

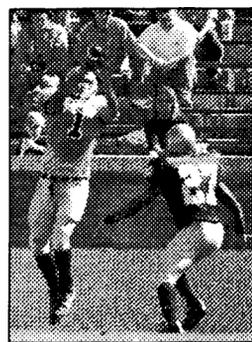
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51 cited in raid on The Library

BY TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

Authorities cited 51 underage patrons for underage drinking and possession of false identification during the raid on The Library Irish Pub early Friday morning, police said.

Police issued a total of 75 citations for "minor in a tavern" and possession of false identification to patrons of the bar, said Lt. Greg Deitchley, a spokesman for the District 1 office of the Indiana State Excise Police.

Deitchley could not say if any of those cited were not Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students. About 200 to 300 people were inside the bar at the time of the raid, he estimated.

The bust, conducted by members of excise police, Indiana State Police and South Bend Police, came after a complaint was filed three weeks ago about underage patrons consuming alcohol at the bar, Deitchley said. After an investigation that confirmed the complaint, excise police began planning for the raid.

Excise police brought campus phonebooks to the bust to help identify Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. "We have campus phonebooks that we've had for quite a while," Deitchley said.

The Friday raid on The Library Irish Pub was the second on the bar at 113 East Wayne Street. Police also raided the bar, then called Finnegan's Irish Pub, in October 2000, which resulted in citations for 147 underage patrons. Because of legal action, the bar's owners were forced to sell the establishment and the bar was renamed. However, many students still call the bar by its old name.

The raid on The Library Irish Pub was also the second bar raid this



Observer file photo

Police raided the Library Irish Pub early Friday morning and issued minor in a tavern citations to 51 underage patrons.

year. Police busted The Boat Club Jan. 24 and issued citations to 213 minors. It was not immediately clear if any students cited in Friday's raid were also cited at The Boat Club.

Authorities expect to forward the list of those cited to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission this week. NDSP also expects to receive a list of Notre Dame students cited which they will then forward to Residence Life, said Rex Rakow, director of NDSP.

Notre Dame students will likely face punishment both in court and at school.

Those cited for "minor in a tavern," a Class C misdemeanor, can receive up to a \$500 fine, six months in jail and the confiscation of their driver's license. However, most minors have been able to receive pretrial diversion in previous bar busts, paying court costs and completing community service hours.

Notre Dame students will likely face additional action from the University. Penalties for students involved in similar raids have included fines and community ser-

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Chemistry professor dies at 73

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The Notre Dame community will mourn the loss of Rudolph "Rudy" Bottei during a burial Mass scheduled tomorrow at Christ the King Catholic Church. The professor and assistant chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry succumbed to cancer Wednesday. He was 73.

Bottei, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1955, continued to teach environmental chemistry and freshman chemistry classes through the first half of this semester.

As his condition deteriorated, Bottei was moved to the Hospice House in South Bend. His daughter addressed his environmental chemistry class Tuesday, assuring students that her father was comfortable and enjoying the attention of family and visitors, but that he would only live a short time longer.

Colleagues and students remembered Bottei fondly.

"It seemed like he cared a lot about students," said Danielle Ledesma, a senior environmental science major. "He made class entertaining and enjoyable."

Students said they liked Bottei's tendency to intersperse wit and practical advice into his lectures. In addition to teaching chemistry, Bottei instructed his students to avoid procrastination, make the most out of the day or "prime time," drink lots of water, use it or lose it and treat people nice in order to find success at Notre Dame and at life in

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Group approves housing

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

The Board of Trustees approved the building of on-campus apartments at their meeting this past Friday.

Opus North, an architectural firm out of Chicago, will construct the apartments. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June 2003.

The cost of building the apartments is not to exceed \$5 million. Half of the funds needed for the project have already been donated by a

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'Here come the Irish' sells out after debut

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The sea of green will continue.

Student organizers revealed this year's iteration of The Shirt in a Friday press conference at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The theme of the new Kelly-green shirt is "Here Come the Irish." The design is similar to that of last year's shirt, which featured the motto, "Return to Glory."

The design on the front features the motto "Here Come the Irish" and "Notre Dame Football 2003" superimposed over a dark green shamrock. The back sports a picture of the football team running out of the stadium tunnel. The text reads "There's a magic in the sound of her name. Here come the Irish of Notre Dame."

The words are lyrics from



Cornerback Vontez Duff, Student Body President Pat Hallahan and Alumni Association President Chuck Lennon look over the newest version of The Shirt.

a song entitled "Here Come the Irish," written by Notre Dame alumnus John Scully. The song has also been featured in a popular Notre

Dame promotional video of the same name.

Plans are underway to re-release the song for the 2003 football season, O'Connor

said, adding, "It'll be written and produced by Notre Dame graduates."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Putting the future before the present

While you sit here reading this article, the Notre Dame administration is already looking to find your replacement to be sitting in your spot next year. In fact, they have been looking for this new set of 2,000 students for over a year. Other than the fact that they are looking for students who will further improve their own image and in turn bring even more shiny, homogeneous, and most importantly, complacent boys and girls, I don't have any problem with the idea of recruiting by itself.

Ted Bangert

Systems Administrator

What I do object to is the University's obsession with its image to the point that it diverts resources from its current students in order to draw in its future ones. A perfect example of this can be found without looking any further than the University's academic Web site, www.nd.edu.

As soon as you load the page, the University wants to know to which group you belong: prospective students, current students, faculty and staff, alumni, parents, or visitors so that they may treat you accordingly. From the prospective students site, click on the "admissions" link at the top, which brings you to <http://admissions.nd.edu>. It's a flashy and attention-grabbing web page complete with java animation, links to two real video and QuickTime movies and a nice posed picture of a student having an intimate conversation with a University administrator in his office with sunshine and green plants outside of the window. The last time I remember having an intimate conversation with an administrator in an office like that was my ResLife meeting.

To get back to my point, there was clearly more money and time spent on this Web site than the main Web site which current Notre Dame students use, <http://www.nd.edu/current>. It is true that building a Web site costs relatively little compared to other expenses, but this disparity is representative of the University's overall priorities. One may argue that the University would not be where it is now if it were not for its devotion to academic recruiting and there would be no future for Notre Dame if it did not look to it now. Recruiting is fine, but I am concerned with the administration's priorities — first maintain and improve the University's image by attracting future students and prospective alumni donors, then attend to students.

And another thing, examine the Main Building itself. Compare the admissions department to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, for students, and the Office of Student Affairs. The admissions department is right inside the front door, expensively furnished, with plenty of plenty of office space, while up away on the third floor, the ResLife office greets you with a wall right away, and it looks like a scene out of Office Space. I ask the administration to balance its priorities as they should be, with current students first, and maybe even in the process they might attract more prospective students who could come to visit and see that Notre Dame does put its students first.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ted Bangert at bangert.4@nd.edu.

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Freshman Laura Froyen was inducted into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame for creating a memorial in memory of lives lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.	Beijing health officials shut down karaoke parlors, movie theaters and discos to control the spread of SARS, as construction workers built a 1,000 bed isolation ward for SARS patients.	On Friday the Dow Jones dropped more than 130 points after worries that stocks were rising too quickly.	In a letter to the editor, freshman Anna Nussbaum argues that parietals chase prospective students away with stiff regulations.	Scene takes a look at "Dawson's Creek" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," both of which will end this spring and air their final episode.	Sporting their trio of game jerseys, Notre Dame's baseball team won all three of their weekend games against Connecticut at Eck Stadium.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Todd Whitmore "Catholic Social Thought and International Business" 3 p.m. at Jordan Auditorium
- ◆ Lecture with Nancy Scheper-Hughes "Rotten Trade: Community Fetishism and the Global Traffic in Human Organs" 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- ◆ ND Concert Band and Concert Winds Free performance, directed by Ken Dye 8 p.m. at Washington Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Celebrating a Leadership Community A luncheon to honor student leaders 11:30 a.m. at Noble Dining Hall, Wedge room
- ◆ Student Recital Forum 12:00 p.m. at Moreau, Little Theatre

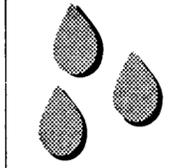
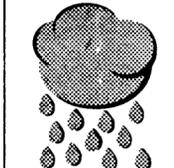
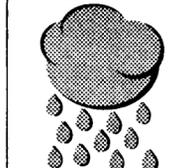
WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Cars towed for parking violations**
Two student vehicles were towed for parking violations on April 24 at the Hesburgh Center for International studies.
- Student reports tampered car**
A student reported her vehicle was broken into while outside Fischer Graduate Housing building 22 between 12 a.m. and 9 a.m. on April 23.
- Employee loses Kontrol Kard**
On April 24, a University employee reported misplacing her Kontrol Kard at an unknown location.
- Missing bike found near classrooms**
A bike that was reported missing from outside Welsh Family Hall was recovered outside of DeBartolo.
- Employee injured**
NDSP escorted a University employee from South Dining Hall to the University Medical Center on April 24 for treatment of an injury.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Boiled linguine, shells, tri-color rotini, meat sauce, marinara sauce, breaded chessesticks, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, tomato soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, whipped potatoes, corn, oriental vegetables, baked potato, hamburger, chicken patty, chicken breast, fries	Today's Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, boiled fettucine, gorgonzola sauce, French bread pizza, whipped potatoes, corn, turkey gravy, baked potato, roasted vegetables, spinach, hamburger, chicken nuggets, krinkle kut fries, chicken taco, taco meat, Spanish rice, Mexican bar, portobello fajita, chinese noodles, fried rice, oriental vegetables	Today's Lunch: Falafels, saffron rice, marinated cucumber salad, buttered noodles, light tomato sauce, parmesan muffins, sweet and sour chicken served with sticky rice, pork cutlet, patty melt, garden vegetable patty, battered onion rings, monterey turkey, flat bread sandwich, potato chippers, fresh green beans, cheese pizza, bread sticks
Today's Dinner: Pork loin with apples, hot applesauce, brown sauce, pork gravy, peas, whipped potatoes, corn, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, mixed vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, hamburger, chicken breast, baked potato, hamburger, chicken	Today's Dinner: Thin spaghetti, shells, mostaccioli, linguine, alfredo sauce, spaghetti sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, sausage pizza, French bread pizza, whipped potatoes, corn, roasted vegetables, roasted top round, oven fried chicken, cabbage	Today's Dinner: Hot and sweet tofu, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, cornbread, fried plantains, grilled Italian sausage with pasta and Italian vegetables, broiled hamburgers, BBQ chicken, Texas grilled cheese, baked beans, gypsy schnitzel, buttered noodles

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Students in lawsuit to meet this week

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

Student government will hold a meeting either Tuesday or Thursday this week to assist students who received court summons last week for citations incurred during the Jan. 24 police raid on The Boat Club.

"We've gotten responses from over 100 students," said Pat Hallahan, student body president.

Student government sent out an e-mail last week asking students who received summons to contact them by phone or e-mail and responses are still coming in, said Hallahan.

According to Hallahan, students are still receiving summons, a process that began last Tuesday.

At the meeting, student government will provide students access to legal advice, Hallahan said. "We've spoken to a couple attorneys,"

he said.

Hallahan said he and others would continue to look at additional options and plan to work on the possibility of combining the lawsuits or getting the hearing dates changed. Hearings are scheduled for early August, a time when most students involved in the suits will not be in the South Bend area.

The lawsuits are being brought in the St. Joseph County Small Claims Court by Millennium Club, a corporation solely controlled by Mike McNeff, the owner of Boat Club, and request \$3,000 in damages from each student. Millennium Club alleges that the students cited in the Jan. 24 raid caused excessive legal and financial burden to the bar. A total of 213 minors were cited in the January raid.

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Student honored for service work

◆ Freshman is inducted into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

Laura Froyen, a freshman from Knoxville, Iowa, has been inducted into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame in recognition for her service work as a high school student. The induction took place Tuesday, April 15 at a ceremony during the Governor's Conference on Volunteer Service in Des Moines.

As a student at Knoxville High School, Froyen created an arboretum and dedicated it as a memorial to the firefighters and police officers killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Froyen has previously worked

with trees, raising them at her home said she chose an arboretum as her main service project because "I was watching the news on Sept. 11, and I felt so far away from it — living in Iowa — and I felt like I had to do something. I chose an arboretum because trees live forever. Statues may fall, and rock may wear away with the weather, but trees are forever."

In another service project, Froyen developed a computerized Tree Identification Guide to "aid educational efforts." This program helps students identify tree species by their leaves. It is now used by many schools throughout Iowa.

In addition, Froyen also worked as a volunteer for the Knoxville Community Betterment Committee.

According to the competition guidelines, this recognition is made annually to people under

the age of 21 "who have made significant contributions through volunteer efforts or programs and who serve as role models and inspire other young volunteers."

A former high school teacher nominated Froyen for the award, and others wrote letters of recommendation for her, but it was a while before she was informed that she had received the award.

"I was watching the news on Sept. 11, and I felt so far away from it — living in Iowa — and I felt like I had to do something."

Laura Froyen
service award winner



Froyen

"It was a real surprise because it took such a long time," Froyen said. She was notified of her honor through a letter from the Governor of Iowa.

Along with this honor, Froyen was one of 50 national Coca-Cola Scholars in 2002, a Toyota scholar and a Herbert Hoover Scholar.

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RUNNING WITH MEMORIES



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Runners leave the starting line at the Clary - Murphy - Thomas 5K and 2 mile walk Sunday at McGlenn Fields.

SOUTH KOREA

Atomic weapons talks stall

Associated Press

SEOUL

South Korea demanded Sunday that North Korea abandon any atomic weapons development, but Northern negotiators in Pyongyang stonewalled the nuclear discussion.

Chief North Korean delegate Kim Ryong Song refused to confirm a claim by a North Korean envoy in last week's talks with U.S. officials in Beijing that Pyongyang has nuclear weapons.

Instead, Kim sought to steer the Cabinet-level talks toward inter-Korean economic projects, Seoul officials said.

Washington believes North Korea has one or two atomic bombs and may be trying to make more. The North has long disputed that claim, saying its nuclear program is meant to generate much-needed electricity. Some analysts suggested the North was bluffing.

But in last week's talks in Beijing, North Korean delegate Ri Gun told Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly that North Korea has nuclear weapons, a senior U.S. official in Washington said.

Possession of nuclear weapons would be a 'serious violation' of a 1992 inter-Korean agreement to keep the peninsula nuclear-free, South Korean Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun reminded North Korea, according to South Korean government spokesman Shin Eun-sang.

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EOE



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Bookstore employees prepare this year's version of The Shirt. The new design was unveiled Friday.

The Shirt

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Bookstore manager Jim O'Connor said he anticipates high sales for the new apparel. Last year, fans energized by first year head-coach Tyrone Willingham bought over 130,000 kelly-green shirts which were featured during NBC telecasts of Fighting Irish football.

"We've ordered 44,000 of them, and about 4,500 are here already," O'Connor said.

He also said other complementary products might be released, but the centerpiece will remain the T-shirt.

"The focal point needs to be The Shirt," O'Connor said.

Sophomore Rozann Carter, who submitted the winning design, said she was enthusiastic about the project. "We're all really excited about this," Carter said.

She wasn't the only one. Sales appeared to start off well, as scores of fans lined

up to be among the first wearers of the new design, which benefits student activities. The bookstore has already sold out its initial stock of 4,500, said sophomore Dave Brenner, president of The Shirt.

"Wearing the 'Here Come the Irish' shirt supports worthy causes, demonstrates fan unity and contributes to the special occasion of a Notre Dame football Saturday," Brenner said in a press release.

The shirt, sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Alumni Association, sells to students for \$11, while the general public will pay \$15. The shirts will be available in the bookstore, LaFortune, and the Joyce Center Varsity Shop in mid-July. It is also possible to pre-order The Shirt online.

"So far, this year's success shows the spirit is there," Brenner said.

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GETTIN' JIGGY WITH IT



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Members of the Hawaii Club perform the Ka Mate Ka Ora, an ancient Hawaiian war dance, at the club's Luau Saturday.

Trustees

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private donor.

The approved apartment building will be three stories, and will contain two- and four-bedroom apartments. There will be a chapel on the first floor. Study lounges will be included on each floor. Each apartment will include a kitchen with a dishwasher and other amenities.

After the Board took a student survey at Midnight Madness, they received an overwhelmingly favorable response to the addition of this housing.

"The goal in building the apartments is to provide more independent housing to students who might otherwise move off-campus," said College spokeswoman Melanie Engler. "It is important to retain senior leadership, and this may be

one way we can promote interaction on campus between upperclassmen and underclassmen."

The Board is also hoping that the apartments may act as a attraction during the summer for conferences.

The apartment building is scheduled to be finished by June of 2004.

The Board also approved Eldred's decision to appoint Pat White as Vice President and Dean of Faculty. White will continue in this position for two academic years.

The plan to search for a new president was also approved. Eldred announced her retirement earlier this year, but agreed to stay on as president until a replacement could be found. Board members said a letter will be issued to the campus later this week explaining how the search will be conducted.

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Melanie Engler
College spokesperson

Bar Bust

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vice hours.

Saint Mary's student handbook, unlike du Lac, Notre Dame's student handbook, prevents officials from reprimanding students for off-campus offenses.

The Library Irish Pub may face legal action as well. In the Jan. 24 raid on The Boat Club that resulted in citations for 213 minors, ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer

offered the options of either revoking the bar's liquor license or selling The Boat Club to new owners.

