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Accepted students visit SMC campus

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Many accepted students confirmed their decisions to attend Saint Mary's next fall as they toured campus and met with faculty and administrators Sunday on Accepted Student Day.

After Mass in Angela Athletic Facility, Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred formally welcomed the students along with Director of Admission Mary Pat Nolan and Board of Governance President Kim Jensen.

"Accepted students need to have that chance to come back one more time to confirm their decisions," said Nolan. "And they're very excited to see where they're going to be for the next four years."

Saint Mary's students gave the potential students a tour of campus which included a trip through the new Student Center and Noble Family Dining Hall.

"Students were really amazed with the new facility," said Jensen. "They're excited to know that it will be avail-

able to them next year."

Afternoon events included two sessions of open houses sponsored by Student Activities and Academic Affairs. Faculty and staff in the academic departments spoke with interested students, and all student life offices such as Campus Ministry, Residence Life and other clubs and organizations presented students with information.

"This is the first year that we have expanded [Accepted Student Day] for more student involvement," said Nolan.

"The sessions are now set up more like Student Activities Night, giving them the opportunity to actually go around and talk to representatives of academic departments and student life activities."

About 155 families from 21 states traveled to attend the day's events.

Accepted student Gemma Edwards currently attends Vincentian Academy in Pittsburgh. She applied to Saint Mary's because she was

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Mary Pat Nolan
director of admission

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PUTTING OUT FIRES



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Sophomore Zahm Hall resident Andrew Hoyt extinguishes a fire at the annual fireman barbeque held in front of LaFortune student center Sunday. It is this type of event that increases fire awareness and prevention on campus.

Irish Belles spend a night out

◆ ND, SMC women bond at 'spa night' at LaFortune

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame women found common ground Friday night at the second annual Irish Belles Night Out.

The freshman and sophomore class boards from both schools organized the event.

"The purpose of the event was to bring the two groups of women together to work through stereotypes, because there's been animosity there in the past," said Sarah Brown, Saint Mary's student body vice president. "I think it's so important to show that we have a lot more similarities than differences."

Over 100 students from both campuses attended this year's Irish Belles Night Out on the second floor of LaFortune.

In addition to complimentary hairstyling and facials, representatives from Mary Kay Cosmetics added to Friday's

theme of "spa night" by allowing students to sample a variety of their products.

Saint Mary's freshmen Anna Bauer and Anna Hickner won gift certificates for a free haircut at Atria and Michael and Co. salons.

Included Friday were performances by Notre Dame senior Zack Burkhardt and freshman Tom Schreck, regular performers at the AcoustiCafé, and The Undertones, a male cappella group also from Notre Dame.

Tables were set up advocating various charity events in which students can participate. Jill Funnell, a Saint Mary's freshman, sold pink breast cancer awareness ribbons for \$1 each to raise money for her participation in May's Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

Funnell raised \$64 Friday night.

"[Irish Belles Night Out] went really well and we got some good feedback," Brown said. "I think students are interested in doing it again."

Friday built on the success of last year's Irish Belles Night Out, headed by the former sophomore class board and Saint Mary's student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

Because last year's event took place in Saint Mary's Regina Hall and this year's occurred in LaFortune, Brown anticipates it will switch campuses from year to year.

"We plan to bring it back to Saint Mary's next year to get a variety of settings," she said.

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Sarah Brown
SMC student body vice president

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Sr. Helen Prejean to lecture at ND

◆ University sponsors death penalty speaker

Special to The Observer

Sister Helen Prejean, death penalty abolitionist and author of the book "Dead Man Walking," will deliver a talk and participate in a book signing beginning at 7:30 p.m. today in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative, the event is free and open to the public.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Prejean has lived and worked in Louisiana all her life. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille in 1957, when she was 18, and traces her involvement in the issue of capital punishment to her religious community's formal pledge, made public in 1980, to "stand on the side

of the poor."

In 1981, Prejean moved with a small group of other sisters to the St. Thomas housing project in New Orleans, where she began teaching high school dropouts. The following year, at the request of a friend, she began a correspondence with Elmo Patrick Sonnier, a 27-year-old death row resident convicted in the brutal murder of a teenage couple. As the date for Sonnier's execution approached, she became his close friend and spiritual counselor, eventually witnessing his electrocution. Since then she has accompanied other men to the electric chair as a counselor and witnessed their deaths.

Prejean related her experiences with Sonnier in "Dead Man Walking," a

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INSIDE COLUMN

You vote for this?

Their plans go far beyond war on Iraq. They want to multiply military spending, create a "U.S. Space Force" to militarize outer space and completely control "cyberspace," target China, Iran, Syria and Libya for "regime change," test and build new nuclear weapons, consider developing biological weapons, undermine the United Nations, "fight and decisively win multiple, simultaneous major theatre wars" and maintain American global superiority at all costs in order "to shape a new century favorable to American principles and interests."

Sound like a conspiracy theory? It's not. The relevant interests have conveniently declared their positions on the Web site of the think-tank, Project for the New American Century (www.newamerican-century.org). Check it out.

Nor are these the rants and ravings of irrelevant fanatics. This group has defined the ideology behind the current U.S. foreign policy. The powerful signatories to the Project's "Statement of Principles" include: President Bush's brother, Jeb, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz (Rumsfeld's deputy secretary) and Lewis Libby (Cheney's chief of staff) — none of whom was elected by the people of the United States.

In fact, the true rationale for the war on Iraq has never been examined or discussed by we, the people, largely because it has been shrouded in secrecy and masked by absurd hints at a connection between Saddam and Osama bin Laden or by disingenuous justifications such as eliminating weapons of mass destruction (which, high-ranking American and British officials recently admitted, may not even exist). The real goal of our leaders has been American control of the Gulf all along, as evidenced by a 2000 report released by the Project entitled, "Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategies, Forces and Resources for a New Century."

As this report makes clear, Bush's cabinet planned the takeover of Iraq long before the attacks on the World Trade Center. They were not even motivated by the human rights abuses of Saddam's regime. On the contrary, they wrote, "The need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein."

Why? The New American Century strategists want to promote "American principles and interests." It is not immediately clear what this phrase means, especially given the domestic opportunity costs of maintaining a warlike posture throughout the world and the diplomatic costs of alienating old allies (not to mention the human costs of burnt and blown up Americans, Brits and Iraqis).

A little context makes it clear enough, however. Halliburton, the energy conglomerate of which Cheney was recently CEO, was awarded a lucrative contract to work in Iraqi oil fields just last week. Other U.S. companies with ties to the administration have been offered similarly juicy deals in the "reconstruction" of Iraq. "American interests," for this administration, means big business interests.

There we have it: an ambitious plan for world domination in service of the rich, paid for with our blood and tax dollars. And the whole thing is posted on the Web.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat McElwee at mcelwee.2@nd.edu

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Saint Mary's welcomes accepted students	U.S. may rule Iraq for 6 months	Mixed results on stock market	Always faithful	Bookstore Basketball	ND baseball dismantles Red Storm
Roughly 155 families from 21 states traveled to South Bend Sunday for Accepted Student Day at the College.	Setting up a new Iraqi government may take more than six months once coalition forces take full control of the country, according to Bush administration officials.	Stocks closed mixed Friday as investor enthusiasm about U.S. advances in Iraq was muted by a weak employment report.	Viewpoint columnist Mike Marchand remembers e-mail he exchanged with Dustin Ferrell, the 2000 Notre Dame graduate injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom.	Scene looks at Notre Dame's 32-year tradition of Bookstore Basketball.	Notre Dame swept St. John's in an 11-3, 18-3 double header Sunday in New York.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- Film "At the River I Stand"
4 to 5:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium, C-100
- Called to Witness Lecture Series with Sister Helen Prejean
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at DeBartolo Hall, Room 101
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
9 to 10 p.m. at Keough Hall Chapel

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- Recital Forum - Music Comp
noon at Moreau Center for the Arts, Room 114 AT
- Spring Choral Concert Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. at Moreau Center for the Arts, Little Theatre
- Room Selections
6:15 p.m. at LeMans Hall, Reignbeaux Lounge

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Visitor arrested for driving intoxicated
NDSP arrested a visitor for driving while intoxicated on State Road 933 Friday morning.

Cell phone stolen from Alumni Hall
A student reported the theft of her cell phone from the basement study lounge of Alumni Hall March 20. The larceny case's status has been updated to pending, but there are still no suspects.

6 student vehicles towed
NDSP had six student vehicles towed for parking violations last Thursday from the following locations: three vehicles were removed from the post office, one from B2 library parking lot and two from Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

Student's jacket stolen
A student reported the theft of her jacket from South Dining Hall Thursday afternoon. There are no suspects in this larceny case.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Baked manicotti, Cajun pasta sauce, pepperoni calzone, honey-mustard chicken breast, smoked red bliss potatoes, cherry crisp, cheese and vegetable pie, wild rice with wild mushrooms, baby lima beans, malt-omeal, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, Texas french toast, hash browns, Italian beef sandwich, crinkle fries, chicken and pea pod stir-fry, fiesta corn and black beans	Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, bianco pizza, Greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, hot chunky applesauce, vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed Julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, steamed spinach, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, chicken macadamia, cheese enchilada	Today's Lunch: Ratatouille wrap, sweet potato, omelets with hash browns, broiled chicken burger, Mexican potato skins, egg plant parmesan sandwich, pasta alla carbonara, roasted zucchini, garlic bread with cheese, roma and herb salad, chicken club loafer, Cajun chicken salad, sliced ham, sliced turkey, hummus, lemon bars, chocolate cookies, Greek salad
Today's Dinner: Beef tips and mushrooms, kluski noodles, broccoli cuts, grilled salmon fillet, mushroom quiche, cauliflower au gratin, Egg Foo Yong Surimi, beef fajita, Lone Star rice, baked potato	Today's Dinner: Peppered flank steak, herbed sauteed mushrooms, lentil and barley stew, black beans with tomato and cilantro, Buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod, whipped potatoes, BBQ rib sandwich, steamed spinach, peppered tangerine chicken, spicy grilled chicken, flame-roasted fiesta corn and black beans	Today's Dinner: Red onion grit cake, tri-pepper rice pilaf, spicy garbanzo beans, herb pasta, garden tomato sauce, chicken fettuccini alfredo, pork empanadas, arroz con frijoles, alcahofas, bizcocho borracho, roasted red skin potatoes, corn on the cob

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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BRINGING DOWN THE CSC



SARAH SCHNEIDER/The Observer

Campus band Graboids, including Ryan Rogers (left) and Nick Mainieri (right), performed at "Progressive Rock" at the Center for Social Concerns Friday.

NBC correspondent dies from blood clot

Associated Press

NEW YORK

NBC News correspondent David Bloom, one of the network's most prominent young stars and a near constant television presence reporting from the Iraqi desert, died Sunday from an apparent blood clot, the network said.

The 39-year-old co-anchor of the weekend "Today" show was about 25 miles south of Baghdad and packing gear early in the morning when he suddenly collapsed.

He never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead from a pulmonary embolism after being airlifted to a nearby field medical unit, said Allison Gollust, a spokeswoman for NBC News. She said his death was not combat related.

Bloom was the second American journalist to die while covering the war. Michael Kelly, editor-at-large for The Atlantic Monthly and a columnist for The Washington Post, was killed Thursday night along with a U.S. soldier when their Humvee plunged into a canal.

Both Bloom and Kelly were traveling with the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

NBC News had built a special vehicle, dubbed the "Bloom-mobile," to send strikingly clear pictures of him riding atop a tank through the Iraqi desert. He reported memorably on the sandstorms that briefly delayed American forces.

"He was both a genuinely nice guy and an incredibly tenacious reporter," NBC News President Neal Shapiro said. "He wouldn't be beaten on a story. He always kept us in the game."

From the Iraqi desert, Bloom reported on what the American forces were doing militarily, but he also took the time to convey what their lives were like there, including the meals they were eating and what it was like trying to work in the middle of a sand storm.

"He was a rising star here," Shapiro said.

Bloom, a native of Edina, Minn., lived in the New York

area with his wife, Melanie, and three daughters. After attending Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., Bloom started his career as a reporter for NBC-owned WTVJ in Miami in 1989. He joined NBC News in Chicago in 1993, moving to Los Angeles in 1995.

He became a White House correspondent for NBC in 1997, during the Clinton administration. He reported on presidential races, the O.J. Simpson trial, the Washington-area sniper shooting and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Former President Clinton said Sunday that Bloom's "integrity and good humor will be missed."

"David Bloom was a smart, energetic professional whose enthusiasm for the job was evident in every question he asked and every story he covered," Clinton said.

Shaken NBC colleagues, including "Today" co-anchor Soledad O'Brien, paid tribute on the network's broadcasts Sunday. "It's a hard morning for all of us," Katie Couric said.

Bloom, who had no apparent health problems, was indefatigable during the Gulf War. He reported at all hours for NBC News broadcasts, and also for the cable outlets MSNBC and CNBC.

On the Monday after the war started, Bloom delivered live reports at 2:22 a.m. ET for MSNBC, at 6:55, 7:09 and 8:04 for "Today," at 10:43 for NBC, 10:47 for MSNBC, 11:12 for NBC, 12:31 p.m. for NBC, 12:36 and 2:33 for MSNBC, at 6:37 for NBC's "Nightly News," and at 8:07 and 9:35 again for MSNBC, according to The Washington Post.

"Given the fact that we're filing at all hours of the day and night, you try to pace yourself and get a little sleep," Bloom told the Post. "You're sleeping with your knees propped up around you."

That may have been a risk factor: blood clots frequently form in legs when they've been immobilized and travel through the body, said Dr. Harold Palevsky, chief of pulmonary critical care with the University of Pennsylvania health system.

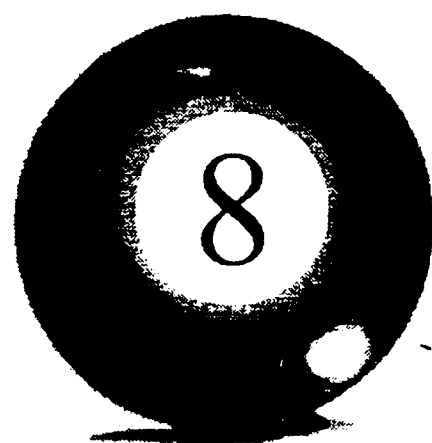
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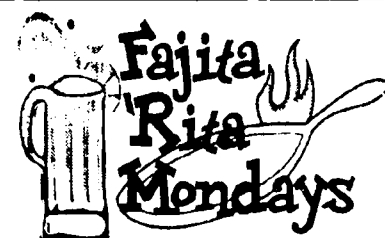
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interested in experiencing education in an all girls environment. She said Saint Mary's impressed her because she felt it has a family atmosphere.

"The students here seem just as nice as everyone says they are," said Edwardo. "I think it would be easy to make friends here."

Most importantly, accepted students left with a strong sense of resolution.

"It solidified the choice of students who were already serious about Saint Mary's," said Nolan. "And those that were on the fence walked away with the feeling that this could be their home away from home."

Lauren O'Brien contributed to this article.

