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Dietary habits pose ongoing struggle

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Although the "freshman 15" is notorious for causing first-year college students across the nation to gain unwanted pounds, there may be other repercussions to the phenomenon

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that spur an unsafe hyperconsciousness of nutrition and exercise.

Freshman 15

Living in a college setting, combined with the pressures of managing demanding classes and the somewhat unlimited availability of food on campus, can often lead to quick weight gain during a student's first year at a university. Over time, freshmen may begin to see the effects of these factors in the form of "the freshman 15."

Notre Dame manager of nutrition and safety Jocie Antonelli said the root of the freshman 15 is hardly mysterious.

"It is generally easy to understand the causes," Antonelli said. "I think it boils down to three things — students eating late at night, alcohol consumption and excitement at the initial array of [food] options available."

Despite media attention given to the freshman 15 via outlets like Internet health

Web sites like WebMD.com, broadcast news channels like CNN and magazine publications like Newsweek, incoming freshmen may not worry about weight gain a great deal prior to arriving on campus.

"I think that people definitely know about the freshman 15 and most people hope not to gain an extra 15 pounds their freshman year, but I don't think it's one of the primary concerns for a new freshman," freshman Kimmy Tavarez said. Though students may not

show signs of apprehension before embarking on their first semester at college, the issue is brought to the forefront upon arrival to campus.

A Dec. 1 NDToday.com survey asked current students if they felt the effects of the freshman 15 — 45 percent of the responses were a "yes."

"The concept of the freshman 15 exists here just the same as it exists on every college campus," Antonelli said.

ND faces eating disorders

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

Notre Dame will be holding Eating Disorders Awareness Week in an attempt to create an environment more open to diversity and less focused on image. Valerie Staples, coordinator of Eating Disorder Services in the University Counseling Center, has been planning activities and exhibits in conjunction with "U B Well," a student-run wellness group, since October.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a national event from Feb. 27 to March 5. The dates, however, were shifted for Notre Dame due to spring break. In general, college students are particularly affected by eating disorders because college is a time of transition, which makes individuals more vulnerable, Staples said.

Despite its prevalence, people are hesitant to talk about disordered eating. Through

Weis scheduled to visit dorms



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Charlie Weis addresses a group of students on his first day of work Monday. The incoming coach will make a series of dorm visits to acquaint himself with the Notre Dame community.

By PAT LEONARD
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Charlie Weis spoke at 6 a.m. last Monday to 207 students, beginning his first full day on the job in the Joyce Center. Now, due to student initiative and compliance in the Notre Dame Athletic Office, the new Irish head football coach will make himself more visible on campus by visiting dormitories.

As part of an organized effort to have the new Irish head football coach acquaint himself with the Notre Dame community, Weis will visit campus dormitories from 10:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. each Monday through Thursday until he speaks to all of the brother and sister hall groups.

"This has been kind of a traditional thing around here," John Heisler, senior associate athletic director, said. "We certainly had a

lot of requests when Coach Willingham was hired."

Heisler said Willingham made appearances in various dormitories in the spring of 2002. Weis' visiting process, however, will be more organized.

This week, Weis already is scheduled to visit his first group of brother and sister dorms, including Stanford, Breen Phillips,

Alleged harasser caught

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame Security Police intends to file criminal charges against a man who allegedly sexually harassed a female staffer and a female student in separate on-campus incidents last week, NDSP director Rex Rakow said Sunday.

The man, a South Bend resident who is not affiliated with the University, was riding his bike near the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday when he approached the staffer from behind and grabbed her buttocks, Rakow said.

Rakow declined to release names of those involved.

The staffer, who is in her mid-twenties, called NDSP when she returned to her office, but the alleged suspect escaped, Rakow said.

The man repeated his actions the next day, allegedly harassing an off-campus female senior at approximately 11:15 a.m. near the Eck Tennis Pavilion, Rakow said. After the student called NDSP from her cell phone, nearby officers were able to apprehend the man and bring him in for questioning, when he admitted to both incidents, Rakow said.

The man was not arrested, Rakow said, because the alleged crime was not a felony and NDSP did not witness either incident. NDSP did issue a trespass warning against the man, which means he will be arrested immediately if he attempts to come on campus again, Rakow said.

The alleged suspect did not know either the staffer or the student, Rakow said, calling the man's actions a

Heininger announces General Board editors

Observer Staff Report

The Observer has hired department editors for all but one General Board position, incoming Editor in Chief Claire Heininger announced Sunday.

The appointments are effective March 14.

"Each person selected brings significant talent and experience to their respective positions," Heininger said. "I am confident the staff assembled will build on the tradition of excellence The Observer has established."

There will be a restructuring of leadership in the Assistant

Managing Editor role, Heininger said. Three people will hold the title of Assistant Managing Editor, with each focusing on her area of expertise.

Heather Van Hoegarden will serve as the Assistant Managing Editor for News and Advertising, overseeing a news department of approximately 30 people and supervising news and advertising content. Van Hoegarden, a junior from Pasquerilla West, is an accounting major and journalism minor from Burr Ridge, Ill. She served as The

Observer's Sports Editor since March 2004.

Sarah Vabulas will serve as the Assistant Managing Editor for Viewpoint and Systems, overseeing Viewpoint staff and content and supervising The Observer's technological equipment. Vabulas, a junior from Alpharetta, Ga., lives in Saint Mary's LeMans Hall and is majoring in communications and religious studies. Vabulas has served as The Observer's Viewpoint Editor since January 2004 after previously working as the Scene Editor.

Maureen Reynolds will serve

as the Assistant Managing Editor for Special Projects, overseeing the publications and events surrounding The Observer's 40th anniversary. Reynolds, a junior from Oak Lawn, Ill., lives in Pasquerilla West and is majoring in accounting and political science. Reynolds previously worked as an Associate Viewpoint Editor and an Associate News Editor.

Two positions are being filled by staff members who held them previously. Michael

INSIDE COLUMN

Everyman bowls

A champion's death came and went last week with paltry coverage and little fanfare. A native son of Indiana, Dick Weber (pronounced "webber") passed away at the age of 75.

Dick Weber was a bowler. Please don't stop reading, I promise this is going somewhere. I agree that "bowler" and "athlete" are not synonymous. Any competition which derives its competitive advantage from alcohol consumption (see billiards, beirut or golf), while making for one helluva game, should not qualify as a sport. But the distinction of "athlete" in no way removes the honor associated with successful gamesmanship in any of these contests. Thus, it is with the same deep respect that Weber should receive his due accord.

To say he was "a bowler" and not "the bowler" would be to do him an injustice. Weber's charisma and reign as one of the top bowlers in the 1960's turned him into one of the game's greatest ambassadors. One could argue that his legacy has kept the game's pulse from flat-lining in an age that craves and demands instant entertainment.

Granted, a few short weeks ago, my only reasons for knowing or caring about Weber's life and legacy would be to start conversation in a nursing home or to have a word that rhymes with "ebber" (as in "happily ebber after"). Perhaps it was his spirit that subconsciously infused itself in seven friends and me to join the Fun League at Beacon Bowl. I will admit that our methods of pre-gaming before the traditional Tuesday trek to Corby's are rather unconventional, but bowling has something else to offer. One of the main reasons my friends and I took up this increasingly addictive hobby was to spend the last semester of our senior year celebrating something unique to the Notre Dame experience: townies.

The best part is that the townies are about as diverse as you can get, and that is the legacy of Dick Weber. Outside of the bowling alley, Weber was just another Richard, an ordinary guy. He was not an extraordinary physical specimen by any means. The complete lack of "gifts" or "talent" required to participate draws a wide demographic to the lanes creating the perfect game for Everyman.

And Everyman comes out to bowl. As I have witnessed in a few short weeks in the league, bowling is the great equalizer. Nowhere else can the seventy-something old lady with the 12-inch forearm take out the 6-foot-5 alpha male without breaking a sweat. Even the most focused, upper-class student will drop a gutter ball when his peripheral vision catches the fat guy with the mullet whose low-slung jean shorts leave very little to the imagination.

I do not profess to be a "good bowler" by any stretch, and thanks to the legacy of Dick Weber, I don't have to be. Who knows, with any luck, by the end of the season I just might win back the \$40 that some twerp fifth grader hustled off me last week.







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Sports Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO FOR JUNIOR PARENTS WEEKEND?

					
Chris Wodicka	Colleen Key	James Vranish	John Furrey	Kevin Bradley	Krystal Hardy
freshman Siegfried	junior Breen-Phillips	junior Siegfried	sophomore Sorin	sophomore St. Edward's	sophomore Cavanaugh
"I took over the world."	"I watched my mom and his mom do a Chinese fire drill on Douglas Road."	"I threw snowballs at my girlfriend's parents."	"I saw 'Second City.' I miss my mommy."	"I slept through it."	"Blak koffee house."



Honey, the dog of Stanford Hall rector Father Tom Gaughan, patrols the halls of the dorm Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Mistakenly freed inmate returns to prison

CANTON, Ohio — An inmate released by mistake by jail officials in Ohio arranged his own way back to the prison in Colorado where he still has two more years to serve. He even called to say he was on his way.

Stark County jailers let Ricky Lee Claycomb go on Tuesday after he was acquitted of a rape charge he had been brought to Ohio from Colorado to face. Jail officials apparently never saw the paperwork to return him to the prison.

"We don't know exactly what happened," Sheriff Tim Swanson said.

Claycomb, 37, called his mother in Henderson, Colo.

"He told them at the jail that he was supposed to be taken back to Colorado," said his mother, Jill Claycomb. "He said they told him he was done in Canton and it was his problem to get back."

Coroner wins approval for shrink-wrap machine

OLYMPIA, Wash. — In the case of a natural disaster or terrorist attack, some emergency officials in Western Washington plan to be prepared — with a large, shrink wrap machine.

The Thurston County Coroner's Office recently won approval to purchase a machine able to shrink-wrap human remains. The process would make it easier to transport a large number of bodies.

After the bodies have been autopsied and identified, they would be zipped into body bags, placed on a plywood trays and covered with cardboard lids.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of Haiti Awareness Week, a dinner and lecture event, entitled "A Taste of the Caribbean: Eyes on Haiti," will be held today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. Father Tom Streit will be speaking.

Professor John Shinnars will give the lecture "The Da Vinci Code: Cracked or Crackpot?" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's. The talk is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Humanistic Studies Department.

A performance of "The Laramie Project" will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show, performed by the department of film, television and theatre students, is running until Mar. 3.

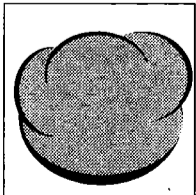
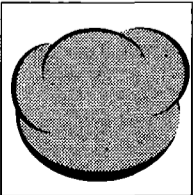
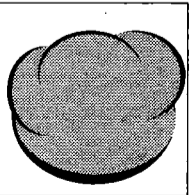
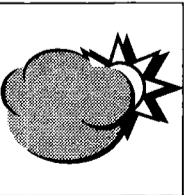
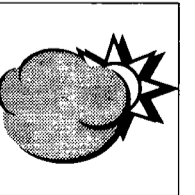
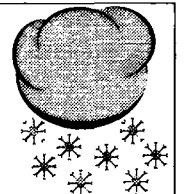
A blood drive will be held in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. To sign up for a convenient time, call RecSports at (574) 631-6100.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Jazz Combo will be performing at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. The event is free and sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Karen Richman will give the lecture "Haitian Vodou: Arts, Culture and Religion" at 3 p.m. Friday in the Snite Museum of Art.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					
HIGH 38 LOW 33	HIGH 26 LOW 21	HIGH 37 LOW 23	HIGH 30 LOW 18	HIGH 28 LOW 19	HIGH 32 LOW 22

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Variety of food choices offered

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

The latest Princeton Review rankings placed Notre Dame at No. 17 for best on-campus food, partly because of the variety in the two dining halls' feedback-based menu.

Notre Dame meals tend to be communal and social events. While engrossed in dinnertime conversation, students sometimes forget — or even disregard — the nutritional content of their chosen foods.

"We tend to be a market-driven organization, and as our students are asking for more nutritious foods we are ready and willing to provide them," director of Notre Dame Food Services David Prentkowski said.

The wide range of food options at the dining halls provides students with wholesome options, despite the availability of less than healthy foods such as French fries, pizza and Belgian waffles.

"We believe that our menus include a wide variety of food choices prepared by various cooking methods to provide variety for all types of eating patterns," Prentkowski said. "Ultimately the choice is up to the consumer — we can only make it available."

Many students praise the availability of diverse foods, which incorporate both healthy and unhealthy options.

"The dining hall is good about making nutritious food available," senior Amblyn Allen said.

"I am a vegan and I find that I am still able to find plenty of healthy things to eat in the dining hall."

At times, however, some foods are deceiving and thus make selecting the more healthful item a difficult choice. For example, a blueberry muffin served at South Dining Hall contains 540 calories and 25 grams of fat, whereas an iced chocolate cake donut has just 215 calories and 10 grams of fat, according to the Notre Dame Food Services Web site.

For the past five years, the Food Services Web site has provided a thorough database called the Nutritional Accounting System (NAS) to help students differentiate between healthy and unhealthy foods. The NAS, which contains the nutritional content of almost every item of food served in both North and South Dining Halls, sees "significant" student use, Prentkowski said.

According to the Food Services Web site, the NAS is currently being expanded to include all campus restaurants, including the Reckers, Waddick's and the Bookstore Café. Currently, these places do not supply nutritional information to their customers unless asked.

The proposed expansion will be useful to the more than 90 percent of all Notre Dame students on the Flex-14 meal plan, who are given 260 Flex Points to spend at campus eateries outside of the dining halls per semester.

According to Prentkowski, chain venues like Burger King, Sbarro, Subway and Starbucks,

in addition to the Huddle Mart and other non-retail food outlets, also present students with healthy and unhealthy meal options.

"One thing to consider is that the standard menus of Burger King, Sbarro and Subway are not necessarily unhealthy — all food has nutritional qualities," Prentkowski said. "It is more important to look at food consumption over a period of time, so it's okay to eat a Whopper now and then but balance it with less fat offerings too."

Notre Dame manager of nutrition and safety Jocie Antonelli said many stigmatized foods could have a place in a healthy diet as long as they are not eaten in excess.

"My philosophy has always been that no specific food is unhealthy and that any food as the potential to fit into a balanced diet, it just depends on the choices the person makes on a regular basis," Antonelli said.

Some food choices reflect the health-conscious nature of Notre Dame on the whole. Students frequently opt for a 6-inch turkey sandwich from Subway rather than a Double Whooper cheeseburger — 280 and 1060 calories, respectively, according to the restaurants' Web sites.

"When looking at our Huddle brand restaurants each of them have significant traffic, but Subway continues to serve more people each day than the others," Prentkowski said.

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Team places second at regional College Bowl

By KAREN LANGLEY
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Thanks to a troupe of Keenan men, Notre Dame's accomplishments in intercollegiate team competitions this past weekend were not limited to athletics.

Chris Hammer, Troy Androli, Derek Jay and Tommy Gleason traveled to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to compete in the ACUI Region 9 College Bowl Championships Friday and Saturday, placing second in a field of 11 teams from colleges throughout Indiana and Illinois.

First-place honors went to the University of Indiana, who answered best questions relating to topics such as history, science, current events, literature and art. Notre Dame finished 8-2 in the preliminary round and went 2-2 in the double-elimination playoff round, finishing runner-up and just ahead of Purdue.

The University of Indiana will travel to Seattle in late April for the College Bowl National Championships.

"We had been preparing for the tournament by practicing old questions, so we felt that we had a very good chance of doing well," Hammer said.

