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ND admits 3,484 from strongest pool ever

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

If statistics on accepted applicants for next year's freshman class are any indicator, the incoming class of 2010 — like each freshman class in recent years — will be the strongest academically in Notre Dame's history.

This year's selections were made from a pool of applicants who boasted academic statistics equal to those of Notre Dame's incoming freshman class nine years ago, Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said April 4.

"In the end, we think this is the academically strongest and ethnically most diverse class we've ever had," he said.

With 12,800 applicants, this

year's pool — the largest ever — was up 13 percent from last year, Saracino said. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions sent acceptance letters to 3,484 students, and Saracino said the University hopes to enroll 1,985 students for the fall 2006 freshman class. Notification letters were mailed March 30.

The size of incoming classes must remain static due to the University's physical constraints, so the number of students admitted each year is based on previous years' yields — or the percentage of admitted students who choose to attend. The yield has ranged during the past four years from 56 to 58 percent, Saracino said.

"If we admit them, there's a good chance they'll come," he

said. "That's not the norm across the country."

Saracino said private U.S. colleges have an average yield in the 20 percent range.

This year's admitted students — who represent all 50 states and 32 foreign countries — are on average slightly more academically qualified than last year's admitted students. The admitted students' average class rank places them in the top 4.5 percent of their high school classes, and they boast an average SAT score of 1398 out of a possible 1600 and an average ACT score of 32 out of a possible 36.

Last year's admitted students also averaged a top 4.5 percent rank and 32 ACT score, but had a

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PROJECTED 2006 ENROLLED CLASS

1,985 students

52% Male

48% Female

top 5.6% in class

1380 SAT

31 ACT

84% Catholic

23% alumni
children

23% ethnic minority

4% international

JAMES RUDY/Observer Graphic

Notre Dame's class of 2010 will likely be the strongest to date academically, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Room picks present challenges at College, University

SMC students stress over selection process, choices

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

The looming stress of upcoming finals and projects is nothing compared to the anxiety of the room selection process for many Saint Mary's students.

"This is the worst part of the year," junior Alison Golubski said. "I'm hot, sweaty, nervous and stressed."

Golubski's sense of stress is familiar amongst most Saint Mary's students who made their final housing decisions in last week's room selection process. Upon paying their \$250 housing deposit fee, students in each class are assigned a random lottery number that determines their room selection order.

"All students who have paid their housing deposit on time are entered into the computer by class year," Saint Mary's

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Saint Mary's students stand by a board in the LeMans Hall lobby April 6 discussing details of the possible rooms they could live in next year.

KRISTY KING/The Observer

Procedure differs by hall for Notre Dame residents

By PATRICK MOORE
News Writer

From searching for the perfect single to deciding who would be the perfect roommate, the intricacies of Notre Dame's room selection process are sending some students into panic mode — while others enjoy the luck of their great room pick.

Room selection within Notre Dame residence halls is typically based upon randomization and seniority. Many halls, however, add a personal touch to the sometimes-complicated process, which begins this week.

Some halls, like Dillon Hall and Morrissey Manor, receive lottery numbers from Notre Dame's Office of Residence Life and Housing. Others, such as Alumni Hall and Carroll Hall, use an internal selection process.

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Saint Mary's RAs hired for 2006-07 school year

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Life as a Saint Mary's resident assistant intertwines dorm living and significant responsibility, creating a unique living situation for students who decide to take on the job.

Shortly before spring break the Saint Mary's Office of Residence Life hired 49 RAs, including 25 who are new to the position.

Freshman Pauline Kistka said she was nervous after being told she would be the RA in Queen's Court, a section of

LeMans Hall rumored to be haunted by ghosts.

Kistka said she quickly changed her mind, however, and is now excited to live there — especially since she will be a sophomore in a traditionally freshman section.

"I think it'll be more beneficial for the residents ... I am just one year older than them and have experienced everything that they will be encountering within the past year, and [will] be more in touch with what they are going through," Kistka said.

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Students rebuild area homes

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students took part in the annual Rebuilding Together project Saturday in a west side South Bend neighborhood in hopes of making individual home improvements.

The event, based at the Charles Black Recreation Center, takes place each April and helps low-income homeowners with necessary repairs such as new roofing, electrical wiring and yard work. This year's group spread out among two dozen residences in the area.

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ERIC SALES/The Observer

A student paints a house in the west side of South Bend Saturday as part of the Rebuilding Together project.

INSIDE COLUMN

A moment of Zen

FedEx delivered my latest hobby at about 2:15 last Wednesday — an eight or nine-inch tall Chinese Elm tree.

A few weeks ago I got the idea from some movie or TV show — I can't really remember which — to pick up the art of bon-

Peter Ninneman

News Writer

sai. A \$92 federal tax return later, and I'm surfing the Web.

Bonsai, in its modern form, dates back to about two thousand years ago in China. Another two thousand years before that, the Egyptians were using a similar practice.

Now, here I am, a 21st century American teenager from Louisville, Kentucky, trying my hand at an ancient art.

Yes, art — to craft a bonsai tree is to engage in an incredibly delicate and creative process that requires patience, vision and know-how.

Most people probably think that bonsai trees are just "dwarf" trees because of their genetics. This is entirely false. Bonsai come from the same seeds as their "normal" relatives. For example, my little bonsai Chinese Elm is genetically programmed to grow into a full size, 60-foot tall tree.

What keeps a bonsai from growing to its potential is a careful regimen of pruning, which must be maintained for the entire life of the tree. In order to obtain a specific shape, wire is used to bend the trunk and/or branches.

But bonsai is much more than trimming and bending. There is also an almost mystical aesthetic to it.

There are three goals which bonsai growers attempt to bring out of the tree: shen, Zen and bi, or truth, essence and beauty. No easy task, indeed.

A Japanese cliché says the tree, its shape and the surface of the soil and the selected container come together to express "heaven and earth in one container."

Whether or not I will accomplish that remains to be seen, as well as unlikely. Contrary to what Mrs. Simpson, my grade school art teacher, used to tell me, I've never been very artistic. But then again, maybe I've always sold myself short. I just keep telling myself I have some kind of pool of untapped potential.

Maybe you think that this Zen stuff is just a bunch of mumbo jumbo.

Instead of surfing Facebook in class, check out some pictures of bonsai. Some of them can really take your breath away. One of my favorites is the second one that comes up in a Google image search for "bonsai." I recommend you check it out.

I would sell my soul to the devil to create that kind of beauty.

So here I am, setting out to become a master. Dream big, I always say. If nothing else, it will give me something to do this summer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD RENAME ANY BUILDING ON CAMPUS WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Brooke Trudeau

*sophomore
LeMans*

"I'd rename McCandless to 'McScandalous.'"



Caitlin Jacowski

*freshman
Pangborn*

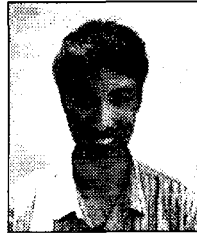
"I would name a building 'Weber Hall' after my amazing roommate, Anna Weber."



Elizabeth Johnson

*sophomore
LeMans*

"Umm, any library should be re-named 'Hell.'"



Hajime Sargent

*freshman
Dillon*

"I would change LaFortune to 'Fanstasy Kingdom.'"



Kelly Fahey

*sophomore
Holy Cross*

"Change LeMans to 'LeWomans.'"



Michael Barrett

*junior
Keough*

"I'd change O'Shaughnessy to 'O'Shag-me-baby.'"



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Freshman Brandon Frost and Junior Johanna Sioson continue to dance after Frost lost his grass skirt during the Tahitian performance at the Hawaiian Club's Luau Saturday in the LaFortune Ballroom.

OFFBEAT

Intruder gains access to the front lawn of White House

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terrorism!"

Members of the Secret Service emergency response team, including one holding a barking dog, chased the man with their guns drawn and surrounded him near the row of cameras set up for television stand-ups.

Ancient dentistry proves to be a painful procedure

WASHINGTON — Scientists have proved what patients in dentists' chairs often have thought: Drilling teeth is downright prehistoric.

Dentists drilled nearly perfect tiny holes in the teeth of live patients 7,500 to 9,000 years ago, according to car-

bon-dating of skulls unearthed in a Pakistan graveyard.

That means dentistry is at least 4,000 years older than first thought — and far older than the useful invention of anesthesia. The discovery of the dental work was described Thursday in the journal Nature.

This was no mere tinkering. The 11 teeth found in the remote graveyard were hard-to-reach molars. In at least one instance, the ancient dentist managed to drill a hole in the back end of a tooth, boring out toward the front of the mouth.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Professor Wadad Kadi will speak about "The Primordial Covenant and Human History in the Qur'an" today at 4 p.m. in 213 DeBartolo Hall.

Amy Welborn will be giving a lecture entitled "De-Coding Da Vinci: The Fact Behind the Fiction of the Da Vinci Code" today at 7:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo.

The Swing Club will sponsor "Open Dance Night" tonight at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

James Lardner will give a lecture on "U.S. Economic Inequality and Why it Matters" Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 127 of Hayes-Healy Hall.

Myla Leguro will speak about "Women Making Peace: A Philippines Initiative" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Notre Dame Softball will take on Ball State at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Ivy Field.

A campus-wide stations of the Cross procession will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grotto.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Manchester at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

AcoustiCafe will take place at 10 p.m. Thursday in LaFortune basement.

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The Observer, staffers garner honors at ICPA conference

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association awards ceremony Saturday.

The Observer editorial board earned first place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Ordinance a step backward," an editorial describing the amendment to the city's disorderly house ordinance passed by the South Bend Common Council in July 2005 as a step backward for relations between off-campus students and South Bend residents.

The Observer staff earned sec-

ond place in the Best Single Issue category for its Nov. 18, 2005 issue, which featured several Irish Insiders as well as a front-page series on disciplinary procedures at Notre Dame.

The staff also earned third place for Best Stand Alone/Pullout Section for a section on University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy.

Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Editor-in-chief Mike Gilloon won first place in the Best Sports Column category for "Give seniors credit," about the 2005 football team's senior class. Gilloon also won first place in the Best

Sports News Story for "Strong start in the Steel City," an article covering Notre Dame's season-opening victory over Pittsburgh.

Another first place honor went to scene writer Mary Squillace in the Best Entertainment Column category for "Welcome to the freak show," a piece on reality TV.

Second place honors went to former assistant managing editor Heather Van Hoegarden in the Best Sports Column category for "Navy rivalry more than football," about the relationship between the Naval Academy and Notre Dame.

Winning third place were Van Hoegarden and former editor-in-

chief Claire Heininger in the Best Breaking News Reporting category for their coverage of Dave Duerson's resignation from the Board of Trustees.

News writers Eileen Duffy and Nicole Zook won third place in the Best Non-Deadline News Reporting category for their coverage of tuition increases at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Another third place honor went to former managing editor Pat Leonard in the Best Sports News Feature category for "Oh captain, my captain," an Irish Insider profile of linebacker Brandon Hoyte.

Leonard and Van Hoegarden teamed to take third place in the Best Sports News Story category

for "Weis inspires," about the hiring of Irish football coach Charlie Weis.

Other third place honors went to scene writer Molly Griffin (Best Entertainment Column for a story on the loss of a favorite TV show) and viewpoint columnist Joey Falco (Best Opinion Column for a piece on the TV show "Laguna Beach" and how it relates to college students).

Other Notre Dame media groups represented at the ICPA convention included the Juggler, named top literary magazine; Scholastic, named the second-best news magazine; and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.

Rebuild

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Darrell Paulsen, who was responsible for recruiting and coordinating student volunteers, said the project strengthens ties with the local community and gives students the opportunity to give back to the South Bend area.

"I just think it is important that we recognize the fact that the people whose homes are worked on are so appreciative," Paulsen said.

Rebuilding Together is a broad community effort, Paulsen said, which includes city officials, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Each year the police department identifies a specific neighborhood that could benefit from the project. Residents within that area then

submit an application to have their home worked on, Paulsen said.

He said skilled laborers such as roofers and electricians worked on the homes April 1. The following Saturday, students were responsible for completing non-skilled labor like scrapping, cleaning and painting.

Roughly 430 student volunteers — slightly fewer than the 500 hoped for — worked on more than 20 homes between Linden Street and Sample Street, Paulsen said.

This year, information and registration for Rebuilding Together took place via the Internet for the first time, Paulsen said, making it easier for students to get involved.

"It worked out very well," he said. "Next year it will be even smoother."

Financial sponsorship for the project comes from donations,

grants and fundraising, Paulsen said.

"Students' energy and commitment to the event is all that is asked of them," Paulsen said.

Carrie Call, the director for the Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement, arranged for Saint Mary's to sponsor its own house for the first time this year. The project had a personal connection for the College community, she said, because the owner of the Saint Mary's-sponsored house is the mother of a Building Services worker on campus.

When the woman saw the transformation of her home, Call said, she was deeply appreciative.

"She just sat there smiling the whole time. She said how grateful she was, how thankful," Call said.

Faculty and staff members joined student volunteers as well as mothers in town for Saint Mary's Junior Mom's Weekend, Call said. They weeded yards, planted flowerbeds, cleaned ovens, emptied basements and painted rooms throughout the day. City trucks drove around the various sites to pick up debris, Call said.

"It's an incredibly complex network that works really well," Call said.

Coordinators tried to place 30 volunteers at each house, Call said. While initially the amount people may have made things crowded, Call said she was amazed by how fast the work went.

It is important for volunteers to feel as though they are contributing, Call said, and Rebuilding Together does that.

"I thought it was fantastic. It's a powerful project. You see results right away," she said.

"I just think it's what it means to be a Catholic school, to be a faith-based school. It's part of what we do."

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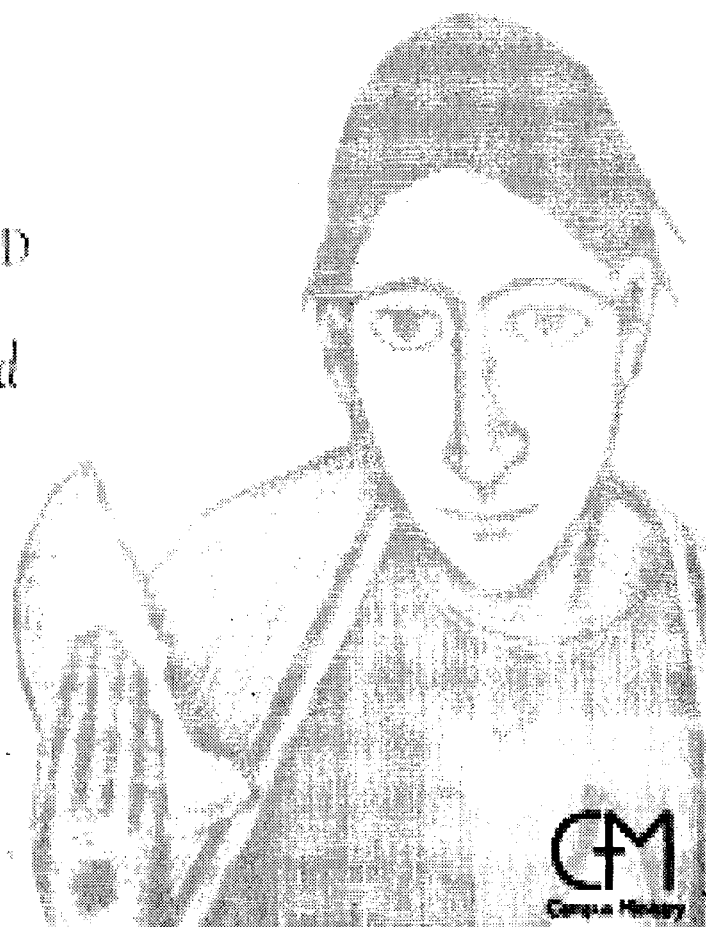
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slightly lower SAT score of 1392.

While the academic profile of accepted students has increased just slightly, the entire applicant pool has grown dramatically more competitive in recent years.

The academic profile of all applicants for the University's freshman class in fall 2006 — average high school class rank of top 11 percent, SAT score of 1300 and ACT score of 29 — makes them academically identical as those admitted to the fall 1997 freshman class, Saracino said.

These statistics indicate that virtually all applicants could succeed academically at Notre Dame, Saracino said.

He stressed the emotions involved in applying to Notre Dame — a school he said draws a "very self-selective group" of applicants who "probably already see themselves at Notre Dame."

"By our saying 'no' to those students, that doesn't mean they won't go on to do great things," he said. "It's our loss we can't admit all of them."

Saracino emphasized that students can apply to transfer to the University after their freshman year at another school. His own son was not admitted initially to Notre Dame but transferred to the University after a year elsewhere.

Though the actual statistics for the fall 2006 freshman class will not be known until accepted students notify the admissions office of their decision, the office projects the 2006 enrolled class will

average a top 5.6 percent class rank with 1380 SAT and 31 ACT scores. The office also projects the incoming class will be 52 percent male and 48 percent female.

Catholic students will likely make up 84 percent of the class, and alumni children will comprise 23 percent of the class, Saracino said. The admissions office does give alumni children "special attention," Saracino said, a privilege explained by the strong allegiance of alumni to the University.

Almost 10 percent of applicants are children of alumni, and enough of those applicants are accepted that they comprise 17 percent of the accepted student pool. A higher confirmation rate by legacy applicants explains their 23 percent proportion in the projected class, he said.

Despite the admissions office's reciprocation of alumni loyalty, Saracino said he is committed to keeping Notre Dame "inclusive, not exclusive" and preventing it from becoming a "club."

"I'll always be sympathetic to those students who want to go to Notre Dame but don't have a hook to get them in," he said, noting that many accepted students have no connections to alumni, faculty, athletic teams or benefactors.

The class is also projected to be the most diverse in the University's history, with 23 percent ethnic minorities and four percent international students, Saracino said.

Though high class ranks and test scores are an undeniable factor in admissions decisions, they never guarantee admission, Saracino said. He noted that the admissions committees chose to accept only 438 of the

849 applicants who were ranked number one in their high school classes.

In addition to turning down almost half the valedictorians, admissions also rejected a candidate who had a 1600 SAT score, Saracino said.