For serving alcohol to minors, a Class C misdemeanor, bars can face the loss of their liquor license and fines of up to \$1,000 per offense. Bridget McGuire's Filling Station and Irish Connection, bars raided in 1998, both lost their liquor licenses.

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general.

"He was a standout," said Graham Lappin, a fellow professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. "He has given to the department a long time. He's kept things going for generations of students."

Bottei has been consistently honored for his teaching skills, receiving various awards. Most recently, students recognized Bottei's contributions, awarding the professor the Student Government-sponsored Frank O'Malley Teaching Award.

Derrick Evans, a junior economics major, said that while he enjoyed having Bottei as a professor, he valued his friendship outside the classroom even more.

"Dr. Bottei became my closest friend at the University," he said.

Bottei, born in Old Forge, Penn., received his undergraduate degree from Wilkes College, a master's degree from Cornell University and a doctorate from Princeton University where he was a LeRoy Wiley McKay Advanced Fellow. Bottei served as assistant chairperson of the department of Chemistry and Biochemistry since 1964, directing undergraduate and graduate student research and holding several summer faculty research appointments at Argonne National Laboratory.

Bottei is survived by his wife Rita and their four children.

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Good luck with finals!

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CHINA

Government announces 21 more SARS deaths

Associated Press

BEIJING

Karaoke parlors, movie theaters and discos shut their doors Sunday under orders from Beijing officials trying to contain the spread of SARS, which claimed more lives in the Chinese capital, Hong Kong, Taipei, Singapore and Toronto.

As Beijing health officials recorded eight new deaths and said as many as 2,300 people might be infected, hundreds of construction workers labored around the clock to build a 1,000-bed isolation ward for SARS patients. A ninth person died elsewhere in mainland China, bringing its total to 131, and 12 more died in Hong Kong.

Taiwan, which reported its first SARS death, imposed a mandatory 10-day quarantine on travelers from areas affected by the virus — including mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam and Toronto. But officials did not announce where those travelers would stay while quarantined.

Those violating the quarantine, including foreigners, can be jailed for up to two years or fined up to \$8,600, Premier Yu Shyi-kun said.

Trying to stem panic over the flu-like disease, the World Health Organization said Sunday there was still time to keep SARS from spreading globally if affected countries take strong enough action, and through travel warnings and checks of travelers for symptoms, such as fever, dry cough and shortness of breath.

WHO planned on Monday to designate Vietnam as the world's first country to successfully contain its outbreak. No new cases have been reported there since April 8 — meeting the window of 20 days, or twice the disease's incubation period, set by the WHO as the standard for declaring that the outbreak is no longer spreading.

"I think we still have a window of opportunity. ... At the moment, we still have a chance to contain it and to have it go down in the places where outbreaks are already happening and avoid it spreading to new countries," WHO director Gro Brundtland said in an interview on the British Broadcasting Corp.

The WHO has issued travel warnings for affected areas, including regions of China and Toronto, which reported its 21st victim on Sunday. Canada has the biggest outbreak of SARS



People wearing face masks line up in front of ticket counters at Beijing Station on Friday to leave the capital to avoid SARS.

outside of Asia.

SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, has killed 319 people from Beijing to Toronto in the past several months and sickened more than 4,800 others

worldwide. There have been 41 cases in the United States, but no deaths.

Vietnam was to be declared the first country to beat the disease. Vietnam had five deaths from

SARS after the virus spread through Hanoi's international hospital, which closed its doors on March 11 — a move that is credited with containing the outbreak.

ARGENTINA

Presidential election appears to be headed for run-off

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES

Former President Carlos Menem and rival Peronist Nestor Kirchner ran neck-and-neck ahead of a crowded field in Argentina's presidential vote on Sunday, first official results and exit polls showed.

With 5 percent of the ballot tallied, Menem led with 25 percent of the vote — a whisker ahead of the 23 percent for Kirchner, the governor of the oil-rich Patagonian province of Santa Cruz.

Ricardo Murphy, a free-market economist and former economy minister,

trailed in third with 17 percent.

Exit polls released by the television stations Cronica, AmericaTV, and TodoNoticia, suggested both Menem and Kirchner would be heading to a second round on May 18.

The independent Cronica television network gave Menem 29 percent to 21 percent for Kirchner and 18 percent for Murphy. Other exit polls did not release their final figures.

To win outright, a candidate needs to capture at least 45 percent of the vote or finish with at least 40 percent and a lead of 10 percentage points over the closest

rival.

Menem, who dominated Argentine politics as a flamboyant and unabashed free-market advocate from 1989 to 1999, had held a narrow lead in most pre-election polls.

He smiled broadly as the first presidential candidate to vote Sunday, surrounded by chanting well-wishers in his home state of La Rioja in western Argentina.

Hundreds of well-wishers mobbed the 72-year-old former leader after he voted shouting "Mr. President!" His wife, the former Miss Universe Cecilia Bolocco, was not on hand.

Lopez Murphy, who with his walrus mustache and weighty jowls is known as "the Bulldog," cast his ballot in Buenos Aires, telling reporters that voters had a serious choice to make, with their very economic future at stake.

"This is a day of great responsibility," he said.

Some 25.7 million voters registered for the election, which was conducted peacefully as soldiers stood guard at many of the 66,735 polling stations nationwide. It was Argentina's fifth election since democracy was restored following the end of a military dictatorship in 1983.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

IRA agrees to dispose of more weapons

The Irish Republican Army is willing to scrap more weapons, but only if Protestant leaders agree to resume power-sharing in Northern Ireland, Sinn Fein chief Gerry Adams said Sunday. Adams — whose party is resisting pressure from the British, Irish and American governments to demonstrate the IRA's total renunciation of violence — insisted the organization was willing to get rid of all its weapons and demonstrate its "completely peaceful intent." He said the IRA, which led disarmament officials to a few weapons dumps in October 2001 and April 2002, had already agreed to allow "a third act of putting arms beyond use ... at the earliest opportunity" if there is agreement on resuming the power-sharing. He didn't specify whether the IRA was offering to get rid of all its arms stockpiles in one major act or slowly over years, as has been the case so far. Police estimate the group retains 100 tons of largely Libyan-supplied weaponry.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Utah cities rank first in philanthropy

Among the nation's major metropolitan areas, residents of Salt Lake City-Ogden are the nation's most generous, and people in Hartford Conn., are the least, according to a study by the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Salt Lake City-Ogden residents who itemized their federal tax deductions gave nearly 15 percent of their discretionary income to religious and nonprofit causes, according to the study being published Monday. The runner-up was Michigan's Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland area at 10 percent. Hartford, Conn., was the nation's least-generous metropolitan area, with 4.7 percent of discretionary income going to charities, the study found.

The study analyzed 1997 tax data for households earning more than \$50,000 a year that itemized deductions, including charity donations, on their tax returns.

Chinese may have donated to campaigns

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Lieberman is asking for a federal investigation into whether an alleged double agent illegally funneled Chinese money into U.S. political campaigns. Katrina Leung, a Southern California businesswoman who was paid \$1.7 million as an FBI informant, also was a Republican activist and donor to candidates and the Republican Party. And she was arrested on April 9 as a suspected spy for China. Court documents accuse Leung, 49, of a long list of security breaches including tipping off Chinese authorities to a search by U.S. agents for nuclear secrets in China and revealing names of FBI agents investigating Chinese spying in this country. Lieberman, ranking Democrat on the Senate Government Affairs Committee, wrote a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller demanding an investigation into whether the money she gave was from the Chinese government.

HAITI

Catholics pray for miracles at conference

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Crowded under canopies, some 90,000 Haitians prayed Sunday for miracles to cure the array of ills bedeviling their nation, among the world's poorest.

Some fell into trances, others pleaded for cures for physical ailments or even just a little money to survive.

Dozens raised Haitian passports to heaven and prayed that U.S. consular officers would be compassionate and grant them visas to escape their poverty.

Only carnival festivities attract more people than the annual Catholic Charismatic Conference in the Caribbean nation of 8 million.

"Its success reflects our deepening despair and lack of confidence in rational solutions to Haiti's mounting economic and social problems," said sociologist Laennec Hurbon, who works for the Paris-based National Center for Scientific Research.

"People believe that only miracles can save them," he said of the crowds thronging the grounds of St. Louis de Gonzague School in suburban Delmas.

Many of the worshippers were from the Protestant Pentecostal movement. Others follow a homegrown voodoo fusion of West African and Roman Catholic beliefs. The three-day Roman Catholic meeting ends Sunday.

"The only solution to the problems of our nation is the best solution, faith in Jesus," said Gertha Lucie Louissaint, 36.

Haiti has endured 20 years of political instability. Its most recent crisis started since flawed 2000 legislative elections swept by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Lavalas Family party. International donors froze \$500 million in aid because of irregularities in the vote.

Street gangs claiming links to

Aristide's party have attacked demonstrators, journalists and opposition politicians.

People have long turned to the gods to ease their suffering.

"What do I know about politics?" said Yvann Pierre-Louis, a 40-year-old widow with seven children. "I have nobody but Jesus to turn to in my distress."

Conference participants paid about \$4.50 to cover the costs of the rented canopies, chairs and parasols that were handed out during the ceremony.

Outside, scores of others who could not afford the fee listened to the exhortations and hymns blaring through speakers.

"Down with Satan!" Trinidadian Rev. Yan Taylor yelled, stamping his foot as if that would put down the forces of evil.

"Hallelujah! Amen!" roared the tens of thousands who raised their hands in the air in unison, invoking the Holy Spirit to defeat the powers of darkness.

"Everything's possible when you believe in God," they sang.

Several people claimed they were cured. A man climbed the podium to say he had recovered his hearing, but his rambling responses to questions left the crowd in doubt.

But applause met the stumbling steps of a teenage boy, said to have been crippled for years, who walked falteringly after a priest laid hands on his head and prayed.

Millions in Haiti place faith in voodoo. The religion evolved from West African beliefs and developed further among slaves in the Caribbean who adopted elements of Catholicism.

In an executive decree earlier this month, Aristide invited voodoo adherents and organizations to register with the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Aristide, a former Roman Catholic priest, has said he recognizes voodoo as a religion like any other, and a voodoo priestess bestowed a presidential sash on him at his first inauguration in 1991.

PARAGUAY

Duarte wins presidential election

Associated Press

ASUNCION

Colorado Party veteran Nicanor Duarte easily defeated two challengers in Paraguay's presidential election on Sunday, prolonging the party's half-century grip on power despite the worst economic crisis in decades.

With 82 percent of the ballots counted from 8,400 polling stations nationwide, Paraguay's Electoral Court said Duarte, a 49-year-old lawyer had 38 percent of the vote — a runaway lead that would keep the Colorado Party's record intact as the longest-governing party still in power in the Americas.

Second place went to opposition leader Julio Cesar Franco of the Authentic Radical Liberal Party with 23 percent. Pedro Falud, a wealthy banker and independent of the Beloved Fatherland movement, placed third with 22 percent, the Electoral Court said.

In a clear signal that Duarte's victory was considered final, election officials said no further official results would be issued Sunday. They said complete results would be provided before midday on Monday.

"I'm not going to let you down," Duarte said in declaring victory. "I want to be the president who restores the country to dignity and earns the respect of the national and the interna-

tional community."

Franco and Falud met with their supporters and quietly conceded the race.

Duarte's party dominated the political life of this South American nation of 5.5 million people since 1947, governing both in times of dictatorship and civilian rule.

While his party has long been accused of failing to help the country's poor, he vowed to "work hard so we will no longer be a rich country with poor people."

More than one of three Paraguayans lives in poverty. The government puts unemployment at 18 percent, but experts say it's closer to 35 percent. The government, virtually broke, has scrambled to pay civil servant salaries. Only Bolivia is poorer in South America.

There was little difference among the candidates' platforms on how they would deal with the crushing economic disarray.

Duarte succeeds Luis Gonzalez Macchi for a five-year term beginning Aug. 15, but Gonzalez Macchi — dogged by critics over his failure to revive the economy — has hinted he might leave office early to allow a new government take over.

Gonzalez Macchi was appointed by the Senate four years ago after Raul Cubas resigned. Cubas stepped down after his vice president was assassinated, provoking bloody street

protests. Gonzalez Macchi himself barely survived an impeachment attempt last February by a Congress that accused him of corruption — charges he denied.

Since the 30-year military dictatorship of Gen. Alfredo Stroessner ended in 1989, Paraguay's fledgling democracy has stumbled through political crises, coup attempts, and assassinations.

Franco, whose Liberals have been the main voice in opposition to the Colorado Party, said before the winner became apparent that the victory "should work for the sake of Paraguay and Paraguayans, especially the poor."

Falud, a banker running on an independent ticket he financed with his own money, had campaign on pledges of major social reform, vowing to bring new jobs, food programs and social assistance to Paraguayans.

Some 2.4 million registered voters also elected a vice president, 45 senators, 80 House deputies and 17 governors nationwide.

Duarte, as president-elect, will be hard-pressed to ease rampant crime and endemic corruption.

The Colorado Party has ruled uninterrupted for nearly six decades, and critics openly questioned its continued rule after the party's failure to solve such intractable problems.

Some voters who opposed Duarte, said they did so because of his party, not the candidate.

"Duarte may be a good man, but we've had enough of the Colorados," said one voter, 37-year-old Carlos Algaraz.

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8,306.35		-133.69
NASDAQ	↓	
1,434.54		-22.69
S&P 500	↓	
898.81		-12.62
AMEX	↓	
848.27		-3.81
NYSE	↓	
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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.07	-0.01	14.34
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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-3.81	-0.13	3.26
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.10	-0.28	25.21
AMAZON COM (AMZN)	+15.33	+3.85	28.97

IN BRIEF

AA avoids immediate bankruptcy

Flight attendants at American Airlines agreed Friday to concessions that the company said it needed to avoid bankruptcy. Following approval a day earlier by the carrier's two other unions, the flight attendants' decision allowed American to avoid an immediate Chapter 11 filing. But the company's new chief executive said the world's largest carrier still has much work to do. Leaders of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants had been badly split over a concessions offer that the company sweetened this week, with lingering anger aimed at Donald Carty, who resigned as chairman and chief executive late Thursday.

Amtrak plans upgrades, route cuts

Amtrak will renovate Civil War-era tunnels and replace overhead electrical wires installed when Franklin Roosevelt was president under a five-year upgrade plan announced Friday. Amtrak President David Gunn's plan would ignore calls for eliminating a number of money-losing long-distance trains and would keep the railroad's high-speed service at existing levels. The quasi-private passenger service came under pressure from Congress last year after announcing that 18 of the long-haul runs would be scrapped to save money.

Decision favors Internet file-sharing

Two companies behind services for sharing music and movies over the Internet are not to blame for any illegal copying conducted by the services' users, a federal judge ruled Friday. The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Stephen Wilson was a major blow to recording companies and movie studios, which have been aggressively filing lawsuits and pushing new laws to stem the illegal copying and distribution of their copyright works. The decision, if it survives appeal, essentially absolves Grokster Ltd. and StreamCast Networks Inc. of liability.

Investors profit as Dow drops

◆ Dow closes on Friday down 133 points

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Investors cashed in for profits for a second day Friday, pushing stocks sharply lower on worries that stocks have risen too far, too quickly. The Dow Jones industrials dropped more than 130 points.

Despite the declines, analysts say the mood on Wall Street has been lifting as a majority of companies have reported better-than-expected first-quarter profits. But for that good feeling to last, market observers say, there has to be a longer-term trend of encouraging earnings and economic news.

Wall Street sentiment is improved, said Susan Malley, chief investment officer for Malley Associates Capital Management in New York. "But that doesn't make me feel it is going to be easy for the Dow to break out of this trading range, where 8,500 has been the top that it has failed to break through," Malley said.

She added: "I am hopeful that this is the beginning of the cycle when earnings come in better than expected. If it can continue through the next quarter, then I think we have a good chance of breaking through that range."

The Dow closed down 133.69, or 1.6 percent, at 8,306.35. Along with a loss of 75.62 on Thursday, the blue chip declines more than wiped out the 186.76 gained on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The broader market also pulled back for a second day. The Nasdaq composite index fell 22.69, or 1.6 percent, to 1,434.54. It had closed Wednesday at its highest level since Dec. 2. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 12.62, or 1.4 percent, to 898.81.

The major gauges ended the week mixed. The Dow



Traders watch stock monitors at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday in New York City. The Dow Jones Industrial average closed down 133 points.

forfeited 0.4 percent, but the Nasdaq the S&P each rose 0.6 percent.

The declines came amid light trading volume, whereas the gains earlier in the week were made during heavy trading, which analysts believed was a sign of newfound resilience.

"Yesterday and today the pullback is on lighter volume. It always makes me happy to see that. ... I still think we are in an uptrend, but I don't think it will be seamless," said Tony Cecin, director of institutional trading at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis.

There were three economic reports issued Friday.

The Commerce Department reported that despite war anxieties, the U.S. economy managed to grow at an annual rate of

1.6 percent in the first quarter. The growth rate of the nation's gross domestic product — the broadest measure of economic health — was better than the 1.4 percent rate registered in the fourth quarter, but was still considered rather soft. Analysts had expected GDP to come in around 2.3 percent.

In a second report, the Commerce Department said that sales of new homes shot up by 7.3 percent in March, far above what analysts had expected, because of continued low mortgage rates and better weather.

Meanwhile, the University of Michigan's index on consumer sentiment for April rose to 86.00 as war fears lessened, according to a report by Dow Jones Newswires. The reading increased from 77.6 for

March and was better than the 84.00 level economists had predicted.