A College Bowl tournament consists of eight-minute halves with toss-up questions. The first team to buzz in gets to answer. Correct answers result in the chance to

answer a bonus question.

"Most people there were smart enough to know most of the material, so the big thing was having the intuition to get it early from little clues," said Gleason.

Hammer, Androli, Jay, Gleason and law student Tommy Curtin earned the right to represent Notre Dame at the regional tournament when they placed first in the campus wide team competition in January while competing under the name "Jack Pine Savages." Curtin did not attend the regional tournament in Indianapolis.

"Obviously I'm a little disappointed that we didn't win, but we lost to a team that was probably better than us," Androli said.

Both Hammer and Androli have College Bowl experience, being members of the regional tournament champion from two years ago. The two went on to compete in the national tournament that year, which was held in Philadelphia.

Although winning the regional tournament is the only sure way to secure a berth at nationals, regional winners account for only 15 of the 16 slots. The 16th team is selected at random from the 15 runner-up teams at the regional level.

"We might get lucky and go to nationals," Ray said. "We're hoping we can be that team."

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Awareness

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passive awareness, planners hope there will be more talk and less fear surrounding eating disorders on the Notre Dame campus.

Throughout the week, table tents will be set up in the dining hall to give messages encouraging healthy eating. In the Huddle, cup labels will have information about eating disorders with Internet addresses so students can gain more information if desired.

Fitness affirmations will cover up the calorie counters on cardio machines at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, so students ask themselves if they are exercising to burn calories or because it's a healthy thing to do, Staples said.

"In the Eye of the Culture," a three-dimensional art project, will be on display in the entryway of Rolfs. One of the messages of the display is to recognize beauty can be seen through many different filters, said Staples said.

The Gender Relations department is hosting a panel discussion about eating disorders and recovery from them Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. "Do I Look Fat in This?," a lecture given by Jessica Weiner, eating disorder activist and author of "A Very Hungry Girl," will take place Wednesday at 9 p.m. in DeBartolo 101. Weiner's lecture is considered the highlight of Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The film "Barbie Nation" will play on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 102.

According to Staples, involvement with the University Counseling Center can range from a single visit to comprehensive treatment.

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Weis

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Siegfried, Pasquerilla West, Keough, Welsh Family and tentatively Zahm and Cavanaugh.

Siegfried senator James Leito and Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni, who unsuccessfully ran for Student Body President and Vice-President this year, originally proposed the coach's visits as part of their campaign platform.

Heisler responded to an e-mail Tuesday to verify Weis' availability, Leito said.

"[Leito] had come to us and indicated a big picture interest in doing this," Heisler said. "So we've been communicating with him for the last week or ten days in terms of how to get this coordinated as best we could."

The first part of Leito and Bongiovanni's plan proposed Weis meet with students in dorms and not at a larger venue such as the Joyce Center.

"We thought this would be the best because it would be the most personal way for him to meet all the dorms," Leito said.

The second part of the plan guaranteed visits with an outlined schedule.

"Dorms usually take it upon themselves to invite the coach, have him come and talk like a regular academic speaker," Leito said. "But we knew that everybody was going to want [Weis] to come to their dorm, so we figured if we organized it from one central location, it would be a lot easier for the dorms and for the athletic department."

While Weis' campus talks begin Monday, Leito said he and his running mate originally planned to schedule the coach's visits closer to spring practice to gain support for the Blue/Gold game.

But athletic officials demanded a sooner date, as spring practice and other matters eventually will decrease the coach's availability.

"The good thing for [Weis] right now is that without his family being here on a regular basis, he's got a lot of time," Heisler said.

Leito and Bongiovanni will attend Tuesday's Hall President Council meeting to propose Weis' remaining schedule after this week's visits occur, Leito said.

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Editors

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Landsberg will remain Controller, a position he attained in January when he first joined The Observer. A sophomore economics major from Farmington Hills, Mich., Landsberg lives off-campus. Claire Kelley has been rehired as Photo Editor, a position she has held since May 2004. Kelley, a senior English and art history major from Columbus, Ohio who lives in Cavanaugh, will be staying at Notre Dame for a fifth year.

The six new General Board appointments are:
♦Mike Gilloon, Sports Editor

♦Megan O'Neil, Saint Mary's Editor

♦Rama Gottumukkala, Scene Editor

♦Graham Ebetsch,

Graphics Editor

♦Nicholas Guerrieri, Ad Sales Manager

♦Jennifer Kenning, Ad Design Manager

Gilloon, a sophomore from Stanford majoring in English and minoring in journalism, started working with The Observer during the fall semester of his freshman year. The Omaha, Neb. native previously covered Notre Dame volleyball, football recruiting and men's track.

O'Neil is a junior majoring in English literature and Spanish. Originally from La Crescenta, Calif., O'Neil lives in Holy Cross Hall and is currently working with the South Bend Tribune as an academic intern. She joined The Observer during the fall semester of her freshman year.

Gottumukkala, an O'Neill junior, is majoring in biology and film, television and theatre. The

League City, Texas native began writing for the Scene section during the fall of his freshman year and has served as an assistant scene editor since last year.

Ebetsch, a sophomore from Carroll, began working for The Observer during the fall of his freshman year. The graphic design major is a native of Wheaton, Ill.

Guerrieri, a St. Edward's Hall junior, is double majoring in marketing and film and television. The Canfield, Ohio native worked as a retail advertising intern at his hometown newspaper, the Youngstown Vindicator, last summer.

Kenning, a McGlinn Hall junior, is majoring in graphic design and minoring in journalism. The Principia, Mo. native joined The Observer staff during the fall of her sophomore year.

NDSP

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"crime of opportunity."

Both alleged victims are fully cooperating with NDSP's investigation, Rakow said, but he was unsure if they would participate in filing charges. NDSP expects to file within the week, Rakow said.

The man is described as approximately 30 years old but could appear to be student age, Rakow said. He is of normal build, weighing approximately 165-170 lbs., wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and white jacket and riding a blue women's mountain bike, Rakow said.

Rakow encouraged anyone with information about the suspect or who may have had a similar experience to contact NDSP.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Charting Israel's borders begins

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet began charting Israel's future borders in a historic session Sunday, giving final approval to a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and a revised route for the West Bank separation barrier that would move Israel's border closer to that of its original frontier.

With the vote, an Israeli government agreed for the first time since capturing the West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 Mideast war to dismantle some of the dozens of Jewish settlements it has built there.

However, approving the route of the barrier, Israel acted unilaterally on what was to be a key issue in peace talks with the Palestinians, and signaled it will keep a chunk of prime West Bank land close to Jerusalem, including two large Jewish settlement blocs.

Former presidents promise aid

LAMPUUK, Indonesia — Former presidents Bush and Clinton traveled Sunday to ground zero of tsunami devastation where they described the destruction as unimaginable and promised survivors who begged for shelter that more help would come.

On the second day of their relief mission to the region, the two former leaders flew in U.S. military helicopters from the provincial capital Banda Aceh over a barren landscape that was once a patchwork of rice paddies, to the village of Lampuuk, where the sole structure left standing is a large white mosque.

The village had 6,500 inhabitants before the Dec. 26 disaster. Only 700 remain.

"I've never seen anything like this in my entire life. Ever," Bush said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Actress Sandra Lee dead at age 63

LOS ANGELES — Actress Sandra Dee, the blond beauty who attracted a large teen audience in the 1960s with films such as "Gidget" and "Tammy and the Doctor" and had a headlined marriage to pop singer Bobby Darin, died Sunday. She was 63.

Dee died at 5:57 a.m. at the Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center in Thousand Oaks, said Cynthia Mead, nursing supervisor.

She died of complications from kidney disease after nearly two weeks in the hospital, said Steve Blauner, a longtime family friend who represents Darin's estate. Blauner said Dee had been on dialysis for about four years.

"She didn't have a bad bone in her body," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

CNN Headline News alters network

NEW YORK — For a network that has built its reputation on predictability, CNN Headline News is undergoing some dramatic changes on Monday.

The network will debut a new prime-time lineup that dispenses with its usual continuous "wheel" of news. Like all-news radio stations, Headline News has run half-hour newscasts throughout the day and evening for its entire 23-year history.

The new lineup includes an hour-long entertainment program, a legal talk show with Nancy Grace as host and an hour-long newscast at 9 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Meth devastating lives and families

VINCENNES — When Troy McClure hit bottom, he was living out of a barn with his wife and two children. He had lost his home, his business and many of his friends.

But he still had his meth cooker and was accomplished at manufacturing "poor man's cocaine."

"I used to work so hard at getting high," said McClure, who is now well into recovery after serving three years in a state prison for crimes related to his methamphetamine habit. "And I had nothing. I was losing everything."

BELGIUM

Bush aims to mend ties in Europe

Seeking to repair relations, Bush tells Europe 'no power on earth will ever divide us'

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — President Bush sought to repair rocky relations with Europe on Sunday, saying "no power on earth will ever divide us." He urged allies to move beyond differences over Iraq in the interest of Mideast peace.

"As past debates fade and great duties become clear, let us begin a new era of trans-Atlantic unity," Bush will say in a speech on Monday. Appealing for aid for Iraq, he urges the world's democracies "to give tangible political, economic and security assistance to the world's newest democracy."

Excerpts of his address were released on his arrival here.

Hoping to set a more conciliatory tone for his second term, Bush will meet over five days with some of his toughest critics: French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, both of whom fiercely opposed the U.S. led invasion.

Bush also will see Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has alarmed the West with Moscow's retreat from democracy.

Monday's speech, the main address of his trip, is a conciliatory message aimed at citizens across Europe, where Bush is widely disliked.

"Today, America and Europe face a moment of consequence and opportunity," the president will say. "Together we can once again set history on a hopeful course — away from poverty and despair and toward development and the dignity of self-rule ... away from resentment and violence and toward justice and the peaceful settlement of differences."

Bush's visit was intended to soothe allies frustrated that their views on issues from Iraq to global warming were often ignored by the White House. Bush said that the European-



President Bush and first lady Laura Bush leave the White House for a trip to Europe in attempt to strengthen ties with allies after sharp disagreements over the war in Iraq.

American alliance is essential for security and global trade and offers of model of freedom for the rest of the world.

"In all these ways, our strong friendship is essential to peace and prosperity across the globe — and no temporary debate, no passing disagreement of governments, no power on earth will ever divide us," Bush will say.

"Our greatest opportunity and our immediate goal is peace in the Middle East" the president will say.

An alliance of 88 environmental, human rights, peace and other groups planned two days of protests in Brussels, beginning Monday, to demand

"no European complicity" in a U.S.-designed world order.

Brussels police readied 2,500 officers — 1,000 more than the usual number for the three or four summit meetings that bring European Union leaders to the Belgian capital every year.

While seeking to move past old divisions, Bush and European leaders still face major differences.

Washington opposes Europe's plans to lift a 15-year-old arms embargo against China. Bush has been cool toward Europe's negotiations to persuade Iran to abandon its suspected nuclear weapons program. The White House

prefers asking the U.N. Nations Security Council to punish Tehran.

Hard feelings linger from Bush's opposition to the Kyoto climate change treaty and the International Criminal Court.

Bush expresses support for Europe's democratic unity in his speech and says Washington supports a strong Europe. He also says Washington shares Europe's concern about global poverty.

"By bringing progress and hope to nations in need, we can improve many lives, and lift up failing states and remove the causes and sanctuaries of terror," the president will say.

New effort to preserve Malcolm X legacy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — He was one of the most charismatic figures in the civil rights movement and also one of its most feared, a former convict who abandoned his "slavemaster name," energized the Nation of Islam and met a violent end at 39.

Four decades after his death, Malcolm X has inspired another movement — one aimed at re-examining and preserving his legacy.

Leading the way are Malcolm X's daughters, who want to convince people he was a champion of human rights and are converting

the Audubon Ballroom in upper Manhattan — the scene of his assassination on Feb. 21, 1965 — into a history center that would catalogue his life and work.

"It's our responsibility to make sure that we do preserve and document our history to empower future generations," said Ilyasah Shabazz, the third of six daughters born to Malcolm X and wife Betty Shabazz.

On Monday, the Audubon will be the site of a commemorative event on the anniversary of Malcolm X's death.

The official opening of the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Education Center at

the Audubon is slated for May 19, on what would have been his 80th birthday.

His life has defied easy definition. The son of a preacher who was killed after being threatened by the Ku Klux Klan, Malcolm Little was arrested for robbery in 1946 and spent six years in prison.

He emerged as a fiery Nation of Islam minister with a new name and a message that blacks should cast off white oppression "by any means necessary."

He propelled the Nation of Islam from a 500-member sect into a political and religious organization with 30,000 members by 1963.

Nutrition

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Freshman Regina Gesicki agrees that a freshman year weight gain is not exclusive to Notre Dame.

"I think the freshman 15 is an issue anywhere," Gesicki said. "Grappling with weight gain is almost inevitable when one is introduced to a completely new environment, routine or group of people."

But while weight gain is something that remains salient on the minds of freshmen, the majority of students do not allow it to consume their lives.

"Most people want to be healthy and in shape, especially when breaks roll around, but the freshman 15 doesn't seem to make most people really weight-obsessed as far as I can tell," Tavarez said.

Disordered eating

While social and educational pressures may subject some students to the freshman 15, others are able to adjust to the collegiate lifestyle and alter their nutrition and exercise regimes accordingly.

"ND is very health-conscious, however sometimes I feel students become obsessed with eating healthy and exercising," Gesicki said.

The Notre Dame community tends to embrace its athletic nature — 75 percent of this year's freshman class participated in a varsity athletic sport. Indeed, a much smaller proportion of these students continue playing at this level for Notre Dame. The displacement of an athletic source presents incoming freshman with a struggle to become more self-motivated in regards to diet and exercise.

"I was used to being forced to exercise because of sports in high school, and it's tough to make myself get out and run or something here, so I joined Bengal Bouts," freshman J.J. Rees said.

But to junior Ian Grant, the problem of athletic readjustment may have a serious health-related consequence.

"Some people get to college and stop being active; others manage to stay in shape," Grant said. "If anything, the only problem I could see would be overcompensation for a little weight gain, resulting in

compulsive exercising."

Grant, too, sees a danger in Notre Dame's pervasive athleticism.

"Compulsive exercising seems to be more of a problem than unhealthy eating," Grant said. "I don't think there are too many places one could find where a knife fight is more likely to break out over a elliptical machine than at a party."

According to Gesicki, the struggle of some students to evade the freshman 15 translates into a unhealthy fear of weight gain, which may lead to disordered eating habits.

Gesicki cited the competitive mindset of students as an underlying cause for eating disorders at Notre Dame.

"The population is a group of high-achieving, in-control students and I feel the pressure that comes from competing academically can definitely transfer into competing in the dining hall and at the gym," Gesicki said.

According to a 2004 study conducted by Students Against Destructive Decisions, up to 4 percent of all female college students nationwide suffer from eating disorders in the face of mounting pressures, like a developed phobia of weight gain. Consequently, the

University provides students with specialized resources to help counsel, assist and treat students who struggle with unhealthy eating patterns.

Notre Dame eating disorder specialist Valerie Staples provides individual and group counseling for these students.

"The goals of counseling are to assist a client to stabilize [his] eating patterns, confront fears about food and weight, challenge cognitions, develop a healthier body image and to explore underlying issues that drive [his] behaviors," Staples said. "These could include self



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

Students order pizza at North Dining Hall Thursday. Nutritional information for all dining hall food can be found on the Notre Dame Food Services Web site.

esteem, identity, relationships [and/or] expression of feelings."

