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Committee focuses on environment

Administration makes conservation a main priority; others say still more work ahead

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

When Earth Day was celebrated Sunday, people worldwide took note of conservation and environmental issues — and while Notre Dame said it has been doing that for a long time, University officials also say they have recently renewed their focus.

According to a press release from the newly-established Energy and

Environmental Issues Committee, the University has always made environmental stewardship part of its mission, and the new committee hopes to boost conservation efforts on campus through new initiatives and increased awareness about current ones.



Lymphout

"Growing concern for the environment, continued growth of campus ... and volatile energy prices have brought a renewed focus on reducing the University's energy and environmental impact," the press release said.

The committee, formed this January under the guidance of Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, is chaired by Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lymphout and comprised of administrators, faculty and two students.

Junior Kerry O'Connor, who serves on the committee, said it exists to spread awareness about initiatives the University has underway and to advise University leaders on environmentally sound options in any number of decisions.

Being a part of the committee has allowed O'Connor to see that the administration is concerned about the environment, something he thinks is a common misunderstanding among students.

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MDG 8 will raise awareness

Inaugural year sees task force expand

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

In its first year at Notre Dame, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) task force has expanded beyond its foundation, attracting more than 80 students and looking forward to its upcoming MDG Awareness Week, set to kick off today and run through Friday, organizers said.

Sophomore Joella Bitter, president of the task force, said the Global Health Forum last fall and Notre Dame's partnership with an Ugandan village helped spark interest on campus about the Millennium Project.

The United Nations (UN) commissioned the Millennium Project in 2002 to form a plan of action to carry out the Millennium Development Goals, which aim to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty around the world, Bitter said.

At Notre Dame, Bitter and her classmates — sophomores Ashley Mayworm, Jane Lee and Thomas Weiler — joined the effort after taking an introductory peace studies class last spring. Together they founded the task force, an ad-hoc group at the Center for Social Concerns inspired by similar groups at other universities, including Middlebury College's Mid 8, she said.

The group, Bitter said, referred to the eight Millennium

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'Sea of green' returns for 2007 season



The Shirt project President Brad Lenoir, left, and designer Andrew Parnell unveil "The Shirt" Friday in front of the Hammes Bookstore.

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Shirt 2007 was unveiled Friday outside of Hammes Bookstore to a cheering crowd of approximately 5,000 people happy to see the "sea of green" set to return to the student section for next football season — though in a darker hue.

"I thought it would be received well, but I didn't know it would be received that well," said sophomore Brad Lenoir, president of The Shirt project. "I had heard that a lot of people wanted to go back to green, but we weren't sure they would like this color green. ... The color has gone over exceptionally well."

Garnering a positive response from students and

fans who lined up to purchase it, the 18th edition of The Shirt features a kelly green base color, a gold leprechaun silhouette and the slogan "Together as one."

The back of The Shirt features the Notre Dame monogram, which is colored with a collage of various Notre Dame football images, including the Irish Guard, Touchdown Jesus and cheering fans in the stadium. The back also includes the words, "Shoulder to shoulder chanting her golden name" which are lyrics from the song "Hike, Notre Dame."

"I think this year's design was significantly better than those of the past years because it incorporated more than just the football aspect — [it included] the Irish

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South Quad 'Shack City' benefits children

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Students walking along South Quad Saturday evening may have noticed cardboard boxes scattered along the lawn, triggering nostalgic memories of childhood forts and tunnels.

But far from child's play, the cardboard huts this weekend were a conscious reminder of the millions of underprivileged children that are forced to live on the street in similar boxes.

The display, known as Shack City, is an annual event organized by Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter each spring.

"Shack City is a night of

raising awareness about the substandard housing conditions of the world," said senior Ryan Lafigliola, who began the event his freshman year. "We invite the general public to participate and assist us in raising funds, and this year we gained over \$2,000 in sponsorship."

Focusing on children in poverty, the Habitat team invited speakers and showed a documentary to portray the growing problem of homeless children.

"Habitat's mission is to provide affordable housing for all people, and we wanted to focus on children and how they are affected by homelessness," said sophomore

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Dance Marathon doubles earnings

Event raises more than \$47,000 Saturday for children's hospital

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

The second annual Dance Marathon at Saint Mary's was a rousing success, event organizers said, raising almost \$50,000 amid swing, techno and hip-hop tunes. The event, which benefited Riley Hospital for Children was held Saturday night in the Angela Athletic Center.

Fundraising and alumni relations chair Sarah Voss was very proud of the night's activities, calling them an "absolute success, more than we could've ever dreamed for." The Dance

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Students dance in Angela Athletic Center Friday during Dance Marathon. In its second year, the event doubled its profits.

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Listen to 'The Lorax'

Yesterday marked the 37th annual Earth Day. Traditionally, one would celebrate by partaking of decidedly vegan fare and enthusiastically embracing trees, all while wearing an assortment of hemp products. In spite of this widely accepted tradition, I spent my own Earth Day playing in mud, eating "mud" (chocolate pudding with crushed Oreos and gummy worms — a culinary work of genius), and watching Dr. Seuss's, "The Lorax — a sing-along."

Jessica Lee

Photographer

At the broadest level, "The Lorax" is a story about environmental awareness. But oh, my friends, and oh my foes, there is so much more to this Seussian classic. First, I offer a brief summary. The "Once-ler," a capitalistic entrepreneur arrives via wagon at the pristine Truffula tree land. Recognizing the raw value of Truffula tree tuft, the Once-ler starts to produce "thneeds," obscure knitted creations that seem to have more practical use than your mother.

As the Once-ler's enterprise develops into a full-blown industry, the Lorax, the protagonist protector of the entire ecosystem, objects in horror as he watches the original inhabitants being ousted from their homes due to increasing environmental declination. The moral conscience of the film, the Lorax continually hounds the Once-ler to decrease pollution (or more appropriately, "schlupp schlapp and glop") while there is still hope. When the last truffula tree falls, the Once-ler is left with a barren landscape and a very devastated Lorax, who also leaves the Once-ler to ponder the consequences of his greed.

To say that "The Lorax" is a cinematic masterpiece would be a gross understatement. It features a treasure trove of 70's psychedelic style songs comparable only to similarly animated gems (found exclusively in VHS form) such as, "The Hobbit—The Musical," and David Bowie's "Labyrinth" in its oh-so-transient 25 minute duration. The story is punctuated by these songs and offers pearls of wisdom such as, "People aren't fish, so they can't understand," and "They say I'm old-fashioned, and live in the past, but sometimes I think progress progresses too fast!"

Though it may seem like I'm mocking the simplicity of the Lorax, I'm actually applauding the delivery of its message. I mean, what better way to make a fairly grim reality appeal to a mass audience than via a stream of nonexistent rhyming words and oddly shaped creatures? The Lorax speaks of problems inherent in our own exploitation of the environment and the consequences we reap such as global warming and pollution in well-received nonsensical prose.

Simply put, the Lorax's message is, how many more "thneeds" do WE need before we're overcome by our own schlupp? In response and I guess, the ultimate way to spend earth day is to listen to our inner Loraxes with an open ear and become better stewards of the environment. That way, we too will be able to speak for the trees — truffula and oak alike.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jessica Lee at jlee13@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ND MEMORY SO FAR THIS SEMESTER?



Emily Balthasar

sophomore
Pasquerilla East

"NDE No. 94 was pretty awesome. Plus, now I can cross it off my T-shirt list of things to do before I graduate."



Steven Sushinsky

senior
Sorin

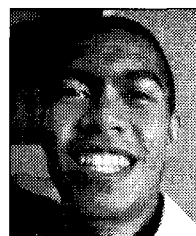
"I touched both a squirrel and a duck in the same week."



Ashley Congjuico

senior
Badin

"Going to the dunes on a Sunday."



Julian Lagoy

junior
Off-campus

"Conquering the MCAT."



Michael Wakim

junior
Dillon

"Meeting the photographer ... that took this picture."



Marissa Buck

junior
Cavanaugh

"Having my room raided and having it caught on film."



ALLISON AMBHOSE/The Observer

Members of the "Jorts" — a cross between jeans and shorts — team face their opponents during a mud volleyball game at the Holy Cross fields, as part of Keenan Hall's Muddy Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Thief snatches piggy bank with \$600

LINCOLN, Neb. — This little piggy had \$600. Its rightful owner now has none. A pink ceramic piggy bank filled with quarters, dollar coins and some bills was stolen from the counter of the Smokehouse Deli, the owner reported Friday.

The 8-inch tall pig weighed about 30 pounds and was filled about halfway with personal change, owner Beth Borgmann said Saturday.

Lincoln police had no suspects, but believed the pig was stolen sometime Wednesday evening or early Thursday, Capt. Genelle Moore said.

"It was just my personal loose change," Borgmann said. "That was my vacation money."

Borgmann said she had spent between one and a half and two years avidly filling the bank. She had planned to visit the Bay Islands of Honduras, where she has a house, she said.

"It's hard to get away when you run your own business," Borgmann said.

Teen pockets \$25,000 in texting contest

NEW YORK — OMG! Thirteen-year-old Morgan Pozgar, of Claysburg, Pa., was crowned LG National Texting champion on Saturday after

she typed "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from "Mary Poppins" in 15 seconds.

"I'm going to go shopping and buy lots of clothes," the teen said after winning her \$25,000 prize from the electronics company LG.

Morgan defeated nearly 200 other competitors at the Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan to become East Coast champion and then beat West Coast champion Eli Tirosh, 21, of Los Angeles.

She estimated that she sends more than 8,000 text messages a month to her friends and family.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

SUB presents SNL speaker, Keenan Thompson tonight at 8 in 102 DeBartolo. The event is free and open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a valid ID.

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Ball State tomorrow at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call the Athletic Department ticket office at 631-7356.

Notre Dame women's softball will play Northwestern tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

SUB will show the movie "Jaws" tomorrow at 9 p.m. on North Quad. The event is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students. This is a free event.

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Valparaiso Wednesday at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call 631-7356.

Notre Dame women's softball will play UIC Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host the Spring Ball on Wednesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. The cost is \$4 per night or \$35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a campus ID, as well as faculty and staff.

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

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McIlduff, Siefert proud of term

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

As new Saint Mary's student body president and vice president Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne prepare for their second Board of Governance (BOG) meeting after the board turnover, outgoing president Susan McIlduff and vice president Maggie Siefert said they are proud of the year they spent as the College's student leaders.

"Maggie and I fulfilled all of our platform goals," McIlduff said. "We ran on the idea of a checklist, and we checked off all of our items with the students' best interest in mind."

Among those goals was the continuance of Heritage Week, an event McIlduff was involved in creating during the 2005-06 school year as vice president, alongside then-president Kelly Mitros.

"Over the past two years there have definitely been some major additions to the week and I only hope that [future administrations] continue to make it a stronger tradition within this great college community," Siefert said.

"Heritage week is a great week that allows us to tie together our past with present."

Siefert was also a part of the ongoing Student Academic Council's appraisal of the College's general education requirements, an initiative that Payne will oversee in the upcoming year.

"I hope that through the Student Academic Council, she, with the SAC representatives, will continue to have a

powerful voice in the evaluation of the current general education program," Siefert said of Payne. "With the combination of student and faculty input, I definitely see this evaluation making big progress."

McIlduff did not discount the value of her board and the contributions of past student government boards in the success she had. She called her term a "watershed year," saying her administration's success fed off the foundations of

past leadership teams.

For McIlduff, the end of her term coincides with the end of her years as a Saint Mary's student. But Siefert, a junior,

will continue to serve the College as a student representative as she assumes the role of Elections Commissioner in the Hodges-Payne administration.

Siefert said she did not run for president because

she felt that she would not have the time to devote to the office that the student body deserves.

"Next year I will be student teaching and this will be taking up a lot of my time that I will not be able to give to being the Student Body President and for that reason it is not fair for the women of this institution," she said.

She said that even though she will not continue in an executive position next year, she will remain an active leader helping work "toward the betterment of Saint Mary's College."

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former student body president

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Maggie Siefert
former student body vice president

One-year memorial to be held at Taylor

Associated Press

UPLAND, Ind. — Taylor University will hold memorials this week for four students and a school employee who were killed in a highway crash a year ago.

The parents of two girls whose identities were mistakenly switched after the crash are expected to attend one of the memorials in Upland on Thursday, the anniversary of the crash. The families of Whitney Cerak and Laura VanRyn have refrained from public comment since the accident.

Five weeks after the April 26 crash, authorities announced they had mixed up the identifications of 19-year-old Cerak of Gaylord, Mich., who was severely injured but survived, and 22-year-old VanRyn of Caledonia, Mich., who had been killed.

Cerak, a sophomore, returned to Taylor as a full-time student in August and is living on campus.

"I ran into her on campus recently, and she looks fabulous," Taylor spokesman Jim Garringer said. "You would never know that she had been through this ordeal, based upon her physical appearance. And I understand from a number of different sources that she's doing quite well."

As a result of the misidentification by the Grant County coro-

ner's office, the Indiana General Assembly is considering legislation that would require coroners to be certified in death investigations or forfeit their paychecks. Currently, there are no requirements for coroners other than living in the county where they work and being at least 18 years old.

The truck driver accused of falling asleep at the wheel and causing the collision is scheduled to stand trial in August.

Robert F. Spencer, of Canton Township, Mich., near Detroit, was charged in September with five counts of reckless homicide and four counts of criminal recklessness. Authorities say he had driven at least nine hours more than allowed under federal rules before he fell asleep and his semitrailer slammed into a Taylor van on Interstate 69 midway between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

Spencer is being held in Jay County, where the trial was moved after a judge decided in January the publicity of the crash and the mix-up was too great for him to get a fair trial in Grant County, where the accident occurred.

The students killed in the crash were: VanRyn, Bradley J. Larson, 22, of Elm Grove, Wis., Elizabeth A. Smith, 22, of Mount Zion, Ill. and Laurel E. Erb, 20, St. Charles, Ill.

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

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Shirt

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Guard and the band," Cassandra Wilarski, Hammes Bookstore events manager, said.

According to Wilarski, the bookstore and the two varsity shops on campus made an initial order of 20,000 shirts, and by Saturday night they had sold approximately 17,000. The Shirt 2007 may become the most successful shirt in the 18-year tradition, she said, since The Shirt 2006 took three weeks to sell through its first order last year.

Wilarski credited the students of The Shirt committee for The Shirt's success in its first weekend. "[The Shirt committee] did a lot more to get more people out there," she said.

Wilarski said bringing in a 64-foot grill for Johnsonville brats and B100, a local live broadcast radio station, helped to get the entire community involved.

"Being able to reach outside of the Notre Dame community was very instrumental in getting a lot of people there," LeNoir said.

Sophomore Andrew Parnell, designer of The Shirt 2007, said he was glad to see such a positive response to the shirt after working on the project for one year.

"It was kind of weird walking around seeing everyone wearing the shirt that had been in my mind for the last year," Parnell said. "I smile every time I see people with it on."

Parnell said he and LeNoir developed the basic design for

The Shirt 2007 in one night, and The Shirt committee later made revisions concerning The Shirt's slogans.

Parnell also said the committee's main goal was to create a shirt that focused on the fans' unity — an essential aspect of Notre Dame football.

"We talked about what was the best way to think of unity," Parnell said. "The longest process was deciding exactly what we wanted the front [to say]."

Many students and fans were excited about The Shirt's green color.

"I think [The Shirts] are awesome. I like how they

went with a darker green and the slogan is great," freshman Joe Helfrick said.

Freshman Kate Zinsmeister, who was standing in line to purchase The Shirt at the unveiling ceremony, said she wasn't sure about the slogan, but she was happy The Shirt committee

brought back the sea of green.

Joan Lennon, wife of Alumni Association President Chuck Lennon, was also present at The Shirt unveiling.

"I love [The Shirt]. ... The design and the color are outstanding, especially when you will see the whole stadium in green," she said. "I think the color will be picked up by others as well."

Junior Alex Wulz, a member of the Notre Dame band who performed at the unveiling ceremony, also thought The Shirt's design was a success. "I think it's awesome — the best shirt we've had in the last four years."

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Andrew Parnell
The Shirt designer

Inaugural Joyce awards given to 17 professors

Special to The Observer

Seventeen University faculty members have been selected as recipients of the first Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, and three faculty and staff members have been selected to receive the first Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising.

The Joyce Award, formerly known as the Kaneb Teaching Award, was established this year and is named for the late executive vice president of Notre Dame. It honors faculty members who have had a profound influence on undergraduate students through sustained exemplary teaching, and, in particular, recognizes professors who create environments that stimulate significant student learning, elevate students to a new level of intellectual engagement, and foster students' ability to express themselves effectively within their disciplines. The award was funded through an endowment established by the Notre Dame class of 1937, of which Father Joyce was a member, on the 70th anniversary of his graduation.

The Dockweiler Award, also established this year, recognizes faculty or staff members who have demonstrated a sustained

commitment to Notre Dame undergraduates through outstanding mentoring, academic advising or career counseling services. It was created through a gift from the Julia Stearns Dockweiler Charitable Foundation.

The Joyce Award recipients are: Sunny Boyd, biological sciences; Yu-Chi Chang, management; Kathleen Cummings, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism; Paul Down, art, art history and design; Jan-Lüder Hagens, German and Russian languages and literatures; Louis MacKenzie, Romance languages and literatures; A. James McAdams, political science; Jeffrey Miller, accountancy; Carolyn Nordstrom, anthropology; Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., theology; William Ramsey, philosophy; Siiri Scott, film, television and theatre; Michael Stanisic, aerospace and mechanical engineering; Jeffrey Talley, civil engineering and geological sciences; Richard Taylor, chemistry and biochemistry; A. Peter Walshe, political science; and Michael Wiescher, physics.

The Dockweiler Award recipients are: Carl Ackermann, finance; Rev. James Foster, C.S.C., preprofessional studies; and L. John Roos, political science.

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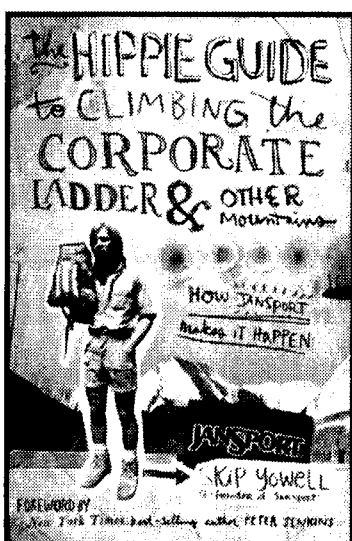
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Quake causes landslide in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile — An earthquake in remote southern Chile shook free a landslide of rocks, sending them smashing into a narrow fjord and causing massive 25-foot waves that swept away 10 beachgoers. Two bodies were recovered Sunday.

Rescuers were searching the cold Pacific waters for the other missing people from the beach after the 6.2 magnitude quake the day before, authorities said.

Oscar Catalan, the mayor of the nearby town of Puerto Aysen, saw six people at the shore pulled away by the current, according to the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio.

A correspondent for television network Chilevision, Orlando Adriaola, also reported seeing a man and his young daughter dragged into the water by a large wave. He said he was at the beach to install an antenna for his station.

Hamas calls for new offensive

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas militants called Sunday for a fresh wave of attacks against Israel after troops killed nine Palestinians in weekend fighting, straining a five-month-old cease-fire.

In response to the bloodshed, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' more moderate Fatah movement urged him to consider breaking off contacts with the Israeli government, despite his pledge to the United States to hold regular meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Hamas and Fatah are partners in a coalition government.

Among the nine Palestinians killed in the weekend upsurge of violence were two gunmen and a 17-year-old who died Sunday in the West Bank. The fighting also included a Palestinian rocket attack on the southern Israeli town of Sderot that damaged a home.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congresswoman dies of cancer

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a seven-term congresswoman from southern California, died early Sunday of cancer. She was 68.

Millender-McDonald died at her home in Carson, said her chief of staff, Bandle McQueen.

The congresswoman had asked for a four- to six-week leave of absence from the House last week to deal with her illness. McQueen couldn't immediately provide details on what form of cancer Millender-McDonald had, but said she had been receiving hospice care.

She represented a heavily Democratic southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach and parts of Los Angeles.

VA Tech students return to campus

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Still grieving and increasingly wary of the media spotlight, Virginia Tech students returned to their beleaguered campus Sunday, preparing to salvage the final weeks of a semester eclipsed by violence.

The scene on campus resembled move-in day in late summer, with parents helping their children carry suitcases into dormitories. There were tears and hugs goodbye. But instead of excitement for the year ahead, there was simply determination to endure and regroup in the fall.

When classes resume Monday, the university will give students three choices: They can continue their studies through the end of the semester next week, take a grade based on what they have done so far, or withdraw from a course without penalty.

LOCAL NEWS

Lottery lease offer at \$2 billion

INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels said Friday that at least two companies are willing to pay the state more than \$2 billion upfront and then \$200 million a year to operate the Hoosier Lottery and collect its profits.

That figure is more than twice the estimate Daniels gave in December when he proposed leasing the lottery to a private company, with the upfront payment being used to fund higher education initiatives.

Navy investigates Blue Angel crash

Military identifies pilot killed in air show, investigators sift through wreckage

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Investigators looked through wreckage Sunday to determine what caused a Navy Blue Angel jet to crash during a maneuver, while the military identified the fallen pilot as a 32-year-old who was performing in one of his first air shows with the team.

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis of Pittsfield, Mass. was in his second year with the Blue Angels, the team known for its high-speed, aerobatic demonstrations, Lt. Cmdr. Garrett Kasper said.

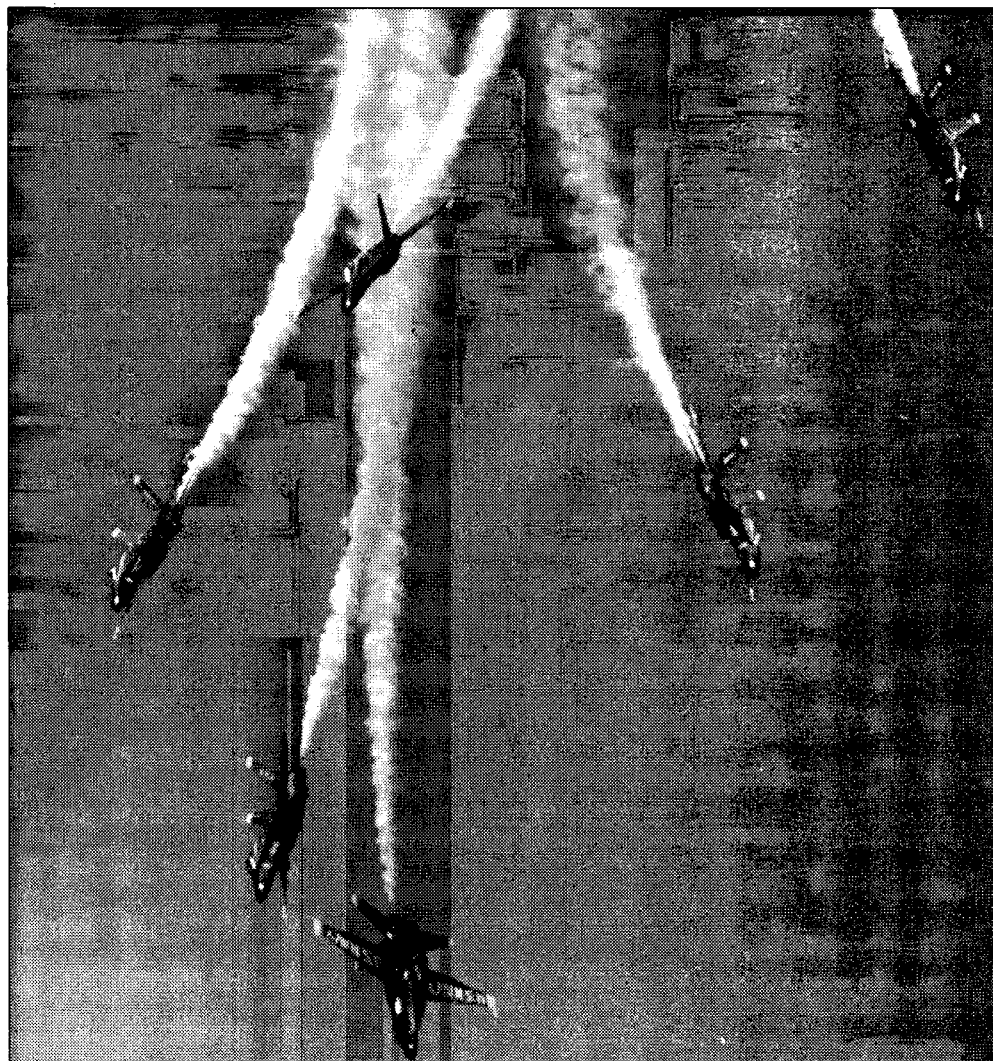
At Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, the site of Saturday's crash, a somber crowd watched Sunday as six jets flew overhead in formation. Smoke streamed behind one of the jets as it peeled away from the others to complete the missing man formation, the traditional salute for a lost military aviator.

The spirit of the pilot is in the arms of a loving God, said Rob Reider, a minister who was the announcer for the air show.