All University officers are notified when the admissions office sends decision letters, Saracino said, because alumni, benefactors, parents of current students and current students frequently contact officers on behalf of high school seniors whose applications were denied.

Saracino said about 600 e-mails, faxes and voicemails were received last year, with even more expected this year as 1,400 more rejection slips were sent out.

Though the admissions office does not compile statistics on accepted students' extracurricular involvement until they agree to attend, Saracino said next year's freshman class — like the rest of the Notre Dame student body — will have resumes built on more than grade point averages and test scores.

"These students are just as talented out of class," he said. "I wonder when they sleep."

Admissions is currently holding online information sessions for admitted students and is working with alumni clubs across the world in an attempt to ensure alumni contact with every admitted student.

"We're not selling Notre Dame — we're telling the story of Notre Dame," Saracino said. "I don't want to lose a single student because of unanswered questions."

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RA

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Rising junior and RA Margaret Clark said RAs need to be adaptable to a variety of situations while also able to enforce the rules.

"The RA position is not a popularity contest, but rather a position to ensure the safety of the students," Clark said.

To ensure that safety, there are certain criteria that RAs must meet to be considered for the position.

Candidates must not have any outstanding debts to the College or be on disciplinary probation, the Residence Life Web site reads. Applicants must also be at least rising sophomores and have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

RAs' residential placement depends entirely upon where Residence Life feels the candidates' strengths would best fit the needs of the residents.

Brittany Pangburn, a rising junior and RA in McCandless,

said she thinks she will continue to improve as an RA throughout her time at Saint Mary's.

"[This year] definitely taught me how to deal with certain crisis situations and how to say what needs to be said at the exact moment," she said, citing instances where she was able to convince, rather than force residents to seek help at the Counseling Center.

Being an RA is a full time job, Pangburn said, since RAs must set aside large amounts of time to be on call and meeting with other RAs. They must also be available to work the front desk in case a shift needs to be covered at the last minute.

While it is a lot of work, being an RA is fun, Pangburn

said — but there are rules to follow.

"The rules are there for a reason," she said. "You have to follow them for a reason. If something bad happens it's because we weren't doing our jobs."

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Margaret Clark
resident assistant

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez clashes with diplomat

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said the U.S. ambassador was "provoking the Venezuelan people" and threatened Sunday to expel the American diplomat.

Chavez accused Washington of seeking to escalate tensions and "looking for another incident." The U.S. embassy in Caracas had no immediate response to the president's comments.

The State Department said the incident Friday "clearly was condoned by the local government," with local officials handing out snacks to perpetrators at the stadium. U.S. officials accused police of doing nothing, saying a single city police car stayed well behind the convoy while motorcyclists pounded and kicked the ambassador's car.

Chavez says the United States is plotting against him, an accusation American officials deny. The United States, however, has said Chavez is stifling democracy.

Holy Week sparks old memories

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI blessed palm fronds and olive branches Sunday in the Vatican, opening a ritual-filled Holy Week that pilgrims in Jerusalem celebrated.

In Jerusalem on Sunday, some 20,000 pilgrims from around the world joyously waved palms as they marched from the Mount of Olives into the holy city.

This year's Holy Week will likely be bitter-sweet for many Roman Catholics, who remember the 2005 ceremonies, when John Paul made his final public appearances.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gas prices increase 17 cents

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Retail gas prices across the country soared an average of nearly 17 cents in the past two weeks.

The weighted average for all three grades increased to \$2.69 a gallon by Friday, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations in the country.

Self-serve regular averaged \$2.67 a gallon. Mid-grade cost \$2.76 a gallon while premium hit \$2.86 a gallon.

Among the stations surveyed, the lowest average price in the country for regular unleaded was in Salt Lake City at \$2.28 a gallon. The most expensive was in Honolulu, where drivers paid \$2.88 a gallon.

White House intruder jumps fence

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The man eventually knelt on the ground and was taken into custody around 4 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Voters blame technology for error

INDIANAPOLIS — Three central Indiana counties are blaming a Nebraska company that makes ballots and voting machines for errors they fear could disrupt balloting in the May 2 primary.

With the primary election less than a month away, Election Systems & Software of Omaha, Neb., is under fire from officials in Marion, Johnson and Hancock counties for incorrect ballots and delays in mailing the ballots and for not updating voting machine technology.

NEPAL

Citizens assemble for protest

Nation unites to end absolute power of King Gyanendra, newly-imposed curfew

Associated Press

KATMANDU — The crisis in this Himalayan nation deepened Sunday as crowds demanding the restoration of democracy took to the streets across Nepal in defiance of a daytime curfew, throwing stones at security forces and burning government offices.

With King Gyanendra and his opposition both refusing to back down, the situation appeared to be reaching its most volatile point since he seized absolute power more than a year ago. The well-armed communist insurgency has allied itself with the political opposition, which vowed Sunday to continue demonstrations indefinitely. The government warned of harsher measures in response.

Security forces have killed three protesters, and thrown more than 800 in jail during four days of demonstrations that for the first time brought thousands of workers, professionals and business people into the streets alongside students and political activists.

"Even the parties didn't expect such a massive public participation across the country," said Lok Raj Baral, executive chairman of the Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies and a retired diplomat.

There were protests in at least four different parts of the capital, Katmandu. The private Kantipur television station broadcast footage of police shooting rubber-coated bullets, hitting at least one protester.

The protests, part of a four-day nationwide strike, were to end Sunday but instead the king's opponents announced that they would continue, with no end in sight.

The Maoist rebels' were supporting a strike by the political opposition for the first time, although the two sides struck an alliance late last year. The rebels' leader, Prachanda, on Sunday



AP
Opposition party supporters meet at a rally in Katmandu Sunday. A curfew was imposed to prevent holding a demonstration against Gyanendra.

announced a nationwide campaign to include defying curfew orders, blockading highways, breaking royal statues and punishing all those who pay taxes.

The demonstrations will be "long-drawn. I can't say how this will end," said Ram Sharan Mahat of the country's largest party, the Nepali Congress, one of seven parties that have banded together to oppose Gyanendra. "The king must restore democracy," he said.

Saturday was the 16th anniversary of the introduction of democracy in Nepal, which came about after dozens of pro-democracy demonstrators were shot by police, prompting a surge of anti-royal sentiment and forcing the late King Birendra to yield much of

his authority.

Gyanendra abruptly ended the democratic experiment last year when he reclaimed absolute power from other parts of the government, arguing he needed to bring order to a chaotic and corrupt political scene and end a communist insurgency that has killed nearly 13,000 people in the past decade.

The latest death came in the town of Banepa, just east of Katmandu, when security forces fired on protesters hurling stones and shouting slogans, said an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

More than 2,000 people rallied in the southern town of Bharatpur, about 90 miles southwest of Katmandu, angered by the shooting of a demonstrator

a day earlier.

The government on Sunday said it was cracking down on the protests because communist militants had fired on security forces from among the crowds, despite the rebels' pledge not to launch attacks in the capital.

Four known Maoists were among the 800 people arrested, and they had told authorities that militants had infiltrated the protests and planned to carry out attacks, Home Minister Kamal Thapa told reporters.

The government's crackdown on the opposition has prompted condemnations from the United States, Japan, the European Union and neighboring India, all of which have been critical of the king's seizure of power.

Work crews clear tornado damage

Associated Press

GALLATIN, Tenn. — Diesel smoke filled the air as work crews used heavy equipment to clear paths through tornado-strewn debris and victims rummaged for mementos in the remains of their neighborhoods.

Twelve deaths were blamed on the tornadoes, which weather officials said were spotted Friday in 10 Tennessee counties.

It was the second deadly storm system to hit the state in less than a week. Last weekend, thunderstorms spinning out dozens of tornadoes killed 24 people in western Tennessee and four others in Missouri and Illinois.

"After the tornadoes in west Tennessee, I said, 'Lord help us if it comes through a more densely populated area,'" Gov. Phil Bredesen said. "And then it did a week later."

Sumner County emergency officials implemented a curfew for the areas hardest hit and National Guard soldiers were brought in to patrol. The worst damage appeared to be in Gallatin and suburbs northeast of Nashville.

Steve Hurt and eight others survived by taking shelter in a fireproof room at Lee Electric Supply Co. in Gallatin.

"You could hear people yelling and screaming outside and the debris hitting the walls," said Hurt.

One tornado chewed up a path about 150 to 200 yards wide and at least 10 miles long, said Jimmy Templeton of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department.

"I'm amazed we didn't have more fatalities," said Sonny Briggance, rescue chief for the Sumner County emergency management agency.

Seven people were killed in Sumner County and three in Warren County, about 65 miles southeast of Nashville. Two more people died in a Gallatin hospital. Hospitals admitted at least 60 people injured in the storms.

As many as 1,600 homes were damaged or destroyed in Warren and Sumner counties. Several multimillion-dollar homes were pulverized.

Picks

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Carroll's room pick ceremony allows residents to receive their lottery number through the use of a computer program that assigns numbers electronically.

Carroll residents gather in the lounge around a big screen TV to watch what Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis described as "a kind of vertical 'Wheel of Fortune,' replete with sound effects."

While positive sounds — like an Alleluia Chorus — accompany good numbers, Lewis decided those who are down on their luck could do without the sound effects.

"The music was funny, but the one who gets a bad number usually doesn't need people laughing at his misfortune," he said.

Students "floating" between dorms in hopes of living in a single are handled according to individual dorm rules and room availability.

Alumni rector Father George Rozum said floaters are placed in the hall's lottery, giving them virtually the same chance as any other resident.

But Badin rector Anne Napoli said she automatically places floaters at the bottom of her list — barring extenuating circumstances — while Dillon rector Paul Doyle fills all singles internally and leaves no room for floaters.

Unlike most dorms at Notre Dame, Doyle said Dillon residents have the option to "freeze" their rooms, allowing students to remain in the same dorm room for two consecutive years.

Pasquerilla East sophomore Katie Napleton said while she lives in a dorm where room dimensions do not vary, she thinks the University's overall room selection

process is "pretty fair."

"[In my dorm] people basically do room picks on section preference rather than differences between rooms," she said.

Knott junior Brooks Wunder said although the process is never error-free, "there is no perfect way to go about it ... but [selection process organizers] do the best they can."

"Guys don't really care," he said, "but somehow girls always end up fighting and crying."

This scenario, however, was not the case for freshmen roommates Leeah Kohley and Rebecca Gannon, who will room together in McGlinn again next year after developing a close friendship.

"It's pretty keen that we not only get along, but we're actually really good friends," Kohley said. "We have a lot of hijinks and I honestly couldn't imagine rooming with another person next year."

Even though Kohley's roommate's good lottery number allowed them to have a decent choice of a double, she said she believes the procedure is not perfectly fair.

"I know some girls in forced triples this year who think they should've gotten first pick for next year, which I sort of agree with since they had less space this year," she said.

Dillon freshman Jason Nowak was not as fortunate, receiving the 95th room pick out of 95 freshmen. He said he believes a completely random lottery is unfair.

"I have last pick and I've done nothing wrong, whereas people who have gotten [sanctions from the Office of Residence Life and Housing] and everything are much higher than me," he said. "Even people with multiple 'ResLives' are above me."

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Rooms

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Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell said. "Then the computer randomly assigns each student a lottery number which we [publicly] post."

According to Russell, rising fifth year students and seniors kicked off the selection process last Monday, having the option to choose to live in any of College's dorm rooms. After they make their selection, Russell said she determines quotas for the number of rising juniors and sophomores who will be permitted to live in each of the College's four residence halls.

"Quotas exist because the College believes in integrated living," Russell said. "We want, as much as possible, to have each hall be representative of the entire student body."

Russell said she determines the quotas by dividing the number of rooms available in each residence hall number by the percentage of rising juniors and sophomores she deems appropriate to live there.

First year student Meg Frechette said Holy Cross Hall was the most desirable dorm to live in for the 2006-07 school year.

"All our friends are living there and its filling up really fast," Frechette said.

Sophomore Siobhan Lezynski

said she ended up with her sixth room choice overall, deeming it not "ideal, but still good."

"There was no tear shed this year, so that's a good sign," Lezynski said. "It's always painful when it gets down to those last few remaining room [choices]."

Russell said she empathizes with the room selection troubles.

"I think the inability to control what is happening is what causes students' frustration," she said.

Russell said she realizes students can become frustrated easily during room selection process "because they want to live close to friends and have a nice room in a certain hall."

She advises students to go into the process with "an open mind" and realize that with a random process it is impossible for students to know how everything will work out.

"Realizing that it may not go exactly how you hoped it would ... doesn't mean it will be terrible," Russell said.

She said subtle changes to the process have been made over the years to make it both student-friendly and more efficient.

This year, Russell said, is the first Saint Mary's will use computers to enter housing information. She anticipates the computers "will allow us to have more accu-

rate and immediate feedback on what spaces are still available" for students who have yet to choose their rooms for the fall semester.

"[The new system] will also help students receive their mailbox and phone numbers sooner," Russell said.

For the most part, student responses to these changes have been positive. Junior Alanna Chiefari said she noticed the process seemed more organized than in previous years.

"I thought it went really smoothly," she said. "There were signs directing us where to go, and when we went to sign our contracts [staff members] were all sitting at computers."

Lezynski also said the computer-operated system cut down on room selection complexities.

"The staff did a good job of making everything run smoothly," she said. "I thought it went very well and it was pretty quick."

For students who are unhappy with their future living arrangements, a wait list will be available

in September, Russell said. She said housing problems would be resolved within the first three weeks of classes.

Prior to the room selection process, Russell encourages students to have a list of alternate rooms or living situations and also encourages students to be prepared.

"Make sure you really understand the process before going through it," Russell said.

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IN BRIEF

Burger King CEO Brenneman resigns

MIAMI — Burger King's chairman and chief executive resigned Friday after starting a turnaround at the No. 2 hamburger restaurant chain, but his departure raised questions about the company's impending initial public offering and its continued revolving door for leaders.

Greg Brenneman, 44, is a veteran of fixing troubled companies, such as Continental Airlines Inc. in the 1990s. He joined Burger King in August 2004 amid nearly two years of slumping sales, but the chain says it's now had eight consecutive quarters of sales growth at stores open at least a year, and profits are small but growing.

Navistar faces accounting problems

CHICAGO — Truck and bus maker Navistar International Corp., which has been sorting through accounting problems for months, said Friday it has dismissed its auditors and will restate financial results dating back to 2002.

The restatements will cover fiscal years 2002-04 and the first nine months of fiscal 2005, Navistar said.

As part of accounting overhaul, the parent of International Truck and Engine Corp. said its board of directors has fired Deloitte & Touche as its auditor and hired KPMG.

Ford CEO accepts 40 percent paycut

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. Chairman and CEO Bill Ford received total compensation of \$13.3 million in 2005, or 40 percent less than the previous year after the automaker's North American division lost more than \$1 billion, according to a proxy statement filed Friday with federal regulators.

The No. 2 U.S. automaker also said shareholders will vote on 10 proposals at Ford's annual meeting on May 11 in Wilmington, Del., including one that would remove sexual orientation from Ford's nondiscrimination policy and another that would tie executive compensation to progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles. Ford opposes both changes.

Court rules on Delphi retirees

Decision marks beginning of efforts to decrease staff numbers as company falters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Auto parts maker Delphi Corp. can offer as many as 13,000 hourly employees lump sum payments of \$35,000 to retire, a bankruptcy judge ruled Friday, marking a key milestone in its effort to scale back staff amid falling production.

Troy, Mich.-based Delphi, one of the world's largest suppliers of auto parts, filed for bankruptcy protection in October and is trying to shed what it says are increasingly unsustainable labor agreements that have left it overstaffed and saddled with costly benefit programs.

Judge Robert Drain, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, approved Delphi's plan to offer eligible employees a \$35,000 lump sum payment in exchange for their retirement. The payments will be funded by former parent General Motors Corp., which agreed to do so under a broader labor deal.

Delphi, GM and their largest union, the United Auto Workers, announced that deal in March. Under the agreement, some 113,000 GM workers could be eligible for early retirement incentives or buyouts of between \$35,000 and \$140,000, depending on seniority and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits.

At Delphi, GM's former parts division and largest supplier, 13,000 UAW-represented workers could be eligible for the retirement payments of \$35,000. In addition, 5,000 Delphi workers will be eligible to return to GM.

Delphi has about 6,000 employees in Indiana, most of whom work at the company's Electronics & Safety Division headquarters in Kokomo. It also has about 700 workers at an Anderson plant that's due



Kenneth Craig, left, and Theresa Barber carry signs outside of the meeting where Delphi Corp. CEO Robert S. Miller gave a speech in Detroit April 3.

to close.

The agreement, which both GM and Delphi say is key to turning around their businesses, hinged on Delphi getting permission from the bankruptcy court.

Delphi has said its operating costs will drop significantly if enough workers opt in to the plan, though it won't know the full amount of savings or costs of the plan until employees sign up. Delphi says it now pays workers upward of \$78 an hour in wages, benefits and "legacy" costs such as retiree health care and pensions.

The company has blamed its financial struggles in part on union contracts it inherited in its

spinoff from GM back in 1999.

Last week, Delphi filed a request with the bankruptcy court seeking permission to void its labor contracts and retiree benefits. The UAW, which represents 70 percent of Delphi's hourly workers, has threatened to strike if the court agrees. A hearing on this issue is set for May 9.

In a separate matter earlier Friday, Drain indicated he would approve a recently reached agreement between GM and unsecured creditors of Delphi that are looking to challenge GM if the auto maker attempts to seize big payouts from a restructured Delphi.

Delphi's unsecured creditors' committee, which includes representatives from companies including Electronic Data Systems Corp. and General Electric Co., wants GM to provide it with various documents so that creditors can examine any claims GM has made or makes on Delphi's assets.

On Friday, attorneys in the case said GM and the unsecured creditors have reached an agreement in which GM will cooperate with the committee so long as the parties can agree to the scope and other terms of the creditors' inquiry.

The parties plan to file their agreement with the bankruptcy court.

New drug plans prove successful

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It wasn't easy to sign up, but now that she's enrolled in the new Medicare drug benefit, Ruth Dike says it's made a big difference in her finances.

The cost of her medicine ranges from about \$10 to \$15 a month, she says, versus at least \$100 a month before she joined.

