiana should stay in the Eastern Time Zone and go on daylight savings with the rest of the country."

Frieling said an amendment added to the bill would allow each county to decide whether to take part in daylight-saving time.

"If [the bill] proceeds with no changes, this provision would cause chaos, and the bill should be killed," he said. "Right now it's anyone's guess as to what will happen."

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Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+0.81	+0.36	44.72
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.76	+0.31	41.20
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CANADIAN \$			1.2226

IN BRIEF

New head elected to NYSE board

NEW YORK — The former chairman and chief executive officer of a Boston investment firm was elected chairman of the New York Stock Exchange's board of directors, the exchange said Thursday.

Former State Street Corp. executive Marshall N. Carter had been the front-runner to succeed John Reed, the former co-CEO of Citigroup Inc. who took over the chairmanship in 2003 after former chairman and CEO Richard A. Grasso resigned amid controversy over his pay package.

"It's a great privilege to chair the board of the world's leading equities market," Carter said in a statement. "My colleagues on the board of directors, the board of executives and the management team will continue to ensure the pre-eminence of the NYSE and America's capital marketplace."

Carter joined State Street in 1991 as president and chief operating officer, then became CEO in 1992 and added the post of chairman in 1993. He retired in 2001.

Prescription drugs pulled by FDA

WASHINGTON — The blockbuster painkiller Bextra was yanked off the market Thursday, and the government ordered that 19 other popular prescription competitors — from Celebrex to Mobic to high-dose naproxen — carry tough new warnings that they, too, may increase the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

The warnings encompass an entire class of anti-inflammatory medicines called NSAIDs that are the backbone of U.S. pain treatment, not just newer versions of the painkillers initially suspected when the heart concerns made headlines last fall.

The warnings — in black boxes, the strongest the Food and Drug Administration can order — are likely to cause confusion because they won't tell patients and doctors which of these prescription drugs is a safer choice.

In addition, the FDA will make over-the-counter NSAIDs, or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, naproxen and ketoprofen bear stronger reminders to take only low doses for a few days at a time to avoid the same risks of high-dose, long-term use.

Pump shock sets in as gas rises higher

Government experts claim prices will not drop below two dollars per gallon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's pump shock at every corner gas station, with prices well over \$2 a gallon and still rising. And the government says you better get used to it.

The Energy Department projects high gasoline prices and \$50-plus crude oil at least through next year as producers struggle to keep up with demand.

The department said Thursday it expects gasoline prices to average \$2.35 a gallon nationwide in May, the dawn of the heavy summer driving season. Motorists paid an average of \$2.22 a gallon last week, 44 cents more than a year ago.

If anyone thinks prices will dip below \$2, once a benchmark rarely seen, they're mistaken, says Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Information Administration, the DOE's statistical agency.

Caruso said the forecast is for prices to average \$2.42 a gallon through September and remain high after that, well into 2006, mainly because of lingering high crude oil prices and growing demand. He said crude prices, which briefly reached \$58 this week, are likely to stay above \$50 a barrel well into next year.

Ironically, just as the federal officials were talking about higher prices, crude tumbled nearly \$2 a barrel to just over \$54 a barrel and gasoline futures fell nearly 11 cents before slightly rebounding Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Will that have any impact on prices at the pump?

"Probably not," said Phil Flynn, senior market analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago.

"We're in a new era of high gas prices. The economy is strong and people don't care as much as they did. It's kind of weird,"



Gas station attendant Jake Latourette pumps gas Thursday in Portland, Ore. AAA Oregon says gasoline prices have hit a record high in Oregon at \$2.36 for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Flynn said in a telephone interview. "The shock value of \$2 gasoline has gone away. It's a part of life. How long that can go on we don't know."

In fact, motorists grumbling about high fuel costs might be heartened by the fact that, in today's dollars, gas cost \$3.15 a gallon when fuel spiked in 1981 because the Iran-Iraq war affected production in both countries.

At the core of today's high prices is tight supply — or the expectation of it just around the corner — at a time of and growing

demand for both crude and gasoline, government and private analysts said.

"You've got demand forecasts that are clearly going up," says John Felmy, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute, the trade group for large oil companies. He said refineries are running all-out to meet growing demand.

Clearly motorists aren't easing off the roads.

The Energy Information Administration reported Thursday that gasoline demand for this summer is projected to be 9.3 million barrels a day, a 1.8 percent

increase over last summer, and the highest on record.

"There is very little spare (production) capacity," said Caruso, referring both to global crude oil markets and U.S. gasoline production.

While the government reported this week that U.S. gasoline and crude inventories were significantly higher than a year ago at this time, those statistics may be misleading. Because of more expected demand the amount of oil in terms of days' supply is below historic levels and is expected to remain so through 2006, EIA analysts predicted.

U.S. retailers report mixed March sales

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Snow and sleet last month left few consumers in a mood to shop. But with spring finally settling in, retailers are likely to see their business thaw, and maybe even blossom.

Hardly anyone wanted to buy light-weight or pastel-colored clothes. And so the nation's retailers struggled with mixed sales — heavyweights Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Limited Brands had results that fell short of expectations when merchants released their sales figures Thursday.

Still, analysts said, it wasn't all that bad. Teenagers, perhaps the hardest of shoppers, gave youth-oriented apparel sellers including Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and Bebe Stores Inc. a solid month. And the analysts say consumers are still upbeat about spending despite oil

prices in the \$50 range and the threat of rising interest rates.

March results "shows consumers are still resilient, but cautiously spending," said retail analyst Rachel Schechter at Thomson Financial in New York. "The theme that I've noticed is that teen retailers are paving the way for some great results," while department stores, which tend to attract older shoppers, put in a more mixed performance, Schechter added.

Even some upscale retailers like Neiman Marcus Group Inc., which have benefited in recent months from the improving economy, were hurt by the weather. Other March underperformers included moderately priced J.C. Penney Co. Inc., whose sales soundly missed estimates, and discount department store operator Kohl's Corp., which had an unexpected drop in business.

Discounter Target Corp. was among the winners, easily beating forecasts.

March is an important month for retailers because it sets the tone for spring sales. This year, March took on added importance since it included Easter, which typically marks the biggest surge in consumer spending between New Year's and Memorial Day.

However, an expected sales boost from the Easter holiday failed to materialize, as last month's nasty weather kept people away from stores.

"Despite the favorable Easter shift, sales came in all over the place, reflecting unfavorable weather and tough comparisons," with unseasonably cold weather hampering demand for spring merchandise, Merrill Lynch analyst Mark Friedman wrote in a research note.

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Our pope

When Pope John Paul II passed away Saturday, he left a 26-year legacy of leadership, more than enough time to span most college students' lives. His longevity and his visibility — he made more public appearances and traveled to more countries than any pontiff before him — made him the face of Catholicism for millions of young Americans.

His World Youth Days, begun in 1985, set a tone of outreach and hope that reminded Catholic young adults of the critical role they play in the future of the Church.

But what made John Paul II pivotal for the college generation was the action he prompted young Catholics to take in the present.

After taking leadership of a global congregation still polarized after Humanae Vitae and Vatican II, the pope wasted no time asserting his opinions. He defended conservative doctrine on birth control, premarital sex, women's ordination and homosexuality against pressing cultural forces. Coupled with his public persona and inclusive aim, these consistently staunch positions

took on a powerful force. And for those growing up in the Church, John Paul II's Catholicism dictated their experiences.

The pope's strong stances inspired strong reactions, especially from the youth eager to shape the Church — whether by pushing the envelope or staying the course. And nowhere is this more apparent than on the campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

There's the roommate who advocates for a gay-straight alliance. There's the RA who plays the organ at Mass. There's the acquaintance who won't tell her mom she takes birth control. There's the friend who goes to the Grotto every night. Young Catholics here run the spectrum from traditional to progressive, but their investment in the Church and ownership of their faith is genuine.

John Paul II can take much of the credit. Through his extensive outreach, belief in our generation and decisive convictions, the pope galvanized the youth — and in doing so, left his mark on the Church for years to come.

The Observer Editorial

Modern art live

On the first terrace of Purgatory, Dante, the Divine Comedy's author and protagonist, and his guide, the Latin poet Virgil, encounter works of art so breathtaking that the reader is told "Nature's very self would there be put to shame."

John Infranca

Dissident Poetry

Despite the incredible beauty and vivid, life-like representation of the images before their eyes, Virgil scolds Dante for lingering too long before a single marble carving. As Robert Hollander notes in his edition of the Purgatorio, Virgil appears to lack the attention span and appreciation of his companion. Hollander describes the poets as akin to a couple touring an art museum together. One wants to hurry through their tour of the exhibit but is delayed by the other who lingers, seemingly unaware of the passage of time and totally absorbed in the piece of art before him.

Many of us have had such experiences, perhaps more often as one or the other of these archetypal museum-goers. This past December I visited the recently reopened Museum of Modern Art in New York. MoMA offers perhaps the finest collection of 20th century art in the world. But such offerings do not come cheap. Admission costs \$20 for an adult, a price that did not keep thousands of visitors from filling the galleries.

For many New York area residents a visit to one of the city's art museums is an obligatory component of the annual family Christmas trip into the city. One passes by the store windows on 5th Avenue, takes a peek at the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, enjoys the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, and then brings the children to peruse a few Rothkos in the Museum of Modern Art. Nothing says Christmas like a canvas covered only by solid blocks of red and green paint.

I am actually rather fond of much modern art, particularly grandiose

public works like "The Gates" that recently adorned New York's Central Park. I am also quite happy to see so many individuals enjoying the city's museums and the incredible holdings within them, even though they might need a second mortgage to do so. Yet my trips to these museums, especially during periods so busy it is difficult to catch even a glimpse of the art through the crowds of people surrounding you, often cause me to wonder how much of this art is really being enjoyed rather than simply consumed.

This question becomes particularly compelling when one strolls through the more abstract sections of MoMA. To understand what many modern artists are doing often requires far more information than most museums offer or most visitors could acquire in the span of an afternoon. The details shared on the tiny white cards next to individual pieces are often scant. Titles such as "Untitled #34" do not offer much help in understanding the motivations or intentions of the artist. When museums do attempt to share the latent gravitas of a work they often offer phrases whose obscurity only thickens the cloud of unknowing. The work of one artist exhibited at MoMA was praised for offering an "experience in which past and present are intertwined elements of an enduring proposition." If that sentence actually says anything I would be interested in having it translated into English.

I consider the responses elicited by

such works as indicative of an intriguing cultural dynamic: the desire to appreciate certain forms of art simply because others have told us they are worthy of appreciation. It is worth considering how many people would spend twenty dollars to view seemingly identical pieces of non-representational art were they displayed in a New York City parking garage.