Still, stocks retreated slightly as investors continued to take profits from the rallies on Tuesday and Wednesday.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco dropped \$6.02 to \$28.18 after slashing its 2003 earnings outlook, although first-quarter results beat analysts' expectations by 6 cents a share.

Sara Lee fell 84 cents to \$16.96, adding to Thursday's loss of \$1.94 when it missed earnings expectations by a penny a share. Additionally, on Friday Banc of America Securities downgraded Sara Lee to "neutral" from "buy."

Brokerage house downgrades hurt other stocks as well.

Family-owned Freedom selling out

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
Freedom Communications, one of the country's last family owned media companies, will proceed with its plan to solicit bids for all or part of the company despite the objections of a departing member of its board.

A special committee of independent directors said it has confidence in the plan to test the market value of Freedom's shares.

In March, Freedom's board voted to direct investment bank Morgan Stanley to begin soliciting offers. The company owns 28 daily newspapers,

including its flagship, The Orange County Register, 37 weeklies and eight television stations. In Indiana, Freedom owns The Tribune of Seymour.

Earlier this month, board member John Bitzer decided against seeking re-election, saying he has "deep concerns" with the process that led to the company's decision to put itself on the market.

In a letter to the board, Bitzer said he considers the process biased in favor of selling the company.

Bitzer said he also had personal reasons for leaving the board.

Freedom shareholders, which include the 50 or so adult descen-

dants of company founder R.C. Hoiles, will meet Saturday to elect a new board. Bitzer will not be replaced, leaving the 12-member board evenly split between independent directors and family members.

The special committee issued a statement saying it has confidence in the path it has taken. Freedom chief executive Alan Bell said all possibilities are open, including leaving the company in family hands through an internal buyout.

Bell said several groups of family members are considering making their own bids and will submit those to the board's special committee through Morgan Stanley.

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia launches telethon to raise funds

◆ Saudis raise money for needy Iraqis affected by U.S.-led war

Associated Press

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia launched a telethon Sunday to raise money for Iraqis affected by the U.S.-led war, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

More than \$9.2 million was raised in the first seven hours, the agency reported.

The telethon, which was called by the oil-rich state's King Fahd, was held as part of Saudi Arabia's commitment to help Muslims all over the world, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef told state-run television.

Nayef, who supervises the Saudi Committee for

Rescuing the Iraqi People, said the decision to stage the telethon came "from a desire to satisfy God."

"Our aid for the afflicted in the world is not for earthly purposes or publicity objectives," Nayef said. "Such aid is guided by our Islamic principles and authentic values."

The news agency reported that the prince donated about \$533,000 to the Iraqis, while his deputy, Prince Ahmed bin Abdel-Aziz, donated about \$266,000. King Fahd donated \$2.7 million. The agency did not say how long the donation drive would last.

Last week, a five-truck caravan of humanitarian aid arrived in Baghdad from Saudi

Arabia, carrying food, medicine and other supplies — including equipment for a mobile field hospital. A team of Saudi surgeons accompanied the convoy.

Saudi Arabia officials opposed the U.S.-led war on Iraq but provided

strategic support to the coalition's military campaign that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime.

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Prince Nayef
Saudi Interior Minister

Editor says staffers sold information to Enquirer

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Two reporters for The Salt Lake Tribune have been disciplined for contributing to the National Enquirer about the Elizabeth Smart story.

Kevin Cantera and Michael Vigh, the Tribune's lead reporters on the Smart case, had a dinner meeting with a reporter from the tabloid and outlined the investigation into the girl's disappearance, Tribune editor James Shelledy said in his regular Sunday letter to readers.

The reporters were paid an undisclosed amount for their contributions, and they worked with the Enquirer without the Tribune's permission.

Elizabeth, then 14, was taken at knifepoint from her bedroom on June 5. She was found with her alleged captors, Brian Mitchell and Wanda Barzee, March 12 in a Salt Lake suburb. Barzee and Mitchell are each being held on \$10 million bail in the Salt Lake County jail on charges of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault and aggravated burglary.

Cantera and Vigh, who told

the newspaper about their work with the Enquirer last week, offered to resign, but Shelledy refused.

"I verbally wrung their necks and formally disciplined them for ignoring stated policy, but the act did not constitute a firing offense," he said. He did not disclose how the reporters were disciplined.

Calls seeking comment from Shelledy, Cantera and Vigh

were not immediately returned Sunday.

But in a statement provided by the Tribune, Vigh and Cantera said: "In hindsight, we made a bad decision by associating with the National Enquirer. We regret any embarrassment this brings to our colleagues or The Salt Lake Tribune."

Information given by Vigh and Cantera to the tabloid either had been published in the Tribune or was known to the newspaper but not published because of authenticity issues or irrelevancy, Shelledy wrote.

No one was available to comment Sunday at the National Enquirer, an operator said. Messages left with an editor at the tabloid were not returned Sunday afternoon.

"I verbally wrung their necks and formally disciplined them for ignoring stated policy."

James Shelledy
The Salt Lake City Tribune editor

IRAQ

Baghdad 'mayor' arrested

◆ Shiite group signals cooperation as U.S. readies political conference

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

The U.S. military arrested a political pretender in Baghdad on Sunday, while a Shiite Muslim group signaled a new willingness to cooperate on the eve of a pivotal U.S.-sponsored conference to help form a provisional government for Iraq.

The arrest of Mohammed Mohsen al-Zubaidi reflected U.S. determination to brook no interlopers in its effort to build a consensus for administering Iraq. Tensed just before today's high-profile conference, it sent a clear message: Don't meddle.

Al-Zubaidi was a returned exile Iraqi National Congress who had declared himself mayor of Baghdad without sanction from U.S. occupation authorities. U.S. Central Command on Sunday accused him of "subversion."

His activities, including designation of "committees" to run city affairs, had complicated the efforts of postwar U.S. civil administrator Jay Garner to reorganize political life. A U.S. military spokesman said al-Zubaidi was arrested "for exercising authority which was not his."

Central Command accused al-Zubaidi and his associates of "obstructing the normal means of governance for their own self-interests," particularly by claiming control over the power company and other utilities.

In a statement, the command said it warned al-Zubaidi to stop his actions. "He instead ... continued his subversive actions," it said.

Monday's conference, second in a series likely to extend well into May, was expected to attract 300 to 400 delegates from political organizations that had opposed Saddam Hussein and from other Iraqi interest groups, said a Garner deputy, Barbara Bodine.

The first meeting was held April 15 in Ur, in southern Iraq, just a week after U.S. troops took control of the Iraqi capital and ousted the Saddam government. Fewer than 100 Iraqis participated, many of them exiles, as some Shiites and others stayed away in protest of potential U.S. influence over selection of a new Iraqi president.

But in a sign that Shiite resis-

tance may be easing, one key Shiite group that shunned the Ur conference — the Iran-based Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq — indicated it might attend on Monday.

"No definite decision has been taken so far. We have been invited and will most probably attend," leading member Mohsen Hakim told AP in Tehran.

Bodine told reporters, "I think we are going to see more of an indigenous representation, simply because we've had more time to organize."

"There's going to be a lot of leadership emerging," she said. No obvious presidential choice has appeared thus far, however, and Bodine would not be drawn out on names. "I wouldn't know today who that's going to be."

In the Spanish capital, Madrid, a gathering of Iraqi

exiles issued a statement calling for Iraq to be governed by a federal system that respects all ethnic groups and women's rights. Their three-day meeting was sponsored by Spain's government, which was a staunch supporter of the U.S.-led attack on Saddam's regime.

The conference in Ur agreed on a set of 13 principles, among them that Iraq must be democratic, Saddam's Baath Party must be dissolved and a future government should be organized as a federal system — the last point an acknowledgment of the difficulty of centrally governing a land and society divided between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, Kurds and Arabs.

The series of conferences is to produce an "interim authority" led by a new president that would pave the way for a constitution and democratic elections two years or more in the future.

British Foreign Office Minister Mike O'Brien also was to attend today's talks, saying his presence there is a sign of Britain's commitment to returning power to the Iraqi people as soon as possible.

Shiites, a 60 percent majority long suppressed under Saddam's Sunni-dominated regime, have been enthusiastically exercising newfound freedoms, organizing community-level political activities, protests against the U.S. occupation and religious events.

Open elections in Iraq might produce a government dominated by the Shiite clergy, as in neighboring Iran, some observers believe. But Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld insisted in an Associated Press interview last week, "That isn't going to happen."

Rumsfeld, who is on a tour of the Persian Gulf, repeated that stand Sunday during an inter-

view with Abu Dhabi television, which is widely seen throughout the Arab world.

"We cannot have a regime like that in Iran where a few religious men control the situation in Iraq,"

Rumsfeld said. "The men and women of Iran want freedom and change. A regime like that of Iran is not compatible with our vision for Iraq."

Some Shiites fear Washington will force a president on Iraq — Ahmad Chalabi, a longtime exile supported by U.S. government funds in building the Iraqi National Congress opposition group.

Chalabi has attracted little public support inside Iraq. The government in neighboring Jordan warned Washington on Sunday against backing Chalabi, saying he lacked credibility among Iraqis and noting his 1992 conviction in absentia for fraud in Jordan. Chalabi has denied any guilt and said the case was instigated by Saddam.

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Republican senator will block Bush's tax cut plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
One of the Senate's moderate Republicans who is blocking President Bush's tax cut plan said Sunday he will stand his ground and resist White House pressure to vote more than a \$350 billion reduction.

Asked if he would not go even a penny higher, Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio replied: "You got it. And anybody that knows George Voinovich knows that when I say something I mean it."

Bush had asked Congress for \$726 billion in cuts over 10 years. The House capped new tax relief at \$550 billion, while the Senate agreed to cuts of no more than \$350 billion. The White House has scaled back its expectations, saying at least \$550 billion is now the president's goal.

That amount, Voinovich said, would be fiscally irresponsible.

"Instead of dillying around between \$350 billion and \$550 billion, let's do the \$350 billion and let's get it done," Voinovich told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Voinovich and Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, reached a deal with Senate leaders on the \$350 billion limit to the cuts.

Bush, in his radio address Saturday, took on lawmakers who are refusing to accept the amount the president says is necessary to revive the economy.

"Since they already agree that tax relief creates jobs, it doesn't make sense to provide less tax relief and, therefore, create fewer jobs," Bush said.

During a visit last week to Ohio, Bush renewed his campaign for the bigger tax cuts. Voinovich said Bush's trip could backfire with Ohio voters, who support the lower tax cut.

"I think the timing of it made it look bad, in terms of his trying to put some pressure on me," Voinovich said. "I don't believe that's what he had in mind, but it certainly has been interpreted that way in our state."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, nailed down the crucial votes from Voinovich and Snowe before the budget's passage by promising to hold the final tax cut compromise to \$350 billion.

The deal, also backed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., infuriated House Republicans, who said they were blindsided.

Grassley said Sunday that Republicans are still looking for ways to offset the cost of additional tax cuts, such as closing down corporate tax shelters and extending customs fees. But he said it would be difficult to reach \$550 billion.

"We've got a divided government, and we have to operate within the realities of a Senate that is divided 51-49," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

TURKEY

Orthodox churches celebrate Easter

Associated Press

ISTANBUL

The spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians appealed for peace in his Easter message Sunday, and signs of reconciliation marked celebrations on Cyprus and in the Holy Land.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I led nearly 2,000 faithful in a candlelit procession in the gold-adorned Cathedral of St. George on the shores of Istanbul's Golden Horn.

Bartholomew prayed that God would heal divisions in humanity and grant peace, "removing all hatred and bloodshed, and exchanging them with peaceful cooperation for the good of all."

Deep divisions mar the Orthodox Church.

Bartholomew, a Turkish citizen, directly controls several Greek Orthodox churches around the world, including the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He is also considered the spiritual leader of 14 autonomous Orthodox churches, including those of Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Russia and Serbia.

Turkey only recognizes him as head of its dwindling Greek Orthodox community.

Bartholomew, who had repeatedly urged a peaceful solution to the Iraqi conflict before the war, also warned those in power against seeking

to dominate others.

"There have been many who destroyed prosperous empires in their desire to make them greater, many who became self-destructive in setting before them aims of conceited pride ... many who destroyed others in their desire to lord and dominate over them," he said.

It was not clear if his words were aimed at the U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq.

Maria Varaki, a lawyer from Kavala in northern Greece, said she saw Easter as a day of peace.

"You actually feel more the meaning of forgiveness, love, and peace in the world, particularly for us Greeks being in Turkey," said Varaki after the morning ceremony during which the patriarch distributed red-dyed hard-boiled eggs to the faithful.

Relations between archrivals Greece and Turkey have warmed in recent years, prompting thousands of Greek tourists to visit the patriarchate each year.

On the divided Mediterranean island of Cyprus, Easter was celebrated amid signs of reconciliation as thousands of Greek Cypriots traveled to the Turkish-controlled northern part to visit churches and cemeteries.

The holiday came five days after Turkey lifted its ban on travel between the north and the Greek Cypriot south for the first time since the 1974

Turkish invasion.

Turkish Cypriots also had lined up overnight so that they could cross into the south Sunday. They were offered colored eggs and traditional cookies by Greek Cypriots at the checkpoint, while Greek Cypriots crossing north were welcomed with flowers and wishes of "Kalo Pascha" — Greek for "Happy Easter."

In the Holy Land, Greek and Armenian Orthodox faithful sealed an agreement after a week of negotiations over the ceremony at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where tradition says Jesus was crucified and buried.

Last year, rival Greek and Armenian clergymen exchanged blows, but this year's ceremony was peaceful.

In Ukraine, religious leaders called for unity in their church, which is divided in three groups locked in a bitter struggle over property and leadership.

Millions attended overnight ceremonies in Russia, Greece and Romania.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was visiting Tajikistan, attended a Saturday night Easter service in the small St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in the capital Dushanbe.

At Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral, a delegation of priests and dignitaries carried oil lamps said to contain holy fire from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our anger, too, can be excessive

What more can be said about John Litle's much lambasted piece on Arab ignorance? Already a number of students and faculty have offered intelligent and insightful reasons why Litle's statement, "Arabs are ignorant. Plain and simple," is patently false, arrogant and otherwise just plain stupid. In fact, the piece has already gathered more response than it deserves. However, Michaela Murray-Nolan's letter in Thursday's Observer shows that the saga of stupidity continues.

Murray-Nolan writes that those protesting the publication of Litle's editorial "apparently disavow American freedoms." This is a clear misunderstanding of exactly what freedoms America guarantees. Freedom of the press simply ensures that newspapers can legally print anything but does not liberate them from the consequences of printing libel or invading privacy. It does in fact allow The Observer to print John Litle's racist drivel. But the First Amendment says students are equally free to let Litle know they think he is a dolt for writing such obviously false material and to accuse The Observer of not exercising the editorial responsibility that accompanies freedom of press.

Furthermore, Murray-Nolan's assertion that "Litle is not too angry. There is no such thing," is sure to be remembered as the inane Viewpoint statement for the next few days. No such thing as too much anger? As Good Friday reminds as,

anger killed a man more innocent than any other. Hitler was so angry he succeeded in orchestrating the death of over 10 million people. Too much anger was the reason for what Murray-Nolan describes as "one ugly hole in the ground, shrouded by the souls of three thousand." There is no such thing as too much anger? Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Having read about the torture and terror that were commonplace in Saddam's regime, I am thankful he is no longer Iraq's leader. But as Americans, we have no right to exalt ourselves as liberators while casually ignoring what we have done. We killed more people than died on Sept. 11 — 4,250 by conservative early estimates — dropped 18,000 bombs and brought to prominence the viciously dangerous concept of a modern-day preemptive strike.

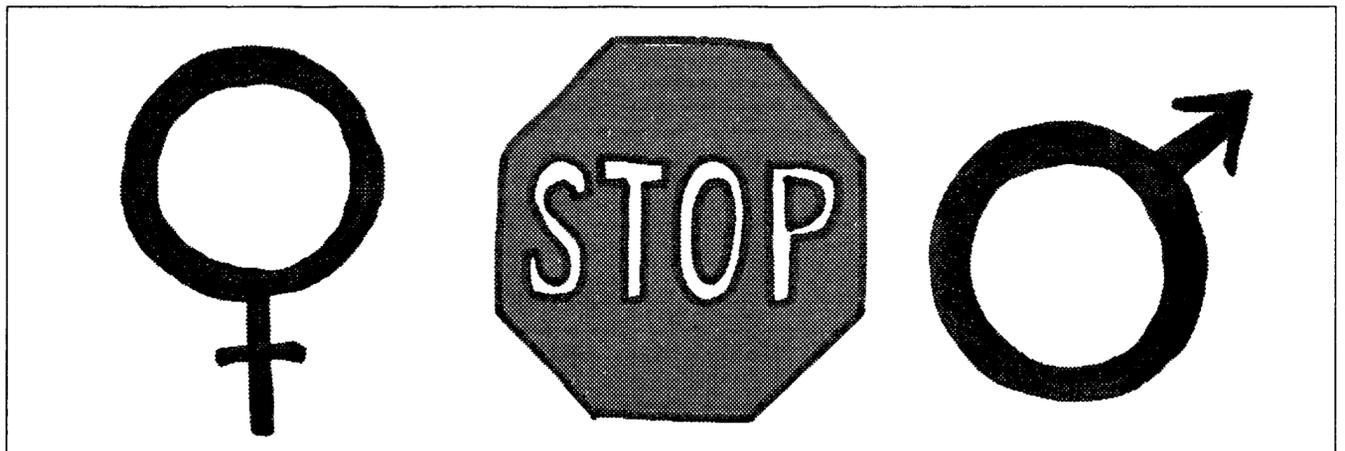
Murray-Nolan cites anti-war protester's "inability to make a real argument," but should stop to give some consideration to the meaning of glass houses. If there is anything the Iraqi war and recent American sentiment prove definitively, it is that we are capable of both anger and arrogance in excess.