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Sister

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book that was turned into an Academy Award-winning motion picture in 1996 and made her an internationally prominent opponent of capital punishment.

Notre Dame conferred its highest honor, the Laetare Medal, on Prejean in 1996, and in recent years she has been a finalist for the Nobel Peace Prize.

IRAN

Controversial professor released from prison

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran
A university professor whose death sentence provoked nationwide protests until it was lifted by the Supreme Court began a one-week prison leave Sunday, his lawyer said.

Hashem Aghajari, a history professor at Tehran's Teachers Training University, was released on \$125,000 bail, said his

lawyer, Saleh Nikbakht.

Although the death sentence was lifted in February, an appeals court must still reconsider the rest of his sentence, including 74 lashes, a 10-year teaching ban and eight years of banishment to three remote cities.

Aghajari was sentenced for insulting Islam and questioning clerical rule during a speech he gave in June in which he said that each new generation should be able to interpret the

faith.

His sentencing last November provoked the biggest student protests in Iran in three years and highlighted the power struggle between the country's liberals and hard-liners.

Aghajari initially said he would not appeal the death sentence, challenging the judiciary to carry it out. But his lawyer filed an appeal over Aghajari's objections.

Both the parliament and President Mohammad

Khatami denounced the verdict.

But hardliners defended the sentence. Conservatives, who dominate government bodies such as the judiciary and police, oppose reformists allied to Khatami, accusing them of undermining the principles of the 1979 Islamic revolution.

In overturning the death sentence, the Supreme Court ruled that the charges were not compatible with his speech.

RUSSIA

Mass graves discovered in Chechnya

Associated Press

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia
Police in Chechnya have discovered four graves filled with disfigured bodies, many of them with their heads and arms cut off, officials said Sunday.

Three sites were found in the northern Nadterechny district, usually a relatively peaceful area, Chechnya's Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The heads and arms had been severed from the corpses, which were stacked in a shallow grave and covered with soil, the ministry said. It did

not say how many bodies were in the graves.

Another grave with two bodies was discovered in the village of Solyonaya Balka outside the capital, Grozny, the ministry said. The dead men's heads were wrapped in black plastic bags. Both bore signs of strangulation and their teeth had been knocked out, it said.

Investigations were launched into both cases.

Such grisly discoveries are not uncommon in Chechnya, where Russian forces have been battling separatists. Human rights organizations claim Russian troops are responsible for the killings, while the military blames the

rebels.

Also Sunday, the body of a pro-Moscow Chechen police official was discovered, an official in the Kremlin-backed administration said. The body of Madzhid Aguyev, the deputy commander of a rapid-reaction squad, was found with multiple bullet wounds in a car near the village of Itsi-Su, the Interfax news agency reported, citing the Chechen Interior Ministry.

Meanwhile, Chechen policeman Ruslan Visarigov was killed by a mine near his home in the Shelkovskaya district, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Rebels frequently have tar-

geted Chechens who work for the Kremlin-appointed government.

In other action, rebels killed four servicemen and wounded 10 others in attacks over the past 24 hours, the official said Sunday. In a clash near the village of Nozhai-Yurt, two rebels were killed and four soldiers were wounded.

Russian forces fought a disastrous 1994-96 war with Chechen separatists before withdrawing. Troops returned three years later after rebel raids on a neighboring Russian region and after apartment-house bombings blamed on the rebels killed more than 300 people in Russian cities.

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U.S. may rule Iraq for six months or more

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Setting up a new Iraqi government likely will take more than six months once coalition forces take full control of the country, a Bush administration official said Sunday.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the interim government the United States will run with coalition partners and Iraqi opposition leaders is designed to be a bridge to whatever government the Iraqi people choose and is not designed to dictate the country's future leadership.

"The goal is not to install some particular group as the new leaders of Iraq. That absolutely contradicts the whole notion of democracy," Wolfowitz said as focused attention on postwar Iraq while making the rounds on the Sunday talk shows.

As for a timetable, Wolfowitz note it took six months for a government to form in northern Iraq after the first Gulf War.

"This is a more complicated situation," he told "Fox News Sunday." "It probably will take more time than that."

Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no decision has been made on the size of the force that will be in Iraq during the transition. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric

Shinseki has suggested hundreds of thousands might be needed, but Pace noted only 10,000 are being used in Afghanistan, which is larger and more populated.

"What you need to determine is what missions need to be accomplished, and then how many forces you need to do that, to give the Iraqi people a chance to rebuild their own army, get their own police force up, get their own government working, so we can in fact leave as quickly as possible," Pace said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon indicated the vast majority of the 40,000 British troops in Iraq could be home by the end of the year. When asked how many British troops should be in Iraq in six to nine months, Hoon said: "I would hope that it would be a very small number."

Wolfowitz said the U.S.-led coalition will spearhead the effort to set up an interim government, but he stressed the Bush administration is eager to see Iraqis rule themselves.

"You can't talk about democracy and then turn around and say we're going to pick the leaders of this democratic country," he said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

And he was adamant that while the United Nations should have a role in helping with the new government, the adminis-



U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz speaks as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Peter Pace looks on during a taping of NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. Both Wolfowitz and Pace talked about the latest developments in the war with Iraq.

tration does not want to see the U.N. supervise and run the country.

"I think the right goal is to move as quickly as we can ... to a government that is — if I could paraphrase Abraham Lincoln — of the Iraqis, by the

Iraqis, for the Iraqis," Wolfowitz said. "Not to make them a colonial administration or a U.N. administration, or run in any way by foreigners."

Senate Armed Services Chairman John Warner, R-Va., echoed that sentiment on ABC's

"This Week."

"We learned a lot in the Balkan situation, where the U.N. suddenly moved in," he said. "And here we are 12 years later, still struggling to try and put those pieces back together."

SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea: handling of nuclear issue a prelude to war

Associated Press

SEOUL

North Korea on Sunday rejected the U.N. Security Council's plan to discuss the standoff over its suspected nuclear weapons development. Meanwhile, South Korea canceled high-level talks with its communist neighbor.

A South Korean Unification Ministry spokesman said the Cabinet-level talks, which were to have taken place Monday to Thursday in Pyongyang were canceled after the North did not confirm the meetings.

"North Korea did not respond to our

offer last week, and therefore the talks have been automatically canceled," ministry spokesman Kim Jong-ro said.

Seoul had hoped to use the meeting to try to persuade its communist neighbor to scrap its nuclear ambitions in return for aid and better relations with the outside world.

North Korea called off two working-level talks with South Korea last month.

The 15-nation Security Council is scheduled to discuss North Korea's nuclear program on Wednesday, and Pyongyang has said that any sanctions imposed on it will be tantamount to war.

The U.N. discussions are "a grave provocation act intended to scuttle all [the North's] effort for dialogue and aggravate the situation on the Korean Peninsula," a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying by state-run news agency KCNA.

The Security Council's "handling of the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula itself is precisely a prelude to war," the spokesman said.

For months, North Korea has insisted on direct talks with the United States to negotiate a nonaggression treaty.

Washington has refused, saying a multilateral solution to the crisis was

needed. The U.S. administration has been pressing the Security Council to adopt a statement condemning Pyongyang for failing to meet its obligations to prevent the spread of nuclear arms.

But KCNA quoted the spokesman as saying that the U.S. invasion of Iraq showed that Washington was not bound by international agreements. A nonaggression treaty with Pyongyang would not necessarily avert war because it might not be honored, he said.

It was not immediately clear if Pyongyang would drop its demand for a nonaggression pact.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Friendly fire kills 18 in northern Iraq

U.S. aircraft mistakenly bombed a convoy of allied Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq on Sunday, killing at least 18 people and wounding 45, Kurdish officials said. Two or three Americans may have been injured. U.S. Central Command said coalition aircraft "may have engaged special operations and friendly Kurdish ground forces" 30 miles southeast of Mosul. It said early reports indicated one civilian death and six injuries.

Congo civil war attacks claim 966 lives

At least 966 people were killed in attacks on more than a dozen villages in northeastern Congo last week, U.N. officials said Sunday. Rival tribal fighters, rebel factions and Ugandan troops all have been involved in the fighting in the 4 1/2-year old civil war in the mineral-rich province. Witnesses said the attackers included women and children while others were men in military uniforms.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Va. Tech reinstates affirmative action

Virginia Tech reinstated its affirmative action policy Sunday, despite assertions from the attorney general's office that some of its diversity programs are unconstitutional. The school's Board of Visitors voted to rescind a March 10 ban on preferences for racial minorities and other underrepresented groups in hiring, admissions and scholarships. The vote came after a four-hour meeting punctuated by outbursts from a crowd of about 250 people, most supporters of affirmative action.

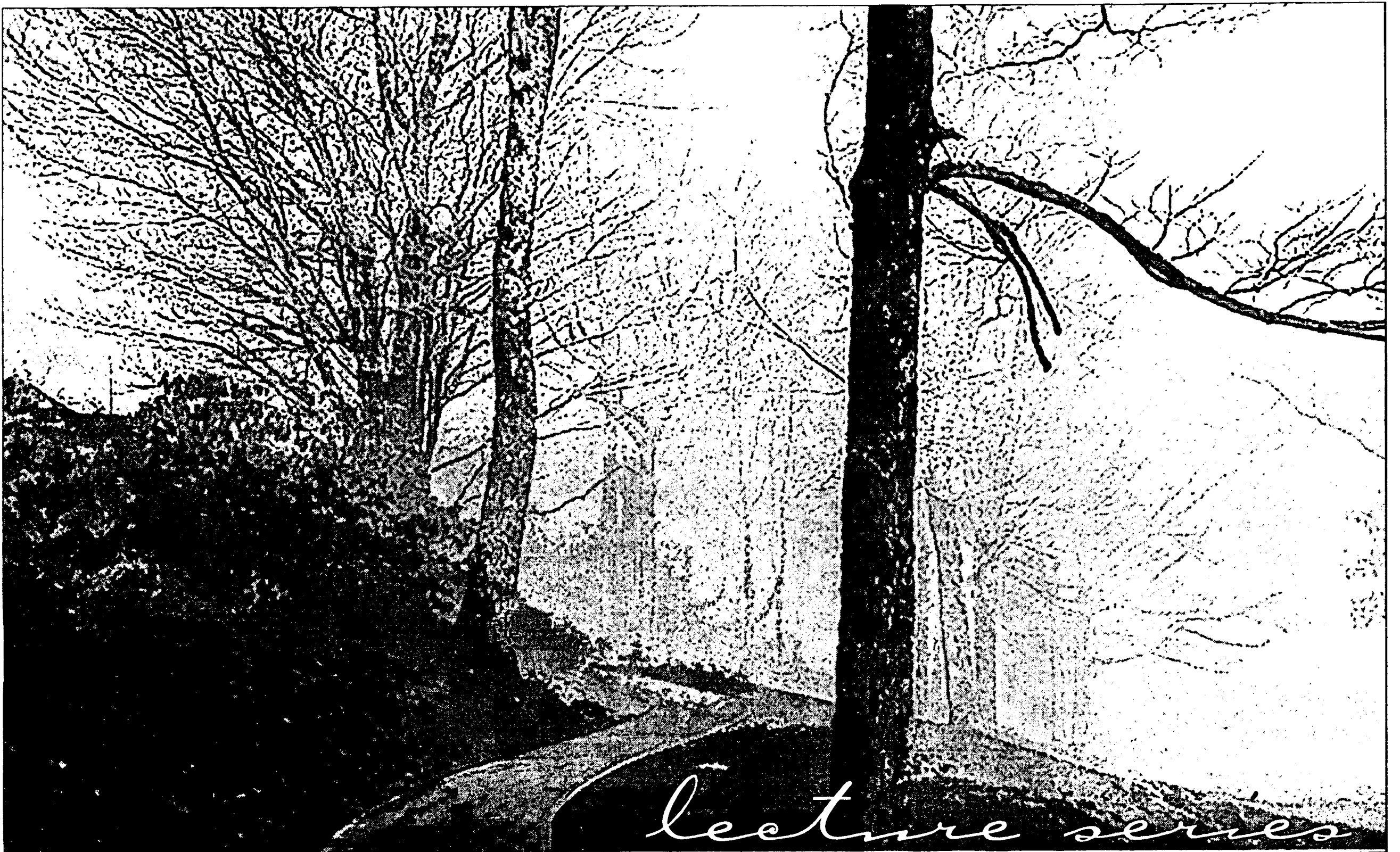
Bush and Blair review Iraq progress

President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are meeting for the third time in a month to discuss the war in Iraq, but this time their agenda also includes peace initiatives in the Middle East and Northern Ireland. The reconstruction question has divided Bush's advisers and the United States and Britain.

Prisons hold record 2 million inmates

The number of people in U.S. prisons and jails last year topped 2 million for the first time, driven by get-tough sentencing policies that mandate long terms for drug offenders and other criminals, the government reported Sunday.

The federal government accounted for more inmates than any state, with almost 162,000. That number includes the transfer of about 8,900 District of Columbia prisoners to the federal system. California, Texas, Florida and New York were the four biggest state prison systems, mirroring their status as the most populous states. But Texas, California, New York, Illinois and five other states saw their inmate populations drop compared with the year before as prison releases outpaced admissions. Some states modified parole rules to deal with steep budget shortfalls, leading to an overall growth rate in state prison populations of just under 1 percent from June 2001 to June 2002.



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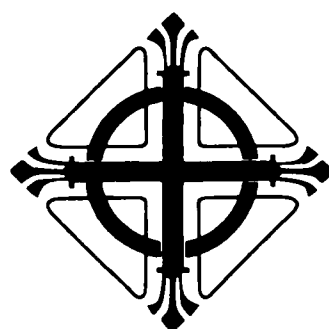
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8,277.15	↑	+36.77
NASDAQ		
1,383.51	↓	-13.07
S&P 500		
878.85	↑	+2.40
AMEX		
820.00	↓	-6.36
NYSE		
4,898.05	↑	+27.76

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.96	-0.52	17.05
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-2.49	-0.64	25.09
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+0.51	+0.07	13.71
PEOPLESFT INC (PSFT)	-8.97	-1.48	15.02
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-4.02	-0.14	3.34

IN BRIEF

Treasury changes debt borrowing

Treasury Department debt managers intend to soon carry out an accounting maneuver that would free billions of dollars on paper to prevent the government from breaching the \$6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt.

The step, announced Friday, is the latest in a series of moves Treasury has taken to prevent the government from defaulting on the national debt.

Treasury is maneuvering because it has run out of room in its statutory authority to borrow. It has asked Congress to boost the government borrowing authority, a matter still pending on Capitol Hill.

Mobil being investigated for bribes

Federal prosecutors said Friday they are looking at Mobil Oil Corp. as part of the investigation into bribes paid by Americans to secure lucrative oil contracts in Kazakhstan.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Neiman made the disclosure as businessman James Giffen pleaded innocent to conspiracy, money laundering and tax charges. He is accused of extending more than \$78 million in bribes in the 1990s to two senior Kazakh officials.

Tom Cirigliano, a spokesman for Exxon Mobil said the company has no knowledge of any illegal payments made to Kazakh officials by any current or former Mobil employees.