Actually such an exhibit might be considered hip. It could prove particularly so if wine and cheese were offered and a man in dark clothing plucked an acoustic bass.

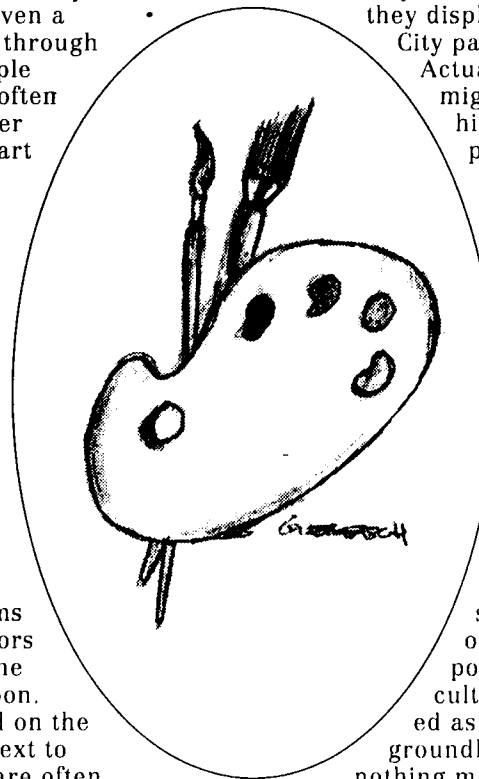
While touring MoMA I overheard one man say to his children: "I don't know why this is distinguished, but that's art."

Perhaps he missed something. Or perhaps he realized something the rest of us missed. Is it possible that many cultural artifacts lauded as bold, inventive, and groundbreaking are really nothing more than modern

incarnations of the emperor who walked around without any clothes on? Perhaps the only difference is that the little girl who felt compelled to announce that the emperor was naked could now simply paint her own version of some of the works of art hanging in MoMA.

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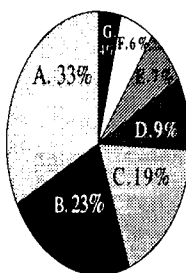
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For what will you most remember Pope John Paul II?

- A. Public presence and travels
- B. Return to Conservative Catholicism
- C. Opposition to Communism
- D. World Youth Day/ youth advocacy
- E. Ecumenical relations
- F. Length of term
- G. Theology of the Body teachings



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Social justice cannot be attained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create."

Pope John Paul II

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Poverty is death

I am opposed to Shack City 2005 sponsored by ND Habitat for Humanity. According to Habitat's Web site, the purpose of Shack City is to raise awareness and funds for substandard housing by putting students in an environment where they will be compelled to consider the plight of those in substandard housing. At the same time, they want to create an enjoyable event by creating community and providing entertainment — live bands, games and a marshmallow roast.

In the words of the organizer in last year's Observer article about Shack City, "This event is a way to protest the thinking that we can ignore [homelessness] in our daily life," Iafigliola said.

I agree we ignore substandard housing and poverty in our daily lives, and I applaud Habitat's efforts to raise awareness of and funds for the poor. However, I do not agree that sleeping in cardboard boxes, listening to live bands and roasting marshmallows is the best moral option.

As a disclaimer, I do not believe that Habitat has any intention of denying dignity to the poor. Shack City, nevertheless, sends signals to the homeless community that college students think it would be fun to sleep in a cardboard box with their friends.

My strongest objection to Shack City is that the imitation of material poverty is never good. According to theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, material poverty means premature and unjust death. It is never to be imitated or romanticized which is what Shack City does on some level. A vow of poverty or a commitment to solidarity with the poor is completely different than imitation. Solidarity means sharing and is put into action by sharing: forgiving foreign debts, distributing excess wealth and allowing the marginalized into our consciousness, etc.

If awareness and funds are the goal, we should adopt an attitude of solidarity not imitation. Attend campus lectures on social issues. Work at the Habitat house. Donate some money you would otherwise spend on iTunes or Jimmy John's or a night out. Visit the Center for the Homeless. Poverty is death, not roasting marshmallows in a cardboard box.

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U-WIRE

Daylight savings a waste of time

A friend of mine almost missed her Kaplan LSAT class. Needless to say, she was pissed.

How many of you cursed when you woke up this past Sunday, only to find an hour of your day strangely missing? My guess is that my friend and I weren't the only ones.

As you are all no doubt well aware by this point, it's time to 'spring forward' as the United States enters Daylight Savings Time once again. First established in the United States shortly after World War I, DST has become engrained into the American consciousness. But need this be so? A law's presence in the books for roughly a century does not necessarily make it any more or less justified — just old. DST is a decrepit law whose intended purpose is muddled with ambiguity. Its perceived benefits are outweighed by the tangible costs it creates.

Historical arguments in favor of DST generally rest upon a few now-faulty premises. One is the supposed benefit DST would provide in relation to farmers, giving them an extra hour of sunlight with which to work.

Another argument commonly used is that it helps businesses. By giving consumers an extra hour of sunlight after work, they can use the sunny weather to go shopping. While there may be slight benefits from delaying sunset an hour, this rationale alone is not reason enough to justify such intrusion.

The primary argument, however, and the most convincing for the time in which the law was enacted, was that of energy conservation. Give people an extra hour of sunlight after they get home from work, and the aggregate savings in energy costs due to unused electricity would be fairly large. At

least, it might have been in the '70s.

With more and more electrical equipment occupying space in people's homes whose usage has little to do with the setting and rising of the sun, particularly the widespread growth of air conditioners, such a small amount of energy savings is hardly worth the costs.

And what are these costs? Beyond simply stealing an hour of your sleep for one night, some have argued that DST creates a 'sleep deficit,' in fact contributing to an increase in automobile accidents immediately following the 'spring forward.' In addition, the costs involved with keeping track of this change are numerous, as well as the fact that individual states can choose to opt out of DST anyway. Indiana suffers from this confusion, with neighboring counties being under different times, hurting the ability for businesses to interact with one another by increasing the costs.

Confusion, at the very least, ought to be reason enough to halt this laughable policy. But sadly, tradition inevitably creates inertia — why change something when it's 'always' been that way. Even though it has not.

The perceived benefits of DST policy are extremely slight at best, non-existent at worst. We may get our hour back in the fall, but it shouldn't be taken away in the first place. Ironic, then, is the fact that when the government acts to try to save time, it really just ends up wasting it. All too telling, but not very surprising.

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U-WIRE

Coverage of pope, Schiavo tough to miss

So. Did you hear the pope died? I bet you did. In fact, I'm nearly sure of it.

According to TVEye, a digital media monitoring service, the word pope was mentioned a staggering 8,321 times by the combination of National Public Radio and the major television outlets from Friday morning until midnight Sunday — that's once every 30 seconds.

Fox News alone mentioned him over 2,000 times. And according to Eric Boehlert of salon.com, Sunday's major newspapers were little different.

The Detroit Free Press ran 11 stories about the death of the pope; my hometown Baltimore Sun ran 14. The Los Angeles Times had 15 articles on the pope, including an obituary spanning 7,339 words, 10 times the length of this column space. The New York Times ran 16, and Long Island's Newsday ran 41.

There were some times this weekend when the story seemed ever-present: Pick up a newspaper, turn on the TV, even sign on to AOL Instant Messenger and you were guaranteed to read something about the pope. It was nearly impossible not to.

But I bet you didn't hear about the Republican senator who, on the Senate floor, rationalized the recent murders of federal court judges and their families, saying that it could be directly traced to the people's frustration with what he termed "political

decisions," like those in the Terri Schiavo case and the recent banning of juvenile execution. And I bet you didn't hear about the latest large attack by insurgents in Iraq, in which 40 American soldiers were injured. The speaker of the House essentially giving up on the Social Security changes that have been a major issue for President Bush? Probably didn't hear about that either.

Of course the death of the pope is an important story: He is a vital figure for millions of Catholics, as well as a respected world leader, and his actions and decisions played a vital part in shaping the post-Cold War world.

But think about the word news. The very word implies that any news is, well, new. And that's what the news should be — important and newsworthy precisely because it is something you don't already know. But after the actual death of the pope, very little happened. He was moved to public viewing, and that was about it. There wasn't, during the days of wall-to-wall coverage, an election of a new pope or even any solid information on who might be elected. There was absolutely nothing unexpected about the story, nothing new to report, and yet it somehow merited round-the-clock coverage, at the expense of breaking stories that continued to develop in unexpected and important ways.

The constant attention paid to the death of the pope, much like the media frenzy that surrounded the death of Terri Schiavo, is hardly sur-

prising. "If it bleeds, it leads," is the familiar motto of many a news organization, and any of those organizations' ratings and circulation will be vastly improved by a story where the bleeder is someone beloved the world over.

Conservatives will tell you that the problem with our media is a pronounced liberal bias, but they're wrong. The real problem with today's news isn't a subjective and largely false notion of bias: It's money. Once, the important part of the news was the story; now it's the potential profit in the story.

It's cheap to cover the death of the pope or Terri Schiavo or the court case of Michael Jackson. Plant a talking head in front of the hospital or courtroom, and you're done. But break the story of Watergate? That takes months of hard work by a team of reporters dedicated to a story that may never pan out, and even if it does, may never get widespread attention. That's time

news organizations are no longer willing to give.

Expansive coverage of a single important issue, like the death of a pope, is not automatically a bad thing. It's when that coverage comes at the expense of other news, news that can help shape popular opinion and government action, that we start to have a problem. And we've been seeing that more and more lately. Slowly but surely, that is taking its toll on our media and on us. It's why our elected officials, the supposed guardians of our rights and freedoms, should stand up and finally take action to reverse, rather than assist, the trend of media conglomeration.



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Showing her roots with pride

Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster takes music from Nova Scotia on the road

STORY BY MARIA SMITH

Photos courtesy of www.nataliemacmaster.com

If you're the kind of person who loves a top-notch fiddler, this is the time to turn out. No, she's not Irish, she's not Scottish and she doesn't play bluegrass. Natalie MacMaster and her music are pure Cape Breton. But you might be surprised at how familiar MacMaster's music sounds. This Canadian strain of the Celtic genre dates right back to settlers from the 18th century Scottish Highlands and has stuck as close to the Celtic tradition as just about anything out there.

"They say the music of Cape Breton is an older form than the music of Scotland today," MacMaster said. "We always call it Cape Breton music because it sounds so different, it's not really the same any more."