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April 24



Parietals hurt Notre Dame's image

I am writing in response to Ramin Saghafi's letter on Friday, "Parietals disrupt social life." Not only do parietals disrupt anything resembling normal male-female interactions, parietals discourage talented prospective students from coming to Notre Dame.

Last week, a few friends and I decided to watch a movie together. It was around midnight when we were done studying. Since it was after parietals, we decided to meet in one of our dorm's basements, a designated 24-hour space, to watch the movie.

There were seven of us and a prospective student. First, the men had to sign in with a security monitor at the dorm's only open door. After giving her their IDs and explaining their "business" in the dorm they were allowed into the basement.

We were watching the movie when the security monitor came down and turned on all of the basement's bright

fluorescent lights. After she was done checking on us, we turned off the lights on the side of the basement where we were sitting so there wasn't a glare on the screen. Like most people, we prefer to watch movies at night in the dark.

The security monitor came back a few minutes later and turned on all the lights again. She told us it was against the rules to have them off. Still, I doubt she would have turned them off if it had been a group of all women watching the movie.

Our prospective student couldn't believe it. At Notre Dame, 20 year-olds, people who in a few years will be getting married and buying houses, are not allowed to watch movies with members of the opposite sex in the dark after midnight? The incident was a poor advertisement for an otherwise amazing place. Why should this prospective student come to Notre Dame when he could go to UCLA for

free and watch movies in the company of women like a grown-up? Why should he pay \$36,000 a year to be treated like a horny eight year-old or worse, a sexual predator, just by virtue of being male?

And why should women at Notre Dame even try to have male friends when they will be treated so poorly by dorm security? As Saghafi wrote, "Parietals only hinder gender relations on this campus and do nothing to limit sexual contact." Had any one of us "girls" wanted these "boys" to stay the night in our rooms we could have, but all we wanted to do was watch Amelie with some friends in the dark. Who knew that desire could be so fraught? Nowhere else but Notre Dame.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Bigotry may be roughly defined as the anger of men who have no opinions."

G.K. Chesterton
author

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What color 'whine' goes with crow?

President George Bush has made so many of his detractors eat their words he ought to open up a restaurant for them. Of course, selecting a name is important. "International (White) House Of Crow?"

"G.W.B. Friday's?" Perhaps the best name would be simply, "Dubya's." Whatever the name, he'd have plenty of customers: In addition to his regular clientele of patrons who thought Al Gore would mop the floor with him in the presidential debates, or that the Republicans would get shellacked in the 2002 midterm elections, he now has a new bumper crop of evidently very hungry eaters. He'd better put the Texas-size platter on the menu — it includes a basket of freedom fries and a tall frosty mug of STFU.

If one compares the news coverage and punditry from the war in Iraq what surrounded the conflict in Afghanistan, there's a powerful new rule to be learned: Expect victory shortly after imminent defeat or protracted stalemate is proclaimed. Shortly into Operation Enduring Freedom, people who were once involved in the armed forces but no longer had intimate



Mike Marchand

Undistinguished
Alumnus

knowledge of military matters were proclaiming their knowledge. Even Senator John McCain (R-AZ) was part of the army of critics, stating that 100,000 ground troops were immediately necessary a couple weeks into the conflict. Whoops. The American-led coalition took the city of Mazar-i-Sharif shortly thereafter, and the rest of the Taliban and al-Qaeda's resistance disintegrated. Grab a fork.

The one difference in Operation Iraqi Freedom was that the retired military lifers had allies in the press, and not just the usual left-wing dips like Peter Arnett, who didn't just say that the American battle plan failed, but did so on Iraqi TV (and was rightly fired by NBC for so doing). Whole news organizations gleefully blasted the Pentagon and the administration for their short-sightedness. The "Conventional Wisdom" box in the April 7 Newsweek said that George W. Bush had "opened the gates of hell" and called Dick Cheney's statement that American forces would be welcomed as "an arrogant blunder for the ages." Whoops. Two days after that press date, Saddam's statue toppled and his regime fell like a house made from the Central Command "deck of cards" with his and his buddies' faces on them. Dig right in.

Even the ancillary predictions of the war were wildly inaccurate. Estimates for civilian casualties went as high as half a million; even reasonable, knowledgeable groups like the World Health

Organization tossed that one around. The sum total of innocent deaths, although tragic, will be far less. Gasoline prices haven't skyrocketed; they've stabilized or fallen (the price of crude oil is down by one-third). The stock market hasn't collapsed; it hit its low a week before the conflict due to instabilities and has since made back all its losses plus 10 percent. Enjoy your meal, guys.

Now, it seems, that the success or failure of the war depends on the winning of the peace. I'll grant that that job is far from over and that it's too soon to proclaim our efforts on that front an absolute success. But it's also too soon to proclaim it a dismal failure because of manufactured outrage concerning "rampant looting" on the streets of Baghdad (which is a natural reaction of a power vacuum and is being controlled) or the theft of priceless cultural antiquities from the Baghdad National Museum (which was, as evidence is bearing out, a sophisticated and professionally-executed heist and not a smash-and-grab act of vandalism that took place under the coalition's nose). Perhaps Dubya's needs to include a buffet.

The latest inappropriate act of shameless scandal-mongering is allegations of shadiness on the part of the Bush Administration for awarding rebuilding contracts to corporations like Bechtel and Halliburton. Are these companies world leaders in their respective fields, who'll subcontract

their work in rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure not just to other, non-American companies, but also to Iraqis themselves? Nahhh. Not if you listen to paranoid reactionaries who think that Bush is sliding payoffs under the table to his corporate cronies or worse, and who reason (for lack of a better word) that the entire purpose of military conflict was to grease big business' palms. But why examine when you can simply leap to conclusions? Hey, everybody, don't forget dessert — after a plate full of crow, nothing's better than humble pie a la mode (with "freedom vanilla" ice cream, natch).

Not satisfied with getting everything wrong thus far, the nutball wing of the anti-war crowd won't just admit they were wrong before, but they also make further predictions with all the confidence of someone who possesses a spotless track record. But those who maintain support of the Bush administration's policies needn't worry — Dubya's, I'm sure, takes reservations months in advance.

Mike Marchand '01, despite authoring this column, thinks the guy at the Baseball Hall Of Fame who canceled the 15th anniversary celebration of Bull Durham because of the anti-war views of Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins is a huge moron. Go Cubs. Mike's e-mail address is Marchand.3@alumni.nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republican: Santorum's words disgraceful

As a Republican in the current day and age, it is extremely difficult to stand up for members of my party as of late. The war in Iraq has been deemed by many as a rash act on the part of our current president, the leader of the Republican party. However, I have remained close to the definition of a moderate Republican, and I have stuck by a great deal of my party's endeavors.

There is an action by one member of the Republican party, however, which should be condemned. This is that of a senator who represents my state, Pennsylvania: Republican Senator Rick Santorum.

Santorum's statements denouncing homosexuality, made in an interview to the Associated Press, are appalling. A devout Catholic, he spoke against gays and lesbians, likening homosexual acts to incest, bigamy and polygamy. Despite the tenets of the Catholic church, which likewise denounce homosexuality, I find Santorum's statements to be entirely un-Christian. Christians treat their fellow man with dignity and respect. Santorum fails to do so.

I believe that Santorum and other extreme members of my own party should be ashamed for not allowing other members of our country, equal brothers and sisters, the same rights with which any U.S. citizen is endowed.

A great Republican figure, Senator John McCain from Arizona, visited our campus the other day, and I believe he made a good point that should be embraced and revered by members of his party and his fellow Americans: that all people are created equal under God.

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April 25

New AR contract gives too much power to rectors

My semester in Washington, D.C. has helped shape my view concerning the responsibilities and importance of being an informed and active citizen. Part of this duty mandates speaking out and expressing a dissenting opinion when bad policy is enacted through whatever forum available. While I don't pretend to believe that Notre Dame is or even wish that it were run like a democracy, we fortunately do have an independent newspaper. So to my soapbox I rise.

The announcement of changing the assistant rector contract is something that deeply unsettles me. Not only does the rector interview, select and recommend to ResLife the hiring of an assistant rector (AR), with the new clause the rector now has the ability to dismiss an AR by terminating the contract "without cause." Does that mean if an AR is wearing blue socks and the rector prefers black and the AR refuses to change, she could be dismissed with the rector citing the clause in the contract stated above? You may laugh at this example, but it was one given by a ResLife employee to delineate the extent to which an AR should go to please his or her rector.

More disturbing than the fact that it probably won't be too much of a problem to fill all the available AR positions is the sense of powerlessness it gives the resident assistants and ARs. The most important purpose

for the residential system at Notre Dame is to build a community with the rector, AR and resident assistants playing the most critical roles.

This new policy essentially leaves the control of deciding what is best for the entire dorm community up to one person. No matter how great that one person may be, it is impossible that he or she be right all the time, or with every decision, act on behalf of the community.

ResLife's new policy is going to keep ARs from acting as the check and balance on a rector through the threat of removal from their position outlined in the policy. Even in the case of dismissal without cause where tuition benefits and living expenses are compensated, the privilege of living and serving in a residence hall community, which so many ARs value, is taken away.

It is unfortunate that we live in such a litigious society, where all of these nuances need to be promulgated into policy so as to ensure that less money is lost, but even more regrettable that this is one of the realities of the world that isn't kept out of the Notre Dame bubble.

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April 25



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Viewpoint is now accepting letters for The Observer's commencement edition.

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SCENE *television*

What has two thumbs and loves sweatshorts? This guy.

Summer's almost here and you know what that means. Exam time? No! It means that it's finally the time of the year when all the girls sit out on the quad in those little cheerleading sweat shorts with magical messages written on the back. How this trend started I cannot tell you, but like most guys, I'm not complaining.

Tom Raaf

Scene Columnist

These modern day Daisy Dukes, which I now refer to as the Eighth Wonder of the World, are absolutely everywhere. If I'm not looking down at one of the adorable man-eating beast-squirrels that frolic around campus, I'm almost guaranteed to have "IRISH" staring me in the face.

It seems like all the girls just got together and decided to buy these shorts in defiance of the high school finger tip rule (you know, the rule that your shorts must be further down your leg than your finger tips when your arms are extended), then adopted some new fangled "Guys, it's OK to look" policy. I remember the very first time I ever saw these heavenly hot-pants. I was at a basketball game in high school sophomore year and the shorts read "Senior." It turned out that the shorts actually were supposed to say "Senior," but no one was seeing that "i" unless they had the jaws of life on hand.

I think the single best part about these cotton and polyester hip-huggers is that the University embraces them with such open, loving arms. The bookstore is chock full of these tiny IRISH shorts, encouraging the female population to don them proudly across the quad. This in turn must mean that God also supports these 12-inch by six-inch master-

pieces, which is key. Of course, this leads to the natural conclusion that it must not be a sin to quickly glance and read the butt-memo. This memo is also convenient because it means that one can never be "caught looking" ever again because the "Whoa, Whoa...settle down, I was just trying to see what your shorts said" appeal is always out there.

On a side note, the variety of these thigh-showcasing Bermudas is astounding. Today alone, I saw pairs from Dayton, Michigan, Alabama, UNC, Farley and Hooters. It's like there's a contest to get the most obscure pair. My personal favorite messages of all time are "Giddy Up" and "Bite into A Legend" (advertising a hamburger at a restaurant).

At first glance, these do just appear to be a pair of shorts that all the girls seem to be really fond of. However, they are much more than that. They are the great equalizer among young women. At \$8-12, any girl can afford a pair, throwing all clothing-based implications of social class, status, and lifestyle out the window. Whether her daddy owns a multi-national corporation or paints the lines on the highway, any girl can get

"Each time I read one of those messages, I think of it as a personal message to me from God or some other divine being. And I just can't help but think He wants me to read more."

**Andrew Jacob
Sophomore**

her hands on a pair of these. The male student population reaction to these shorts has been huge. Sophomore Andrew Jacob said, "Each time I read one of those messages, I think of it as personal message to me from God or some other divine being. And I just can't help but think He wants me to read more."

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A generation

"Dawson's Creek"

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For many students, a piece of childhood and the teenage years are soon to end. Two of the most popular shows featuring teen problems and high school life that graced our high school years will draw to an end with the final seasons of "Dawson's Creek" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" this May.

For "Dawson's Creek," many think it should have been after high school graduation; others believe the show should continue. However, the WB Television Network has decided to conclude the drama series on May 7.

For those who tune in every Wednesday night at 8 p.m., it is a sad reality to see the last episodes of this popular look into the lives of Dawson, Joey, Pacey and Jen fade into television history.

"Dawson's Creek," a seminal one-hour drama series, has chronicled with wry humor the undeniably intense period of awakening known as the teenage years. Presenting a startlingly fresh and realistic portrayal of this passage from adolescence to young adulthood, since its first episodes "Dawson's Creek" has captured the curiosity and hearts of television enthusiasts of all kinds. Created and developed by Kevin Williamson ("Scream," "I Know What

You Did Last Summer"), this show set the standard for modern teen dramas. With intelligent storylines, compelling characters and captivating new music, the series quickly became a cultural phenomenon.

Set in and around the town of Capeside, "Dawson's Creek" tells the story of four friends making the journey from adolescence to adulthood. Dawson Leery (James Van Der Beek), Joey Potter (Katie Holmes) and Pacey Witter (Joshua Jackson) have all been friends since they were very young. When Jennifer Lindley (Michelle Williams), a mysterious girl with a troubled past, moves from New York to their small town, she joins the group, creating a foursome that will remain together through both the good times and the bad times. The sixth season set out to answer many of the questions that began the series in unexpected ways.

With the end arriving, the official Web site, www.dawsonscreek.com, has kept viewers updated on "Dawson's Creek" multimedia and extra information. For lots of fun things for you avid viewers, be sure to click around and explore.

The first season of "Dawson's Creek" is available on DVD. This three-disc set was a long time in the



Dawson Leery of the most popular



Photo courtesy of www.dawsonscreek.com

Joey Potter (Katie Holmes) and Pacey Witter (Joshua Jackson) share an intimate moment in an episode of "Dawson's Creek," a show following the lives of four teens in Capeside.

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on of teen television ends

"Dawson's Creek" runs dry and "Buffy" joins the ranks of the unaired

Photos courtesy of www.dawsonscreek.com and www.upn.com

y (James Van Der Beek) and Buffy Summers (Sarah Michelle Gellar), the title characters from two popular television drama series of the past several years, will soon go off the air.

making and includes the entire first season along with great extras like audio commentary on the pilot episode from Kevin Williamson and Paul Stupin, a retrospective featurette entitled, "Dawson's Creek: From Day One," a Season One Time Capsule and much more.

For those who missed an episode, a season or simply would like to catch up prior to the series finale, you're in luck. TBS Superstation will be airing season four this week Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Be there for the good times, the heartbreaks and all of the happenings in-between, as these four friends find their own place in the world.

One can't help but wonder what the writers have in store for viewers to resolve the friendships and the romantic lives that seem both frustrated and ambiguous as the series finale approaches. Many rumors are circulating through fans, but all have been denied. It seems like the only way to find out how Dawson, Joey, Pacey and Jen will leave our lives forever is to tune in on May 7 and spend some time away from studying for those dreaded final exams.

Fans of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" will also mourn this May as their favorite heroine makes her final farewell.

Buffy Summers (Sarah

Michelle Gellar) has been slaying vampires for the entertainment of a wide variety of fans since 1997. The series has become famous for successfully combining high school and college and the occult into a bizarre mixture of teenage romantic drama and graphic battles between good and evil.

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" follows the adventures of the Slayers, a group of people devoted to annihilating not only vampires but all varieties of monsters, demons and other minions of the dark side. Although Slayers may appear to be reasonably normal high school snobs or under-achieving graduates, they obviously live a dangerous lifestyle, and rarely live past 20. After seven seasons Buffy has fared better than many of her Slayer comrades, but she's had her fair share of brushes with death and won't be out of the clear until the series ends on May 20.

Buffy and her vampire-fighting friends live in a hotspot of evil. Sunnydale, Calif. is located on

top of Hellmouth, a portal to an evil dimension. Buffy moved there as a teenager after her parents divorced and decided to get her away from her school in Los Angeles, where she first torched a batch of vampires by burning down the school gym. Under the tutelage of Watcher Giles, who took over her education as a Slayer after Merrick, her original Watcher was killed, she has defeated the Master, the Anointed One, and Adam.

Buffy and her group of friends not only date each other but end up making romantic connections with the dark side. Some of her closest partners in fighting crime include Willow

Rosenberg (Alyson Hannigan), a shy computer hacker and lesbian witch, Xander, Willow's best friend who is not academically motivated but is nevertheless a key asset to the team, and Buffy's younger sister Dawn, who is

actually a cosmic Key to a powerful energy source. Xander and Willow have had their flings with each other and a number of other characters, and Buffy herself lost her soul mate with death of the vampire Angel.

In the last season, Buffy has been teaching Dawn to fight vampires, has taken a job at her old high school tutoring troubled students and developed a romance with 120-year-old vampire Spike. What will happen in the final episodes as Buffy begins to exceed her Slayer life expectation is difficult to say.