The crash happened as the team was performing its final maneuver Saturday afternoon during the air show. The team's six pilots were joining from behind the crowd of thousands to form a triangle shape known as a delta, but Davis' jet did not join the formation.

Moments later, his jet crashed just outside Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, hitting homes in a neighborhood about 35 miles northwest of Hilton Head Island, S.C. Debris — some of it on fire — rained on homes. Eight people on the ground were injured, and some homes were damaged.

The squadron's six, F/A-18 Hornets routinely streak low over crowds of thousands at supersonic speeds, coming within feet, sometimes inches, of each other. The pilots, among the Navy's most elite, are so thoroughly trained and their routines so practiced that deadly crashes are



Navy Blue Angels perform their last maneuver before Blue Angel No. 6 crashed during an air show in Beaufort, S.C. Saturday, killing a 32-year-old pilot.

rare; the last one happened in 1999.

The Navy said it could be at three weeks before it announces what may have caused the crash. The squadron was scheduled to return to its home base of Pensacola Naval Air Station late Sunday.

Ernie Christensen, a retired rear admiral and former Vietnam fighter pilot who flew with the Blue Angels and later commanded the Navy's Top Gun fighter school in California, said he did not want to speculate about what could have caused Saturday's crash. But he said the intense flying leaves no room for human or mechanical error.

When you are working at

high speeds, close to the ground and in close proximity to other aircraft, the environment is extremely unforgiving. That is the reason they practice so many thousands of times, said Christensen.

The last fatal Blue Angel crash was in 1999, when a pilot and crewmate died while practicing for air shows with the five other Blue Angels jets at a base in Georgia. Saturday's crash was the 26th fatality in the team's 60-year history.

The Blue Angels are unique from other jet aviators because they don't wear the traditional G-suits that most jet pilots use to avoid blacking out during maneuvers that exert strong gravi-

tational forces. The suits inflate around the lower body to keep blood in the brain, but that could cause a pilot to bump the control stick — a potentially deadly move when flying inches from other planes.

After the deadly 1999 crash, the Navy's air training chief ordered the Blue Angels to consider wearing G-suits. An investigation determined that the most likely cause of that crash was that the pilot was momentarily impaired because of a prior rib injury. Pain from the rib injury might have kept the pilot from tensing his abdominal muscles during a turning causing him to suffer tunnel vision.

IRAQ

Gunmen kill 23, PM denies civil war

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen shot and killed 23 members of an ancient religious sect in northern Iraq on Sunday after stopping their bus and separating out followers of other faiths while car bombings in the capital killed at least another 20 people.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, in Egypt to drum up support among Arab leaders for his Shiite-led government, told Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that Iraq was not embroiled in a civil or sectarian war. Key Arab leaders pressured him to step up reconciliation efforts to include Sunni insurgents if he expects Arab support.

In the northern Iraq attack, armed men stopped the bus as it was carrying

workers from a textile factory in Mosul to their hometown of Bashika, which has a mixed population of Christians and Yazidis — a primarily Kurdish sect that worships an angel figure considered to be the devil by some Muslims and Christians.

The gunmen checked the passengers' identification cards, then asked all Christians to get off the bus, police Brig. Mohammed al-Wagga said. With the Yazidis still inside, the gunmen drove them to eastern Mosul, where they were lined up along a wall and shot to death, al-Wagga said.

After the killings, hundreds of angry chanting Yazidis took to the streets of Bashika in protest. Shops were shuttered and many Muslim residents closed themselves in their homes, fearing

reprisal attacks. Police set up additional checkpoints across the city.

Bashika is about 80 percent Yazidi, 15 percent Christian and five percent Muslim.

Abdul-Karim Khalaf, a police spokesman for Ninevah province, said the executions were in response to the killing two weeks ago of a Yazidi woman who had recently converted to Islam after she fell in love with a Muslim and ran off with him. Her relatives had disapproved of the match and dragged her back to Bashika, where she was stoned to death, he said.

A grainy video showing gruesome scenes of the woman's killing was distributed on Iraqi Web sites in recent weeks, but its authenticity could not be independently confirmed.

Marathon

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Marathon raised \$47,129.60, Voss said, which more than doubled last year's total.

After 12 hours of continuous dancing, organizers revealed the total amount of money that was collected. The co-president of the Dance Marathon, Pauline Kistka, said her fellow organizers displayed each fig-

ure in the grand total by taking off their sweaters and revealing a T-shirt with a number on it. The Dance Marathon increased its fundraising total by around \$26,000, she said.

Kistka also described the event as a success, although approximately one fourth of the dancers left throughout the night. A lot of people had to leave early but at one point there were about 216 people in attendance, Kistka said.

They would've wanted to see

more dancers and less people yielding to exhaustion, but the important part of the night was to raise money for the hospital, she said. Organizers were surprised that some dancers didn't show up but "a lot of people who were there wanted to be there," Kistka said, referring to the enthusiasm and commitment of the dancers who did not sit down during the night.

"I had so much fun," sophomore Libby Singelyn said. "The entertainment committee did a

great job of providing everyone with enough to do all night long."

The organizers were only trying to beat last year's goal, and they had no idea they would double last year's funds, Kistka said.

"It's a really good feeling," she said.

She said organizers wanted to give their feet a day of rest before they started planning next year's marathon. Kistka also said they would avoid set-

ting a monetary goal in the future, because they don't want to focus solely on the money.

They want to try to do some more year-round fundraising to have a more consistent inflow of funds, but there is no set goal, she said. But bringing the total donations up every year will continue to be the team's main objective.

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MDG

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hunger and the establishment of universal primary education, gender equality and the empowerment of women, a reduction of child mortality, the improvement of maternal health, the advancement of the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and a global partnership for development.

"We really aim to bring all goals together in a framework of sustainability," Bitter said.

The UN set 2015 as the target year for the completion of the eight goals, which are focused on developing countries — especially those in Africa.

This week the task force hopes to raise awareness and apprecia-

"We really aim to bring all goals together in a framework of sustainability."

Joella Bitter
Millenium Development Goals task force president

tion among students and faculty for each of its objectives, focusing on one or a few of the eight goals each day of the week, Bitter said.

Monday will bring George Srour, the founder of Building Tomorrow, a nationwide initiative that encourages students to raise funds and awareness for the benefit of children in sub-Saharan Africa to campus to speak about his work in poverty-stricken Uganda, according to the organization's Web site.

The group scheduled a banquet Tuesday at the Coleman Morse lounge and a discussion of worldwide hunger and poverty, led by Father Paul Kollman, to accompany it.

On Wednesday, Father Bill Lies will preside a candlelight vigil at the Grotto, followed by a movie screening and a discussion with biological sciences professor David Lodge at the helm Thursday.

The task force will conclude the week Friday with food, booths and speakers at a community block party at the Fieldhouse Mall open to all students.

Because one of the major focuses of the MDG is malaria eradication, Wednesday will mark Malaria Awareness Day, Bitter said. Since last fall, the task force has been accepting \$10 donations for bed nets in Africa to protect villagers against the mosquito-borne disease. Bitter said malaria weakens the immune system, making the contraction of the AIDS virus easier as well.

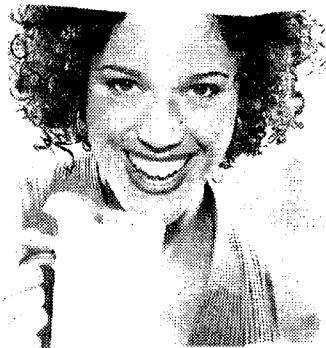
She said the malaria issue, combined with the gender equality problems and the other MDG goals offer students a broad spectrum of fields that may interest them, making the movement appealing to all majors.

"The main idea of MDG is to express to students that there is a role for all areas of study," Bitter said. "It is not just for peace studies, social sciences, etc. Medical researchers, pre-meds and others all can be engaged."

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IN BRIEF

Google leads Dow's high earnings

NEW YORK — Wall Street bounded higher Friday after Google Inc. led a series of stronger earnings reports that propelled the Dow Jones industrials further into record terrain and toward its first assault on the 13,000 mark.

In midmorning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 119.54, or 0.93 percent, at 12,928.17 after setting a new intraday high of 12,950.44. The blue-chip index has hit 33 record closes since the beginning of October last year.

After tempering their expectations for the first-quarter, investors have been pleasantly surprised by the initial torrent of earnings reports, helping major indexes rebound from February's market plunge. The Nasdaq composite and Standard & Poor's 500 are both at six-year highs.

So far, 16 of the 30 Dow components have posted financial results for the first three months of the year — with ten surpassing analyst forecasts. Dow components Honeywell International Inc., Pfizer Inc., Caterpillar Inc. and McDonald's Corp. all reported results before the open.

Oil reserves in Iraq could be larger

WASHINGTON — Taking into account the untapped potential of Iraq's western desert, the war-torn country's oil reserves could be nearly twice as large as previously estimated, containing more than 200 billion barrels, a new analysis of Iraqi oil resources says.

The consulting firm IHS Inc., in a report released Wednesday, said there may be an additional 100 billion barrels of oil beneath the surface in the western part of the country. The report estimated the country's current reserve base to be 116 billion barrels.

The U.S. Geological Survey has been less optimistic about Iraq's untapped potential, estimating there exists an additional reserve base of 45 billion barrels.

The IHS report also said Iraq's daily production, which now stands at 2 million barrels per day, could rise to 4 million barrels a day if conflict subsides and new investments in oil infrastructure are made.

Chinese company strikes it rich

Suntech Power Holdings Ltd. goes public on NYSE, sells solar equipment

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Physicist Shi Zhengrong spent the 1990s in an Australian lab studying solar power, a field he picked by chance. He expected to devote his life to science.

Still, Shi saw signs of a blossoming industry as Germany, Japan and other countries invested in cleaner power. Excited by a trip home that showed him China's rapid development, he startled friends by abruptly moving his wife and two Australian-born sons to his homeland in 2001 to launch a solar equipment company.

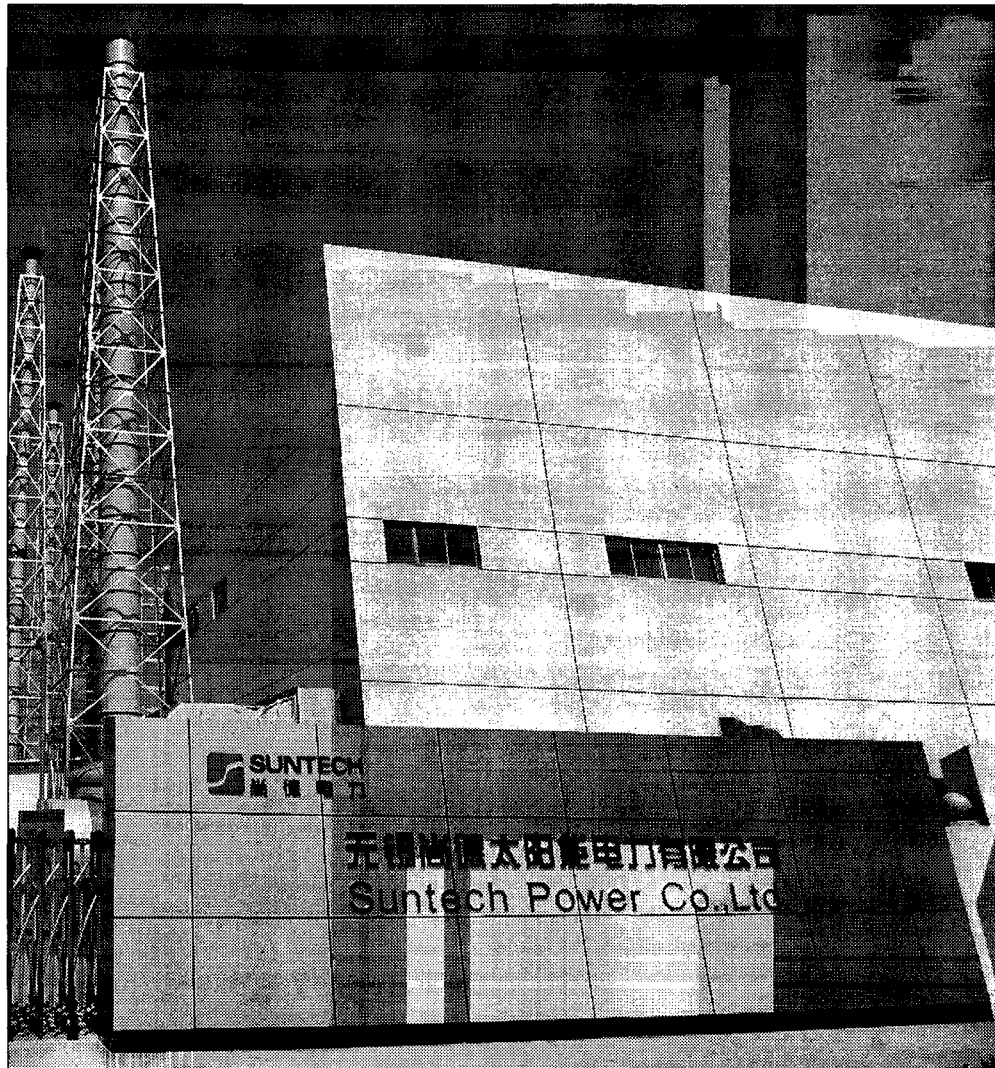
Four years later, Shi's confidence paid off when his Suntech Power Holdings Ltd. went public on the New York Stock Exchange and investors snapped up shares, turning him into a billionaire. Last year, Shi ranked No. 7 on the Forbes magazine list of China's richest tycoons, with a \$1.4 billion fortune.

Today, he has traded his research smock for blue business suits, a CEO's 63rd-floor corner office and a role advising the Chinese government on renewable energy policy.

"We believed the share price would go up, but not so quickly," said Shi, a 43-year-old with a boyish face, chuckling at what he says was a rise marked by lucky breaks and timing. "I never thought I would be a rich guy."

Shi is the leader of an emerging group of Chinese entrepreneurs who are striking it rich by meeting fast-growing demand in China and abroad for cleaner power.

They are getting a boost from China's efforts to curb environmental damage after two decades of breakneck growth that have left it with some of the world's most



Shi Zhengrong, founder of Suntech Power Holdings Ltd., is part of an emerging group of Chinese entrepreneurs striking it rich by meeting clean-energy demands.

badly polluted air and water. Chinese leaders also are promoting renewable energy in hopes of reducing mounting dependence on imported oil, which they see as a strategic weakness.

"The technological prowess of China is growing a lot faster than people in the West reckon," said Andrew Wilkinson, co-manager of a fund at investment bank CLSA Emerging Markets that invests in Asian clean-energy industries.

Suntech's 3,500-strong

work force at four sites in China produces photovoltaic cells, the delicate, hand-size black silicon panels that can transform sunlight into electricity.

At a time when China's communist leaders are trying to turn lumbering state companies into nimble global competitors, Suntech already goes head-to-head with Japanese and European rivals in foreign markets. Shi says all its technology comes from its own labs.

By last year, Suntech had

risen to be the world's fourth-largest solar cell maker, according to an annual ranking by Photon International, an industry magazine. Japan's Sharp Corp. is the market leader and other competitors include Q-Cells AG of Germany, Kyocera Corp. of Japan and BP Solar, owned by British oil company BP PLC.

Worldwide, experts expect the industry's sales to grow by 20 to 40 percent annually in coming years.

Maine's fishing industry in jeopardy

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — The forklifts zig and zag through the chilled warehouse, their forks balancing plastic crates filled with cod, haddock, pollock, flounder and other catch hauled from the North Atlantic.

The smell of fresh fish hangs heavy in the air on a recent Sunday as more than a dozen buyers for seafood processors and wholesalers slide into their seats at the Portland Fish Exchange, the commercial fish auction that's been around for 21 years. Spread on the tables before them are sheets listing the types and amounts of fish to be sold. Telephones are pressed to their ears.

They've already inspected the catch so auctioneer Paul Dewey begins the bidding, just as he has for the past 20 years.

"I have 88 cents, looking for nine.

I'm looking for nine," Dewey says in rapid-fire fashion as he auctions off a batch of pollock. "Anyone have nine?"

For the next hour, a nod of a head or a raised pingpong paddle marks the bidding on 56,000 pounds of fish that will make its way to restaurants and retailers across the United States.

But there's not as much fish being sold in Portland as a few years ago. There aren't as many boats unloading their catch here, either. Times are so tough that the fish auction is releasing Dewey from his job to save money.

"I give the commercial fishing industry in Maine about two years," said Bill Gerencer, a seafood buyer for Massachusetts-based M.F. Foley Co. "Not just the Fish Exchange, but the entire industry."

Maine fishermen are battling against strong currents that put them at a decided disadvantage to their counterparts in Massachusetts.

Fishermen have to use more of their

precious allotment of fishing days to steam to bountiful fishing grounds to the south. Unlike Massachusetts, Maine charges fishermen sales taxes on diesel fuel.

Maine lawmakers last month scrapped a proposal to let trawler fishermen sell lobsters they inadvertently catch in their nets. Instead, they must toss the lobsters back or go to Massachusetts where they can be sold.

The net effect: The future of the Portland Fish Exchange is about as certain as New England's fickle weather.

When the Portland Fish Exchange opened in 1986, it was said to be the first wholesale fresh fish display auction in the U.S.

Today, Hank Soule, the auction's general manager, points to a chalkboard that lists the fishing vessels that are scheduled to deliver their catch to the auction in the next week. The board is blank.

Shack

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Erica Sanchez, who organized the event this year. "Poverty housing is the main issue of Habitat and empowering people toward that end is the main focus of our organization."

Guest speakers included Vice President for University relations Lou Nanni, who once served as the director for the South Bend Center for the Homeless, and Beth Morlock, a representative from the Hope Rescue Mission homeless shelter.

Additionally, participants viewed an educational video — "My Own Four Walls," a documentary produced by Diane Nealon that showed interviews with homeless children across the country.

"We provide students with duct tape and scraps of cardboard and just let them use their imagination."

Erica Sanchez
Shack City organizer

"It was really stunning," Iafigliola said. "To think about how substandard housing is such a largely ignored issue on college campuses, since we don't have to worry about where we're going to live each night."

Iafigliola made a reference to one homeless student, depicted in the documentary, who earned a college degree while living on a park bench.

"When he had finally received his diploma, he simply returned to the bench and realized he had nobody to celebrate with," he said. "So our hope wasn't to try and pretend like we were being homeless, but by using the boxes, speakers, statistics, etc. — we're bringing consciousness to the situation."

Approximately 125 students



Photo courtesy of RYAN IAFIGLIOLA

Students camp out on South Quad Saturday night to raise awareness for homelessness as part of Habitat for Humanity's annual Shack City event. Approximately 125 students participated in the event.

attended the event Saturday, and about 100 of them volunteered to construct their own cardboard homes and spend the night sleeping out on South Quad.

"We provided students with

duct tape and scraps of cardboard and just let them use their imagination," Sanchez said. "We were really fortunate to have nice weather, because that allowed more people to come, ask questions, and leave

with a better understanding about the situation. Overall, it was fun — but in a serious way."

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Energy

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"It's been very refreshing to know that the University ... is taking strides to work on environmental issues," O'Connor said.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) president Morgan Dill — who does not sit on the committee — said its formation is "a step in the right direction."

"I'm glad they're taking the initiative," Dill said.

She emphasized the importance of bringing environmental issues and any existing environmentally-friendly options to the attention of students.

"They do a lot of things that the public isn't aware of," Dill said.

One such initiative may be the University's recycling program.

In 1990, the University started "Recycling Irish," a program that recycles nearly 133,000 pounds of aluminum, newspapers, glass and plastic every year. Today, not only have the types of qualifying waste increased, but in recent years more than 13 million pounds of waste have been recycled, according to the press release.

Building Services Director and "Recycling Irish" coordinator Alan Bigger said that typically the University recycles around 60 percent of its total waste, and this academic year the school has recycled around 65 percent.

"That rate — and the rates of recent years — exceeds most of the national norms, and peer institutions," Bigger said.

O'Connor agreed that the

program has been an achievement.

"It's one of the University's biggest success stories, in terms of environmental initiatives," he said.

Other recent University initiatives include "From Old 2

Gold," a resale program that sells food and items donated by students — as well as "NDSurplus," a program that sells any furniture and other equipment Notre Dame's departments no longer use, the committee's release said.

Both initiatives are designed to reduce the waste stream coming from the University.

Another recent initiative, involving Notre Dame's use of fuel, led to the purchase of a hybrid vehicle for the University motor pool, a collection of vehicles that can be rented for campus events.

Perhaps one of the most promising initiatives, Dill said, is the environmentally-friendly design planned for the new multi-disciplinary engineering building, scheduled to break ground this November.

"It's definitely one of the most important [initiatives]. We build so much here on campus," Dill said.

She said with any new construction it's important to look at the impact of new facilities on the environment and the University's sustain-

ability.

O'Connor said a representative from the Office of the University Architect recently told the committee that whenever the opportunity arises, they will make all new buildings LEED-certified, a national certification for environmental design.

The "green" design of the engineering hall will address water protection, water efficiency, energy efficiency and conservation of resources.

While these initiatives are altogether positive and encouraging, Dill thinks there is plenty for the committee and the University to work on and consider.

"We need to focus on where we're getting our energy," Dill said, and "consider what kind of energy we're getting" from the University's power plant.

Dill also said older campus buildings could be retrofitted to include updated energy-saving devices like light sensors, among other environmentally-sound changes. Energy-saving techniques across campus — putting cluster computers to sleep overnight, for example — also need attention, she said.

The University, Dill said, should also consider increasing the number of courses it offers that focus on environmental issues and conservation.

O'Connor said the committee will hear suggestions like these and work with

groups like SEA during a campus-wide green campaign scheduled this fall.

Dill said she is pleased the administration will involve students.

"I think that's really key," Dill said. "The intent of a committee like that is to serve the students and University

community."

Embracing student groups and working from the bottom-up — not just top-down from the administration — is important, she said.

O'Connor said the campaign will focus on ways students can directly become involved in conservation on campus, from reducing energy consumption to increasing recycling, among other things.

"It's something that we're

really looking forward to, as a committee," O'Connor said.

A sustainable campus in the near future, he said, is one of the committee's goals, but he recognized achieving it is a long way off.

"It's going to be a long process for Notre Dame, but it's something that we're striving for," O'Connor said.

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FRANCE

Voters put Royal, Sarkozy in French presidential run-off

Nation faced with choice between conservative leader, socialist; leftist would be country's first female head of state

Associated Press

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy and Segolene Royal advanced to a runoff in Sunday's presidential election, presenting France with a fundamental left-right choice between a conservative who could push his anxious nation toward painful change and a socialist who would be the country's first female leader.

Royal is the first woman to get this close to the helm of this major European economic, military and diplomatic power after a campaign marked by suspense, surprise and unusually dynamic candidates who lured voters to the ballot box in near record numbers.

Sarkozy has the advantage heading into the May 6 runoff. Results from the Interior Ministry early Monday, based on all polling stations except those voting in embassies overseas, had Sarkozy first with 31.1 percent followed by Royal with 25.8 percent. Turnout was huge at 84.6 percent — the highest in more than 40 years and just shy of the record set in 1965.

Either way, France will get its first president with no memory of World War II to replace the 74-year-old Jacques Chirac, who is stepping down after 12 years to usher in a new generation of candidates.

Sunday's first round of voting shut out 10 other hopefuls, from Trotskyists to far right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. Le Pen had hoped to repeat his shockingly strong showing of 2002 but instead finished a weak fourth with 10.5 percent.

Both Sarkozy, a Hungarian immigrant's son, and Royal, a military officer's daughter who beat Socialist heavyweights to win her party's nomination, are in their 50s and have traveled long, arduous roads to get to this point.

The winner's task will be tough: France is a troubled nation, still haunted by the riots by young blacks and Arabs in poor neighborhoods in 2005.

Decades of stubbornly high unemployment, increasing competition from economies like China's, and a sense that France is losing influence in the world made this a passionate campaign. Both Royal and Sarkozy have promised to get France back on its feet — but offer starkly different paths for doing that.

Sarkozy would loosen labor laws and cut taxes to invigorate the sluggish economy, while Royal would hike government spending and preserve the country's generous worker protections.

Royal, too, champions change but says it must not be brutal.

"I extend my hand to all those women and men who think, as I do, that it is not only possible but urgent to abandon a system that no longer works," she said.

The runoff offers "a clear choice between two very different paths," she said.

Outside Socialist Party headquarters in Paris, supporters reacted to the result with joy, chanting, "We're going to win!"

Sarkozy told cheering supporters Sunday night that by choosing him and Royal, voters "clearly marked their wish to go to the very end of the debate between

two ideas of the nation, two programs for society, two value systems, two concepts of politics."

Despite Sarkozy's lead, he faces a powerful "Anything But Sarkozy" push by those who call him too arrogant and explosive to run a nuclear-armed nation. He once called young delinquents "scum," a remark that outraged the residents of poor neighborhoods and has dogged him politically.

"It won't be a walk in the park" for Sarkozy even though he is in a strong position heading into the runoff, said Bruno Cautres, researcher at the prestigious Institute for Political Sciences.

Royal, a lawmaker and feminist who says she makes political decisions based on what she would do for her children, shot to popularity by promising to run France differently.