The name Cape Breton might not pop up too often on the musical map. But if anyone can put it there, it's MacMaster. The musician has been touring the United States for a decade, attracting anyone who loves a good Celtic reel or jig. In 2000 she won a Juno award, the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy, for her 1999 release "In My Hands." In 2001 she was nominated for a Grammy for her 1998 release "My Roots are Showing," an album of traditional Cape Breton music. MacMaster is certainly one of the most renowned Celtic artists on the musical scene.

Over the past several years MacMaster has had the opportunity to perform with Carlos Santana, The Chieftains, Paul Simon, Luciano Pavarotti, Alison Krauss and other legendary musicians.

MacMaster doesn't always play strictly traditional music. "In My Hands" is a mix of Celtic style, jazz overtones, Spanish-style guitar and other sounds. In 2003 she released "Blueprints," an album recorded in Nashville with bluegrass greats Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas and Sam Bush among others.

"Well, it's funny because I had not played with any of those musicians before," MacMaster said. "To plan a recording that you are going to do in

two weeks can be scary. In the final outcome there was no learning curve, no bonding - people just played music and it totally blended, totally fit together. It totally felt right."

But Cape Breton music is MacMaster's first and foremost love, and her albums always come back to that.

MacMaster's concerts are known for more than just great fiddling. The artist has been playing fiddle since she was nine and a half, but her mother taught her to step dance when she was five, and MacMaster always dances in her concerts.

"It's not like fiddle," MacMaster said. "I don't practice dancing, I'm not a trained dancer in that regard. It's certainly a hobby."

The dancing may not be the main draw, but adds to the renowned energy and appeal of MacMaster's shows.

"I think the greatest virtue [of Cape Breton music] is the rhythm," MacMaster said. "It comes from years of playing for step dancers. You'll find a lot of people in Cape Breton who dance, just to be able to move to the music."

MacMaster also owes more than a little to a great backing band. Brad Davidge on guitar and vocals, John Chiasson on bass and vocals, Allan Dewar on piano and keyboards, Matt MacIsaac on bagpipes and whistles and Miche Pouliot on drums and percussion are all excellent musicians in their own rights and are a big part of what makes MacMaster's tours so successful.

So if Celtic music is your thing, this is not a show to miss. And even if it's not, Natalie MacMaster might be the musician to turn you around.

"The greatest compliment I've ever received after a show was a lady who said she didn't like fiddle music, but loved my show," MacMaster said. "So if we can convert non-fiddle-lovers, I'd recommend everybody come out to the show whether you like fiddle music or not."

Natalie MacMaster will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets cost \$15 for students, \$26 for seniors, \$28 for faculty and staff and \$35 for the general public.

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A new hero for the martial arts genre

New hit starring Thai actor and fighter Tony Jaa screens at the PAC this weekend

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Writer

"Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior" essentially introduces Thai action cinema to the world. The film, which is a wildly entertaining showcase for newcomer Tony Jaa, succeeds as a stylish and engaging martial arts film.

When the head of the sacred statue Ong-Bak is stolen from the temple in a rural Thailand village, Ting (Tony Jaa) is chosen to go to the city and try to recover it. When he arrives, he gets inexplicably caught up in the antics of his misanthropic cousin George (Petchtai Wongkamlao), who has fallen in with the local gangster.

While Ting is initially reluctant to fight, he eventually becomes entangled with the gangsters in his single-minded quest.

The plot is about as thin as they come, but the real reason to see this film is for

Tony Jaa, who has the potential to become a great star.

The film really becomes a showcase for his physical abilities and his perfection of Muay Thai, a style of martial arts. Jaa's athleticism recalls the tradition of Hong Kong predecessors like Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan and Jet Li. He even raises the bar for martial arts through his vertical jumps and remarkable speed; there is not a single or CGI effect used in the entire film.

The scene in which Ting, chased through a street by a gang, leaps over tables, people, fences and cars is pure cinematic

magic. Muay Thai, a fighting style which is all elbows and knees, is also well displayed and paired off against other techniques, such as kickboxing and American street fighting. The most stunning moments are re-shown multiple times consecutively from different angles. This demonstrates that no wires or gimmicks were used and also shows off the elaborate stunts.

Prachya Pinkaew's directing is mostly perfunctory, but is also largely unobtrusive. There are some interesting cinematic flourishes throughout - a single man is flanked

by an entire gang in seconds through clever editing and hand-held cameras increase the sense of urgency in key sequences.

The fight scenes are well shot, but eschew the fancy editing of Hollywood cinema in favor of giving a clearer perspective on what is happening. The film is cleanly edited so that nothing obscures the verisimilitude of the choreography and it can again be seen that no tricks are being used.

"Ong-Bak" isn't a great film thematically, but it isn't meant to be. It's meant to be a showcase for the action and for the abilities of Tony Jaa. By realizing its own limitations, it actually manages to transcend them and become a minor miracle, a cinematic marvel that is inherently watchable and undoubtedly entertaining.

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Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior



Director: Prachya Pinkaew
Writers: Petchtai Pinkaew and Panna Rittikrai
Starring: Tony Jaa, Petchtai Wongkamlao, Pumwaree Yodkamol

"Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior" will be shown Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 8 at 10 p.m. at the Browning Cinema. Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets are required.



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"Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior" features Tony Jaa, an expert in the Muay Thai form of martial arts. The form has not been featured in previous hit martial arts films but may expand in importance in the genre as cinema from Hong Kong becomes less important. Jaa himself may emerge as the next hero in the martial arts genre.

FTT professor Magnon-Park reflects on 'Ong-Bak' and martial arts

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Writer

Aaron Magnon-Park is a professor in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre. Magnon-Park teaches film and television aesthetics, film history, pan-Asian cinema and international action cinema. He is currently working on research projects on the transnational dimensions of the Hong Kong action cinema and the discourse of han [everlasting woe] in contemporary Korean cinema.

Q: What are your overall impressions of "Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior"?

A: I think it's a phenomenal film. We're used to martial arts extravaganzas coming primarily from Hong Kong. In some ways, due to the exodus of Hong Kong talent with the return of Hong Kong from a British colony to a special administrative region of mainland China, there's a certain loss of quality of the action'spunk that epitomized Hong Kong action as distinct and worthy of global recognition outside of the Hollywood tradition.

Other national cinemas with stronger economic development such as Japan and South Korea would seem to be natural sites of resurgence, and in some ways there are examples of that. But when we go south to Thailand, it's a country that is still developing and has a very distinct martial arts tradition - Muay Thai. In some ways, this film surpasses the martial legacy that has long been the domain of Hong Kong action cinema.

Q: How does this film compare with a typical Hollywood action film?

A: My hope is that students will see this film and re-engage with action cinema (through Asian action cinema) and will understand the inherent limitations of

over-technologized Hollywood action cinema. In some ways, it's the endless battle between a rich film industry and a poor film industry - rich and poor in terms of access to finances and latest technology. The Hollywood way is to pump more money into more technology, and that will create action, whereas in some ways the Asian film industry's approach is one in which the human body has to deliver the action.

Q: Why was this a film that was able to cross over into a more mainstream and global market?

A: I think there's a certain degree of investment and extra-financing that came into the film, along with savvy promotion of the film on the film festival circuit to the point that it reached a global audience, and (good for us in South Bend) two years down the line the possibility of seeing it here. The film had a limited release in the United States. There is also a tradition in the martial arts of trying to provide a new martial arts style, and so we can say that in Ong-Bak we have Muay Thai grounded as martial arts du jour.

Q: What does Ong-Bak say about the future of Thai cinema?

A: I expect the star (Tony Jaa) to continue having martial arts action cinema roles, perhaps even being invited to work in Hong Kong or the United States. And it will provide added finance capital for Thailand now that they've demonstrated an artistic look but commercial savviness and the quality of production values.

Q: How does Tony Jaa fit within a particular tradition of action cinema stars?

A: Bruce Lee was very nationalistic and ethnocentric, trying to demonstrate the power of Chinese kung fu. With [Ong-Bak], there is no doubt that Muay Thai is identified very strongly with its national

origins in Thailand. When Jaa has [one particular] fight, his opponent is verbally recognized as Burmese and promotes a Burmese approach to martial arts.

Here also with Jaa, it is a form of authentic kung fu because of the creative and select process of bringing in the most cinematically significant or vibrant moves for fight sequences.

From Jackie Chan we have the tradition of the cinematic technique of foregrounding that [he performed the stunts and hard-to-perform martial arts moves] without the use of harnesses or safety devices [by using] overlapping action, both double and triple. So in Ong-Bak we visually recognize the most physically demanding and life-threatening sequences when we see the event shot from two or three camera angles and shown in its full completion one after another. This creates a break from the linear narrative, it's a disrupting device, but it really highlights the spectacular performance.

Jet Li began martial arts training from an early age, [but has] a youthful appearance. So he shares a certain charisma with Jaa that is more pronounced than Lee or Chan. Jet Li in some ways signifies a complete amalgamation of the militant Chinese version of screen masculinity for China. Ong-Bak has created the same kind of image for many films to come that will continue to try to establish the same kind of cinematic signature for Jaa's career.

However, Jet Li does use wires (a form called "wire-fu"), whereas most of Jaa's vertical leaps are done without the assistance of wires, so he's like a gazelle. Scenes like those in "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" use wires, and while you may not notice it on the first viewing, you can later register that technique.

We also have a case where in foreign martial arts films, unlike the first kung fu invasion in the early seventies, where we get to hear the original language. It's not dubbed into some kind of compromised English that in many ways undermines the thematic content and devolves into some kind of campiness or comedy that is not part of the original script.

Q: Why is this film a good selection for the Asian Film Festival?

A: That's a complicated question. There are several issues that go into selection of films for a film festival. One of the most important aspects for us being in South Bend is that we are geographically isolated and not part of the regular film festival circuit. So while this film would be easily accessible in a major city, having it come here (especially in a 35 millimeter film print) would be almost impossible.

This film was also chosen as a way to break out of the predictable realm of Asia. Far too often, we tend to focus on the far East, with China and Japan dominating. The notion of Asia has to be much larger. As a Thai film, "Ong-Bak" is part of southeast Asia. In the future we would love the possibility of bringing in a film from every country in Asia.

What we're trying to do with the film festival is start small, and demonstrate that there is critical demand on campus and within the community. In future evolutions of the film festival we would enlarge the selection of the films that we bring in and the guests that we bring in for screenings. Ultimately, there are some films that just need to be seen on the big screen in order to be fully appreciated, and "Ong-Bak" is one of them.