University resources

In order to help students cope with the necessary nutritional adjustments of college life, the University provides a comprehensive network of tools and resources to assist students in making healthy choices regarding diet and exercise.

As part of the mandatory first-year physical education requirement, all freshmen are required to complete two rotations of Contemporary Topics for College Students.

The main goal of the course, as outlined by the physical education department's Web site, is "to aid the student in transition from high school to university life issues."

Although the course covers

material ranging from time management to substance abuse, the majority of class periods involve some form of instruction on healthy eating habits. In one sample schedule, this subject was covered in five of 18 meetings.

Among the topics taught in these nutrition-based sessions were determining appropriate portion size, establishing

healthy diet and exercise regimes and eluding eating disorders.

Students may also see Antonelli should their nutritional concerns go beyond those emphasized in the Physical Education requirement. Aside from maintaining nutritional programs, attending administrative meetings to address nutritional trends and ensuring food safety, Antonelli works closely with students to provide dietary insight.

"My daily schedule is usually driven by appointments with students, nutritionally analyzing an individual's dietary records and compiling suggestions to help them achieve their personal health goals," Antonelli said.

Antonelli is also available to lead customized talks for residence halls or campus groups on a variety of topics, including the freshman 15, vegetarianism and eating disorders, according to the Notre Dame Food Services Web site.

Keeping campus healthy

Between mandatory health courses, nutritional information made available by food services and diet and eating disorder counselors on-hand, the University has mounted a multi-faceted defense against poor eating habits which has proven sufficient for some students.

"Contemporary Topics is really helpful in learning what

you need to stay healthy and be able to exercise regularly," freshman Anita Lyons said. "I haven't really had any experience with the dieticians but I think that the enormous range of healthy options the dining hall offers allow everyone to eat well no matter what they like."

Others, however, think the University can do more.

"I think the University should sponsor some speakers or expand educational programs like Contemporary Topics to deal more with disordered eating and make people understand that it is not healthy," Gesicki said.

To help reinforce concepts of healthy eating habits and call attention to the issue of disordered eating, student government is sponsoring a series of events that span throughout this week.

Jessica Weiner, author of the book "Hungry Girl," will speak Wednesday and discuss how she has helped thousands of people cope with issues of self-esteem that have the potential to spur eating disorders.

According to Grant, no matter how many tools and resources are provided, the day-to-day responsibility of nutrition will ultimately remain in the hands of the students.

"People will eat what they want," Grant said. "If we don't know by now what's generally good and what's generally bad for us, then we have other problems."

"I feel students become obsessed with eating healthy and exercising."

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IN BRIEF

Jury rules against Medtronic

MINNEAPOLIS — A Delaware jury ruled on Friday that some Medtronic stents violate a Guidant patent.

Fridley-based Medtronic, Inc., said the jury found that some of its stents, including the S7 and Driver stents, violate patents held by the ACS subsidiary of Guidant Corp., based in Indianapolis.

Medtronic still claims that the patents are unenforceable and said a hearing on that issue is upcoming in U.S. District Court in Delaware. Medtronic said a date has not been set.

Medtronic said the jury verdict does not preclude it from selling coronary stents in the United States and has no jurisdiction on its overseas stent sales.

It also said the verdict would have no "immediate impact" on its Endeavor drug-coated stent outside the United States. Endeavor is awaiting European approval.

A Guidant spokesman did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

On the New York Stock Exchange, Medtronic shares dropped 26 cents to close at \$56, and Guidant shares rose 8 cents to close at \$73.18.

Former Qwest executive indicted

DENVER — Federal prosecutors on Friday accused a former Qwest Communications International executive of illegally collecting \$2.9 million by secretly cashing in on investment opportunities at the expense of the company and its shareholders.

The indictment also said former senior vice president Marc B. Weisberg kept Qwest from offering others a chance to invest in initial public offerings and concealed the extent of his personal investments.

Weisberg, 47, surrendered to the FBI later Friday and was escorted to court in handcuffs. He was released on \$1 million bond and had no comment for reporters, but he said in a written statement that he believed he been "singularly targeted by the government."

"I look forward to clearing my good name when the facts of this case come out in court," he said.

He planned to enter a plea next week.

Calls for federal regulation grow

Data retailer scandals widen making half a million vulnerable to identity theft

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When word first emerged this week that scammers had illegally obtained detailed dossiers on 35,000 people by posing as legitimate customers of ChoicePoint Inc., the data-brokering company portrayed it as a relatively minor criminal case, limited to California.

But by week's end, it was shaping up to be a full-blown scandal with as many as a half million people nationwide potentially vulnerable to identity theft.

Outraged, attorneys general from 19 states, consumer advocates and security experts were all demanding federal oversight of a lightly regulated industry that gathers and sells personal data about nearly every adult American.

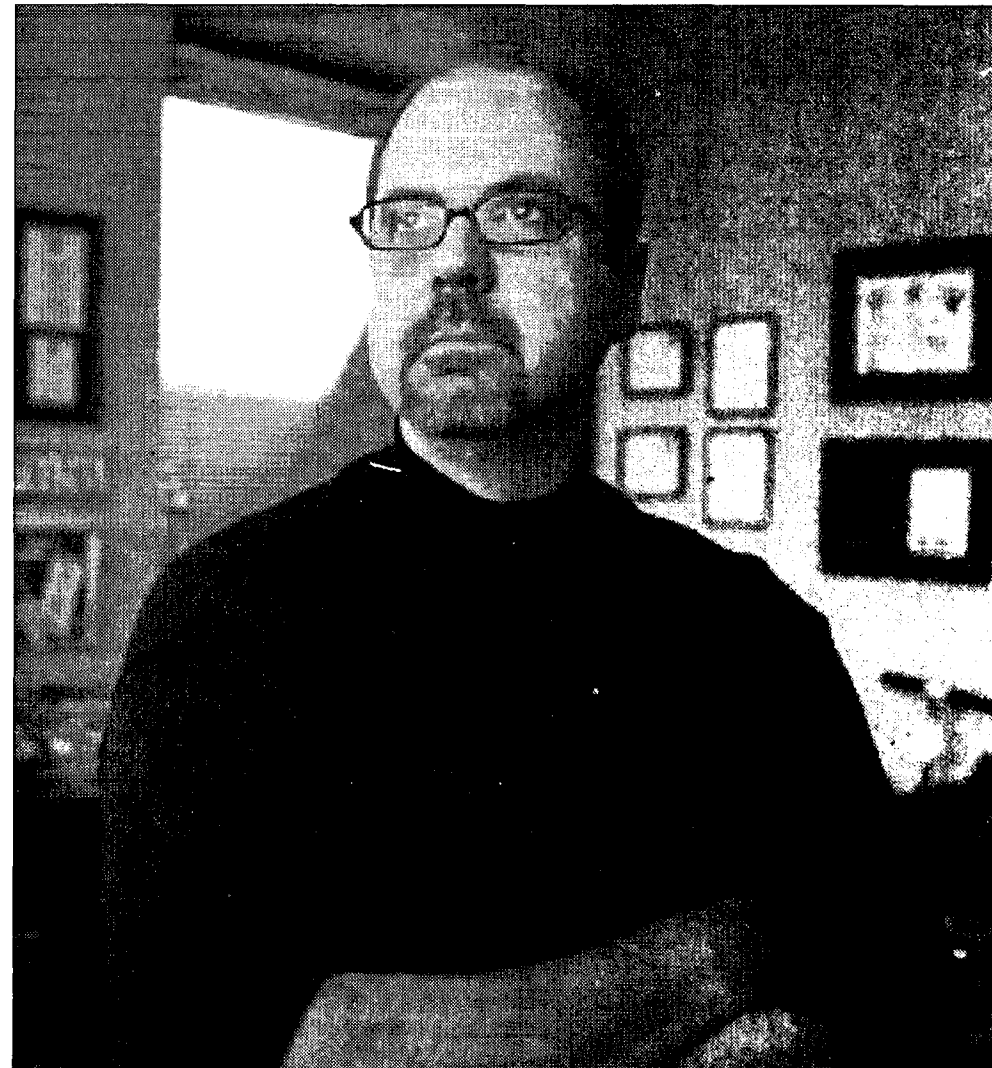
On Friday, the Los Angeles task force in charge of the criminal investigation confirmed that at least 700 people had their identities stolen during the year-long scam by still unknown con-artists who had signed up as clients of ChoicePoint.

The task force leader, sheriff's lieutenant Robert Costa, said the number of people vulnerable to identity theft in the case could reach 500,000.

That's a much higher number than the latest estimate acknowledged by ChoicePoint, which belatedly sent warning letters to a total of 145,000 people in various states after politicians across the country joined a growing demand for tighter federal regulations.

The volume of data compromised was so huge that deputies are almost certain that a 41-year-old Nigerian man sentenced Thursday to 16 months in jail in the scam did not act alone.

The man, Olatunji Oluwatosin, was arrested when ChoicePoint faxed him some paperwork at a Kinko's store in a sting



James Lee is the chief marketing officer and vice president of ChoicePoint Inc. ChoicePoint customers have recently been the victims of a nationwide identity theft.

operation.

He pleaded no contest and did not agree to help authorities in the probe.

"We were victimized by some extremely well organized criminals," ChoicePoint spokesman Chuck Jones said.

An Alpharetta, Ga.-based spinoff from the credit-reporting giant Equifax, ChoicePoint maintains databases that hold 19 billion Social Security numbers, credit and medical histories, motor vehicle registrations, job applications, lawsuits, criminal files, professional licenses and other pieces of sensitive information.

ChoicePoint also owns a DNA analysis lab, facilitates

drug testing for employers and sells background-checking software at Sam's Club.

But ChoicePoint and other privately owned aggregators of personal information operate with virtually no federal oversight, and critics say the companies haven't done enough to safeguard its information-rich databases.

"There's a serious problem that we as a nation don't seem to grasp — that the public is at risk whenever organizations collect massive amounts of information about us and they don't take extraordinary precautions to ensure that that information is protected," said Dr. Larry

Ponemon, who runs a research firm in Tucson, Ariz., dedicated to privacy management in business and government.

"People ought to be standing in lines protesting this."

Word of the identity theft case got out after ChoicePoint sent warning letters to people in California — the only state with a law requiring disclosure of such security breaches to people whose identities are threatened.

But ChoicePoint said it discovered the breach in October, when the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department began investigating one case of identity theft.

United targets fall bankruptcy exit

Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines has pushed back its targeted exit from bankruptcy from this summer until fall, ensuring that its complex restructuring will now last close to three years — twice as long as anticipated.

The latest delay was formally acknowledged Friday when a U.S. bankruptcy court judge approved an agreement between United and its lenders that extends its temporary financing by three months until Sept. 30.

The new loan from J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Citigroup Inc., CIT Group Inc. and GE Capital eases

some terms for UAL Corp.'s United, including reducing interest rates, waiving the January monthly earnings benchmark that it missed and lowering its minimum cash requirement to \$600 million from \$750 million.

The improved terms represent a vote of confidence for United even though it continues to be unprofitable after 26 months in bankruptcy, reporting a widened fourth-quarter loss of \$664 million and a \$1.6 billion deficit for 2004.

"The changes to the financing agreement reflect our belief that United has made significant progress to date in lowering its costs and executing on its business plan," said Bill

Repko, managing director at J.P. Morgan Chase.

But United still is confronted with daunting challenges in order to emerge from Chapter 11, which it entered in December 2002 with expectations of an 18-month restructuring.

The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based carrier has so far been unable to get two of its biggest unions to agree to long-term, lower-cost contracts and risks labor turmoil if it has its own terms imposed in court. The ground workers' contract expires on April 11 and the mechanics' on May 31.

A May 11 trial looms on its plan to eliminate traditional pensions unless consensual deals are worked out.

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John Galt is victorious again

Either you get the title's reference or you don't. To those asking themselves, "Who is John Galt?" you're already on the right track. Rather than keeping everyone in suspense or losing casual readers, I'll explain — John Galt is the mystery figure of Ayn Rand's culminating work "Atlas Shrugged," which offers a fictional account of Western society's downfall at the hands of looters (government regulators, free riders, university professors) who persecute the truly accomplished producers (a few dozen rogue capitalists whose unhindered profit motive is mankind's last hope for redemption).

Rand's philosophical school of "Objectivism," a form of romantic libertarianism, is driven by the four notions of freedom, achievement, individualism and reason. In the appendix of "Atlas Shrugged," Rand champions "the concept of man as a heroic being, with his own happiness as the moral purpose of his life, with productive achievement as his noblest activity, and reason as his only absolute."

Critics often regard Rand's axiomatic rejection of the welfare state as merely reactionary and devoid of scholarly concern, though a joint survey by the Library of Congress and the Book of the Month Club found "Atlas Shrugged" the "second most influential book for Americans today" after the Bible. Granted, Hillary Clinton's "Living History" was not yet published at the time of the survey.

Today, Rand would likely feel alienated from both major political parties, as Democrats advocate stiffer punishments for the most productive and Republicans promise the era of big government is, well ... hopefully on its last leg. Nevertheless, one recent bill to pass both the House and Senate would give Rand's fictional heroes Howard Roark, Dagny Taggart and John Galt reason to celebrate.

The Class Action Fairness Act, signed by President George W. Bush on Friday, strikes a devastating blow to the mass litigation industry, whose success hinges on the ability of trial lawyers to force big busi-

ness into enormous settlements. Manhattan Institute scholar Walter Olsen explains when lawyers search for jackpot cases, such as the \$246 billion tobacco settlement, the established rule of law stands as only a minor nuisance for the few lawyers who profit from massive redistributions of wealth.

The previously unbounded success of the class action industry has been fueled by the ability of lawyers to file lawsuits in virtually any state court, many serving as magnets that invariably favor the plaintiff. Such assured losses for business force settlements to the tune of millions or billions of dollars, regardless of each case's individual merit. A number of claims eventually turn out to be based on junk science or fabricated damages, such as Sen. John Edwards' later disproved claim that doctors cause cerebral palsy by waiting too long to perform caesarean sections. When the cost of defending themselves against faulty claims is high and the chances of winning so low, businesses settle early to avoid incurring even greater losses.

The new bill will divert the largest, multi-state class actions from state courts to the federal level, where judges typically display greater impartiality and less knee-jerk anti-business populism. Presumably, the class action engine will decelerate, at least until trial lawyers discover a more efficient means of siphoning off hefty fees that often leave individual class members with miniscule settlements. In the instance of one consumer class action suit, *Martinez v. Allstate/Sendejo v. Farmers*, the average cash payment to each plaintiff was \$5.75, while the class counsel received over \$11 million in fees.

The matter of attorney compensation rates remains to be addressed through legislation, but the climate for small busi-

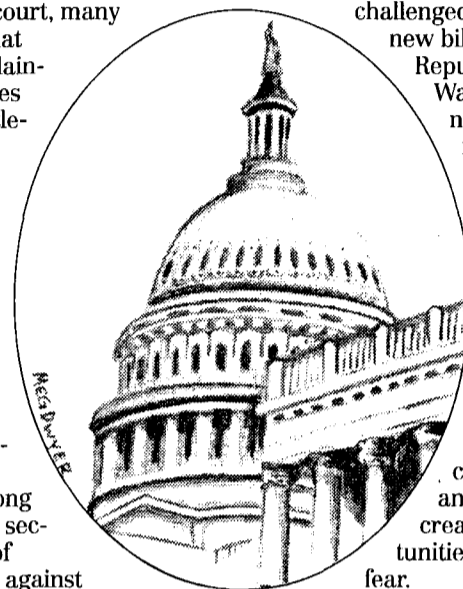
nesses dreaming to be large and large businesses hoping to continue their success has vastly improved. Class actions serve the important purpose of curbing the dangerous and damaging behavior of consumer-good producers, financial firms and medical practitioners, but allowing lawyers free rein to pick and choose sympathetic juries or judges to overcorrect for whatever maladies these firms may cause.