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer," the brainchild of producer Joss Whedon, has been a cultural phenomenon, spawning a magazine, an X-Box game, a major motion picture and a series of DVDs with the episodes for the seasons. The series has won a number of awards for makeup, acting and scriptwriting, including an Emmy for Outstanding Makeup in 1998 and a Saturn Award for Best Network Television Series in 2001.

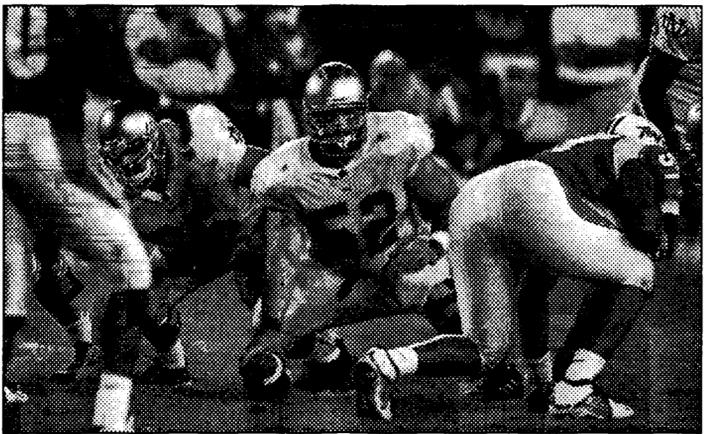
Tune in to UPN at 8 p.m. Eastern time on May 20 to see the final fate of California's favorite vampire-slaying college student and former Prom Princess.

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The crew of Slayers from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" have had seven seasons of successes, failures and disappointments in both their fights against vampires and their love lives.



Observer file photo

Jeff Faine prepares to snap the ball against Maryland last football season. He was drafted into the NFL by Cleveland.

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pick — that an Irish player was drafted in the first round and the second consecutive year that only one Notre Dame player was taken on the first day of the draft. Defensive lineman Anthony Weaver was drafted in the second round by Baltimore last season and started for most of the season.

When word of Faine's selection was broadcast in Notre Dame Stadium at the Blue-Gold game, the crowd broke into loud cheers.

The 6-foot-3, 303-pound Faine started three years for the Irish and chose to waive a potential fifth-year in favor of entering the NFL draft.

"With Jeff, we're honored to

say he was a part of this program," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We're not surprised [that he was a first-round pick] because he is a very special player."

Faine was a finalist for the award given to the nation's top center, a semifinalist for the award given to the top lineman and a second-team All-American.

"He's been highly competitive and productive in the Notre Dame program for several years," Davis said Saturday. "You watched his performance and the level of competition that he played against and the way he dominated his position, and we felt like Jeff Faine made a great choice for the Cleveland Browns."

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name	round	pick(overall)	team
Jeff Faine (C)	1	21 (21)	Cleveland
Jordan Black (OT)	5	18 (163)	Kansas City
Sean Mahan (OG)	5	33 (168)	Tampa Bay
Shane Walton (CB)	5	35 (170)	St. Louis
Gerome Sapp (S)	6	9 (180)	Baltimore
Arnar Battlo (WR)	6	24 (197)	San Francisco
Brennan Curtin (OT)	6	39 (212)	Green Bay

WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish get 2 wins, even record at 7-7

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming into the weekend the Irish were looking to get two wins in their late season push to move over the .500 mark at the end of the season. The Irish got those two wins and a whole lot more, defeating Rutgers 13-6 and Northwestern 13-9 to even their record at 7-7.

Sunday against Rutgers was Senior Day for the Irish, and Notre Dame's seven seniors paved the way for the victory, led by All-American Danielle Shearer. Shearer scored six goals, and in the process broke the Notre Dame records for goals in a career (127) and points in a career (191). She stands only four assists shy of also breaking that career record held by Lael O'Shaughnessy (68) going into the season finale against Vanderbilt.

"It was awesome to break the records on Senior Day. My family was here," said Shearer. "The only reason I got these points and these goals was because my teammates set me up."

Shearer added an assist to finish with seven points against Rutgers, while classmate Angela Dixon added two goals and three assists for five points. Freshman Crysti Foote added two goals and an assist, while seniors Kelly McCardell and Anne Riley and freshman Mary McGrath all added one

goal. Junior Meredith Simon had two assists for the Irish. Senior goalkeeper Jen While held Rutgers to six goals while making nine saves, including some crucial ones in the second half.

"It was gratifying to see the seniors play so well," said Irish coach Tracy Coyne. "For Danielle to have such a great day and set the record was great and Angela played well. Kelly McCardell got a goal, which was awesome. They played

great, I was really happy for them."

"It was our last game as seniors and the last time we were going to play on our home field," said Shearer. "All of us had it in our heads that we really wanted to finish it off with a bang."

With the win, the Irish clinched third place in the Big East standings with a 4-2 record. Despite the lopsided score, the game was tight until about the last five minutes. Shearer scored the first four goals for the Irish, and McCardell's goal gave the Irish the lead for good five minutes before halftime. The lead was only 7-6 with fifteen minutes to go and only 8-6 with six minutes to go before the Irish scored

five more goals to put Rutgers away.

"I was a little nervous when it was 8-6," said Coyne. "But we never really let them get back in it. I think the quality of competition we played early paid off. I thought we played pretty well today. We played a good defensive game."

Against Northwestern, the Irish jumped out to a 3-0 lead and never trailed. After taking a 4-3 halftime lead, they quickly extended their advantage to 9-4 in the first ten minutes of the second half. They held a 13-6 lead with 2:54 to go before Northwestern's Angela McMahon scored three goals in the final minute to provide the final margin.

Foote led the Irish against the Wildcats with five points on three goals and two assists. Simon, Riley and McGrath each added two

goals. Shearer added two assists in the game, but was held without a goal for the first time all year.

The Irish will be looking to move over .500 in their final game of the season when they visit Vanderbilt.

"It's very important to us," said Shearer. "A winning record is a winning record."

"All of us had it in our heads that we really wanted to finish it off with a bang."

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ROWING

Irish finish 2nd in Big East

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
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At Sunday's Big East Rowing Challenge in Worcester, Mass., the No. 24 Irish won three races and had their best Big East Challenge performance to date, but were narrowly beaten by No. 16 Syracuse, who finished with 112 points over the Irish's 110.

Notre Dame won the second varsity eight, the varsity four and the second varsity four races. The Irish also had a second-place finish in the first varsity eight. Before Sunday, the Irish had only won one Big East race, which was last year's varsity four.

The second varsity eight boat of coxswain Kathy Long, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Meredith Thornburgh, Katie Sedun, Devon Hegenbarth, Erica Drennen and Melissa Felker won their race in 6:44.40. The crew beat Syracuse by more than 8 seconds as the Orangewomen crossed the line in 6:52.45. Boston College took third in 6:55.56.

"In the second varsity race, the competition was tough in the first 1,000 meters, but we kept our focus and determination to win," said our Long. "It felt amazing to cross the line and celebrate our victory after two consecutive years of coming in second by close margins. ... Seniors Kerri Murphy and Erica Drennen did a fantastic job leading our boat. We had an exciting, emotional race for the gold."

Both varsity four boats dominated in their races against Syracuse and Boston College crews to earn gold medals. The first boat of coxswain Kacy McCaffrey,

Katie McCalden, Christy Donnelly, Katie O'Hara and Andrea Amoni won with a margin of over 11 seconds with a 7:39.10 finish. Boston College was second in 7:50.50 and Syracuse took third in 7:55.00.

"After placing second by less than a half a second for two years in a row, I was ready for our boat to race for the gold medal," said McCaffrey. "We were able to have a great race and defend the first place finish in the varsity four event from last year."

The second varsity four of coxswain Maureen Gibbons, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keefer, Kristen Henkel and Jacqueline Hazen won its race by almost 32 seconds in 7:38.63, ahead of Boston College, who finished in 8:10.20 and Syracuse, who crossed the finish line in 8:20.51.

In the varsity eight race, the Orangewomen finished in a time of 6:26.45, just ahead of the Notre Dame boat. Coxswain Cassie Markstahler, Natalie Ladine, Ashlee Warren, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Katie Chenoweth and Danielle Protasewich crossed the finish line in 6:32.54. Rutgers was third in 6:34.93 and West Virginia finished fourth in 6:37.71.

"It was a great day of racing for all of the varsity crews and we are really excited to have a crack at No. 1 Washington next week," said Warren. "The team is really starting to gain momentum as we reach the most difficult and exciting part of our schedule."

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MENS GOLF

Irish end season in 10th place at Fossum Invite

By ERIK POWERS
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It's over.

The Irish ended their season with a 10th-place finish at the Bruce Fossum/TaylorMade Invitational. Kent State took first place, followed by Illinois and Minnesota.

Notre Dame used a drastically different lineup from last weekend's Big East Championship. Bill McCaughan, Gavin Ferlic, K.C. Wiseman and Daniel Klauer accompanied captain Brandon Lunke, who was coach John Jasinski's lone holdover from last weekend. There were multiple reasons for the change.

"[Bill, Gavin, Dan, and I] qualified a little beforehand," Wiseman said, referring to earlier match play. "[Coach Jasinski] wanted some new guys in the lineup to give the guys who hadn't had the chance to play a chance to play. Jasinski was happy how the team was getting more competitive for starting spots."

Lunke (71-72-74-217) led the Irish for a final time, ending his career with a 13th place finish. Two more Notre Dame golfers cracked the top 50 as McCaughan (75-78-72-225) tied for 34th place and Ferlic (74-76-81-231) tied for 49th. Wiseman (80-77-76-233) was close behind and tied for 59th place. Klauer (75-78-81-234) finished one stroke behind Wiseman and tied for 62nd place.

In a rare turn of events, the Irish were treated to a weekend of good weather.

Mother Nature had been anything but kind to Notre Dame this spring. The Irish were plagued by snow, rain or excessive heat in every previous tournament.

"It was really nice out," Wiseman said. "It was probably the best weather we've had all year. I even got a sunburn. It was much better than fighting frostbite and windburn earlier in the year."

With the season over, the team will take a brief respite in order to concentrate on final exams. Most of the team will then return home in order to train individually for the fall.

"I think we all are going to try to get into some top tournaments this summer and play the toughest courses possible," Wiseman said. "In college, we only play on tough courses and they set us up with difficult tees and hole placements."

As difficult as this year has been for the young team, NCAA success remains within Notre Dame's reach. Four of the five Irish golfers return from a squad that finished only two strokes short of a berth in the NCAA Regionals. Only two seniors graduate from a deep and experienced team. A new recruiting bode well for the Irish's future.

"I think we've been a little disappointed and underachieved," Wiseman said. "We have a lot of talent on this roster, and this upcoming year we'll turn some heads."

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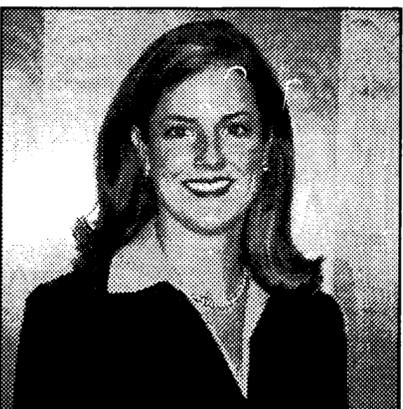
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MENS LACROSSE

Winning streak extended to 4 in victory over Harvard

◆ Notre Dame's Walsh outshines Crimson's Kane in 16-11 Irish win

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

It was a battle of two freshmen Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

Notre Dame freshman Pat Walsh scored four goals and dished out four assists.

Harvard freshman Sean Kane, rookie of the week for two consecutive weeks in the Ivy League, netted four goals of his own for the Crimson.

To Kane's dismay, however, Walsh had seven teammates helping him score.

In a crucial game, the No. 17 Notre Dame mens lacrosse team (9-4, 1-4 GWLL) extended its winning streak to four games by defeating Ivy League opponent Harvard (4-9, 1-4), 16-11.

Eight different players scored for the Irish, including hat tricks from both junior Steve Clagett and senior Travis Wells.

The goal total of 16 was the team's second largest output of the season to a 17-goal performance against Hartford. With the win, Notre Dame hopes to bump itself up in the run for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

"I think we're playing our best lacrosse right now," coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We play Maryland this Saturday, and if we win, we have enough quality wins and no bad losses that we think we'll be in the tournament."

The Irish got on the board first Saturday with two goals from Walsh in the game's first three minutes. Kane answered at the 14:19 mark of the second quarter, but Notre Dame got two goals from Wells and one goal from Clagett to extend the lead to 5-1.

The Crimson mounted little offense, and the goals they did score prompted offensive barges from the Irish midfield and attackmen.

"I don't think we responded [to Harvard goals]. I think we thoroughly kicked their fannies for 35 minutes," Corrigan said. "I would have liked to see us finish a game the way we started it, but for 35 minutes, we played high quality lacrosse and essentially put it out of reach for them."

Harvard scored once again in the second quarter, but Walsh and freshman defenseman D.J. Driscoll scored back-to-back goals to increase the Irish lead to 7-2. The goal was Driscoll's first of his career.

Harvard's Mike McBride and Anders Johnson scored two goals, but junior Dan Berger, junior Matt Howell and Clagett scored a goal each to make the halftime score 10-4 in favor of Notre Dame. Howell, who had two goals

on the day, returned for the first time since he missed the Ohio State game on April 6 due to an appendix operation.

"Matt looked great," Corrigan said. "We didn't really expect to play him as much as we did, but we wanted him to get comfortable again and he played very well."

In the second half, Notre Dame scored the first two goals again on scores by Clagett and Walsh. Harvard scored three times, including one by Kane, and got some goals towards the end of the fourth quarter, but Howell, Walsh, sophomore Brian Giordano and junior Owen Mulford all scored to seal the victory.

Junior goalie Stewart Crosland made his thirteenth start of the season and played 38 minutes, making five saves and allowing four goals.

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◆ Results show Irish deserve at-large bid to NCAAs

This predicament has not faced Kevin Corrigan since 1998.

In the coach's 15th season at Notre Dame, the Irish will not be this year's Great Western Lacrosse League champions. Even last season, one

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year removed from an NCAA tournament semifinal appearance, the 5-8 Irish captured the league title.

So what happens now, with Ohio State clinching that spot with a win Saturday?

No team from the GWLL has ever made the tournament with an at-large bid. The Irish would be the first to concede that they play in a weaker conference, but Corrigan would then be the first to schedule a non-conference list of opponents that would allow his team to prove themselves in the regular season.

So he did. And they have. So what if the Irish lost to a hot Ohio State team and consecutive games to Loyola and Hofstra? At the times of the losses, all three teams were ranked above No. 20 in the nation, and the Loyola and Hofstra losses were by just one goal each. Plus, after losing to Ohio State on the road, the Irish

have managed a four-game winning streak and taken care of three league opponents as well as non-conference opponent Harvard. The league wins put them in a tie for first with Ohio State, which Notre Dame loses in a head-to-head tiebreaker.

Still, in the words of Corrigan, his team is playing its "best lacrosse of the season." Coaches do not just throw out words like "best" when discussing their squad. When they say it, they mean it.

NCAA committee members could argue the Irish have not tested their true mettle against lower tier competition in Butler, Air Force and Fairfield. Still, the better teams do not just dispose of weaker opponent; they blow them out, just as the Irish did to all three. In that four-game win streak, Notre Dame defeated teams by a combined score of 52-21.

Blowing out the weaker teams proves the Irish win the games they need to. But quality wins will get them into the tournament, and they have a few of those as well.

Notre Dame opened against six straight ranked teams and win three of those games against Penn, Penn St. and North Carolina. In the middle of the year, the Irish took care of Denver, the only GWLL team to defeat the champion Buckeyes.

Saturday, the Irish will face No. 4 Maryland, a team who has defeated Virginia 8-7, the same

Virginia team that sent the Irish on a three-game skid earlier in the year with a 14-8 whooping. On the other hand, the Terrapins dropped a 10-8 decision to North Carolina, a ranked team Notre Dame beat 10-8.

The common opponent category sheds no light on how the Irish will fare Saturday and in the competition for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

But please do not forget the Irish opened the 2003 season 3-0, beating Penn and Penn St. — teams who both had Notre Dame's number last year — and the Tar Heels down in Chapel Hill.

Please do not forget the head coach thinks his team is playing their "best lacrosse of the season."

Then reinsert Matt Howell into the lineup, the same Matt Howell who led the Irish in points when he was sidelined at the start of April and is still third on the team in total points — 33, with 14 goals and 19 assists.

Please do not forget that two years ago, Corrigan was two wins away from winning it all.

They have proved they can get there. They have proven they can win there. Now, it is up to the Irish to upset the Terps at home.

And it is up to the committee to make the right decision and let this team in.

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SOFTBALL

Irish have streak snapped by Huskies in series split

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Even though a 20-game winning streak was snapped Sunday, a new streak began just a few hours later.

After defeating Boston College on Saturday 11-0 in five innings, Notre Dame hoped to continue its undefeated Big East season, but Barb Cook and her Connecticut teammates would finally give the Irish a conference loss with a 2-1 victory by the Huskies.

The Irish would come back in the second game, winning by a score of 6-3, to split the series.

Notre Dame was scheduled to play Boston College in a doubleheader on Saturday, but as has been the case so often this year, the second game was rained out. Game one was played through a light drizzle, but the rain managed to hold out long enough to give the Irish a much needed two points against the current second-place team in the Big East.

With the two wins, the Irish improve their record to 31-12 overall and 11-1 in the Big East.