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SMC GOLF

Team set to compete on rigorous Tri-State course

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The Saint Mary's Golf team has four more events this weekend and the NCAA Championships in May, and the Belles will travel to Tri-State University this weekend to try to put a victory on the list.

This weekend's one-day event, which takes place on Saturday, ought to have much more to offer the ladies in the way of golfing conditions. The forecast for this weekend is warm and sunny, with little chance of precipitation. The day should be a nice change for the golfers, who were faced with a spring snow storm just one week ago.

The team will be playing this weekend at Zollner Golf Course on the Campus of Tri-State University. The course has been the three-time host of the National Collegiate Golf Championships as well as the site for Sectional State Open Qualifying and Indiana PGA Junior Age-Group Championships. It is known for its strategically placed water hazards and hilly terrain and is considered by many as the "thinking player's"

golf course.

Seniors Stefanie Simmerman and Julia Adams will be looked to in order to perform especially well for the Belles this weekend. Last weekend, Simmerman tied the top finisher of the day, Colleen Groomes from Otterbein College with a score of 83. Adams came in at a close third with an 84 on the day. However, the entire team worked together to produce a tournament-record score of 357 at the Player's Club Course last Friday, and it is that depth that will be counted on to earn a respectable finish this weekend at the Tri-State Invite.

Coach Mark Hamilton believes that his team has the experience that it takes in order to perform well this weekend and continue toward their goal of earning an invite to the NCAA Championships.

He also wants to make sure that his golfers are able to save their best for exactly the right moment.

"We're working, as a team, on peaking at the right time," he said.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish look to extend streak

Boilermaker Invite is expected to feature a talented field of golfers

By KEVIN BRENNAN
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Coming off two straight tournament victories, Notre Dame will look to continue its winning ways this weekend at the Lady Boilermaker Invitational.

The tournament, hosted by Purdue, will feature a very competitive field of 13 teams. Each team sends six golfers to the tournament. Each round, the team's four lowest scores make up the team score.

The Irish will be led by junior co-captain Katie Brophy and sophomore Noriko Nakazaki. Brophy leads the Irish in scoring with a 75.92 stroke average for the year. Nakazaki is coming off her first-ever individual tournament victory at last weekend's Indiana Invitational.

Senior Karen Lotta, freshman Jane Lee and freshman Alejandra Diaz-Calderon, who will be making her debut on the traveling squad, will round

out the Irish lineup.

"We are really expecting big things from her," Lotta said of Diaz-Calderon.

"She has been playing really well. We hope that this is her breakout tournament that she can be in the lineup regularly."

Notre Dame needs a strong

showing in the Lady Boilermaker to increase its chances of reaching a second straight NCAA Central Regional Championship. The Irish currently sit on the bubble, but an impressive performance this weekend could go a long way.

The field is filled with other Central Regional teams with whom the Irish are competing for a spot in the championship tournament. Five of the teams — Michigan, Kent State, Texas A&M, Purdue and Northwestern — are currently ranked higher than Notre Dame. The Irish realize how significant it would be if they managed to defeat some of these teams this weekend.

"There are a lot of Central Region teams there that we need to beat," Lotta said. "We are really just going to try and finish as high as we can because every team we beat here is really important for our standings."

The team should benefit

from the confidence boost it has received after coming out on top in the past two tournaments. However, the Irish realize that as the highest ranked team in each tournament, they were supposed to win.

"We've been working a lot on our short game this week."

Karen Lotta
Irish golfer

The team acknowledges that improvements must be made for similar results to come this weekend against a much stronger field.

"We've been working a lot on our short game this week," Lotta said.

"A lot of putting and chipping has been done. Everyone hit the ball well last weekend. We just didn't score well."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish hope to end home season on positive note

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After a disappointing loss to Southern Methodist University last weekend, the Irish are hoping not to drop the ball against Ball State, who visit Notre Dame on Saturday for the mens' final home match of the season.

"I think like most seasons, we've had ups and downs," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Last Sunday was a down, but I think we've got a chance to finish strong and in the top 25 — that's our goal."

As the season waned, the Irish have had trouble building momentum, although Bayliss remains confident in the ability of his young players.

"It starts again — it starts with Ball State," Bayliss said, pointing out that the Cardinals dropped a close decision to a

highly-ranked Louisville squad on Wednesday. "We know they've played us 4-3 the last two years, last year we won the last match. ... They're a pretty good team, [and] they're as well coached as anyone in the country, so we expect to have our hands full."

However, the Irish are looking forward to the challenge.

"That's kind of the way you want it at the end of the year ... to make yourself as viable as you can for the NCAA tournament," Bayliss said.

The Irish are healthy and ready to finish the season as strongly as they began.

"The core of people that we've been playing are probably healthy and will play," Bayliss said.

Brent D'Amico is expected to return to action after sitting out against SMU. According to Bayliss, he practiced on

Thursday and looked "strong."

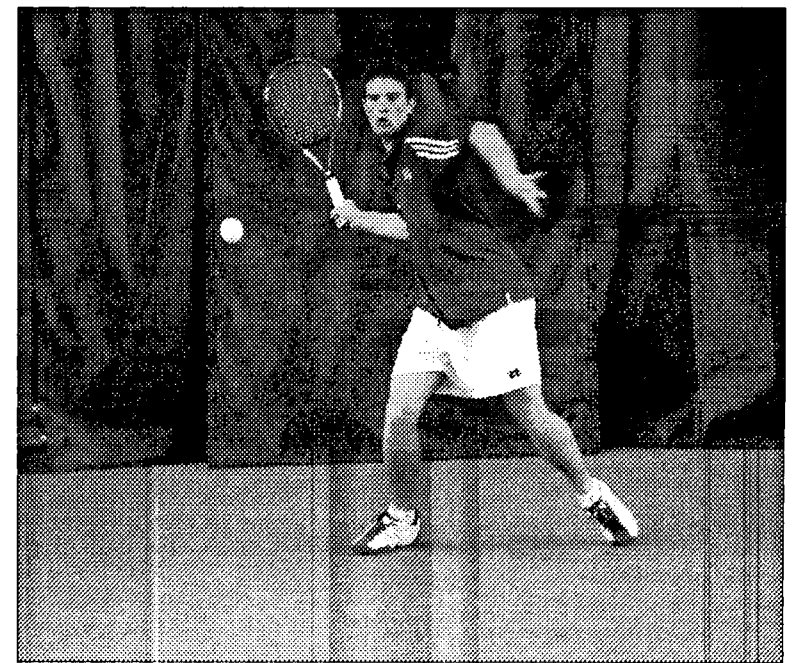
Bayliss expects the doubles point to be a challenge, as the Cardinals defeated a top-notch Illinois team who beat the Irish in March.

"They are very strong in doubles, they won the doubles point from Illinois," he said. "We'll have to play exceptionally well to be competitive in doubles."

Overall, Bayliss considers his team ready to finish the season on a high note.

"It's a great group of guys and we've fought pretty hard," Bayliss said. "I think its going to be a great contest, a terrific chance for people to spend a nice Saturday afternoon. I promise you it's going to be a competitive match. They're very scrappy and they've got some guys with weapons."

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Sophomore Stephen Bass returns a volley in the March 17 Illinois match. Notre Dame faces Ball State this weekend

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SMC TENNIS

Hope remains undefeated with 5-4 win over Belles

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

The Flying Dutch of Hope College knocked off the Belles, 5-4, Thursday afternoon at Saint Mary's to maintain first place in the MIAA with a 4-0 conference record.

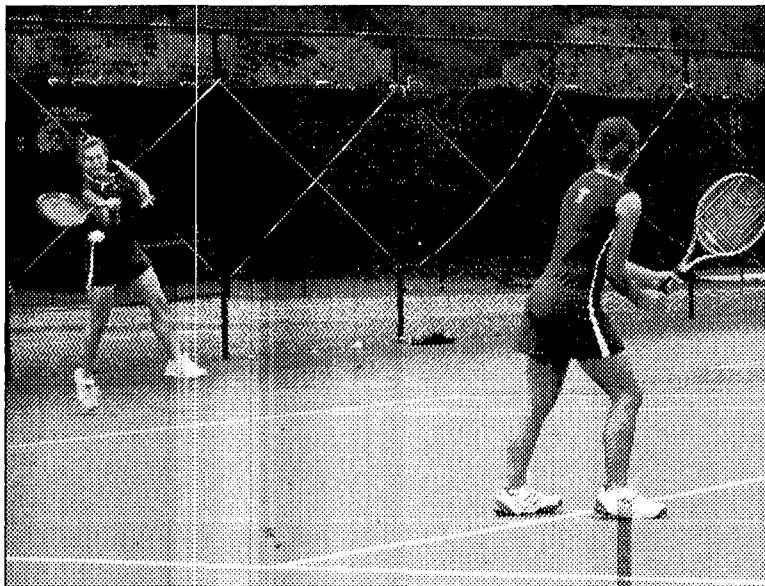
Thursday marked the first time since 2000 that Saint Mary's (3-6) lost to Hope (8-7), junior co-captain Kristen Palombo said. The loss dropped the Belles to fifth place in the conference at 1-1.

"Hope is the kind of team that's always been in the top half of the conference," Palombo said.

"We've been lucky in the past couple of years to close it out, but we lacked that today."

Coach Dee Stevenson pointed to the Belles' doubles play as the decisive factor in Thursday's loss.

"I thought we needed to win two out of three doubles, and we only won one," Stevenson said. Winning two would have taken the pressure off of singles play, which the team split, 3-3.



Belles sophomore Kelly McDavitt returns a volley in a recent match this season.

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

The highlight of singles play came from Palombo's three-set victory over junior, and fellow No. 1 singles player, Anneliese Fox 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4 — handing Fox her

first conference loss in three years, Stevenson said.

"I'm on cloud nine," Palombo said. "This is one of those moments where you have to be

proud of yourself. It's the best I've played all year."

Stevenson agreed. "She normally plays very well, and today she played very smart," she said.

"Kristen had a game plan going into the match. She followed the game plan."

Palombo agreed with Stevenson that the execution of her game plan carried her to victory.

"We have the exact same scheme," Palombo said of Fox. "We're backboards. We make each other move around. She knows what I'm trying to do, and I know what she's trying to do — and I was able to outlast her."

The Belles' biggest point earners on the day were sophomores Caille Mulcahy and Kelly McDavitt, who won their No. 2 doubles match as well as their singles matches.

Palombo was particularly impressed with McDavitt's perseverance in her singles match, which she came back to win 0-6, 6-4, 6-0.

"Kelly played a great match," Palombo said. "It was really great

for her confidence because when you lose a match 6-0, it's human nature to want to throw in the towel."