Massachusetts Rep. Edward Markey challenged the rationale of the new bill, claiming that "today, Republican leaders in Washington have issued a new challenge — 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country club.'" While the class warfare mantra is old news for Democrat critics of big business, Markey fails to acknowledge the bill merely shifts the benefit from the country club's JDs to its MBAs, and allows the latter to create employment opportunities without a climate of fear.

Ayn Rand envisioned a future when regulatory hurdles would grow to such heights as to discourage the truly productive from even competing in a marketplace that punishes innovation and ability. Her capitalist utopia (an oxymoron to some) may never bear fruition, but the spirit of objectivism can claim one minor victory this week. Rand's "Fountainhead" hero Howard Roark ultimately defends himself and his accomplishments before an unsympathetic court; the Class Action Fairness Act may allow lesser Howard Roarks and John Galts to avoid the courts entirely.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate alternate ways to be pro-life

While reading Courtney Tawresey's Feb. 16 derisive consideration of the Vagina Monologues, I wondered if she had seen the performance. I wondered if, as a woman, she had ever been objectified, ever been abused, ever been belittled or disregarded. I respect her clear anti-abortion stance, but I question whether she is truly pro-life. She states if Notre Dame continues to permit the annual performance of the Vagina Monologues, it will lose its Catholic identity — the very thing that makes it special and unique in this world. She believes this would be a great loss. I disagree with her fear that this University will suffer. Those who suffer are the countless women who have been victimized by society — the literally faceless women, the women (and children and men) trampled by wars and unrest and virtually ignored by those with the power to help. They are the victims of a

"great loss." They have each lost life due to the systematic discard of their human dignity. It is so much easier to focus on abortion as the only, or at least most important, pro-life issue. It is much harder to accept the harsh reality that there are millions of lives in this world which a poster of a bible verse in front of a dining hall cannot save. I wholeheartedly believe Notre Dame needs the Vagina Monologues and needs Eve Ensler to speak. If I have ever seen a pro-life demonstration, it is the Vagina Monologues — a celebration of life and a call to respect it.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The years teach much which the days never knew."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
author

Challenge militarized society

The role of the university within society — if nothing else — is to raise questions. As such, the trademark of a quality university education is a student who is capable of both seeing and challenging the structures and assumptions of our world. Scholars from Aristotle to

Michael Poffenberger

Say Why Not

Huntington have had ideas about human nature and the ordering of our social reality, and have juxtaposed those ideas with their respective contexts to provide prescriptions for change.

This mandate holds especially true for a Catholic University such as Notre Dame, which is — at least, in theory — ordained with a mission to spread the counter-cultural values of the Gospels. But this responsibility of the university is being sacrificed by its unwillingness to boldly challenge the most rooted evils in our world. The clearest example of this is Notre Dame's support for the institution of the military.

Even though the Catechism endorses only two approaches to violent conflict (the just war and pacifist traditions), neither of which is followed in our country, the connections between Notre Dame and the military remain largely unquestioned. We are home to the largest Naval ROTC program in the United States. Our department of engineering receives millions of dollars to conduct research for the U.S. Department of Defense. The CIA and corporations such as Raytheon and Lockheed Martin, whose factories pump out the most heinous weapons of human history, are invited to recruit freely on campus. Through these actions, the University is not only sanctioning and reinforcing the centrality of unquestioned militarism in our society, but also sacrificing its integrity as a place of objective scholarship. Students with a vested interest in these institutions are not free to question them without sacrificing their own success as soldiers, corporate prospects or even Notre Dame students.

Rhetoric to justify these connections is based on lies. The United States military does not spread Catholic values around the world, and the "Catholic patriot" — while an inspiring concept — is a misleading moniker that is blinding us to reality. Our country has dropped bombs on 22 sovereign nations just since the conclusion of World War II, and either covertly or overtly invaded 46. We are the only country to have ever used an atomic bomb, the most extreme example of civilian nondiscrimination. We support terrorist regimes, such as Israel and Saudi Arabia. Our militarism extends to the marketplace, in which we are responsible for more than 50 percent of the global arms trade, fueling and profiting from violence everywhere in the world from civil wars in West Africa to turf wars in the Bronx. So much spin and con-

structed ideology has been invented to justify these realities that it has become difficult to hold one's head above water enough to see the needlessness of the resulting human suffering.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not a determinist, or anti-military or anti-American, whatever that means. But I'm calling the bluff. We are not pursuing a just global order. We are pursuing perceived self-interest. And unless the pursuit of self-interest and the preservation of a hegemonic global order at the expense of others is a Catholic value, then we should be witnessing against our militarized society in favor of true progress based on seeking peace and the common good. In contrast, continuing to build up our military only guarantees that we will continue to rely on it.

Historical confrontations over this reality on campus have been resisted by our administration. The 10 students who blocked the entrance to a recruitment presentation by Dow Chemical during the Vietnam War — the corporation responsible for producing the chemical weapons that have left many, including my own father, with Agent Orange cancer and worse — were expelled from the university. Similarly, a recent protest of Raytheon's presence at a career fair at Boston College left five students on academic probation. What would the response on our campus be like if we invited a corporation who produces abortion needles and instruments to recruit from our student body? Why are Catholic values being marginalized, and in pursuit of what?

We have a responsibility to engage these questions. Can Christians — or any people of good will — ever justify the taking up of arms? Is there a conflict of identity for American Catholics? Should the military be so embedded in our schools? And is the modern nation state an order we should be supporting?

America has an unprecedented degree of global influence. The entire global "self" has been refashioned in the image of our society. As such, ignoring the far-reaching consequences of our actions as a society and blinding ourselves to the suffering we have caused or in which we are complacent strips the humanity of not only the rest of the world but of ourselves as well. Thoughtless support for institutions that are dehumanizing — such as one whose purpose it is to be the most effective killing machine in the world — clearly violates the sanctity of human life and sells short our potential to craft a healthier social order.

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U-WIRE

Healthy shouldn't just be a fad

The race is on. The contestants toil furiously, gut-wrenchingly and, for the most part, in place and against their own bodies.

It's that time again, when

Valentine's chocolate has topped off our "winter coats," Spring Break is approaching and for these reasons, there is smoke billowing out of the cardio room at Huston Huffman Center.

Girls roll in little support groups and study magazines full of perfect bodies while they run a treadmill belt. Guys strain at a 45-degree angle with those iron, mannish hand cables. I have even witnessed a guy riding an elliptical one leg at a time.

The same fervor for bodily perfection is reflected in eating habits. For men, the goal is lean musculature. For women, it is to practically disappear. And so these days, the Oklahoma Memorial Union Sbarros, in all of its buttery, carb-laden goodness, languishes under warm lights while health-conscious Chick-fil-A causes a stampede next door.

But could this health enthusiasm ever have any real staying power? Sometimes it seems unless a pair of board shorts or a string bikini is terrorizing us, we are quite content to eat cookie dough for dinner (and by "we," I mean me).

The characteristically American all-or-nothing health approach may suffice for beach prep but beyond that offers little more than exercise burnout and killer cravings. Only three of 10 Americans exercise regularly and four of 10 get no exercise at all, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

If we would view our bodies as long-term investments rather than temporary displays, we would not only look better longer, but we would also live longer, healthier lives.

Regular exercise is a primary goal of the surgeon general's 2010 National Health Objectives. People who are couch potatoes are a lot more prone to high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, obe-

sity, osteoporosis, colon cancer, breast cancer and depression.

The top three causes of death in America are all directly linked to obesity-heart disease, type two diabetes and cancer, and two-thirds of us are medically obese. What is sad is that rather than see obesity for the health risk that it is, our feel-good society tends to shift the blame away from the individual and onto genetics.

This leads me back to the spring break overhaul. Why reserve healthy choices and an exercise regimen for special occasions? Your body is yours for life. Furthermore, it's a heck of a lot easier to look good and function well when you are healthy. Consider the following:

Blueberries are the second most anti-oxidant-rich food there is, which can help slow the signs of aging by blocking free radicals from damaging your cells.

Consuming three-fourth servings of a low-fat dairy product every day speeds up weight loss.

Bananas will help prevent sore muscles after pounding the treadmill and weights due to their potassium.

The omega-3 fatty acids in salmon have been proven to combat depression and heart disease.

Eating fiber (found in fruits, vegetables and whole grain) is filling, which helps prevent overeating. Fiber also combats heart disease.

Eating spinach improves your memory.

Green tea accelerates the metabolism and is also rich in anti-oxidants.

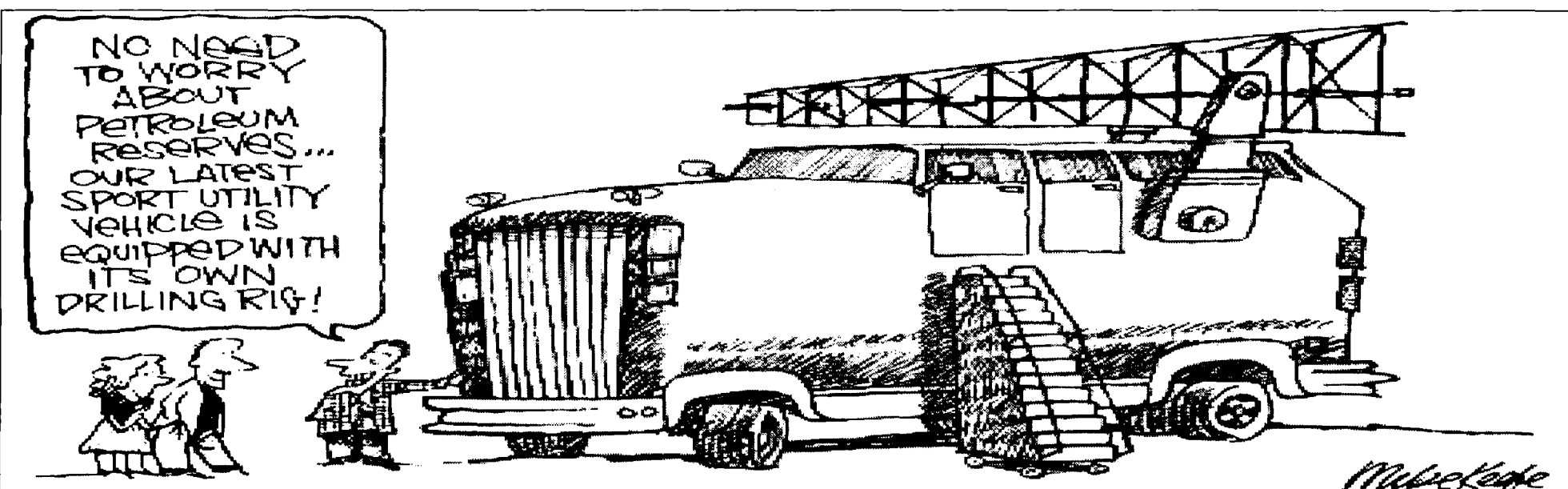
Ninety percent of people would lose more weight if they would just get more sleep, as metabolism rate increases when one is well-rested.

And if it helps, think of it like I do. She who naps often runs much and can afford to eat lots of cookie dough.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



THEATER REVIEW

'Laramie' addresses hate crimes

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Taking a step inside Laramie, Wyo. in real life isn't something you'll necessarily remember. The town, which claims a population of just over 27,000, might seem like just another stopping point in the long trip across the plains of Wyoming.

Taking a step inside "The Laramie Project", though, is certainly unforgettable.

The play, written by Moisés Kaufman, focuses on the aftermath of the murder of Matthew Shepherd, a 21-year-old homosexual student killed by two young Laramie residents in 1998. The murder was one of the most brutal anti-gay hate crimes to come to light in the United States, and it became a national symbol of intolerance.

"The Laramie Project" explores the thoughts and feelings of Laramie residents, showing a picture of a town trying to cope with a hideously shocking incident and the sudden dark fame that came with it.

Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project traveled to Laramie to conduct over 200 interviews that were incorporated into the play. The final version contains statements from newscasters, policemen, Shepherd's friends and family and other people more or less connected with Shepherd and the community of Laramie.

The result is a play that makes a coherent whole out of a series of seemingly isolated speeches. The characters mostly address the audience and rarely each other, which makes the individual voices in the monologues often seem isolated and confused.

However, the actors who perform the monologues drift in and out of a chorus that is the overwhelming voice of the play. The community of Laramie as a whole, represented by the entire cast, expresses incomprehensible pain and anger through its attempt to understand how it could have bred the perpetrators of such a crime and how it can deal with these alienated members of its own family. The script requires little explicit interaction between characters, but as a result it requires exact coordination of the movements of the chorus and the stage and lighting cues.

"Everyone is sort of dependent on each other," said Louis Jordan, a local actor who auditioned for the play on the recommendation of a Notre Dame professor. "The energies are so interconnected that

it's almost like we are relating to each other."

Director Anton Juan, a professor in the department of film, television and theater, began work on the play three days after starting his job at Notre Dame in January. Juan only had five weeks to work with the cast members but was impressed by their ability to work so closely together.

"It's rare to find that with pick up actors," Juan said. "I think they could become a company now."

"The Laramie Project" may focus on the death of a young homosexual, but the performance by the department of film, television and theater emphasizes the theme of general hate crimes that runs through it. The murder of Shepherd is a symbol of a variety of hate crimes that are either explicit or implied throughout the show.

The music behind the action onstage emphasizes the way the incident ties into larger themes of hate and humanity. Francisco Feliciano's Misa Mysterium and Mozart's Requiem, among other pieces, serve as a universal backdrop for a comparatively small incident.

The set design oddly seems to reflect the state in which the play is set. Skeletal trees, fences and plain boxes can be seen as colorful and complex or incredibly stark depending on the lighting and the mood. The feeling might be familiar to the grasslands, fences and open sky that dominate much of Wyoming. The versatility allows many scenes to blend together in the same space.

The costumes also help the chorus blend together, as silver or black pants and shirts are dressed



This scene from "The Laramie Project" depicts a group of protesters, led by the Reverend, at Matthew Shepherd's funeral.

up when the actors move into different roles. Set and costumes both make use of eye-catching materials that seem to abstract the actors from the words that they speak.

"I think gauze works with memory," Juan said. "It's lined, it reminds you of what is inside. It's very cocoon-like, and wind-like at the same time."

The performance unquestionably benefits from the facilities in the Decio Mainstage Theater, which allow for better effects than were ever possible in Washington Hall. The trapped stage allows for a beautiful moment when a bigoted preacher emerges onto the stage from glowing red light underneath. He is greeted by a movement of the Requiem that is highly reminiscent of Mozart's Don Giovanni, an opera in which the devil descends into hell instead of climbing out of it.

"The Laramie Project," like much of the art which has recently been drawing attention, risks moving into a controversial sphere by addressing the issue of homosexuality. A scene in which a male character appears dressed like a dominatrix sporting the Nazi insignia might raise hackles, but it also provides a striking statement that would be difficult to achieve through subtler means.

"It serves a couple of different purposes," said Jordan, who performs the scene in the FTT per-

formance. Nazism, it suggests, is a taproot of this country and looks like it's going to be there for a long time.

In general, the place is a particularly good one for a lot of moral ambiguity, just as it is for a lot of moral clarity.

Parts of the scene by some audience members are fascinating, but the levels of hate crimes are not as high as they should be.