Saturday's game was billed as a match up of the top two teams in the Big East, but the Irish made it look like a mismatch early.

The Irish managed to chase three-time Big East pitcher of the year Kim Ryan after just two-thirds of an inning. Second baseman Alexis Madrid led off with a walk, and catcher Mallorie Lenn followed by reaching first on a perfect bunt to put runners on first and second.

A fly ball from third baseman Andrea Loman advanced the runners to second and third, and Madrid would score on a wild pitch to give the Irish their first run. Designated player Meagan Ruthrauff drew a walk from

Ryan, who then threw her second wild pitch of the inning to put both runners in scoring position.

Lenn came home on a sacrifice fly by shortstop Andria Bledsoe, but it was first baseman Lisa Mattison who knocked Ryan out of the game with a two-run homer.

Relief pitcher Tekae Malandris came in to pitch for the Eagles and give up a single to left fielder Liz Hartmann. Hartmann advanced to second on a passed ball, and right fielder Nicole deFau became the beneficiary of the Eagles' third walk of the inning.

Center fielder Kellie Middleton reached base on an error by Malandris to load the bases for Madrid. Malandris was then pulled in favor of Michelle Daly, but she tossed her own wild pitch to allow Hartmann to score the Irish's fifth run of the inning. Madrid flied out to end the barrage.

The Irish added three more runs in the second inning off a two-run double from Mattison. Bledsoe also eventually scored on yet another Boston College wild pitch.

Notre Dame added insurance runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings, but the Eagles could not solve Irish freshman starting pitcher Heather Booth. Booth worked a complete game one-hitter, walking five and striking out four.

In Sunday's game against Connecticut, Husky pitcher Barbara Cook was equally stingy, allowing only three hits. The Irish could only get one run across, when Bledsoe scored off a Hartmann RBI single in the second inning.

The 1-0 lead held up for five innings, as Booth continued the spectacular pitching performance she has had for most of the season. She made only two mistakes in the sixth inning, but both were deadly as the Huskies collected back-to-back home runs from

Maggie Arbogast and Kim Castner.

Despite the loss, Booth pitched well, only allowing six hits and striking out six in six innings of work.

Notre Dame exacted some instant revenge on the Huskies in game two, as center fielder Megan Ciolli led off the game with a double and came home on a Loman RBI single. Ciolli had missed the past two games with an injury.

The Irish collected an unearned run in the second inning when pinch runner Sara Schoonaert scored on an error by the Connecticut pitcher. The Huskies battled back to tie the game with an RBI single in the second and a solo home run in the third.

Notre Dame broke the game open in the fourth, posting four runs. Mattison led off and advanced to third on a Hartmann groundout.

Lenn drove Mattison in with a single, and deFau followed with her own single.

Ciolli then drilled her fourth home run of the season, scoring Lenn and deFau and giving the Irish a 6-2 lead. Connecticut would get a run back in the fifth and would load give the Irish a scare by loading the bases in the sixth.

Booth would come into the game in relief of Steffany Stenglein, who had entered earlier to replace starter Carrie Wisen and get out of the jam. The trio of Irish pitchers would live dangerously by allowing the Huskies ten hits in game two, but pitched well enough to give their team the victory.

Notre Dame has a difficult test coming up Tuesday as they travel to Chicago to face No. 7 DePaul in their biggest remaining non-conference match up of the season.

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A Notre Dame player slides home in a win last week against Northwestern. The Irish had their 20-game win streak snapped by Connecticut Sunday.

Champs

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Albion. The match went three sets, as Spriggle came back after dropping the first 3-6 to take the second set 7-6 (5) and the final 6-3.

The Belles also took control in doubles competition. In the No. 2 doubles championship match, Cutler and senior Elisa Ryan defeated Amy Zeilstra and Annie Huizenga of Calvin in a dominant 6-2, 6-4 effort.

Spriggle won a second con-

ference title when she and freshman Lindsay Cook beat Karen Dumas and Amy Esh of Albion at No. 3 doubles. The Saint Mary's duo took the first set 7-6, but Dumas and Esh rebounded to win the second 6-4. Spriggle and Cook secured the victory by winning the decisive third set 6-4.

After the dual match season ended, Saint Mary's was tied for second in conference with Kalamazoo with a 5-2 record. With their conference tournament championship, the Belles finished second overall for the season. Kalamazoo's third-place tourney finish dropped them to third overall in the MIAA. Dual match season champ Albion (7-0) was able to hang on for first overall with their second-place tourney finish.

For the second year in a row, Meaghan Clark of Kalamazoo was named the MVP of the conference. Clark is currently the No. 10 singles player in Div. III. Ryan was honored with the Sue Little Sportsmanship Award, becoming only the third winner from Saint Mary's in the award's 48-year history.

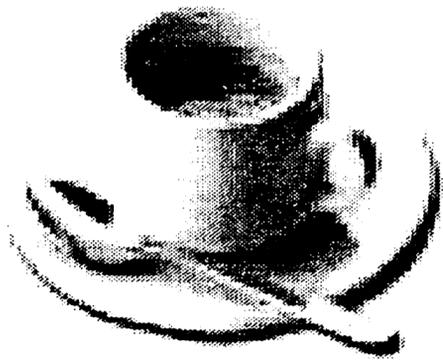
The Belles' top singles player, junior Jeannie Knish, was named to the All-MIAA First Team for the third time. Kaitlin Cutler and Kristen Palombo were both All-MIAA Second Team selections.

The Belles will find out soon if their season will continue. Invitations for the NCAA Regional Team Championships will soon come out, and Saint Mary's is hoping to be included. The NCAA Regionals will take place May 3-4.

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Baseball

Big East Standings

team	W	L	Pct.	overall
NOTRE DAME	13	2	.867	34-9
Rutgers	12	3	.800	20-14
West Virginia	11	3	.786	28-12
Virginia Tech	10	6	.625	27-14
Pittsburgh	10	7	.588	30-13
St. John's	9	7	.563	23-19
Boston College	7	7	.500	23-16
Seton Hall	7	11	.389	16-21
Connecticut	7	12	.368	19-20
Villanova	6	14	.263	11-26
Georgetown	2	21	.087	10-32

Softball

Big East Standings

team	W	L	Pts.	overall
NOTRE DAME	12	1	24	31-12
Villanova	11	5	22	27-11
Boston College	11	2	22	27-15
Seton Hall	10	6	20	32-11
St. John's	7	7	14	26-24
Connecticut	7	5	14	19-20
Pittsburgh	5	11	10	19-28
Virginia Tech	5	11	10	19-28
Rutgers	4	8	8	22-17
Syracuse	4	10	8	14-22
Providence	1	11	2	16-18

Womens Lacrosse

Big East Standings

team	W	L	Pct.	overall
Georgetown	6	0	1.000	12-3
Syracuse	5	1	.833	9-5
NOTRE DAME	4	2	.667	7-7
Rutgers	3	3	.500	12-4
Boston College	1	4	.200	7-6
Connecticut	1	4	.200	7-7
Virginia Tech	0	6	.000	3-14

NBA



Minnesota's Kevin Garnett tries to blow by Devean George of the Los Angeles Lakers during Game Four of the NBA playoffs. The Lakers defeated the Timberwolves 102-97 to tie the best-of-seven series 2-2.

Lakers even series with Timberwolves

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Shaquille O'Neal had a simple plan to keep the Lakers from being on the brink of elimination: Just get him the ball.

"I told the guys before the game, get me the ball and move out of the way," he said. "I've just got to have the ball in a position where I can do something. As soon as I'm open, I would like to have it."

He got it — from his teammates and off the boards — and that was the difference Sunday as Los Angeles rallied for a 102-97

victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves to even their first-round playoff series 2-2.

O'Neal had 34 points, 23 rebounds and six assists for the three-time defending champions, who won by outscoring the Timberwolves 22-11 in the last seven minutes.

Minnesota didn't make a field goal in a span of 5:18 while falling behind for good, and Kevin Garnett missed two free throws with 15 seconds remaining and a chance to pull the Timberwolves within one.

When asked why he didn't get the ball more often, O'Neal replied: "I

don't have any ... idea. I would like to get the ball every ... time. I shouldn't have to say it."

Game 5 will be played Tuesday night at Target Center, where the teams split the first two games of the series. Game 6 is Thursday night at Staples Center.

O'Neal grabbed 10 of the Lakers' 18 offensive rebounds to help them to a 29-2 advantage in second-chance points.

The Timberwolves outscored the Lakers 17-7 for a 74-63 lead — the largest of the game for either team.

The Lakers then scored

the last eight points of the third quarter, and a 3-pointer by Bryant early in the final period tied it at 74.

The Timberwolves led at halftime 45-43 thanks to Hudson's 11 points in the last three minutes of the second quarter.

"Shaq was extremely aggressive — he had by far his best game of the whole series," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said.

Regarding his dominance on the boards, O'Neal said: "I was just there, trying to get all the loose balls, trying to get the tips, trying to do my part."

He did his part, and more.

IN BRIEF

Colts sign 20 free agents

The Indianapolis Colts signed 20 free agents, including Purdue running back Montrell Lowe and Notre Dame fullback Tom Lopienski, following Sunday's NFL draft.

The Colts also signed Illinois wide receiver Aaron Moorehead, son of former NFL player Emory Moorehead, and Carl Morris, the Harvard wide receiver some expected to be taken in the draft.

The other offensive signees were wide receivers Paul Arnold of Washington, Andre Forde of Buffalo and Robert Redd of Bowling Green; offensive linemen Joe Iorio of Penn State, Jim Newton of Utah State and Rex Richards of Texas Tech; tight end Chad Bartoszek of Buffalo; fullback Steven Costa of UNLV; quarterback James MacPherson of Wake Forest and kicker Kevin Kerr of Ohio University.

On defense, the Colts signed defensive tackles Dante Booker of Auburn and Jason Stewart of

Fresno State; defensive backs Calvin Carlyle of Oregon State, Anthony Floyd of Louisville and Darrell Rideaux of Southern Cal; and line-backer Gary Brackett of Rutgers.

Wild tie series with Canucks

Sergei Zholtok and Wes Walz scored just over a minute apart early in the third period as the Minnesota Wild beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 on Sunday night to even their second-round series.

After the Canucks staged a furious flurry in the closing seconds, for the second straight game, tempers flared after the buzzer and several fights broke out near the benches. Five players were given misconducts.

The Canucks, who rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the third period in Game 1, pulled goalie Dan Cloutier with two minutes left. They got within a goal when Mattias Ohlund scored at 18:28.

Agassi triumphs over Roddick

Andre Agassi celebrated his first day as the oldest men's player to be ranked No. 1 in the world with a dramatic comeback victory over Andy Roddick to win the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships on Sunday.

Agassi supplanted Australian Lleyton Hewitt on Saturday night as No. 1, but he had to work hard Sunday to beat Roddick 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. It was the 58th career title for Agassi, who will turn 33 on Tuesday.

Down one set and a break in the third game of the second set, Agassi rallied from triple break point to hold his serve. He broke Roddick, the two-time defending champion, in the sixth and eighth games to force the third set.

Agassi declared himself ready for Europe and the clay tournaments, leading up to the start of the French Open on May 26.

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BASEBALL

Another canine crushed as Irish sweep Huskies

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

Three different jerseys. One huge result.

Sporting their trio of game jerseys, the Irish took advantage of clutch hitting, solid pitching and all-around defense to sweep a three-game series from Connecticut, winning 3-2 and 11-4 in Saturday's doubleheader and 6-3 on Sunday.

"As far as winning all three games this weekend, I thought it was really critical, quite frankly," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "We've got nine barn-burners left, so you've got to win the home games and the games that you should win, that you're favored to win, and our kids responded this weekend. I thought they played really good baseball all weekend."

The Irish — opening in their regular home white uniforms — sent senior Ryan Kalita to the mound to start the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, and he threw well, allowing only two runs in five innings of work in the seven-inning game. Kalita gave up single runs in the third and fourth innings on a sacrifice fly and an RBI single, respectively.

However, the Irish bats were silent early, providing no run support for the righthander until the bottom of the fifth inning, when Matt Macri smacked the first pitch of the inning over the fence in left-center field.

"The first game I thought we were a little bit tight," Mainieri said. "The kids knew it was a big day for us. ... They were uptight because they wanted to do well so

badly."

The Irish entered the bottom of the sixth inning down 2-1 and without a victory when trailing after the fifth inning this season.

Saturday's first game broke that streak.

A hit batter and a walk put runners on first and second before Matt Edwards hit a single up the middle to tie the game at 2-2 and chase Connecticut's starting pitcher out of the game.

"The pitcher threw eight straight balls to start the inning," Mainieri said. "Then I gave [Edwards] the green light to go ahead and hit, because he's the guy who's going to drive in runs for us."

The Huskies then intentionally walked Kris Billmaier to pitch to Javi Sanchez. Sanchez's ground ball to the left side of the infield could have been much worse for the Huskies, but the Connecticut shortstop made an incredible diving stop to retire Edwards on the force out at third base. However, Brennan Grogan crossed the plate with the go-ahead run on the play.

The relief duo of Ryan Doherty and J.P. Gagne worked the Irish into and out of a major jam in the top of the seventh, when a hit batter (the fifth hit-by-pitch of the game), a stolen base and a one-out single put runners on first and third.

However, Gagne was able to get a strikeout and a groundout to close out the Huskies in game one.

Game two — when the Irish sported blue uniforms — featured much the same lineup, with only one roster change between both teams between games, however the storylines couldn't have been more different.

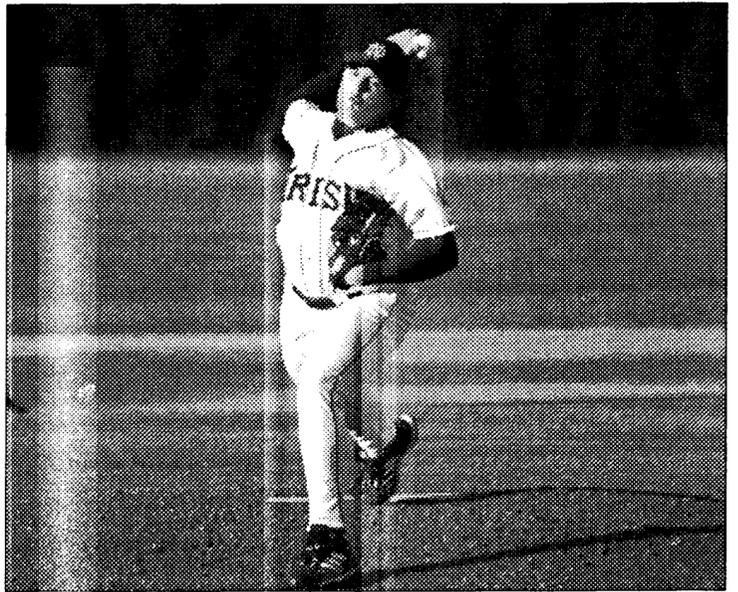
After manufacturing a run in the first, the Irish exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, sending 11 batters to the plate.

With the score tied 1-1, Edwards led off the inning with a single up the middle. After Edwards stole second on a botched hit-and-run play, Billmaier sacrificed him to third. Sanchez was hit by a pitch — marking the sixth hit batter of the day — before Macri continued his hot day offensively by crushing a Connecticut offering off the wall in left, scoring Edwards and sending Sanchez to third while himself reaching second. Sanchez then scored on a balk before Tim Murray reached on a strikeout that got past the catcher, allowing him to take first base.

The defensive meltdown continued when Lopez hit a sacrifice bunt that the Connecticut pitcher bobbled. He then made a throw to first which sailed over the first baseman's head, allowing Macri to score, Murray to take third and Lopez to reach second.

Steve Sollmann drove in a run with a single through the left side, scoring Murray, and a sacrifice fly by Rizzo brought in Lopez with the sixth Irish run. After a pitching change, Edwards continued the onslaught with a double to left-center, scoring Sollmann and Grogan.

"It was a big inning for us to break the game open," Mainieri said, "because I thought John Axford really struggled with his control, but he kept battling and kept getting big outs, because he was in a lot of jams. So when we finally got that big inning, that was good, because it gave John a little room for error, and he was able to



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Chris Niesel fires a pitch against Ball State Tuesday. Niesel pitched a solid outing Sunday to lead the Irish to a three-game sweep of Connecticut at Eck Stadium over the weekend.

pitch out of some jams. Maybe he wouldn't have stayed in the game if it had been closer."

The seven-run cushion provided a lot of breathing room for Axford, who was able to complete his six-inning stint allowing only one run but walking six. Matt Laird entered in the seventh and went three innings and allowing six hits to gain the save.

In addition, the Irish knocked in three more runs, on an RBI single by Greg Lopez in the seventh, and a run-scoring double by Billmaier, as well as a single by pinch hitter Craig Cooper in the eighth, which knocked in the 11th run of the second game.

"I thought in the second game we played a lot more loosely and relaxed, and competed real hard, and we got some big hits, and I just thought it was an outstanding all-around game for us," Mainieri said.

Sunday saw the Irish sporting their green uniforms, and for the second straight game, the Irish took an early lead thanks a first-inning run. Sollmann led off with a double off the wall in left-center field. Grogan sacrificed him to third before a sacrifice fly by Edwards brought him in.

Starter Chris Niesel cruised through the first few innings for the Irish, not allowing a runner to reach second base until the fifth inning.

In the meantime, the Irish added two runs in each the fourth and fifth innings. A freak double down the right field by Edwards bounced off the second baseman's glove — on what would have been a tough defensive play — to drive in the second run. An RBI groundout by Billmaier brought home the third run.