GOP to abandon Alaskan oil plan

There will be no attempt to revive drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge as part of a Senate energy bill, says the Republican senator who will guide the legislation.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the Senate's recent rejection of a proposal to develop oil in the refuge has made it clear that another such confrontation will only fail and, perhaps, jeopardize broader energy legislation.

This week the House signaled that it again will call for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil companies.

Mixed results on stockmarket

◆ Investors wary as war in Iraq continues

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Stocks closed mixed Friday as investor enthusiasm about U.S. advances in Iraq was muted by a weak employment report and speculation that Saddam Hussein was still alive. Tech shares sagged on an earnings warning from PeopleSoft.

Analysts said trading was choppy as investors made quick bets about the war's prospects. But most were choosing to sit on the sidelines, wary of making major purchases before the weekend.

"A conflicting news day is leading to a conflicted market," said Stephen Massocca, president of Pacific Growth Equities. "We have continuing good news coming out of Iraq. But on the other side, we have disappointing employment numbers coupled with other negative economic news."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 36.77, or 0.5 percent, at 8,277.15, having declined 44 points Thursday.

The broader market finished mixed. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 13.07, or 0.9 percent, to 1,383.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.40, or 0.3 percent, to 878.85.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.6 percent, the Nasdaq gained 1 percent, and the S&P 500 advanced 1.8 percent.

On Friday, U.S.-led forces edged closer to Baghdad after seizing control of Saddam International Airport, located nine miles away. U.S. Central Command said about 2,500 Iraqi Republican Guards surrendered between Kut and Baghdad.

Stocks, however, trimmed early gains after Iraqi television showed



Traders and specialists crowd the floor as they anticipate the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.

Saddam calling on his people to fight back, dampening rumors the leader might be wounded or dead. His remarks included a reference to the downing of an Apache helicopter that occurred after the March 19 strike aimed at killing him.

An Iraqi official also promised an "unconventional" retaliation, referring to commando and suicide attacks.

"People are a little more fearful about what might hit over the weekend," said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "There is concern that when we start to ferret out the last of the Republican Guard, we may be confronted with something that is not very taste-

ful." Analysts say investors have been largely optimistic about a short and successful war, leading them to drive stocks mostly higher in recent weeks. But they add that trading will likely be uneven in the coming days as investors respond to the latest war headlines.

Meanwhile, a Labor Department report showed U.S. companies slashed 108,000 jobs in March, more than analysts' estimates of about 40,000 cuts. The overall civilian unemployment rate held steady at 5.8 percent.

PeopleSoft dropped \$1.48, or 9 percent, to \$15.02 after the software company lowered its quarterly outlook below Wall Street's and its own previ-

ous estimates, citing the weak economy.

Affymetrix fell \$9.67, or 34.5 percent, to \$18.33 after the maker of gene chips lowered its first-quarter earnings estimates, blaming a slowdown in capital spending.

Altria declined \$1.40 to \$28.30 after the Illinois Legislature rejected a plan to cap the amount its Philip Morris tobacco unit has to deposit to appeal legal verdicts.

Gainers included Research in Motion, which rose 42 cents to \$14.88, after the maker of BlackBerry pagers reported a quarterly loss that was narrower than analysts' expectations; the company also raised its first-quarter revenue forecast.

FBI to investigate Internet wiretaps

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wiretapping takes on a whole new meaning now that phone calls are being made over the Internet, posing legal and technical hurdles for the FBI as it seeks to prevent the emerging services from becoming a safe haven for criminals and terrorists.

The FBI wants regulators to affirm that such services fall under a 1994 law requiring phone companies to build in surveillance capabilities. It is also pushing the industry to create technical standards to make wiretapping easier and cheap-

er.

But privacy advocates fear that because online eavesdropping technology is crude, tapping into the data stream for voice means getting more than what a court ordered — including possibly e-mail and other digital communications.

Service operators also question who should pay.

The increasingly popular "Voice over Internet Protocol," or VoIP, technology breaks phone conversations into data packets, sends them over the Internet and reassembles them at the destination.

Such calls, made on handsets or using computer microphones, are

more efficient and cheaper than traditional calls, which require that a dedicated circuit remain open.

The technology creates gray areas in applying the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. That law required that then-emerging digital phone technologies, which are more difficult to wiretap than analog circuits, be designed so authorities could monitor them.

Lawmakers exempted information services like the Internet, but didn't anticipate Net-based voice calls.

Because VoIP is so new, standards don't exist for setting up networks, let alone for eavesdropping.



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Citizens and politicians rally for troops in Florida

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla.
Hailing U.S. troops in Iraq

as "the next greatest generation," Gov. Jeb Bush led more than 15,000 people in a patriotic rally, while protesters in

Harlem, Chicago and elsewhere assailed the U.S. invasion of Iraq.
A sea of people at a

Clearwater park waved American flags and patriotic signs as they listened to Bush, the president's younger brother, whip up support for the men and women fighting in Iraq.

"Each generation has its defining moments," said Bush. "This generation's legacy is being written now, on the seas and in sands of the Middle East."

The Rally for America was the latest in a series of gatherings across the country inspired by syndicated radio talk show host Glenn Beck, who was seeking a way to counter anti-war demonstrations.

Such anti-war protests were held Saturday in cities around the nation.

In New York City's Harlem neighborhood, several hundred demonstrators rallied to commemorate the nonviolent calls for world peace made by slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King. King was assassinated 35 years ago Friday, on April 4, 1968.

Some in the crowd held signs pointing out that the military is made up of a large number of minorities.

"Our youth joins the armed services to escape poverty," said Charles Barron, a city councilman. "Our youth joined the armed services to get better education, not to be somebody's cannon fodder for oil."

Also among the protesters were several Muslims. "We have no business in this war," Hamzi Latif said. "They say it's not a war against Islam, but to me it is."

Surrounded by a blue wall

of police officers, an estimated 1,500 people marched through downtown Chicago to show their opposition to the war.

"Control your horses, control those sticks in your hands," former death row inmate Aaron Patterson urged police in a speech before the march. "Let's march peacefully today."

Patterson was referring to a demonstration two weeks ago when thousands of people created a massive traffic jam on Lake Shore Drive, prompting police to make more than 500 arrests. Department spokesman Pat Camden said there were no arrests Saturday.

In Hartford, Conn., several hundred people stood in a cool drizzle to show their support for the troops.

"People who are against this war just don't get it," said Bob Tomaszewicz of Glastonbury, Conn., who drove to the rally in a pickup truck with "Go Protest in Iraq" painted on back.

"Sept. 11 changed everything," he said. "We have to fight terrorism wherever we find it. Saddam Hussein is a terrorist."

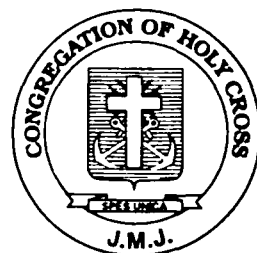
The Enduring Families Walk in Jacksonville, N.C., was billed as a nonpartisan bolstering of the troops, many of whom hail from nearby Camp Lejeune.

"This ain't time to be a Democrat or a Republican," said Chuck Dellasantina, a retired Marine and one of about 1,000 who made the 1 1/2-mile trek. "It's time to get out and support the troops."

Friends and Brothers in Holy Cross



Three top 32 finishes in four years for Moreau Bookstore team.



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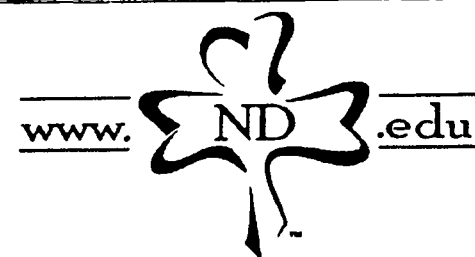
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Anticipating and worrying over the trip back home

I just got back from our final conference in Peace Corps. Most of it focused on the transition from life in an African village to life in an American city. And of course we talked about the government logistical nightmare of completion. It was also wonderful to spend time with the 18 people left in my group away from the stress of Mauritania.

Malte Uranga

Life in Africa

The realization also hit as I looked around the room that I made it. I made it through a difficult country to begin with, then there was 9-11 and now it is Iraq. I have seen an incredible outpouring of support for America and I have also experienced hatred. My parents' stress levels mirror mine as they ask every time we have contact the exact date I will get home.

The answer is I still do not know. It still depends on international relations. It depends on if there are any more accidental bombing of civilians. It depends on if the protests in Cairo continue to grow. It depends on if I actually listen to my parents. It depends on if I let myself see how tired I am from two years here in this time. It breaks my heart.

I came here with the desire to save the world. I know that everyone says that is impossible, but deep down everyone wants to do that. I saw the 9-11 attacks and the embrace of America by countries, kings and people who did not really like us. I talked to people at

home about life for an American in an Islamic republic. We joked among Peace Corps volunteers about fighting the war on terrorism one girl's soccer game or computer center at a time. And in a sense I believed that and still do.

Now we are the only Peace Corps representatives left in an Islamic republic and again they are giving us the option to leave. And again I do not want to. Tomorrow is the big meeting with details and options explained. Now there is a lot of speculation. Whatever happens tomorrow will be difficult because it will not be on my terms. Throughout my whole service I planned how and when I would leave the site and return to the United States. Maybe that will happen. But probably lots of people who have been with me from the beginning will go.

Most likely I will go. A small part safety and a very large part exhaustion with uncertainty and a need to go to the next phase of life. In a month, I could be in a coffee shop or in a car on a freeway. It sounds so safe and secure. It sounds so boring and average. Here, I feel like I am doing something for the United States and also the Arab world, some days positively and some days negatively. In America I will feel helpless. I will watch the 24-hour coverage of the war from a couch and complain about the state of the world. Here when I walk down the street to buy bread in the morning I am doing something. Home to me represents passivity.

I am sure after a few weeks at home

I will have found some way to change that. And as I start law school I will imagine all of the things that I can do with a law degree just as I imagined all the things that could be done with a Notre Dame undergraduate degree.

I used to laugh at the people that said going home is harder than leaving home. I did not worry about it at all until I watched CNN on satellite TV and later a television program try to explain all of Islam in five minutes. Also from the other side, I have heard my friends here defame America — the same friends that begged for help to get an American visa and praised everything American only six months ago.

My thoughts since my last column are a little more coherent, but that is all relative. I am still very, very excited to go home. Although the closer it gets,

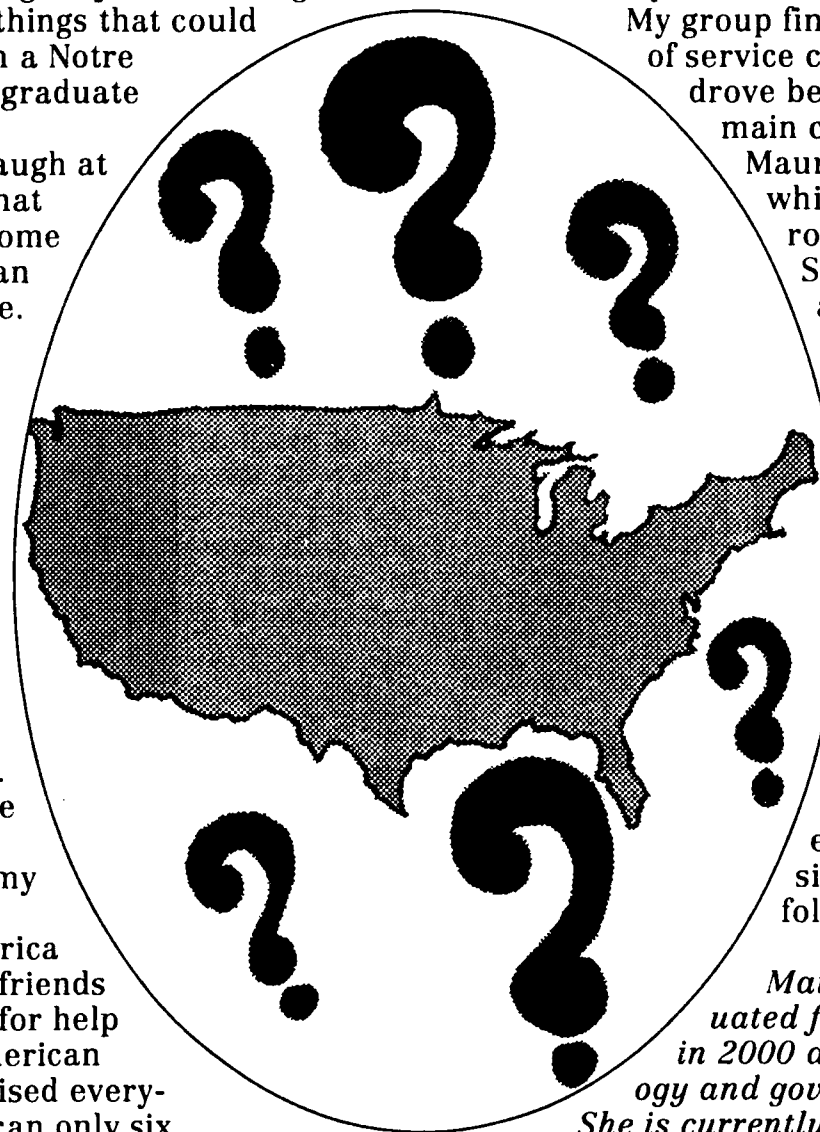
the less I complain about Mauritania and the more I worry what life in America will really be like now. It is a different place than when I left.

My group finished our close of service conference and drove between the two main cities of Mauritania, between which there is no road. Our three SUVs spread out across the open sand, dunes, beaches and rocks, sometimes fast and sometimes stuck in sand up to the axles. My trip is done. Now it is someone else's turn. There will be people brave enough, stupid enough and passionate enough to follow.

Maite Uranga graduated from Notre Dame in 2000 as an anthropology and government major.

She is currently a Peace Corps volunteer in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Asian-American experience

In June of my senior year at Tenaflly High School, during our class's final hurrah together on our senior trip, my track coach approached me and asked, "So Ed, where are you heading to next fall?" I replied that I'd be attending the University of Notre Dame.

I almost expected her response: "Oh, that's wonderful! But Ed, I know that people in the Midwest haven't been exposed to many Asians, so if anyone gives you a hard time, get out."

What really irked me was that I thought I was being paranoid, pessimistic and too defensive about my premonitions of Notre Dame not being as accepting of Asians, but to hear this from a history teacher and track coach from my high school was very unnerving. However, I still attempted to maintain an open outlook at coming to this school, hoping that college would be a broadening experience of diverse people, and if not that, at least diverse in thought and experience.

But once again, I knew of Notre Dame's adamant Catholic tradition, its overwhelming homogeneity and its conservatism. I don't think these characteristics are negative attributes, but I think these qualities prevent Notre Dame from having a more open and broader perspective. I am not sure if it colored my outlook coming into the school or if I was simply seeing the institution for what it was.

I came to campus in hopes that things weren't what I assumed. But during my first taste of college life at Notre Dame, it felt as if the world was going in one direction, and I was going completely against the grain.