Coach Stevenson credited McDavitt for her ability to make impromptu adjustments.

"We had to change the game plan in the middle of the match," he said. "She did that, and it threw her opponent off."

Though the loss dropped Saint Mary's to the middle of the pack in the standings of the nine-team conference, Palombo remained optimistic towards the rest of the conference season, which the Belles have won two out of the last three years.

"We're still a young team," she said. "We have a lot of players getting more experienced. Hopefully these matches will teach us something."

The Belles will have their next crack at a conference foe in their next game April 13 at Kalamazoo College (6-3, 2-1 MIAA).

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SMC SOFTBALL

Team looking to secure much-needed win over Adrian

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (5-12) will look to notch its first conference win this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. when they visit MIAA foe Adrian College (6-13). After having dropped their last nine games, the Belles find them-

selves in desperate need of a win if they want to salvage the season.

Adrian comes in looking for its second conference win and, much like the Belles, is in need of a confidence-building victory. Adrian has dropped three of its last four games, most recently splitting a double-header with Tri-State University, who swept

the Belles Monday. They enter action this weekend at seventh place in the MIAA, two spots ahead of last place Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's will look to capitalize on the recent play of Adrian College, which has been sub-par. Adrian is currently dead last in team batting average and second to last in team

ERA. Saint Mary's is sixth in each category, which should correlate to a better record, but the Belles' shoddy fielding in recent games — fielding percentage of only .869 — has wasted solid pitching performances.

The Saint Mary's offense has gradually begun to show improvement over the last few weeks. In fact, the Belles rank in the top five in hits, runs scored, and total bases. The pitching has also shown signs of coming around, but errors have proven to be the Belles undoing as they lead the conference with nineteen miscues.

The games Wednesday against Albion College proved no different from the tone of the season, as the Belles committed twelve errors in both games combined, which result-

ed in 14 unearned runs between the two match-ups. The Belles' bats came alive in both games, scoring six runs in game one and five runs in game two.

Game one saw junior pitcher Bridget Grall fall to 3-6 on the season, despite surrendering only two runs in a game that needed extra frames to be decided. In game two, freshman pitcher McKenna Corrigan was roughed up for six earned runs on ten hits as she fell to 2-6 on the year.

Up next for Saint Mary's following Saturday's double-dip with Adrian College will be an April 12 match-up on the road against a talented Calvin College squad (12-4).

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	41-34	.547	5-5	-
Philadelphia	37-37	.500	6-4	3.5
New Jersey	36-39	.480	7-3	5
Toronto	30-44	.405	3-7	10.5
New York	29-44	.397	2-8	11

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	47-27	.635	6-4	-
Chicago	42-32	.568	9-1	5
Indiana	40-34	.541	7-3	7
Cleveland	38-36	.514	4-6	9
Milwaukee	28-46	.378	1-9	19

Eastern Conf., Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Miami	56-19	.747	7-3	-
Washington	41-33	.554	5-5	14.5
Orlando	35-40	.467	4-6	21
Charlotte	15-59	.203	3-7	40.5
Atlanta	11-63	.149	0-10	44.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Phoenix	57-17	.770	9-1	-
Sacramento	46-30	.605	6-4	12
LA Clippers	34-42	.447	5-5	24
LA Lakers	33-41	.446	1-9	24
Golden St.	30-45	.400	9-1	27.5

Western Conf., Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	50-24	.676	6-4	-
Denver	43-31	.581	9-1	7
Minnesota	40-35	.533	7-3	10.5
Portland	24-58	.324	1-9	26
Utah	23-51	.311	3-7	27

Western Conf., Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Antonio	55-19	.743	6-4	-
Dallas	50-24	.676	6-2	5
Houston	44-31	.587	5-5	11.5
Memphis	42-32	.568	5-5	13
New Orleans	18-56	.243	3-7	37

Women's MIAA Tennis

	team	league	record
1	Hopk	4-0	8-7
2	Albion	3-0	9-2
3	Calvin	2-1	7-4
4	Kalamazoo	2-1	6-3
5	ST. MARY'S	1-1	3-6
6	Oliver	0-1	6-4
7	Tri-State	0-4	1-10
8	Alma	0-4	1-10

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GOLF



Augusta National course workers denote leaderboard changes on a rainsoaked Thursday afternoon at the Masters. First round play will resume this morning, followed by the second round in the afternoon.

Rain hampers Masters first round

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Opening Day at the Masters brought some familiar sights Thursday—first the rain, then the names atop the leaderboard that included defending champion Phil Mickelson and world No. 1 Vijay Singh.

But don't get the idea this was just another typical day at Augusta National.

Tiger Woods hit an eagle putt that went off the green and into Rae's Creek. Ernie Els spent more time in the trees than in the fairway. Former

champion Billy Casper returned to the Masters for the first time in three years and made history with the highest score on a hole (14) and the highest round (106).

Jack Nicklaus teed off to a heartfelt ovation in what might be his last Masters.

And when a wet and wacky start to the 69th Masters ended in darkness, Palmer was on the leaderboard — not four-time winner Arnold Palmer, but Masters rookie Ryan Palmer.

Of the 24 players who managed to squeeze in the first round, Mark Hensby of Australia was the club-

house leader at 3-under 69, showing that Augusta National doesn't have to be crusty and firm to be a brute.

Chris DiMarco, who showed Mickelson the line on his winning putt last year, birdied three straight holes and was atop the leaderboard at 4 under par with four holes still to play.

Luke Donald of England was another shot behind and four holes left in his first round, while the group at 2 under included Mickelson, Singh, Palmer, Retief Goosen and Stuart Appleby.

Players were to return at 9:45 a.m. to complete the

first round, and barring any more weather delays, the tournament should be back to normal by the weekend.

This was the ninth time in 15 tournaments that weather interrupted play, and the fourth straight week of rain.

Trying to hold down his No. 1 ranking, Singh was a model of consistency in a first round that was out of whack before players even arrived at Augusta National — tee times were pushed back five times as more than an inch of rain fell, leading to a 5 1/2-hour delay and players starting from both tees.

IN BRIEF

Schilling roughed up in first start

INDIANAPOLIS — Curt Schilling gave up seven runs in six innings in a rehabilitation start for Boston's Triple-A Pawtucket farm team Thursday, then said he's ready to start for the Red Sox next week against the New York Yankees at Fenway Park.

"I felt great," he said. "Going into today, I wanted to get mentally ready. I stretched it out. No fatigue. I felt strong. I'm going to go out and compete against the Yankees on Wednesday. I'll be ready."

Schilling, recovering from off-season ankle surgery, allowed 11 hits, including two solo homers, a triple and a double. He struck out six and walked none, throwing 77 of 104 pitches for strikes in a 7-5 loss to the Indianapolis Indians.

After throwing 47 pitches and struggling with left-handed hitters in the first two innings, he retired 12 of his last 16 batters, striking out

four. Francona did not have heart attack

BOSTON — Red Sox manager Terry Francona did not have a heart attack and results of medical tests on him "are very good," Boston's team doctor said Thursday.

Francona was hospitalized in New York on Wednesday morning after feeling tightness in his chest and was transferred to Massachusetts General Hospital later in the day.

The team did not say when Francona might rejoin the Red Sox, who begin a three-game series Friday in Toronto and will receive their World Series rings before Monday's home opener against the New York Yankees.

"The plan is to perform several series of tests on Terry," Dr. Thomas Gill said in a statement released by the club. "The results of the initial series are very good.

Davenport downs Peschke

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. — Lindsay Davenport needed just 55 minutes to beat Kveta Peschke 6-2, 6-2, before rain postponed most of the afternoon matches Thursday at the Bausch & Lomb Championships.

No. 5 seed Venus Williams and Marta Domachowska were tied at one set each before the delay. They will finish their match Friday. The winner will face Davenport.

The match between second-seeded Serena Williams and former Bausch & Lomb champion Mary Pierce was also moved back a day to Friday.

Matches scheduled for Thursday evening included third-seeded Anastasia Myskina's against No. 15 Shinobu Asagoe. Rain was forecast in the area for most of the night.

Venus Williams lost the first set 6-3, but came back to take the second set 6-4. The players were tied at 30-30 in the first game of the third set when the rain came.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame to rely on depth in weekend matches

In Thompson's absence, teammates step up, look to collect pair of wins

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Confidence and composure will be essential to No. 28 Notre Dame's success this weekend as it challenges No. 16 William and Mary in the final home meet of the season Saturday and No. 35 Indiana at Bloomington Sunday.

With last weekend's 5-2 win over Long Beach State, the team demonstrated it is more than prepared to take on the potent William and Mary and Indiana teams. Notre Dame's (9-8) ability to remain poised under pressure will ultimately determine the outcome of this weekend's matches.

"We've had a couple of tight matches this season where it's come down to 4-3," Louderback said. "I think these matches will be like that, but I think our kids

are getting more used to those kinds of matches. It will just be a matter of going out and playing."

While the match against William and Mary will be a crucial one for the team, it will be one of special importance to Sarah Jane Connelly because it will be her last home match donning an Irish uniform.

"It will be hard to see her leave," Louderback said. "She's been good at doubles all year and she's been playing well at singles. She started stepping up at just the right time, exactly when we needed her. She's been a good leader for us on and off the courts."

More recently, Connelly has assumed a position at No. 5 singles as part of the adjusted lineup since sophomore Christian Thompson was sidelined with a knee injury. Junior Lauren Connelly has also been playing in Christian's No. 3 position, junior Kiki Stasny has been competing at No. 4, and junior Liz Donohue has rounded out the lineup at No. 6. Christian Thompson is expected to retain her position at No. 1

singles with sister Catrina in this weekend's meets.

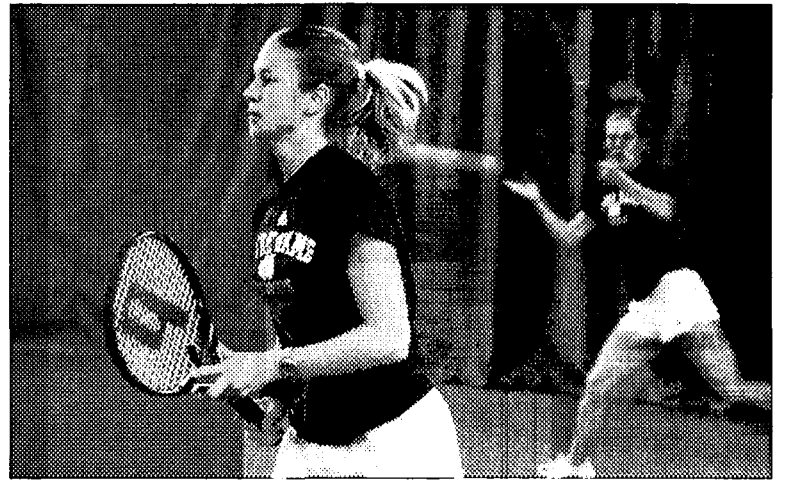
Despite Notre Dame's talent-laden lineup, defeating the Tribe of William and Mary (15-2) will be a tough chore. In their most recent meet, the Tribe bested No. 48 Virginia Commonwealth, 6-1, winning five singles matches and two doubles matches.