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Left, "The Laramie Project" depicts an emergency room after a bar fight. Right, a surgeon explains to audience members Matthew Shepherd's condition after he arrived at the hospital following his murder, while also addressing the overall theme of hate crimes.



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Fred Phelps, holding signs at Matthew

"It's a parody of the whole idea of making Nazis into fools. It also juxtaposes a high emotional scene before it. There's a point to take you out of that emotion and put it from more of a distance."

al, the play benefits from the effort to take a broad picture and not focus on the political issue involved.

ing I'm glad Anton has done is to make it about hate crime than about homosexuality. Maired Case said.

"The Laramie Project," especially the chorus, might become too abstract for some members. But the play is certainly engaging and provides food for thought on multiple levels. In the tradition of plays that examine the human condition and the mentality that surrounds the "Laramie Project" certainly achieves a great deal.

"The Laramie Project" will be performed Tuesday through Sunday and March 1 through March 3 at the Artole Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$10 for seniors, faculty and \$12 for the general public.

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the hospital. The performance focuses on

Boss tribute band rocks Club 23



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Members of The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be include Mike McNamara, left, Dan Block, middle and Megan Rackish.

By CLAIRE KELLEY
Scene Writer

After drawing a massive crowd earlier this month at Legends, the Bruce Springsteen tribute band, otherwise known as The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be, played for an equally enthusiastic and energetic audience Saturday at Club 23.

It was not difficult to see why the band draws such devoted fans. Each band member played with incredible passion — from the talented lead vocalist to the animated percussion duo. The band's dynamic demonstrated its devotion to the Boss and created an environment that made dancing easy.

The band formed last fall with original members Paul Appleby, Reid Rector and Dan Block. However, it has recently expanded to a nine-piece band with a wide range of instruments. The band consists of Appleby on keyboard and lead vocals, Mark Coughlan on saxophone, Rector on guitar, Erling Wu-Bower on drums, Greg Ujda on bass, Megan Rackish on violin, Michael McNamara on tambourine and backup vocals, Block on maracas and backup vocals and Dan Watson on trumpet.

The founding members of The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be paused to answer a few questions in between sets Saturday. Thoroughly engrossed in their performance, these band members seemed to walk a contentious line between their true selves and their alter egos.

Q: Why do you love Bruce Springsteen?

A: Paul: Because he is the most significant recording artist in the last 76 years.

Mark: I'm the Clarence Clemmons he thought he had to be.

Q: Why are you named "The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be?"

A: Paul: It's a line from the song "Backstreets."

Reid: But we don't actually play that song.

Paul: Shh ... don't say that. We're working on it.

Q: What sort of musical backgrounds do you have?

A: Dan: We have a limited amount of talent, particularly the backup vocalists.

Reid: But Paul is amazing. He is probably the number one tenor in the school. He is a music major, and he'll be appearing in the Opera Les Mamelles de tirese.

Q: What challenges has your band faced?

A: Reid: We've had some technical difficulties. Our equipment is cheap because we're poor.

Mark: Also some academic difficulties.

Paul: We had some trouble at Legends with the sound system. Our favorite place we played was Boat Club.

Q: You seem to play the lesser-known Springsteen songs. Why don't you play the really popular hits?

A: Paul: Most of them are swill. We don't go by the charts...

Dan: ... we go by what gets us in the heart.

Q: Do you identify with Springsteen's working class New Jersey background that inspired so many of his songs?

A: Reid: I think most of us in the band share many of his political views, and we support the ideals that have driven his music.

Q: What do you do to get ready to play the tambourine and maracas?

A: Mike: I do some wrist and grip exercises. I practice tapping my toes. You just really need quick wrist action.

Q: Which Springsteen album is your favorite and why?

A: Reid: I don't think we can decide that as a group. I think the best is Born to Run.

Paul: I'd say Tunnel of Love.

Q: Were you born to run?

A: Mark: I have bad hips actually.

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Left, Reid Rector and Greg Ujda play at Club 23. Right, Paul Appleby and Mark Coughlan perform Springsteen songs.

HOCKEY

Michigan's potent offense scores at will against Irish

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

FORT WAYNE — Not even a change of venue could change Notre Dame's lack of success this brutal season.

Notre Dame dropped a 9-2 contest against the sixth-ranked Wolverines Friday at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, then followed up that loss with a 6-3 defeat against Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday.

With the losses, the Irish have now failed to win a game in their last 15 contests (they are 0-13-2 over those games).

Friday, early Michigan goals in the first two periods doomed the Irish. Notre Dame allowed the first goal of the game just a minute into the first period, and then allowed Michigan a goal on the first shift of the second period — just nine seconds into the frame — with the score 3-1 in favor of the Wolverines before that quick goal.

"Both of those goals were essentially goals where you have to have control of the puck," Irish coach Dave Poulin said Friday night. "On one we had two chances to clear the puck, and then the other was basically right off the initial face off in the second period, so those were probably the two most-damaging goals of the game."

A crowd of 7,948 fans came to see the Irish and Wolverines in

Fort Wayne, with the cheering sections seemingly even at the start. But as the game went on, the Michigan fans started to dominate the crowd noise, and for good reason.

Michigan displayed its offensive talent early in the game, with freshman forward Kevin Porter making a nifty one-on-one move to get to the front of the net and wrist a shot past Cey just a minute into the game.

A little more than three minutes later, Michigan increased its lead to two goals on a power play with Matt Hunwick, Brandon Rogers and Milan Gajic making a nifty tic-tac-toe passing play that left Gajic with a wide-open net.

The Irish would answer back three minutes later on another Michigan power play, Notre Dame's second shorthanded goal of the season.

Jason Paige won the face-off in the Michigan zone back to T.J. Jindra. Jindra then gave the puck right back to Paige, who skated in toward Montoya. Montoya made the initial stop, but Paige continued with the puck and managed to slide it over the line before the Michigan defense could get back.

Any good Irish vibes would be ruined by a defensive breakdown at the 13:16 mark. On another Michigan power play, Jeff Tambellini received a pass near the blue line, and three Irish players went for the puck.

Tambellini then made a simple pass down low to Chad Kolarik, who was stationed wide-open near the left-post and didn't miss from about 3 feet.

Despite the defensive breakdown, Notre Dame continued to press in the first period, and almost got another goal on a 2-on-1 late but Montoya was able to snuff it out. The early goal in the second period killed any hopes of a comeback for the Irish.

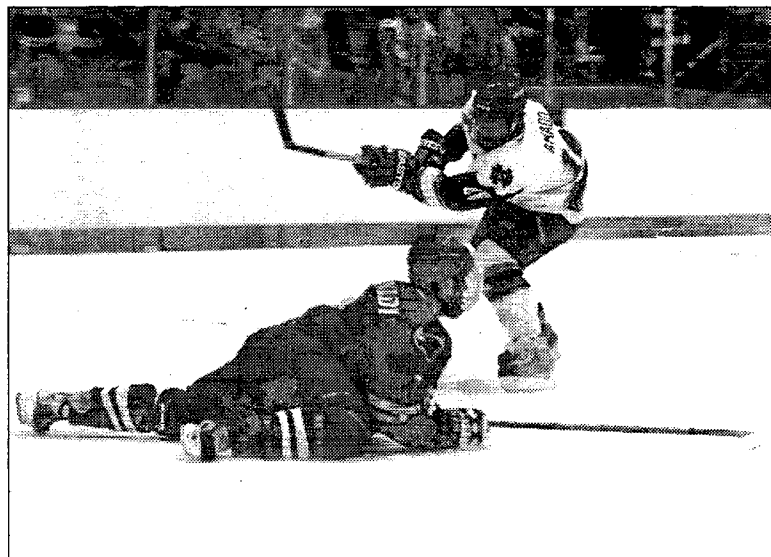
"You can't give up one in the opening shift. That's a face-off play, and you just can't let that happen," Poulin said.

Michigan's Andrew Ebbett skated down the near-side boards, and made a perfect cross ice pass to Eric Nystrom near the left post, who wristed a shot past Cey before the goalie could move. Ebbett would score a goal of his own later in the period, and Notre Dame's Matt Amado answered to make the game 5-2, but that was as close as the Irish would get.

Goals in the third period by Michael Woodford, T. J. Hensick (two) and Kolarik closed out the Michigan scoring.

The Irish were much more competitive on Saturday, only down 3-2 going into the third period. But as has happened so often this season for the Irish, Notre Dame was outscored 3-1 in the final frame.

Notre Dame's David Brown got the start in goal, making 32 saves in the loss. Montoya had



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Irish forward Matt Amado shoots the puck against Nebraska Omaha Feb. 5. Amado had two goals this weekend against Michigan.

an easy night, making 11 saves on 14 shots.

Porter and Tambellini scored in the first period to give the Wolverines a lead after 20 minutes of play, but the Irish retaliated with just 33 seconds into the second period on a goal by Jindra.

David Moss answered for Michigan at the 14:37 mark of the period, but Notre Dame bounced right back with a goal by freshman Victor Oreskovich. It was the first goal of the season for the highly-touted forward, who was drafted by the Colorado Avalanche in the second round of last year's NHL draft.

Michigan took over in the third period, with Ebbett and Tambellini scoring goals to make the game 5-2 before Amado knocked home a late tally for the Irish. Moss scored an empty-net goal to seal the win for the Wolverines, who will more than likely face Notre Dame again in the first round of the CCHA playoffs in Ann Arbor.

The Irish are off this weekend, then close out their regular season with a home-and-home series against Michigan State March 4-5.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Team finishes 2nd at Big East for 3rd straight year

By RYAN KIEFER
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A disappointing trend continued for Notre Dame this weekend at the Big East Indoor Championships, as the Irish finished in second place for the third straight year.

With defending conference champion Miami moving to the ACC, the Irish figured to be in prime position to ascend to the top spot this year.

This was not to be, however, as the Irish were beaten by a deeper, well-rounded Pittsburgh team. Notre Dame finished with 140 team points, while the

Panthers amassed 160.5 points. Georgetown was third with 90 points.

It was clear early on this would be a two-team meet. Both the Irish and the Panthers had successful qualifying heats, putting them in ideal position for Sunday's finals. Pittsburgh came through on the final day with five individual event wins while the Irish managed only two.

Tiffany Gunn was the Big East champion in the 500 meters, and Okechi Ogbuokiri was the conference champion in the 400 meters.

Pittsburgh asserted itself early in the meet as it placed four in the top 10 in both the 60- and

200-meter races. The Irish responded by cutting into this early lead on the strength of long sprinters Gunn and Ogbuokiri.

As the day progressed, the Irish figured to gain points in the distance events, a perceived strength of the team.

The Panthers held the Irish in check, though, using victories in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters to propel themselves into the lead.

The decisive blow was delivered in the field events where the Irish were outscored 67.5 to 42, including 28 to 8 in the two throwing events.

Other Irish athletes turned in several stellar performances

apart from the efforts of Gunn and Ogbuokiri. Maryann Erigha turned in two second-place finishes in the 60- and 200-meter races. Stephanie Madia led the Irish distance runners with second-place finishes in the mile and the 3,000-meters.

Perennial all-American Molly Huddle, hampered by a foot injury sustained during the cross country season, finished second in the 5,000-meters in her first race this season. Sunni Olding also turned in a solid third place effort in the 3,000-meters.

Stacey Cowan led the Irish field athletes with a second-place finish in the high jump

and a third-place effort in the pentathlon. Meghan Horn threw her way to a second-place finish in the shot put, and Petra Dankova finished third in the long jump.

The Irish will now shift their focus to finishing the indoor season on a high note. With the NCAA Indoor Championships meet just three weeks away, the Irish want to put themselves in position to contend with the country's best.

They will be in Boston next weekend to compete in the USA Track and Field Indoor meet.

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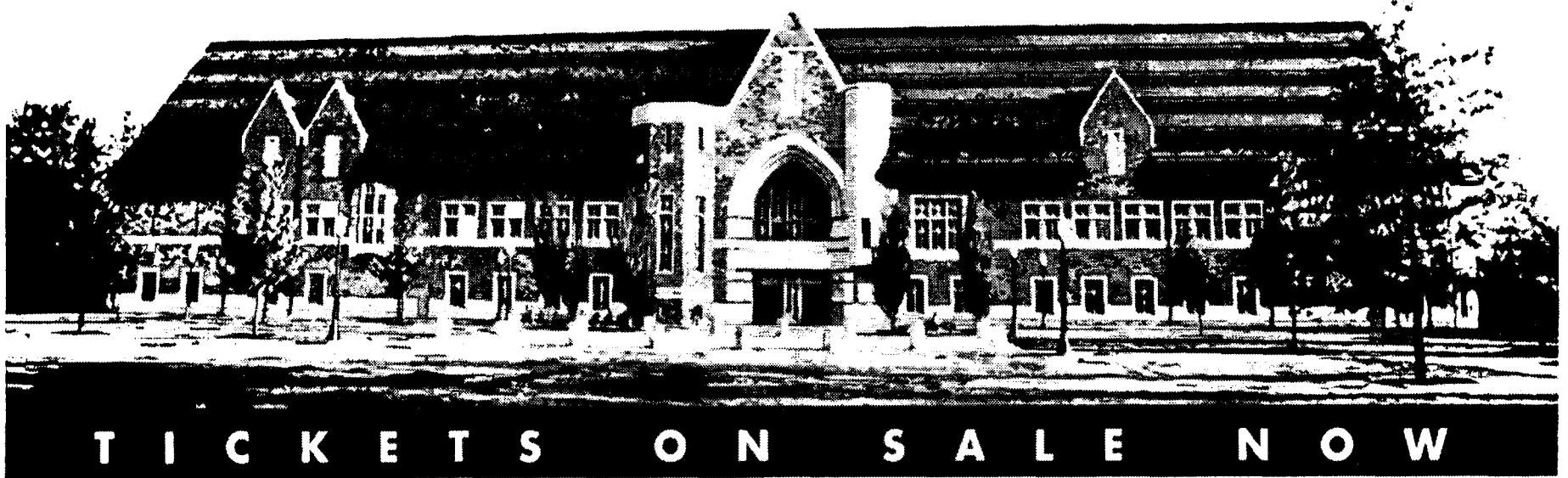
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team	Big East	overall
Rutgers	11-2	20-5
Connecticut	11-2	18-6
NOTRE DAME	11-3	23-4
Villanova	9-4	16-8
Boston College	8-5	17-7
St. John's	6-7	17-7
West Virginia	6-7	15-9
Seton Hall	6-7	14-10
Pittsburgh	4-9	12-12
Georgetown	4-9	9-15
Syracuse	3-11	11-14
Providence	0-13	1-23

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	Overall
Boston College	11-1	22-1
Connecticut	9-3	17-6
Pittsburgh	8-3	18-4
Syracuse	9-4	22-5
Georgetown	8-4	16-7
NOTRE DAME	8-5	16-7
Villanova	6-5	16-6
West Virginia	5-7	15-8
Seton Hall	3-8	11-11
St. John's	2-10	8-14
Rutgers	2-11	8-15
Providence	1-11	11-15

Central College Hockey Association

team	conference	overall
Michigan	21-3-2	24-7-3
Ohio State	20-5-1	23-8-3
Northern Michigan	13-7-4	16-9-7
Nebraska-Omaha	12-10-4	16-12-4
Bowling Green	12-9-3	15-11-4
Miami (Ohio)	11-12-3	15-15-4
Alaska Fairbanks	10-13-3	11-14-3
Michigan State	9-21-3	14-14-4
Lake Superior State	7-11-6	8-17-7
Ferris State	6-14-4	11-17-4
Western Michigan	6-16-2	11-17-2
NOTRE DAME	3-18-5	5-23-6

Men's College Baseball Big East Conference

team	overall
Rutgers	2-0-0
NOTRE DAME	3-1-0
West Virginia	2-2-0
Villanova	1-1-0
Georgetown	1-2-0
Boston College	0-0-0
Connecticut	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	0-0-0
St. John's	0-2-0
Seton Hall	0-2-0

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NOTRE DAME at Connecticut, 7 p.m., ESPN
Kansas at Oklahoma, 9 p.m., ESPN

BOWLING

62nd U.S. Open, 10 p.m., ESPN2

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NASCAR



NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon celebrates his victory in the Daytona 500 at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Sunday.