I know this is cliché by now, but it still has an impact to see just how many articles of clothing are from Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, American Eagle, etc. It sent me

the message that either I should conform or feel alienation.

So I chose the latter. Then I thought to myself, "You know what? Clothing, music taste, all those factors are just personal preferences that shouldn't really matter." So I tried to talk, to explore and to experience new people.

But somehow I would feel this constant sense of inferiority among a crowd that was quite different from me in terms of appearances, likes and dislikes and overall outlooks on life. Sometimes, I would be treated differently, either subtly or overtly. When conversing in a crowd, it is as if people don't even address or acknowledge you, that you don't exist in the conversation. Or I hear about other experiences in which an Asian is the butt of a joke. It's funny to everyone else, but it immediately singles the Asian kid out, creating self-consciousness and a feeling of inferiority to those who are Asian.

I seriously wonder if I am being overly sensitive or defensive, but I talk to other Asians on this campus, and the subtleties and the lines drawn between races is clearly evident in listening to other Asian-American experiences on campus.

People can hate and discriminate, consciously or unconsciously in their words and actions. Nevertheless, Asians on this campus are trying to educate rather than reciprocate. We want to create understanding and broaden perspectives despite the struggles we encounter along the way. We want that true college experience, and hopefully you all do too.

Edward Song
freshman
Fisher Hall
April 4

In defense of Moore's documentary

In his Viewpoint column last Thursday entitled, "Michael Moore's gutterball," Peter Wicks claims that Michael Moore's Oscar-winning film, "Bowling for Columbine," uses lies and deception to further Moore's own political agenda.

Mr. Wicks further criticizes Moore for his overabundance of explanations for the problem of violence in the United States. In fact, Moore attributes American gun violence to one thing: a climate of fear. Moore mocks political activists who claim one party is culpable for the violence at Columbine. "Bowling for Columbine" highlights the various factors which create this climate of fear which distinguishes America from other nations.

Mr. Wicks attacks one such example, "the implied parallel between the NATO campaign in Kosovo and the Columbine massacre." Mr. Wicks terms this deception and idiocy. However, I cannot imagine the parallel was intended to suggest that NATO is analogous to Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Moore simply uses these coincidentally simultaneous events to demonstrate the depth of the fear problem in our society. This ironic coincidence illustrates how fear influences our military as well as domestic affairs.

Mr. Wicks also labels the South Park cartoon burlesquing American history "propaganda." Mr. Wicks himself notes that, by their very nature, cartoons are not intended to depict reality. This cartoon grotesquely identifies two historically controversial American organizations (the Ku Klux Klan and the National Rifle Association) that sprang up from fear. Moore connects the two organizations only to suggest that they are both fruits from the same poisonous tree.

I grant that Moore likely edited his documentary for the purpose of persuading his audience. However, this hardly justifies labeling the entire film propaganda. Mr. Wicks seems to have missed Moore's core message: America is a nation controlled by fear.

Maybe I am biased because I live in the community (Littleton, Colo.) where much of the documentary was filmed. I hope that Notre Dame students will take the opportunity to see this film and make their own judgments when it comes to campus April 24.

Katie Murray
freshman
Pangborn Hall
April 4

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Bookstore Basketball:
A tradition at Notre Dame

Bookstore Basketball is a campus phenomenon unlike any other.

Where else could your typical Joe Business Major square off against varsity athletes and other campus icons?

The fact that Bookstore, which began its 32nd edition on Saturday, just recently gained national prominence in the pages of Sports Illustrated last year illustrates not only the staying power of such a popular event but also the magnitude to which it has grown since 1972.



Bryan Kronk

Sports
Columnist

And every aspect of the tournament has contributed to its popularity and success.

For starters, the fact that each and every game is conducted entirely outdoors is a unique aspect of Bookstore Basketball. This year's opening round — assuming today's games go according to schedule — will likely feature not one, but two days in which players will have to endure snowfall.

In addition, in every year that I can remember, games have been won or lost by shots that are definitely affected by South Bend's biting wind. Driving rainstorms are not all that uncommon, either. It is a testament to the teams involved that they can succeed, or even thrive, in what can only be explained as less-than-ideal playing conditions.

Then there are the players. From Joe Montana and Tony Rice, to those guys a couple years ago who covered themselves in sandwich condiments, the players bring a great amount of appeal to the tournament, and not necessarily for their athleticism.

Sometimes, most often in the earlier rounds, it is in fact the teams' lack of athleticism — most often as a result of drunkenness — that brings out a crowd ready to laugh and enjoy themselves.

There is an aspect of Bookstore that appeals to everybody. Whether it is watching your friends shoot airball after airball, or watching Notre Dame's

best go all the way to winning the championship, the competition works on every possible level.

Also, Bookstore Basketball is a quintessential springtime activity. Hypothetically speaking, the weather's nice — which is a rarity for South Bend — so why not take advantage of it while it's here? Soaking up some rays, while often just a byproduct of attending a Bookstore game, is a great way to spend a lazy weekend afternoon in the midst of spring.

Everyone on this campus knows that it has been deemed the world's largest five-on-five basketball tournament, but how it got there is a mystery to most.

The first edition of Bookstore featured 53 teams. This year's tournament boasts 10 times as many, with that number peaking above 700 teams 11 years ago.

The number of teams has exceeded 500 every year since Bookstore Basketball XII, 20 years ago in 1983, which broke the 500-team level for the first time, boasting 511 teams.

Fast-forward to this year.

539 teams. Five players per team. That adds up to almost 2,700 students — roughly a quarter of the combined Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross communities taking part in one of the most popular of many Notre Dame legends.

And that's just the players.

Combine that figure with the average turnout for a bookstore game — which can vary widely from team to team and round to round — and you've got a solid majority of these three campuses turning out to support a worthwhile cause.

That's right, not only do these hardcore players play for free, but they also donate a registration fee to charity.

Just another Notre Dame trademark on a campus tradition that has never — and likely will never — be duplicated anywhere else in the world.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Bryan Kronk lives in Knott Hall and is an accounting major. He writes at The Observer during his free time, so he is here pretty much all the time.



Some men playing quite intensely Sunday afternoon fight for possession of the ball. The tournament games are held at all available courts on campus.

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With March Madness coming to a close, bringing smiles and competition along.

By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

Bookstore Basketball is back once again, and with it comes not only laughter at the strange and unique names, but heavy competition among the top teams for the coveted title of bookstore champion.

The tournament unites the Notre Dame community in one event that seems fit for everyone.

"Where else can you find drunken idiots, unathletic Notre Dame engineers and superstar athletes all competing in one tournament against each other," Fisher sophomore Lee Gettler said.

The Bookstore Basketball Tournament is the largest 5-on-5 tournament in the world and has grown with each year. It began in 1972 with 53 teams, and reached a peak in Bookstore XXI with 705 teams. This year there are 539 teams participating comprised of faculty, staff and students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College.

The tournament is held for the duration of the month of April and began this Saturday and the finals will be played on Sunday, April 27.

In recent years, Bookstore Basketball has gained national attention with their increased number of teams participating in the event.

Additionally, former players have gained national recognition such as Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown in 1987 and both Adrian Dantley and Bill Hanzlik were chosen for Olympic basketball teams. Dantley participated in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and won a gold medal, while Hanzlik was supposed to participate in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, but the US team boycotted the games.

Bookstore Basketball has become a known tradition on the Notre Dame campus.

Alumni from all over the country show interest in the event and are always eager to learn about the tournament's growth and development.

"The rivalry, the competition, the camaraderie — they are all things that will stay with me for the rest of my life," Notre Dame graduate and former Dillon resident att Walsh said.

Other graduates have been very inquisitive about the upcoming events at the bookstore games.

Bookstore Basketball has become a part of the Notre Dame community just as much as any other time honored tradition at the University, with an added twist of humor. Not only do students dress up with themes and interesting costumes, some show up merely to make fools of themselves. It is an added comic relief to the University before things start to wrap up during finals week.

"Bookstore Basketball is the best thing to happen to this University since the time Wolfman Jock ran through Stonehenge," Dillon sophomore

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The Top 32 Teams

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. Adworks | 18. Irvin Jones |
| 2. NDToday.com | 19. Nunc Dimittis |
| 3. We Get Wet | 20. H.P. |
| 4. Hoosier Racing Team | 21. 1/2 Men and 1/2 Amazing |
| 5. La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries | 22. Support Your President |
| 6. Mmmmm Cheese | 23. ASC Enterprises |
| 7. Michael Jackson's Buddies | 24. 5 Guys Who Want a Hummer Like LeBron's |
| 8. Roc's Sports Cafe | 25. Derelict |
| 9. Growers Not Showers | 26. Da Booty |
| 10. S.P. Shockers 3 | 27. Future Welfare Recipients |
| 11. Big Down Low | 28. Off the Heezie |
| 12. Speaker City | 29. RCLC Clericuzio |
| 13. RBC | 30. Piss Poor |
| 14. Coco Butter | 31. High Thread Count |
| 15. Killer Boots Man | 32. Dolly Parton, Finnegan's, and 3 Other Huge Busts |
| 16. Channel 595 | |
| 17. Linebacker Lounge | |

Interesting facts about
Bookstore Basketball:Most Points by an Individual in One
Game:

- 21 - Gus Herbert (1985)
- 19 - Tom Healy (1985)
- 19 - Dan Mullen (1997)
- 18 - Rob Simari (1982)
- 17 - Mike Borders (1976)

Past Champions:

- 2000- Keyplay.com
- 1999- Malicious Prosecution
- 1998- PRIMETIME
- 1997- Dos Geses
- 1996- Dos Kloskas
- 1995- Models, Inc.
- 1994- NBT
- 1993- Tequila White Lightning
- 1992- Gauchos
- 1991- Adworks
- 1990- Malicious Prostitution
- 1989- Malicious Prostitution
- 1988- Adworks All- Stars
- 1987- Da' Brothers of Monhood
- 1986- Lee's BBQ Roundhouse
- 1985- Revenge of the Fun Bunch

Past MVP's:

- 2000- Tom Dietrich
- 1999- Jeremy Cole
- 1998- Raam Jani

- 1997- Mike Denver
- 1996- Dave Fannon
- 1995- Jason Williams
- 1994- Eric Jones
- 1993- Eric Jones
- 1992- Dave Bose
- 1991- Derrick Johnson
- 1990- Joe Scott
- 1989- Joe Scott
- 1988- Gary Voce
- 1987- Wes Shorter
- 1986- Jim Dolan
- 1985- Steve Treacy

Among the Best Names in 2003:

- Testicular Fortitude
- 5 Guys Who Know a Thing or Two About a Thing or Two
- 5 Guys Who Know a Guy Who pooped His Pants
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more Tom Raaf said.

Not only do the players find the competition amusing, but some take the competition very seriously as well.

"We practice a lot and take the game pretty seriously. I know this is a joke to some people, but to me, bookstore basketball is something that should bring happiness from the joy of the game and a sense of pride from the excellent feeling that comes with accomplishment. I think bookstore basketball is swell," sophomore Ken Champa said.

Some, however, take bookstore basketball with the nonchalant attitude that accompanies many of the comical teams that hit the courts.

"Bookstore makes me dribble. Haha, get it? I am probably one of the top ten players in the tournament, not to mention the best looking. If looks could kill I'd be an Uzi," Luis Arguello of St. Edward's said.

Although the competition has increased as the tradition grows, it is still a game at the heart of it.

Basketball is a sport that gives a large variety of people a chance to play, and although it is competitive, many people find amusement in the game, other take it somewhat seriously.

"The ball is round. The game is to 21 points. The rest is just theory," sophomore Matt Schulte from Dillon said.

"The rivalry, the competition, the camaraderie — they are all things that will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Matt Walsh
class of 2001

Although some of the teams appear as though they may not have mastered the art of basketball in their earlier days, generally, the teams appear to have an enjoyable time on the court. There are usually screams of laughter coming from all the general areas of the games, and cheers can be heard at all areas on campus.

Bookstore Basketball has become an integral part of the Notre Dame community. It not only serves the purpose of enhancing the Notre Dame tradition, but it is an enjoyable event that gives students a chance to relax and have fun.

"Bookstore basketball is great; it gives the engineers a chance to see the sun, and the rest of us just have a great time," Gettler said.

For more information on Bookstore Basketball or updated schedules or ranking go to www.nd.edu/~bkstr.

Check out the games at any of the regulation basketball courts on campus, such as Stepan or Lyons, but especially at the central location of the bookstore courts. Games will be running through all of April.

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A girls team dressed in all pink with pink bows in their hair took the court Sunday afternoon. This team, among many, had creative uniforms to set them apart.

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Everclear satisfies students

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

It was a cold and very rainy night last Friday when the Portland, Ore.-based band Everclear came to the Epcot Center of Notre Dame, otherwise known as the Stepan Center. Showing true dedication to ... well, something, students trudged across the, in spots, flooding campus with hope that this show would be worth the swim to the Stepan Center — they left satisfied.

The show started off with the opening band Long Shot who, while very good, seemed almost juvenile. The dancing of the lead singer around the stage, at one point with the microphone cord wrapped around his neck, distracted from the music which otherwise was reasonably good. The second band, The Exies, was excellent. With a Notre Dame alum drummer from Keenan, the band was very well received — and they deserved to be. Their music was terrific and they are definitely a name that will be heard in the future.

Then it was time. When the lights came up and the bass echoed through the building the literally dampened spirits of the crowd shot up. Starting off with a straight set of about four of their new songs, Everclear played for almost 20 minutes before a word was spoken. With plenty of cracks about the overly protective and conservative nature of the administration, Everclear quickly won over the student crowd. In their opening greeting, Art Alexakis, the lead singer, announced in a sarcastic tone that the tattoo-covered punk rock band had been asked to "lay off the profanity" for the night.

The cracks continued as Alexakis introduced their newest single "Volvo Driving Soccer Mom," proclaiming

that this song described the destiny of the women at Notre Dame. This comment of course was greeted by cheers, displaying the semi-blatant fact that the majority of the crowd was not composed of large enough Everclear fans to know any of their new stuff, but only their major hits (the song in reference being about how porn-stars become the "Volvo driving soccer moms" of the future), and as such just cheered at anything one of the band members said. However, this lack of a hugely dedicated fan base did not slow down the momentum of the show.

Everclear started off with a good number of their new songs and then, about 45 minutes into the set, transitioned into playing some of their major hits, which boosted the energy of the crowd to whole new levels.

Everclear exploited as much of the crowds' energy as they could. They asked numerous times for clapping, hands in the air, singing along, and they received each one with out even a moment of question from the audience.

This crowd participation made the audience love Everclear more and more as the show went on. The entire Stepan Center was filled with the sound of the crowd singing the na, na, na-na-na chorus of Everclear's hit, "Everything is Wonderful Now."

The cooperative and enthusiastic show even led the bass player, Craig Montoya to declare the Notre Dame's show as, "the best f*%ing college show we've ever had."

This is quite a complement, especially considering the restrictions placed on the band's content by the university and the venue of the Stepan Center in which they had to perform.

Throughout the show there was even a steady dripping of water directly onto the back area of the



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The lead guitarist for Everclear sang along with band on Friday night in the Stepan Center. Students cheered all night and enjoyed the performance.

stage. Everclear put on a great performance throughout their set and the crowd had fallen in love with them by the end.