William and Mary also boasts three ranked singles players — No. 34 Megan Moulton-Levy, No. 122 Candice Fuchs and No. 62 Megan Muth. Fuchs and Moulton-Levy also represent the Tribe in national rankings, coming in at No. 23. The duo of Muth and Amy Wei are ranked No. 48.

Louderback said he predicts a tight and emotion-charged match against William and Mary, especially considering it is Notre Dame's last home meet.

"William and Mary is just a solid team all around," Louderback said. "But I think we can play with them. We just have to take one match at a time."

No. 36 Indiana (10-8) looks to be just as competitive as they



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Sophomore Catrina Thompson anticipates her opponent's next move in a doubles match against Purdue March 22.

return to the courts after a 5-2 win over No. 35 Wisconsin. Indiana nearly swept doubles, with victories at Nos. 1 and 2, and were just as successful in singles with wins at Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Louderback expects the in-state rivalry will add to the competitive atmosphere.

"We always have a good, clean match with Indiana," Louderback said.

"I think all of our kids are looking forward to competing. It should be a really tight match."

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ND ROWING

Irish seeking redemption in rematch at Indianapolis

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Seeking to emerge as victorious as Hickory High School once was in the Indiana State Crew Championship, the Notre Dame women's rowing team heads to Indianapolis this weekend. The women will face Indiana University and Purdue at Eagle Creek Reservoir on Saturday, a rematch between all three teams.

The Irish raced with Purdue last weekend at the San Diego Crew Classic in a close race with several other teams. Indiana and Purdue faced off early in this spring season at Clemson, a race in which Indiana was victorious.

The Indiana Hoosiers have been a dominant force in women's crew so far this season, going undefeated. The Irish seek to gain some redemption against the apparently unstoppable Hoosier force.

"They are pretty good —

they are undefeated so far this year, and they beat us last fall," said Irish coach Martin Stone regarding Indiana's first varsity eight boat. "Our goal is to have our best race of the year. This is another step."

Purdue is no pushover in comparison to Indiana. The Boilermakers proved tough competitors in San Diego last weekend, and it is doubtful much will change in the intervening week. Both opposing crews will prove very tough challenges for an Irish varsity eight that is still coming together and improving as a

crew. The respect Coach Stone gave to the Hoosiers was equally reciprocated by Indiana coach Steve Peterson.

"We will be having the Indiana State Championships where we face off against Notre Dame and Purdue," he said. "Notre Dame will definitely be the bigger challenge of the two."

Stone is confident in his varsity eight and their ability. As in every major spring regatta, all results are crucial in respect to qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Although Stone said at this point, it is not do-or-die with regard to garnering first place, but a strong showing is, as always, wanted.

"We have to come out strong and race well, and I think we will," Stone said. "How they rowed the race [last weekend], they showed great strides with their effort."

The other varsity eights and fours, along with the novice eights will also be present at Saturday's competition. Stone said he is still tweaking line-ups with the other boats in an effort to determine what works best.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame heads into pivotal weekend

Team is set to host No. 2 Duke, Stanford in upcoming meets

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The Irish have a perfect opportunity to turn around their season as they play host to two opponents this weekend. Notre Dame (3-6) is set to take on No. 2 Duke at 4 o'clock today before squaring off against Stanford Sunday afternoon.



Coyne

Friday and Sunday's games mark the second straight weekend of the Irish homestand, as last weekend the team split games, losing to Connecticut, 13-10, before topping Rutgers, 12-9.

Overall, Irish head coach Tracy Coyne was pleased with the way her team performed and said she is looking for them to improve in these upcoming games.

"Even though we lost the UConn game, last weekend was very good," Coyne said. "One thing we're focusing on is starting strong, and we started strong again [against Rutgers and Connecticut]."

But Coyne remains anxious to see more consistency from her players.

"We started strong, we fin-

ished strong, but we have to stay strong [throughout the game]," she said.

Despite the quality of her team's opponents, Coyne is confident her team will be ready come game time.

"Duke is a very strong team, they're solid in every single aspect," she said. "Last year, we upset them, and we're looking to give them an equally strong game."

Notre Dame will be led by junior midfielder/attacker Chrysti Foote, who was recently named co-Big East player of the week for the week ending April 3. The nomination marks the second time Foote has received the award this season, as she was also named player of the week on Feb. 28. Foote currently leads the team in both goals and assists, with 20 goals and nine assists.

Her performance, as well as that of her teammates, should be strong this weekend, as Coyne has definitely noticed home field advantage at work with her team during their recent stretch.

"March was tough, we were on the road so much," she said. "Being at home, we can focus on our gameplan rather than travel."

As the games approach, Coyne is aware of the heightened sense of competition that comes with the weekend's contests.

"As a team, we feel more of a rivalry towards Duke," she said. "Our rivalry with Stanford is more institutional."

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Football

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sive personnel.

"Usually, you'll have only one tight end on the field," Weis said. "But I have packages where there's two tight ends and three tight ends. So after I deal with the quarterback and the five linemen — so you know you have six on the field — then I try to figure out from the rest of the skill people who the best guys are from the different packages and try to put them in the best position."

Anthony Fasano (6-foot-4, 260 pounds) is the leading candidate to become Notre Dame's number one receiving option out of the tight end slot after a 27-catch, 367-yard, four-touchdown showing in 2004.

Like the rest of the players at the position, however, Fasano also has areas he needs to improve.

Though Billy Palmer (four catches, 34 yards, one touchdown) and Jerome Collins (six catches, 67 yards) will not return to Notre Dame next fall, junior Marcus Freeman, sophomore John Carlson and freshman Tim Gritzman are working to provide Weis with the tight end depth he needs to implement the maximum number of offensive packages.

"The role of the tight end is going to be up to us," Carlson said. "How we perform is going to decide how much the [coaches] use the tight ends. Obviously, if we make plays, they're gonna put us on the field, so hopefully that will

happen."

As of now, the multiple-tight end talk is only that, though the players seem anxious to turn the talk into action.

"We haven't actually put in the three-tight end [formation] yet, but I mean, the more tight ends the better," Fasano said.

The high number of tight ends isn't the only thing that can benefit an offense. Years of experience spread out among the potential contributors add another positive variable to coaching the tight end position.

"As of right now, there's a lot of talent and tiered experience [at the tight end position]," Weis said. "And by that I mean [the players] are not all the same year in school. When you have tiered experience, it gives you the opportunity to not only play them but also to groom them at the same time."

Fasano said a major positive of spring practice has been that the tight ends, as well as other offensive players, have been picking up Weis' system well.

"If our tight ends are able to get us in offensive positions and run the routes and get open, I think it'll give the offense a big advantage," Fasano said.

Tight ends coach Bernie Parmalee characterized his group of tight ends as talented and willing to learn. Also, in the same matter-of-fact manner as Weis, Parmalee said he has his own opinion and philosophy on how those players need to improve.

"They all have the ability, they've just got to work the



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Tight end Anthony Fasano works to shake a Purdue defender on Oct. 3.

technique," Parmalee said. "You've got to understand the technique. You've got to understand what the guy on the other side is trying to do to you, and you've got to beat him to the punch. You've got to outsmart him."

"It's all about leverage and a lot of things you have to do to put yourself in a better position or better situation to execute the play."

Meanwhile, as Parmalee works on technique, Weis will observe and identify the available talent.

"You look at all those guys [at tight end]," Weis said. "How well they pick things up and how well they perform on the field helps me make my mind up as far as how I'm gonna handle personnel packages and get more of them involved in the game plan."

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score on our defensive error. She's got to control that hard hit ball, but we've got to play defense the way we should play defense."

Ball State took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth, taking advantage of some sloppy Irish defense. Sarah McGregor led off the inning with an infield single and stole second base.

Taylor Yancey then blitzed a hard ground ball to the middle of the infield and Notre Dame second baseman Katie Laing made a nice diving stop under pressure to stop the ball.

But Laing threw wildly to first, allowing McGregor to score and Yancey to move up to second base. At the time, it was the second Irish error of the game, and Gumpf decided to call a meeting at the

mound. "I told our girls that they had to be aggressive on defense and attack the ball more often," Gumpf said of that meeting. "We were too passive out there, and I told them they needed to be a lot more aggressive out in the field."

Following that meeting, Booth and the rest of the Irish defense settled down, with Notre Dame getting three consecutive outs with no further damage to get out of the inning.

It didn't take long for the Irish to answer. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Megan Ciolli led off with a bunt single and then stole second base. After Meghan Ruthrauff struck out, Laing dropped a bloop single to put runners on the corners with one out.

Hartmann then jacked a home run to left field, and Mallorie Lenn followed with a double to center field that almost cleared the fence as well.

Sarah Smith pitch ran for Lenn and moved up a base on Carissa J a q u i s h ' s groundout to third. Sara Schoonaert followed with a clutch RBI single to right, scoring Smith from third base.

Stephanie Brown grounded out to third base to end the inning.

Stenglein came on in the fifth and pitched masterfully, helping the Irish stay undefeated at home (6-0).

Notre Dame travels to Pittsburgh Saturday for a doubleheader with the Panthers.

The Irish softball team will not return to Ivy Field until a doubleheader against Akron on April 21.

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pressure of the situation, we just didn't handle it very well."

Coming into the game, the Irish were sitting at 5-2 and needed to win out in order to guarantee themselves a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Now they will have to rely on outside circumstances.

After a scoreless first quarter, Denver got on the board with 13:58 remaining on Ryan Zordani's fourth goal of the season.

Notre Dame quickly answered back when Drew Peters netted his second goal of the year with 11:56 remaining.

The rest of the game progressed accordingly. Denver would score, the Irish would answer, and then Denver would respond again shortly after.

Denver's defense was also relentless.

"They played very well. They pressured us all over the field," Corrigan said. "I thought we were athletic enough to handle that pressure, but we didn't look like it today."

Denver took the lead 3-2, 3:15 before the half on Matt Brown's 21st goal of the season.