"It's just a relief that I can buy the medications I need without having to worry how I'm going to pay for them," says Dike, 74, of Casper, Wyo.

Congressional supporters of the program worry that the problems that marked its beginnings have

drowned out success stories such as Dike's.

Dike said the enrollment process was horrendous. Her friends had the same problem.

"None of them could do it themselves," she said.

She enrolled with the help of the local senior center and now spends between \$2 and \$5 for each prescription. She takes medicine for high blood pressure, arthritis, an ulcer and her thyroid, and she uses a potassium supplement. By year's end, she estimates she will have saved about \$1,000.

Her story fits the profile that Republican lawmakers and some

advocacy groups have stressed in recent weeks.

Once older people enroll in one of the drug plans offered, about three-quarters of those beneficiaries say they are satisfied, according to Medicare Rx Education Network. The organization includes patients groups such as the Alzheimer's Association and trade associations representing insurers and drug makers.

"Seniors who have enrolled are finding the benefit worth the time and effort it takes to check out the plans and sign up," said former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who is the group's honorary chairman.

Airport business flies pizza to remote Alaskan villages

Associated Press

NOME, Alaska — Last Christmas, residents of the Yupik Eskimo village of Savoonga added a special dish to their everyday fare of whale, walrus, reindeer and berries — fresh pizza flown in from Nome, 170 miles away.

A tiny delivery joint, Airport Pizza, had opened several months earlier just steps from Nome's busy runways, and many of Savoonga's 700 residents were eager to try more than conventional pepperoni and plain cheese.

Nome's first and only pizza delivery service does a robust business in the western Alaska town of 3,500. But it really stands out for its free deliveries via commuter plane to more than a dozen other remote subarctic villages spread over a region about the size of Washington state.

The village council in Savoonga, on St. Lawrence Island in the icy Bering Sea, wanted a special holiday treat for young families in the village. It ordered 50 pizzas, half topped with chicken and ranch dressing and the other half with

Canadian bacon and pineapple.

Julia Noongwook, 41, swapped some of her bacon and pineapple for a slice of chicken ranch from a relative. Noongwook said it was the first time she had tasted the popular chicken ranch pie, which also comes with bacon, red onions, tomatoes and mozzarella and cheddar cheeses.

"It was good," she said. "I like chicken."

Frontier Flying Service, an intrastate airline, volunteered last year to fly the pizzas at no charge to every village on its regular flight schedule out of Nome, a Bering Sea town settled in 1899 during a massive gold rush.

Craig Kenmonth, general manager of Frontier, said the free delivery service helps the carrier market itself in a way that benefits customers in the largely Yupik and Inupiat Eskimo villages.

"Our success is directly tied to the success of the communities we serve," Kenmonth said. "And it's a fun thing to do."

The savings can be enormous for Nome's largely impoverished satellite communities, which pay some

of the highest fuel prices in the nation. In White Mountain, gas cost \$3.39 a gallon at the beginning of April, according to Dorothy Barr, travel coordinator for the village.

Delivery of three or four pizzas would normally cost a village about \$25, said Matt Tomter, who manages Airport Pizza. Tomter's wife, Jeri Ann, owns the business. Freight is charged 40 to 60 cents per pound, depending on the village's distance from Nome, with a \$10 minimum.

"They fly the pizzas for nothing, which is huge for people out in the villages," said Tomter, who quit his job as a pilot at Frontier to run the thriving pizza joint.

The Christmas pizza order cost Savoonga anyway after a snowstorm grounded Frontier, said Noongwook, who handled the order as the city's gaming manager.

Only 25 of the pizzas made it out on Frontier before the weather closed in. The council wanted to make sure no one felt left out by getting late pizzas on the holiday, so it paid freight charges of almost \$100 to have another airline fly



A bundled-up Alaskan, right, buys pizzas from an Airport Pizza deliveryman who arrived in a very unusual vehicle earlier this

them in when the weather cleared later in the day.

About 40 percent of Airport Pizza's business comes from villages that get their supplies by plane through Nome, the region's hub city, Tomter said.

The Savoonga order was one of Airport Pizza's largest, but it isn't rare to get calls for bundles of 10

or 20 pizzas from villages nearly 200 miles away. Tomter said an order for six reindeer sausage pizzas once came in from the Arctic Ocean town of Barrow, the northernmost community in the U.S., 500 miles to the northeast.

"Anytime they bring a lot of people into the village it's an easy way to feed everybody," Tomter said.

Eggland's Best beats regular eggs

Associated Press

CEDAR KNOLLS, N.J. — When Eggland's Best Inc. launched its low-fat, low-cholesterol eggs in 1992, U.S. egg consumption was at its lowest point in decades as dieters and others spurned cholesterol-rich foods.

That gave the company a big advantage over generic eggs, and a clear marketing strategy, executed with TV ads depicting mothers and grandmothers happily feeding their families Eggland's eggs.

The ads and the eggs' health benefits have helped to boost revenues at the tiny Cedar Knolls company by double digits for nine straight years. Retail revenues from Eggland's eggs — which sell at a premium of up to \$1 per dozen over regular eggs — totaled about \$200 million last year, with about \$27 million going to the corporation and the rest to grocery stores and to Eggland's Best farmers, who hold franchises.

Compared with regular eggs, Eggland's have 25 percent less saturated fat, 15 percent less cholesterol and several times more vitamin E and omega-3 essential fatty acids, which both are believed to reduce risk of heart disease and other disorders. Eggland's eggs also contain more of the essential mineral iodine and lutein, an antioxidant thought to boost the immune system and help prevent cancer and the eye disorder macular degeneration.

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"The good things we're better on and the bad things we're lower on," said Eggland's president and chief executive officer, Charlie Lanktree, whose enthusiasm for his wares rivals that of chicken magnate Frank Perdue. "The perfect food just became more perfect."

That's accomplished by feeding hens a carefully controlled vegetarian diet, patented under the unwieldy title, "Egg Compatible With Cholesterol Reducing Diet and Method of Producing the Same."

"This is a really special product and it has science to back it up," added Lanktree, whose company regularly tests Eggland's eggs, collected at franchisee farms and from store shelves to make sure they have the nutrient levels claimed on the package.

Plenty of consumers are willing to pay a premium for "specialty eggs" such as Eggland's, which include nutritionally enhanced, organic and cage-free and free-

range varieties.

"The specialty egg segment has grown dramatically in the last eight or nine years," said Alan Andrews, director of marketing at Pactiv Corp., the world's top supplier of egg cartons.

The number of specialty eggs sold jumped from 40 million dozen in 1999 to more than 90 million dozen last year. Roughly 5 percent of the volume of fresh egg sales and 11 percent of the approximately \$3 billion in revenues went for specialty products in 2005, according to data from Pactiv and market researcher AC Nielsen.

While many specialty brands are sold locally, there are a few other regional or national brands touting lower cholesterol, higher omega-3 levels or other health benefits, said Marcia Laux of the Iowa State University extension service. Brands include Organic Valley, Chino Valley Ranchers, Christopher Eggs, Land O Lakes and Egg Beaters, which are nutritionally enhanced egg whites.

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Playboy creator Hugh Hefner turns 80, reflects on life

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Playboy creator Hugh M. Hefner is in the middle of an interview about his 80th birthday when a TV cameraman asks him to move a statue of former girlfriend Barbi Benton from the shelf behind him.

The statue's nude breasts were in the shot and that might not pass muster with TV decency standards.

"As much as things change, they stay the same," Hefner remarks, disappointment in his voice. "There is still controversy about, maybe even more than before, not just nudity — a nude statue."

That is Hefner's point — that Playboy with its mission of sexual liberation is as relevant as ever in these days of federal government crackdowns on television content that some consider indecent.

"Attitudes toward nudity and Playboy have changed, in many ways, very little," says the man who gave the world the Playboy centerfold. "In some ways it is even more political than it was in the '50s and '60s."

The invitation to Hefner's birthday party Saturday — he turned 80 Sunday — unfolds to show three photos of him: one as a toddler, one holding his new magazine in 1953, and one showing a smiling young Hefner with wavy black hair and his iconic pipe.

The hair is thinner now and gray, almost white in places. His hearing is gone in one ear and he has the slightest bit of trouble getting up from his library couch after the interview. He quit smoking after a stroke in 1985.

But otherwise, the man dressed in black silk pajamas and a scarlet silk jacket with black lapels shows few other signs that he is becoming an octogenarian.

"Maybe to some extent 80 is the new 40," he says, smiling. "I truly believe that age — if you're healthy — age is just a number. On many levels I feel younger today than I did 10, 15 years ago."

Hef has a lot to make him feel young. He lives with three young, blonde girlfriends in his ornate mansion in Holmby Hills. Their life is being documented in a hit reality

TV show on the E! channel, "The Girls Next Door."

His company is opening a new Playboy club in Las Vegas and a new edition of the magazine has debuted in Indonesia, sparking controversy in that largely Muslim nation.

The famous mansion, with its free ranging exotic birds, stone grotto and game room, is a part of the fantasy he has carefully crafted around himself.

As Hefner reflects on his life and career, he recalls that he first reinvented himself at 16, when he was rejected by a girl he had a crush on. He began referring to himself as Hef instead of Hugh, learned the jitterbug and began drawing a comic book, "a kind of autobiography that put myself center stage in a life I created for myself."

He did it again in 1960, when he began hosting a TV show, bought a fancy car, started smoking a pipe and bought the first Playboy mansion, in Chicago.

"I came out from behind the desk and became the living personification of the dreams and fantasies



Hugh Hefner and girlfriends Kendra Wilkinson, left, Holly Madison and Bridget Marquardt arrive at the Long Beach Grand Prix Sunday.

that were in the magazine," Hefner said.

Although he continues to personify the Playboy philosophy, he is not unaware of the passing years.

"You come to a point in life in which you begin to lose some very dear friends, some of whom are peers in terms of age," he said. "In

the last few years, I have lost some very dear contemporaries, including my best buddy in high school, the first girl I went steady with, Mel Torme, one of my closest friends."

Any regrets?

"Certainly it is a life well-lived and I wouldn't trade places with anybody," he said.

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The Stones play China — finally

Band unfazed by censorship from government, rocks crowd of thousands

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Mick Jagger strutted, Keith Richards hammered out chords and thousands sang along to classics such as "I Can't Get No Satisfaction."

But the song list was censored, high ticket prices kept locals away and the guest star was a rocker who was temporarily banned after one of his songs became an anthem for pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Western rock and communism made for a strange blend Saturday night as the Rolling Stones finally made their debut on mainland China.

As the audience in Shanghai showed, the Stones have yet to find a major following among the country's 1.3 billion people, to whom rock and roll is still largely unfamiliar.

Still, the band tried their best to tie the show to its location, with Jagger shouting out greetings in Chinese and welcoming the Chinese rock pioneer Cui Jian onstage to trade verses on "Wild Horses."

Cui was stopped from performing after the deadly June 4, 1989, military crackdown on Tiananmen student protesters, for whom his "Nothing to my Name" had become an anthem.

The show had another local element: an order from Chinese censors not to play five of the band's best-loved hits, apparently due to their suggestive

lyrics.

Unfazed, the Stones kicked things off with the crowd favorite "Start Me Up" and proceeded to tear through almost two hours of classic rock. Richards' and Ronnie Woods' guitars rang and shrieked, Charlie Watts pounded out the intro to "Paint It Black," confetti fell and huge dolls inflated by the stage.

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Mick Jagger
Rolling Stones singer

Jagger earlier dismissed questions over the small size of the local Chinese audience as "just the way the market works in a lot of Asia." He said a planned nationwide broadcast of the concert by Chinese Central Television would draw new fans.

Despite the relative lack of Chinese faces in the crowd, local audience reaction seemed largely positive, if a little preoccupied with the ages of the band members.

"So old, and yet he can really perform," said Song Jianghong, referring to Jagger, 62.

Beijing resident Xue Liang said the Stones enjoyed cult status in China.

"They were among the first acts whose music was smuggled in. To see them here in China now is just amazing," Xue said.

Talking to reporters before the show, Cui hailed the concert as a "milestone" for him and all Chinese rock fans.

"It is a big moment. I will never forget this," said Cui, who said he believed rock needed another five years to truly find its audience in China.

At a Friday news conference, Jagger said he was not surprised to be censored, but added acerbically: "I'm pleased that the Ministry of Culture is protecting the morals of the expat bankers and their girlfriends that are going to be coming."

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It's hard out here for a man

"There's a war on men in this country."

Or at least that's what Stephen Colbert announced during a recent interview with conservative Harvard professor Harvey Mansfield on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report." Mansfield, of course, was on the show promoting his new book, "Manliness," which delves into a topic that he claims society is ignoring in the wake of the gay and feminist equality movements.

Unfortunately for the appropriately named Mansfield, though, he forgot a vital fact while writing this tome of testosterone that Colbert was kind enough to point out on the show: "Real men don't read books."

How true. Still, what exactly does it take to be a real man in America? According to Mansfield in his 300-page paean to prostates, real men are "often intolerant," "irrational," "prefer times of war, conflict, and risk" and, most importantly, they "disdain women's work." In fact, during his interview with Colbert, Mansfield pointed out that in an ideal world, men would earn two thirds of the family income while doing no more than one third of the family housework. After all, as he writes in his book, "Women still rather like housework, changing diapers, [etc.]"

(Sure they do, Harv. When I think femininity, I think Pampers and baby poo, too.)

But what else makes a man a man? A little over a year ago, one female Observer writer pointed out that she was sick and tired of "metrosexual" guys who spend half the day in front of the mirror and the other half attempting to use the lake, the reflecting pool, and toilet bowl water to make sure that their hair is styled correctly. More important than that, she said, real men

drink beer. Not girly mixed drinks with feminine names like "Sex on the Beach" and "Flirtini," but manly lagers, ales, stouts, and draughts that fill out your gut, put hair on your chest, and force you to let out manly burps that could literally knock down the walls of Club 23.

It probably couldn't hurt to have the occasional bottle-smashing bar fight either, because chicks dig guys with broken shards of Guinness wedged in their cheeks.

Of course, manliness isn't all sunshine and rainbows, as Mansfield and others would make it seem. There is a tragic dark side that comes along with the weight of lugging around a Y chromosome all day.

In a recent "Washington Post" column, psychologist Leonard Sax, author of the yet-to-be-released book, "Boys Adrift: What's Really Behind the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys," explores the recent trend of young males who graduate from college, then spend several years at home with their parents while working menial jobs and playing videogames all day. According to the Census Bureau, Sax points out, one third of men aged 22 to 34 are still

living at home with their parents — a 100 percent increase in the past 20 years. He adds, "No such change has occurred with regard to young women." Interestingly enough, there are even movies about this bizarre connection between manliness and laziness, like the recent Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker comedy, "Failure to Launch" (which, I am happy to say, I was too busy being manly to see).

But what does this all mean? Have men simply grown too content with their manly superiority to even attempt to compete with women in the workplace in this era of "equal opportunity?" Or perhaps, as Mansfield writes, since "women are the weaker sex," it

seems reasonable enough for a manly man to boycott work if it involves, God forbid, working under a female boss.

Yeah, right. Because of these disturbing facts — and the fact that Harvey Mansfield can't possibly have gotten any from his wife in over a decade — I am taking a stand against this revitalized manliness movement. While my version of manliness will still involve avoiding mirrors, tight jeans and all hair products other than Pert Plus (and drinking Irish beer by the pint will certainly still be an important aspect of being a man), there are going to have to be some changes around here.

Spending ten years with your parents in Muncie, Indiana and playing "Grand Theft Auto" after college while women get high-paying jobs and live "Sex and the City" lifestyles in New York is simply unacceptable. Get off the couch and do something with your lives, men. Also, instead of watching "SportsCenter" on repeat, Food Network should be

mandatory daily programming so that manly men can learn to cook something other than Pop Tarts and Easy Mac for their families one day. Finally, since it doesn't look as if Congress will be reinstating the military draft anytime soon, something will have to be done about this tendency in undisciplined guys to avoid cleaning dishes, floors, bathrooms, their bodies and basically anything but their car exteriors and PlayStation controllers.

Because what is the real goal of my new version of manliness? Becoming a trophy husband, of course.

And since most of us don't look or throw a football like Brady Quinn, it's going to help to know how to scrub a toilet and roast a chicken.

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Joey Falco

Forty Ounces

Still, what exactly does it take to be a real man in America?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ROTC presence not endorsement

In his April 5 letter ("Pandora's box"), James Parrot argues that the presence of ROTC on Notre Dame's campus constitutes endorsement of the war in Iraq. Not so. The training of military officers has been part of Notre Dame's history for over sixty years, well before our country went to war in Iraq. Sustaining an ROTC program does not constitute endorsement of any particular military action, it simply recognizes the Church sanctioned right of nations to raise armies and defend themselves.

Since Parrot chose to compare sponsorship of ROTC with endorsement of "The Vagina Monologues," let me make another comparison. Unlike prostitution, sexual abuse of a minor and extramarital sex, which are always morally wrong, the rightness or wrongness of a particular military action is a matter of prudential judgment. George Weigel in the January 2003

issue of "First Things" offers a compelling argument justifying the invasion of Iraq in light of Catholic just war tradition.

Archbishop O'Brien of the Archdiocese of the Military Services says Catholics may, in good conscience, participate in the Iraq war. Catholic moral teaching allows room for disagreement on this issue. Even if Notre Dame were to officially support the war in Iraq, it would not necessarily be contradicting the teachings of the Church. A discussion about the war in Iraq would be a good thing, but please leave the ROTC programs out of it.

Tom Aranda
alumnus
Class of 1995
April 8

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"The most savage controversies are those about matters as to which there is no good evidence either way."

Bertrand Russell
philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus comics: Questioning 'Jockular'

Comic harmful to relationship

As a Saint Mary's alumna who had to make the choice between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, I was somewhat disheartened by the comic that appeared in today's Observer (April 6). It seems that each time a step is taken forward in strengthening the relationship between two outstanding institutions, two steps backwards are taken when a few students make the choice to print something such as this comment attempting to damage that relationship that has been so vital to the existence of both campuses.