But she has stumbled on foreign policy. In one gaffe, she praised the Chinese during a trip to Beijing for their swift justice system.

Many voters question whether she is "presidential" enough to run France.

With results for the nearly 1 million French voters registered abroad still trickling in early Monday, turnout fell just short of the record of 84.8 percent for a first round, set in 1965. That year, modern France held its first direct presidential election, with World War II Gen. Charles de Gaulle and Socialist Francois Mitterrand reaching the runoff that de Gaulle went on to win.

For Royal and Sarkozy, a scramble is now on for voters in the mid-



French socialist presidential candidate Segolene Royal walks through a crowd of supporters in Melle, France Sunday.

dle ground and others who deserted the left and right in favor of farmer's son and lawmaker Francois Bayrou, one of the big surprises of the campaign.

He placed third on Sunday, with 18 percent, according to the partial results.

In the runoff, Sarkozy should be able to count on votes from the far right, whose champion Le Pen suffered his second-worst showing in

five presidential elections. Partial results had him at 11 percent.

Royal's score was the highest for a Socialist since Mitterrand in 1988. But she could struggle to make up the gap with Sarkozy in round two. Candidates to her left together scored about 11 percent. They immediately swung behind her after their elimination, but their votes alone will not be enough to put Royal in power.

INDIA

Concern raised as India reserve loses 8 tigers

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Eight tigers are missing from a reserve in western India, raising new concerns about the country's dwindling big cat population, a news report said Sunday.

The rare adult tigers have vanished from the Ranthambore National Park, which covers 60 square miles in the western state of Rajasthan. The Indian Express newspaper reported, citing the Wildlife Institute of India.

India has laws to protect wildlife and imposes severe punishment on violators. But lax enforcement, high prices for tiger skins and the use of their bones and claws in traditional medicine in neighboring China have created a thriving trade.

According to a census held in August 2005, Ranthambore had a total of 26 big cats — 21 adult tigers and five cubs younger than 20 months. By October 2006, another census showed a total of 31 tigers in the reserve but only 18 adults and 13 cubs

— showing eight adult tigers missing from the count, the newspaper added.

"The sex ratio has improved a lot and we have a very good year with cubs, but all is not well," Fateh Singh Rathore, a

former conservator at the tiger reserve, told the newspaper. "We need better patrolling and tracking by the park management if we are serious about saving the tiger."

In 2001, the U.S. National Geographic Society estimated that 5,000 to 7,000 Bengal — or Indian —

tigers existed in the wild, about half in India.

However, conservationists believe official estimates of tigers in the wild are grossly exaggerated and that the true figure may be closer to 2,000 — or as little as several hundred.

This is not the first time that a large number of tigers have gone missing from Ranthambore; in early 2005 news reports had said that as many as 18 big cats had vanished from the park.

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Ranthambore
National Park

ESTONIA

Soviet symbols to be removed

Associated Press

TALLINN — The life-size statue of a Red Army soldier stands at a crossroads in this Baltic capital, fist clenched and head bowed, marking the spot where Soviet war dead are buried.

But the statue is engulfed in bitter debate over the Soviet army's place in European history, which could come to a head this week if the Estonian government goes ahead with plans to dig up the tomb and move the statue to a park outside Tallinn.

Russians are appalled, and the Kremlin has warned of "irreversible consequences" for relations with Estonia.

Estonia is not alone. These days, throughout formerly Soviet-controlled eastern Europe, a battle of symbols and memories is being waged — over statues, street names, the hammer and sickle, even Auschwitz. Now firmly entrenched in the West through NATO and European Union membership, many countries are showing renewed eagerness to erase the more visible vestiges of communism.

The dispute underscores the opposing views of the Soviet legacy in Russia and its former satellites. Russia's resurgent patriotism under President Vladimir Putin has only widened the gap as countries from the Baltics to the Balkans seek to

shed the last vestiges of communism.

Russia views the Soviet troops as heroes who rescued the three Baltic states from a racist Nazi regime. Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians say the Soviet regime that held sway over them for 45 years after World War II was even more repressive.

"This is not a monument to the victors of the war but a monument to the destruction of the Estonian Republic," said lawmaker Mart Laar.

The problem, says Eugeniusz Smolar, head of the Center for International Relations, a Polish think tank, is that "Russia has never come to terms with its history." Russians continue to see themselves only as victims of World War II, he said, and ignore the dictatorial systems they imposed on the countries they liberated from the Germans.

Opposing interpretations of history clashed earlier this month in Auschwitz, where Polish curators of a museum at the former death camp refused to let Russia to open its exhibit.

Russia claimed that hundreds of thousands of "Soviet citizens"

died in the Holocaust. The Poles vehemently rejected this, saying those victims, mostly Jews, were from territories occupied by the Soviet Union in league with the Nazis between 1939 and 1941.

Sergei Mironov, a senior Russian lawmaker, called the Polish decision "sacrilegious," and its reasoning "stupid."

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Estonian lawmaker

After regaining independence, the communist bloc nations tore down statues of Lenin, Stalin and the idealized socialist laborer. But respect for the Soviet role in defeating Hitler was not entirely erased. In Hungary and Lithuania, many of those statues now

stand in parks and are major tourist draws.

In Estonia, there are scores of Soviet monuments that stir no anger — one-third of the population is ethnic Russian — but the Bronze Soldier stands out because it has become a popular staging point for pro-Russian rallies.

Poland's governing Law and Justice party has called for changing street names that have a communist taint. Romania has issued a 650-page report detailing and condemning communist atrocities.

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If I were a valedictorian ...

Ladies and gentlemen of the Class of 2007: Congratulations. Each of you has spent the past four years being slapped around like Tina Turner by the harsh rigors of Notre Dame academic life, the customary foibles of Notre Dame athletic life and the indescribable awkwardness of Notre Dame social life. We've laughed together at Paul Horning's racism and loose pants, we've cried together at bowl games under whichever coach decided to take us to Tempe, and we've vomited together under Indiana State Excise Police on horseback at tailgates. The important thing, however, is that we have all survived — as they say — to begin the next chapter of our lives.

Unfortunately, life is not a book. There are no pages, no illustrations, no dust jackets and certainly no chapters. Life, boiled down to its very essence, is nothing more than a case of beer. Sure, some lives are mere racks of Natty or Keystone — frequently quite bitter, and tending to go down in huge gulps so as to ease the pain of consumption. Others, like that of this year's commencement speaker, GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt, are tiny four-packs of Guinness Extra Stout — smooth, rich and impressive to drink in public, yet at the same time extremely dark and only at their best when lightened up with some Irish cream. The rest of us, though, with our bright futures and lamb-skin diplomas (unless you're a lamb-hugging hippie who ordered a paper one), are merely amorphous variety packs — filled with the potential for both great success and bitter disappointment depending upon the choices that we make over the coming years.

While college may have been "the best four years of our lives," it is highly unlikely that they will go down as the most defining. Sure, we have been given countless opportunities to sample the variety of choices available at the open bar of life — medicine, law, business, engineering, academia, service or whatever it is that Arts & Letters majors do to make money — but the next two to five years will truly be our chance to put those sampled choices to the

test.

Some of you might run from this Midwestern sanctuary of Catholicism, red-heads and dive bars for the heathenism and debauchery of New York City or Los Angeles. While there, you will probably reach into your variety pack of life and start with a trendy Belgian or German brew — perhaps a Stella Artois or a St. Pauli Girl — and sip slowly on this Western European wonder while pondering your existence from the lonely back wall of a chic tapas bar on the corner of Wall and Water Streets in Lower Manhattan. As you casually nurse one of these frothy, golden lagers, most likely from the chilled rim of a peculiarly feminine and stemmed beer glass, you will soon find yourself battling with the true questions and goals of your post-collegiate life. Are 100-hour weeks crunching numbers at Goldman Sachs worth the personal costs? Is it possible to find love or start a family in a big city? Is marketing a real job or just an outlet for B.S.? And why is Stella Artois always served out of these girly wine glasses?

Some of you will likely be spending the next two to five years engaged in service toward the world's neediest people. While treating malaria patients in Africa, teaching impoverished schoolchildren in the rural South or building community infrastructure in Third World countries, you will most likely find yourself too busy at times to even think about experimenting with your variety pack of beer. When you do have a free moment, though, one can imagine that you would probably grab for a 25-ounce oil can of Fosters as you battle with the stresses of service. A million questions will certainly rattle through your head as you imagine your i-banking friends in New York casually sipping on their nine-dollar glasses of Stella Artois as they consider whether to buy the Tiffany earrings or the Cartier bracelet for their next black-tie gala. Am I truly happy giving myself to these people whom I barely know and receiving minimal compensation in return? Will I continue seeking personal fulfillment through community service for the rest of my life, or will I begin searching for a traditional job when my time here ends? And why do Australians feel the need to drink out of such enormous beer cans? Are they trying to compensate for something?

Many of you, as well, will continue to test your academic mettle at graduate school. Here, in the often pretentious milieu of even higher standards of learning, you might grab an Amstel Light after a long day of organic chemistry at med school, reach for a Bud Light to calm you down after a stressful week studying torts at law school or pound six or seven Rolling Rocks to break up the grind of your tedious, yet rewarding Ph.D. work in Anthropology or Psychology. Similar questions will bounce through your head as you continue to sit in the same types of college bars that you've sat in since you first snuck into Boat Club as a Notre Dame freshman. Will my future career be worth the \$50,000 in loans that I'm accumulating here? When will I get the chance to settle down and start a family with 10 more years of this hectic "Grey's Anatomy" lifestyle in store? Will I be one of those people who forces everyone to call me "Doctor" because I have a Ph.D.? And why am I still drinking Bud Light? This stuff tastes like Aquafina.

In the end, we will all be grappling with the same types of questions, no matter where we move, no matter what we do and no matter which beer we decide to pull out of our variety packs. Forrest Gump's mama may have been right about a number of things, but she was wrong about one: Life is certainly not like a box of chocolates.

Life, with its endless choices that we have earned after four years of learning at Notre Dame, is like a case of beer. You do have the power to know what you're going to get. You only need to have the will to reach in and grab a beer, the faith in yourself to trust your choice and the humility to dive back in for a second, third or eighteenth can if you're dissatisfied with the first.

Once again, congratulations, Class of 2007, on an amazing four years, and good luck to everyone with whatever you decide to do for the next sixty.

Bottoms up!

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"The fashion wears out more apparel than the man."

William Shakespeare
English playwright

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More mottos to live by

James Breen wrote: "Finish what you start. That's what my mother always taught me about life" (April 19 Letter to the Editor, 'Iraq pullout not logical'). He also compared the disastrous departure (or should we say "fleeing"?) from Vietnam with potential withdrawal from Iraq. There are obviously more parallels to be drawn between the two about the reasons we went to war (democratize people, fight the bogeyman of the times over there and not over here, military-industrial complex?), what we did while in those countries (including not only reconstruction but also rape, murder and destruction) and how much it costs us (in terms of life, money and reputation), and finally what we achieved

by it (isolationism at home and shame abroad, not to mention a war memorial with too many names). 'Start what you finish' is a good motto for life. I would like to offer two other mottos to keep in mind about the Iraq war, though: 1. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," and 2. "You broke it — you bought it."

Mary Ann Hennessey
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April 20

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All-nighters: A survival guide

As my first year of college comes to an end and I look back on all that I've experienced — the ups, the downs, the good times and bad — I can't help but think to myself: My god, how many all-nighters did I pull?

I knew they would be inevitable. The trend of putting off schoolwork till after dinner, after a lengthy nap and after The O.C. became more and more popular as my high school career progressed. And as all the glittering teen media would have it, all-nighters are supposed to happen in college. They're the ultimate college-work-ethic stereotype. But it wasn't until I sat here in deep reflection that I realized they're more than just a stereotype. They're a way of life.

As we stare into the face of death (a.k.a. final exam week), I've decided to devote my final column to that which has facilitated so many sleepless nights for college students near and far; that which will continue to be there for us through the ups, the downs, the good times and bad; and that which has been my personal savior:

Caffeine.
It has come to my attention that caffeine, after being viewed with suspicion for years, is starting to make a serious comeback. Word of its newfound health benefits has been circulating in newspapers and the Web for the past couple of weeks. Evidently, there's new proof that caffeine defends against diabetes, Parkinson's disease, asthma symptoms, post-workout soreness and even hunger pangs.

So, in light of this most-welcomed revelation, I've decided to share with you the knowledge that could carry you through the rest of the semester. Cut it out and stick it on your fridge:

The top eight most popular and most effective sources of caffeine, with — as an added bonus — the fewest calories.

1. Diet Coke: The only diet, caffeinated beverage you can get in Van Pelt after Mark's Cafe closes, thanks to the 24-hour vending machine. A standard can contains 45 mg of caffeine, 0 calories, various flavorings and colorings and not much else.

2. Water Joe: The perfect fix for the closet-caffeine addict. The only ingredients are Artesian water and caffeine; no additives, no carbonation. I can't say I've tried it, nor does it sound very appealing, but a 16.9-oz. bottle contains 60 mg of caffeine and, as could be expected, 0 calories.

3. Red Bull: This shouldn't be surprising. An 8-oz. can provides you with 80 mg of caffeine and 110 calories. It contains carbonated water, artificial flavors and colors, some vitamin B and loads of sugar. "Red Bull gives you wings!"

4. Tab Energy: The energized version of Coca-Cola's original low-calorie cola brand, Tab; however, it's not a cola product. Fashion Week Daily describes it as a "sweet and sour beverage" with a flavor "reminiscent of a liquid Jolly Rancher." A 10.5-oz. can contains 95 mg of caffeine and only 5 calories.

5. Enviga: The sparkling green tea that's "proven" to help you burn calories, yet somehow has sparked a mess of lawsuits and investigations of this very claim. Regardless, a 12-oz. can contains 100 mg of caffeine and 5 calories, plus 20 percent of the suggested daily value of calcium.

6. Rocket Chocolates: For the chocoholic in all of us, these candies have more boost than a standard cup of coffee. One piece of Rocket Chocolate contains 150 mg of caffeine and 70 calories. They come in flavors like mint, toffee latte, peanut butter and mocha latte, and they're individually wrapped so you can stash a few in your pocket.

7. Starbucks Coffee: My euphoria. Sure, it's commercialized and potentially even overrated, but the fact is there are two Starbucks on campus, one right next to the library, and their coffee will keep you awake. One tall (12-oz.) cup of plain coffee contains 280 mg of caffeine and 0 calories; of course the latter varies with what you add to your drink. Starbucks' brew averages twice the caffeine of a standard 8-oz. cup of coffee, so take advantage.

8. Spike Shooter: Desperate times call for desperate measures. I've personally never heard of it, but any 8.4-oz. can that can house 300 mg of caffeine without a single calorie has my approval. Note the label that reads, "Don't drink if under 18," and "Drink only half a can at a time."

I realize that columns about stimulants usually end with a disclaimer about not abusing them ... but who are we kidding?
Happy studying!

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I used to have a problem with cursing. Well, perhaps I should rephrase: I used to have a problem with the notion of cursing.

For one, it was what bad men and non-Baptists did. In the movies, the bad guys were the ones cursing — either them or the non-educated folk.

If you were a good guy, you were supposed to have the ability to express your anger creatively. So you punched people out of saloons instead — but only when they deserved it. Apparently, I watched too many John Wayne flicks, which may explain my occasional temptation to call folks "pilgrim."

My movie intake ended up being swear-free because it was selectively screened by my parents, who were not fans of bad words.

And you need to know that my parents are eerily psychic. If I even whispered a wordy-dird under my breath, my folks would just know. Dad would have a lecture ready in five minutes, plus a paddle in 10.

In retrospect, I don't know how logical this punishment was. Paddling inevitably causes one to yelp out even more choice words, thus making Dad paddle you harder, and you yelp more, and so on.

Scientists and English majors call this a "Catch-22," which is ironically about how many swats you'd get before Dad's arm got tired.

And when Dad's arm gets tired, then he starts wanting to curse, too. That's when Mom comes in and washes everyone's mouth out with Dial.

So in holy fear, I learned not to curse. Then I saw the movie Boondock Saints and became desensitized for life.

At first, I was a bit confused, and just assumed spraying a mess of bad words was a trait of the Irish, a genetic deal like red hair and leprechaunism.

Then I heard how a guy who came to Chapel said a four-star bad word to make a point and knew all

bets were off. Plus, he was from Philadelphia.

Now cursing is impossible to escape. For example, I now know Beetle Bailey, something I have faithfully read since I was 5 years old — is a dirty, dirty comic strip.

There's this character, a grouchy old soldier named "Sarge," who continually abuses Beetle Bailey, both physically and verbally. And a lot of times, he'll say nonsensical stuff like "\$#@%&."

That used to mystify me. Was he practicing code-talk? Or was it just common military practice to call someone a no good piece of "ampersand-colon-percent sign-pound symbol?"

Then it hit me that Army guys swear like sailors, which makes me hope they don't feel like copycats.

Now that I've realized the truth, I hope parents never let their kids read Beetle Bailey again.

It honestly hasn't been funny since the Reagan administration anyway. Those guys should obviously read my stuff more often.

Of course, being mature, I've come to terms with the four-letter world I live in.

If people are going to curse, let them curse. If you think about it, words are really just a bunch of random sounds anyway.

They're only a big deal if you put meaning to them, which is why I am always unfazed when Russian-speaking people cuss me out. This actually happens more often than you might think.

So I've decided to be cool if other folks say naughty words. And for my part, I figured I'd go countercultural and try out 'Leave it to Beaver'-style talk.

And if you don't like that, you can go gee-whiz yourself.

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Students confront the media

Walking around campus students and faculty alike bear witness to a sea of camera crews penetrating the Virginia Tech campus. From the Roanoke Times to CNN, reporters can be seen on the Drillfield and sidewalks recounting Monday's events. The Virginia Tech campus has become a hotspot for gaining information, and most especially, interviewing students. After Monday's tragedy, student narration and personal accounts have proved themselves valuable to all news stations and reporters. Students' personal stories are the closest many reporters get to the action.

After such a tragedy, it would seem that students would find it difficult to talk about a tragedy that has affected them on such a personal level. Everyone around the world is feeling the traumatic effects of Monday's shootings, but for those who had classes in Norris, friends that passed away or teachers that lost their lives, the pain is all the more real. It is impossible to be completely unaffected.

When approached by reporters, students have handled themselves with the utmost maturity and honesty. It can be overwhelming to be constantly approached by reporters but students have handled the situation graciously and represented Virginia Tech well. After experiencing such a traumatic event, the last thing so many of us want is to replay specific memories over and over again.

Whether mourning the loss of a friend at the

Burruss memorial, or signing the commemorative signs on the Drillfield, students are finding different ways to cope with loss. But even then, when approached by the media so many students have selflessly provided information to reporters.

At times the media may seem insensitive, but they really are just trying to tell a story, to show the truth to the world. It is through our words and stories that we enable top news sources to broadcast the Virginia Tech tragedy. Through the actions of so many students, the world is seeing what kind of school we truly are. We are a place that rises up in the face of adversity. We are a school that, despite everything, still believes in the power of kindness and love.

We at the Collegiate Times appreciate all of the people who have confided in us, shared their stories and allowed us to share so many individual perspectives with the community. Students on campus have given a voice to those who can no longer speak for themselves. The victims would want their story to be known. Although it is painful, the Virginia Tech community has been incredibly brave in sharing the truth and in never letting Monday's events be forgotten.

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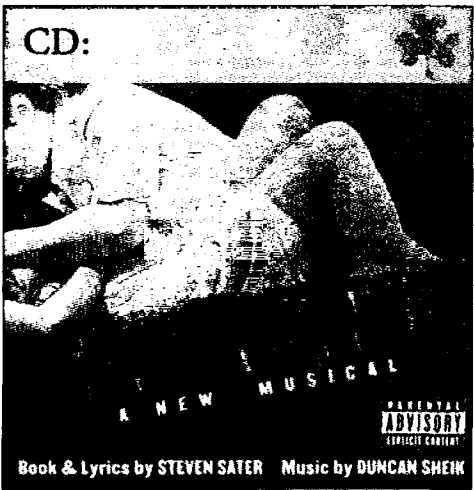
'Awakening' brings new life to musical genre

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

"Spring Awakening," a new Broadway show written in part by '90s singer-songwriter Duncan Sheik, is probably unlike anything you've ever heard coming from a musical.

The music is fresh, the harmonies are sublime and the subject matter is surprising and unexpected. The play, based on an 1891 work by German playwright Frank Wedekind that was banned in its home country for decades, is a nuanced and complex look at youthful innocence, burgeoning sexuality and the fallout between the two.

"Spring Awakening" takes place in Wedekind's stifling original setting of German society, and from this repression a lush and beautiful score springs forth — a collection that stands solidly on its own as an album.



"Spring Awakening" chronicles a small set of German youths that, due to the sudden, unexpected advance of puberty, are fumbling through adolescence. The inquisitive Wendla Bergman (Lea Michele), the quietly rebellious Melchior Gabor (Jonathan Groff) and the tormented, but sweet Moritz Steifel (John Gallagher Jr.) make up the conflicted trio at the play's center.

Michele and Groff play the central young lovers and Gallagher as Moritz, Melchior's best friend, is a figurative lost boy who finds himself falling victim to thoughts and feelings he doesn't understand. As these characters grow in knowledge and experience, tinged by both destruction and growth, the play deftly describes their journeys through Sheik and writer/lyricist Steven Sater's haunting, joyous and downright beautiful music.

The soundtrack opens with "Mama Who Bore Me," Wendla's confused musings to her traditional mother. The play's female characters then take up the song again, with increased energy and a faster pace, in a reprise that highlights the irony of a generation of mothers who chose not to teach their children about the most human of urges — sexuality. It's not the first time on a soundtrack that the music voices criticism of society, and "Mama Who Bore Me" sets that precedent well and with subtlety.

Another early number, "The Bitch of Living," is a frenzied, frenetic explosion of the frustrations that Moritz, Melchior and their fellow schoolboys feel in their stifled environment. The song is anchored by quick, energetic guitar riffs and the impassioned, strained voices of each boy's struggles. Its female counterpart, the subsequent "My Junk," describes the girls' increasing sexual awareness as they crush from afar.

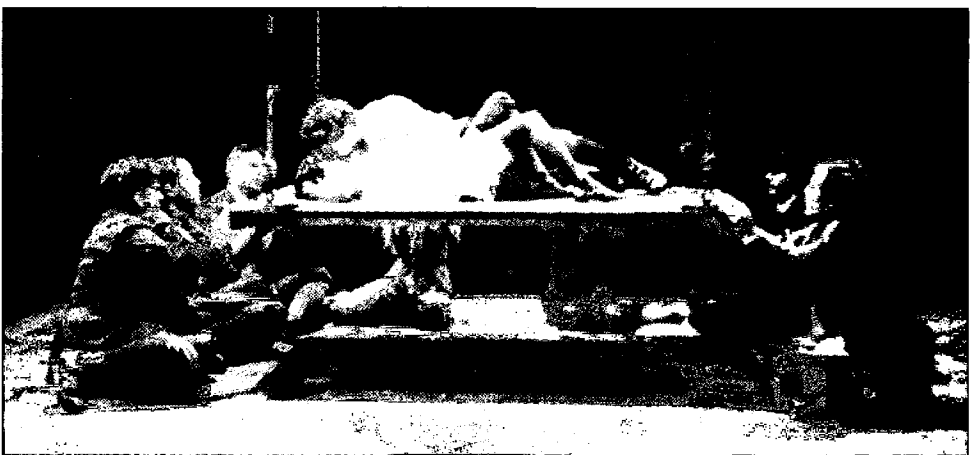


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The musical "Spring Awakening," which opened on Broadway in December 2006, features music and lyrics written by Duncan Sheik and Steven Sater.

While taking a more exuberant tone than "The Bitch of Living," "My Junk" continues in a similar vein of misunderstanding and confusion.

As the play continues, the music subsequently grows darker and more complex. Decisions are made, deeds are done and consequences are sometimes harshly faced or violently avoided, and the soundtrack aptly reflects this evolution of theme and sound.

Moritz's manifesto of independence and depression, "Don't Do Sadness," is coupled with the mournful nostalgia of social rebel Ilsa's (Lauren Pritchard) "Blue Wind." "Totally F***ed" takes up the play's earlier sense of irony as its "blah blah blah" verses and powerful vocals express the youths' feeling that life's forces are working against them. The play's final track, "Purple Summer," is a genuine, lovely and lushly written hymn of exultation.

What really strengthens the play's soundtrack is the fleshing out of each song by most (if not all) of the cast members. Each track is carefully written with sophisticated harmonies, adding to the commonality of their struggles.

Each song simply works. The music is both energetic and contemplative in turn, and the layering and sophisticated sound, when coupled with straightforward, emotional lyrics, create a seductively addicting collection.

As a Broadway musical soundtrack, the "Spring Awakening" album is probably unlike anything you've ever heard, and yet familiar and engaging at the same time. It is, in a word, wonderful.

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SCENE & HEARD

Looking for relationship drama on Facebook

My day always starts with the same routine. I check my email to find out about the latest necessary and important OIT all-hands meeting, I check CNN to see what's going on outside of the Notre Dame bubble, and I check Facebook for the latest gossip relationship updates.