As if that wasn't enough, Everclear took the status of their show from good to excellent in their encore. Coming back onto the stage, each member had a very impressive solo moment as the band displayed their real musical talent. Then, in what ended up being a highlight of the night, the band invited a member of the crowd up to play a song with them.

A random Notre Dame student, lived a dream when he performed "Santa

Monica," singing and playing guitar, with Everclear. This performance was followed by Everclear bring up about 50 people onto the stage; they had to receive and sign a waiver in order to be allowed up onto the stage. This was explained with laughing by Alexakis, because well, that is just the way rock concerts go at Notre Dame.

The performances of some of the students on stage were more memorable than much of the concert; the power of Everclear was on that stage, in every sense of the word. Some boys even tried to live their rock 'n roll dreams by jumping off the stage onto the crowd, one was successful, the others met bitter defeat in the form of a cold and hard concrete floor.

When the concert did end, most walked away very much satisfied and for the most part surprised that the show had been so excellent. Everclear's songs aren't all amazing musically, but despite all the weaknesses the band may possess as a whole, they put on a terrific live performance.

It was cold and wet that night, even inside the leaking Stepan Center, but Everclear came through as a truly professional and talented band and made what could have been a good show a truly excellent show.



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Everclear performed for a large audience at the Stepan Center on Friday night. With the rain falling from a leak in the center, the water added a dramatic effect to the band's performance.

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MENS TENNIS

Bright moments for Irish can't keep Mustangs at bay

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

It was a great day for two Irish singles players and one doubles duo, but a tough day for the team as No. 49 Southern Methodist defeated No. 55 Notre Dame in a closely-contested 4-3 match Sunday.

Junior tri-captain Luis Haddock and sophomore Brent D'Amico had personal proud moments, though, as they each triumphed over players ranked in the top 60 nationally.

With both teams splitting the singles matches, the Mustangs, who moved to 10-7 on the season, were able to survive by securing the doubles point.

Notre Dame, 6-11 on the season, has become familiar with close matches this season. Sunday's loss was the fifth 4-3 defeat for the Irish this season. Those losses were all to challenging teams — No. 28 Indiana, No. 37 Florida State, No. 47 Northwestern, No. 56 Tulsa and now SMU. Michigan State and No. 50 Purdue are the only teams Notre Dame has defeated in 4-3 matches.

The match culminated with four matches that extended to three sets, and with the top two flights finishing in final-set tiebreakers.

Haddock, playing at the No. 1 flight, upset No. 55 Johan Brunstrom, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 to put Notre Dame within a point of the win, but No. 87 Lukasz Senczysyn prevailed over junior tri-captain Matt Scott to hand the victory to the Mustangs.

D'Amico finished off No. 52 Gwinyai Chingoka, 6-4, 6-2 to obtain the first Notre Dame singles win. The Irish sophomore had never topped a player

rated that highly before.

After SMU's Peter Oredsson defeated Irish freshman Patrick Buchanan 6-2, 6-4, Irish junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo survived a three-set fight with Henrik Soderberg, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, to tie the match. With the Sunday win, Lopez-Acevedo put to rest a three-match losing streak.

After the Irish had tied the event, the Mustangs' Alexis Rudzinski put his team on the verge of victory with his defeat of senior tri-captain Brian Farrell. Rudzinski outlasted his opponent 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The Mustangs began strong by winning the first two doubles matches to leave the court. Eric Cohn and Ryan Mauck won 8-6 over Farrell and Haddock at the No. 2 position and Chingoka and Senczysyn topped the duo of junior Ben Hatten and sophomore Paul McNaughton, 8-4.

The Irish did enjoy an upset at the No. 1 flight. D'Amico and Scott, who were on a three-match losing streak together, claimed their second defeat of a ranked team this season Sunday. The Irish pair defeated the 55th-ranked partnership of Ryan Livesay and Dustin Taylor, 9-8.

Notre Dame is now preparing for its penultimate home contest of the season when No. 61 Ball State comes to the Eck Pavilion. After that, the Irish will go on the road with hopes of improving their NCAA Tournament chances by upsetting No. 13 Kentucky. Then the Irish will complete the regular season back at home against No. 67 Indiana State.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish cancel spring opener

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Snow was falling and the wind was blowing Saturday morning at 9 a.m. As a result, the Notre Dame Opener was cancelled. The only home meet of the season for the Irish track and field squad was called off by the coaches over concerns about the well-being of the student-athletes.

Notre Dame and Western Michigan were the only two teams on site, as Central Michigan pulled out of the meet Friday afternoon and didn't even make the trip to South Bend.

However, Friday night's 10,000 meter race was run and the Irish qualified three runners. Brian Kerwin, Marc Striowski and freshman Kaleb Van Ort all qualified with times under 31:40, the qualifying minimum. Also finishing was Austin Weaver, who finished fifth in the first 10,000 meter race of his career.

The Irish return to the track this weekend at the University of Missouri for the Tom Botts Invitational where they hope to encounter some warmer weather.

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WOMENS FINAL FOUR

Huskies, Vols will duel in final

◆ Two No. 1 seeds will meet for the third time in the championship

Associated Press

With her offense down the stretch and her defense on the final play, Diana Taurasi put Connecticut back in the women's national championship game.

Taurasi, bothered by a sore ankle and back, still managed to score 26 points and keep the Huskies on course for their third title in four years with a 71-69 victory over Texas on Sunday night.

Connecticut (36-1) will meet Tennessee in the championship game, the third time the teams have met for the title. Earlier, the Lady Vols beat Duke 66-56 in the other semifinal to advance to Tuesday night's final.

The seemingly inevitable meeting didn't come easily.

The Huskies closed the game with an 11-3 run to dispatch the Longhorns (29-6), who were in the Final Four for the first time since 1987.

Taurasi's 3-pointer from well behind the arc gave the Huskies the lead for good, 67-66 with 2:07 remaining.

Appropriately, Taurasi made the key defensive play, too, knocking the ball away from Alisha Sare as the Texas player attempted to go up for a jumper just before the buzzer.

Taurasi grabbed the loose ball and held up her right index finger as the horn sounded. Yes, the Huskies still have a chance to finish No. 1.

Taurasi, who had not practiced since the regional final in an attempt to heal, appeared a bit tentative and pulled off few of the flashy moves that made her the best player in the country.

But she came through when her team needed her most.

With Texas leading 66-60, Taurasi zipped a great

no-look pass from outside the arc to Willnett Crockett standing alone under the basket, sparking the game-ending run.

On Connecticut's next possession, Taurasi worked into the lane, made the shot and drew a foul, leading to a three-point play that drew the Huskies closer.

Finally, she put them ahead to stay with the long 3-pointer.

The Longhorns went nearly three minutes without scoring, finally breaking the drought on Jamie Carey's 3-pointer with 28 seconds left. That was the last basket of the game.

Crockett gave Texas a chance by missing two free throws with 8.2 seconds left, but Taurasi made sure the Longhorns didn't get a chance to tie or win it.

The little-used Sare raced downcourt and tried to get off a shot. As the 5-foot-8 senior began to go up at the 3-point line, the 6-foot Taurasi got a hand on the ball and knocked it away.

"She's not afraid," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "That's the biggest thing you can say about her. She's not afraid. She wants the ball in crucial situations."

Connecticut beat the Lady Vols 63-62 in overtime during the regular season. The Huskies hold a 10-6 lead in the series, which includes two victories in the title game.

Last year, Connecticut romped to a 79-56 victory over Tennessee in the semifinals, then finished off a perfect 39-0 season by beating Oklahoma in the title game.

Taurasi was the only holdover starter from that team; the other four went in the first six picks of the WNBA draft. But Auriemma brought in a

talented group of freshmen and teamed them with the player of the year for another winning combination.

The Longhorns pushed the lead to 50-41 with 12 1/2 minutes remaining, prompting Auriemma to call a timeout. Texas wouldn't fade away, and Taurasi had to fight through an uncharacteristic night.

Grimacing at one point after a miss, she shot only 10-of-22 — including 4-of-11 from behind the arc. An 82 percent free-throw shooter, she went only 2-of-5 at the line.

It was barely enough.

Stacy Stephens scored 16 points to lead the Longhorns, but she missed a crucial shot in the final minute.

Connecticut scored the first five points of the game, including a pull-up 3 by Taurasi, and led nearly the entire first half.

poorly but Connecticut had trouble hanging the ball, finishing the half with 11 turnovers.

The Longhorns finally went ahead for the first time, 30-29, on Stephens' follow with two minutes left. They went to the locker room with a 35-33 lead when Nina Norman hit a straightaway jumper as the buzzer sounded.

Texas, the only non-No. 1 seed to make it to Atlanta, was a perennial power in the formative years of NCAA women's basketball. The Longhorns were the first women's team to go through a perfect season, winning the national title in 1986 with a 34-0 record.

They went to the Final Four for the second year in a row in '87, but had not been back since as other schools — notably Tennessee and Connecticut — became the sport's most dominating teams.

Geno Auriemma
Connecticut coach

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MENS LACROSSE

Scoring streak helps Buckeyes topple Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Matt Howell didn't play. That could have been one excuse.

The Notre Dame mens lacrosse team had won nine of its previous ten meetings with Ohio State and simply took it for granted. That could have been another.

But regardless of distractions or statistics, coach Kevin Corrigan saw no excuse for his team's 11-5 loss to the No. 19 Ohio State Buckeyes on Sunday at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium and seriously jeopardizing its chances at postseason play.

"We weren't good in any phase of the game," Corrigan said. "You're not going to beat a good team when you don't have something to hang your hat on. You want to play well offensively, and you want to play well defensively, but you can't get beat in every phase and expect to win a game."

The Irish fall to 5-4 on the season and 1-1 in GWLL play. With a close call against unranked Denver last weekend and now a blowout loss to a league opponent, Notre Dame feels it has to get its act together down the home stretch of its schedule.

"We've got to decide what we're going to be," Corrigan said. "We're nine games into the season and we haven't established what kind of team we want to be."

In the opening moments of the game Sunday, Notre Dame was doing more than simply holding its own. They were establishing themselves offensively.

After the Buckeyes opened scoring, Irish leading scorer Dan Berger netted a goal at the 8:23 mark of the first quarter. Freshman attackman/midfielder Brian Hubschmann scored his third

goal of the season with 7:27 remaining, and Berger scored again at the 1:07 mark to give Notre Dame the lead after one quarter. Freshman attackman Pat Walsh assisted on all three goals.

From that point, Ohio State began to crawl back. The Buckeyes tied the game with goals at 11:52 and 11:41 of the second quarter. Walsh answered to put the Irish up 4-3. Ohio State scored two more goals, however, to go up 5-4 going into halftime.

An early third-quarter goal by sophomore midfielder Brian Giordano tied the game at 5-5. But the Buckeyes rattled off six unanswered goals and took the GWLL game in what appeared on paper, and in Corrigan's mind, as a blowout.

Starting goalie Stewart Crosland made 18 saves in addition to letting up 11 goals. That amounts to 29 shots on goal for Ohio State and a whole bunch of questions for the Irish defense.

Corrigan was almost at a loss for words.

"We are playing poor fundamental team defense right now," he said.

More than just a defensive breakdown and an overall defeat, the loss to Ohio State means Notre Dame has some serious thinking and playing to do as they only have five games, and three league matches, remaining.

"I think it means we need to win the rest of our games to go to the postseason," Corrigan said. "We don't know what's going to happen in the league. We can't worry about what other people will do, but we have to worry about what we want to do. We have to win the rest of our games because we control our own destiny."

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Football

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to Beckstrom's grasp.

A week into spring practice, the quest is well under way to find the player who can fill the void left by Shane Walton, Notre Dame's most decorated departing senior. Two-year starter Vontez Duff is firmly entrenched at one cornerback slot, and while Beckstrom figures his experience gives him the inside track to the other opening, he knows he is going to be pushed by players like rising junior Preston Jackson and rising sophomore Garron Bible.

But had Beckstrom been healthy last season, he figures he might have been the guy challenging, not trying to hold onto, a starting position.

"It could be a blessing in disguise for him," Irish secondary coach Trent Walters said.

A year ago, Beckstrom was slotted as the third defensive back behind Walton and Duff, likely to play only in situations where nickel and dime defensive packages were used.

It could have been a disappointing end for a player who dreamed about starting as long as he could remember.

It could have been the end of an otherwise unremarkable career for a player who had missed only three games since he arrived on campus in 1999.

But then Beckstrom charged downfield on a kickoff drill, reached his arm around the ballcarrier and felt a twinge in his arm. He continued practice that day, and the next two days, thinking all he had was

an arm cramp.

The doctors, however, told Beckstrom that the MRI results showed that if he didn't have surgery, he'd lose a lot of strength in his arm.

And although he thinks he could have played the last few games of the season, Beckstrom decided to sit the entire year out to heal.

"As the season went on and I got healed, I wanted to play even more," he said. "It was the worst thing I've ever done as far as my ego, to sit on the sidelines."

Despite the injury, Beckstrom refused to lose his trademark enthusiasm for football. While his teammates donned uniforms and pads on game days, Beckstrom's left arm rested in a sling while his right arm carried a clipboard. He ferried some players from the field to the telephone so they could talk to coaches in the press box and helped give other players advice.

"If you can't play, you do whatever you can to help out, and that was my way of helping out."

Jason Beckstrom
cornerback

In the process, Beckstrom learned a lot about football he said he never would have noticed had he been healthy.

"A player gains a great deal of experience watching other players do things — if he has the right mindset," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I think Jason had that."

Stuck on the sidelines wearing a baseball cap instead of a helmet, Beckstrom studied tendencies of receivers he is likely to be assigned to cover come fall. He watched how the line-backers, cornerbacks and safeties all worked together in various defensive schemes. He analyzed adjustments made to the game plan and how those adjustments could affect

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Jason Beckstrom
cornerback

his teammates.

"I got a chance to sit out and see how the defense works and my responsibility and the game plan," Beckstrom said. "Now this year, I get a chance to go out and showcase my ability."

His strength now at 100 percent, Beckstrom was able to begin working out with the team during preparations for the Gator Bowl and entered an intensive lifting program in the winter.

Right now, Beckstrom is trying to impress coaches who only saw him on the field during a handful of spring practices and even fewer fall practices. He's trying to catch up to teammates who played an entire year in a new system that Beckstrom has committed to memory but hasn't yet put into practice.

But he'd rather be rusty, as Walters jokingly described Beckstrom's progress, than finished.

"If he'd graduated last year, he'd have played sparingly," Walters said. "This year, if he keeps playing well, he has a chance to be the guy."

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Sweep

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bombs on the day.

Meanwhile, Niesel shut down the Red Storm's offense all afternoon. The right-hander didn't have his best stuff but still went six innings, allowing two earned runs and striking out four, to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Matt Laird pitched the seventh and struck out two Red Storm batters.

Notre Dame picked up in the second game where they left off in game one by scoring a run in the third and five more in the fourth to stake a 6-3 lead.