Gordon wins third Daytona 500

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Gordon grabbed the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr., then held off Kurt Busch and Earnhardt in extra laps to win his third Daytona 500 Sunday.

One of the wildest finishes in the 47-year history of NASCAR's biggest race saw four lead changes in the last nine laps. Earnhardt, the defending champion, came from as far back as 30th to grab a late lead, only to watch four-time series champion Gordon pass him seconds before a caution flag waved with three laps to go.

The race went three laps beyond the scheduled 200-lap distance, with Gordon hanging on over two final laps of green-flag racing to beat Busch by two car-lengths.

"Oh, my goodness, what an amaz-

ing day," a jubilant Gordon said. "Three, baby!"

He is the fifth driver to win three or more Daytona 500s, joining Richard Petty (7), Cale Yarborough (4) and Bobby Allison and Dale Jarrett (3).

Earnhardt, who struggled with handling through most of the race and had not led a lap, suddenly dove to the outside, just in front of Gordon and charged past Stewart to grab the top spot on the 197th lap.

"I was real, real happy," Earnhardt said. "I'm telling you, man, the car was way, way off. It was hard. It was amazing the difference between the car (at the end) and maybe 50 laps before then. I mean, it was really fast."

Fast enough to scare Gordon, but not fast enough to beat him.

"Let's not say I gave up, but I

thought it was over," Gordon said. "I mean, he hadn't been anywhere all day long and all the sudden he came out of nowhere."

Gordon finally pulled alongside Earnhardt and nosed ahead just moments before the 10th yellow flag of the race froze the field.

Scott Riggs wound up fourth, followed by Jimmie Johnson, Mark Martin in his last Daytona 500 and the frustrated Stewart.

The victory was the 70th for Gordon, who barely missed his fifth series title last year.

"I didn't know what the week had in store for us," Gordon said. "I knew we had a good car. We hadn't shown everything. I knew over 500 miles, with that pit crew, that team, that hopefully some patience would pay off there at the end."

IN BRIEF

Richardson wins 3-point contest following airball

DENVER — Phoenix's Quentin Richardson shot an airball on his first shot, but closed out the final by making nine straight to edge Philadelphia's Kyle Korver by one point in the NBA's 3-point shooting contest Saturday night.

Richardson appeared to have no chance at catching Korver after missing his first four shots, but hit four of five money balls — worth two points each — and had the strong finish to close with 19 points.

"In the first round, I felt like I was shooting a little too hard so the first shot (in the second round) I tried to shoot softer and it got a little too soft," Richardson said. "Then I got it going."

Denver's Voshon Lenard, who hasn't played this season since tearing his Achilles' tendon in the season opener, had the final chance to pass

Richardson but couldn't come through. The leader after the first round with 17 points, Lenard needed to make all five shots in the final rack, but missed the first one and finished with 16 points.

Former Ryder Cup captain wins ACE Group Classic

NAPLES, Fla. — Former European Ryder Cup captain Mark James won his second Champions Tour title Sunday, birdieing the final two holes for a two-stroke victory over Hale Irwin and Tom Wargo in The ACE Group Classic.

James closed with a 6-under 66 for a 13-under 203 total at The Club at TwinEagles. Wargo finished with a 66, and Irwin had a 68. Second-round leader Mike McCullough (71) tied for fourth at 10 under with Jerry Pate (68) and Mike Reid (68).

James earned \$240,000 in the \$1.6 million event.

"It's very satisfying to win again,"

said James, the Ford Senior Players winner last year as a senior rookie. "You feel, well, you might just have gotten lucky once, but to get lucky twice is stretching the imagination a bit. So yeah, it feels good."

Carlsen wins first title since 2002 in straight sets

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Unseeded Kenneth Carlsen used a steady serve in upsetting eighth-seeded Max Mirnyi Sunday for the Regions Morgan Keegan Championships title, his third ATP championship overall and first since 2002.

Carlsen reached the final when Andy Roddick, the world's No. 3 player, withdrew before their semifinal Saturday with a sprained left ankle.

Fresh for the final, the 31-year-old Carlsen responded by becoming the first player over 30 to win on tour since Andre Agassi at the ATP Masters Series last August and picking up the \$128,000 winner's check.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish knock off Wildcats

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

In their last match of the season in the Eck Tennis Pavilion, the Irish closed down their season at home with authority.

No. 23 Notre Dame (9-2) posted a 5-2 victory over No. 40 Northwestern (5-4) Friday night. The team overcame an early 1-0 deficit after dropping the doubles point, rolling out to a quick 3-1 lead.

Sophomores Irackli Akhvediani, Stephen Bass and Barry King all won their singles matches in straight sets to give Notre Dame an early lead in the match. Junior Patrick Buchanan bested Northwestern's Matt Christian in three sets, 6-2, 4-6 and 6-3, to clinch the match victory for the Irish.

"It was particularly rewarding match for Patrick," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "A couple of years ago, in the Eck, we played a similar type of match, and Patrick was the last match on and lost 7-6 in the third to the same team. We had been up 3-1 in that match so it was a special reward for Patrick to have decided the match."

The victory gave Bayliss his 600th career victory and the Irish their third consecutive win at home.

Senior captain Brent D'Amico and sophomore Ryan Keckley posted the sole doubles victory for the Irish at the No. 1 slot, but Northwestern clinched

other two matches to gain the upper hand early.

"In the doubles, [Northwestern] really was very aggressive," Bayliss said. "I thought their second team played extremely well and as did their third team. I think that was a new combination for them at No. 3, and we weren't expecting that."

"They served well, and we didn't quite return well enough to negate some of the things they did."

The Irish struck back quickly in the singles matches. Akhvediani got the Irish on the board with a 6-4, 6-3 victory against Northwestern's Adam Schaechterle.

"Irackli played at an extremely high level," Bayliss said. "He was able to hit big enough to keep Schaechterle back in the court and open up opportunities to spread the court with shorter, wider balls. It was as good a match as

I've seen Irackli play in a while."

Bass and King also posted straight-set wins for the Irish. After dropping to a 3-0 deficit in the first set against Chuck Perrin, Bass bounced back strongly, posting a 6-4, 6-2 victory. King, battling a minor back injury, defeated Christian Temple 6-3, 6-0.

"[Bass] didn't start well but he really did not lose his poise," Bayliss said. "You can't always play well. I have an expression that 'you can fake it until you

make it.' You can at least pretend that you're under control and not let your opponent know that he's getting to you."

"Barry King has a back injury that isn't serious but was painful that night. Barry fought off a lot of pain at the end and finished off a very good Christian Tempke in a match that seems easy, 6-3 and 6-0, but every point was contested and there were rallies of 10 and 15 balls each point."

Once again, it was Notre Dame's team depth that allowed the team to fight back and win five of the six singles matches. Freshman Sheeva Parbu outlasted Northwestern's Willy Lock in a match tiebreaker, winning 6-7, 7-6, 1-0 at the No. 4 slot. D'Amico lost a close singles match 7-6, 7-6 to Tommy Hanus, ranked No. 114 in the country.

"I think our depth proved to be a pretty critical factor," Bayliss said. "That's bailed us out all year. We match up in the middle and bottom parts of our lineup favorably with any team in the country. The Northwestern coach, Paul Torricelli, told me that we were as solid a team as he had seen from top to bottom, with no apparent holes in our singles lineup."

The Irish must now look ahead to a tough stretch of matches on the road.

Notre Dame travels to East Lansing to take on Michigan State Tuesday and then faces No. 9 Virginia Sunday in Charlottesville, Va.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles edge Olivet in final home game

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

For Emily Creachbaum, Katie Boyce, Deirdre Mangan and Maureen Bush, Saturday marked the last time they would step onto the floor of the Angela Athletic Center in a Saint Mary's basketball uniform.

The four seniors, who were honored in a pre-game ceremony, celebrated their last hurrah by leading the Belles to a 69-67 victory over Olivet Saturday afternoon in the regular season finale for both teams.

Creachbaum, who is currently third on the Saint Mary's all-time scoring list, will go down as one of the best players in school history. The 6-foot forward has averaged 11.0 points per game during her career.

"She's the spitting image of consistency," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "She works her tail off, whether it's practice, or shoot-around or the game. You always know she's going to give her all."

Saint Mary's (11-14, 6-10 MIAA) finished sixth in the conference and will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., to take on third-seeded Calvin in the first round of the conference tournament. The Belles have never beaten the Knights.

For the Comets (7-17, 2-14), the loss represented their 11th in a row and 12th in their last 13 games. Olivet, who finished ninth and last in the MIAA, will play eighth-place Adrian in a play-in game for the conference tournament Monday. The Bulldogs won

both regular season meetings.

Saturday's game was close from wire to wire, with the Belles maintaining a slim lead for most of the contest until Olivet took a 53-52 lead with a little over six minutes remaining in the game. The Belles regained the advantage on a Bridget Boyce jump shot.

The Comets tied the game with a free throw and forced a Belles turnover, but then saw the game unravel.

An errant pass ended up in the hands of Belles point guard Katie Boyce, who broke away from the pack and went in for what looked like an uncontested lay-up, but as she went up for the shot she was fouled hard by Olivet guard Amy Brackenwagon.

Brackenwagon was called for an intentional foul, giving Saint Mary's two free throws and the ball, and Boyce sank both shots from the line.

On the ensuing possession, Belles center Maureen Bush banked in a shot from the baseline to extend the advantage to four points. Out of sudden frustration, Olivet head coach Deanna Richard yelled at the officials and was called for a technical foul. Two Alison Kessler free throws later, the Belles led 60-54 and never looked back.

Bellina credited the Belles' ability to make free throws in putting away the Comets.

"Our team has so much confidence that they will succeed from the free throw line," she said.

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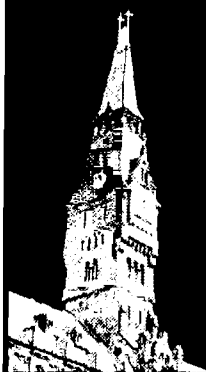
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ND SOFTBALL

Rain cancels 4 of 5 games at San Diego

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

The Irish figured they would need strong pitching, good defense and solid hitting heading into this weekend's Campbell-Cartier Tournament in San Diego.

As it turned out, the only thing they needed was an umbrella.

Heavy rains forced Notre Dame to cancel most of the games scheduled for this weekend, including a matchup against No. 4/No. 3 UCLA, and limited the team to just a single game, a 3-2 victory over Utah Friday afternoon.

Since the San Diego area experienced more rain in the last month than in the previous year combined, games were canceled against No. 21/No. 18 Fresno State and San Diego State.

Leadoff hitter Stephanie Brown went 2-for-2 against the Utes with two runs and a triple, and center-fielder and Player of the Year candidate Megan Ciolli was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs.

Continuing the team's dominant pitching performance from their tournament victory at the GRU Classic the previous weekend, Steffany Stenglein once again

recorded double-digit strikeouts, this time sitting down 11 batters while giving up two hits over six innings.

She left the game with the Irish up 3-0, but returned after reliever Carrie Wisen gave up a two-run homer in the top of the sixth that cut the Irish lead to one. The win over Utah was Stenglein's second victory of the year and her first save.

Stenglein was spotted an early lead thanks to a quick start by the offense.

Brown led off the bottom of the first with a single to left, and after Middleton reached on an error, Ciolli doubled to the right field wall to put the Irish up 2-0.

The Irish extended their lead in the fourth when Brown hit a triple down the leftfield line with two outs. Middleton's RBI single then made the score 3-0.

Notre Dame attempted to play a final game on Sunday before leaving San Diego, looking to continue their momentum from Friday's victory over Utah.

They led Central Michigan 1-0 in the fourth inning before rain once again forced a cancellation.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish win Big East Championship

By NATHAN DYER
Sports Writer

The Irish won the Big East Indoor Championship in Syracuse, N.Y., over the weekend, fending off tough competition from all of the other competitors, especially Rutgers, who fought the Irish to the very end.

The lead in the team competition changed hands constantly over the weekend between the Irish and the Scarlet Knights, but it was a second-place finish in the 3,200 meter relay that clinched victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame held the lead going into Sunday's final day of competition, earning 57.50 points through the five events that took place during Saturday's competi-

tion and leading Rutgers by 20 points. The Scarlet Knights fought back on Sunday, however, at one point overtaking the Irish by nine points. After a strong showing in the 3,000 meters, the Irish retook the lead, gaining 25 points and a 14-point lead on Rutgers.

The final team score for the two-day competition was Notre Dame 182, Rutgers 168.5, with Pittsburgh taking third place (98 points). Notre Dame last won the Big East title two years ago.

The story of the weekend was Irish hurdler Selim Nurudeen, as the senior defended his 60-meter hurdles title from a year ago, on his way to claiming the men's most outstanding track performer,

Nurudeen broke his own

record of 7.78 seconds set last year, with a time of 7.72, and also won the 200-meter dash title, with a time of 21.38.

Sophomore Kurt Benninger added to his outstanding indoor season, doubling up on individual titles, bringing home the mile and 3,000-meter race crowns with times of 4:12.14 and 8:15.22, respectively. Benninger finished just ahead of teammate Tim Moore (8:17.04) in the 3,000 meter race.

Notre Dame senior cornerback Dwight Ellick showed what he is capable of off the gridiron, taking second in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.78, just .05 off the winner, Syracuse's Aulton Kohn.

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BETH WERNET/The Observer

Selim Nurudeen runs in the 60-meter hurdles at the Mayo Invitational Feb. 5. Nurudeen won the event at the Big East Championship.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team loses two close matches to ranked foes

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish don't plan to let this weekend's setbacks defeat them.

In fact, Notre Dame finds its 4-3 losses to No. 5 Duke and No. 9 North Carolina almost heartening.

"These two meets showed our kids that they're as good as some of the top-ranked kids," coach Jay Louderback said. "They were right there with them."

No. 20 Notre Dame (4-4) jumped to a 3-2 lead after winning doubles and appeared poised to upset North Carolina (9-3) Sunday morning.

Senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stastny were first off the courts, besting Caitlin Collins and Alexandra Jurewitz 8-2 at No. 3. Louderback said the pair's performance was representative of the hard work they have put in all season.

"From the start they were in control of their match," he said. "And they don't let little things get to them during matches. They play point to point."

No. 2 sophomores Catrina and Christian Thompson followed their lead, prevailing over No. 14 Kendall Cline and Aniela Mojzisz 8-6 at No. 1. The Thompsons are 16-2 this season and 11-1 against nationally ranked teams.

Junior Lauren Connelly and freshman Brook Buck fell to Anundsen and Jenna Long at No. 2 9-8 (7-5) despite a hard-fought match.

The Irish did not fare as well in singles although they held an early lead with Stastny's win at No. 5. Stastny defeated Collins 6-3, 6-3 in Sunday's quickest singles match. Next off the courts, No. 69 Catrina Thompson upset No. 26 Mojzisz 7-6 (7-3), 7-5 at No. 1 to put an Irish victory within arm's length.