In calling Saint Mary's a "parasite" to Notre Dame, it is important to view how that relationship works both ways. While it is true that Saint Mary's students are able to attend football games, classes and even the dining hall at Notre Dame, it must be kept in mind that Notre Dame students are given equal opportunities. On many occasions I saw Notre Dame students in our dining hall during my four years at Saint Mary's. Even more importantly, as an education major, I had several Notre Dame students in my classes, as this major does not even exist at Notre Dame. Without Saint Mary's, these students would not have had many of the opportunities that they did.

In addition, the use of the term "parasite" implies a negative relationship in which one body is harming another. In posing the comic strip in the fashion the authors chose to do,

they are saying that Saint Mary's is in some way threatening to the Notre Dame community. If the ability to take advantage of multiple majors on both campuses and the ability to work together to promote common values is harmful, then perhaps the authors need to reevaluate what a positive relationship would be. I would hope that a group of adults could continue to promote what has been for so many years such a positive relationship in which both parties benefit rather than making an attempt to harm what could be such wonderful experiences and opportunities for students on both campuses, before the tension between the campuses mounts so high that this great history dies altogether.

Instead of trying to find the negative in situations, let's look for the positives and what a wonderful opportunity it is to have two great campuses who have worked so well together for so long so that students of both campuses can continue to enjoy the experiences we as alumni have been so fortunate to enjoy, and continue to strengthen this relationship as we work to make each institution the best it can be.

Lauren Roederer
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Class of 2005
April 6

Portrayal inaccurate

I write with a heavy heart today after having seen yesterday's (April 6) "Jockular" strip characterizing the women of Saint Mary's College as "parasites."

It grieves me to see that such negative attitudes are not merely existent on campus but that they are tolerated to such an extent that the young men who mistook their bigotry for humor could submit such a cartoon for publication with no fear of reprimand or community dismay.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are frequently called "sister schools," and like all sisterly relationships, there are sometimes bumps in the road and friction in the interaction. Like sisters, too, they share some common characteristics and a common heritage, but they are not the same school and should be valued and respected for the diverse gifts that each brings to the community of faith and learning that the Congregation of the

Holy Cross planted in South Bend over a hundred and sixty years ago. While Saint Mary's undeniably benefits from its relationship with Notre Dame, the benefits are hardly one-sided — Notre Dame students who wish to become certified in education take the requisite coursework at Saint Mary's, for one example, and the Keenan Revue has been hosted at Moreau Auditorium for years because its audience capacity is greater than any of the performing arts venues at Notre Dame.

Alec White and Erik Powers owe a heartfelt apology to the Saint Mary's community for their narrow and uncharitable remarks and to the Notre Dame community for their poor representation of the same.

Gina Caponi Parnaby
alumna
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April 7

Comic hurts community

I am writing this letter as both an alum (Notre Dame '95) and parent of a Saint Mary's student. In the April 6 edition of The Observer, the "Jockular" comic strip refers to Saint Mary's and its student population in general as "parasites." I question The Observer's editorial board policy and overall judgment in allowing the comic strip to run concurrent with the issuance of University President Father John Jenkins' highly publicized effort to create a new vision for Notre Dame in the future — a vision that attempts to promote a campus-wide sense of reaching out to others with the hopeful exchange of opinions, ideas and overall life experiences. Perhaps the authors do not share the same vision as Jenkins and favor a culture that excludes members from the community, or the authors simply do not know the first rule of comedy: to know one's audience. To allow

the comic strip to run and blatantly insult Saint Mary's contribution to what we know and love as "the Notre Dame Experience" is an even greater insult.

Since the inception of Sorin College, Saint Mary's College and its student population have been a contributor to the sense of community in this experience. I would encourage The Observer's editorial staff, and the comic strip's authors in particular, to review their actions in light of Jenkins' efforts to make a great University even greater and hope that they would then extend an apology to everyone affiliated with Saint Mary's and the student population in particular.

Michael McKevitt
alumnus
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April 8

'Jockular' is comedy

I am writing with a piece of advice for the authors of Friday's editorial ("Jockular misleading and offensive," April 7) and the authors of multiple other letters to the editor that have criticized "Jockular" for varying reasons over the course of this academic year. Take a chill pill, people. "Jockular" is a comic strip. It is a joke. Its sheer nature as a comic strip suggests that it is not meant to be taken seriously. In the past month, "Jockular" has mocked or addressed in some form the following topics: Touchdown Jesus, dining hall food and employees, the broken clock on the front of O'Shag, the nickname "Fighting Irish," the Viewpoint section itself, eating babies, professors and the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

The authors of "Jockular" are

not trying to promote any anti-Saint Mary's sentiments, nor did they mean to insult the maintenance workers at O'Shag, or make fun of a timeless Notre Dame landmark. They are simply doing what good comedians do. They are taking pertinent issues and putting them in perspective. If they wanted to insult Saint Mary's students, they would do so somewhere else in the paper. Please note that this letter does not intend to take any stance on the Saint Mary's issue as presented in "Jockular." My only message is to relax, take a deep breath, and laugh every once in a while. Things aren't always as serious as they seem.

Patrick Needham
freshman
Dillon Hall
April 7

Humor juvenile

While I was disappointed by the blatantly back-handed content of Alec White and Erik Powers' "Jockular" comic in the April 6 edition of The Observer, I was more appalled by how far it fell short of being funny. It read like a comic constructed from the Keenan Revue's rejected punch lines.

Really biting satire, wit and irony, when used effectively, are the stuff of great comedy — and when really great, it should leave the criticized parties stifling a chuckle in spite of themselves. But when humor's potent tools are placed in juvenile hands, the effect is akin to a whoopee cushion placed on the chair of that unsuspecting, awkward chubby girl in your bio lecture. While the joke may provoke a few reflex giggles, it should also produce a collective wince — both the stunt and its target are so obvious that the joke would be best confined to elementary school playgrounds or Adam Sandler movies. I was actually

surprised that the comic didn't somehow try to work in quotes from "Billy Madison" or "Napoleon Dynamite" — that tactic certainly would have been as easy as the name-calling Powers and White instead resorted to by implicitly terming Saint Mary's students parasitic.

My aim with this letter is merely to call out Powers and White on what they did in that comic, which was to repeat a tired joke rather than to seek out new, or at least more cleverly and subtly delivered, material. I am familiar with their hilarious campaign last year for Notre Dame's student body president and vice president, so I am sure they would have been capable of this had they any knowledge of Saint Mary's beyond its stereotypes.

Allison Roche
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Saint Mary's College
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April 9

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Not your typical Bible story

'Salome' gives new take on a classic tale, blends multicultural influences



Salome (Olga Natividad) dances as part of an agreement with her stepfather, Herod. In return for her dance, she asks for the head of the prophet Iokanaan.



Salome, left, and Herod (Luke Cieslewicz), discuss the terms of their agreement in "Salome." The play was performed in traditional Japanese Kabuki make-up.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Take a Biblical story adapted for the stage by an Irish writer in a production inspired by Japanese and Filipino performance traditions — and a picture of the production of "Salome" emerges. The wide-ranging influences obvious in the production of Oscar Wilde's "Salome" made the show a truly unusual theatre experience that was intriguing on a number of levels.

The production, presented by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, showcased an all-student cast with the exception of Salome, who was played by visiting performer Olga Natividad. Professor Anton Juan, an internationally acclaimed director who has put on productions around the world, directed the show.

It also had an unusually long run — 11 performances ranging from between March 28 and April 9 — for a theatre production.

The influences of Kabuki and Kyogen, both Japanese theatre forms, and Pangalay, a type of Filipino dance based on half-women, half-bird figures, made the production an exceptionally unique experience. The elaborate costumes, the staging and the movements of the characters on stage added a different perspective on a traditional, Christian Bible story.

The Biblical story behind "Salome" tells the story of how John the Baptist was beheaded. The story — found in Mark

6:17-28 — involves Herod's, ruler of Galilee in Philistine, marriage to his brother's former wife Herodias, who is Salome's mother. Herod asks Salome to dance for him, promising her anything she desires, and she asks for the head of John the Baptist.

In Wilde's version, which changes the Biblical version slightly, the idea of lust and unattainable desire figures as the central theme. Salome desires the head of John the Baptist — called Iokanaan in the play — because he rejects her amorous advances. Herod offers Salome "up to one half" of his kingdom in exchange for her to seductive dance, and he is forced to give her Iokanaan's head instead. The Syrian, another character in the play, kills himself because of his unrequited desire for Salome as well.

The costumes — which were designed by Richard Donnelly and showed heavy influence from Kabuki theatre — were breathtaking and made the production visually stunning. The impressive hats and capes of the music playing Nobles (Meghan Hartmann, Megan O'Donoghue and Kathleen Hession) and the boxy bamboo armor of the soldiers (JudeAnne Jasso-Murad and Madison Liddy) were particularly unusual.

The more familiar Samurai armor seen in Herod (Luke Cieslewicz), the Young Syrian (Jonathan Toupes) and Tigellinus (Larry Richey) showcased the ability of the costume designers to add diversity to traditional designs.

The Young Syrian's armor was made of fibrous material, while Herod's vivid red and black costume looked slicker and

had more detailed patterns. Tigellinus' costume was one of the most impressive, with a suit of armor made from what appeared to be interlocking black stones and a helmet with antlers on it.

The most beautiful costumes may have been the robes that Salome and her mother Herodias (Krysta Dennis) wore. They intricate vivid colors and intricate designs of their Japanese robes were particularly stunning. While Salome's gold-embroidered, white robe was beautiful, it was the intricately detailed red robe worn by Herodias that garnered the most notice. The colors of the costumes also served to highlight the constant references to red and white that occurred throughout the action of "Salome."

The Kabuki make-up was minimal enough to emphasize the impressive costumes, but still added a degree of theatre to the production as a whole. The absence of make-up also served to differentiate certain characters, notably Iokanaan, from other actors on stage.

The music accentuated the half-sung, half-spoken dialogue, which added an interesting twist to what one would expect from traditional theatre. Noises, such as the banging of a stick or the ring of a bell, also served to emphasize certain words or moments during the play.

While not at the center of the action, the music's constant presence in the play, coupled with the not-quite-sung words, gave the performance a unique quality somewhere between a musical and a stage play.

Despite the nearly all-student cast of "Salome," the play could have passed as

a professional production. Guest artist Natividad made a fantastic Salome, but the entire cast was fantastic. Particularly notable performances included David Tull's impassioned Iokanaan and Luck Cieslewicz's gleefully nasty, and later tragic, Herod.

The highlight of "Salome" is the dance Salome gives for Herod, and this production did a masterful job of showcasing its potential. Natividad's dancing was engaging, and the layered dress that came off in pieces during her performance was an achievement in costume design. The number also showed off the music and set design of the production.

The show's final moments, which showcased the danger and destructive power of lust, showed Salome's horrible lust for Iokanaan by having her kiss his decapitated head. The final moments of the play, while somewhat disturbing, were highly engaging and powerfully emphasized the major themes of the play.

Many plays combine different influences and try to place old stories in new perspectives, and "Salome" masterfully balanced the diverse influences it encompassed without distracting from the story itself.

From the costumes to the staging, the music to the performers, "Salome" not only blended different culture elements but also balanced all of the elements of theatre without letting any one overwhelm the others. This combination made "Salome" an exciting and entertaining theatre experience.

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Musicians were present on stage during "Salome" and played a major part in the show as a whole. The dialogue in the performance was half-sung to music.



Herodias (Krysta Dennis), left, discourages her daughter, Salome, from dancing for Herod, her husband. She grows happy when Salome's choice angers him.

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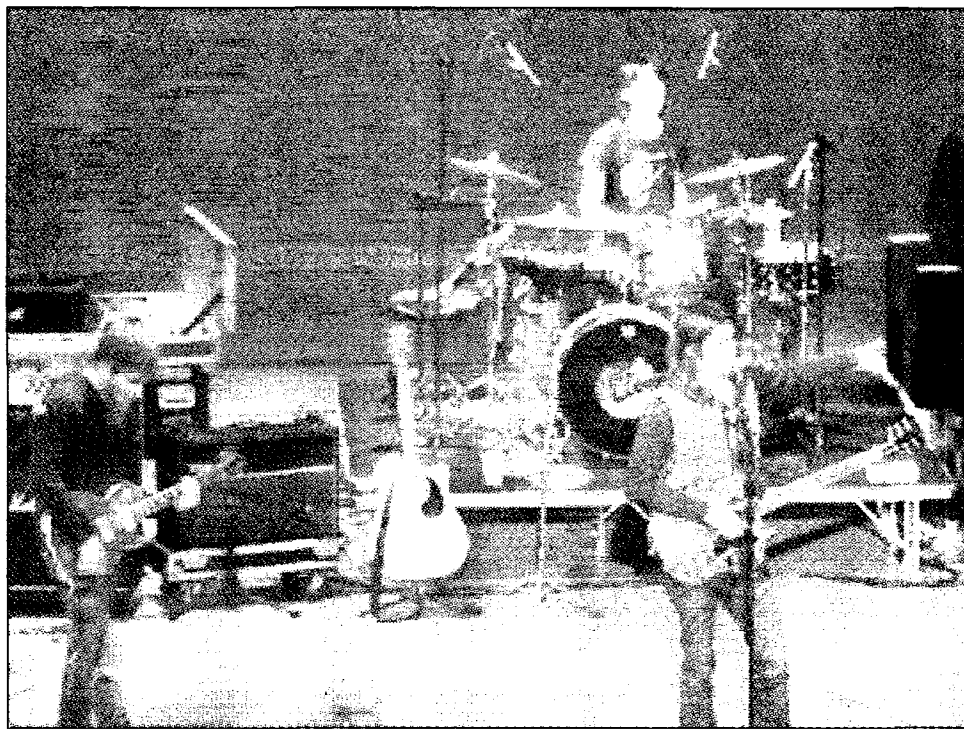
Indiana, here we come

Phantom Planet, Slap Bracelet Suicide, Delaney perform for SMC Tostal



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Phantom Planet performs in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's on Thursday. The concert was part of SMC Tostal, an annual campus event.



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

While the band has released seven albums over its career, Phantom Planet is best known for "California," the theme song for the television show, "The O.C."

By KATIE KOHLER and
MOLLY LAMPING
Scene Writers

Phantom Planet may be familiar to most people as the band that sings "California," the omnipresent theme song to Fox's television hit "The O.C." The band's concert at Saint Mary's on Thursday night, though, proved that there is more to the group than just one song.

Phantom Planet, along with openers Delaney and Slap Bracelet Suicide, was able to let loose during its concert in O'Laughlin Auditorium for the annual SMC Tostal.

The setting of the small venue and intimate crowd allowed Phantom Planet to put on an effortless concert and promote its new music, as well as play some old favorites. The venue was so relaxed, in fact, that lead singer and guitarist Alex Greenwald talked to the audience between songs and even added a few sing-alongs.

Even though the auditorium was far from full, the audience was very receptive to the Los Angeles natives.

It is safe to say that most of the audience came for the "O.C." factor, but many left pleasantly surprised at the stage presence of the band and its unique indie rock sound.

"The song 'California' was great, but they have a lot of other good songs, too," Notre Dame freshman Matt Townsend said. "I thought it was the best concert I've seen on campus this year."

The Thursday night concert was the headlining event of SMC Tostal, an annual spring event for Saint Mary's students. The first band of the evening was Slap Bracelet Suicide, who won Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands.

Slap Bracelet Suicide, comprised of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, played a hard rock set.

The second of the two opening bands, Delaney, was also made up of

Notre Dame students. The band had a sound that fit more closely with the California rock vibe of Phantom Planet's music, but it was the headliners themselves that finally brought fans to their feet.

As soon as Phantom Planet took the stage, the energy in the room quickly increased and never came back down. The band was constantly impressive throughout its hour-and-a-half long set.

Greenwald showed his immense talent with exciting guitar solos and nearly flawless vocals all night. Greenwald's skill particularly shined when his bandmates left the stage and he entertained audience requests solo, stringing together a total of seven of the band's songs, accompanied only by his acoustic guitar. He also played piano on a few songs, including the popular ballad "Turn Smile Shift Repeat."

Audience participation made the concert a lot of fun for those in attendance. Greenwald asked students to

sing along on songs such as "California" and "Lonely Day." Another fun and interesting part of the band's set was the final song. The group broke out into a hard rock version of the theme from "Phantom of the Opera."

Students from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, as well as members of the South Bend community came to see the band perform.

"It's so great that Saint Mary's sponsored such a big event," Saint Mary's senior Anna Brennan said. "I wish more people would have come, though."

Phantom Planet has been around since the mid '90s and has released a total of seven albums for record labels Epic and Geffen. The band has opened for such famous and diverse acts as Sting, Elvis Costello, Incubus, Maroon 5 and Ludacris.