The Irish were holding onto that lead with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth inning when the floodgates opened.

Rizzo singled to third base and scored Grogan to extend Notre Dame's lead to 7-3. Designated hitter Craig Cooper then walked to score Edwards and Joe Thaman knocked in two more runs with a single to put the Irish up 10-3.

After St. John's made a pitching change, Sollmann doubled to score Cooper. Grogan followed with a triple to center, scoring Sollmann and Thaman. Edwards, Billmaier and Sanchez then all singled in succession before Matt Macri walked to plate the ninth Irish run of the inning and give the Irish a 15-3 lead.

"Right now, everyone is bearing down. We're finding ways to get runners on base and then get hits with two strikes or two outs," Edwards said.

Notre Dame added single runs in the next three innings to extend their advantage to

18-3. Both Sollmann and Edwards had dingers in the sixth and seventh innings, respectively.

"Today was just one of those days when we were feeling really comfortable in the batter's box," Edwards said.

Kalita continued his early season success by winning his fourth game.

Kalita went seven innings, yielding only one run and walking zero. The senior recorded 14 ground ball outs and only

gave up one solid hit all day long. He is now 4-0 this season and 11-0 during his Notre Dame career.

"There were a lot of ground balls and I was just letting

our defense do their job behind me," Kalita said. "[Run support] takes a little bit of the pressure off, but you have to focus on throwing strikes and getting outs so your offense can get back up as soon as possible."

Game Notes:

◆ Infielder Greg Lopez was hit by a pitch early in the first game and did not return. According to Notre Dame official, he was a little "woozy" but the injury was not serious.

◆ In their last five games, the Irish have outscored their opponents 20-0 in the second inning.

◆ In the nine-run fifth inning, Notre Dame had nine batters bat with two outs.

◆ Friday's scheduled doubleheader between the Irish and Boston College was cancelled due to rain in the area. Under Big East doubleheader rules, the two-game set will not be made up.

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13	Syracuse
14	Washington State
15	Iowa
16	Boston University
17	Texas
18	Northeastern
19	Oregon State
20	Cornell

Baseball

Big East Standings

team	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	5	0	1.000
St. John's	3	0	1.000
NOTRE DAME	5	1	.833
Virginia Tech	2	1	.667
Boston College	2	1	.667
West Virginia	1	1	.500
Rutgers	1	1	.500
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333
Seton Hall	2	4	.333
Villanova	1	4	.200
Georgetown	1	8	.111

Softball

Big East Standings

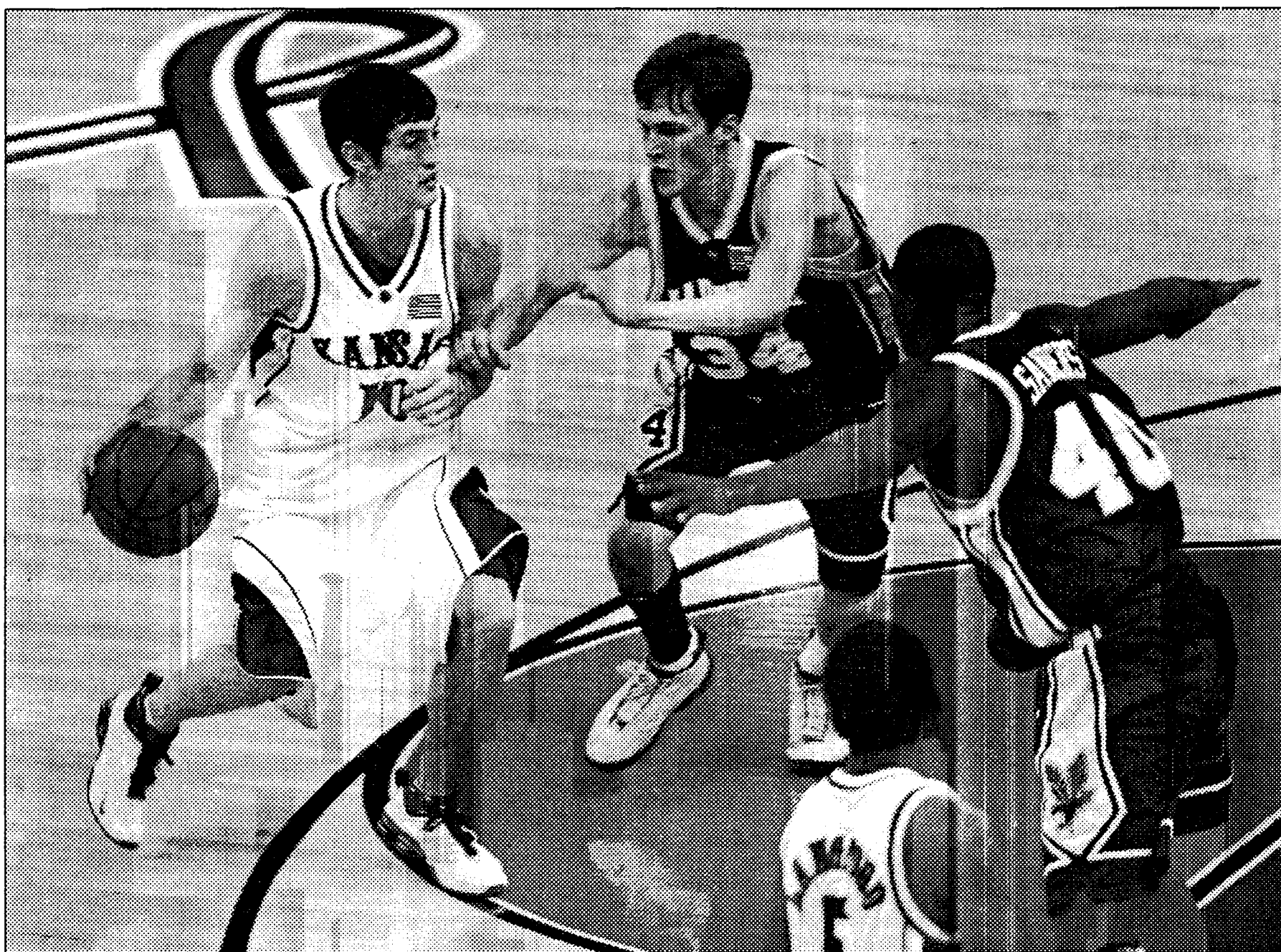
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Rutgers	1	3	2
St. John's	1	3	2
Syracuse	1	3	2
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0
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Big East Standings

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MENS FINAL FOUR



Kirk Hinrich of Kansas looks for an opening through Travis Diener and Terry Sanders of Marquette. Kansas advances to the NCAA tournament finals against Syracuse tonight.

Kansas, Syracuse move to championship game

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS
Kansas now becomes Syracuse's problem, and Carmelo Anthony becomes the Jayhawks' headache.

Kansas routed Marquette 94-61 with a jaw-dropping display of flawless basketball in the NCAA tournament semifinals Saturday night before Anthony's 33 points carried Syracuse past Texas 95-84.

That set up a Monday night championship game between Roy Williams of Kansas and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, two of college basketball's most successful coaches, each seeking

his first national title.

Boeheim has coached Syracuse to 652 victories in 27 seasons, but lost title games to Indiana in 1987 and Kentucky in 1996. Williams is in his 15th season at Kansas and lost the 1991 championship game to Duke.

For Syracuse, Kansas will be the third straight Big 12 opponent, following Oklahoma and Texas, both No. 1 seeds in the tournament and both distracted by the Orangemen's tenacious 2-3 zone defense.

The defense forced Texas to shoot from outside, and for a while, the Longhorns made that

work. They hit 10 3-pointers, five by Brandon Mouton and three by Brian Boddicker.

But Anthony was impossible to contain. He made 12 of 19 shots from the field, grabbed 14 rebounds and had three steals. And when he wasn't hounding Texas, freshman sidekick Gerry McNamara was pestering the Longhorns with 19 points, four steals and four straight foul shots down the stretch that kept Syracuse comfortably in front.

Anthony (22.0) and McNamara (13.0) were the top freshmen scoring duo in the country this season,

accounting for 44 percent of Syracuse's points.

Boeheim admires his team, which has just one senior on the roster.

Anthony said the team's confidence is high as it looks to cap the season with the ultimate prize.

"That's what players come to college for, to try and be in a situation like this, to play in a championship game," he said.

Kansas turned the first game into a rout early, scoring 59 first-half points, the second most in Final Four history. The 33-point margin made it the fourth-most lopsided game ever in the event.

IN BRIEF

Injury sidelines Griffey Jr.

Ken Griffey Jr. will be out for at least six weeks while he recovers from a dislocated right shoulder.

Griffey landed on the shoulder while diving for a fly ball on Saturday, the third straight season the Cincinnati Reds outfielder has suffered a major injury in March or April.

Dr. Timothy Kremchek popped the shoulder back into place at the ballpark on Saturday. X-rays and other tests found no fractures or major injury to the rotator cuff.

Griffey will try to rehabilitate the shoulder rather than have surgery, and optimistically could be playing again in six to 10 weeks, Kremchek said. But there is a possibility that he might have to have surgery anyway.

The 33-year-old Griffey repeatedly has been sidelined by injuries since he returned to his hometown team in a February 2000 trade with Seattle.

He got the first hit at the Reds' new ballpark and later hit a homer, the

469th of this career. He was hurt in the fifth game of the season — one earlier than last year.

Griffey is the game's second superstar to dislocate a shoulder in the opening week. The Yankees' Derek Jeter hurt his left shoulder while sliding into third base in the season opener.

The Reds haven't made a roster move to replace Griffey. Manager Bob Boone planned to start Larkin in center field on Sunday, but changed his mind after talking to him for a half-hour.

"At some point, you'll probably see him out there," Boone said. "It's really a matter of when and how to do it."

Earnhardt Jr. triumphs Aaron's 499

About the only thing that went right for Dale Earnhardt Jr. on Sunday was winning the Aaron's 499.

Four laps into the 188-lap event, Earnhardt drove through the infield

grass to avoid a wild 27-car crash. The bumpy ride tore up his front air dam, messing up the car's aerodynamics and forcing a series of pit stops for repairs.

Earnhardt charged back to become the first driver to win four straight Winston Cup events on the 2.66-mile Talladega oval, but afterward he spent more time explaining a disputed pass than talking about his eighth career victory.

The 28-year-old son of the late Dale Earnhardt, the career leader at Talladega with 10 Winston Cup victories, came up with his first win of the season and moved to second in the standings, 129 points behind Kenseth.

Earnhardt's victory Sunday broke the record of three in a row here, held by Buddy Baker, who won twice in 1975 and once in 1976.

"There ain't too many [drivers] ever won four races here, period," Earnhardt said. "I'm stepping into some awful big shoes."

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WOMENS SOCCER

Healthy Irish defeat Mexican national team

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Despite only being able to play one game in the 2003 International Showcase, Notre Dame's womens soccer team came out of the weekend in strong fashion by defeating the Mexican national team 3-1 Saturday.

After a 2002 season that saw numerous Irish players miss time with injuries, the game against Mexico gave a glimpse into the 2003 season for the Irish, who were only missing starting defender Melissa Tancredi from the lineup.

The defense was especially affected by injuries last season, and Saturday's unit was comprised of senior Vanessa Pruzinsky, sophomores Candace Chapman and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and freshman Annie Scheffer, all of whom returned after having nursed injuries at some point last season.

Freshman Erika Bohn also played very strong in goal for the Irish.

"Erika has had a great spring," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "Also throwing Annie Scheffer played very well, she is going to be very good for us. For Candace Chapman, it was her first game back and it was Vanessa's first full game in almost a year. For all that, we were very good defensively."

"It was good to get everybody back," said junior Amy Warner. "They really did a good job and they make us so much deeper."

The Irish scored at the end of the first half off a set play. Junior Amanda Guertin's free kick bounced off the crossbar. Mexican goalkeeper Jennifer Molina-Shea was out of position for the loose ball and Scheffer put it into the net for a 1-0 lead.

Early in the second half the Irish scored on a similar play. Freshman Katie Thorlakson's shot again hit the crossbar and Guertin scored off the rebound for a 2-0 lead.

Fifteen minutes later, Notre Dame put the game away. Thorlakson passed to Warner on the right flank. Warner flew past the defender and scored off the left post to put the Irish up 3-0.

Mexico scored on a goal from Erica Audelo in the 75th minute to avoid the shutout.

"Guertin, Thorlakson, and Warner are really starting to figure each other out," said Waldrum. "All three had pretty solid games and it was good to see them on the same page. Maggie Manning didn't see a lot of minutes in the fall but has probably made the biggest strides this spring."

"It was good to get everybody back. They really did a good job and they make us so much deeper."

**Amy Warner
junior**

In Saturday's first game, Michigan defeated the Canadian Under-19 team 2-1 on a late goal by Colleen McAndrews. Canada had

a 21-8 in total shots and a 6-4 edge in shots on goal but were unable to capitalize.

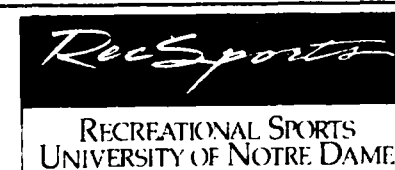
Before the games Saturday, severe weather postponed Friday night's games. The games originally scheduled for Friday were the ones played on Saturday, while Saturday's scheduled games were cancelled.

Despite the weather, which included temperatures in the 20s when the Irish finally took to the field, Waldrum was pleased with the event.

"At least we got the two games in," Waldrum said. "We had a fairly decent crowd of about 800 for the Mexico-Notre Dame game and it was still a successful event. I was really pleased with how we've made a lot of strides this spring. The last two weeks we've played very well. Mexico was very complimentary. There were two very good teams out there."

The Irish spring schedule continues with a game April 12 against Purdue before concluding with home games against Missouri and Iowa State on April 26. The Irish are 4-0 this spring with a total scoring edge of 17-1.

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handlers into numerous sloppy turnovers and capitalized on the fast break with a weave offense that would have made the Harlem Globetrotters jealous.

Steve Perry's vocal on-court leader, Matthew Cirenza, provided some highlight reel entertainment late in the second half.

Bringing the ball up court, Cirenza decided to call the "two" play, an intricate offensive system that involved weakside movement, numerous screens and precision timing.

But he settled for a 3-point sky-hook instead.

After hitting the basket, Cirenza held both arms high in the air and yelled out that it was "the play of the decade!"

Down 20-3 after Cirenza's shot, Capes was able to mount a comeback and cut the deficit to 16 before finally falling by the final score of 21-4.

"The score doesn't really reflect our team's character," Capes forward Kristina Lundquist said after the game. "It doesn't accurately represent our ability."

Asked about where the idea for the uniforms came from, Capes guard Katie Bell replied, "Just cause they're fun and we had them lying around."

A jubilant Cirenza talked about his amazing shot after the contest.

"It was great," he said. "Someone said, 'What do you take in your coffee,' and I said, 'Kareem.' Get it? It's a joke, see?"

All kidding aside, Steve Perry was very proud of its performance overall.

"This was a classic battle between good and evil," said Steve Perry forward Ralph Pantoni, who scored three points in the game. "It was a classic David-and-Goliath matchup. And strangely enough, Goliath won."