Facebook relationships — and their pertaining choices — are the cause of all sorts of drama and controversy. While they may cause pain and frustration (and occasionally happiness) for those involved, for outsiders they can be quite entertaining. Watching casual friends travail the land between "It's complicated" and "In a Relationship" several times in one day is far superior to any drama a soap opera could ever offer.

There's a great deal of analysis and strategy that goes into making your initial selection with regards to what you are "looking for" in your own profile. Does only looking for "Friendship" come off as being too unapproachable to an interested party? Does "A Relationship" scare off potential casual daters? How far down on the skanky-scale does selecting "Random Play" knock you? And then there is the option of "Whatever I can get," which is a whole other issue all together.

It's hard enough to try to label your own desires — it gets more interesting when there is another person involved. Facebook



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doesn't have an option for "casual dating," which means that there comes a point where you have to select a relationship option if you no longer consider yourself the sole occupant of single-ville. The initial decision is whether or not to classify it as "open" or not. This can cause all sorts of drama since the definition of what qualifies as an "open relationship" can vary drastically from person to person and couple to couple.

And what can potentially cause even more trouble than the "open relationship" is setting your status to "it's complicated." This can mean anything from an on-again, off-again couple, to a regular hook-up from the Backer. In the worst-case scenario (or best, depending on your view), this setting is used in relationship warfare between a couple.

For example, it's always easy to tell when "Joe" and "Katie" are fighting, because one of them will angrily change their status from a "relationship" to "it's complicated."

The question of courtesy can also factor into all of these decisions. Close friends can get upset when they find out about a breakup/new relationship from their news feed, as opposed to the actual person.

Nothing is quite as irritating as discovering that an ex is dating someone else, but that irritation is easily exacerbated by first hearing about it on your homepage. But at the same time, there are few greater feelings in the world than witnessing the broken heart image appearing next to his name.

Sometimes, Facebook relationship statuses are the best way to find out whether that drunken confession of love will still stand

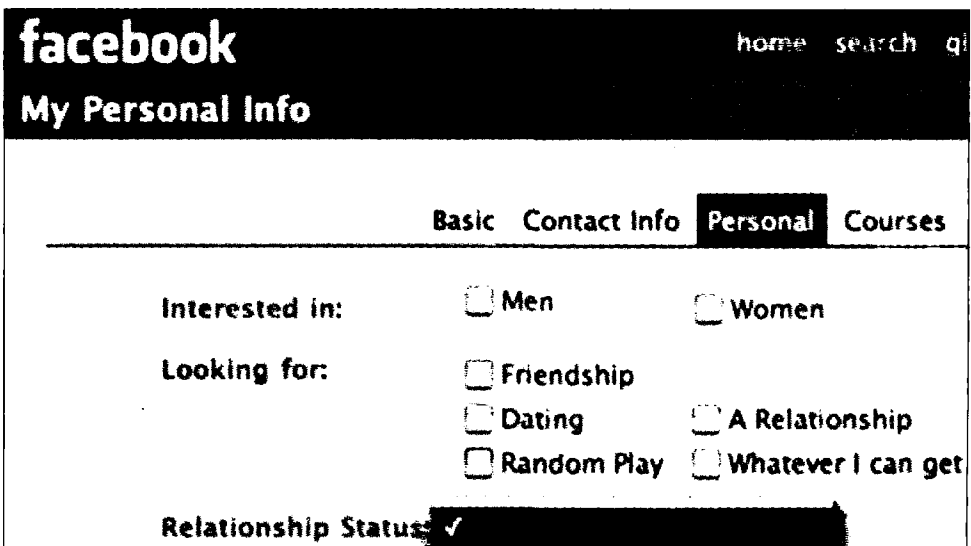


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Facebook settings, with options including "Random Play" and "Whatever I can get," can cause drama and entertainment for both couples and viewers.

true in the sober light of day. "Megan" and "Mike" might have made out at the Feve, but is that going to translate into an actual status ("it's complicated," perhaps)?

It could just end up as a poke.

In the world of Facebook relationships, pokes are the most private gesture since (fortunately) they don't show up on the feed. Much like the status, pokes can mean different things to different people.

Whole Facebook groups are devoted to determining how pokes should be used and who should actually get poked. Is it a friendly gesture? Is it indicative of a non-dulac approved desire of intimacy? Your idea of poking and the viewpoint of the person who you are poking (or who poked you) might not be the same, and that could lead to a potentially complicated situation.

So if you happen to be involved in a high-profile Facebook drama-fest, try not to fret over your complicated relationship — just think about how riveting your life is to those secretly watching it unfold on the Facebook feed.

And drama-fans and voyeurs alike, please remember to practice safe poking.

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More than 50,000 see Gold take down Blue 10-6 in run-dominated spring game

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On the day Notre Dame's four inexperienced signal callers were supposed to have their coming-out parties in front of more than 50,000 fans, David Bruton and Junior Jabbie had other ideas.

Bruton, a reserve free safety in 2005 and 2006, and Jabbie — Notre Dame's fourth-string tailback the last two years — stole the show from the four young Irish quarterbacks in front of a record-setting crowd at Notre Dame Stadium for Saturday's Blue-Gold Game.

Dedicated to running the ball, Irish coach Charlie Weis kept quarterbacks Jimmy Clausen, Demetrius Jones, Zach Frazer and Evan Sharpley in check.

Jabbie took full advantage of this ground-oriented play calling. The rising senior had 52 yards on seven carries in the first half before finishing with 87 yards on 13 attempts.

"That's what we've seen out of Junior the whole spring," Weis said of Jabbie. "He's definitely played himself into ... deserving to be in contention."

And while Jabbie failed to find the end zone on any of his runs, Bruton had better luck from his position in the secondary.

The rising junior on the Gold team put the first points of the game on the board with his 35-yard pick-six off a wobbly and errant pass from Jones. Bruton grabbed the ball in mid-air, cut left and found a seam to the end zone, where he flipped over the goal line before leaping into the crowd in the southeast corner of the stadium.

"I got a good break, and then I ended up over-breaking it, so I had to step back and catch it and take off running," Bruton said of the return. "I was just going to stick the ball out, then I just decided to throw the flip in and do the Lambeau leap. I had always wanted to do that and took advantage of the situation."

Bruton's interception and the play of the entire Irish secondary impressed Gold team honorary coach Lou Holtz.

"I think defensively, you have to be impressed," Holtz said. "The secondary moved well. Very well coached. I did not expect to see a defense that was as physical and played as well as they did in the spring game."

The four quarterbacks finished just 11-of-24 with two



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Gold team fullback Asaph Schwapp tries to run over Blue team cornerback Mike Anello Saturday during the Gold team's 10-6 win in front of a record crowd at the 78th annual Blue-Gold Game at Notre Dame Stadium.

interceptions and a lone touchdown. Wide receivers caught just three passes, with every other completion going to either a running back or a tight end.

Though Jones finished with the only touchdown pass, only Clausen escaped the afternoon unscathed. Rising senior defensive lineman Justin Brown forced Sharpley to fumble late in the first quarter, though the quarterback recovered the loose ball. Jones had a fumble — recovered by fifth-year senior tight end John Carlson — to go along with his seven-point interception, and Frazer threw a woefully inaccurate ball picked off by rising junior Ray Herring of the Gold team and returned to Blue's 23-yard line.

Of the rising sophomores, Frazer finished 0-of-4 with the interception, while Jones was 3-of-6 for 23 yards and a pick but scrambled for 31 yards on one play to convert a third-and-19.

Clausen finished 3-of-7 for 23 yards, including two balls

thrown out of bounds to avoid sacks, and Sharpley was 5-of-7 for 31 yards.

Clausen had a chance to be the hero for the Blue squad with two minutes left, but a dropped pass and offensive pass interference call by John Carlson stymied the drive.

Starting at its own 35, rising senior Travis Thomas rushed four yards on a delay on first down. Next, Carlson dropped a pass that could have gone for a first down, and then Clausen had to throw the ball away under pressure on third down. On fourth-and-six, he hit Carlson on the right side, but the veteran was flagged for the 15-yard penalty. Clausen's desperation attempt to the left side on fourth-and-21 was short, and

the chance for heroics was gone.

Such was the game, which featured slow, consistent play more than anything else. The most noteworthy solid action may have been from the defensive back-four.

The secondary's performance marked a distinct contrast to the last time Bruton and starting strong safety Tom Zbikowski, also on the Gold team Saturday, played most of a game side-by-side. Southern California quarterback John David Booty completed 17-of-28 passed for 265 yards and two scores last Nov. 25, when Bruton filled in much of the game for former Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe.

"I've tried to get better day by day," Bruton said. "Right now is

just a chance to get better and work on the things we weren't sharp on in the spring."

The Blue team responded to Bruton's score halfway through the second quarter with a scoring pass from Jones to rising sophomore Robby Parris.

Hit on the arm, Jones' throw came out short, but Parris adjusted to catch the ball at the two and scurried in for the touchdown.

After fifth-year senior cornerback Ambrose Wooden illegally blocked the point-after attempt (Blue-Gold Game rules prohibit rushes on extra points), walk-on kicker Nate Whitaker missed the second try wide left, giving Gold a 7-6 lead it held through halftime.

Rising sophomore kicker Ryan Burkhardt finished the scoring with a 29-yard field goal capped a 59-yard drive for Gold that ended at the Blue 6-yard line.

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player of the game

Junior Jabbie

The rising senior ran for 87 yards on 13 carries for the Gold team and won offensive MVP honors.

stat of the game

11-for-24, 1 TD, 2 INT

The combined passing statistics of the four quarterbacks competing for the starting job in Saturday's run-heavy contest.

play of the game

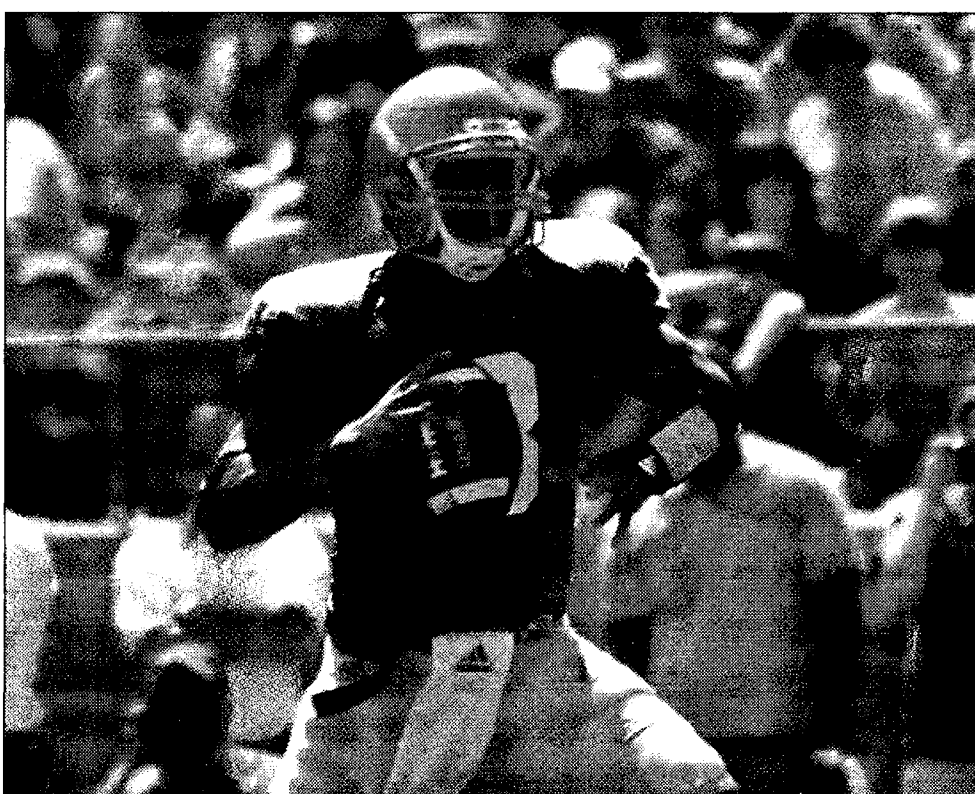
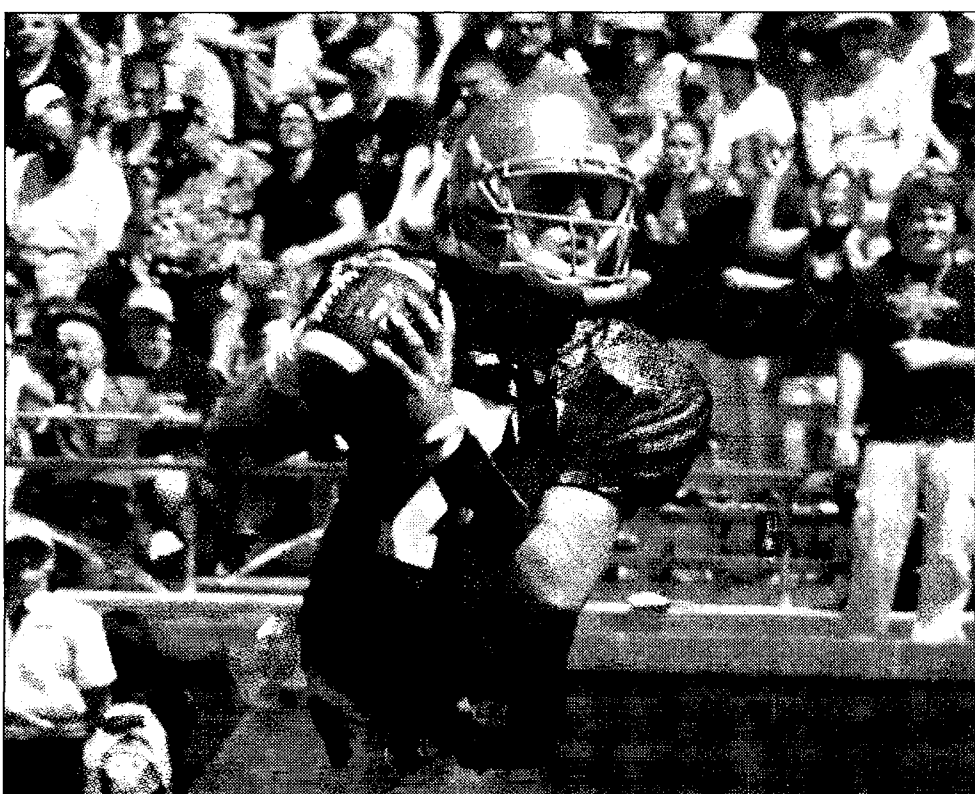
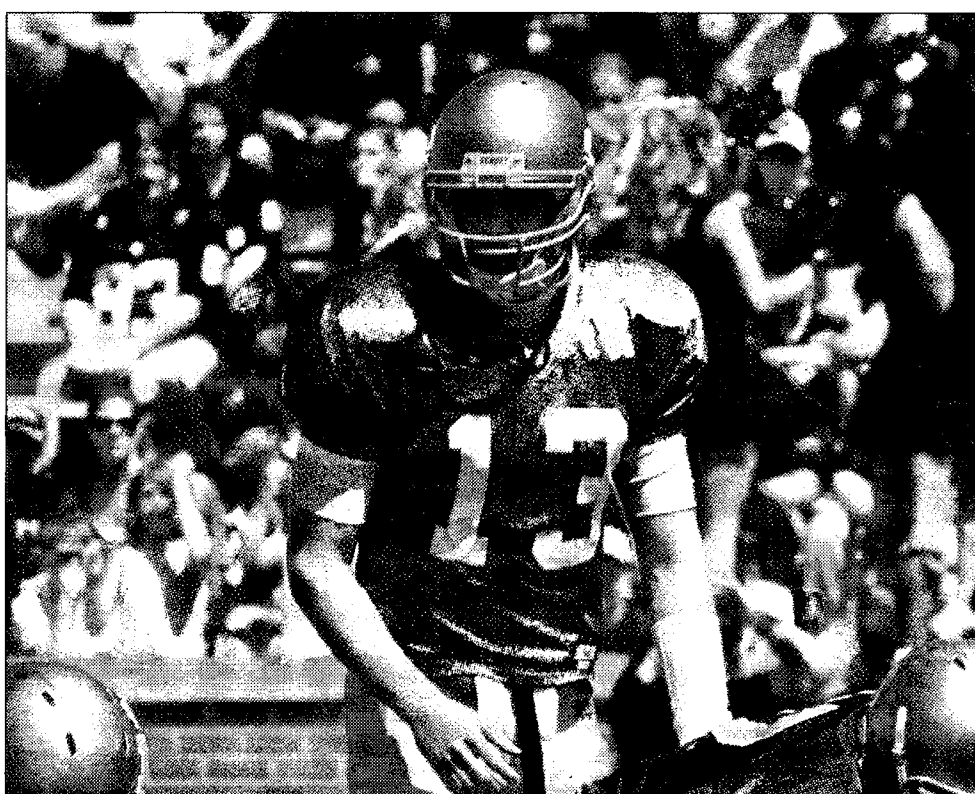
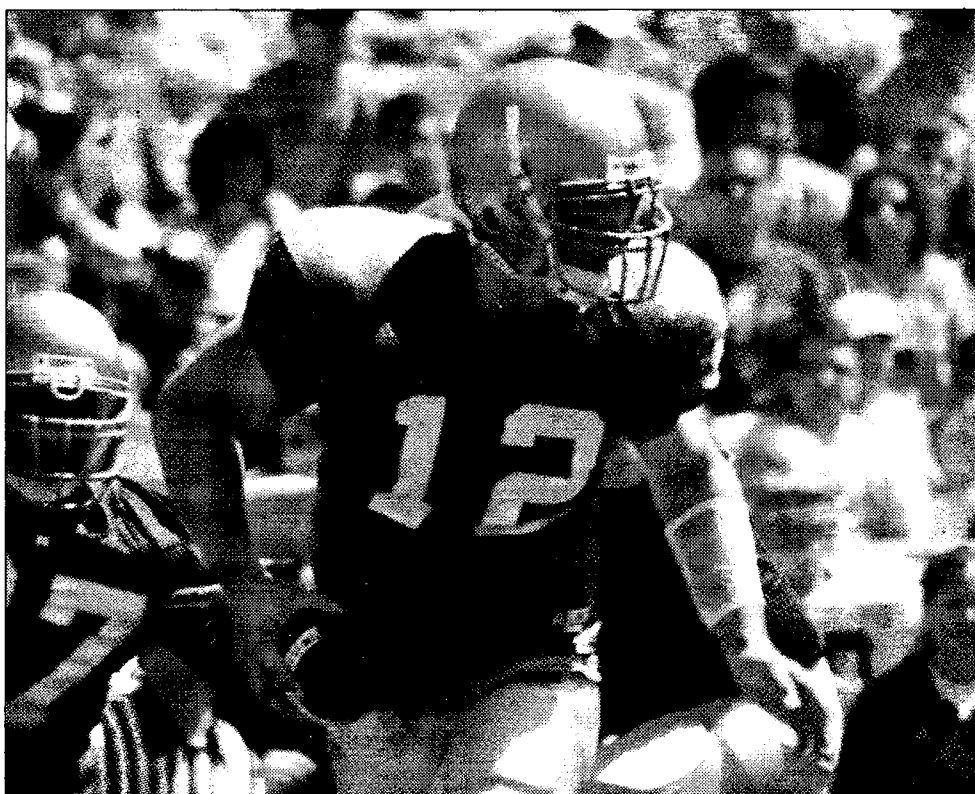
David Bruton's interception return

The rising junior's touchdown after picking off Demetrius Jones gave the Gold team a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

quote of the game

"None of the four [quarterbacks] I would say ever played themselves out of contention."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach



VANESSA GEMPIS and QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Notre Dame quarterbacks, clockwise from top left, Zach Frazer, Evan Sharpley, Jimmy Clausen and Demetrius Jones compete in the Blue-Gold Game Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Irish coach Charlie Weis said no quarterback played himself "out of competition" for the starting job.

More questions than answers in QB derby

No passer stands out in defensive, run-heavy Blue-Gold contest

Saturday's Blue-Gold Game was going to be the unveiling of the four quarterbacks competing to replace Brady Quinn. Or so most Notre Dame fans thought.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis had other ideas.

As part of instilling "a toughness on offense I think

we've been missing the last couple years," Weis heavily skewed the play calling of both the Blue and Gold squads toward the running game.

In fact, with Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz roaming the sidelines, the game resembled a three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust contest that either of those two may have called.

The Gold and Blue squads combined for 54 run plays

and 24 pass plays. Rising senior Junior Jabbie's 87 yards on 13 carries made it clear that he should get some action next season, but what is more unclear than before is who should be handing off to him, fifth-year Travis Thomas, rising sophomore James Aldridge and early-entry freshman Armando Allen.

With all the rushing attempts Saturday, it was hard to get a bead on where the four quarterbacks stand. Weis said that no one played himself "out of competition," but none of them was truly spectacular either.

The best quarterback Saturday was rising junior Evan Sharpley. He went 5-for-7 for 31 yards through the air and oversaw the most complete drive of the day by either team — the Gold squad's 15-play, 59-yard field-goal march in the fourth quarter. He also had a swing pass to Jabbie for 16 yards that wasn't counted in his stats because it was tossed backward.

On the other hand, Sharpley did take a sack that cost his team a chance at a field goal at the end of the first half and fumbled once.

Early-entry freshman Jimmy Clausen avoided those types

of mistakes. His numbers were not as solid as Sharpley's (3-for-7 for 23 yards), but some of those incompletions were throwaways that seemed mature beyond his years. He also had the best single throw of the day, a 12-yard out route to wide receiver Robby Parris.

Clausen had an opportunity to bring the Blue back from behind, trotting onto the field with two minutes left and down by four, but the drive stalled quickly due to a penalty on tight end John Carlson.

Rising sophomore Demetrius Jones had an up and down game, looking nervous early on and throwing an ugly interception on his first pass attempt that safety David Bruton returned for the Gold squad's only touchdown.

Jones was basically unable to use his running ability since he was more or less playing touch football, but he did take advantage of a defen-

sive breakdown to pick up a third-and-long on a 31-yard scamper. He also threw the game's only touchdown pass, but Parris had to make a great play on the ball to catch it.

Fans barely saw rising sophomore Zach Frazer. He attempted just four passes and didn't complete any to his own team. This performance is no reason to write him off, however. While his interception to safety

Ray Herring was a poor decision, his other three passes were solid throws that got dropped.

Obviously, none of these guys are Brady Quinn — at least not yet. But judging by other elements of Saturday's scrimmage, they may not have to be.

Weis wants to focus on the running game offensively and, if the line gels, that could be huge in taking some of the weight off of whoever wins the starting job.

Corwin Brown appears to have instilled a ferocity in the defense that has been missing since at least 2002, if not since the Holtz Era.

And the entire team seems more relaxed without last year's incredible expectations on their shoulders.

Because of all that, so long as whoever wins the quarterback derby feels comfortable running the offense and doesn't make mistakes, Notre Dame will be just fine next year.

And since Weis will narrow down the race from four to two at the end of May, he will have all summer to prepare the starter and first backup for game action.

Even after that, however, Irish fans will have to wait and wonder, and maybe bust out the rosary beads a few times, before a starting quarterback finally takes the field against Georgia Tech.

And then whoever it is can begin the four-year long odyssey of trying to replace Brady Quinn.

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Weis concentrates on run game

Coach wants to instill 'toughness' offensively

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A record crowd of 51,852 filed into Notre Dame Stadium for Saturday's Blue and Gold game expecting to see an exhibition from next year's four potential replacements for Brady Quinn.

But those that came to see the changing of the guard might have seen another kind of change — a change in philosophy.

Saturday's scrimmage included a total of 54 running plays and 24 passing attempts — a marked departure from the pass-heavy playcalling Irish fans were accustomed to with Quinn under center.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said after the game that he wanted to control the number of throws each quarterback had on the field, but no matter who starts behind center in September, Weis said Irish fans could expect to see a more balanced attack.