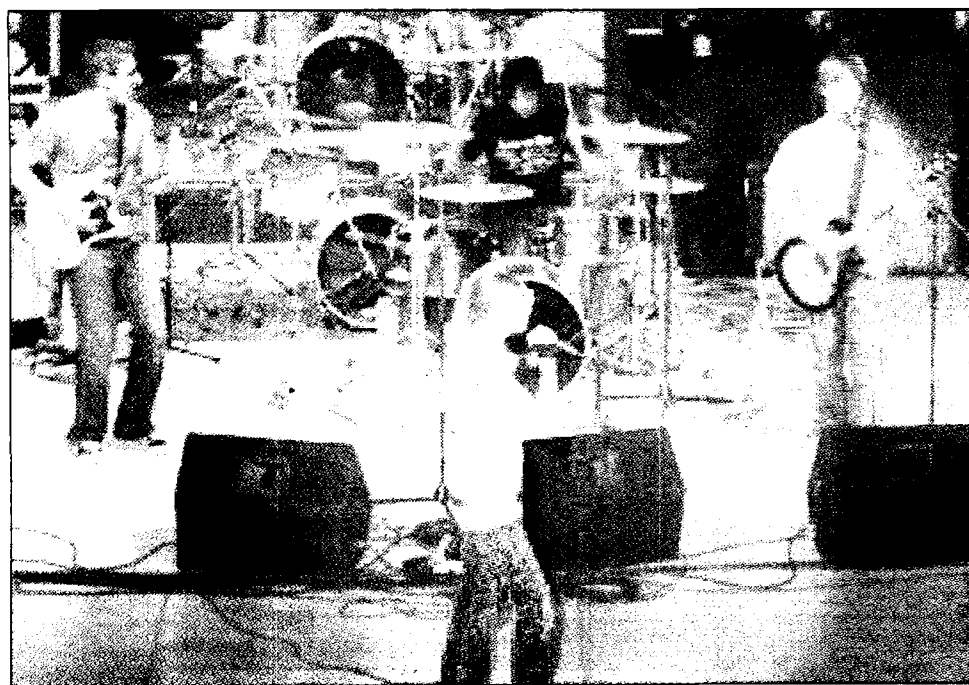
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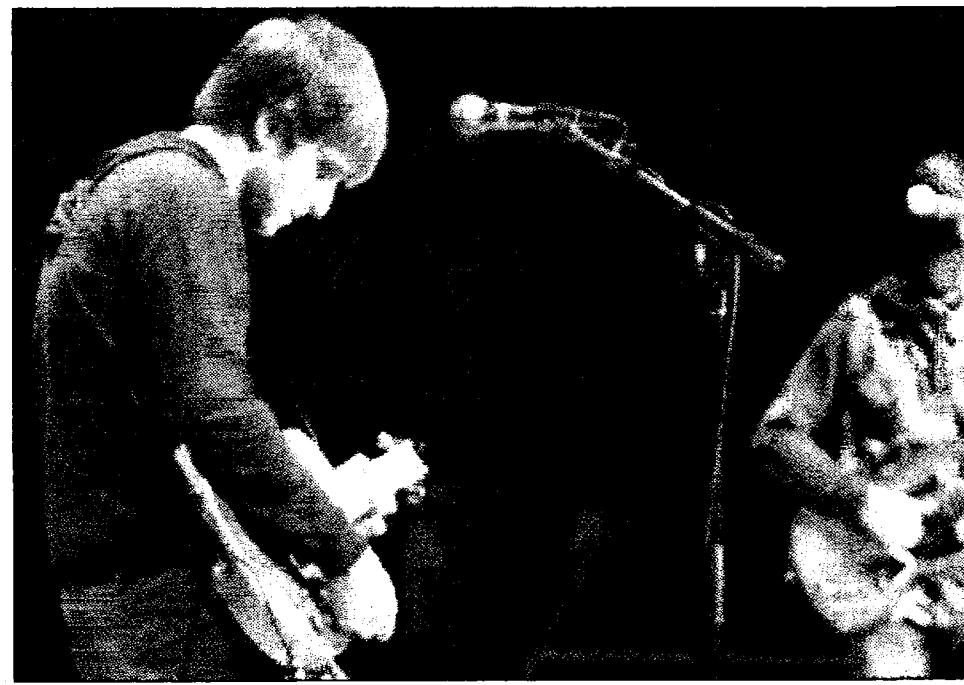
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Saint Mary's



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Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands winner Slap Bracelet Suicide opens for Phantom Planet Thursday. The members of the band are all local students.



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Established in the mid '90s, Phantom Planet has opened for a variety of famous musical acts, including Elvis Costello, Incubus, Maroon 5 and rapper Ludacris.

MEN'S GOLF

Freshman leads Irish at Purdue

Sandman shoots 69 in third round at invite

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski hoped that inserting freshman Josh Sandman into the lineup would add a spark his team.

This weekend, Sandman — playing in his second tournament of the spring — did just that, finishing in a tie for second to lift Notre Dame to a third place finish in the 12-team Boilermaker Invitational.

Sandman, who shot a four-over 220 (77-74-69), achieved the best finish by an Irish freshman since current senior tri-captain Scott Gustafson finished second at the 2003 Big East Championships.

His final round 69 also equaled a freshman record set by current sophomore Greg Rogers last spring at the Windon Memorial Classic.

Kubinski was extremely pleased with the play of his

freshman.

"I can't imagine anyone played better than Josh this weekend," Kubinski said. "Tee to green, Josh was outstanding this week."

"He missed a few putts that he could have made, and if he hadn't, we'd be talking about him shooting a 67."

Sandman, however, was not the only Irish player to finish within the top two. He was joined by junior tri-captain Cole Isban, who carded a final round 74 to finish eight strokes off the lead.

"Josh and Cole were the two best ball strikers out there this weekend," Kubinski said.

While Isban's card lacked the great single round score of Sandman, his consistent play allowed him to finish near the top of the leaderboard. Similar to Sandman, however, Isban — who was without a birdie Sunday until the 16th hole — struggled on the green.

"He was around the hole all day, just never in," Kubinski said. "He was like Tiger [Woods in The Masters Sunday.] The shot making was there, but he just needed to make a few of those putts."

As a team, this was Notre

Dame's best finish since placing first in the one-round Big East Championships last spring.

In addition to placing third, the Irish were also able to add No. 16 Minnesota and No. 23 Northwestern to their list of top-25 teams defeated this year. Including the two this weekend, Notre Dame has now beaten six Golfweek top-25 teams this year — three in the last two weeks alone.

More importantly for the Irish was finishing ahead of the new Big East rival Louisville. The Cardinals finished in fourth place — five strokes behind the Irish.

"Beating Louisville was the best part of the weekend," Kubinski said. "They are going to be our top competition for the Big East Championship, so it was nice to finish better than them."

Notre Dame will have the Easter break to recuperate before they begin the defense of its Big East conference championship April 23-25. The two-time defending champions will try to add to the five league titles they've won since joining the conference in 1995.

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"Tee to green, Josh [Sandman] was outstanding this weekend."

Jim Kubinski
Irish head coach



Sandman

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Flight cancellation forces withdrawal

Impact of tournament on Irish postseason hopes still unknown

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was forced to withdraw from the James Madison University Invitational due to a flight cancellation out of Chicago Friday evening.

The tournament was held Saturday and Sunday in Harrisonburg, Va. at the Lakeview Golf Course.

"Our luck really just couldn't have been worse," Irish coach Debby King said.

The event would have been the team's last before the Big East tournament, which will be held in Dade City, Fla. April 23-25.

King said she hopes her team's play in the Big East

tournament will not be negatively impacted by missing the James Madison event.

"We just have to try and stay as competitive as possible after this," she said.

In order to compensate for the missed event, King said she might explore the possibility of organizing a competition with either the Notre Dame men's or Saint Mary's team.

King also said that she is not sure how this will affect her team's bid for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

"Our luck just couldn't have been worse. ... I'm going to have to make a lot of calls to see where this puts us."

Debby King
Irish head coach

"I'm going to have to make a lot of calls to see where this puts us," she said.

The Irish will return to action when they travel to Florida for the Big East tournament

at the Lake Jovita Golf Club.

The three-day event gets underway April 23.

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ND WOMEN'S CREW

No. 11 Irish out-row competition in Indiana Crew Classic

Varsity eight boat leads team in Eagle Creek

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's varsity eight boat brought the team a win this weekend in the Indiana Crew Classic, held at Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis. The No. 11 Irish competed against squads from Indiana, Purdue, Wisconsin, California and Louisville.

Despite harsh weather and choppy waters that forced the cancellation of the afternoon events, the Irish posted impressive results Saturday.

The team won the first heat of the varsity eight with a time of 6:11.00, finishing ahead of Indiana and Purdue, who had times of 6:16.70 and 6:59.50, respectively.

The varsity eight boat was manned by junior coxswain Maria Romano, sophomores Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson and Allison Marsh and seniors Melissa Felker, Megan Boyle and Sarah Palandech.

The second Irish varsity eight, consisting of junior coxswain Eileen Froehle, freshman Kendra Short, sophomore Ankita Jedry, juniors Jessica Guzik, Alyssa Close, Andrea Doud and Sarah Kate Hafner and seniors Pamela

Jefson and Danielle Stealy, also finished first in its first heat with a time of 6:52.4.

Notre Dame's varsity four boat, led by freshman coxswain Sarah Keithley, sophomores Kristian Madison, Casey Fairbanks and Mary McNamara and junior Shannon Cassel, finished in 7:14.0, second behind Wisconsin, which had a time of 6:57.1.

"Saturday's weather was really rough, so we had to fight against that," Palandech said. "But, we came back, and

we didn't let Saturday beat us down. We came back on Sunday and raced really hard."

The Irish continued their success on Sunday, finishing with the second best time in the varsity eight — a 6:55.80 — just behind Cal, who finished first with a time of 6:54.20. The Irish also finished second in the varsity four with a time of 8:23.68, behind Wisconsin, which finished in 8:17.50.

"Overall, I think we had a pretty good weekend," Palandech said. "We raced

some very competitive teams. It was a good ending to our regular season."

The Irish have three weeks off before competing in the Big East championships April 30. Notre Dame has won the Big East each of the past two seasons.

"[The team's] first goal is to bring home the championship for the third year in a row," Palandech said. "That's definitely what we're training for in the next three weeks. We plan on coming back tomorrow and being really intense and focused on that goal."

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	46-29	.613	-
Philadelphia	35-41	.461	11.5
Boston	32-44	.421	14.5
Toronto	26-50	.342	20.5
New York	21-54	.280	25

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	62-15	.805	-
Cleveland	46-30	.605	15.5
Milwaukee	37-39	.487	24.5
Indiana	36-40	.474	25.5
Chicago	35-41	.461	26.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	50-26	.658	-
Washington	39-37	.513	11
Orlando	31-44	.413	18.5
Atlanta	24-51	.320	25.5
Charlotte	21-55	.276	29

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	43-34	.558	-
Utah	37-39	.487	5.5
Minnesota	32-43	.427	10
Seattle	31-43	.408	11.5
Portland	21-55	.276	21.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	50-25	.667	-
LA Clippers	44-31	.587	6
Sacramento	40-37	.519	11
LA Lakers	40-37	.519	11
Golden State	30-46	.395	20.5

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	58-18	.763	-
Dallas	58-19	.753	0.5
Memphis	44-32	.579	14
New Orleans	37-39	.487	21
Houston	33-43	.434	25

NCAA Women's Softball Top 25

No.	team	record	points
1	Texas	28-3	486
2	Arizona	30-4	469
3	UCLA	30-3	460
4	Alabama	32-4	456
5	Tennessee	33-4	403
6	Oregon State	28-3	402
7	Cal	33-4	376
8	Stanford	27-6	368
9	Arizona State	37-4	357
10	LA-Lafayette	29-6	288
11	Georgia	31-9	285
12	LSU	35-5	278
13	Michigan	20-9	259
14	Washington	26-10	248
15	Northwestern	22-8	243
16	Nebraska	25-6	195
17	Texas A&M	25-10	174
18	Baylor	22-14	126
19	Louisville	23-5	119
20	Auburn	24-10	111
21	Oklahoma	24-13-1	105
22	Fresno State	24-13	54
23	Southern Illinois	23-5	51
24	Virginia Tech	28-8	41
25	DePaul	14-7	37

PGA



Fred Couples, left, and 2006 Masters champion Phil Mickelson smile after Mickelson's victory at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. Sunday. It was Mickelson's second consecutive major win and third overall.

Mickelson gets second Masters win

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Mickelson is a Masters champion again, and now he's making it look easy.

Once known as a lovable loser who went a dozen years and 42 majors before figuring out how to win golf's biggest events, Mickelson captured his second straight major Sunday at Augusta National without needing a nail-biting finish. He closed with a 3-under 69 for a two-shot victory over Tim Clark, and his second green jacket in three years.

The only surprise was the way he won.

There were no thrills for Phil, rather calculated shots that forced Fred Couples, Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh to try to catch him. Instead, they stumbled along with three-putts and a litany of other mistakes that allowed Mickelson to stroll up the 18th fairway with no worries.

He won his first major at Augusta two years ago with an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole. He added the PGA Championship last year at Baltusrol with a flop shot to 2 feet for another decisive birdie on the final hole.

Mickelson's only bogey

on a breezy afternoon at Augusta National came when it no longer mattered. He missed the 18th green to the left, chipped to 20 feet and settled for two putts.

This time, he didn't leap with arms thrust into the air, as he did two years ago. Mickelson simply smiled and walked off the green and into the arms of his wife and children.

He finished at 7-under 281 and earned \$1.26 million, putting him atop the PGA Tour money list. The victory also moved him up to No. 2 in the world ranking behind Woods.

Mickelson emerged as a

major threat to Woods' pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record 18 victories in Grand Slam events. This was the third straight year Mickelson has won a major — Woods is the only other player to have done that in the last 20 years. Only five others have won majors in three straight seasons since the Masters began in 1934.

Clark holed a bunker shot from across the 18th green for birdie that left him alone in second with a 69.

Woods was trying to become the first player to twice defend his title at the Masters.

IN BRIEF

Nuggets' Hodge in good condition after shooting

DENVER — Nuggets rookie Julius Hodge's condition was upgraded Sunday to good, a day after shots fired into his car on a highway wounded his legs.

Hodge was resting comfortably in the hospital, team spokeswoman Terri Washington said. No other information was immediately released.

The Nuggets said earlier Hodge was expected to recover and could play in two to three weeks. Coach George Karl said Hodge was hit three times.

Adams County sheriff's deputies said the 22-year-old was shot while driving on Interstate 76 in north Denver at about 2 a.m. Saturday. Investigators said they had no suspects and did not have a motive.

A sheriff's spokesman did not immediately return calls Sunday.

Investigators said Hodge had been

at the Paladium nightclub, where he had met with hip-hop artist Juelz Santana, who was performing there. Investigators and the Paladium manager said there had been no fight at the club.

Dolphins' Williams seeks to overturn suspension

NEW YORK — Ricky Williams will meet with league officials Monday seeking to overturn a drug suspension that could cost him the entire 2006 season.

League officials will not confirm drug suspensions under league policy that maintains confidentiality for positive tests. But Williams' agent, Leigh Steinberg, said last week that the hearing will take place at the NFL offices in New York.

If the positive test is upheld, it would be Williams' fourth violation of the NFL's substance abuse policy, meaning at least a one-year suspension.

"I don't know what happened, but I know Ricky didn't test positive for

anything," Steinberg said. "Someone made a mistake."

Previous positive tests were for marijuana, which Williams acknowledged using. But the latest test apparently involved a drug other than marijuana.

Indians' Sabathia making progress in recovery

CLEVELAND — Indians left-hander C.C. Sabathia did some light throwing Sunday for the first time since leaving Cleveland's opener after only 2 1-3 innings.

Sabathia, on the disabled list with a strained abdominal muscle, reported no pain but did not have a timetable for his return.

"I made about 40 throws from 75 feet and felt just fine," he said. "It's not as bad as last year."

A year ago, Sabathia missed six weeks of spring training and didn't make his 2005 season debut until April 16 because of a similar ailment. His latest injury occurred against the White Sox on April 2.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish win three on road trip

Ruthrauff leads Notre Dame lineup in sweep

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame bounced back after dropping the first game in a Saturday doubleheader to Syracuse 2-1 with three straight wins — a 7-5 ten-inning win at Syracuse and a sweep of the Pittsburgh Panthers (7-0 and 14-4) Sunday.

The Irish (21-12, 5-1 in the Big East) started the weekend off strong at Syracuse against the Orange (20-15, 8-2 in the Big East), but failed to come out with a win.

Syracuse left fielder Tonye McCorkle singled down the left-field line with two outs in the bottom of the second inning. Designated player Cassie Morales scored from third as the go-ahead run in the 2-1 Syracuse win.

Despite the score, the Irish still outplayed Syracuse in the eyes of Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf.

"In our one loss, we definitely played well," Gumpf said. "We out-hit and out-pitched them, but the intensity just wasn't there."

Intensity has been one of the focal points for the Irish this season, and it showed in the nightcap against Syracuse. Notre Dame pinch hitter Carissa Jaquish's one-out, two-run shot to right center in the top of the tenth inning drove in the winning runs in Notre Dame's 7-5 win against Syracuse.

Notre Dame's bats were key in the team's second victory of the weekend. The Irish lit up Orange pitchers for a dozen hits, including home runs by Jaquish and senior third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff.

The pitching duty for the game was split between the two Irish aces — senior Heather Booth and freshman Brittney Bargar. Bargar started for Notre Dame and struggled through the first five innings, surrendering four runs on 11 hits.

Booth entered the game in the sixth and pitched five stellar innings of relief, allowing only two hits and one run.

Booth's performance in relief was crucial to the Notre Dame win, as the Irish failed to muster offense until the Jaquish home run.

For Booth, the difference between the two Syracuse games was not the team's intensity, but rather its nerves.

"We came out in the first Syracuse game a little anxious, but we were a lot more disciplined in the second game," Booth said.

Notre Dame played its second doubleheader of the weekend in Pittsburgh Sunday, sweeping both games in decisive fashion as its bats came to life against the Panthers (24-17, 7-3).

Notre Dame dominated the Panthers on offense and defense in game one, winning 7-0 behind a seven-inning shutout by Booth and a home run by Ruthrauff, her second in two games.

Booth shut down the entire Panthers lineup, allowing only five hits in a complete game — all singles — while striking out 11. But unlike in the Syracuse doubleheader, her performance was backed with plenty of run support.

Behind Ruthrauff's home run and a two-RBI day for senior shortstop Sara Schoonaert, the Irish were able to notch up seven runs against Panthers starting pitcher Meghan Bostick.

Easily the biggest game of the day for the Irish came in the second contest against Pittsburgh, a 14-4 Notre Dame victory led by a record-breaking day by

Ruthrauff.

Ruthrauff broke the Notre Dame records for home runs and RBI in a game in the second game against Pittsburgh, blasting three home runs — including a grand slam in the seventh — and seven total RBI. The Irish as a whole also tied the team record for hits in a game with 21.

Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf was most proud of her team in this game, praising especially her dominant offense.

"We hit the ball really well out there against Pittsburgh in the second game," Gumpf said. "Ruthrauff was on fire this weekend, and it really showed in that game."

The Irish began their barrage of runs in the first inning with four runs, including Ruthrauff's first dinger. Notre Dame piled on insurance runs throughout the game, up until the seventh with Ruthrauff's grand slam.

"My swing was intact out there today, and I was just seeing the ball really well," Ruthrauff said about her record-breaking day. "The whole team was on a roll right from the start."