Team 457 21, Future Welfare Recipients 4

Sunday began with one of the biggest blowouts of the afternoon, as Team 457 knocked off Future Welfare Recipients, 21-4. Team 457 got off to an early 11-1 lead and never looked back, thanks to a shaky shooting performance by the team comprised of law students.

Between the Buns 21, PPP 13

This game began as a back-and-forth affair, with teams exchanging baskets up until a 7-7 draw, but Between the Buns gained a lot of momentum by taking an 11-8 lead at halftime. PPP was worn down by the hustling Between the Buns squad, who dominated the second half offensively, both outside and inside, though they were hindered by a gusty wind throughout the game.

Are You Serious? 21, LeBron gave us a Hummer 16

LeBron gave us a Hummer was able to keep up with Are You Serious? early in the match, with the two teams drawing even at 4-4. However, Are You Serious? took control from there, heading into halftime on a 7-1 run to take an 11-5 lead into the break.

LeBron gave us a Hummer made it interesting late, pulling within 20-15, but it was too late, and a basket by Are You Serious? put the game away. Seriously.

Bunions Predators 21, Cheese-eating Surrender Monkeys 18

After falling behind 10-5 early, the Cheese-eating Surrender

Monkeys made a run at the Bunions Predators in the second half, sneaking up to within two at 19-17.

However, it wasn't a surrender, but a late offensive surge that sent the Bunions Predators home victorious, knocking down two key shots to hold off the surging Cheese-eating Surrender Monkeys.

The Matriarchs 21, Jenn Smells 2

This blowout actually began as a 3-2 game in favor of the Matriarchs early on, as the two teams exchanged sloppy offensive possessions which eventually led to a few baskets.

However, a more focused — and sober — Matriarchs squad advanced with an 18-0 run to close out the disorganized Jenn Smells squad.

Really Bad 21, Don't Make Us Use the Bank Shot 11

The inappropriately-named Really Bad dominated the game with Don't Make Us Use the Bank Shot, getting out to a 13-6 lead before closing out the game — and the outmatched Don't Make Us Use the Bank Shot — on an offensive run.

Fabulous Fuve def. Team 24

This very slow-paced and sloppily-played match was called at halftime with Fabulous Fuve leading 11-7.

After Team 24 got out to an early 3-1 lead, Fabulous Fuve roared back to grab a 7-5 lead, and the lead grew steadily heading into halftime.

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries 21, Team 200 6

Facing up against the fifth-seeded team in the tournament, Team 200 knew the odds were stacked against them.

Which is precisely why they went out in style.

Sporting knee-high socks and various props — such as a jock-strap, athletic supporter and flip-up sunglasses — Team 200 actu-

ally took a 1-0 lead with the first basket of the game.

Unfortunately for them, then La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries started playing, getting to halftime — and victory — in convincing fashion.

Azn Thug Ballers 21, Mounds Don't 17

After dominating the first half by jumping out to an 11-5 lead, Azn Thug Ballers forgot to play defense in the second half, letting a dressed-up all-female Mounds Don't squad get back into the game.

The game went from 16-9 to 20-17 because of the lackadaisical defensive style of Azn Thug Ballers. Mounds Don't made it close, but turnovers cost them in the end, literally handing their opponents the game.

Shroud of Torin 21, DuLac? More Like Don't Lac 14

Shroud of Torin stormed out to an 11-2 halftime lead, thanks to pinpoint accuracy from the field and strong defense. After allowing the DuLac? ... team draw to within five at 14-9, Shroud of Torin responded with a run of its own to advance to the round of 256.

Master P's Theatre 21, Furry Monkeys 4

This one just wasn't close.

Offensively and defensively, Master P's Theatre controlled this game throughout, though poor shooting and defense by the Furry Monkeys contributed to the lopsided victory.

Master P's Theatre got out to an early 7-0 lead, while the Furry Monkeys, who at times seemingly

couldn't buy a shot, were able to put a few points on the board and avoid the shutout.

Naughty Foxes 21, Amish Midgets 8

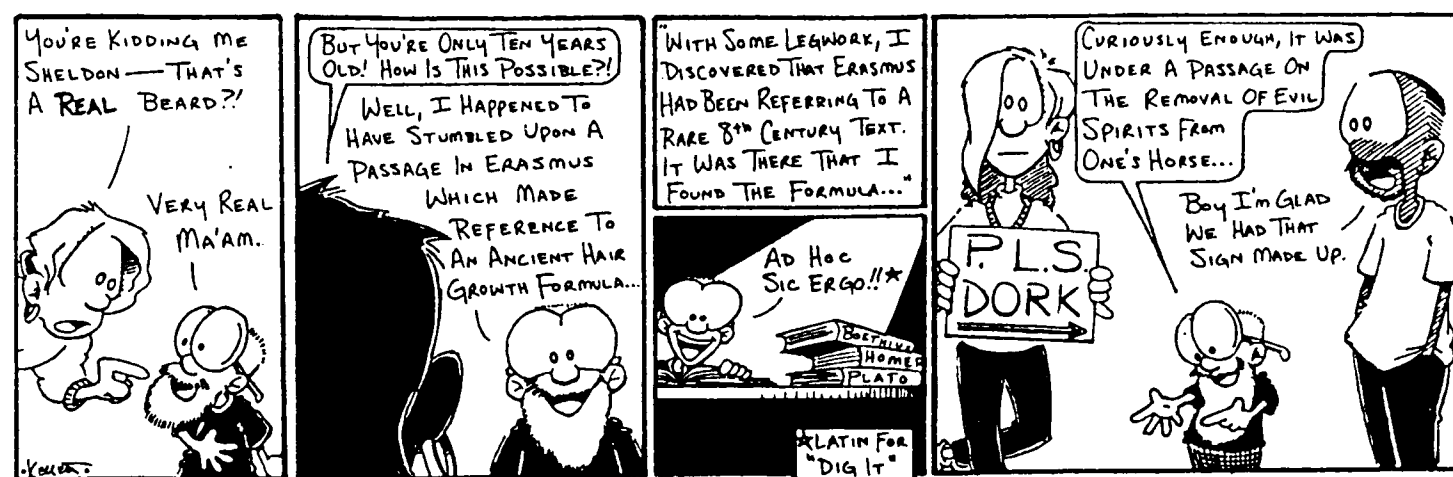
In the final scheduled match of the day at the bookstore courts, the upstart Amish Midgets squad were subdued and frustrated by the defense of the Naughty Foxes squad. From a 2-1 lead, the Foxes went on a run to get ahead at the half, 11-5.

Using their tough defense once again, the Naughty Foxes were eventually able to string together a 6-1 run to close out the vertically-challenged female squad.

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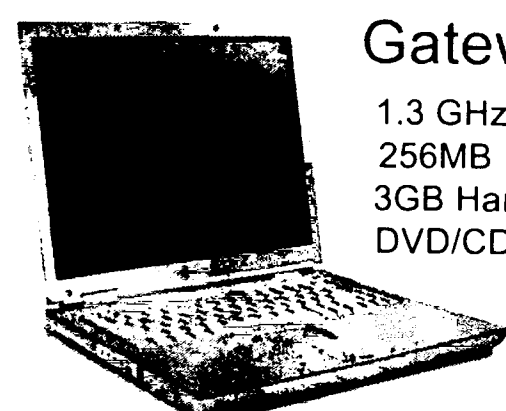
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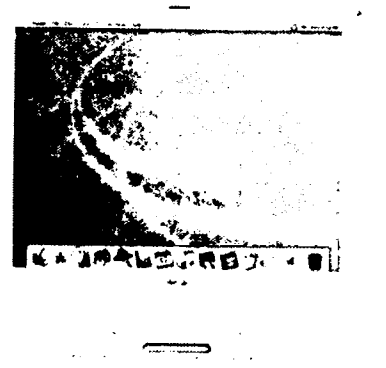
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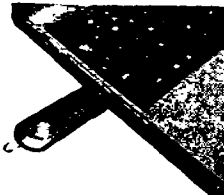
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SMC TENNIS

Belles blank Bulldogs 9-0

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team got back into the win column April 5 with a 9-0 shutout victory over host Adrian College. The Belles brought their MIAA conference record to 2-1 and are 10-2 overall for the season.

Saint Mary's Jeannie Knish defeated Laura Kelley 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles play. Fellow Belle Kristen Palombo was victorious over Liz Filipiak 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 2 spot. No. 3 Kaitlin Cutler beat Adrian's Cindy Krusienga 6-0, 6-1.

In No. 4 singles for the Belles, Kris Spriggle blanked Heather Fraser 6-0, 6-0. Adrian's Shannon Sears fell to Elisa Ryan 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 5 slot. Saint Mary's Angela Sandner also won, defeating Sarah Kim 6-0, 6-1 at No. 6 singles.

The Belles cruised in doubles action as well. Knish and Palombo were winners over Kelley and Krusienga 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles. At No. 2, the team of Cutler and Ryan dispatched Fraser and Filipiak handily, 6-0, 6-2.

The No. 3 doubles match was the closest contest of the afternoon. The Belles' team of freshman Lindsay Cook and sophomore Miranda Mikulyuk

won the first set over the Bulldogs' Sears and Lindsey Davis, 6-1. The Sears-Davis duo came back to take the second set 6-2. In the decisive third set, Cook and Mikulyuk secured the shutout for the Belles with a 6-1 win to take the match.

"We played really well on Saturday," said Knish. "The court was kind of a weird surface, so that took awhile to get used to. But we had fun and overall it was not too difficult of a match."

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Jeannie Knish
junior

With the loss, the Bulldogs fell to 1-1 in the MIAA and 5-3 overall. The Belles were supposed to continue their road trip and travel to Chicago April 6 for matches against host University of Chicago and Carthage College.

However, those matches were cancelled due to the cold weather and lack of indoor courts at the University of Chicago.

"We were looking forward to playing in Chicago," said Knish. "There was going to be some tough competition there."

The Belles resume play at home Tuesday against Albion College in an MIAA conference match.

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WOMENS ROWING

Irish upset No. 15 Hawkeyes

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The womens rowing team overcame rough weather conditions on Sunday to upset No. 15 Iowa. The Irish, ranked 21st in the nation, won four of its five races in Iowa City.

Because of the weather, the usual 2,000-meter course was broken down into two 1,000-meter stretches.

Coxswain Kathryn Long, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Meredith Thornburgh, Kati Sedun, Devon Hegeman, Katie Chenoweth and Melissa Felker led Notre Dame's second varsity eight to two wins, taking the first heat in 3:32.40. Iowa finished seconds later in 3:34.30. In the second piece, the Irish crossed the line in 3:33.7, followed by the Iowa in 3:35.16.

Iowa secured two wins in the first varsity eight. The Hawkeyes won the first race by over four seconds and the second by almost five seconds. The Irish crew of coxswain Cassie Markstahler, Erica Drennen and Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Ashlee Warren and Danielle Protasewich finished in 3:26.65. In the second race, Iowa finished in 3:28.42, and the Irish were seconds behind with a 3:33.30 finish.

Notre Dame bounced back with wins in the varsity four races. Coxswain Kacy McCaffrey, Katie McCalden, Christy Donnelly, Katie O'Hara and Andrea Amoni won the

first piece in 4:03.60, a solid eight seconds ahead of Iowa. The Irish barely escaped the Hawkeyes in the second race, though, with a 4:06.28 finish. Iowa finished less than a second behind them.

The second varsity four crews only raced one piece, but the Irish prevailed yet again. The Notre Dame "B" crew of coxswain Caitlin Rackish, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keefer, Tricia David and Courtney Quinn took first place in 4:15.0. Iowa was second in 4:21.0, while Notre Dame's "A" crew of coxswain Maureen Gibbons, Ann Mulligan, Jacqueline Hazen, Antionette Duck and Megan Sanders was third with a 4:21.61 finish.

The Irish novice boats also had noteworthy performances in the novice eight races. Coxswain Shannon Lettieri, Pamela Jefson, Julie Lewis, Morgan Ertel, Danielle Stealy, Jenna Redgate, Catherine Schmidt, Andrea Doud and Sarah French led the "A" crew to a 3:47.01 win. The Hawkeyes took a close second in 3:52.91, while Notre Dame's "B" crew of coxswain Nicole Barczak, Meghan O'Neil, Megan Sheehan, Fallon Shields, Nikki Karis, Marcia Luttio, Katie Hanafin, Rachel Kemp and Laura Joyce finished in third. In the second race, Notre Dame's A boat won in 3:50.60, followed by Iowa in 3:58.40 and the Notre Dame B in 4:23.8.

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SOFTBALL

More rain holds Irish back

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

As the Notre Dame softball team enters a new month of play, the last thing they want to hear is that old saying, "April showers bring May flowers." They have seen enough showers already this season.

The Irish were scheduled to play two games in Providence Saturday, but that doubleheader had to be cancelled because of rain and snow in the Rhode Island area.

In a season that just gets stranger every day, the Irish missed their 11th game due to inclement weather. Six of those games have been Big East conference matchups.

"It's definitely not something we've been used to," said senior Andrea Loman. "It's never happened like this the past three years I've been a member of the team. It's just one of those things where Mother Nature decides to take its course and you can't do anything about it."

The cancelled doubleheader versus the Friars is the third such Big East series that has been postponed the season.

Earlier in the year at the USF/Wilson Tournament in Tampa, Fla., the team's scheduled games were pushed back a day after rain. The Irish were easily beating Rhode Island 12-0 in the fourth inning, but the game had to be cancelled so the team could catch its flight back to South Bend.

At the NFCA Leadoff Classic, the Irish lost at least two games due to heavy rain in Columbus, Ga. Notre Dame also lost at least two games to

rainy weather at the Kia Classic in Fullerton, Calif.

"[Losing these games] could just make us that much stronger," Irish sophomore pitcher Steffany Stenglein said. "Those teams that have been playing all year have a slight advantage, so we'll have to keep up our competitiveness even more."

The Irish have been on a tear as of late, winning four straight against Purdue and Loyola (Chicago) while outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 24-5 in the four contests.

"I think it just took us a while for us to straighten everything out," Loman said. "All three aspects of our game started clicking — hitting, defense, and pitching. I think we'll still play fine whenever we get back on the field."

That is still the main question for this year's Irish — when exactly they will get back on the field. With fewer weeks in the school year remaining, rescheduling the missed games could grow more difficult.

"The most difficult thing is that a lot of us will have to miss classes because of rescheduling," Loman said. "A lot of us have projects due, so it puts a little more pressure on us."

The Irish's next scheduled matchup is Wednesday in Pittsburgh, where they will attempt to make up the doubleheader against the Panthers that was originally scheduled for March 29.

Of course, that series is weather permitting.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish muzzle Huskies early

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After falling behind against No. 8 Syracuse last week, the womens lacrosse team knew it needed to get off to a strong start in their critical game against No. 19 Connecticut.

The Irish got their strong start with a goal in the first minute as they rolled over the Huskies 15-7.

"We knew that we came out a little slow against Syracuse and we needed to turn it around," said McCardell. "It was a big game for us, being a Big East game."