In the bottom of the fourth, Matt Bransfield drove home Sanchez with a ground-rule double to right-center field to make the score 4-0.

One pitch later, it was 5-0 when Lopez smacked a single to right-center to drive in Bransfield.

Niesel's only bad inning of the start was the fifth, when he allowed three runs to score, with the first two coming off a double that almost wasn't. After shaking off a pitch by pitching coach Brian O'Connor, Niesel threw a hanging curveball which was smacked to the gap in left-center. Billmaier bolted back to give chase, and almost made yet another sensational play to reel in the ball, but the ball fell off his glove and drove in two two-out runs for the Huskies.

"It was actually just that one pitch," Niesel said. "I shook off

coach [O'Connor] and I probably shouldn't have. I left the curveball up and he drove it pretty good out there to left-center. I think if I had kept that pitch down I would have gotten him out."

Mainieri had a different point of view on the play.

"Chris Niesel is a pitcher's pitcher," Mainieri said. "He knows how to do it. He knows how to set 'em up and put 'em away, so we give Chris the right to shake us off anytime that he wants to, and if he felt good about throwing that pitch, I don't have a problem with that. ... If anybody was to blame, it was me, because I had [Billmaier] playing a little bit too shallow."

The very next batter drove a single up the middle to bring the Huskies within two at 5-3, however Niesel was able to induce a fly out to deep left field to retire the side in the fifth.

"It was a tough inning for me," Niesel said. "You've just got to come back and make the big pitches to get out of the inning."

The Irish were able to add an insurance run in the seventh when Lopez scored on a wild pitch. After breaking for home when the ball skipped to the right of the catcher, Lopez briefly hesitated before charging the plate again. Luckily for Lopez, the throw from the catcher to the pitcher — which would have been a close play — sailed over the pitcher's head, allowing Lopez to score.

Brandon Vloria held the Huskies at bay in the eighth, and Gagne quickly retired the side in order in the ninth for his 10th save and the 3-game sweep of the Huskies for the Irish.

Notre Dame (34-9, 13-2 in the Big East) returns to action Tuesday night when they face off against Michigan at Fifth Third Ballpark in Comstock Park, Mich. at 7:30 p.m.

Notes:

♦ The crowd at Saturday's doubleheader — 2,816 tickets were sold — marked a new attendance record for Eck Stadium.

♦ Connecticut's starting pitcher in Sunday's game, Peter Soteropoulos, was ejected from the bench in the bottom of the seventh inning of the game for arguing a balk call with the first base umpire.

♦ Axford's (9-0 this season) win in the second game Saturday marked his 13th consecutive victory, second only to Aaron Heilman's 15 straight wins for most consecutive victories by a Notre Dame pitcher since 1928.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXII

Regular guys show that it can be done, win Bookstore

RBC's run to the title illustrated what Bookstore Basketball is all about.

These five "regular" guys, plus a star football player injury replacement, defied the odds this weekend and defeated three top-5 teams on the way to winning the 32nd annual Bookstore Basketball tournament.



Matt Lozar

Associate Sports Editor

Friday, RBC defeated AdWorks, the No. 1 seed, defending champion and odds-on favorite with three football players, including Carlyle Holiday and Justin Tuck.

Oh yeah, Tuck was last year's MVP and Mr. Alabama in high school.

But these five "regular guys" wanted to prove the doubters wrong — the Bookstore commissioners who ranked them 13th initially, and then eighth when the Sweet 16 started, and all those who basically handed AdWorks a repeat title.

Even when one of their players, Mr. Ironman John Barnes, was injured

Friday, these regular guys refused to give up and pulled the upset over the tournament's favorite.

With Barnes, one of their "regular guys", unable to play in Saturday's Final Four matchup against La-Z-Boy, RBC went out and got a non-"regular" — Courtney Watson.

Watson wasn't instrumental in Saturday's win, but Sunday, he shut down NDToday's Jim Kilroy, who had six first-half points, but only four in the second half when Watson switched over to guard him.

This title wasn't about Watson, though; it was about five "regular guys" making a name for themselves.

The driving force of making their dream come true might have started in high school when point guard Jon Joyce and MVP Joe Dursi, best friends since the fourth grade, lost the county championship.

It might have come from the fact that varsity basketball walk-on Dan Lustig and third-team All-Bookstore Brian Rush lived with these guys in Stanford and played with them on the interhall team.

They wanted to win one for the "regular guys," and they did.

The world's largest 5-on-5 outdoor basketball tournament isn't all about what went on this weekend with the

bleachers surrounding the Bookstore courts.

It's about the teams in the early rounds showing team unity by dressing in hideous outfits, having team soundtracks, bringing cheering sections and staying hydrated by drinking out of a two-liter bottle filled with more than just cola.

It's about playing in 30-degree temperatures one night and getting sunburned a few days later.

It's about the players around campus who play ball at Rolf's, dreaming to put a run together like RBC did.

They had been playing for four years and wanted to show Notre Dame it doesn't take scholarship athletes or a walk-on basketball player to be the best of over 500 teams.

It's about being a team, which wasn't more evident than after Sunday's title game when RBC got their prizes.

Dursi handed his duffel bag to a limping Barnes and put his arm around his "regular guy" teammate in street clothes.

That's what it's all about.

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Bookstore MVP Joe Dursi takes a shot over competition in RBC's championship win.

WOMENS BOOKSTORE

We're Stacked grabs title

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Sports Writer

With their tallest player standing just 5-foot-9 tall, the Golden Girls looked overmatched to the unassuming fan in Sunday's final game.

However, the Golden Girls put up quite a fight in their 21-15 loss to We're Stacked.

Led by 6-foot-4 inch tall Katie Neff, We're Stacked dominated the boards. Emily Loomis and Kelsey Wicks, both over 6 feet tall, helped the cause as well.

However, We're Stacked could not pull away in the first half, as the Golden Girls kept themselves in the game with stellar team defense and better-than-average outside shooting.

Guards Suzanne Bellina and Sara's Liebscher lit up the unsuspecting guards of We're Stacked to tie the game at six. We're Stacked went on a mini-run to go into the half leading by two, 11-9.

However, after not being able to fully capitalize on their size in the first half, We're Stacked soon turned things around as Neff, Loomis and Wicks began to take over the game. Teammates Jaci Lesko and Heidi Hendrick also got in on the action.

"They are a really scrappy team," Neff said. "We just tried to control the boards and go inside on them a lot because they were smaller."

This strategy soon paid off for We're Stacked, as they went on a 10-6 run to close out the game after a close first half in which both teams struggled to score.

The inside efforts of Golden Girls forward Jill Bodensteiner did not go unnoticed, as she fought the entire game. However, in the end, it appeared that We're Stacked was simply too tall for the Golden Girls.

The presence of Loomis was especially noticed, as she earned Most Valuable Player honors. Loomis was constantly around the basket, grabbing rebounds and hitting jump shots from everywhere.

While Loomis scored throughout the game, teammate Kelsey Wicks finally ended the game for We're Stacked. Taking the ball up the court, Wicks jump-stopped, split a double team and finished the move by exe-

cuting a power layup, giving We're Stacked their 21st and final point.

Loomis and Neff enjoyed being teammates again, only in a different sport. Both are on the varsity volleyball team.

"Bookstore Basketball was a lot of fun," Neff said. "We had an awesome time playing in it."

Hopefully they will have fun playing together again in the fall on a different court as well.

Wicks, Liebscher, Bodensteiner and Loomis were named All-Bookstore. Joining them were Alex Callan, Abbey Coons and Marianna Seitz. Coons, a senior, was also named Miss Bookstore after winning two Bookstore titles in her four years. Her team, Tips, Please, lost to the Golden Girls in the final four.

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Finals

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lead. At the half, Watson suggested switching to Kilroy, and the change paid huge dividends.

Watson fought through cramps and used his strength advantage to fight through the screens. NDToday was trying to set for Kilroy and didn't let the sharpshooter get open.

"He is a lot bigger. He was playing me tough coming off the screens," Kilroy said. "He made it difficult to get some jump shots. He's tough, they are all tough over there."

NDToday was up 16-12 and looking to run away with it when RBC made their first run. A four point run brought the underdogs even at 16. After an NDToday free throw and an 18-foot jumper from Kilroy, Dursi took over.

First he nailed a 16-foot shot. Then teammate Jeff Wiltrout hit another jumper to tie the game at 18.

Dursi drove down the lane and made a sweet reverse lay-up to give RBC its first lead of the day at 19-18. Sensing the hot hand, Dursi came right back down and swished a jumper to put RBC at game point 20-18. Jon Joyce finished it off with a ball fake and another jumper to complete RBC's Cinderella run.

"He had [Brian] Rush's number there for a little bit," Kilroy said of Dursi. "He stepped outside and hit three or four in a row at the end. I think he was MVP so he deserved it."

"We were shooting good shots all game, they just didn't fall and sometimes that happens," Dursi added. "Luckily they started falling and we pulled it out."

Two disappointments for NDToday were their free

throw shooting and the play of Dan Lustig. Down the stretch, NDToday missed five free throws that obviously cost them.

Also, Lustig never got it going offensively. The basketball team walk-on scored only two points and none in the second half.

Credit the two-inch height advantage Dursi had over Lustig and the familiarity RBC had from playing with Lustig on Stanford's interhall teams.

"He's a real good player. We played with him on our Stanford teams for all four years," Dursi said. "We played and practiced and we kind of knew how to play him, but he's a great player."

But it's didn't take one great player to win the 2003 Bookstore Tournament — it took a great team.

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FOOTBALL

Holiday gives way to showcase youth

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Five snaps, one pass, one completion for eight yards.

Having been in offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick's pro-style offense for over a year now, quarterback Carlyle Holiday didn't need to be take very many repetitions in Saturday's Blue-Gold Game.

"The worst thing you can do is play one series," Holiday said. "But it was a good situation because we really want to get some work done with Chris [Olsen] and Pat [Dillingham]."

Holiday started the game for the blue team and was sacked on two plays, handed off twice and threw only one pass. After seeing Holiday's improvement in the previous spring practices, Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham and the rest of the staff didn't need to see much from the No. 1 man and wanted to focus on the battle for Holiday's backup.

"We're a lot further along. We're so much further along that we were able to take Carlyle out and not have him play the whole game," Willingham said.

Tuck still blitzing

Pass-rushing specialist Justin Tuck eyes had to light up when he saw tackle Brian Mattes, a former defensive lineman, line up at left tackle Saturday.

Three sacks later, Tuck was the Blue-Gold Game's defensive MVP.

"We are excited about what Justin brings," Willingham said. "Hopefully he can continue to play at a high-level not only as a pass-rusher, but as a complete player."

The one drawback from the format of the glorified team scrimmage is the rule restricting defensive players from actually hitting the quarterbacks to prevent injuries. In the fourth quarter, the defense had a shot at Chris Olsen but they let up and Olsen scrambled for a 4-yard touchdown.

When Olsen scored, Tuck and the defense let him know about

it. "No comment on that [touch-down]," Tuck said. "I probably could have tackled him at about the five-yard line. We started reminding him on the field about [how he wouldn't have scored in a real game]."

Snap problems

The offensive line appeared to be coming together by the end of spring practice but one player who didn't help himself Saturday was center Bob Morton.

Morton and quarterback Pat Dillingham had troubles on exchanges in the second half with Dillingham fumbling four snaps.

With all of those fumbled snaps coming in the second half, Morton acknowledged his conditioning wasn't where it should be.

"I have to say I wasn't in the best game shape and that's something I need to work on," he said.

Landri

Derek Landri finally got to play some football.

Landri suffered a leg injury from a bike accident last spring. When he was able to practice in the fall, he suffered a shoulder injury. Then, for most of this year's spring practice, Landri had on the no-contact red jersey until last week when he was able to finally hit someone.

"It felt good, I haven't been able to do that in quite awhile in a game-type situation, so it was nice to get out there," Landri said. "First, you start off trying to everything that is going on. By the end, you are just going."

JJ at the game

Their handshake at the 30-yard line after the game may be a sign of things to come.

Former Notre Dame running back Julius Jones shook hands with Willingham after the Blue-Gold game and as the field was clearing. Jones watched the game, in street clothes, from the Notre Dame sideline and talked with a number of Irish players, mainly upperclassmen, throughout the game.

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Clark wants to be a go-to guy

By JOE HETTLER
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For all Jared Clark did well in Saturday's Blue-Gold scrimmage, he couldn't help but recall his one mistake.

"All I can say about my catches was that I should have caught the one I dropped," Clark said.

The quarterback converted to tight end before the 2002 spring practices and was referring to the ball he bobbled before tipping to cornerback Vontez Duff for an interception.

But that play was the only negative in a day full of positives for Clark.

The rising senior made two impressive catches and had a two-point conversion in the Gold team's loss to Blue, 17-14.

Clark said he is accommodating himself with his new position and the entire Notre Dame offense.

"I absolutely feel more comfortable out there," Clark said. "In every aspect, I feel better with my position and the offense."

Buried in the quarterback shuffle with Matt LoVecchio and Carlyle Holiday, Clark figured he had a better chance to

play if he switched positions. So he did, and now he has a chance to see significant playing time for the Irish.

Clark showed Notre Dame fans a glimpse of what he can do Saturday.

His first catch was a pass from quarterback Chris Olsen, and Clark had to come back to the ball before snatching it right before a Blue cornerback made a possible interception. Clark then raced down the field for a 30-yard gain, before being tripped up and injuring his ankle on the play. However, the injury wasn't serious, and Clark returned to make two more clutch catches.

Clark raced across the middle of the Blue defense for his next catch, grabbing the ball with his fingertips and picking up 17 yards. After Gold scored later in the drive, Clark hauled in the two-point conversion in the back of the end zone.

After the game, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said Clark's plays were something Notre Dame needs in the future.

"Well, I don't necessarily look at [making big plays] as a Jared Clark role," Willingham said. "I list it as a playmaker role — people that can make plays. That's what we're about."

That's what we want. That's what we encourage. Jared is one of those guys that fits in that category."

Clark said he wants to fit into that role next season for the Irish.

"I just want to be one of those go-to guys," Clark said. "I want to make plays and get the ball down the field. The harder I work now in the offseason, the easier it will be for me to be that guy come the fall."

Clark said he knows that fifth-year senior Gary Godsey is the No. 1 tight end for next season, and that the Irish have several talented players at that position. But Clark simply wants to keep working hard and prepare himself for the chances he'll get next season.

"I think the competition on the field is nice. We're all good friends off the field," Clark said.

"I go out there every day trying to do the best I can and be the best player I can. I want to be the top guy. I want to be the starter, but I know that Gary's the starter right now and that it's his position to lose. I've still got a long way to go."

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Blue-Gold

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"The real force was to let our two young men play," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Although Willingham said the Irish only used about 15 percent of the offense, the coaches' emphasis was squarely on next season — a fact emphasized by the appearance of about half the freshman class in the stands and Julius Jones' presence on the sidelines.

But there were still some signs of the team that went 10-3 and earned a Gator Bowl berth a year ago. The defense caused three turnovers that set up offensive scores and the defense recorded eight "sacks" — a hand on the quarterback was enough to cause a sack — with three sacks coming from defensive MVP Justin Tuck.

"I think that the 14 days have gone well for us," said Willingham as he evaluated the spring practice. "There's so many important things to take with us today and this weekend, but at the same time those 14 days have led to this day and they've been good days for us. We are not where we'd like to be entirely in some areas, but we made a few points and

we're getting better and that's what's exciting."

The first half, however, was anything but exciting. The lone score came on a Nate Schiccatano's 3-yard plunge — and then D.J. Fitzpatrick missed the extra point. In fact, the loudest cheer of the day came when the public address announcer broadcast Jeff Faine's first-round selection to the thousands in attendance.

Still, the Irish offense came to life in the second half. Jeff Jenkins and Marcus Wilson scored touchdowns on 2- and 5-yard runs, respectively, and even Olsen got into the act with a 4-yard scamper up the middle.

The Irish receivers, trying to fill the void by departing Arnaz Battle, also showed promise. Omar Jenkins caught four passes for 68 yards, including one athletic catch near the sideline to set up Jenkins' touchdown and another catch across the middle that he somehow held onto despite being drilled by Quentin Burrell.

"I think [Chris] got into a good rhythm today," Omar Jenkins said. "I think he put it all together for the game today. He surprised me a little bit."

Tight end Jared Clark made a pair of good catches, but one ball he bobbled ended up in the hands of Vontez Duff.

Jake Carney had the other interception, and Travis Leitko recovered a fumbled exchange

between Dillingham and center Bob Morton.

Olsen, meanwhile, appeared to edge ahead of Dillingham ever-so-slightly for the race for the backup position.

Although his throws often sailed off-target early — forcing receivers to make outstanding catches — Olsen settled into a rhythm as the scrimmage wore on while his counterpart threw two interceptions.

Still, the Irish coaches weren't so willing to put a lot of weight on the spring game.

"I thought he stepped up and made some plays," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said, "and showed maybe a little bit more consistency than he has in the earlier part of the spring."

That inconsistency — shown early Saturday but eliminated late — may have kept the Irish from naming a clear backup, even though Olsen has a good idea of his role — both now and in the future.

"The reason I came here was to be the starter at Notre Dame. I didn't come here to be the backup," Olsen said. "Right now, Carlyle's still our starter and I'm going to have to make some huge headway just to even up with him."