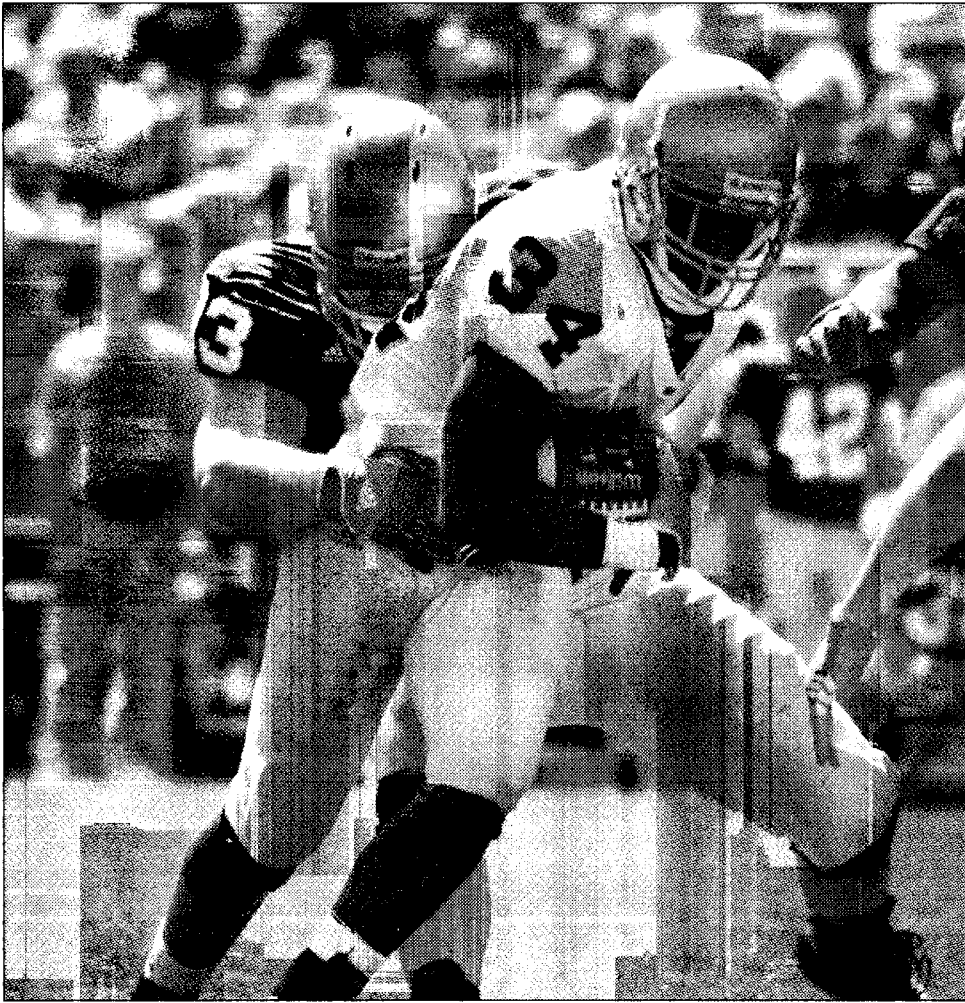
"I kept the number of passes to a minimum because I wanted them to come out there and run the football," Weis said. "I think the one thing, one of the main things I wanted to come out here in the spring was establish a toughness on the offense that I think we've started to get away from a little bit."

"That's why I want to see a heavy dose of running."

Weis said over the past two years his team relied too much on Quinn's right arm to lead Notre Dame to victory, but inexperience at key positions on offense may necessitate a change in the gameplan this season. Aside from the quarterbacks, no starters return at wide receiver while only two starters at offensive lineman — center John Sullivan and right tackle Sam Young — return.

The Irish, however, do have experienced players coming back at tight end and running back. Rising fifth-year seniors John Carlson and Travis Thomas both return.

"So if we can establish a mentality where we can run the ball with power, the whole offense opens up," Weis said. "Now you have play action, now you can throw a drop back. But the first thing is first, you have to be able to run the ball with power, and I think that we've gotten away from that a lit-



Gold team running back James Aldridge drags Blue team defensive end Paddy Mullen in Saturday's 10-6 Gold victory. Aldridge finished with 34 yards on nine carries.

tle bit and we're trying to get back to that."

Saturday, the power running game was on display. Gold squad rising senior Junior Jabbie tore up the Blue team for 87 yards on 13 carries. Jabbie — whose name had been forgotten by many in the running back position battle — earned offensive MVP honors for his performance. Thomas had 36 yards on nine carries, while early-entry freshman Armando Allen had five carries for 19 yards for the Blue team.

Thomas and Allen, however, gained their yardage against a Gold defense that included returning starters Maurice Crum Jr. and Trevor Laws — two of Notre Dame's top defenders from last season. Jabbie and rising sophomore James Aldridge, who finished with 34 yards on nine carries, had the luxury of having Crum and Laws wear white for the scrimmage.

No matter who starts at running

back September, Weis seems to be moving in the direction of a more run-oriented offense.

But over the summer, one of the four quarterbacks could prove that he is capable of leading Notre Dame's offense as Quinn did for the past two years. And Weis has always been known for his unpredictability as a play caller.

So while opponents will start gearing for a power rushing attack from the Irish, Weis and company could come out throwing the ball in a five-receiver set with an empty backfield. Or, they could split the running back out wide — as Weis did with Allen more than once Saturday — to match him up against a linebacker and then throw it deep down the sidelines.

Regardless, Weis said, Notre Dame will have more "toughness."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Gold	7	0	0	3	10
Blue	0	6	0	0	6

First quarter

Gold 7, Blue 0
David Bruton 35-yard interception return with 3:20 remaining. (Ryan Burkhardt kick)

Second quarter

Gold 7, Blue 6
Robby Parris 15-yard reception for Demetrius Jones. (Nate Whitaker kick failed)
Drive: 4 plays, 22 yards, 1:51 elapsed

Third quarter

No scoring

Fourth quarter

Gold 10, Blue 6
Burkhardt 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 15 plays, 59 yards, 9:40 elapsed

statistics

total yards

BLUE	116
GOLD	137

rushing yards

BLUE	70
GOLD	106

passing yards

BLUE	46
GOLD	31

first downs

BLUE	4
GOLD	10

time of possession

BLUE	28:32
GOLD	31:28



20-70	rushes-yards	34-106
6-13-1	comp-att-int	5-12-1
3-37.3	punts-yards	3-41.0
1-0	fumbles-lost	1-0
4-31	penalties-yards	0-0
4	first downs	10



passing

Clausen	3-7-0	Sharpley	5-7-0
Jones	3-6-1	Frazer	0-4-1

rushing

Thomas	9-36	Jabbie	13-87
Jones	3-21	Aldridge	9-34
Allen	5-19	Schwapp	7-29
Schmidt	1-3	Frazer	1-(-5)
Clausen	2-(-9)	Sharpley	4-(-39)

receiving

Carlson	3-14	Reuland	3-21
Parris	2-28	Jackson	1-6
Allen	1-4	Jabbie	1-4

punting

Price	3-37.3	Maust	3-41.0
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field goals

Whitaker	0-1	Burkhardt	1-1
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interceptions - return yards

Herring	1-13	Bruton	1-35
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fumbles - lost

Jones	1-0	Sharpley	1-0
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tackling

Brockington	11	T. Smith	9
Vernaglia	8	Bruton	4
J. Brown	7	Crum	4
Hand	4	Kuntz	3
S. Brown	4	Ryan	2
Quinn	3	Wooden	2
McCarthy	3	Laws	2
Herring	3	Ferrine	2
Anello	3	Zbikowski	1
Mullen	2	Lambert	1
Lough	2	Olsen	1
Wade	2	Gordon	1
Prince	2	Stephenson	1
McNeil	2	S. Smith	1
Gaines	1	Washington	1
Richardson	1	Tisak	1

Sullivan suffers only high ankle sprain

By KEN FOWLER
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Fifth-year center John Sullivan suffered a high ankle sprain on the third drive of the second half, Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

In his post-game news conference, Weis said Sullivan's X-rays came back negative. If the injury had occurred in mid-season, Weis said, Sullivan would likely miss two to four weeks of action.

"But I'm listing him as probable for Georgia Tech," Weis said with a laugh, referring to Notre Dame's season-opener with the Yellow Jackets on Sept. 1.

The injury came on a 6-yard run up the middle by early-entry freshman Armando Allen.

Weis receives monogram

Monogram Club President Julie Doyle, vice presidents Marc Kelly and Joe Restic, Athletic Director Kevin White

and Monogram Club Executive Director Jim Fraleigh presented Weis with an honorary monogram prior to Saturday's scrimmage.

Weis joined both honorary coaches for Saturday's game — legendary Irish skippers Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz — and Presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan among the approximately 200 honorary members of the Monogram Club.

Crowd sets record

Saturday's crowd of 51,852 easily eclipsed the 2006 Blue-Gold Game crowd of 41,279 as the most-attended spring game in Notre Dame history.

By comparison, defending national champion Florida drew 47,500 fans, while Ohio State brought in 75,310 for their spring games.

But the attendance champ for 2007 was Alabama, which turned people away from its "A-Day" game in Bryant-Denny Stadium. The

Crimson Tide sold all 92,138 seats in their stadium and had fans watching from ramps and concourses for coach Nick Saban's first contest at the school, USA Today reported.

Alabama's previous high for a spring game was 51,117 in 1988.

Before Weis' arrival, the largest crowd for a Blue-Gold Game was 35,675 in 1981 for then-coach Gerry Faust's first spring game. Holtz's first year saw 32,071 fans attend the Blue-Gold Game.

Honorary captains

Former Irish quarterback Tony Rice, who led Notre Dame to the 1988 National Championship was the honorary captain for the Gold team.

Ross Browner, a College Football Hall of Famer who played defensive end for Notre Dame from 1973-77 under Parseghian and successor Dan Devine, captained the Blue squad.

While Rice was the only offensive starter on the 1988 national championship team not to play in the NFL, Browner played nine years with the Cincinnati Bengals and a final season with the Green Bay Packers.

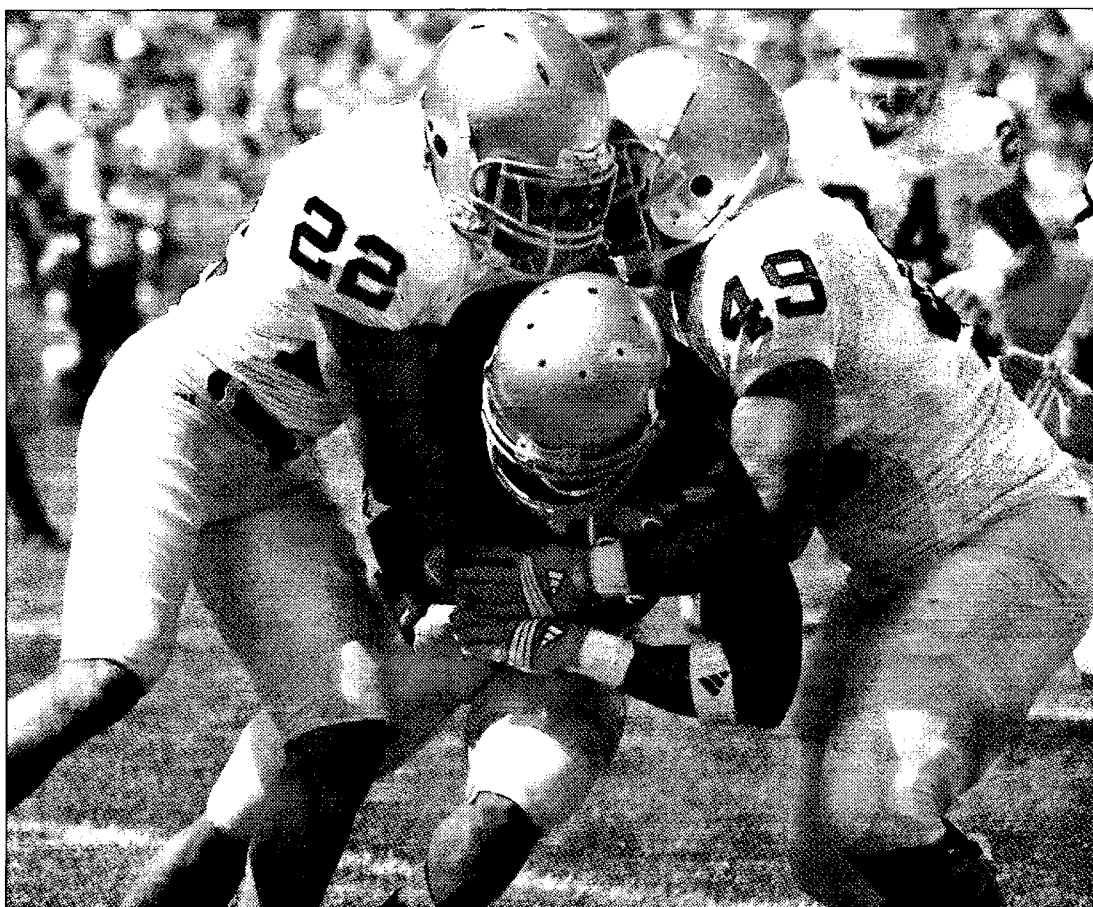
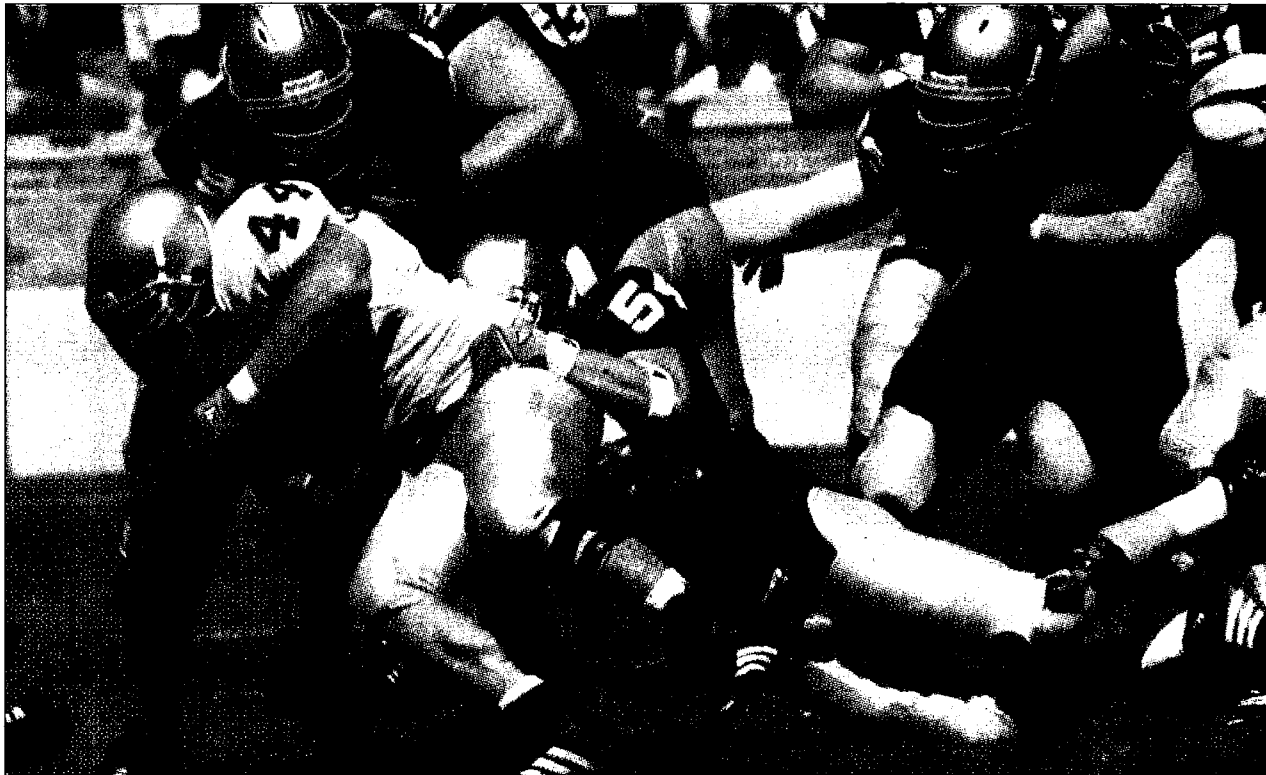
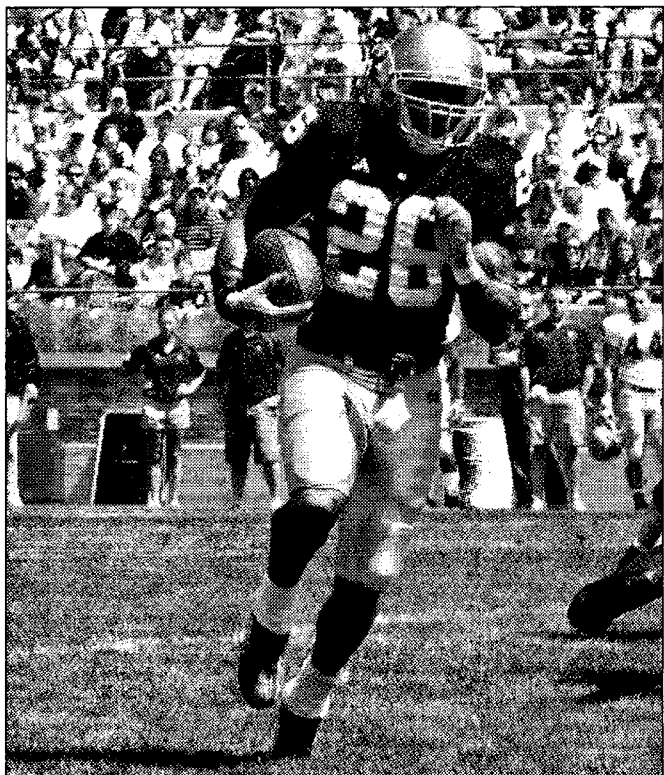
Rotating quarterbacks

As part of Weis' plan for giving equal competition for the starting quarterback job, he had the four quarterbacks participate in coin flips to see who would play what series.

Irish quarterbacks Evan Sharpley and Demetrius Jones lost coin flips the week before the game, which made Zach Frazer the starter for Gold and Jimmy Clausen the starter for Blue. The quarterbacks rotated every series.

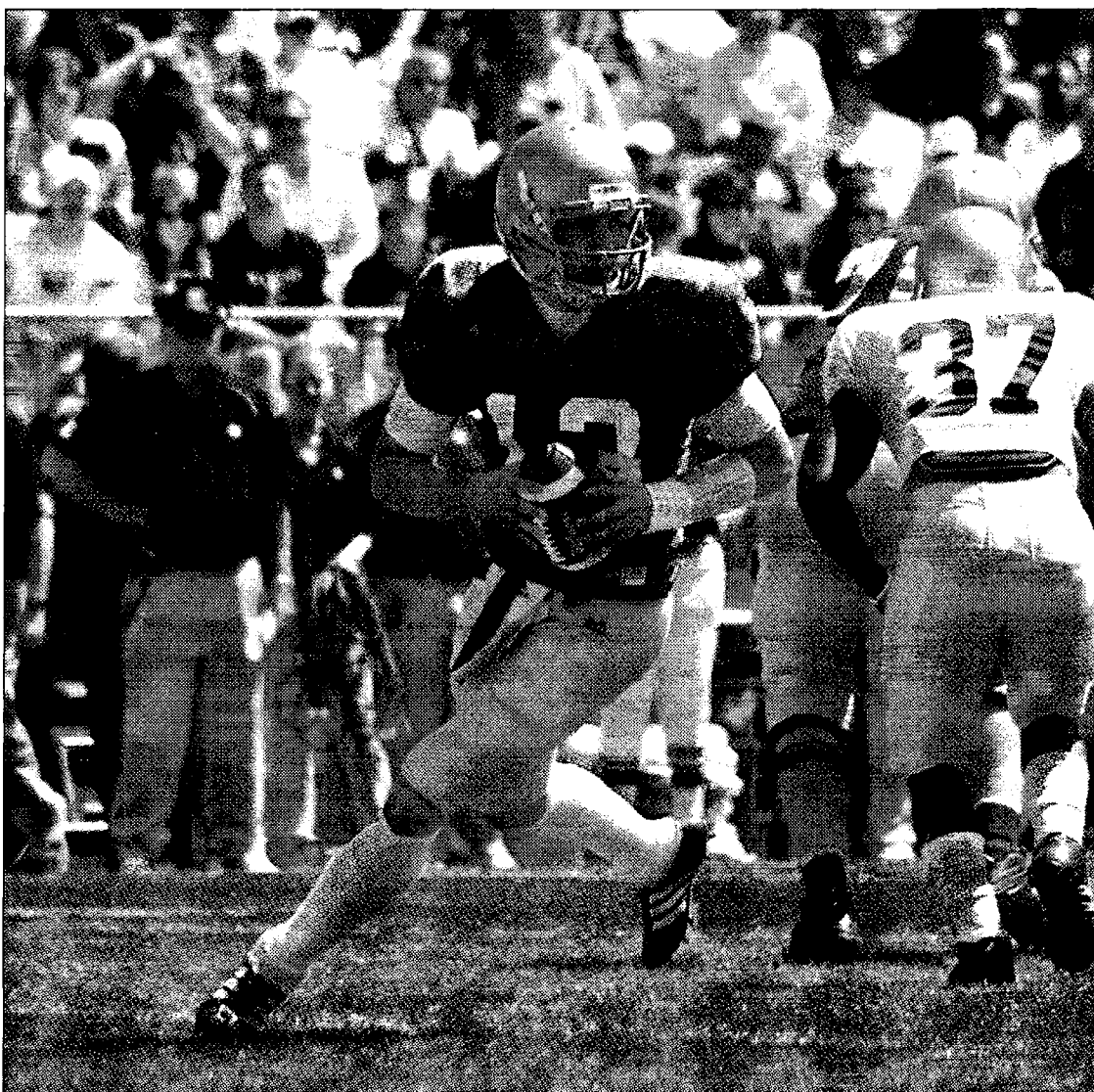
Weis said the four had nearly identical repetitions during the spring's 15 practices, ending with Saturday's scrimmage.

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TRENCH WARFARE

Aiming to “establish a toughness on offense that I think we’ve started to get away from a little bit,” Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis had both the Blue and Gold squads run the ball, run it again — and then run it some more. The result was a defensive battle punctuated by a long, game-clinching drive by the Gold team. More than 50,000 fans came out to see the four quarterbacks, but the running backs and defense stole the show — especially Junior Jabbie, who had 87 yards rushing on 13 carries, and David Bruton, whose interception gave the Gold team its only touchdown.



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Top left, Blue team running back Travis Thomas heads upfield. Top right, Gold team fullback Asaph Schwapp fights for extra yardage against Blue team defensive end Paddy Mullen, left, and linebacker Anthony Vernaglia. Center, Gold team cornerback Ambrose Wooden, left, and linebacker Toryan Smith sandwich Blue team running back Armando Allen. Bottom left, Gold team quarterback Evan Sharpley looks for a receiver. Bottom right, Gold team running back Junior Jabbie cuts upfield.

SPIDER-MAN 2.1 Swings onto DVD

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"With great power comes great responsibility" is the mantra that drives Peter Parker's dual lives, but it also can be just as aptly asked of Sony Pictures, the movie studio that made "Spider-Man" and "Spider-Man 2" the summer movie events of 2002 and 2004.

With each progressive film in the arachnid superhero's saga costing more and more to make, the onus is on Sony to make the third installment of Sam Raimi's trilogy the most extravagant and exquisite hero adventure yet. And to drum up further anticipation for the massively-hyped, \$258-million "Spider-Man 3," Sony has released an extended cut of the first Spider-Man sequel on DVD, which runs eight minutes longer and is billed as "Spider-Man 2.1."

This sequel picks up two years after the events of the first "Spider-Man" film. Peter (Tobey Maguire) has drifted away from high school pal Harry Osborn (James Franco) and love interest Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst). He precariously juggles two part-time jobs while majoring in physics. All this takes a back seat to his pursuits as Spider-Man.

Complicating matters is Peter's new-found friendship with Dr. Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina), a brilliant physicist who believes his fusion experiments could provide cheap, renewable energy for all of New York City. But when the experiment goes wrong and permanently bonds four artificially-intelligent metal



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The "Spiderman" franchise has been extremely successful, and many people are looking forward to the third installment, which will arrive in theaters on May 4th.

arms to his body, Octavius goes mad and begins wrecking havoc on the city as Dr. Octopus. Peter's now charged with stopping his one-time idol, while fighting aside lingering doubts about the costs of his double life.

Unlike many sequels, "Spider-Man 2" improves upon its predecessor with startling ease and grace. Sure, its action sequences are more thrilling, but that is an expectation of almost any second attempt. Bigger is not always better, but "Spider-Man 2" towers over many of its superhero compatriots because it has that rare mix of heart, character and humanity that makes us care for Peter Parker, the college student, as much as Spider-Man, the superhero.

By grounding the action around Peter's hard-luck life, Raimi invests his main character with a complexity that is missing in far too many summer blockbusters. And Maguire, to his credit, matches Raimi's directorial skill by making us ache for his perpetually arms-length love for Mary Jane, the evolving relationship that remains the heart and soul of the franchise.

True to their word, Sony Pictures' new "Spider-Man 2.1" DVD improves upon the film's theatrical cut. It's amazing to see how far Raimi, who supervised many of the re-additions, manages to stretch those eight minutes. On paper, that number doesn't sound all that impressive, especially against the formidable 50 minutes Peter Jackson added to "The Return of the King" on that film's extended edition.

But just about every addition here is a

solid one. Nearly every scene in the movie benefits from a few extra shots, and "Spider-Man 2.1" benefits from this even distribution. Mostly, this accounts for quiet character-revealing moments such as the scene where Peter sits alone in his cramped one-room apartment, listening to a police scanner while fighting thoughts of Mary Jane and a quieter life.

For bonus features, "Spider-Man 2.1" includes a new commentary track with writer Alvin Sargent and producer Laura Ziskin. While not as engaging as the track with Raimi and Maguire, it reveals more about the all-important story and character choices that made this film so special.

Among the new featurettes is "With Great Effort, Comes Great Recognition," a compelling look at the Academy Award-winning special effects team that keeps the franchise on the cutting edge of its field and "Visual Effects Breakdown," which reveals how the spectacular train sequence was accomplished.