Junior Meredith Simon got No. 15 Notre Dame rolling with a goal 55 seconds into the game. The Irish controlled the first 10 minutes and finally cashed in again when senior defender Kelly McCardell's score began a three-goal spurt for the Irish that gave them a 4-0 lead at the 16:04 mark of the first half. Seniors Anne Riley and Danielle Shearer contributed the third and fourth goals, respectively.

"We got off to a very good start," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I thought our shooting was excellent and we capitalized on a lot of opportunities. We have some objectives that we set in the pre-game and I think we met those pretty well."

The Huskies finally got on the board with 13 minutes left

in the half, but the Irish built their lead to 7-1 at halftime on a goal by junior Lauren Fischer sandwiched between two goals from freshman Crysti Foote.

The Irish used a strong defensive game, headed by a strong effort from senior goal-keeper Jen White, to hold the Huskies to one first-half goal while building the big lead.

"I was really pleased with Jen's play," said Coyne. "She created a lot of turnovers; she had some interceptions and ground balls and some key saves. I also thought Kelly McCardell played very well. The defense really just had a solid game."

"We wanted to really come out strong," said McCardell. "We knew if we left it off for the attack that they would finish it off for us."

Notre Dame jumped out to a strong start in the second half as well, as Foote scored her third goal only 18 seconds in to make it 8-1. After a Connecticut score, junior Kristen Gaudreau scored on a free position goal and Simon added another score to push the lead to 10-2. Connecticut rallied to within five at 12-7, but the Irish added three more goals for the comfortable final margin. Angela Dixon, Jackie Bowers, Abby Owen, and Mary McGrath all scored in the second half for the Irish, while Simon scored a third

time to provide the final margin.

Eleven players scored goals for the Irish, with Simon and Foote posting three goals each. Shearer and classmate Eleanor Weille each added four assists for the Irish.

"I think Danielle is doing a good job," said Coyne. "She obviously draws a lot of attention and has been drawing a double team. She recognizes and finds the open player. I think four assists is great."

The Irish had 31 shots to 19 for the Huskies. Each team collected 19 ground balls, while Connecticut had 13 draw controls and Notre Dame had 11. With the win, the Irish evened their record at 4-4 (3-1 Big East), while Connecticut fell to 5-3 (0-2 Big East).

"We've played a really tough schedule with a lot of ranked opponents," said Coyne. "When you play a tough schedule it really prepares you for a higher level of play and I think how we played today is a benefit of that."

The schedule doesn't get any easier, as the Irish are in the midst of playing five consecutive games against ranked opponents. Next up for the Irish is a game at No. 3 Duke Friday, followed by home games against No. 16 Stanford and No. 6 Georgetown.

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BASEBALL

Irish dismantle Red Storm

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame played 16 innings of baseball Sunday, scored 29 runs, collected 25 hits, allowed only three earned runs and won two Big East games.

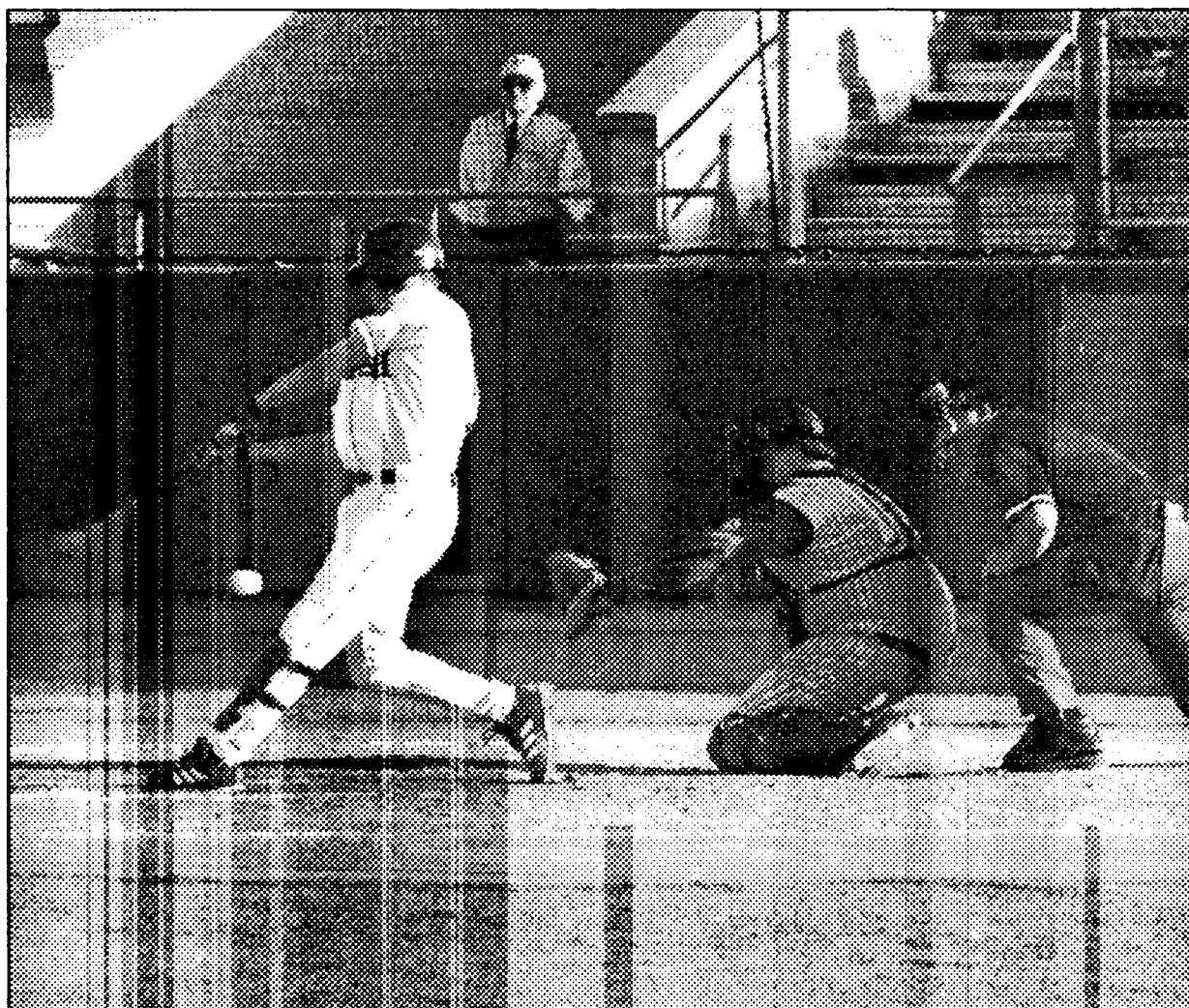
Not a bad way to end the weekend.

Notre Dame used two offensive explosions and solid pitching from Chris Niesel and Ryan Kalita to sweep a doubleheader from St. John's, 11-3 and 18-3. The wins were the Irish 10th and 11th in a row, which is the fourth-longest winning streak in Irish baseball history.

"Everybody's feeling really good right now," infielder Matt Edwards said. "It's big getting any Big East win. It's always good to win in conference."

Notre Dame jumped on St. John's early in game one by scoring 11 runs in the first three innings. Javier Sanchez tripled in teammates Kris Billmaier and Brennan Grogan to put Notre Dame up 2-0 in the first inning. Left fielder Cody Rizzo opened up the second inning with a solo homer. Steve Andres followed the homer with a walk and was driven in on a Steve Sollmann two-run shot to right field.

The Irish put the game away in the third inning by scoring six runs, capped by an Edwards three-run home run. It was the first of two Edwards



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Javier Sanchez swings at a pitch against Valparaiso April 2. The Irish swept St. John's in a Big East doubleheader over the weekend.

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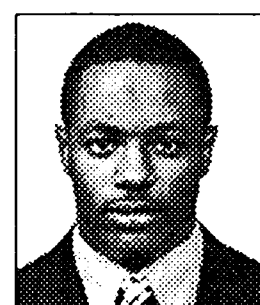
SPRING FOOTBALL

Beckstrom gets one more shot

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

A preseason arm injury sent Jason Beckstrom to the sideline in what should have been his last season in an Irish uniform.

But Beckstrom, granted a fifth-year of eligibility, returns to the practice field hungry to earn a starting spot at cornerback — a spot that has long-eluded the Irish veteran, and a spot that, thanks to the injury, may be closer than ever

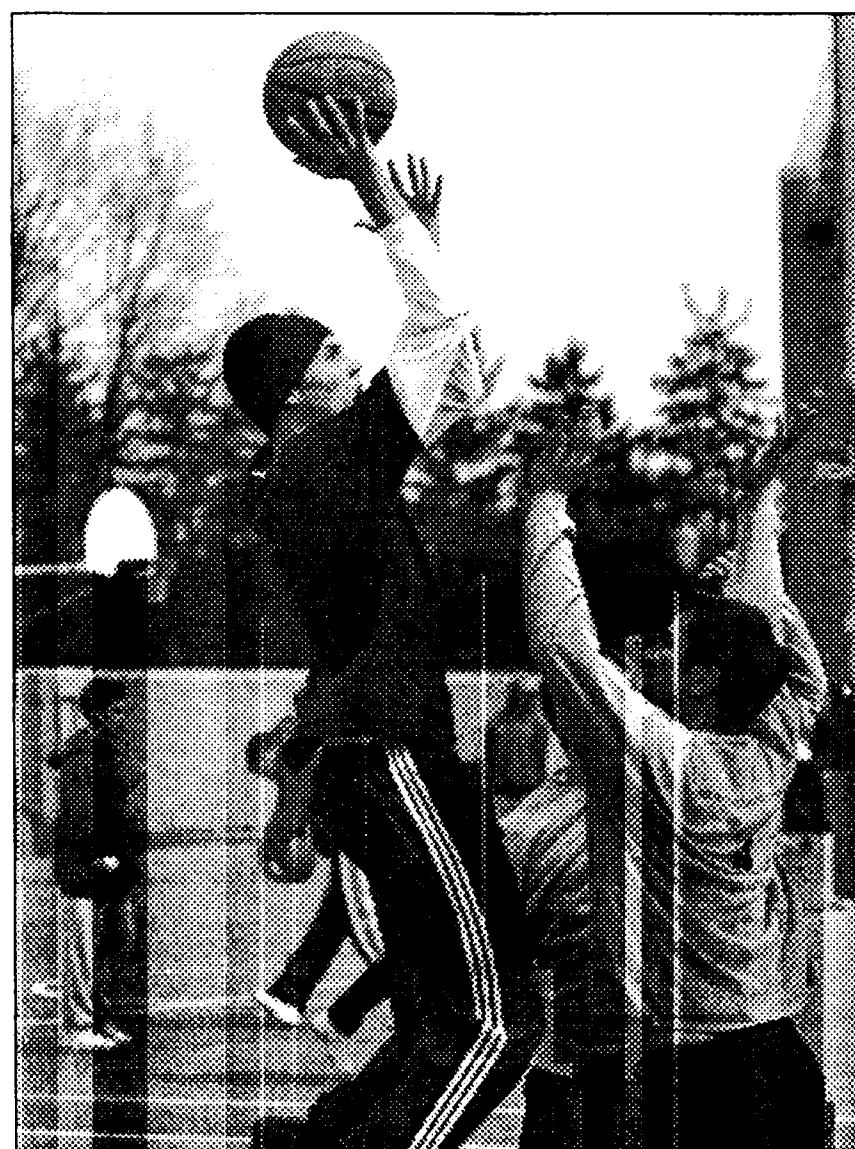


Beckstrom

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXII

Jack Frost takes its toll on opening round matches



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Mike McGinn from Team 427 takes it to the hoop in the opening round of the 32nd annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER and BRYAN KRONK
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If the first two days of the 32nd annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament could be summed up in a word, that word would almost indisputably be "cold".

With temperatures hovering in the mid-30's and the wind making it feel even colder, players were having trouble warming up — both physically and in playing their games.

Five Sexy Beasts 21, Off to Slushies 15

On the frozen tundra of Lyons basketball court No. 1 Saturday, in front of an announced attendance of five, the athletic prowess of one team overcame the clinical coaching of another, as Five Sexy Beasts toppled Off to Slushies in an entertaining, thrilling and stupendous first-round matchup.

In weather that would have made Frosty the Snowman seriously think about putting on a sweater, the weekend warriors battled valiantly for a piece of Bookstore glory.

It was a classic battle of the sexes, with the all-male Beasts taking care of the spunky all-female Slushies in a game that proved the basketball

excitement of March Madness can indeed run into April.

The game featured a thrilling first half in which the Beasts seemed to be in total control after jumping out to a quick lead. It was Slushies head coach Sean McConnell and assistant coach Dubber Johnson who helped maintain his team's composure.

"Shoot," McConnell yelled at a player who had the ball five inches from the basket. Other times, he instructed his team to pass, dribble, or shoot at the correct hoop.

The coach-player relationship was not monopolized by McConnell, however. His teammates provided input right back to him throughout the game, as well.

"My fingers, I can't feel them," said Slushies point guard Allison Christie early in the first half.

The teams traded baskets back and forth, with the Beasts holding a 11-8 advantage at halftime. The second half got a little chippy, when a jump ball situation erupted between the two teams.

A Beast tried to wrest the ball away from Christie, but the point guard remained firmly wrapped around the rock. Undaunted, the Beast simply decided to pick up Christie as well.

Order was eventually restored, remarkably, and cooler — perhaps colder — heads prevailed. Slushies

gave the rest of the game a valiant effort, but it was Beasts who eventually prevailed as the victors.

McConnell had something to say about each of his players after the game.

"Jen Eves had a strong game down low. Amy Reiff played excellent 'D'. Kathryn Kinnier was our offensive powerhouse. Ivette Flores provided leadership as our team captain. Courtney Grattan ... well, she goes with the flow and hangs out. Basically just walks up and down the court and stands around," McConnell said.

"She's looking forward to the post-game party," he added.

Steve Perry 21, Capes and Cowboy Hats 4

Maybe it was the green uniforms.

The all-female Capes and Cowboy Hats were bamboozled and discomfited by the all-male Steve Perry 21-4 Saturday in Bookstore Basketball action at Hammes Courts.

Capes, so named because every member of the team was clad in a green cape and a black cowboy hat, simply could not handle the intense pressure defense of a hungry Steve Perry squad.

Steve Perry forced the Capes ball-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's 9
Adrian 0

After their win against the Bulldogs, the 10-2 Belles' matches in Chicago were cancelled due to weather.

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WOMENS SOCCER

Notre Dame 3
Mexico 1

Three consecutive goals by the Irish sealed the victory over the Mexican National team at Alumni Field Saturday.

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WOMENS LAX

Notre Dame 15
Connecticut 7

The Irish rebound in a big way over the weekend with a huge home Big East win.

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MENS LACROSSE

Ohio State 11
Notre Dame 5

After tying the Buckeyes, the Irish give up six consecutive goals to lose the match.

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ND SOFTBALL, TRACK & FIELD

The Irish softball matches at Providence, as well as the track team's home Spring Opener, were cancelled due to inclement weather over the weekend.

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