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MENS TENNIS

Rain stops conference championship hopes

By JOE LINDSLEY
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CORAL GABLES, Fla.

A win Sunday at the Big East Championships was close at hand for the Irish. After defeating St. John's in the first round, Notre Dame was set to bout with Virginia Tech Saturday. A day-long rain delay postponed that match, but Sunday morning, the Irish were able upset the Hokies, 4-3.

That win landed them into the title match with the Miami Hurricanes.

Soon after the competition began though, lightning struck — literally. The officials were forced to call the match, and Miami was afforded the Big East's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

When the match was cancelled, the Irish were up a set in a pair of matches and down a set in two, with the two remaining contests. According to Big East rules, in the event of the championship not being completed on time, the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament is awarded to the highest remaining seed, which in this case was Miami.

Nevertheless, the Irish were awarded a share of the Big East title.

While it is unlikely that the Irish will advance to their 13th consecutive NCAA tournament, the best such streak of any sport at Notre Dame, the team will now have to wait until Wednesday to see if it earns one of the 33 at-large berths into the NCAA tournament. The chances of that are slim, as the Irish are currently ranked 54th, with their best wins over No. 41 Virginia Tech and No. 46 Purdue.

The semifinal bout with Virginia Tech was very close.

Junior Matthew Scott and sophomore Brent D'Amico clinched the win with an 8-6 triumph at No. 1 doubles. The duo won for the fifth time in the last six matches to improve to 12-9 at No. 1 doubles. The victory also marked the fifth clinching win of the season for the Irish pair.

Brian Farrell and junior Luis Haddock won the first doubles match for the Irish. They came back from down an early service break to defeat Angel Diankov and Dennis Emery 8-4 at No. 2.

In singles play, No. 106 Haddock, D'Amico, and Lopez-Acevedo all earned victories. D'Amico's was the only in straight sets as he defeated No. 88 Saber Kadiri.

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Irish hit end of the road

CORAL GABLES, FLA.

For the Irish, it was a weekend of the toughest sort of breaks.

Unfortunately, it was a weekend when the Irish needed the best of breaks — a victory at the Big East Championships at the home courts of the Miami Hurricanes would have automatically catapulted the 54th-ranked team into their 13th NCAA tournament.

Now the Irish will have to place their hope in the slight chance that their ranking could put them into a tournament which they have been a part of for so many years.

After rain delayed Saturday play, tournament officials attempted to squeeze the semifinal and final rounds into Sunday time slots. All went well for Notre Dame initially.

They beat Virginia Tech for the second time this season in a close match that, like their female counterparts who were playing at the same time, extended into the doubles portion.

The Irish won at the No. 2 and 3 positions, and the team looked ready, despite a day of grueling play, to contend with their main Big East rival, the Miami Hurricanes, for the title and the berth in the NCAA.

Yet with play barely underway in that match, the rains returned once again, thus giving the Sunshine State a bad name in the minds of the Irish players.

With a plane to catch, the rain continuing, and the courts not drying, the contest was called on account of bad weather, and Miami, as the number one seed, was named tournament victor.

To quote one of Irish head coach Bobby Bayliss's many witticisms, "Some days you're the dog, and some days you're the fire hydrant."

Sunday, the fire hydrant in the sky went crazy and doused the

Irish dreams. Assuming, as many have predicted, that the Irish do not qualify, this will be the first time in 13 years that Notre Dame has not advanced to the NCAA tournament.

It would have been nice for the Irish who have struggled at many points of the season, if they could have erased their past troubles with a coveted Big East title. It would have been nice, surely, and it almost happened.

This squad will probably always wonder that if the weather had given them the chance, could they have handled a less formidable Hurricane?

For seniors, like Brian Farrell, it must have been a particularly trying day. The Irish can take some consolation, though, in how hard they fought and how close they came to this title, despite the tribulations they encountered in their season. So many of their losses were very close, and today, although a different kind of a loss, probably gave them the same feeling.

Although it is hard to find a substitute for an important win such as the Big East Conference Championships, the Irish did at least conduct themselves with class and character — just like the Irish womens team who was on the courts at the same time. When other players argued and stirred up commotion among the crowd, Notre Dame remained focused on its game plan and on maintaining self-respect.

Nevertheless, the Irish must be wondering today would could have, what would have, what might have happened.

And, once again, one could recall the words of Bayliss regarding should-haves and could-haves.

"If wishes were horses, beggars would be riders."

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Kristina Stastny volleys during the final match of the Big East Tournament. Stastny and her partner Sarah Jane Connelly won the match to clinch the championship.

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After a bye on Friday, the Irish were supposed to play Boston College Saturday morning. That match — as well as every other match scheduled for Saturday — did not take place, as the southern tip of the Sunshine State was hit with its worst all-day thunderstorm in a year.

"It was hard," Louderback said. "That was a tough day. [Saturday] was tougher than [Sunday], because we were waiting. We knew at any time we had to be ready to play. If it stopped raining, we'd have to be over there in an hour. All we did all day was sit around and go eat. We'd wait three hours and then we'd go eat again to get ready for the match."

Salas agreed.

"We spent the whole day sitting around," she said. "We were definitely lethargic. I think it was better than having a match at the end of [Saturday]. We would have been just mentally not as prepared as we would have been otherwise."

Because of the missed day of play on Saturday, much ground had to be covered Sunday. The Irish awoke at 5 a.m. in preparation for their delayed contest with the Eagles. Notre Dame easily blanked Boston College, 4-0.

Hours later, they were back on the courts to do battle with the Hurricanes under the once-again shining sun that dried up the courts as the Irish dried up the Hurricanes.

It was not an easy accomplishment.

Junior Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly battled out three set matches to earn points for their team. No. 93 Salas upset No. 54 Melissa Applebaum, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, and Connelly topped Miami's Staci Stevens, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. Sarah Jane's freshman sister, Lauren Connelly, also gave the Irish a point with her 7-6 (3), 6-3 win at No. 5 over Sihem Bennacer.

"Those two [Sarah Jane

and Salas], if they don't want to lose, they're not going to lose."

To save time, and to provide court space for the men who also had matches to make up, the play began with the singles portion, in hopes that the doubles would not be needed to decided victory.

"With the singles today, we got the feeling we could stay in the match," Louderback said.

"We came down here really fired up," senior captain Katie Cunha said. "We were a little bit frustrated [Saturday] because of the rain. When it cleared up this morning, we were ready to get them. We knew it was going to be a battle. It was all heart, it really was."

The match was probably one of the closest and toughest battles ever seen in the Big East Championships.

With the score at 3-2 and Notre Dame within just a point of victory, Jenn Smith and Sara Robbins held the attention of the sizeable crowd, waiting to see if the result of the point would end or extend the match.

Smith won her first set, but Robbins rallied in the last two to keep the Hurricanes alive.

"I just didn't capitalize," Smith said. "I just didn't take advantage of [my lead]. I backed off. She just started playing more aggressive. It would have been nice to clinch it for us," Smith said. "She played a lot better in the third [set]."

Then the teams entered into doubles play to compete for the deciding point.

In an intense, hard-fought and crowd-pleasing match, Stastny and Sarah Jane Connelly stayed on top.

"Those two kids played their hearts out," Louderback said. "The last game was unbelievable," Louderback said. "I mean that was big time. That'd be fun to watch. That should be an ESPN Instant Classic right there."

Salas, who said she nearly broke the arm of one of her teammates because of the tension during the final match, thought it was one of

the best performances she has seen.

"It was one of the best feelings I've experienced at Notre Dame," she said. "I think that's the most exciting match I've had at Notre Dame."

Just two weeks ago, the Irish fell to Miami in Coral Gables, 6-1.

"I think we were a little more prepared this time," Louderback said. [The last match against Miami] was a tough road trip. We were in here fast and went out fast. They basically took it to us so quickly in that match.

The Irish made sure they were mentally tough for Sunday's match.

"I think that we knew what to expect," Salas said. "Their fans were pretty obnoxious last time, so we knew we'd have to be ready for that. We got a chance to play in the heat."

"Even after our loss to Miami two weeks ago, I didn't count us out for the championship at all," Cunha said.

Cunha did not play over the weekend due to a decision by herself, Louderback and assistant coach Liz Balanis.

"I really had faith in them. I knew we could play so much better after that loss. I was confident coming in."

"We always know what it's like to come down to Miami."

"I was so proud of everyone," Cunha said. "I knew everyone could step up. Everyone stepped up in every position. Just to sit back there and watch them all step up and play so well and so fired up and so intense for so long. And not to mention a doubleheader. It was amazing."

"I'm sure we caught that Miami coach by surprise," Cunha said. "I don't think anyone was expecting much out of us. I'm sure they were thinking they had it in the bag, and they certainly didn't. We fought for it and it was just such a big victory, the best victory I've had in four years."

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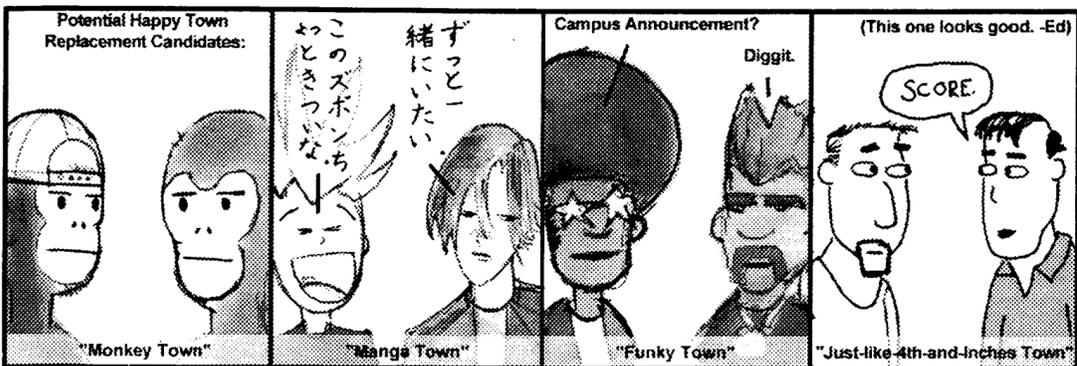
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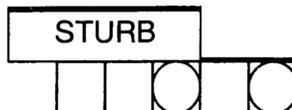


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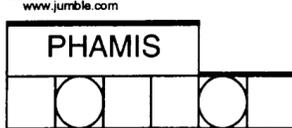
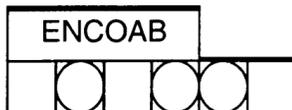
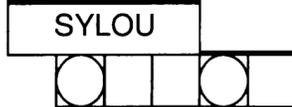
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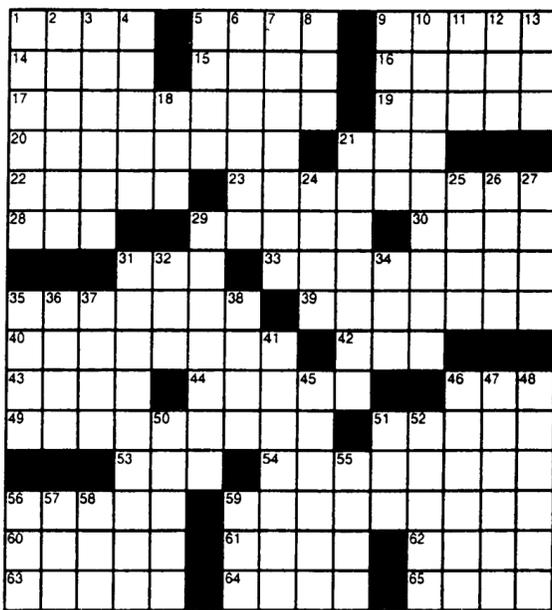
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ND/SMC TENNIS

ND women, Belles claim conference crowns

◆ ND women topple Miami to win Big East Championship

By JOE LINDSLEY
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CORAL GABLES, FLA.

In a weekend when the tennis courts were nearly as soggy as the nearby Everglades swampland, the Irish braved the storms of both Mother Nature and the Miami Hurricanes to come away with the Big East Championship in a tense upset victory. The 24th-ranked Irish defeated the 20th-ranked

Hurricanes 4-3 at Miami's home courts in a competition that culminated in a thrilling doubles contest between Notre Dame's Sarah Jane Connelly and Kristina Stastny and Miami's Igna deVilliers and Abby Smith.

The victory marked the fifth time the Irish have claimed the Big East title.

It was a weekend of unusual weather in Miami, but the tennis scene was nothing out of the ordinary for the Big East finals. Once again, Notre Dame and Miami were contenders in the title match that rewards the champion with an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, which begins in two weeks.

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◆ SMC Tennis wins MIAA Conference Championship

By LISA REIJULA
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To some, it might have seemed that the Saint Mary's tennis team had lost their footing on top of the MIAA conference standings this season. However, the Belles proved they are still a dominant force, winning the MIAA tournament April 25-26.

The Belles led the tournament the entire way, coming in first of eight

teams at Kalamazoo College. Saint Mary's tallied 85 points, followed by Albion (74), Kalamazoo (72), Hope (70), Calvin (59), Adrian (27.5), Alma (19) and Olivet (14.5).

In singles play, Saint Mary's players won three of the six championship matches. At No. 2 singles, freshman Kristen Palombo defeated Kara Hoorn of Kalamazoo in a 7-5, 6-2 contest. Kaitlin Cutler was victorious at No. 3 singles, beating Caitlin Kelly of Kalamazoo 6-4, 6-2.

At No. 4 singles, Saint Mary's junior Kris Spriggle earned a hard-fought win over Karen Dumas of

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NFL DRAFT

Irish have 7 players drafted

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Jeff Faine's parents saw the Cleveland Browns had chosen him with the 21st pick in the first round of the NFL Draft, they leapt off their seat in excitement.

Faine, meanwhile, calmly fielded a phone call from Browns coach Butch Davis and began preparing for a life in Cleveland.

The former Notre Dame center became the first Irish player taken in the first round since 1999 and has a good chance to challenge for a starting position on a team that started three different players at center a year ago.



"It's a great feeling to finally know where I'll be next year," Faine told the South Bend Tribune Saturday. "I am real excited to go there. I know they have a strong football tradition and the fans are fanatics."

But while Faine knew his fate on Saturday, six other teammates had to wait another day before they heard NFL teams call their name.

Three Notre Dame players were taken in the fifth round — offensive tackle Jordan Black (Kansas City), offensive guard Sean Mahan (Tampa Bay) and cornerback Shane Walton (St. Louis) — while three more were taken in the sixth round — safety Gerome Sapp (Baltimore), wide receiver Arnaz Battle (San Francisco) and offensive tackle Brennan Curtin (Green Bay).

Late Sunday, full-back Tom Lopienski signed with the Indianapolis Colts as a free-agent. Punter Joey Hildbold may also sign as a free-agent.

Faine's selection, however, was easily the biggest news for Notre Dame on draft day. It was the first time since 1999 — when the Giants took offensive lineman Luke Pettigout with the 19th

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FOOTBALL

Olsen's a hit at Blue-Gold



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Jared Clark makes a catch while avoiding cornerback Lionel Bolen in Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The crowd around Chris Olsen after Saturday's Blue-Gold game seemed nearly as big as the one the freshman quarterback had just left buzzing in Notre Dame Stadium.

Playing for the first time on a public stage since November 2001 and getting a lot of help from a defense intent on causing turnovers, Olsen engineered four of the five scoring drives — one for the Gold and three for the Blue — as the Blue team edged the Gold 17-14.

"I was a little nervous when I first got out there in the beginning, being my first time in that kind of a setting,"

said Olsen, who finished 11-of-25 passing for 146 yards and earned Offensive MVP honors. "It was the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of, but I felt midway through the first quarter, I got a lot more comfortable."

The 20,346 who filed into Notre Dame Stadium Saturday afternoon saw Carlyle Holiday take just five snaps — he handed off twice, got sacked twice and threw one 8-yard completion — before the coaches turned the reins over to Olsen and Pat Dillingham. And although the focus being on the two quarterbacks — both who are battling over the No. 2 quarterback spot — the coaches couldn't name a backup after the game.

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BOOKSTORE XXXII

RBC wins for 'regular guys'

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Friday, they beat No. 1 Adworks.

Saturday, it was No. 5 La-Z-Boy.

Sunday, they won it all against No. 2 NDToday.com.

Not a bad weekend for just "five regular guys."

No. 8 RBC scored eight of the final 10 points and upset No. 2 NDToday.com to win the 32nd Bookstore Basketball Tournament 21-18 Sunday afternoon.

In their upset of top-seed AdWorks Friday, John Barnes was injured and unable to play in this weekend's games. RBC went out and got Courtney Watson to be his replacement, and Watson was the defensive key in Sunday's second half.

"It feels good because we have just been five guys, with John before we picked up Courtney, playing together since freshman year," Dursi said. "We were seeded 13th and no one really gave us a chance, especially when we played AdWorks. We just know how to play with each other."

NDToday's Jim Kilroy scored six points in the first half, leading NDToday to a 11-8 halftime

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ROWING

Notre Dame 2nd at Big East Challenge

Despite winning three races, the Irish fell two points shy of Big East champion Syracuse Sunday.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame 3, 11, 6
Connecticut 2, 4, 3

The Irish claim a key Big East sweep, maintaining their lead in the conference with the three wins.

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SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 11
Boston College 0

Notre Dame 1, 6
Connecticut 2, 3

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame 13
Rutgers 6

Notre Dame 13
Northwestern 9

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MENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame 16
Harvard 11

Freshman Pat Walsh scored four goals and tallied four assists to lead the Irish over the Crimson.

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