However, North Carolina quickly rebounded, collecting wins in the remaining three singles matches. No. 37 Cline edged out No. 85 Buck at No. 2 6-1, 7-6 (7-5), while junior Liz Donohue fell to Jurewitz 1-6, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 6.

Tied at 3-3, the outcome of the meet depended on the final singles match at No. 4. After losing the first set, Sara Anundsen

surged back to clinch the meet for the Tar Heels 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

**No. 5 Duke 4,
No. 21 Notre Dame 3**

The Irish saw much of the same on Friday against Duke. Although the Irish held a 3-0 advantage midway through the meet, Duke rallied for a 4-3 victory Friday afternoon. No. 96 Sara Arasu defeated Lauren Connelly in a third-set tiebreaker 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 to clinch the win for Duke.

Notre Dame started off strong with victories across the board in doubles. No. 2 Catrina and Christian Thompson beat Kristin Cargill and Jennifer Zika 8-2 at No. 1. Lauren Connelly and Buck clinched the doubles point for the Irish, defeating Katie Blaszk and Tory Zawacki at No. 2 doubles. In the final doubles match, Sarah Jane Connelly and Kiki Stastny bested Celia Deltour and Parker Goyer 8-5 at No. 3 doubles.

Louderback said doubles are quickly becoming the team's forte.

"Our doubles are solid," Louderback said. "I think our kids learned that they can stay with anyone in doubles matches. We just need to work on singles now. And with singles, it's just a matter of someone stepping up and pulling out a win."

Donohue claimed the first singles match for the Irish, recording a 6-1, 6-2 win over Zawacki at No. 6.

Following up with a quick victory at No. 2, Buck defeated No. 108 Aika 6-3, 6-0 to extend the Irish advantage 3-0.

Deltor spearheaded Duke's rally, beating Christian Thompson 7-6, 6-2 at No. 3. No. 115 Blaszk added to Duke's efforts with a 6-1, 6-7, 6-2 win over Catrina Thompson at No. 1. Cargill tied the match at 3-3, defeating Stastny at No. 5 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, and Arasu collected the final victory at No. 4 over Lauren Connelly.

"It was frustrating that we couldn't come away with wins this weekend," Louderback said. "We shouldn't be letting [our opponents] get into a third set."

The Irish take the courts again this weekend against Texas and Iowa.

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Opener

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pitcher Jess Stewart, clutch hitting from center fielder Craig Cooper, gritty play by junior shortstop Greg Lopez and savvy base-running to hold off the Golden Knights. Cooper, who was 2-for-3 on the day, smacked an RBI single to right field to ignite a three-run sixth. Junior shortstop Greg Lopez, who pulled his hamstring, gutted out the game in the field.

"Greg Lopez tweaked his hamstring, so I just felt like I needed to rest it today," Mainieri said. "When we got the lead and only had three innings to play, he literally couldn't run, so what we did was just put him in to play defense those last three innings. He made a game-saving double play."

Friday, in its first game of the season, Notre Dame's bats were on fire the entire game.

Using 18 runs on 13 hits and a solid pitching performance from

Jeff Samardzija, the Irish blew past the Rattlers, 18-3.

With the lead and some injuries, the Irish got major contributions from most of their roster.

"We had to use just about everybody on the roster this weekend," Mainieri said. "Part of it was by design, and part of it was because... of nicks and

bruises we had. All those guys that filled in for the injured players, and those guys I gave a chance to like Alex Netley, really came through in a big way for us."

"We had to use just about everybody on the roster this weekend."

Paul Mainieri
Irish head coach

Mainieri said junior infielder Eddie Smith and sophomore outfielder Danny Dressman also contributed to the victories in impressive roles.

In the four games this weekend, the Irish turned 10 double plays, a stellar accomplishment for their first baseball played outside — Notre Dame has practiced inside to this point — this season.

"It's really amazing that our

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Friars

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came early shooting troubles and survived a late Friars (11-15, 1-11) rally to escape the Dunkin Donuts Center Saturday with a 62-61 win.

Cornett came off the bench to relieve a struggling Torin Francis (0-for-6 in eight minutes) and took full advantage of his 27 minutes and second-half start to finish with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Quinn continued to shoot the ball well, making 5-of-8 3-pointers en route to scoring 17 points. Quinn has made 13 of his last 17 3-point attempts.

Ryan Gomes struggled for Providence, making 5-of-18 shots from the field, but scored 16 points. Randall Hanke came off the bench for the Friars and made all six of his shots to score 12 points.

After forcing a jump ball with 4.1 seconds remaining, the Friars had the ball underneath their own basket. Gomes inbounded the ball to Donnie McGrath who gave the ball back to Gomes.

Gomes got the ball near the right block and attempted a turnaround jumper. His shot went off the backboard and

rolled off the rim.

Providence got back into the game with a 6-0 run after Jordan Cornette's only 3-pointer of the game gave Notre Dame a 62-55 lead with 1:47 remaining.

The Irish extended a 31-24 halftime lead to 40-26 early in the second half. Providence eventually climbed its way back into the game and tied the game at 53 with 7:07 left.

Providence wasn't able to open up a big first-half lead as Notre Dame made only 3-of-25 to start the game. The Friars' biggest advantage came when they went up 14-5 on a hook shot from Hanke.

But the Irish finally got their shots to fall and used a 15-3 run to close the half and turn a 21-16 deficit into a seven-point lead going into the locker room.

The Irish returned to their struggles from the free throw line, converting on 7-of-16 in the game.

Dominating on the boards, out rebounding the Friars 45-32 including 20-6 on the offensive glass, allowed the Irish to overcome their 34 shooting percentage.

Chris Thomas played well once again for the Irish, scoring 10 points, grabbing six rebounds, dishing out eight assists and committing three

turnovers.

The Irish return to the court tonight at 7 p.m. at Connecticut. The Big Monday matchup will be televised on ESPN and is Notre Dame's last road game of the season.

Notes:

Saturday's win was Mike Brey's 200th overall in his career. Brey won 99 games at Delaware in five seasons before coming to South Bend.

NOTRE DAME 62

Providence 61 at the DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER
NOTRE DAME (16-7, 8-5)

Cornette 1-4 2-2 5, Francis 0-6 0-0 0, Thomas 4-15 0-2 10, Quinn 6-13 0-0 17, Falls 3-12 0-0 9, Isreal 1-2 0-1 2, Cornett 5-9 4-9 14, Kurz 0-0 0-0 0, Latimore 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 22-65 7-16 62.

PROVIDENCE (11-15, 1-11)

Gomes 5-18 4-5 16, Parmer 1-5 0-0 2, Hill 1-3 0-0 2, McGrath 2-6 3-3 9, Kotti 4-9 1-5 9, White 3-5 0-0 6, McKiver 2-3 0-0 5, Cross 0-0 0-0 0, Hanke 6-6 0-0 12, Burch 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-55 8-13 61.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	31	31	62
Providence	24	37	61

3-point goals: Notre Dame 11-28 (Quinn 5-8, Falls 3-11, Thomas 2-6, Cornette 1-3), Providence 5-16 (Gomes 2-3, McGrath 2-6, McKiver 1-2, Kotti 0-1, Parmer 0-4). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 45 (Cornett 14), Providence 32 (Gomes 7). Assists: Notre Dame 16 (Thomas 8), Providence 13 (Kotti, McGrath 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 12, Providence 14.

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Rutgers

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results out of their pressure defense."

Guard Chelsea Newton led the Scarlet Knights on defense, taking five of the team's 16 steals. Newton also helped her team on the offensive side of the court, as Rutgers jumped out to a 32-20 halftime lead as she got seven of her eight assists in the first half.

The Irish struggled in virtually every offensive category in the first half, shooting only 5-20 from the field. But the Irish kept themselves in the ballgame by capitalizing on Rutgers' 11 first-half fouls, getting half of their first-half points behind a 10-of-12 first half performance from the free-throw line.

"I thought we competed well in the first half," McGraw said.

"We just didn't have shots fall for us."

As the second half began, Notre Dame looked poised to come back by doing what it has specialized in all season — dominate the second half. The Irish took advantage of the first 4:56 of the half by going on an 11-1 run to cut the Rutgers lead to 33-31. Junior forward Courtney Laverne scored four of her eight points during that run, and senior All-American Jacqueline Batteast, who finished with 14 points, complemented her with three points in that span as the Irish were able to score from inside.

McGraw saw lots of promise in her team's run.

"I thought we showed a lot of heart coming back early in the second half," she said.

One of the reasons that Notre Dame started so successfully was because they were able to finally shut down Scarlet Knights' guard Cappie

Pondexter, who had only one of her 13 points in the second half.

"Cappie shot the ball well in the first half, but we did a much better job stopping her [in the second half]," McGraw said.

However, as Pondexter cooled off, her teammates began heating up. Newton scored 12 of her 14 points in the second half.

As soon as the Irish got close, Rutgers responded by going on a run of their own, outscoring Notre Dame 15-2 in a 7:06 stretch.

In the last 8:58, the Scarlet Knights stopped the Irish every time they even came close to building momentum, and Notre Dame was never able to cut the lead below 10 points.

The Irish will have a full week off before facing West Virginia on Saturday for Senior Day at the Joyce Center.

Notes:

McGraw left the team for Philadelphia after the game due to the death of her father, Joseph G. O'Brien, 79. McGraw found out about his early Saturday morning death before the game but did not tell the team until after the game.

**RUTGERS 59,
NOTRE DAME 48**
at the

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NOTRE DAME (23-4, 11-3)**
Batteast 3-14 8-9 14, LaVere 3-6 2-2 8, Borton 1-4 2-2 4, Duffy 4-6 4-4 14, Gray 3-7 0-0 6, Gaines 0-2 1-2 1, Allen 0-2 1-2 1, Erwin 0-1 0-0 0.

RUTGERS (20-5, 11-2)
Campbell 5-11 0-1 10, Richman 1-2 3-8 5, Ajavon 2-7 0-2 4, Jett 2-6 1-2 5, Newton 5-13 3-4 14, Pondexter 5-7 1-2 13, Locke 1-2 1-2 3, Carson 1-7 2-4 4, Adams 0-0 0-0 0, Reed 0-1 0-1 0, Theodoris 0-0 1-2 1.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	20	28	48
Rutgers	32	27	59

3-point goals: Notre Dame 2-8 (Duffy 2-4, Gray 0-2, Batteast 0-1, LaVere 0-1), Providence 5-11 (Pondexter 2-3, Newton 1-1, Jett 1-2, Locke 1-2, Reed 0-1, Ajavon 0-2). Fouled out: Erwin. Rebounds: Notre Dame 37 (Batteast 8), Rutgers 34 (Campbell, Richman 6). Assists: Notre Dame 8 (Duffy 3), Rutgers 15 (Newton 8). Total fouls: Notre Dame 20, Rutgers 21.

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Champs

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would be remembered. Scoring a meet-record 902.5 points to claim the title, Notre Dame ended Pittsburgh's streak of eight consecutive Big East titles and capped off the most successful season in team history. Irish head coach Tim Welsh garnered Big East Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive year.

"This is one of the meets that we focused on for the entire season and this was the whole team's goal," Welsh said. "Winning this meet is what we've concentrated on all year long. To see it come through is really exciting and gratifying for all the hard work that the guys have put in."

The team's performance was one for the ages. The results speak for themselves, as school records fell in both individual races and team relays. Eight Irish swimmers qualified for consideration to take part in the NCAA Championships and nine records were set by Irish swimmers over the course of the championship meet.

"One of the hallmarks of this team is how balanced and how deep the team is," Welsh said. "When you look at performances, we set University records in all five of the relays. That's 20 swims at the same time in the same race that went well. That's a real team performance and setting University records in all five relays is extremely rare. We're really happy about that."

Eleven Irish swimmers qualified for All-Big East honors, many for multiple events — senior Frank Krakowski, juniors Doug Bauman, Tyler Grenda, Jamie Lutkus, Tim Randolph and Steve Shomberger, sophomores Ted Brown, Louis Cavadini, Tim Kegelman and Chris Zeches and freshman Jay Vanden Berg.

The depth of the Irish attack was showcased in many of the relay and individual races throughout the four-day meet's events. But nowhere was this more apparent than in the 200-yard individual medley, on the first day, and the 1,650-yard freestyle race on Saturday.

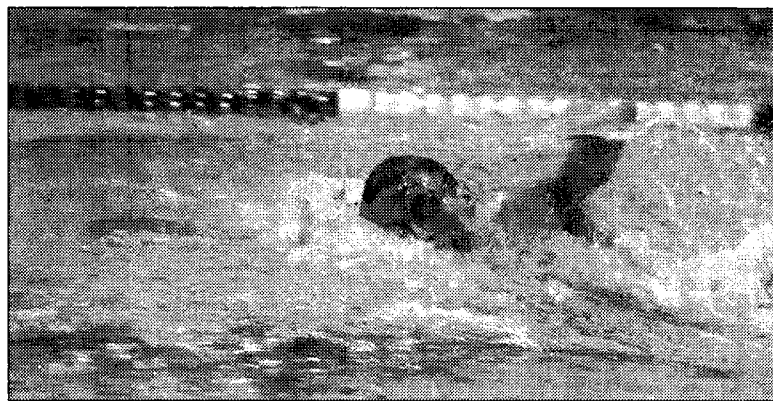
Seven of the 16 swimmers in the 200-yard IM were Irish swimmers, who combined to outscore Pittsburgh 79-16 in the event. Kegelman finished first in the event, with a time of 1

minute, 49.62 seconds. Vanden Berg took first place in the 1,650 freestyle, leading an Irish contingent of five finalists, as he broke the University record with a time of 15:19.30 — more than 13 seconds faster than the previous record.

"It's very hard to overcome depth like that if you're somebody else," Welsh said. "When you look at our team there's not a lot of difference between our fastest person and our third or fourth-fastest person. And when you can [race like that] 20 events in a row, it's a really powerful force."

Despite a solid effort at the Big East Championships, the season does not end here for some members of the Irish squad. With strong performances across the board, Notre Dame was also able to register a number of swimmers for consideration to swim in the NCAA Championships, which will take place March 24-26 in Minneapolis.

"What's exciting as far as a program definition is that this is the highest number of B cuts we've ever had, including some relay B cuts that we have not had before," Welsh said. "Whether they [qualify] or not,



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Irish junior Patrick Davis swims in the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 15, 2004.

we know that as a program we've taken a giant step and we will be there at some point."

The Big East title puts one more notch on the Irish belt and adds another accomplishment to the team's list of many. The Irish defeated a nationally ranked foe, then-No. 17 Pittsburgh, and also climbed the national polls themselves — both first-time occurrences for the team. But throughout the season, the team's singular goal has been to win the Big East title. Finally, the Irish can cross that goal off their to-do list.

"It is wonderful and exciting to

set a long-range goal, work everyday to achieve it and then to actually achieve it at the right time," Welsh said. "That's a hard thing to do and we'll always remember that this team did that. What characterized this team throughout the season was its team spirit, energy and support for one another, in addition to the hard work."

"Those things made the season just especially memorable and really special. This is a wonderful team."

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Dominant

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Weathers was named Big East Swimming Coach of the Year, taking the honor for the sixth time in 10 years.

"I think this demonstrates how hard the kids on the team worked," Weathers said. "I don't think it was something for me, but for the whole team."

Ten Irish swimmers and divers were named All-Big East selections this weekend. Leading the pack was Katie Carroll, who won seven Big East titles, including three in individual events.

The sophomore made an NCAA "A" cut in the 400-yard individual medley, ensuring her a place in the NCAA Championships next month. Carroll also won the 200 IM and the 200 butterfly, hitting NCAA "B" cuts in both events.