The three wins over the weekend boosted Notre Dame's confidence in Big East play for the rest of the season. With confidence in their bats and arms, the Irish are ready to continue playing — and winning — in the Big East.

"I we can keep playing well and pitching well, we can win the rest of our games this year," Gumpf said. "We just have to keep hitting the ball like we have been."

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NBA

Nuggets halt Warriors comeback in close call

Camby's 17 boards, 8 blocks lead defense

Associated Press

DENVER — The Nuggets moved closer to their first division title in 18 years, holding off the Golden State Warriors 95-92 Saturday night. They lost focus, they were sluggish, they let an undermanned team with no chance of reaching the playoffs come back from a 16-point deficit.

But they won.

"It was an ugly win, but we will take it," said Denver's Ruben Patterson, who had 12 points. "I think guys had a lot in their heads today with what happened to Julius last night. I know I did. We were all devastated and hurt. But it could have been worse. He could not be here today."

Hodge, Denver's first-round draft choice last year, was shot while driving on a north Denver highway around 2 a.m. after visiting a friend at a nightclub. Though he was listed in fair condition and is expected to recover within a few weeks, the incident left the Nuggets clearly shaken.

Denver got off to a slow start, went on an 11-2 run to go up 12 at the half, then let Golden State back in it. The lack of focus was particularly evident at the free throw line, where the Nuggets were just 21-of-40, including 7-for-16 in the final quarter.

If not for Carmelo Anthony's

28 points and Marcus Camby's play inside (17 rebounds and eight blocked shots), Denver wouldn't have much of a chance, even against a team without its top two scorers. But by pulling it out, the Nuggets can win their first division title since 1988 with another win or a loss by Utah.

"No one thought when you wake up and hear that type of news that you have to go through stuff like that," said Camby, who had at least 15 rebounds for the 15th time this season.

Golden State played without guard Baron Davis for the 13th straight game because of a sprained ankle and had to do without Jason Richardson, who's been bothered by sore knees. Those two combine for 41.4 points per game, so that wasn't exactly what a team that had lost seven straight games needed.

It showed in the first half. With Mike Dunleavy and Derek Fisher as their only true scoring threats, the Warriors couldn't muster much offense early, hitting only eight of 26 shots in the first quarter and shooting 34 percent in the first half. It didn't help that Dunleavy and Fisher went a combined 3-for-15 in the half and Camby was all over the place on defense, swatting four shots in the first quarter.

But after their first-half struggles, Dunleavy and Fisher fought their way back, helping the Warriors cut Denver's lead to 71-68 by the end of the third quarter.

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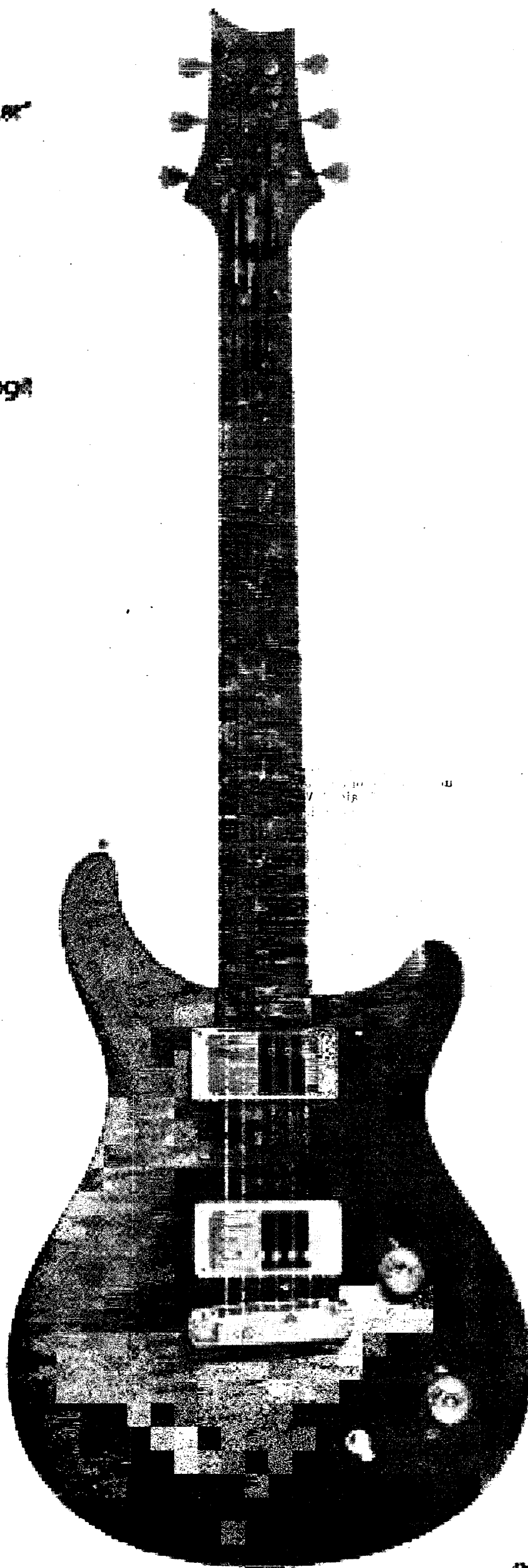
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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles beat Scots in doubleheader

SMC split two games with Rockford Sunday

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's put an end to its three-year, regular-season losing streak against Alma Saturday, defeating Alma 9-1 in the first game as Bridget Grall threw a one-hitter to finish the game in five innings.

Alma hadn't lost a conference doubleheader since Albion swept the Scots in 2002 — a history that Saint Mary's head coach Erin Sullivan said motivated the Belles to win.

"Our team is tired of Alma coming in and intimidating people," Sullivan said. "[We wanted to] show them they can't walk all over us."

Alma jumped ahead early in the first game as center fielder Missy Morcom scored off a wild pitch in the top of the first. Saint Mary's rebounded in the bottom of the fourth when third baseman Laura Helene singled, driving in a run. Left fielder Kristin Amram followed with a sacrifice groundout to knock in a run. Grall drove in a run to finish off the inning.

Grall maintained the Belles' lead from the mound in the top of the fifth, allowing no hits. The offense followed by driving in six more runs to end the game in the bottom of the fifth.

The Belles carried their energy from the first win into the second game.

"We took that win and kept up the excitement," Grall said. "The excitement carried into the second game."

Saint Mary's continued with the momentum of the first game to defeat Alma 8-0 in the second game of the doubleheader. Pitcher Kristin Amram struck out eight and allowed only four hits.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fifth when the Belles racked up

four runs. Saint Mary's finished the game off in the top of the seventh, scoring four more runs.

Saint Mary's hit the road Sunday to take on Rockford College in Rockford, Ill. The Belles split the doubleheader, dropping the first game 3-0 but coming back in the second to win 7-1.

Rockford didn't score until the bottom of the third when designated hitter Jessica Starr scored off an error. Starr knocked in another run for Rockford in the bottom of the sixth, and Emily Carlson followed with an additional RBI.

Sullivan said the Belles made mental mistakes in the first game.

"With so many games in a row, it's hard to stay mentally tough all the time," Sullivan said.

Saint Mary's came back in the second game, scoring early. Shortstop Sarah Miesle drove in a run in the top of the first. The Belles followed with two more runs in the top of the second. Saint Mary's brought the score to 7-0 in the top of the fifth when Helene and Amram both earned an RBI. First baseman McKenna Corrigan doubled, driving in a pair of runs.

In the bottom of the seventh, Rockford's third baseman Jamie Prunty doubled, knocking in their only run of the game.

The Belles next face Bethel College today at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field on Notre Dame's campus. Pilots head coach Anna Welsh was the head coach at Saint Mary's for the past three years. Welsh led the Belles to their first-ever tournament championship in 2004.

The Belles hope to put this history behind them when they face off against Bethel.

"We have had some great wins behind us," Grall said. "So, it's just a matter of carrying them over."

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ND TRACK

Irish finish third in tournament

Notre Dame qualifies five more for Big East

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame left George Rider Track in Oxford, Ohio Saturday with seven wins and five new qualifying marks for the quickly approaching Big East Tournament. Both the men's and women's teams finished in third overall with 113 and 120 points, respectively.

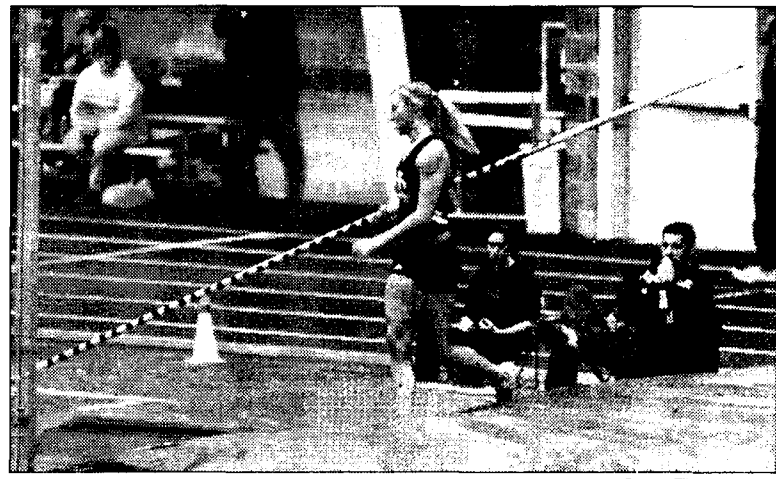
The host RedHawks took first place for both groups in the 12-team meet.

Freshman Mary Saxer managed to qualify for the NCAA regional meet with her victory in the pole vault competition. Her 3.8-meter (12 feet, 5 inches) leap was the second highest mark cleared in the conference so far this year. She also landed a spot in the program's top-five all-time marks, tying senior Jaime Volkmer for fifth place.

With a smaller squad, Notre Dame's focus was directed towards getting conference qualifying marks rather than wins. The five new additions to the conference meet are Elizabeth Philipp (steeplechase), Lauren Biscardi (high jump), Kellen Lewis (400 meter dash), Jeff Mensch (discus) and Mike Schubert (hammer throw). The Irish now have 15 athletes headed to Storrs, Conn. for the Big East meet.

"I think as long as we stay healthy, we have a good chance of winning the Big East," Irish sprinter Okechi Ogbuokiri said.

Along with Mensch and



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Irish pole vaulter Mary Saxer competes against Marquette Jan. 27. Saxer qualified for the Big East tournament Saturday.

Schubert, the Notre Dame throwers were able to dominate their competition, collecting 39 points on the men's side and 27 for the women.

Sophomore Kyle Annen continued his success with his second consecutive win in the hammer throw with a distance of 53.42 meters.

"He is really focusing on his form a lot recently, and his body awareness is getting better as he continues to take more throws," Mensch said.

While Garett Koxlien's throw was about three meters shorter, it was enough to land him third place. Koxlien blew away the competition in the discus event, out-hurling the second place finisher by nearly four meters. His mark of 50.39 left him just short of the 51.70 meters needed to qualify for the national meet in May.

Freshman Anna Weber posted second and third-place finishes in the shot put and hammer throw for the Notre Dame women. Her distances

improved her standing in the Big East in both events, placing her fifth overall in the shot put.

Other winners for the Irish included Ryan Postel and Maryann Erigha, who both finished first in the 200-meter races. The sprinters have now captured three individual titles in the outdoor season. Erigha's time of 24.05 seconds tied her personal best set at the Cal Poly Invitational on March 18.

"After Coach gave us the last weekend off, we were both pretty fresh. [Erigha] ran pretty well," said Ogbuokiri, who finished third overall in the same race.

With less than a month until the trip to Connecticut for the Big East Championships, the Irish will attempt to stay on top of their game in order to complete track's triple crown by winning championships in cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Karweck, Notre Dame hold off Butler rally

Irish attack scored two late goals to seal win

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior attackman Matt Karweck scored the game-winning goal with 4:16 remaining Saturday against Butler to give the team a 9-8 victory in its Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) opener in Indianapolis.

Karweck assisted on Notre Dame's first goal to senior midfielder Matt Ryan early in the second quarter to cut the Bulldog's lead to 2-1. He later scored two of the team's last three goals, including the game-winner on a rebound from Ryan's shot that ricocheted off Butler goalie Ryan Kaiser.

While Notre Dame (7-2, 1-0 in the GWLL) won the game, Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said the team will need to improve its consistency in order to win games as the season progresses.

"We played well at times, but we didn't relentlessly execute like we needed to," Corrigan said. "In the end, we were able to gather our poise and play

hard down the stretch and pull out a win when we needed to. But I'd like to see us play more consistently than we have been over the full 40 minutes."

Corrigan said Butler's game plan was to control the clock and try to limit Irish possessions.

"It was clear from their beginning what they were going to do," Corrigan said. "Their game plan was to take the ball behind the goal, slow the game down, limit the number of possessions and be in it till the end."

The Bulldogs successfully held the Irish to four first quarter possessions en route to a 2-0 advantage. After Ryan's goal, Butler responded a few minutes later. Bulldog Adam Wade beat Notre Dame goalie Joey Kemp to push Butler's advantage back to two goals.

The Bulldogs appeared to hold a 3-1 lead into halftime, but after a quick turnover with a more than a minute remaining, the Irish attack moved into the Butler zone.

Notre Dame fired three late shots that missed their mark before junior midfielder Bill Liva found senior attackman Pat Walsh for a goal with 54 sec-

onds remaining. Walsh scored again with 1.4 seconds left in the half on an assist from sophomore midfielder Michael Podgajny to knot the game at three apiece.

Podgajny and freshman attackman Peter Christman led the team with two assists each. Walsh finished the day with one assist and three goals — his first hat trick of the year — to lead all scorers.

Senior attackman Brian Hubschmann also extended his team point lead (27) with a goal (17) and an assist (10). Bill Liva scored his fifth goal of the season and freshman attackman Ryan Hoff added his tenth.

Butler's offense — ranked outside the top 50 in the country — kept chipping away at the No. 10 Irish scoring defense, matching Irish scoring runs and tying the contest at 8-8 with 5:48 left Karweck's the final punch.

"It came down to a lucky shot on a lucky rebound," Karweck said. "If it wasn't for our face-off play and our defense, we wouldn't have been in the game at all. We've got to give a lot of credit to our defense. They played their [tails] off."

Notre Dame sophomore

Taylor Clagett returned to the face-off circle for the Irish after missing four games with an injured shoulder.

"He's back, and he's on the field, and he's playing for us," Corrigan said. "He's got a little bit of a problem with his shoulder, but he did a heck of a job yesterday, and he's going to be an important guy for us out in Colorado."

Kemp — ranked eighth in the nation with a .623 save percentage — stopped his 10th Butler shot with 2:56 remaining before Driscoll picked up a groundball with 21 seconds remaining to seal the league victory.

Notre Dame co-captain Drew Peters said the defense — a unit with a season-long .690 clear percentage that allowed .783 to Butler — needs to improve before next weekend's trip to Colorado to face Denver and Air Force.

"There were little [fundamental] things we didn't do right throughout the game, and they also worked hard for the goals they got," Peters said. "If we just played a more solid fundamental game like we're capable of doing, that might limit their goals."

Corrigan said the Irish need to find consistency on both sides of the game, but he was pleased with Notre Dame's ability to grind out another win when they weren't playing to their best ability.

"It was really our execution that was lacking, and we have to do better — whether that's being more tough minded or more disciplined, we have to do it," Corrigan said. "But we had every opportunity to fold up and not make plays, but that's not what we did. It was a tie game in the fourth quarter, and we had to make plays at the end, and we did that."

Peters said he was proud to see the Irish perform when they really needed to.

"Butler is a much improved game from years before, and we really wanted to get a 'W' to start our league games," Peters said. "We got the 'W' and that's what we came for."

Notre Dame will play at Denver at 7:30 p.m. Friday and then head to Colorado Springs to face Air Force at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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NBA

Wallace, Pistons hurt Pacers' playoff hopes with big win

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Detroit took another step toward earning home-court advantage throughout the NBA playoffs, while Indiana continued a slide that could keep it home during

the postseason.

In fact, Jermaine O'Neal said the Pacers don't deserve to make the playoffs.

Tayshaun Prince scored all of his 17 points in the second half to lead six double-digit scorers for the Pistons in a 98-73 victory

over Indiana on Sunday.

Detroit (62-15) is a victory away from matching its franchise record for wins and barring a late slide, will likely finish with the league's best record. The Pistons, who already have home-court advantage throughout the

conference playoffs, improved to 35-3 at The Palace.

Both teams appeared lethargic for most of the game, and while Detroit wasn't playing for much on this particular afternoon, the Pacers were.

Indiana has lost seven of eight to fall a season-worst four games under .500 and is in danger of not making the playoffs after starting the season as a title contender. The Pacers are seventh in the Eastern Conference — only one game ahead of Chicago and Philadelphia.

"The last two or three weeks have pretty much been the same thing. We just will not play defense," O'Neal said. "At this point, we don't even deserve to be in the playoffs."

The Pacers started strong and

didn't trail until late in the first quarter. But after Detroit went ahead 13 seconds into the second quarter, it maintained the lead for the rest of the game.

The Pistons led 45-35 at halftime and had 20-plus point leads in the third quarter, allowing them to coast the victory.

"They looked a little tired in the second half," said Prince, diplomatically.

Detroit's Lindsey Hunter (14), Tony Delk (11) and Antonio McDyess (10) provided a scoring boost off the bench. Richard Hamilton scored 12 and Chauncey Billups had 11 points. Ben Wallace set a season high with 22 rebounds.

The Pistons outrebounded the Pacers 52-35 and held them to 36 percent shooting.



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doubles to put the Irish one match away from clinching the point. Irish freshman Brett Helgeson and sophomore Sheeva Parbhu lost 8-4 at No. 2 to even things out, and junior Stephen Bass and freshman Santiago Montoya lost 9-8 at third doubles to give SMU the opening point.

Bass and Montoya lost on a tiebreaker, which would be the only tiebreaker not to go in favor of the Irish.

"Winning the close sets [was crucial]," Bayliss said. "I think there were four tiebreakers, and we won all of them. The only one we didn't win was in doubles."