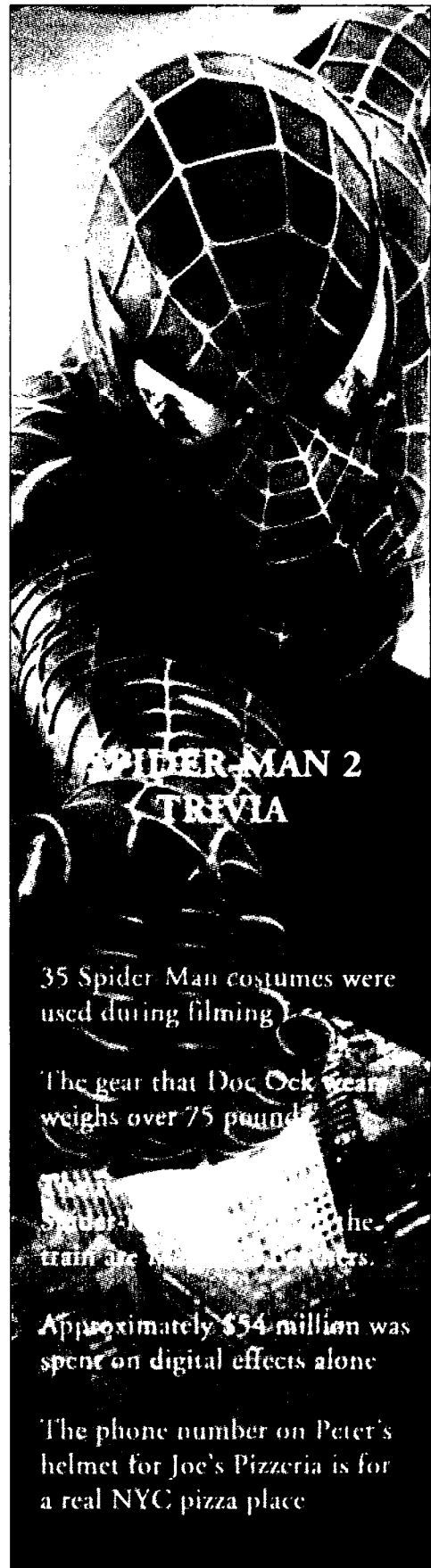
"Spider-Man 2.1" is the third release for the film on DVD. This fact alone should set spider-senses everywhere tingling, particularly since movie studios swindle away a fortune on re-releases. But rest assured Spidey fans, this one may actually be worth a fair shake. It makes a great movie a little bit better, and sets the bar that much higher for the wall-crawler in "Spider-Man 3."

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The young lovelorn couple of Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) and Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst) always encounter problems because of Parker's secret identity.



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SPIDER-MAN 2 TRIVIA

35 Spider-Man costumes were used during filming

The gear that Doc Ock wears weighs over 75 pounds

The train sequence was accomplished in 10 days

Approximately \$54 million was spent on digital effects alone

The phone number on Peter's helmet for Joe's Pizzeria is for a real NYC pizza place



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In "Spider-Man 2," Spider-Man (Maguire) faces Doc Ock (Alfred Molina), a brilliant scientist who uses his invention of mechanical tentacles to attack Spider-Man.

MLB

Tigers beat White Sox in extra-inning thriller

Bonds moves one home run closer to Aaron's record; Rangers use Blalock's two-run single to take down A's

Associated Press

DETROIT — Marcus Thames hit a tying homer with two outs in the ninth inning, Placido Polanco singled home the winning run in the 12th and the Detroit Tigers rallied to beat the Chicago White Sox 6-5 on Sunday.

Thames hit a two-run shot off David Aardsma to tie the score at 5 and help the Tigers avoid a three-game sweep against their AL Central rivals. Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen rested several overworked relievers, including closer Bobby Jenks.

Wilfredo Ledezma entered in the ninth and pitched three scoreless innings before Jason Grilli (1-1) worked a perfect 12th. Detroit ended a season-worst three-game skid.

Ivan Rodriguez drew a leadoff walk, his first of the year, in the 12th against loser Nick Masset (1-1).

The Tigers lost their previous three extra-inning games at home this year and hadn't won one in Detroit since June 24 against St. Louis.

Jon Garland was dominant after giving up three runs in the first and the White Sox came back to take a 5-3 lead on Joe Crede's two-run homer in the eighth. A.J. Pierzynski also connected for Chicago.

Giants 2, Diamondbacks 1

Barry Bonds is beginning to close in on Hank Aaron — fast.

Bonds hit his 740th home run Sunday, connecting for the second consecutive game and helping Matt Cain earn his first win of the season in the San Francisco Giants' 2-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Cain (1-1) pitched a three-hitter for his third career complete game and first since a one-hitter last May 21 at Oakland. He struck out four and walked four.

Bonds moved within 15 homers of Aaron's record. With two outs in the fourth inning, he sent the first pitch from Yusmeiro Petit (0-1) into the seats in the right-field arcade for his sixth homer of the season.

The 42-year-old Bonds walked out to left field in the top of the fifth to a loud stand-

ing ovation, tipping his cap as he made his way to his spot. Fans bowed over the left-field fence.

Petit, called up from Triple-A Tucson before the game to make his second major league start, became the 438th pitcher to give up a homer to Bonds.

Bonds flied out and struck out looking in his other two at-bats, but his home run and Pedro Feliz's shot leading off the third led the Giants to their season-best fifth straight victory.

Rangers 4, Athletics 3

Hank Blalock hit a two-run single and Texas scored three times in the eighth to beat Oakland.

Eric Gagne got one out in the ninth for the Rangers before leaving with a strained right hip.

He landed awkwardly after throwing a pitch to Mark Ellis. Gagne eventually limped off the field and is day to day. Akinori Otsuka came on for his second save.

Blalock's third hit of the game came on an 0-2 pitch from Oakland closer Huston Street with the bases loaded. It was Street's first blown save in five opportunities.

Losing pitcher Justin Duchschere (1-1) walked Sammy Sosa in the eighth to force in a run. Willie Eyre (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 shutout innings for the win.

Shannon Stewart hit a two-run homer in the fifth to give Oakland a 3-1 lead.

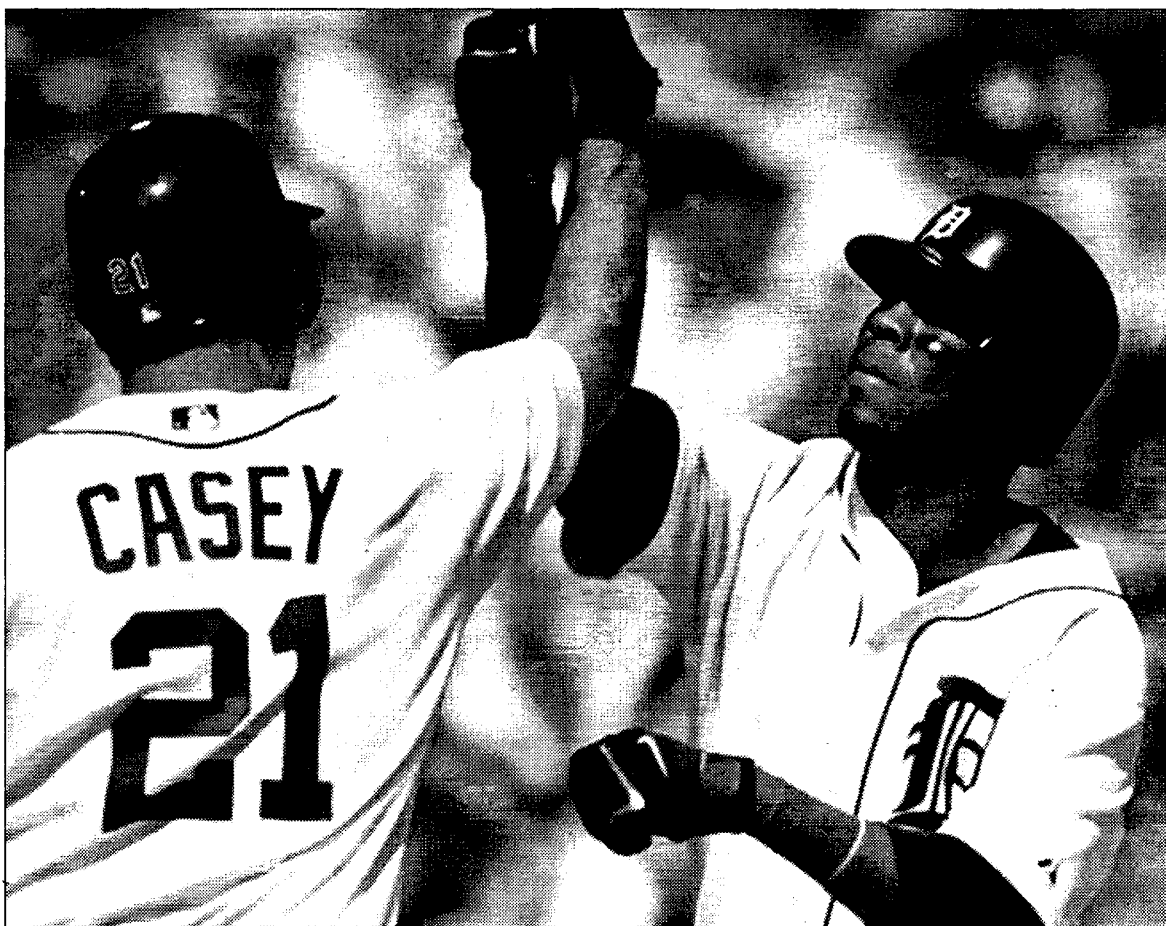
Angels 6, Mariners 1

Ervin Santana allowed one run over seven innings and Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep by handing Seattle its sixth straight loss.

Santana (2-2) scattered six hits, struck out five and walked one.

The only run against him came in the fifth when Adrian Beltre led off with a tape-measure homer into the rock formation in left-center.

Jeff Weaver (0-3), facing the Angels for the first time since they traded him to St. Louis last July, allowed three runs and seven hits over three innings — and actually lowered his ERA from 15.75 to 13.91.



Tigers leftfielder Marcus Thames, right, is congratulated by teammate Sean Casey after hitting a two-out, ninth-inning home run to tie the game during Detroit's 6-5 win over Chicago Sunday.

Royals 3, Twins 1

Jorge De La Rosa pitched a career-high eight innings and retired 16 in a row during one stretch to lead Kansas City over Minnesota for its first series victory of the year.

De La Rosa (2-1) allowed five hits, struck out four and walked one. Joakim Soria earned his second save.

Indians 6, Devil Rays 4

Ryan Garko hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the ninth inning and Cleveland rallied past Tampa Bay to overcome an outstanding pitching performance by James Shields.

Shields matched a Devil Rays record with 12 strikeouts and B.J. Upton hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth to help Tampa Bay take a 4-2 lead.

But in the ninth, Victor Martinez made it a one-run game with a one-out RBI single off Brian Stokes (1-3). Garko then sent a 2-2 pitch into the left-field stands to put the

Indians up 6-4.

Stokes got the chance for his first career save because closer Al Reyes, who is 6-for-6 in save opportunities, had pitched in the previous two games.

Tom Mastny (1-0) got his first major league win and Joe Borowski earned his seventh save.

Jhonny Peralta hit a two-run homer for the Indians.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 3

Nick Markakis and Miguel Tejada each had three RBIs, and Baltimore beat Toronto to complete its first three-game home sweep of the Blue Jays in 13 years.

Steve Trachsel (1-1) allowed one run in 5 1-3 innings to earn his first victory with the Orioles, who have won four straight and eight of nine.

It's Baltimore's second four-game winning streak of the season; the Orioles won four in a row only once last year — in August.

Braves 9, Mets 6

Kelly Johnson started the day with a home run against Tom Glavine and finished off the Mets with another homer off Aaron Heilman (1-2).

Johnson homered on the first pitch of the game, then hit a tiebreaking, three-run drive in the eighth inning for Atlanta.

A sellout crowd of 55,671 came out on a sunny spring afternoon to watch Glavine face John Smoltz, his golfing buddy and former teammate. Jose Reyes' three-run triple in the sixth put the Mets ahead, but Edgar Renteria erased a 6-3 deficit in the seventh with a three-run homer off Scott Schoeneweis.

Ex-Met Tyler Yates (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh and Bob Wickman got three outs for his sixth save in six chances.

Smoltz allowed six runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. Glavine went six for the Mets, giving up three runs and seven hits.

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MLB Standings

American League, East Division

team	record	pct.	gb
Boston	11-5	.668	-
Baltimore	11-7	.611	1
NY Yankees	8-8	.500	3
Toronto	8-10	.444	4
Tampa Bay	7-11	.389	5

American League, Central Division

team	record	pct.	gb
Minnesota	11-7	.611	-
Detroit	10-8	.556	1
Cleveland	8-7	.533	1.5
Chicago White Sox	9-8	.529	1.5
Kansas City	6-12	.333	5

American League, West Division

team	record	pct.	gb
Oakland	9-9	.500	-
LA Angels	9-9	.500	-
Texas	8-10	.444	1
Seattle	5-9	.357	2

National League, East Division

team	record	pct.	gb
Atlanta	12-6	.667	-
NY Mets	11-6	.647	.5
Florida	8-10	.444	4
Philadelphia	6-11	.353	5.5
Washington	6-13	.316	6.5

National League, Central Division

team	record	pct.	gb
Milwaukee	11-7	.611	-
Houston	9-8	.529	1.5
Cincinnati	9-10	.474	2.5
St. Louis	8-10	.444	3
Pittsburgh	7-10	.412	3.5
Chicago Cubs	7-11	.389	4

National League, West Division

team	record	pct.	gb
LA Dodgers	13-6	.684	-
San Diego	11-8	.579	2
San Francisco	9-8	.529	3
Arizona	10-10	.500	3.5
Colorado	8-11	.421	5

NCAA Women's Softball Top 20

	team	record	prev.
1	Tennessee	42-2	1
2	Oklahoma	41-4	2
3	Alabama	40-4	3
4	Arizona	28-8	6
5	Texas A&M	31-6	4
6	LSU	39-6	5
7	Northwestern	31-7	7
8	Michigan	28-6	8
9	Baylor	36-9	11
10	Arizona State	36-10	9
11	Oregon	37-6	12
12	Stanford	27-9	10
13	Texas	28-10	13
14	DePaul	24-7	16
15	UCLA	26-10	15
16	Washington	23-10	17
17	Oregon State	29-12	18
18	Hawaii	40-8	21
19	Illinois State	30-9	19
20	Louisiana-Lafayette	34-11	14

CHAMP CAR



Champ Car Grand Prix of Houston winner Sebastien Bourdais, center, is joined on the winner's podium by second-place finisher Graham Rahal, left, and third-place finisher, Robert Doornbos, after the race Sunday.

Bourdais wins race despite faulty car

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Sebastien Bourdais couldn't stop his car toward the end of the Champ Car Grand Prix of Houston.

Not a bad problem for a driver when he's trying to win a race—unless he's totally out of control.

But if the 28-year-old Frenchman was having car problems Sunday, he hid them well, winning in Houston for the second straight year and grabbing the inside track for his fourth consecutive Champ Car title.

"There was just no bite anymore on the brakes," he said. "It wouldn't slow

down. I don't know what happened. It was a weird feeling, very uncomfortable."

His car was still the best of the field.

Bourdais earned his 25th career win in his 62nd start, continuing his unprecedented dominance of the circuit. Brakes or not, Bourdais decided to finish his second win of the season in style, turning his fastest lap (58.018 seconds) on his 93rd and final trip around the 1.69-mile street course next to Reliant Stadium.

Bourdais has won 14 of his last 24 starts. With his victory Sunday, Bourdais overtook points leader Will

Power in the standings. Power, who started on the pole, damaged the nose wing on his car three times and finished 11th.

Beyond his own car problems, Bourdais got some luck at the end when another one ran out of gas.

Bourdais went for a pit stop on the 68th lap, while rookie Tristan Gommendy stayed on the track, gambling that he wouldn't have to stop again for fuel.

If a caution flag had come out, the drivers would've held their positions and Gommendy would've been able to save gas and cruise to victory.

But like they do most times in Champ Car these

days, things went Bourdais' way. The yellow never came and Gommendy ran out of gas on lap 87 as Bourdais slipped past him.

"I had the feeling where it's either going to go our way and we were going to win it," Bourdais said, "or it's going to go his way and he's going to win it. That's racing, I guess."

Bourdais cruised from there with rookie Graham Rahal, his teammate, protecting him in second place. The 18-year-old Rahal, who skipped his senior prom in Ohio to race in Houston, finished 4.819 seconds behind Bourdais and became the youngest top-three finisher in series history.

IN BRIEF

Another first-timer takes top prize at Zurich Classic

AVONDALE — Nick Watney offered a slight wave to the applauding crowd as he walked away from his par putt on the 17th hole, then took a deep breath, his cheeks puffing as he exhaled.

There was only one hole to go for his first career PGA triumph, not to mention a check for nearly \$1.1 million.

He was nervous, he admitted later, but not that nervous.

"I loved being in this position," Watney said. "That's one of the funnest things about it is to be in position and pull it off and conquer your nerves."

Five strokes later, the lanky, clean-cut Californian tapped in for another par on No. 18, smiled broadly as he raised his arms, then hugged his caddy. The 25-year-old, now in his third year on the tour, had prolonged a recent pattern of first-time winners at the Zurich Classic.

King proves her worth in tennis match, singing

DELRAY BEACH — With Serena Williams sidelined, Fed Cup teammate Vania King showed she can do more than sing.

The 18-year-old King won raves for her rendition of the national anthem to start the weekend, then substituted Sunday for Williams and sealed the U.S. team's victory over Belgium.

King beat Kirsten Flipkens 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, giving the Americans an insurmountable 3-0 lead in the best-of-five match. Serena and Venus Williams won in singles Saturday, then became cheerleaders from the bench rooting for King.

"It's a great feeling, because they're champions I really look up to," King said. "It's really honoring."

Serena Williams pulled out a few hours before she was to face Flipkens, citing slight inflammation in the right knee.

IUSB coach heads to Butler University

INDIANAPOLIS — Butler has hired Micah Shrewsberry as its coordinator of basketball operations, the university said Sunday.

Shrewsberry, who had been head men's basketball coach at Indiana-South Bend, replaces Joel Cornette, who left to join former Butler head coach Todd Lickliter at Iowa.

"Micah brings a wealth of experience," said Butler coach Brad Stevens. "We feel very fortunate to add a person to our staff who has had experience as a head coach and who is an Indianapolis guy."

Shrewsberry played basketball at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and played college basketball at Hanover, where he was a three-year starting point guard.

He has guided Indiana-South Bend the past two seasons.

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Sharks at Predators
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SMC TENNIS

Belles defeated by No. 50 Albion

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The Belles couldn't pull off a victory to maintain their second place standing in the MIAA, falling 8-1 Saturday to national No. 50 Albion at Saint Mary's.

The Belles now hold an overall record of 10-12 and an MIAA mark of 5-3. After the loss to the Britons Saturday, the Belles now are fourth in the MIAA, sitting behind Kalamazoo, Hope and Albion.

"I think that our team is a little disappointed in the outcome of Saturday's match," freshman Camille Gebert said. "On a personal level it was a really good win to pull out going into conference tournament. [Briton freshman Holly Huth] was a really tough player, and the conditions were kind of rough. It boosted my confidence to go into [the MIAA Tournament] this coming weekend."

The Britons dominated in singles, as the Belles only earned one victory. That came in the No. 2 singles spot where Gebert defeated Britons freshman Holly Huth 6-2, 6-1.

At No. 1 singles, Britons senior Emily Stocker defeated Belles senior captain Kelly McDavitt 6-2 and 6-1. In the third singles match of the day, Belles freshman Lisa Rubino fell after a tie breaker 6-4, 7-6 to Britons freshman Michelle Mulder.

Belles senior Tara O'Brien fell to Britons junior Emily Gundersen 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Saint Mary's junior Cassie Quaglia fell to Britons junior Jenny Bringham 6-4, 6-2 in the fifth singles spot. In the final singles match of the day, Britons freshman Anna Gundersen defeated Belles senior Grace Gordon in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

The Belles went scoreless in doubles play as well. In the first doubles match, the duo of McDavitt and Gebert were narrowly defeated by Britons Huth and Stocker 8-6. Belles netters O'Brien and Gordon were shut out 8-0 by the Britons duo of Mulder and Bringham at No. 2 doubles.

In the final doubles match of the day, the Belles freshman duo of Erin Kaplan and Rubino fell to Britons sister duo of Emily and Anna Gundersen 8-6.

The Britons now boast an MIAA conference record of 6-1

and an overall record of 11-5, good enough for third place.

The Belles have one more match in the regular season. They travel to Aquinas today in advance of the MIAA tournament that will take place at Kalamazoo, Mich., this weekend. Last season, the Saints narrowly defeated the Belles 5-4.

The match will begin today at 3 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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SMC GOLF

O'Brien leads Belles to fifth place

*Third round delayed;
play will resume on
Tuesday at Tri-State*

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

The Belles faced tough competition this weekend.

Saint Mary's traveled to The Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich., to compete in the MIAA NCAA qualifying tournament Friday and Saturday. With two rounds completed, the team is in fifth behind Olivet, Albion, Hope and Tri-State.

Shooting a score of 374

Friday and 386 Saturday, the two-day total for the Belles is 760 — 72 strokes more than first place Olivet. They were 42 strokes better than their nearest competitor, Kalamazoo. Although originally scheduled to participate, Adrian, Alma and Calvin did not compete.

Junior captain Katie O'Brien led the Belles, firing an 84 Friday and 81 Saturday, putting her in the top-10 for individual golfers in both rounds. Sophomore Meredith Fantom followed next on the team, with a total of 192.

Last fall, Saint Mary's finished fourth in the tournament, with a three-day total of 1484. After this weekend, the

Belles were performing slightly better this year, scoring 739 in their first two rounds. Sophomore Perri Hamma is tied for 23rd after firing rounds of 95 and 98.

The third and final round was postponed and will be played at Tri-State University's Zollner golf course Tuesday. The team with the lowest cumulative score after all three rounds will then advance to the NCAA Championships held May 8-11 at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take down Comets

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's moved up two spots in the MIAA rankings to No. 6 after blasting conference nemesis eighth-place Olivet 13-7 and 9-1 at Gainey Field Saturday.

Beating the Comets (15-12, 3-8 MIAA) was no easy job for the Belles (18-6, 3-5 MIAA). Olivet hit Saint Mary's hard out of the gate, scoring seven runs in the first inning, including a first-pitch leadoff home run from Olivet sophomore shortstop Kacie Rosecrants off Belles sophomore pitcher Calli Davison (3.66 ERA).

The Belles went hitless until the third when sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid homered and knocked in senior designated hitter Laura Helene. Sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro continued the Belles comeback as Helene scored on an error. Sophomores Cathy Kurczak and Rashid also scored unearned runs in the fourth.

Davison, who gave up just four hits after the first inning, struck out Comet second baseman Heather Jones to end the game at 13-7.

Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said the team's strategy to close the 7-0 deficit in the first inning was simple.

"It was win every inning. That was our goal — win every inning," she said.

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Erin Sullivan
Belles coach

In the second game, the Belles had five hits on Comets pitcher Danielle Kapral. Kapral was replaced by reliever Haley Van Epps after the third, but the Belles could not be stopped, plating three more off Epps in two innings.

The Belles' 9-1 pounding of Olivet in the second game was largely due to sophomore pitcher Kristin Amram's (1.05 ERA) near-perfect form — the Comets managed just two hits off her.

The rest of the team came out swinging too, driving in nine runs and 10 hits. In the first, junior designated hitter

McKenna Corrigan singled to score freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, and Helene knocked in senior shortstop Sarah Miesle on a single. The Comets responded with one run in the first.

But the Belles' retooled lineup and work in practice allowed them to keep pounding away at the Comets' pitching.

"We ... made some changes in our lineup. We switched around the top three which gives Mo [Healy] more chances as a slapper," Sullivan said. "We practiced like we were warming up for a game. I feel like everyday we're ready for a game."

The Belles continued their dominance in the fourth and fifth innings. Miesle, Corrigan, Rashid and Helene all scored to make the score 6-1. In the fifth, freshman second baseman Maureen Healy singled to knock in Rashid. Healy scored on Davison's double after she stole second. Healy now leads the team in stolen bases with three. The Belles brought the score to 9-1 later in the inning when Miesle doubled and ran in Davison.

The Comets attempted to score in the fifth to stop the slaughter rule from taking effect but they had little chance against the Belles' defense. Peterson made a spectacular dive to catch a foul ball but just missed. The miss didn't matter as Amram struck out three bat-

ters and gave up only one hit to end the game 9-1 in five innings.

Sullivan said the change in the team's attitude on the field came from their past performances.

"[The team feels] very good obviously," she said. "It was a good confidence boost. We came back against Goshen [April 19] so strong that it carried into today."

The Belles will next face MIAA rival Albion (10-20, 3-9 MIAA) Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Gainey Field.