The Irish came out of halftime and quickly tied the game at three when Brian Giordano found Jim Morrison with a clear shot at the net.

Unfortunately for the Irish, Denver scored back-to-back goals 15 seconds apart and regained the lead for good.

Morrison and Peters each had two goals for the Irish. Matt Karweck added a goal and two

assists in the loss.

The Irish now need to focus on Sunday's game with Air Force.

"We'll find out what the character of our guys is," Corrigan said. "This is a gut check for our guys — you got to get ready to play on Sunday. Those people aren't going to feel sorry for you. They are coming here, and they are going to try to win a game."

Corrigan stressed that while the loss hurt, it was not the end of the season. There are several games left, and the Irish have their chance to make things happen.

"Our season's not lost, there are games all over the country right now. We don't where these guys are going to finish; we don't know where we are going to finish," Corrigan said. "We just gotta take care of what we can do. We control the next three games; that's all we control."

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"I told our girls that they had to be aggressive on defense and attack the ball more often."

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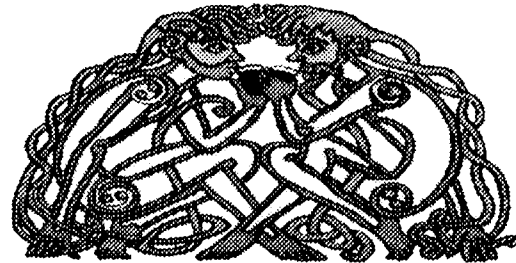
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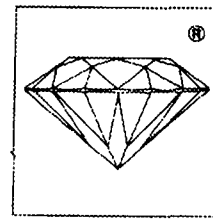
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from his cheering section in the crowd.

"I think Dan Ott had an excellent performance," Saltine fan and Dan Ott enthusiast Pat Leimkuehar said. "There were even cries of 'good shot honey' from his girlfriend on the sidelines."

Ott's girlfriend, Karen Wiborgh, was unavailable for comment.

Off In The Shower struggled offensively all game, committing seventeen turnovers. Their leading scorer was center Mike Telerio with four points. Telerio struggled on the defensive end, however, and was unable to contain Lund and Tocey.

Lund capped the contest with a game-point breakthrough dunk after a steal from Ott. The center, who had previously declined dunking on a fast break in favor of a layup, gave his reasoning after the game.

"We were in a hurry to get home and watch 'The O.C.', so I thought a dunk was the quickest way to end it," he said.

The Saltines showed confidence heading into the later rounds of the tournament, despite the fact their next opponent also has two players approaching six-and-a-half feet tall in its lineup.

"Our next opponent has a couple guys who are 6-foot-5, but then again, so do we," Lund said. "We feel like we're as talented as any team we've seen so far."

The Miia Experience Featuring Srsen 21, Rob's Got Game And So Does His Flat Twenty Harem 3

In one of the most dominating defensive performances of the night, The Miia Experience Featuring Srsen blew out Rob's Got Game And So Does His Flat Twenty Harem 21-3. After the game, Experience captain Miia Rasine and her team began a new victory tradition that they hope will continue for several games.

"I'm going to take them all out for ice cream now," Rasine said following the final basket.

The Experience scored the first fourteen points of the night, keyed by hot shooting from point guard Mark Srsen, who scored seven points for the game.

The Harem had trouble finding a rhythm on offense and lost confidence after missing several open shots early. The Experience defense was suffocating, forcing 21 turnovers.

After the game, Experience players were humble, playing down their dominating performance.

"It was a hard fought battle from start to finish despite the score," Srsen said. "The other team fought hard. It was a lot of fun to play against them."

Srsen also expressed reserva-

tions about his team's chances to advance beyond the next round.

"I'd say we have a 25 percent chance, depending on who we play," he said.

But experienced forward Mark Hubrty was more confident.

"I'm going to dunk on [Irish varsity quarterback] Brady [Quinn]," he said.

Hubrty did not dunk during Thursday night's game.

Black Wall Street 21, Promise Billing 16

The Black Wall Street versus Promise Billing game featured the most heartwarming comeback story of the young Bookstore Basketball tournament. BWS shooting guard Kevin Fussner returned to Bookstore action for the first time since losing a nipple in action last year in the 21-16 Black Wall Street win.

"Last year at Bookstore we were playing shirts and skins and I took a dive and actually lost part of my nipple," Fussner said. "Luckily, it grew back since."

Fussner played valiantly through the pain that fateful day, but it was not enough.

"We ended up losing that game," he said. "This was my first game since losing the nipple. It was hard to overcome that."

Promise Billing forward Nicole Gill felt Fussner's injury might turn out to be a disadvantage for BWS.

"We thought we'd have an advantage because their team only had nine nipples," she said.

As a show of good faith and sympathy for Fussner's injury, the Promisers invited BWS over for a pre-game get together. However, the proceedings turned sour when two Black Wall Street players did not show up.

"It wasn't fair. Two of their players skipped out on our pre-game festivities," Promise Billing point guard Megan Miller said.

The flap over the pre-game meeting turned the game testy early. Miller went down with a bloody nose midway through the first half but returned to action and went on to score six points.

"It really hurt, but I sacrificed for the team," Miller said of her injury.

Promise Billing kept the game close with hot outside shooting, a skill Miller says the team had practiced frequently by bookstore standards.

"We worked on [our shooting] for six weeks in practice, every day," she said.

Black Wall Street opened the game in a zone defense but quickly abandoned it when Promise Billing got hot from the outside.

"We started in the 2-3 zone to conserve energy, but it didn't really work," he said. "They started hitting outside shots and we had nothing."

Promise Billing eventually cooled down, however, and the game became mired in defense. All in all, it took over an hour to play.

However, Fussner said the long duration of play did not bother him.

"I didn't realize it took an hour. It was fun," he said. "But I was winded the whole time."

Promise Billing brought out their special "suit jacket and tie" uniforms for the big game in an attempt to gain extra motivation. Promisers fan Claire Ferris explained the significance of the special uniforms.

"We're playing Black Wall Street, so we thought we'd fake them out a little by wearing suit

jackets and ties," Ferris said. "It's reverse psychology."

Our Lawyers Made Us Change The Name Of Our Team So We Wouldn't Get Sued 21, We Heart Spooning 7

Although We Heart Spooning was fired up going into their game with Our Lawyers Made Us Change The Name Of Our Team So We Wouldn't Get Sued, it was not enough to stop the athleticism of the Unsued.

The Spooners bounced onto the court yelling and firing up the crowd at the beginning of the game, only to fall behind 11-1 at halftime and go on to lose 21-7.

Unsued captain and small forward Tom Meyer attributed his team's victory to their unusual training techniques.

"We spooned a lot," he said. "We love spooning. They say they heart spooning, but we must like it more."

Also key to the Unsued victory was the play of center Matt Bold. Bold, who wears an afro wig while competing, scored six points in the contest.

"The fro gives him an extra couple inches," Meyer said.

Bold said the hair has further significance as well.

"It's for character, but it's also performance enhancing," Bold said. "When I wear it, I can fly. The air gets up underneath it and lifts me off."

After Bold and the Unsued jumped out to a quick lead, the Spooners played even with them for much of the second half. Unfortunately, they went cold again when the score reached 18-7. The Unsued then scored three straight for the win.

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Baseball

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we've got and in a seven-inning game, if he can give us 5, 6, maybe even a complete game — all of a sudden you have Tom Thornton pitching in the two slot, which gives us a better matchup.

"Maybe that saves the bullpen a little for game three," he continued. "I'm hoping that will be a spark for us."

Last season Notre Dame split its regular-season series with Boston College before defeating the Eagles in the opening round and the title game of the Big East Tournament.

Boston College leads the Big East with a 6-1 record, with all of those conference games coming on the road.

"They are doing well. You can see their program growing through the years. It's going to be a tremendous challenge for us," Mainieri said. "We have to go out there and compete hard this weekend and get whatever we can, come back and regroup and hopefully make our stretch run at home."

Manship is slated to start game three of the weekend series. He didn't make the trip to Rutgers last weekend after feeling some discomfort during his mid-week throwing.

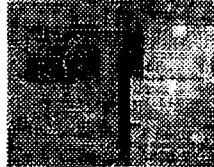
But Mainieri said Manship felt pretty good after throwing on Tuesday.

"He'll start the game on Sunday at Boston, hopefully give us two or three innings and be a step in his progression," Mainieri said.