SMU extended its lead to 2-0 with a win at No. 6 singles, as Notre Dame senior Patrick Buchanan fell 6-4, 6-2 at No. 6 doubles.

But the Irish reeled off five straight victories to run away with the match.

King started the rally at No. 4, where he topped Southern Methodist senior Henrik Soderberg 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

"Barry dictated — the key there was Barry had to get the first strike in," Bayliss said. "He was able to do that. He did have a little hiccup when he served for the match at 5-4 and again at 6-5 but really played big in the last half of the tiebreaker."

Langenkamp tied the score at two apiece with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 win at No. 5.

"He was down 2-1 and won the next six points to win the tiebreaker and did not lose a game in the second set," Bayliss said. "I think he really broke Kuczer's spirit the way he played aggressively in the tiebreaker where it mattered most."

No. 16 Bass, playing in the No. 1 spot, topped Southern Methodist senior Peter Oredsson (ranked No. 33) 6-4, 6-4 for the only singles victory that didn't go into a tiebreaker.

"Stephen handled Oredsson's wide serve very well," Bayliss said. "He countered awfully well when Oredsson tried to pressure him and applied enough pressure of his own to get the job done at one."

Parbhu put the icing on the cake with a 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 win at No. 2 in the final match.

"Sheeva just kept getting him-

self out of trouble, he bent but he did not break, and he refused to give in when he was down," Bayliss said. "His willingness to always meet any deficit seemed to be the difference in that match."

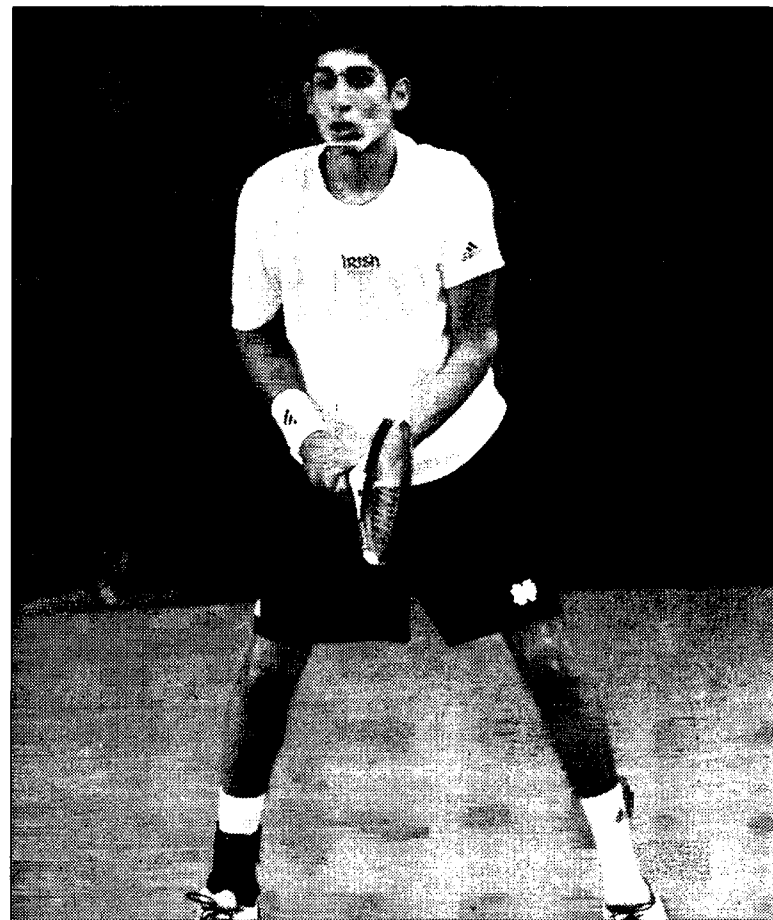
The Irish have been able to come together and win close matches after a three-match skid.

"I think the schedule has toughened us and I've seen team go both ways on that," Bayliss said. "You can take hits and after a while your confidence erodes and you're not as good, but if you have the resolve to back it up you will really benefit from the level of competition you're seeing, and I think that's what we've done."

The team dedicated its match to Keckley, and Notre Dame visited him at the health center after the win. He is expected to play on Thursday when the team takes on Louisville in its final match of the regular season.

"To win without Ryan the way we did, I think gives me a lot of optimism about the postseason," Bayliss said.

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish sophomore Sheeva Parbhu prepares to return the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Michigan State Feb. 15.

Shutouts

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The Irish claimed their 23rd consecutive doubles point by sweeping all three matches against the Golden Eagles.

The No. 39 pairing of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft downed Marquette's two-some of sophomore Maria Calbeto and junior Francina Bonnelly 8-2 at No. 1.

Following at No. 2, the senior duo of Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny enjoyed an 8-0 shutout over Golden Eagles junior Dominika Dabrowski and freshman Robin Metzler.

The final win for the Irish came from senior Kelly Nelson and Christian Thompson in their 8-4 win over junior Kathleen Donovan and sopho-

more Erin Watkins.

"Their team was good because they pushed everything," Christian Thompson said. "[Nelson] played great, because she hits the ball low and closes the net nicely."

In singles, No. 73 Christian Thompson didn't need much time in defeating Calbeto 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1. Buck topped Marquette's Watkins 6-1, 6-2

at No. 2. Her win was followed by an impressive 6-, 6-2 shutout by Tefft over Dabrowski at No. 3.

"[Tefft] has really proven herself on the team," Potts said. "She has been the

deciding factor in many of our close 4-3 wins [this season]."

Playing at No. 4, Stastny downed Bonnelly 6-3, 6-0. Following Stastny at No. 5 was Potts, who collected her 20th win in duals matches this season.

The final victory came from

Connelly, who topped Donovan 6-0, 6-0.

The Irish return to the courts as they begin the Big East Tournament in Tampa, Fla. on April 21.

No. 2 Notre Dame 7 DePaul 0

The Irish earned their ninth shutout of the season against the Blue Demons.

In doubles, Notre Dame registered two wins to earn the doubles point, starting with the win at No. 2 from No. 39 Buck and Tefft. The pair topped freshman Dunja Antunovic and sophomore Anja Mihaldinec 8-

2.

Connelly and Stastny clinched the point with an 8-3 victory over sophomore Bojana Murisic and junior Petra Rehusova No. 3.

The one loss for Notre Dame came at No. 1 from the No. 4 duo of Christian and Catrina Thompson, who fell to sophomore Beatrix Csordas and junior Gergana Ganeva 8-4.

Despite the misstep from the Thompsons, both had little trouble in earning wins in their singles matches. No. 26 Catrina Thompson downed Csordas 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1. Thompson was followed by

Christian Thompson, who defeated Ganeva 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2.

Buck played at No. 3 and clinched the victory for the Irish with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Antunovic.

The bottom half of the lineup also won in two-set matches. Tefft defeated Mihaldinec 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4, followed by Stastny at No. 5, who topped Murisic 6-3, 6-2.

The final Irish win came from Potts, who topped Rehusova 6-1, 6-0.

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this week, and it definitely paid off," Vinny captain Andrew Nesi said.

Ridiculousness-ness wanted to have a strong showing in its first game of the tournament, hoping the team's fresher legs would carry it to victory. Brutoco was able to get his team ready for this game, especially on defense as Ridiculousness-ness forced turnovers and rebounded well against the taller Team Vinny.

"We came out in the first half and had no fear," Brutoco said. "We definitely lost some momentum in the second half, but we all contributed some today."

Neither team put up a consistent offensive performance Sunday as each relied on second or third chance opportunities before they could score. While Team Vinny split the load on offense, Brutoco shouldered much of the responsibility for his team. His determined drives to the hoop and great ball-handling skills kept his team close before Vinny was able to pull ahead for the win in the second half.

Although this year's tournament was one-and-done for Ridiculousness-ness, Team Vinny advances to play We Shoot like Dick Cheney (you better wear orange) in the next round.

Team 75 21 Out Side Irish Rugby Club 10

Team 75 captain and point guard Matt Haggerty led his team to victory Sunday against the Out Side Irish Rugby Club, directing the offense while making sure the team was ready to defend when they lost the ball.

Both teams came out with defensive mindsets, hoping to contain their opponent. Unfortunately for the Rugby Club, its size limited its defensive effectiveness as Team 75 was able to win most rebounds during the game, giving it many put-back opportunities.

The Rugby Club was able to get some turnovers Sunday, but it could not do too much against the stingy Team 75 defense.

"I think we played really tight defense out there today," Haggerty said. "We got tons of rebounds, and they gave us a really good chance to win."

The Rugby Club did not go down without a fight, nailing long-range jump shots and running a success-

ful fast break on multiple occasions to keep the score close for much of the first half.

"We did a lot better than I expected," Rugby Club captain Alex Barnes said. "We played really good defense and scored a lot more points than anyone would have thought."

The Tournament is named after us, so we have to have a Team 21, Tree Hill Ravens 8

Home court advantage is important, especially when you host the biggest outdoor five-on-five full court tournament in the world.

Despite living farther away from the Bookstore than residents of every dorm besides Carroll, The Tournament is named after us, so we have to have a Team (Hammes) — consisting of five Bookstore employees from the South Bend area — cemented its legitimate claim to the paved domain of the Bookstore courts with a sound defeat of the Ravens.

Hammes' ostentatious display of offensive dominance opened up a 13-1 lead over Tree Hill. Though the "L. Scott" and "N. Scott" on the Ravens' jerseys implied they had played together for three seasons on the WB hit show "One Tree Hill," they suffered from communication gaps and committed costly turnovers, as Hammes picked their pockets and cashed the steals in for points in transition.

Hammes, led by Matthew Kroll's 11 points, towered over Tree Hill for uncontested baskets, establishing a monopoly on first-half points.

Head Raven cheerleader/player Corey Calabrese urged her team to continue to "be aggressive, be aggressive," while leading by example with her pavement-pounding hustle.

As a result of their tenacity, the Ravens received a scare when Lesley Greene tumbled to the blacktop, knocked her head against the hard surface and was forced to sit out the rest of the game.

Hammes graciously sent off one of its own players in a show of altruism comparable to the Bookstore's Student Appreciation Sale — befitting in a friendly game that heard almost as many apologies as renditions of Gavin DeGraw's "I Don't Want To Be," which blared out of iPod speakers stuck on repeat for the entire game.

Regardless, the Poe-etically named Ravens, inspired by their "lost Lenore," elevated their game and clawed their way to a 7-6 run to make it 20-8 on the wings of Mark "Romeo Casanova" Venner's five points. But Kroll clipped their comeback by sinking Hammes' decisive 21st point.

Scored the Ravens, nevermore. "We made a valiant effort in the comeback," Casanova said.

Hammes profited from superior athleticism, even though it was every player's first Bookstore experience.

"I like the carnival aspect of it — dressing up in funny costumes in

the early rounds," Kroll said. "But as the tournament goes on, we're looking forward to good competition."

Kroll said they hope to match the run made by a Bookstore employee team several years ago and protect their home court by making it to the round of 64.

Until then, Hammes, ever gaming, still is claiming, still is claiming the pallid court of concrete just outside the Bookstore doors.

B3 Ballers 21, Baller-inas 17

The Pom Squad has spirit yes they do, they got spirit and tutus, too. But both flair and style could not impede the B3 Ballers' raw ability to make an orange, leather ball go through an iron circle, and five Pom Squad stars under the name the Baller-inas could not stop the all-male Ballers as the "march of the boys" continued with a 21-17 victory Saturday.

The Ballers, led by Art Shelly's three early buckets, stormed out to an 8-0 lead against the Baller-inas. But the Baller-inas eventually adapted their hardwood moves to the outdoor surface, as their first basket by point guard Siobhan Lezynski sparked a 4-0 run, leading one baffled Ballerina to chide, "You guys only have eight!"

After taking a seemingly comfortable 13-6 lead, the Ballers instituted the "no dribble offense" to try to slow the tempo, but junior Lindsey Ball used a slightly modified pirouette to boogie the ball handler into disarray.

With her team down 17-10, senior Kelli Delay led a — true to her name — late Baller-ina run, scoring a team-high six points and prompting Ball to declare her "MVP, or whatever they call it in basketball!"

Blair Minarik eventually turned near-makes into successful field goals, and Kristen Forney's jumper from the block brought the count to 20-17.

But the Ballers finally made a shot from behind their self-imposed boundary — the three-point line — to end a game lengthened by the Ballers' insistence on alley-oops and chivalric refusal to rebound.

One spectator — speaking on the condition of anonymity — suggested the Ballers lengthened the game because it was the only time they'd ever been around that many pretty girls at once.

Despite Ball's visionary defensive strategy, the Baller-ina's zone defense's inability to stop the Ballers' attack proved fatal.

"We tried to find the zone, but we couldn't find it," Baller-ina captain Adrienne Larson said.

But after the loss, the Baller-inas held their heads high, proud of their effort.

"People said I was a ball hog, but I wasn't," Lezynski said. "I assisted a lot. I made my family proud."

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Blue Barracudas stop cinderella team's run

By GREG ARBOGAST and JOE QUINN
Sports Writers

We Always Make it to Oregon Before You's cinderella run came to a screeching halt Sunday as it fell to the Blue Barracudas 21-3.

We Always Make it to Oregon Before You (Oregon) had the look of an underdog as the squad appeared to have two pioneer women, one cowgirl and an ox to go along with its one actual basketball player.

"I think we're like George Mason," Oregon coaches Meghan Whealan and Corinne Viglietta said. "We came out of nowhere and surprised a lot of people with a win in our first game."

But the Blue Barracudas were in no mood to let their opponent advance further in the tournament. The Blue Barracudas were led by their duo from Keenan room 414, Evan Sharpley and Pat Sceehan. Employing the "cherry-picker" style offense, Sharpley and Sceehan accounted for 19 of the team's 21 points.

After reflecting on his team's accomplishment of beating the so-called "George Mason" of this year's tournament, Barracuda coach Pat Ryan saw good things in his team's future.

"I guess that makes us like Florida, because we like to stomp on Cinderella," Ryan said. "I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our team's sponsor, Speaker City, for their support as well as all their quality products."

Los Pantelones Del Cristo 21, Mama's Boys 17

In a game where seven turnovers were committed before the first basket, Los Pantelones Del Cristo won a war of attrition over the Mama's Boys Saturday.

The game lasted just over an hour and tested each team's stamina.

"That was the longest game of my life," Los Pantelones Del Cristo player Joe Blakely said.

Despite the duration of the game, the two teams played each other very closely. Neither team led by more than four points, and the game featured six ties and three lead changes.

Andrew Winslow hit a jump shot to tie the game at 14-14, but that was as close as the Mama's Boys would get.

Nick Catella ignited Los Pantelones del Cristo's offense all day (eight points) despite his team's even scoring distribution. When he wasn't scoring, he was creating offensive opportunities for his teammates.

"We really executed our game

plan today, which was to draw the game out as long as possible and wear our opponents down," Catella said.

The Saints of Fort Washington 21, Age Before Beauty 9

The Saints of Fort Washington, equipped with trash bags for jerseys, used their youth and athleticism to outlast the older, wiser but considerably more "aerodynamic" counterpart, Age Before Beauty Saturday.

Both squads struggled to find their rhythm early in the game as both teams — after making an early shot — went scoreless on their next five possessions. After a quick steal and lay-up by Saints captain Nick Trapp, the Saints offense started to click.

Leading 11-5 at half time, the Saints continued to stay hot while the members of Age Before Beauty could find no room on the offensive side of the ball, starting out 0-of-10 in the second half.

"It was hard for us," Age captain Dillon Murphy said. "None of the guys have played a lot since we retired from professional ball, and it showed this afternoon."

The Saints continued to use a seemingly unstoppable offense and a defense with few holes to cruise to a 21-9 victory.

"I think it was our pre-game warm-up and the benefit of having an excellent captain allowed us to prevail today," Trapp said.

No Rudy No Problem 21, Point Shavers 3

When No Rudy No Problem took on the Point Shavers Saturday afternoon, the game was over before it started. The more athletic, experienced and talented No Rudy No Problem defeated the Point Shavers in a rout.

No Rudy started the scoring early and never really stopped. They quickly opened up a commanding lead, and it was clear the Point Shavers were no match for them. Unable to do anything on the offensive side of the ball, the Point Shavers were forced to take ill-advised three-point shots that rarely came close to going in.

On the other end of the court, No Rudy No Problem toyed with the smaller Point Shavers en route to an 11-0 half time lead. Inside or outside, No Rudy No Problem simply could not be stopped.

"We're very underrated," No Rudy No Problem captain Trey Patrick said. "I think we showed that today."

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Waagbo responded with two goals to tie the game at 3-3.

During the rest of the first half, the Irish held the Blue Devils to one goal, while netting three more of their own. Sophomore attack Heather Ferguson put the Irish in front, beating Duke goalie Megan Huether with just under 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

After Duke's Waagbo knotted the score at 4-4 on a free position shot four minutes later, Ferguson struck again, tallying her second goal of the afternoon.

The Irish advantage grew to a pair with six minutes remaining in the first half when Irish standout attack Crysti Foote picked up her second of four goals.

The Irish went into halftime confident with a 6-4 lead — the first time during the 2006 season that Duke has trailed at halftime.

While Notre Dame seemed poised to upset the favored Blue Devils on their own turf, the second half wasn't nearly as kind to the Irish.

Duke didn't waste much time getting back into the contest, as only 10 seconds into the second half, Duke midfielder Carolyn Davis notched a breakaway, unassisted goal. Caroline Cryer continued Duke's offensive assault with a goal 34 seconds later.

Notre Dame quickly regained the lead with two

goals by freshman midfielder Jill Byers and Foote, respectively.

During the latter part of the second half, the Blue Devil defense rose to the challenge presented by the talented Notre Dame attack.

For the next 12 minutes, Duke's defenders kept the Irish off the scoreboard. In the meantime, effective offensive play on the Blue Devil's part led to a 5-0 run, resulting in an 11-8 lead.

While Foote and freshman midfielder Byers were able to tally a goal a piece in the closing minutes of the game, the Irish's late-game drive was too late, and the Blue Devils came away with a win.

"Duke just happened to be the team up by one goal when the time ran out," Byers said. "I thought we were very well prepared for the game, and it just didn't work out the way we wanted it to."