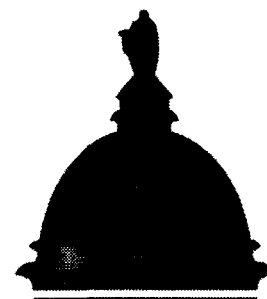
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND loses heartbreaker 8-7

Irish fall to Rutgers after leading with under two minutes left

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame finished the regular season in tough fashion Saturday, losing its second straight game — this time 8-7 to Rutgers — a week before the inaugural Big East championship this coming weekend.

In a close game that featured six ties and five lead changes, Notre Dame led the Scarlet Knights 7-6 with less than two minutes remaining. Rutgers senior midfielder Katie Batiuk, who leads the Big East in points, scored an unassisted goal with 1:43 remaining to tie the game at 7-7. Then, with only eight seconds left, Batiuk scored off a loose ball in front of the Irish net for the game winner.

After Rutgers struck first with a Mary Cryan goal, the Irish responded to take a 2-1 lead with goals from junior Caitlin McKinney and sophomore Jillian Byers. The Scarlet Knights quickly matched the Notre Dame goals, however,

taking a 3-2 lead.

Two more goals from Byers in the final three minutes of the half gave the Irish a 4-3 lead at the break.

Scarlet Knight attack Nina Frankowski's 38th goal of the season tied the game at 4-4 to open the second half after a 10-minute scoring drought. Byers, who led the Irish offense, took the lead back for Notre Dame with a goal off a pass from senior attack Lena Zentgraf.

"We're really determined to move forward from this game."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

McKinney's second goal of the game gave the Irish a two-goal lead, the largest either team would enjoy all afternoon. As was the case all game, the lead did not last long. Rutgers scored two quick goals to tie the game at 6-6.

Byers' fifth goal on the day gave the Irish a 7-6 lead that looked like it might hold up. Down the stretch, however, Batiuk and the Scarlet Knights took the victory.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she thought the team was concentrating too much on last week's close loss at Vanderbilt.

"In a lot of ways we were

"Everyone's back on a level playing field in the Big East tournament."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

replaying the Vanderbilt game instead of playing Rutgers, second-guessing ourselves and playing tentatively," Coyne said.

The five goals by Byers gave her 55 on the season, second-best in Notre Dame history. McKinney provided the other two goals for the Irish, and five Notre Dame players each had an assist.

Batiuk led Rutgers with three goals and an assist, and junior Katy Lawrence also added a goal and a feed. The Scarlet Knights outshot the Irish 26-23 and received 12 saves from goalkeeper Erika Paige.

"We're really determined to move forward from this game," Coyne said. "We've renewed our commitment since the loss, and everyone's back on a level playing field in the Big East tournament."

With the loss, the Irish — who entered the game in a three-way tie for first in the Big East — finished tied for third with a 3-2 conference record. With Rutgers taking the tiebreaker over the Irish based on Saturday's match, Notre Dame will be the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament.

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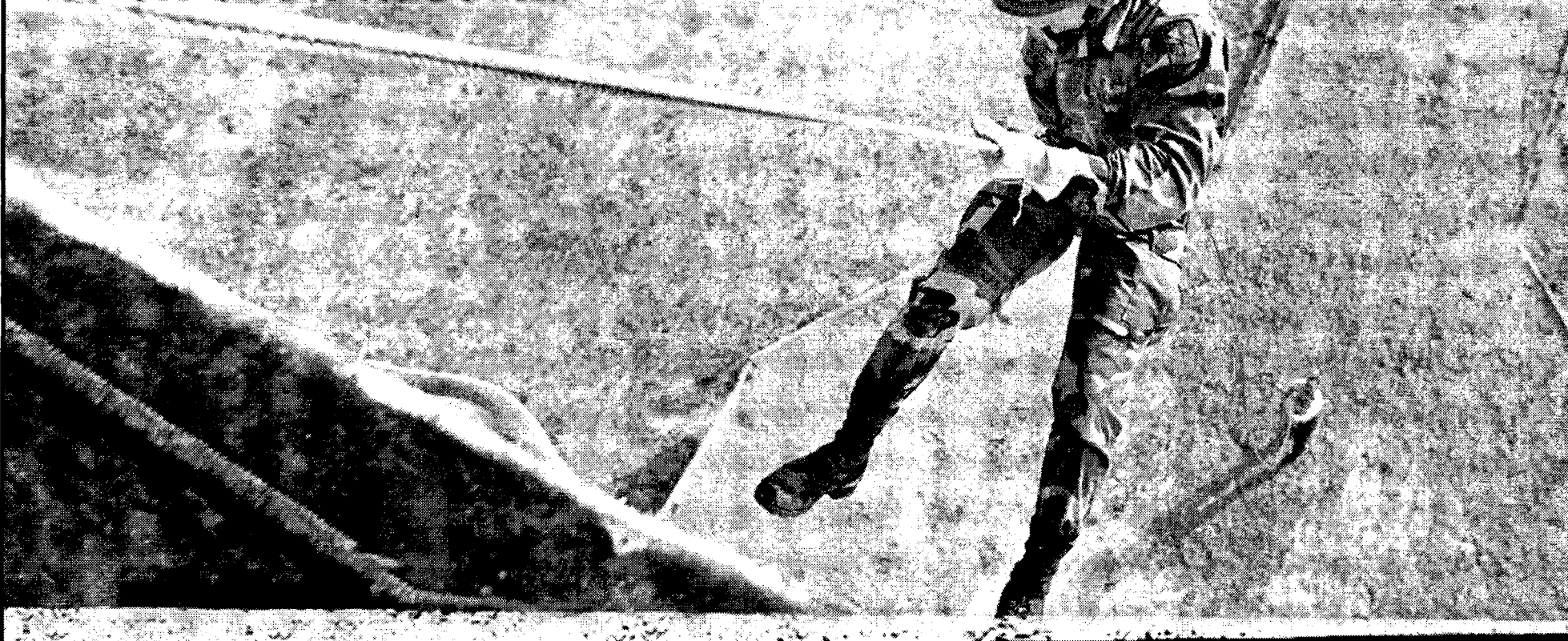
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TRACK AND FIELD

Team posts 41 top-10 marks

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Four Notre Dame athletes won their respective events and 41 placed in the top-10 this weekend as the team — spread from Michigan to Oregon — headed toward the end of the regular season before the Big East championships.

Some team members competed in the Oregon Invitational and others made the trip to the Central Collegiate championship in Ypsilanti, Mich. It was in Michigan that the Irish had the most success; the men's and women's teams both came in third place overall.

Freshman Eric Quick won the long jump with a leap of 6.97 meters. Usually a triple-jumper, Quick was nervous about competing in long jump, but said both he and his coach were confident.

"We were hoping for the best, and it ended up working out," he said. "I worked on a little bit of technical stuff throughout the week and ended up pulling through at the meet."

With his jump, Quick set a

new season-best distance, which in track can prove very helpful.

"It's a huge aspect of competition," he said. "If you go out and improve, it motivates you to go out the next meet and just do better."

Quick is currently just under 40 centimeters short of qualifying for the NCAA Mid East Regionals, something he hopes to achieve at the Big East championships.

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Eric Quick
Irish freshman

Junior Kyle Annen won the hammer by throwing for a distance of 56.88 meters. Senior Garet Koxlien finished fourth, throwing for 53.92 meters.

Junior Jake Watson won the 5,000 meters, finishing with a time of 14:51.95. Junior Mike Popejoy came in third with a time of 15:06.30.

To round out the first-place finishers, freshman Elise Knutzen won the javelin throw with a dis-

tance of 39.63 meters.

Sophomore Anna Weber finished second in both the hammer and the shot put. She threw for 14.20 meters in the shot put, setting a new personal-best distance for the second week in a row.

"If you can keep progressing each meet, you know if you're getting second now that there's a first in your future," Weber said. "You always keep looking towards that and you always keep looking towards the Big East meet."

She threw for 53.46 meters in the hammer. Although she has thrown shot put since high school, she puts most of her work in practice into the hammer.

"Hammer's my new event, so in practice you just kind of concentrate on the new," she said. "I don't know. It just seems natural to me, I guess."

"If you can keep progressing each meet, you know if you're getting second now there's a first in your future."

Anna Weber
Irish sophomore

Junior Brienne Davis placed second in the 100-meter dash, crossing the line in 12.68 seconds. Senior Ann Mazar took second in the 5,000 meters, finishing in 18:32.43.

Sophomore Lauren Bascardi tied for second in the high jump, clearing a height of 1.63 meters. Sophomore Becca Bauman capped the second-place finishers for the Irish, running 11:24 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Junior Liz Philipp came in third in the event, running 11:30.41.

Out in Oregon, freshman Jaclyn Espinoza took third in the discus with a throw of 146 feet 9 inches. Junior Jake Watson took sixth in the first section of the 1,500 meters, finishing in 3:43.59.

Senior Kurt Benninger and sophomore Patrick Smyth finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the second section of the 1,500 meters. Benninger finished in 3:47.07, with Smyth right behind him at 3:47.15.

Senior Todd Ptacek finished sixth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, ending with a time of 8:49.55. Senior Thomas Chamney also took sixth in the 800 meters, finishing with a time of 1:49.67.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish fire record score in Big East first round

Squad leads seven-school field after first round; Louisville in second, six strokes back



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Freshmen Annie Brophy takes a shot during the Irish Invitational Sept. 23, 2006. Brophy shot an even-par 72 Sunday.

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shot a Big East championship record round of four-over-par 292 Sunday to give the Irish a place atop the standings for the first of three rounds in the seven-team tournament at the Oxmoor Country Club in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville is in second place, six strokes behind the Irish, while South Florida's performance has the Bulls 12 shots back in third place.

Notre Dame freshmen Annie Brophy and Julie Kim paced the Irish, as both golfers shot season-best rounds of even-par 72.

Kim led the team with 14 pars on the day, including matching the scorecard on her first 13 holes. She also finished with two birdies. Brophy had two birdies and 11 pars, but also carded the team's only eagle on the par-5 fifth hole. The pair of freshmen are in a three-way tie for second place.

Notre Dame senior Noriko Nakazaki shot a one-over-par 73, putting her in a tie for fifth for the tournament. The senior co-captain carded a team-high four birdies on the day.

Irish freshman Kristin Wetzel shot a three-over-par 75 on the day, placing her in a tie for ninth. Rounding out the

list was sophomore Lisa Maunu, who earned a five-over-par 77, good enough for a tie for 11th.

First-year Irish coach Susan Holt, who previously coached at South Florida before joining the Irish, said there's still room for improvement.

"We played well today," she said. "We had a couple bogies that were unnecessary so we could have been even better, but I am really happy with how we played. We still have two days to go, so we need to refocus and try to widen our lead."

Holt mentioned she talked to her team about the mental focus it lacked at times this season, and they were able to overcome that roadblock on Sunday.

"We had a really good team meeting last night and I just told them to focus on the little things that they've been working on all year," Holt said. "They have been focused, but just not for an entire 18 holes. They start out well and then kind of fall back and that's a mental thing. They just have to be patient and accept what happens and deal with it. I was very pleased with how they did that today."

The second round begins today at 8 a.m., and the final round will be held Tuesday.

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SOFTBALL

Conference foes sweep reeling Irish



Notre Dame infielder Christine Lux fields a ground ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Valparaiso Thursday. The Irish lost four games this weekend, two each to Louisville and South Florida.

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame struggled this weekend, dropping a pair of doubleheaders to conference foes South Florida and Louisville at Ivy Field. The Irish fell to 9-5 in the Big East and 24-18 overall.

On Saturday, Notre Dame lost both games of a doubleheader to Louisville, 8-2 in the first and 5-0 in the second contest. The Irish offense couldn't get a substantial amount of support to foil the Cardinals' pitching.

Louisville got out to an early, two-run lead in the first inning after Cardinals freshman Melissa Roth brought in an RBI with a double and sophomore Kristi Cunningham singled to bring in Roth.

After Irish senior Stephanie Brown reached base with an error in the bottom of the first, she eventually advanced to third on junior Katie Laing's single. Freshman Christine Lux came through with the big hit, allowing Brown to cross the plate.

In the third inning, Louisville senior Courtney Moore homered to give the Cardinals a 3-1 lead. Later in the fourth, the Cardinals added two insurance runs to give them a four-run lead.

Sophomore pitcher Brittney Bargar added another run for the Irish with an infield single that scored classmate Linda Kohan, who reached base on a single of her own. Bargar's hit extended her hitting streak to three games.

Louisville took care of the rest of the game's offense with a three-run inning in the sixth after two Irish errors on the field.

In the second game, senior Kenya Fuemmeler took the loss as Louisville scored the only five runs of the game in the third inning. Moore singled in the frame with the bases loaded, driving in two Cardinals.

Red-shirt sophomore Brooke McCrain drove in two runs when she doubled down the left-field line. To end the scoring rally, freshman Rebecca Saksefski singled in a run.

Fuemmeler pitched well the rest of the game, but the damage was already done and Louisville leaptfrogged the Irish in the Big East.

On Sunday, South Florida took both games 3-1.

In the third frame, Bulls freshman Cat Olrick drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double, which was set up by three consecutive singles.

Notre Dame responded with a run in the bottom half of the inning on a single by Laing, scoring senior Jessica Hufnagle, but that was all the Irish would get.

Later in the seventh, South Florida added an insurance run when junior Kit Dunbar doubled to bring one home.

Bargar took the loss, dropping her record to 16-9.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Irish captured an early lead in the second inning when junior Sarah Smith singled to bring in a run.

The lead stood until the fifth frame when South Florida put up a three-run rally with two outs. Sophomore Britta Giddens singled home a run after a pair of singles.

Freshman Tara Toscano hit an RBI infield single, giving the Bulls the lead. South Florida gained

an insurance run when Danielle Urbanik singled to left field, driving in the third run of the game. Smith, the left fielder, threw out a South Florida runner at home trying to score on Urbanik's single.

That was all the offense on the day, and the Irish dropped their fourth consecutive, as Fuemmeler's record worsened to 8-9.

Notre Dame's will face No. 8/10 Northwestern Tuesday for a non-conference doubleheader.

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MEN'S GOLF

Golfers in fourth at Big East tourney

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Before the start of the 2007 Big East championships, Irish coach Jim Kubinski believed that all of the pressure rested squarely on Louisville.

The top-seeded Cardinals, playing on their home course at the Cardinal Club in Louisville, Ky., handled the pressure with ease in the opening round Sunday, enjoying a six-stroke lead after the first of three rounds.

The Irish ended the day within striking distance — they sit in fourth place — only eight strokes behind the Cardinals after scoring a three-over-par 291. St. John's and Marquette stand between the Irish and Louisville after posting scores of 289 and 290, respectively.

Kubinski was expecting big things from his two stars, senior co-captain and All-America candidate Cole Isban and last year's tournament clincher, sophomore Josh Sandman. The best round of the day, however, came from Irish co-captain, senior Adam Gifford, who is playing in his first-ever Big East championship.

Reclaiming the magic from his eighth-place finish at Augusta State earlier this month, Gifford finished the day in third place on the

individual leaderboard, shooting a three-under-par 69, tying his career best mark for the third time in the past six weeks. Gifford was the only Irish golfer to end the day in the top-10 and was the only one to shoot under par.

Fortunately for the Irish, the closest thing to a bad day anyone had was Isban's four-over-par 76, which was good enough to keep him in the top half of the individual leaderboard. Sunday's opening round marked just the second time that Isban's score did not count toward the team's total.

Sandman contributed a one-over-par 73, good enough to put him in a tie for 13th heading into Monday's second round. Rounding out the lineup for the Irish were freshman Doug Fortner and junior Greg Rodgers, who shot a two-over-par 74 and a three-over-par 75, respectively.

If Gifford maintains his momentum while Isban and Sandman solidify their positions as two of the top golfers in the conference, the Irish could put themselves in excellent position by the end of Monday's second round. The Irish will tee off at 8 a.m. this morning.

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Catrina Thompson lost the first of the final three matches at No. 1 singles. After splitting the first two sets with South Florida's Shadisha Robinson, Thompson grabbed the first game of the third set and jumped out to a 40-15 lead in the second game. B Robinson rallied, scoring four straight points to capture the game then using that momentum to down Thompson.

"[Robinson] got a little confidence and rolled on [Thompson]," Louderback said. "[If Thompson] wins that second game, goes up 2-0, she's in control but she just let her serve slip away. She played a bad game and that hurt her."

But even with Thompson's defeat, the Irish still had reason to believe they could pull out the win. Freshman Cosmina Ciobanu was still on the court. All season, Ciobanu had not lost a match — until Sunday. Ciobanu dropped her first match of the season in a

three-set thriller to Gabriela Duch 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

"She didn't play as well as she normally did. She won the first set then didn't play a very good second set. She got behind 4-1, and was fighting back the whole time," Louderback said. "Then, the third set she did the same thing, got down 4-1. After winning the first set she played behind the rest of the match and that's not like her. That's tough to do. She got back into the third again, down 4-0 and was 5-5 but couldn't finish it."

Katie Potts represented Notre Dame's last hope. Like Ciobanu, Potts took her match with South Florida's Iciri Rai to a 5-5 score in the third set before losing the final two games, giving South Florida the title.

"[Potts] won the game to go up 5-4 and serve, and lost four points quickly and [Rai] got some confidence," Louderback said. "She didn't play very well the last three games but got in position to win it 5-4."

The Irish began the match by gaining the doubles point

as the senior All-American tandem of Catrina and Christian Thompson were able to defeat Southern Florida's Jessica Sweeting and Duch by a score of 8-4.

In addition, Ciobanu and freshman Kali Krisik earned an 8-4 victory over the Bulls duo of Liz Cruz and Rai.

Junior Brook Buck and sophomore Kelcy Tefft tied Shadisha Robinson and Courtney Vernon 7-7, but the Irish had already clinched the doubles point to gain an early 1-0 lead.

The Bulls won the first singles point as Courtney Vernon handled Christian Thompson in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Freshman Colleen Rielley then stepped up for the Irish and regained a 2-1 advantage in the match 6-1, 6-3 victory over Southern Florida's Jessica Sweeting.

Sophomore Kelcy Tefft pushed the lead to 3-1 with a 7-5, 6-1 triumph over Liz Cruz at the No. 4 singles spot.

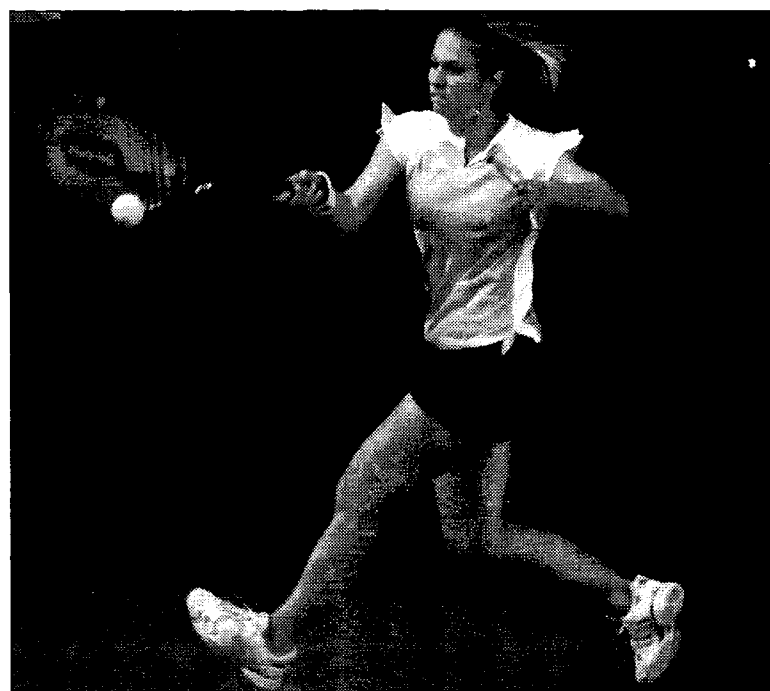
The Irish earned a berth in the finals after defeating Connecticut and Marquette 4-0 in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively.

"It'd be nicer to have a couple of tougher matches leading up to the finals, but there's no excuse for us to lose to South Florida," Louderback said.

The Irish will look to get

back on track in time for the NCAA Team Championship beginning May 11.

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Catrina Thompson dropped her singles match to South Florida's Shadisha Robinson 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 as Notre Dame fell to the Bulls 4-3.

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David Simon and Robert Rotaru defeated the Irish duo of junior Sheeva Parbhu and sophomore Brett Helgeson 8-2.

With doubles tied at one apiece, Bass and Keckley battled at the top spot against No. 22 Damar Johnson and Slavko Radman. The match was back and forth for over an hour until Bass and Keckley broke serve to take the win 9-7. It marked the second time this season that the Irish duo has knocked off the No. 22 Cardinals duo.

With the doubles point in hand, Brett Helgeson quickly polished off Kenneth Nordheim at No. 3 singles.

Helgeson defeated Nordheim in straight set victories 6-1, 6-0.

With the 2-0 lead, Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss noted that Louisville began to feel the need to step it up.

"Brett really set the tone when he got off the court so quickly," he said. "He put a lot of pressure on the Louisville guys."

Following the tone set by Helgeson, King was off the courts next for the Irish. King made quick work of Robert Rotaru as he defeated him 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 4 spot to bring Notre Dame within one point of the win. King dominated play with his aggressive on all ends.

"He dictated off the ground, got to the net, and asserted his authority in good solid all court play," Bayliss said.

Bass once again stepped up

for the Irish at No. 1 singles as he clinched the win for Notre Dame with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Slavko Radman. It was the second time in the past month that No. 9 Bass has defeated No. 68 Slavko Radman.

Bass has been a guiding force on the Irish squad this year.

"It's exactly what you want to see as a coach," Bayliss said of Bass. "To assume that amount of responsibility and take the ball."

Notre Dame defeated Villanova and St. John's by scores of 4-0 and 4-0 en route to the championship against Louisville. The 4-0 win over the Cardinals guaranteed the Irish an automatic berth in the NCAA Championship.

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Commits

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ing Weis' offense before the coach moved to Notre Dame in 2005. His uncle Christian Fauria played tight end under Weis with the New England Patriots from 2002-2004 when the coach was the Patriots' offensive coordinator.

Fauria also said that playing at Notre Dame was a dream come true and a goal he has had since childhood.

"Just being on campus just ensured everything that I thought about it and even more so. I loved everything about it; I couldn't find anything negative about it," he said. "And I've always wanted to be a part of it, and now I am."

Notre Dame also landed Demetrius Fleming, a 6-foot-2,

219-pound linebacker and defensive end from St. Rita High School in Chicago.

Fleming has put up impressive statistics in his high school career, including 105 tackles, with 15 for a loss, nine sacks, four forced fumbles, three fumbles recovered and six tipped passes in his junior season.

Frank said that Fleming — who reminds him of incoming Irish linebacker Kerry Neal — will be a strong presence in Notre Dame defensive coordinator Corwin Brown's new 3-4 defensive scheme.

"I think he's perfect for this 3-4 look defense because he's kind of a tweener," Frank said. "He's an excellent outside linebacker prospect for this defense."

Fleming is also confident about his ability to fit in the 3-4 defense.

"I think it's going to be great. I'm going to be playing outside linebacker. I'll be showing my athleticism a little more than I am right now [at defensive end]," he said in a telephone interview with The Observer.

Fleming said that there were many factors in his decision to commit to the Irish this weekend, the foremost of which was the football program itself. The linebacker also mentioned Notre Dame's academics and the opportunities Notre Dame will give him after graduation. He also said location and the personnel were important.

"And, it's close to my parents so they can come see me, and I can go back home, that really had a big effect on me," Fleming said. "And also the people like the coaches and the players, and the players that are going to be in my class."

Brown, a Chicago native, was crucial in recruiting Fleming. Fleming said his interactions with Brown helped with his decision to come to Notre Dame.

"I'm looking forward to playing with him because I know he's doing a good job," he said. "The defense that he's bringing in is going to work hard especially in the seasons to come. He's bringing in some real good players, and I think we can be really good."

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West Virginia Friday, Irish sophomore David Phelps accomplished what few have been able to this season.

The right-hander slowed down a Mountaineers' lineup that featured eight starters with averages over .300 heading into the contest.

Phelps threw 144 pitches in nine innings of work, striking out six and surrendering just two earned runs.

"He's our best guy right now," Schrage said. "And we're going to ride our best guy."

The Irish did ride Phelps, even after he surrendered a two-run, two-out rally in the third inning and ran up his pitch count as the game wore on.

"He had that look in his eye like he wanted the ball," said Schrage. "So we kept letting him go out there."

Phelps held the Mountaineers hitless over the first two innings but ran into trouble in the third. After second baseman Jason Pape singled with one out, Phelps got center fielder Adam White to fly out to center.

But West Virginia came up with a pair of key two-out hits to take the early lead. Shortstop Tyler Kuhn stroked a two-out triple to the fence in right center field to plate the first run of the contest. Then left fielder Justin Jenkins, who came into the game with a .429 batting average, lined a single up the middle to score Kuhn for the 2-0 lead. Phelps surrendered one more single before striking out first baseman Jordan Yost to end the inning.