Carroll was also a member of the 800-yard freestyle relay team that set an Irish record with a time of 7:16.95. The team of Caroline Johnson, Ellen Johnson, Carroll and Rebecca Grove won the 400 freestyle relay, as well, hitting "B" cuts in both.

Johnson, Carroll and Grove were members of the title-winning 200 freestyle team along with Katie Guida. That team also made a "B" cut.

Ellen Johnson also set a Notre Dame record in the 200 freestyle with a mark of 1:49.20. Her time was good enough for a "B" cut, as was her first place 500 freestyle time.

Perry-Eaton concluded her illustrious Big East career in fine fashion, dominating the field off both the one and three-meter boards. The All-American won the one-meter competition by 64.65 points and then took the three-meter title by 123.95 points.

Her score of 555.20 set a meet record, and her five career Big East titles also tied the conference record.

One of the biggest surprises of the weekend came from freshman diver Tara Hyler.

She finished second to Perry-Eaton in the three-meter competition with a score of 431.25 that was also good enough to qualify for the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships scheduled for

mid-March. Hyler became just the third Irish diver to be named All-Big East, joining the company of two All-Americans, Perry-Eaton and Heather Mattingly ('02).

Despite a competitive field, the Irish swam away with the championship, leaving Pittsburgh a distant second with 613 points and Rutgers, runner-up the last two years, in third with 545 points.

"The girls worked hard and enjoyed it," Weathers said. "It was pretty special to all of them."

Up next for the Irish is the Boiler-Make-It Invitational, which will showcase swimmers who were not able to compete in the Big East Championships as well as those who are close to making NCAA cuts.

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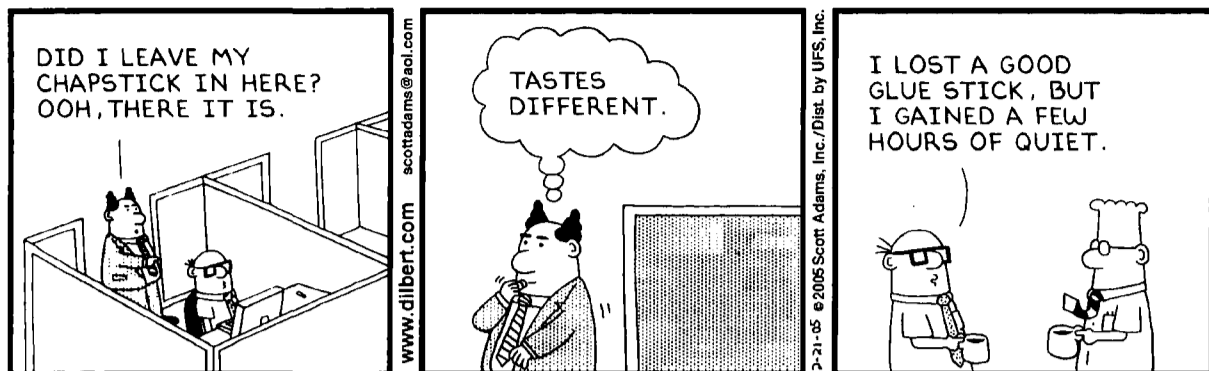
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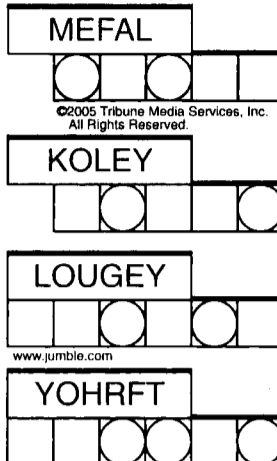
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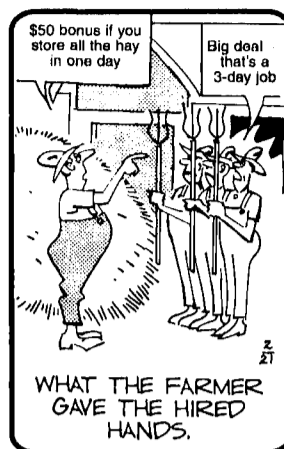
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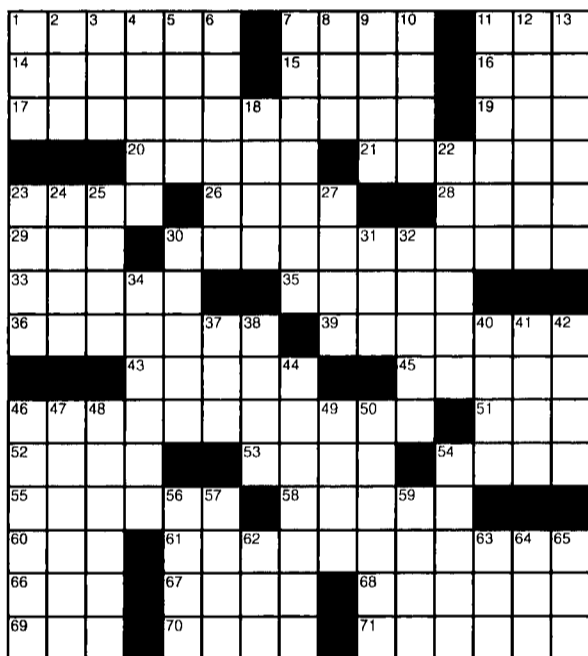
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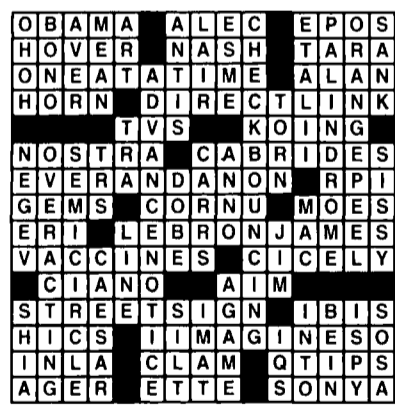
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plan a nice, relaxing day with loved ones. You can develop one of your creative hobbies or pick up a new interest that will bring you in contact with some new acquaintances. This is a great time to make a move or a change, personally or physically. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not much will turn out as planned today, so don't even bother trying to stick to any sort of guideline. You will have to be creative, think on your feet and rely on your versatility to see you through whatever comes your way -- should be a fun day. ***

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out an investment. You can turn a little into a lot if you are willing to put in the work. Renovating, buying and selling property, or simply investing in your own talents should pay off. Someone you are close to will give you a hard time. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have lots of energy and plenty to talk about today, but if you are pushy or try to dominate someone in your life, you can expect a good fight. Sharing will be what it's all about. Sit back and give others a chance to do their part. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be feeling a little under the weather if you have been overdoing it. Make plans to relax or work quietly on a hobby you enjoy doing. Your inventive mind will come up with some interesting concepts that you should consider. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be in a splendid position to start something new and exciting. A relationship will develop with someone you respect and admire for his or her talent and integrity. Romance is evident so leave some time for pleasure. *****

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and react quickly. You have built-in radar that helps you ferret out the truth. You have a powerful presence that will always draw attention. You believe that nothing is out of reach or impossible.

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ND SWIMMING

Pool sharks

No. 22 Irish men take home first ever Big East Championship

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

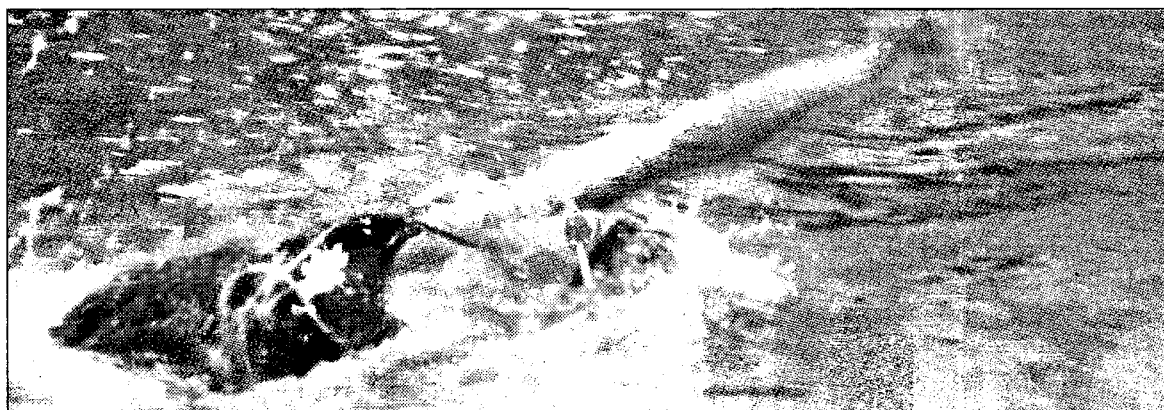
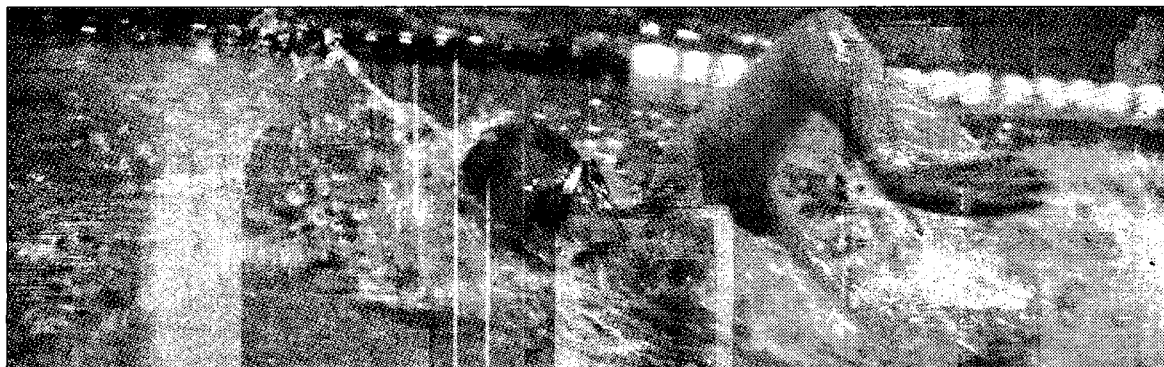
It was never a question of when.

It became a matter of how the Irish men's swimming and diving team would leave its mark on the Big East Championships.

That question was answered emphatically on Saturday, as No. 22 Notre Dame won its first-ever Big East Championship, eclipsing the rest of the field by 275 points. After all 15 Irish swimmers performed strongly in the Saturday morning preliminaries and advanced to the evening's finals, it was a mathematical certainty the Big East title would be in the hands of the Irish by the day's end.

That didn't stop the team from making sure their performance

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Junior Bryan Guarnier, top, races in the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 1, 2004. Sophomore Rebecca Grove, bottom, competes in the backstroke at the same meet.

SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Women dominate en route to winning 9th straight Big East Title

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

The Irish did it again.

Notre Dame won its ninth straight Big East championship this weekend in East Meadow, N.Y.

The Irish won 11 of 20 events, including four on the final day, for a final tally of 804 points — 191 points ahead of runner-up Pittsburgh.

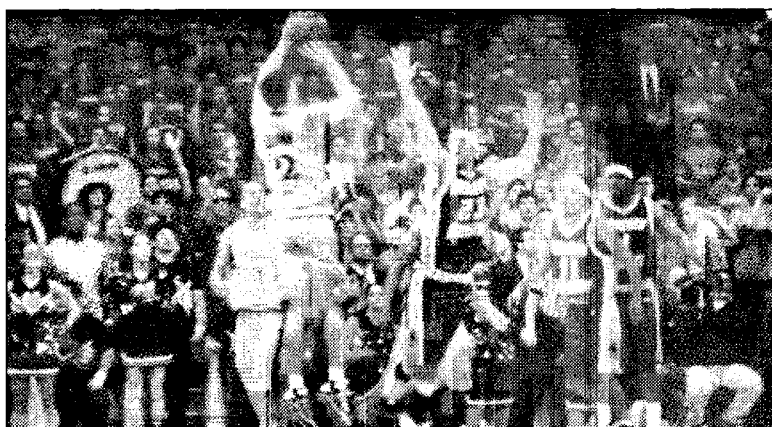
Notre Dame also claimed three of the four major awards. On the diving end, coach Caiming Xie was named the league's diving coach of the year and fifth-year senior Meghan Perry Eaton was named the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver for the third year in a row.

Head swimming coach Bailey

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late surge gives Irish a victory



Junior Chris Quinn shoots a 3-pointer over Boston College guard Sean Marshall on Feb. 8.

GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

That 1-10 conference record was deceiving.

But a one-point win against a one-win conference team counts just like any other in the march toward the NCAA tournament.

Using a double-double from Rick Cornett and another hot-shooting game from Chris Quinn, the Irish (16-7, 8-5 Big East) over-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Offense stalls against Rutgers

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

With 12 minutes, 58 seconds left in the second half, Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy dribbled the ball up court, and, guarded heavily, looked around and passed the ball.

Once the ball left her hands, it never touched a teammate,

and Rutgers guard Matee Ajavon intercepted the ball and took it the length of the court for a layup, giving the Scarlet Knights a 39-31 lead.

The exchange typified how Saturday afternoon went for the No. 5 Irish, as the team tied a season high by turning the ball over 23 times in a 59-48 loss at No. 10 Rutgers.

Throughout the game,

Rutgers swamped Notre Dame, not only forcing turnovers but holding the Irish to a 33 percent field goal percentage for the game.

"That's probably the best defensive effort that we've seen by an opponent this year," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "They got a lot of

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BASEBALL

Team wins three in first weekend

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

En route to a 3-1 weekend, the Irish simply were "clutch," according to their skipper.

"It just seemed like all weekend we were getting clutch strikeouts and turning clutch double plays to end the inning," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

Mainieri's team was not only clutch on defense. It took all of one inning for the Notre Dame offense to warm up.

The No. 20 ranked Irish (3-1) exploded for back-to-back three-run innings starting in the second inning in a season-opening victory against Florida A&M (0-13) Friday.

The offense stalled a bit as Notre Dame dropped a 2-1 game to No. 30 Central Florida, but the team bounced back with consecutive victories over FAMU (4-3) and UCF (4-2) to close out the weekend.

On Saturday, the Irish faced a tough, No. 30 ranked Central Florida (7-2) squad in the opening game of a doubleheader.

Golden Knights junior pitcher Mike Billek and Irish junior hurler Tom Thornton each threw gems. Notre Dame's rally in the top of the seventh tied the game at one, but UCF answered in the bottom half of the inning to win 2-1. In five innings of work, junior Tom Thornton allowed one run and had no-decision, while sophomore reliever Derik Olvey took the loss.

In the second game of the doubleheader in a rematch against Florida A&M, the Irish needed a late rally to avoid the upset. With the game tied at three, junior outfielder Alex Nettey crushed a double deep to center field. Freshman infielder Ross Brezovsky then drove Nettey home for the winning run in the bottom of the ninth as Notre Dame won 4-3.

Without three of its veteran starters in the batting order, Notre Dame capped the opening-weekend with a 4-2 victory over UCF Sunday to earn a split with the Knights. The Irish used a solid outing from sophomore

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S TRACK

Irish win Big East Championship

Team edges Rutgers by 13.5 points.

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Notre Dame 3 Utah 2

Rain cancels four of five games in San Diego.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's 69 Olivet 67

Belles edge Olivet in final home game.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 5 Northwestern 2

No. 23 Irish top No. 40 Wildcats in match.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Big East Tournament

Irish finish second in conference tournament.

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HOCKEY

Irish drop both games to Michigan

Wolverines win 9-2 Friday and 6-3 Saturday.

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