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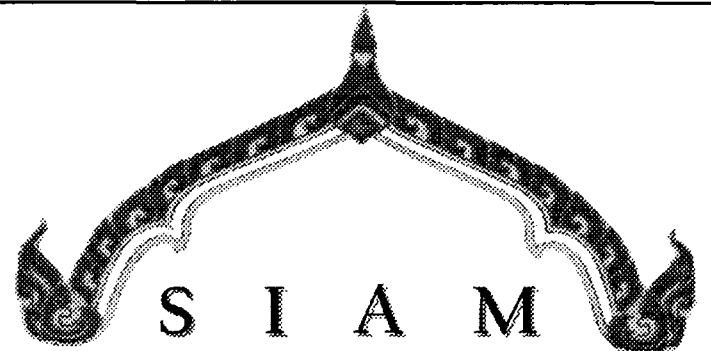
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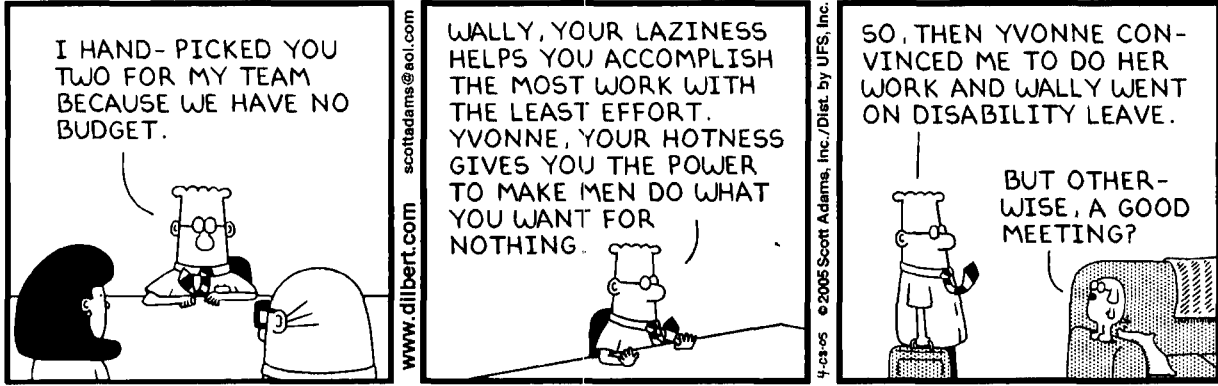
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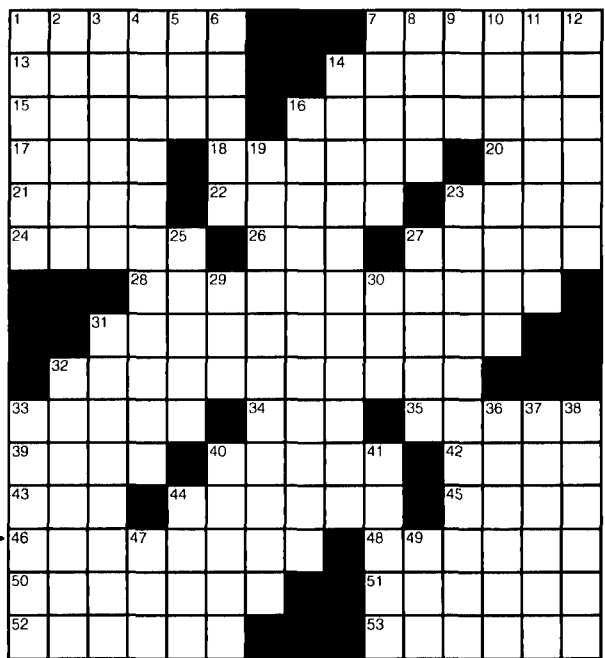
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have the edge today as long as you don't let your impatience ruin a chance to get ahead. Do things yourself. Efficiency coupled with your ability to expedite your objectives will be what counts. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your mind may be on simple pleasures, but if you don't take care of business first, you may end up fretting about something that you could have avoided. A secret affair may develop with someone you meet. Get the lowdown on this person before you proceed. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Contribute all that you can to a cause you feel passionate about. Working late will lead to a chance meeting with someone who will offer you an opportunity. Make plans for your next vacation. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be your own worst enemy if you are stubborn or refuse to get along with the people around you. It will be difficult, but a positive outlook when dealing with others will make a difference to the outcome of everything you do today. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make things happen if you set your mind to it. An investment or cutting a deal with someone regarding a new contract will bring in more cash. Consider making a move that will result in more professional opportunities. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone you meet will be hard to resist. You should be able to make a personal or financial change resulting in a brighter future. Be sure to make romantic plans for late in the day. ***

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ND SOFTBALL

Hartmann sparks Irish comeback

Fourth-inning home run hoists team over Cardinals in 4-1 win

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

With the Irish playing sloppy softball and her team down 1-0 in the fourth inning, Liz Hartmann took matters into her own hands.

With runners on the corners and one out, Hartmann blasted a home run to left field off Ball State starter Amy Brownfield. Notre Dame took the lead and would add an insurance run later in the inning to earn a 4-1 victory.

"I rounded first thinking the ball was going to hit off the wall, but I saw the umpire signal that it was out. I was shocked," Hartmann said. "I was sure it was going to graze

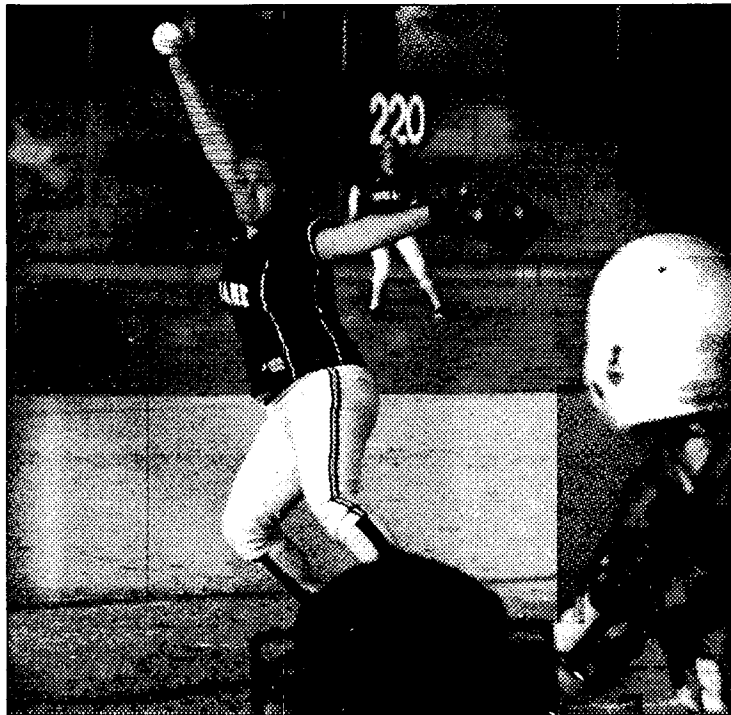
the top of the wall. It was nice to take the lead and put them away after a sloppy beginning to the game."

With the victory, Notre Dame (22-8) extended its winning streak to 11 games. Ball State (12-23) only managed three hits all game off Irish pitchers Heather Booth and Steffany Stenglein.

Booth started the game, pitching the first four innings and allowing three hits and one unearned run. She was replaced in the fifth inning by Stenglein, who did not allow a single Ball State baserunner and struck out six of the nine batters she faced, including five in a row at one point.

"Heather really only gave up one hard hit ball," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Most of the hits were little dribblers, but those caused damage because they were able to

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ERIN VRANISH/The Observer
Senior right-handed pitcher Steffany Stenglein winds up against Ball State on Thursday.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Struggling team falls to Denver

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish knew coming into Thursday's game with Denver that they were going to have their hands full.

What they did not know was that they would be outplayed on both ends and fall 9-6 to a team that was equally hungry for a win coming into the game.

Notre Dame learned exactly why every game matters, as it dropped its first league game this season at a time when the Irish needed it most.

"We just didn't respond well to the pressure today," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "To their pressure on the field, to the

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BASEBALL

Kapala to get first career start against Eagles

By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

Sitting at 14-13 overall, 3-3 in the Big East and traveling to conference leader Boston College this weekend, Irish coach Paul Mainieri refuses to panic.

"It's a hard thing for you to believe, but it's still early in the season," Mainieri said. "We've only played six league games, we

still have 18 to go. It's obvious that we have some areas in our team that aren't playing up to the level that we are accustomed to over the past decade."

With the slow start to this season, the only way the Irish are getting into the NCAA tournament is by winning the Big East post-season tournament.

After Wednesday's 14-5 loss to Ball State, Mainieri spoke of how the team needs to reestablish its

goals for this season, which now entail finishing in the top four in the conference and grabbing the conference's automatic bid.

Losing five players to the Major League Baseball draft, along with the slow recoveries of John Axford and Jeff Manship, has hurt the Irish in trying to maintain the success this program has experienced during the Mainieri era.

"Every year we've been playing for the regular season champi-

onship or the NCAA — we're thinking College World Series," Mainieri said. "All of a sudden you lose some great players, and you can't overcome it as much as you should have."

Trying to find some sort of spark for a team that hasn't gotten hot yet, Mainieri will start pitcher Dan Kapala in the opening game of the series against the Eagles. Kapala is getting his first career start, which pushes back

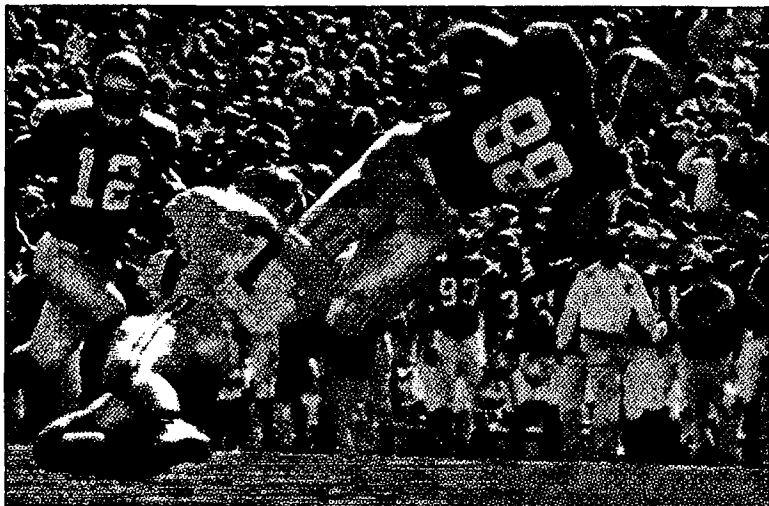
Tom Thornton to the No. 2 starting position against Boston College, a place where he pitched for the majority of the 2004 season.

"We're going to try something this weekend. Dan Kapala is going to get his first career start in the seven inning game at Boston College," Mainieri said. "Danny throws the ball as hard as anyone

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FOOTBALL

Weis details plans for tight ends



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Tight end Anthony Fasano is brought down by a Purdue defender. Fasano was Notre Dame's second-leading receiver last season.

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The tight end position was Notre Dame's deepest last season, but the five players who saw action there combined to catch only 48 passes in 12 games. That's just 24.6 percent of the 195 passes completed by quarterback Brady Quinn.

Early on in Charlie Weis' first spring practice season, however, the Irish now are talking about playing two and three-tight end sets, using the talent available and benefiting from a proven strength in the offen-

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV

Saltines use height to dominate in 21-4 win

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Twin towers Brent "Reign Man" Locey and Chris Lund made their presence felt Thursday night at the Bookstore courts.

The pair, who tower over defenders at the height of 6-foot-5, combined for eight points in the Saltines' 21-4 shellacking of Off In The Shower, a win that may give the Saltines enough momentum to penetrate deep into the tournament.

"We feel our height is a great

advantage," Lund said. "We really think it will take us far in the tournament."

Saltines fans were equally enthusiastic about the play of their big men.

"Brent Locey, a.k.a. Reign Man, really came to play today," Saltines supporter Jude Miller said. "His looks were only matched by his shots."

Also key in the game was Saltine point guard and fan favorite Dan Ott. Ott poured in six points and dished out three assists that drew large cheers

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame vs. Duke

Friday, 4 p.m.

The Irish take on the No. 2 Blue Devils today.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame vs. William & Mary

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Warm weather means the Irish will move outdoors.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Indiana schools will face off at Eagle Creek Reservoir this Saturday.

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PGA TOUR

Masters delayed due to rain

Bad weather means that most golfers have yet to finish a round in this year's field.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame vs. Ball State

The Irish are hoping to finish their season on a high note at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

After two straight tournament victories, the Irish hope to perform well at the Boilermakers Invitational.

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