But the Irish put together a two-out rally of their own in the bottom of the third to even the score. After Mountaineers starter Levi Maxwell retired the first two batters, he appeared to be headed for another scoreless inning before the Irish bats finally came alive.

Shortstop Brett Lilley and third baseman A.J. Pollock both reached on singles to keep the inning alive. Left fielder Ross Brezovsky followed with a run-scoring single up the middle to cut the deficit to one. The Irish then knotted the score at two when Mountaineers second baseman Jason Pape misplayed a grounder by Irish catcher Matt Weglarz. Pollock, who had gone to third on the Brezovsky hit, scored his 22nd run of the season on the error.

Phelps got back on track after the rocky third and the score remained deadlocked until the sixth, when the Irish finally struck again. Dury led off the inning with a double over the head of center fielder Adam White. Dressman immediately followed with a double down the right field line to plate Dury and give Notre Dame the 3-2 lead. Barnes then reached base when first baseman Jordan Yost booted his grounder and let the ball roll into right field, allowing Dury to score for the 4-2 edge.

But Barnes and the Irish were not finished yet as they took advantage of another West Virginia defensive miscue to make the score 5-2. With Irish designated hitter Ryan Smith at the plate, Barnes stole second and took third on a throwing error by Mountaineers catcher Justin Parks. Smith then knocked in Barnes with a groundout to second base.

"We took advantage of their mistakes," Schrage said. "I'm

happy with the way we came back."

The three-run cushion gave Phelps a noticeable boost on the mound as he retired nine of the last 10 Mountaineers batters he faced.

"I'd have loved one [run] but [the offense] got me three, which was huge," Phelps said.

Phelps recorded four strikeouts in the final three innings, including two to close out the game.

Notre Dame 17 West Virginia 6

Notre Dame opened up an offensive game early against West Virginia Saturday. Dressman started the Irish drive with a single down the left field line, and Dury followed up with a two-run homer to give the Irish the early 2-0 lead. Within the next 10 minutes, two more Irish batters got on base and Pollock added another home run to bring the Notre Dame lead to 6-0.

The Mountaineers responded to Notre Dame's second with a strong showing in their half of the third. Irish pitcher Kyle Weiland held West Virginia to just two hits in the first two innings, but the Mountaineers were able to break loose in the third. West Virginia drove in three runs off four hits.

The bats didn't quit for the Irish against West Virginia pitcher Matt Yurish in the bottom of the third. Dury singled and Smith walked before Trent Ridgley relieved Yurish from the mound.

A pitching change couldn't stop the Irish at the plate, and Pollock doubled to drive in a run before Matt Weglarz stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded. Weglarz smacked a grand slam, his second home run of the season, to bring the score to 11-3.

Notre Dame went on to explode for another offensive flurry in the bottom of the sixth. Jeremy Barnes hit a home run to lead off the inning and bring the round tripper tally to four for the Irish. Pollock added two RBIs in the inning and Brezovsky and Weglarz added one apiece before West Virginia finally retired the side.

West Virginia's last glimmer of hope came in the top of the ninth inning. Mountaineer catcher Mike Schmidt's doubled to right center field to drive in two runs.

West Virginia 16 Notre Dame 7

West Virginia reliever Chris Enourato allowed just one run in 5.2 innings as the Mountaineers took the third game of a Big East conference series with Notre Dame Sunday.

Enourato, who entered the contest for starter Kenny Durst in the fourth inning with his team trailing 6-5, allowed just three hits and earned the win for his long-relief performance.

"He threw his slider for strikes," Irish coach Dave Schrage said of Enourato. "It kept us off-balance."

The Mountaineers banged out 20 hits off four Irish pitchers. Right-hander Dan Kapala took the loss for Notre Dame.

The 16 runs were the most allowed by Notre Dame at home since 2001.

West Virginia put the first run on the board when center fielder Adam White singled and scored on a sacrifice fly by right fielder Austen Markel.

Notre Dame bounced right back in the bottom of the inning, getting its first four batters on base and scoring three

runs.

The Irish added to their lead in the bottom of the second on a monster solo home run by designated hitter Ryan Smith.

West Virginia responded in the top of the fourth, tying the game on a bases-clearing double by first baseman Jordan Yost and taking the lead 5-4 when a throwing error by Pollock allowed Yost to score.

The lead didn't last long. Center fielder Danny Dressman singled to lead off the inning and scored when Mountaineers left fielder Justin Jenkins bobbled a base hit by first baseman Mike Dury. Dury scored one batter later on a single by Smith to give the Irish the lead back, 6-5, and force Durst from the game after just 3.1 innings.

But once again the team couldn't keep a lead. The Mountaineers went up 7-6 in the top of the fifth on a two-run single by Yost.

The Irish evened the game in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI single by Brett Lilley, but West Virginia went back up again in the seventh, this time on a squeeze bunt by designated hitter Trent Ridgley that scored Jenkins. The Mountaineers added two more runs in the inning on an RBI double by third baseman Vince Belnome and an RBI single by catch Mike Schmidt.

West Virginia knocked in another insurance run in the eighth on consecutive doubles by Jenkins and right fielder Austin Markel.

Notre Dame loaded the bases in the bottom of the eighth, but Brezovsky flew out to center to end the threat.

The Mountaineers added five more runs in the ninth to provide the final margin.

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Blowout

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game was out of reach as play continued to get sloppy with more incomplete passes.

Irish sophomore goaltender Scott Rodgers, who took over for junior Joey Kemp midway through the third quarter, made some key saves that prevented Lehigh from making a late comeback.

"Scotty is a very talented goalie as shown in the last few games," Kemp said of Rodgers. "He really pushes me, and I push him to do better."

Sophomore attack Ryan Hoff had two scores and one assist for the Irish. Freshman midfielder Brett Vecchio netted two goals while junior

midfielder Michael Podgajny added one goal and an assist. Sophomore attack Peter Christman, senior attack John Greaney, sophomore midfielder Davey Leach and sophomore midfielder Dan Gibson all aided

with a goal each. Sophomore midfielder Kevin Cullinane, senior midfielder Ryan Cunn, freshman attack Neal Hicks, senior midfielder Lucius Polk and freshman attack Will Yeatman each had a helper in the contest.

Kemp finished the day with eight saves, zero goals against, and was credited with his ninth win of the year. Rodgers played the last quar-

ter and a half, making 10 saves and allowing two goals.

"[This game] brought us one step closer to completing our goal, which is winning our league," Kemp said. "Every game, our goal is to have that big goose egg [for the opponent] on the scoreboard."

Lehigh (4-9) was led by senior midfielders David Gaunt and Matthew Hichborn, who scored one goal apiece. Senior attack David Walsh added two assists. Senior goalie Dusty Granet picked up the loss in one half of

play. He made six saves and gave up eight scores before being replaced by junior goalie Eric Spirko in the second half.

Notre Dame hopes to extend its overall winning streak to seven games next Saturday when the Irish continue league play at Ohio State at noon.

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Irish goalie

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Notes:

♦ The Irish held a 47-33 advantage in shots while junior midfielder Taylor Claggett went 8-for-12 on face-offs against Lehigh.

♦ Yeatman picked up his team-high 37th point. He also leads the team with 19 assists to go along with his 18 goals. Hoff is the team-leader in goals with 30.

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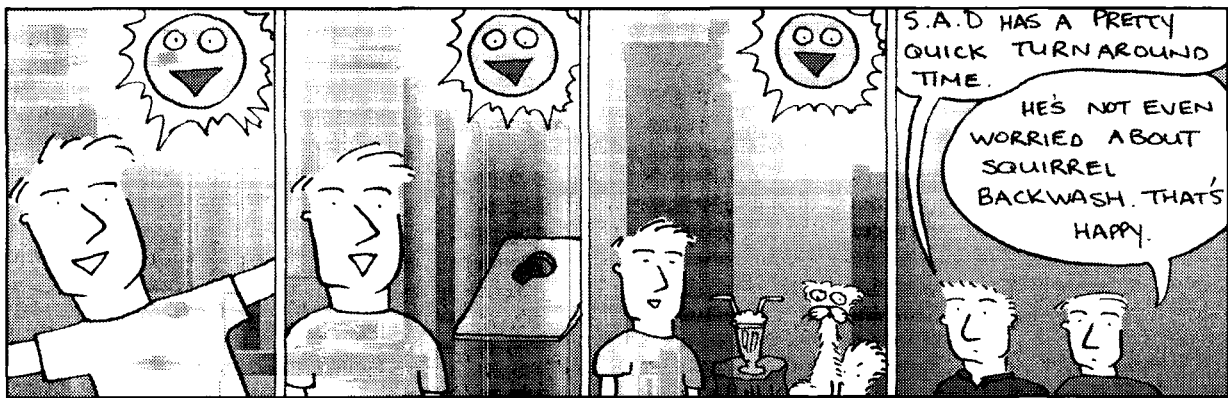
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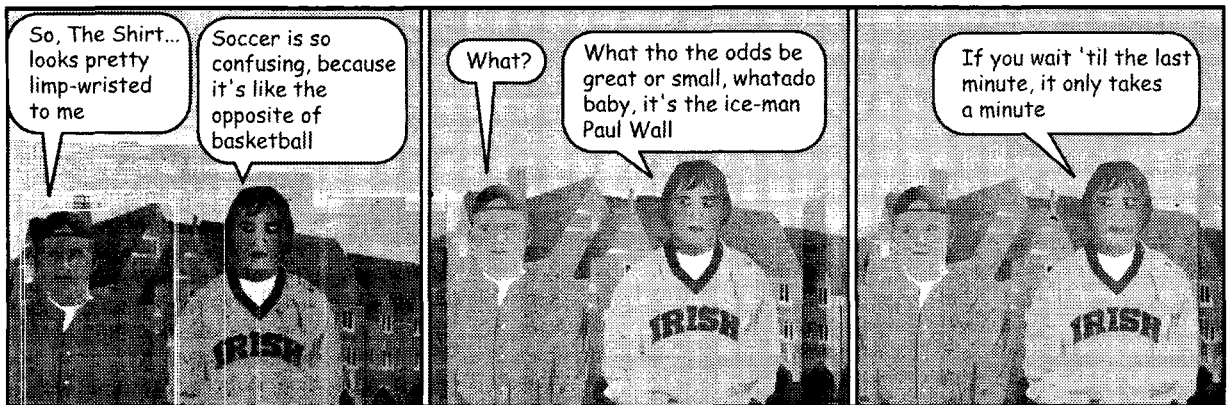
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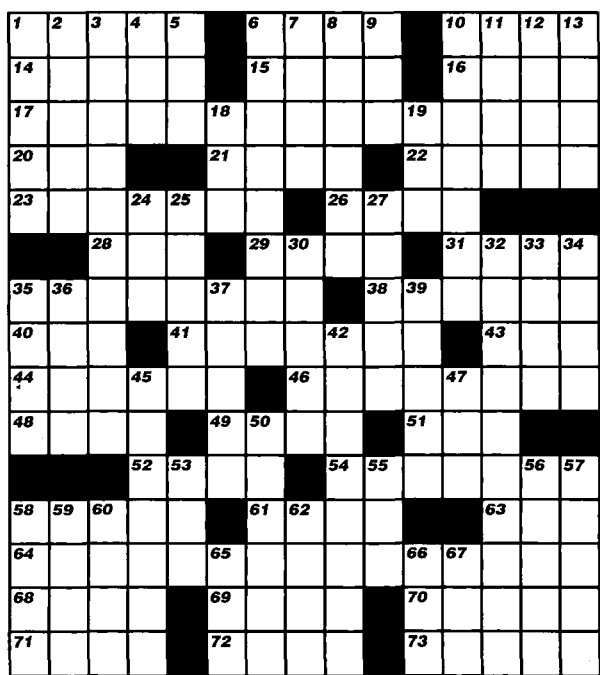
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- Across**
- 1 More eccentric
 - 6 "Moby-Dick" captain
 - 10 Reaction to a knee-slapper
 - 14 Old pal
 - 15 Food that may come in small cubes
 - 16 Giant-screen film venue
 - 17 Sign for a person in therapy?
 - 20 ___, due, tre ...
 - 21 Abominable Snowman
 - 22 Turtle's covering
 - 23 Like college aptitude tests, for many students
 - 26 Highway
 - 28 Compete in a slalom
 - 29 Moist
 - 31 Lawyer: Abbr.
 - 35 Together
 - 38 "Well, then ..."
 - 40 By way of
 - 41 Sign for a recovering alcoholic?
 - 43 Annoy
 - 44 Completely cover
 - 46 "Hmmm ..."
 - 48 Japanese drink
 - 49 Numbered hwys.
 - 51 Faux ___
 - 52 Perlman of "Cheers"
 - 54 Comedian's gimmick
 - 58 Candidate Stevenson of '52 and '56
 - 61 Level
 - 63 Rhetorical question, possibly
 - 64 Sign for a gangster?
 - 68 Fork prong
 - 69 Washington daily
 - 70 ___ Ste. Marie, Mich.
 - 71 Went fast
 - 72 Aussie jumpers
 - 73 ___ Rose Lee
- Down**
- 1 Happen
 - 2 Pilotless aircraft
 - 3 Sign for a jury selector?
 - 4 Suffix with differ
 - 5 Seedy loaf
 - 6 Eventgoer
 - 7 Party thrower
 - 8 Uphold
 - 9 Prickly seed cover
 - 10 Religious time
 - 11 French girlfriend
 - 12 Room connector
 - 13 Skating jump
 - 18 Science guy Bill
 - 19 Cool ___ cucumber
 - 24 Letters before an alias
 - 25 Twists to be worked out
 - 27 Eye-catching designs
 - 30 Enough
 - 32 Sign for a sunbather?
 - 33 Went fast
 - 34 Oxen connector
 - 35 Currier and ___
 - 36 Companion of the Pinta and Santa Maria

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- 37 Plowmaker John
- 39 Pretty maiden of Greek myth
- 42 Mousse and mud pie
- 45 Exposed to oxygen
- 47 Consume
- 50 Skin art
- 53 Go quickly
- 55 ___-Magnon
- 56 They're stirred in the fire
- 57 Meower
- 58 Many urban homes: Abbr.
- 59 Annoyance from a faucet
- 60 "The ___ Ranger"
- 62 In that case
- 65 E.M.T.'s skill
- 66 "No ___" (Chinese menu notation)
- 67 It's pitched with a pitchfork

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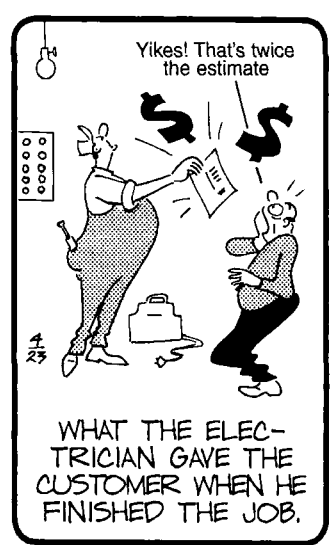
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a short trip to your favorite destination or visit someone who will inspire you to take on a new project. You will have the discipline to overcome any challenge and can deal with the people who require your help or are causing you problems. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get together with friends or relatives today. Someone will offer you a chance to make a change that will give you a new lease on life. You will discover that you are further ahead than you realized. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to doing for others and don't leave any room for error. Today can be difficult if you have to deal with money matters or with someone coming to collect an old debt. Relationships aren't likely to run smoothly, so stay calm. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have everything in place but your confidence, so stop making excuses. Once you take the first step, everything else will fall into place. Do and say what you think and don't rely on others. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan a party or an outing that will get together all the people you enjoy. You will be the center of attention and that's where you can get everyone on your team. This is a great day for taking on a challenge. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be able to rely on acquaintances not loved ones today. Get involved in something that allows you to contribute to your community. Avoid family discussions, disputes and anyone who is overindulgent. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone may not like your choices today but you have to follow your heart. A love connection looks promising and the chance to travel or discover something new will bring greater clarity to a situation you want to resolve. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stop procrastinating and take a leap of faith. Standing still will only lead to regrets and wasted time. Be honest about why you haven't been able to make a move or find success. Good things will happen if you believe they will. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Before you jump into something, make sure you have done enough research. You are likely to get things wrong or mixed up today. Someone who interests you may have ulterior motives. Don't be too quick to get involved in a partnership. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be a little emotional. Expect to face some opposition. It's best to get these talks out of the way so you can feel free to continue with your plans. An interesting new idea to make money looks promising. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do everything in your power to please the ones who mean the most to you. An interesting view of the younger and older people in your life will influence you in an unusual way. Learn by what you see and experience. 3 stars

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Two more recruits give verbal commitments over weekend

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Not all the action was on the field at Saturday's Blue-Gold Game as Notre Dame added two more top recruits to the class of 2012 — tight end Joseph Fauria and linebacker Darius Fleming.

Overall, the Irish have landed 10 prospects for the class of 2012, including two other linebackers — Anthony McDonald

and David Posluszny — and one tight end — Kyle Rudolph.

Players cannot sign binding letters of intent until February.

Fauria, a 6-foot-7, 250-pound high school junior from Encino, Calif., played well last season at Crespi Carmelite High School. In his junior season, Fauria caught 22 passes for 339 yards and four touchdowns.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, said Fauria is a great fit with Notre Dame

coach Charlie Weis' offense mostly because of his soft hands.

"[Weis] wants a guy who's pretty athletic, who can stretch the field deep and cause some problems," Frank said. "And there's nothing better than third and six when you got a big 6-foot-7, 225-pound tight end you can just throw to and who's got great soft hands and is just a real physical mismatch for any linebacker that's out there. And that's really what he

is."

Frank also said Fauria's size is another important factor in how the tight end will fit in with the Notre Dame offense.

"He has just really nice hands and does a really good job of getting open and he's such a big target, a quarterback can throw the ball up fairly high and nobody will be able to get it but him," he said.

Fauria said one of the main reasons he wanted to come to Notre Dame is because he likes

how Weis keeps the tight ends involved in the passing game.

"And just watching the [Blue-Gold Game], the tight ends got the ball quite a lot, so, you know, that ensured it even more," he said in a telephone interview with The Observer. "I knew how Charlie Weis runs most of his offense, and I love how he gets the tight ends the ball."

Fauria had experience watch-

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ND TENNIS

Win some, lose some

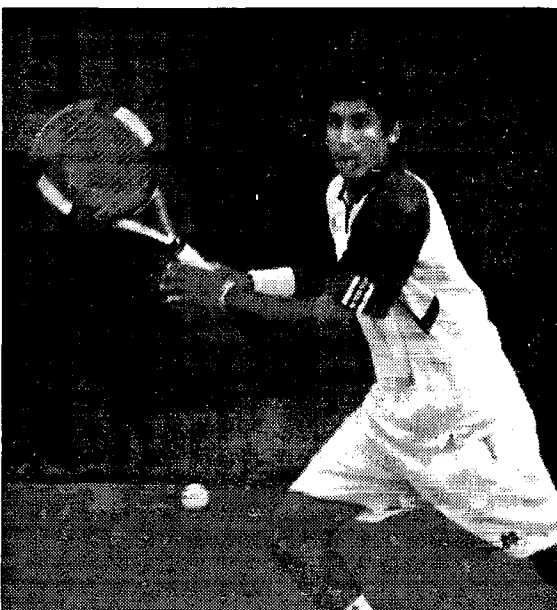
Men's squad avenges loss to Louisville to capture this year's title

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

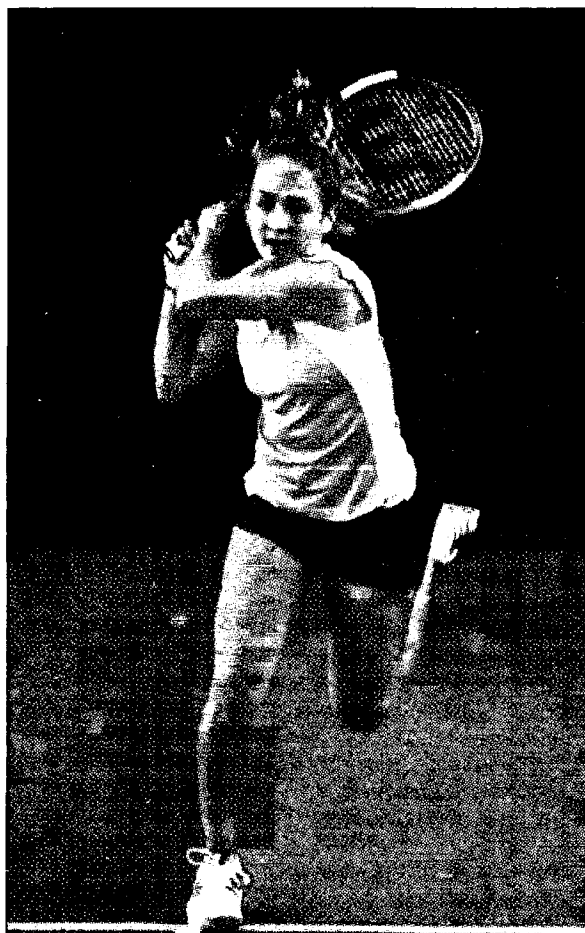
Notre Dame may have lost last year's Big East championship to Louisville, but that was a mere memory Sunday when the No. 4 Irish cruised past the Cardinals 4-0 to capture the 2007 Big East title.

Senior Stephen Bass proved why he holds not only the captain's position but also the No. 1 singles and doubles spots. Bass aided Notre Dame in its win by capturing the deciding singles point and the deciding doubles point with senior partner Ryan Keckley.

The No. 3 duo of senior Barry King and junior Andrew Roth opened up doubles play for the Irish with an 8-1 rout of Chris Herrlinger and James McArthur. Louisville battled back at the No. 2 spot when



Above, Sheeva Parbhu lines up a forehand. At right, Cosmina Ciobanu follows through a shot.



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No. 39 South Florida upsets No. 2 Irish to claim Big East crown

By CHRIS HINE and
DAN MALOOF
Sports Writers

Notre Dame thought it had everything under control.

Ahead 3-1 against No. 39 South Florida, all the Irish had to do was win one of the remaining three singles matches to clinch its third straight Big East championship.

But South Florida had other plans.

The Bulls swept the final three matches and shocked the No. 2 Irish 4-3 to claim the Big East tournament title.

"After we won the doubles, I felt like we should win three singles," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "They're a good team, but against a team like that we should not lose four singles matches."

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BASEBALL

Irish take series from Mountaineers

By CHRIS KHOREY,
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Sports Writers

It was two steps forward and one step back for Notre Dame this weekend.

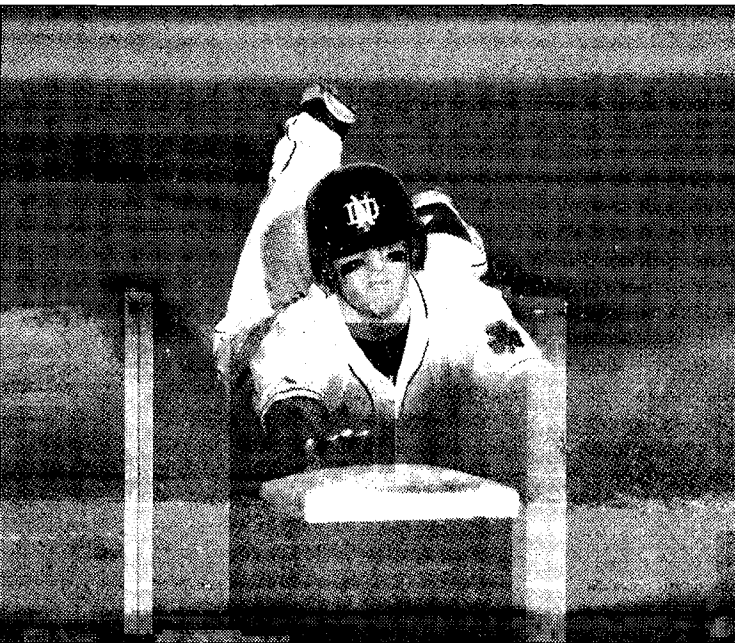
The Irish extended their season-long win streak to five with victories Friday and Saturday over West Virginia, but then saw that streak end Sunday against the Mountaineers in a conference series at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (21-18, 6-8 Big East) now sits in seventh out of twelve Big East teams.

**Notre Dame 5
West Virginia 2**

In Notre Dame's victory over

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Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes went 4-for-14 with 3 RBIs as Notre Dame took two of three from West Virginia this weekend.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Defense prevails in blowout victory

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame held the Mountain Hawks of Lehigh scoreless in the first three quarters of Saturday's game at Moose Krause Stadium and took a 14-2 victory to extended the team's school-record home winning streak to 13 games.

Sophomore attack Duncan Swezey aided the effort on the offensive end with a career-high four goals and an assist.

"This was a great win for us on the tail end of the home stretch," Irish junior defender Ross Zimmerman said. "It was another great team defensive

performance. When our goalies do that well, you can afford more mistakes on defense."

The Irish (9-3) used a strong defensive start to carry a 2-0 lead into the second quarter. Then Notre Dame erupted by scoring six straight goals en route to an 8-0 halftime edge over the Mountain Hawks. In the third quarter, Irish defensive stops paved the way for a 12-second span in which Swezey netted two of his four goals.

Lehigh finally got on the board early in the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 10-1. But both teams knew that the

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