In both of its losses this season, Notre Dame has fallen to a team ranked No. 4 or better. Considering the Irish only won three games last season, the pair of losses to top-ranked opponents through 12 games is a marked improvement.

Irish goalie Carol Dixon recorded a career-high 18 saves in the loss. Foote added to her total for the year with four more goals.

Foote's four tallies on Wednesday against Ohio State gave her 182 goals, making her Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer.

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Sweep

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ing back to March 25 against Georgetown.

"I kept telling people not to panic early in the season, because the more we play, the better we play," Mainieri said. "We always play our best baseball in April and May."

Cooper credited the improvement partially to better weather in South Bend.

"Early on we spent a lot of time indoors," the senior said. "Now we get to play outside every day, and we're hitting our stride."

Notre Dame 9, South Florida 6

Notre Dame right-hander Jeff Samardzija struggled early Friday, allowing three runs in the bottom of the first, but recovered to pitch 5 and 2/3 innings, allowing six runs on six hits and picking up the win.

"I have to go back to fundamentals during the week," Samardzija said of his performance. "There are some things I need to correct, but it shouldn't be too hard to fix them."

Mainieri said he had confidence in Samardzija, who also struggled early in his last start on March 29 against Pittsburgh.

"By some people's standards, they might see that as struggling, but I see it as just him settling down," Mainieri said. "A lesser person might give up

after struggling early, but that's not Jeff. He just keeps battling."

Offensively, the Irish banged out 12 hits, including three by Cooper, four by Lilley and three by leftfielder Matt Bransfield.

Notre Dame freshman reliever Kyle Weiland earned his ninth save of the year, tying the school record for first-year pitchers set by Aaron Heilman in 1998.

Notre Dame 10 South Florida 4

The Irish pounded out a season-high 17 hits, including six combined from Cooper and Lilley

to put the Bulls away early Saturday.

Notre Dame scored seven runs in the fifth to take a 9-1 lead and put the game out of reach. The Bulls scored three in the eighth, but a run in the top of the ninth pushed the Irish lead back to six.

Senior left-hander Tom Thornton started the game for Notre Dame, allowing just one run in six innings and earning the win.

Mainieri started freshman Jeremy Barnes at second base, inserting regular second baseman Ross Brezovsky into the lineup at designated hitter. Barnes went 1-for-4 at the plate with a run scored and two RBIs.

"Jeremy Barnes is one of our best infielders, but Brezovsky, Lilley, and [senior shortstop Greg] Lopez are all returning players and good infielders," Mainieri said of his decision. "I'm just trying to keep everyone fresh and healthy and give them

experience so if we do have an injury, it won't hurt us as much."

Notre Dame 10 South Florida 1

Notre Dame right-hander Jeff Manship and South Florida left-hander Davis Bilardello were locked in a pitchers duel through five innings Sunday when the Irish exploded to take a commanding lead.

Already leading 2-1, the Irish scored five runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh to provide the final margin. Barnes, starting at shortstop with Lopez moved to designated hitter, led the Irish offensively. He went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Manship pitched eight complete innings, allowing one run on four hits for his fourth win of the season.

Notre Dame will play Oakland and Manchester Tuesday and Wednesday at home before three games with St. John's at Frank Eck Stadium over Easter break. The Irish and Red Storm will play a doubleheader Thursday and a game Saturday.

"Obviously, we can't overlook our midweek opponents, because they could jump up and bite us in the butt, but St. John's will be a big series," Cooper said. "They're one of the top teams in the Big East."

The Oakland and Manchester games will be at 5:05 p.m. The Thursday doubleheader at St. Johns will be at 12:05 p.m., and the Saturday game against the Red Storm will begin at 12:05 p.m.

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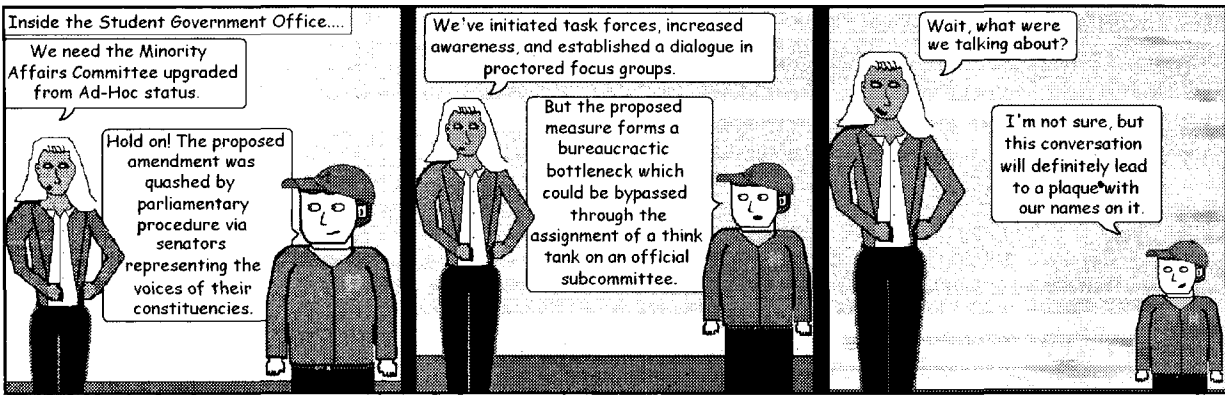
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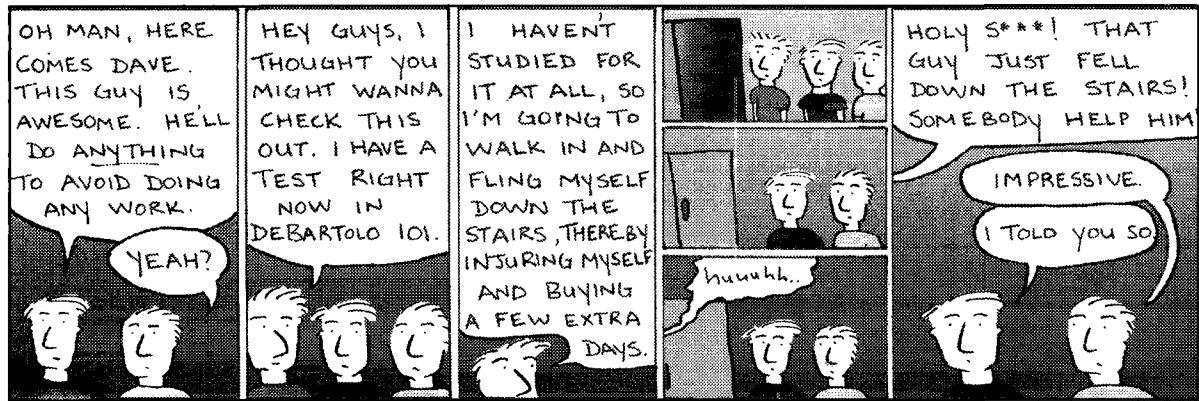
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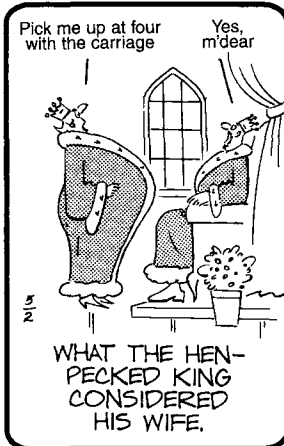
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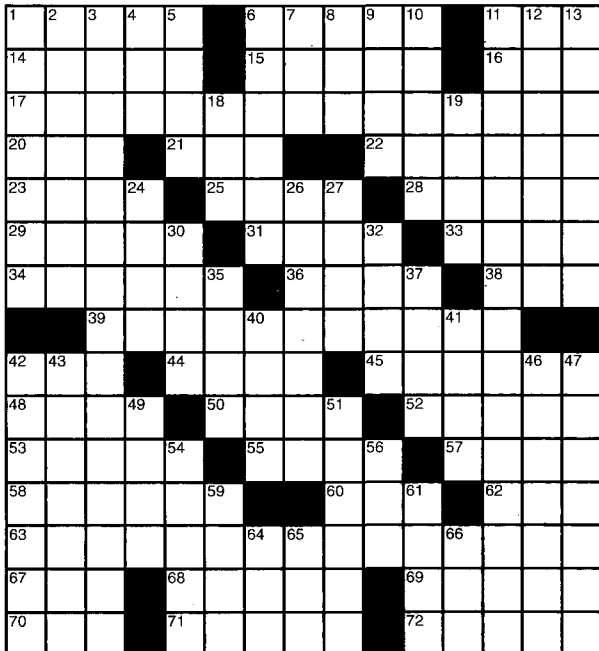
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Answer: The thief was arrested because the credit card was - "SWIPED"



CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 More wet and cold, as weather
 - 6 Puts behind bars
 - 11 Maker of the Envoy and Yukon S.U.V.'s
 - 14 End of (notable time)
 - 15 Open, as a bottle
 - 16 Winter peril
 - 17 Elated
 - 20 Allow
 - 21 Forest ranger?
 - 22 Take offense at
 - 23 One of 12 at Alcoholics Anonymous
 - 25 Third son of Adam and Eve
 - 28 Plowmaker John
 - 29 Heart chambers
 - 31 TV's "Star _"
 - 33 Eros, to Romans
 - 34 Barbershop quartet members
 - 36 Mine finds
 - 38 "For _ a jolly _"
 - 39 Jubilant
 - 42 Uncle with a cabin
 - 44 Many-stringed instrument
 - 45 Endangered cat
 - 48 Word after rest or restricted
 - 50 Garden invader
 - 52 Volley of gunfire
 - 53 Cultivates land
 - 55 Small metric weight
 - 57 Kojak, to friends
 - 58 Home made with buffalo skin, maybe
 - 60 _ Paulo, Brazil
 - 62 LAX posting: Abbr.
 - 63 Ecstatic
 - 67 Mel who played at the Polo Grounds
 - 68 Dumbstruck
 - 69 Like ghostly sounds
 - 70 NNW's opposite
 - 71 19th-century fur trade monopolist
 - 72 Clothesline alternative
- DOWN**
- 1 Berates
 - 2 Actress Bening
 - 3 Brunch order with diced peppers, onions and ham
 - 4 Afore
 - 5 Talk like a madman
 - 6 Paid-for trip
 - 7 Opposite of syn.
 - 8 " _ bin ein Berliner"
 - 9 Lion player in "The Wizard of Oz"
 - 10 Go 60, say, on city streets
 - 11 1948 campaign cry
 - 12 John who won tennis's U.S. Open four times
 - 13 Midpoints
 - 18 Chicago trains
 - 19 Cruising
 - 24 Subatomic particle
 - 26 Actor on a tour
 - 27 Cattle that all have the same brand
 - 30 Curve, as the back



Puzzle by Ed Early

- 32 Numbers game with a card
- 35 Side order at K.F.C.
- 37 Canine attack commands
- 40 Wash. neighbor
- 41 Fastidious
- 42 Pictures made in parlors
- 43 Points in the right direction
- 46 Cover
- 47 Specifically as one likes
- 49 Purina competitor
- 51 One of Santa's team
- 54 Old photo color
- 56 Old-time actress West
- 59 Ages and ages
- 61 Was in the red
- 64 Lard, essentially
- 65 What the "bi" in bicycle means
- 66 Anthem contraction

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Haley Joel Osment, 17; Mandy Moore, 21; Ryan Merriman, 22; Steven Seagal, 54

Happy Birthday: Stand up for what you believe in and you will get others to help you achieve your goals this year. Don't let stubbornness or emotional issues cloud your mind or slow you down. Keep things in perspective and don't let your victories go to your head. Your numbers are 7, 12, 19, 26, 39, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may feel guilty if you have work to do and don't feel like doing it. Cut yourself some slack and take the day off. Aggressive action will bring you absolutely no satisfaction or rewards today. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Slow down before you have a mishap. Keep busy by spending time fixing up your surroundings. The less time spent fretting over your job, the better. Concentrate on anything but work. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get involved in a risky investment. Make sure everything is in order with your personal papers. An invitation to do something with old friends will bring back happy memories. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This can turn into a push-pull sort of day -- someone else wants you to do one thing, but you want to do another. Find a way to compromise. Sharing and adaptability will lead to a happy household. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be on the go today; however, that may bother someone you have left behind. Make sure that you think of others before you go off on your own. A little consideration will go a long way. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and do something that will bring you knowledge or culture. You may not agree with everything you experience today, but what you learn will be worth it. A change of scenery will be positive. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something unique today or get involved in a social event that will bring you in touch with some interesting new friends. This is a great day for love; don't let it pass you by. Spend time with that special person. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are probably taking on too much and feeling a little bogged down. Stop putting so much pressure on yourself, and figure out a way to get the help you need. Romance can come into play late in the day, so reserve some energy.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have plenty of choices today, but if you opt to think about work, you are likely to upset someone who wants to spend time with you. Opportunities for romance will unfold through friends, relatives or neighbors. Use your ingenuity. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's up to you to take charge. Stop anyone who wants to be negative or critical. It may be time to eliminate some of the people in your life who drag you down. This is a great day to update your look. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to watch what you say to whom today. The wrong information in the hands of someone who isn't looking out for your best interests could end up getting you into trouble. Don't be a follower. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make plans to do something special with friends, family or people in your community. Getting out and sharing your thoughts or even taking a short trip will result in meeting interesting people and maybe even a romantic encounter. ****

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team shuts out visiting Marquette, DePaul

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish closed out their regular season the same way they started — with a pair of shutouts.

No. 2 Notre Dame earned its ninth and tenth 7-0 victories

with wins over DePaul and Marquette this weekend at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Junior Christian Thompson attributed the wins to team members' dedication to each other.

"Our team is led by a strong tradition and the best friendships," she said. "We have per-

formed well as a team all season and have not been focusing on personal achievements. [Two consecutive shutouts] was a great way to finish the regular season [heading into the Big East Tournament]."

In their match against Marquette Sunday, the Irish managed the impressive win

without their No. 1 singles and doubles player Catrina Thompson.

"She is someone the team greatly admires," freshman Katie Potts said. "So we had to really focus [against Marquette]."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish rally to defeat SMU, 5-2

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Saturday was more of the same for No. 17 Notre Dame as it maintained its perfect home record with a 5-2 win over Southern Methodist University.

Notre Dame took five straight points falling behind 2-0, and improved to 14-7 with the victory.

"We expected a tough match," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It was a tough match. We were able to win the close matches and that was the difference."

The team has struggled in doubles this season, and losing Ryan Keckley — the team's best doubles player — to illness made it tougher.

"We've kind of done a full court press as far as our doubles lately, evaluating where we are, and we're not worried as much about the combinations," Bayliss said. "It's about everyone developing better skills."

Notre Dame junior Barry King and senior Eric Langenkamp won 8-4 at first

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Blue Devil's delight

Footo continues to chase all-time marks, Irish fall to host Duke

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

In front of a crowd of 217 spectators Sunday, the No. 4 Blue Devils defeated the No. 10 Irish 11-10. With the loss, the Irish fell to 10-2, while the Blue Devils improved to 11-1 on the season.

The Irish took an early 3-1 lead early in the contest with strong and efficient offensive movement. Duke attacks Leigh Jester and Kristen

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Irish attack Crysti Foote looks to pass during Notre Dame's 17-15 win over Cornell March 5.

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GOALS	
1. Crysti Foote - 136	
2. Danielle Shearer - 130	
3. Lael O'Shaughnessy - 122	
4. Meredith Simon - 109	
5. Kerry Callahan - 83	
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2. Danielle Shearer - 66	
3. Kerry Callahan - 63	
4. Crysti Foote - 57	
5. Meredith Simon - 49	
POINTS	
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3. Lael O'Shaughnessy - 190	
4. Meredith Simon - 158	
5. Kerry Callahan - 146	

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BASEBALL

Cooper, Lilley spark a series sweep of Bulls

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper and third baseman Brett Lilley keyed an offensive explosion as the Irish swept South Florida 9-6, 10-4 and 10-1 in a three-game series this weekend in Tampa, Florida.

Cooper and Lilley were a combined 9-for-13 at the plate, scoring 11 runs and striking out only once in 31 combined plate appearances.

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri also praised Lilley's strong play in the field.

"Lilley was unbelievable," Mainieri said. "Obviously he hit well, but he also made three diving catches. I think they would

have been on ESPN's Web Gems."

Cooper, who has batted at the top of the order most of the year, raised his batting average to a team-leading .429 for the season.

"He's been a great lead-off hitter for us, just like I envisioned he would be," Mainieri said.

As a team, Notre Dame batted .409 and got 49 hits in the series. The Bulls, who dropped to 14-19 overall at 5-7 in the Big East, hit only .231.

The Irish, who started the season 2-5, are now 22-8 overall (8-1 in the Big East). Their league record sits them at the top of the Big East standings in a first-place tie with St. John's.

Notre Dame is also in the midst of a 12-game winning streak dat-

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Team Vinny wins easily

Team 75, B 3 Ballers also win their games

By JAY FITZPATRICK and TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writers

Despite a tough performance by captain Paul Brutoco, Ridiculousness-ness could not overcome Team Vinny's height and strength advantages, falling hard 21-8 Sunday.

Team Vinny came into the game looking to spread the offense and play good team basketball. They accomplished that goal as all five players contributed to the win on offense.

"We've been practicing a lot

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KATIE RIVARD/The Observer

Santa Claus makes an appearance during Bookstore Basketball action over the weekend.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 9
Butler 8

The No. 8 Irish knocked off the Bulldogs in their GWLL opener Saturday.

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TRACK

Notre Dame recorded seven victories and five more athletes qualified for the Big East Championships at the Miami-Ohio Invitational Saturday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's 7
Rockford 1

After falling to Rockford 3-0 in the first game of a doubleheader, the Belles rebounded Sunday to win game two.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 14
Pittsburgh 4

Senior Meagan Ruthrauff broke a Notre Dame record with three home runs and seven RBI in the victory Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

The Irish were forced to withdraw from the James Madison Invitational when their flight out of Chicago Friday night was canceled.

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MEN'S GOLF

Freshman Josh Sandman and junior Cole Isban paced Notre Dame as the Irish finished third in the 12-team Boilermaker Invite this weekend.

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