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SMC security addresses recent safety concerns

Gariepy meets with students to discuss incident at Regina Hall

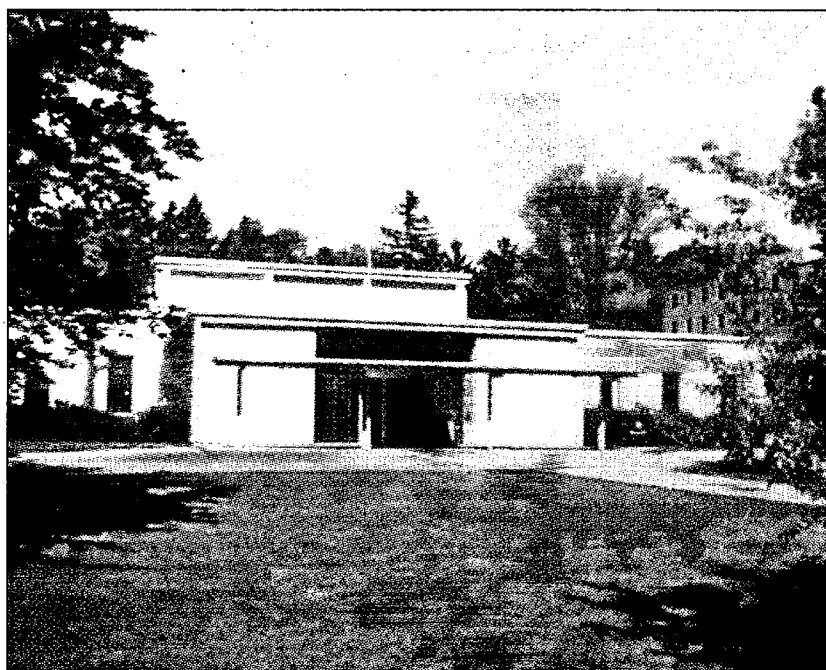
By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's director of security Dave Gariepy and assistant director of security Stan Klimczak addressed concerned Regina Hall residents about security issues and concerns in at a meeting in the North Lounge of the hall Thursday evening.

"There was a lot of concern... about the man on the roof," Gariepy said. "There's a lot of basis for concern with the way security responded [to that incident]."

Gariepy, referring to the trespasser who escaped custody after making his way onto the roof of Regina Hall April 5, alluded to the seemingly slow response to the incident from Saint Mary's Security detailed in the article "Slow Security response raises questions" in the April 17 edition of The Observer.

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The front of Saint Mary's Regina Hall, where a trespasser was seen and reported to SMC security last week.

Saint Mary's Archives

Seniors report trespasser at on-campus apartments

By MANDI STIRONE
Assistant News Editor

While many Saint Mary's students have voiced concerns about Saint Mary's security, some Opus Hall residents have recently come forward with positive feedback about it.

Opus, a seniors-only apartment complex, is located on-campus behind Madeleva Hall.

Seniors Haley Nickell and Molly Pfister were in their first floor quad's living room when their third roommate asked if either of them had seen a suspicious man walking around outside the building.

Pfister and Nickell both went into their separate bedrooms and saw the same man, they said.

"He continued to walk around and just

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From Old2Gold to benefit non-profit agencies

ND community to donate gently used dorm room belongings for citywide yard sale held near stadium

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

As the academic year draws to a close and students move out of their respective dorms and off-campus residences, they should not worry about the waste of throwing away their gently used belongings, or about to whom they ought to donate.

Starting this weekend, students can make donations to From Old2Gold, a citywide yard sale that will occupy about

70,000 square feet of the stadium concourse on May 24, said Frank Parker, Manager Central Receiving.

All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit South Bend area non-profit agencies.

"Students take anything that they have — personal items that they have — that they either no longer want or just want to donate, to non-profit agencies to help the community, and they put it out for our staffs to pick up and take to the stadium," Parker said.

Students will be able to donate a wide variety of gently used belongings to the sale.

"You name anything that students could have in the residence halls, and I'd venture to say that there's at least one of them at the sale," he said.

Items such as stackable storage containers, clothes, shoes, bikes, computers, printers, toys and sporting goods are typically sold, he said.

Members from the community, Parker said, also come to shop at the From Old2Gold yard sale.

"We had somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,900 to 4,000 shoppers last year," Parker said.

Last year's sale generated over \$43,000, Parker said.

All residence halls will have barrels to collect non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies, and twelve trucks will drive to residence halls to pick up other larger items, such as furniture, this weekend and during certain evening hours until May 21, according to Parker.

Trucks will also pick up items

from other designated areas in and near residence halls during the day, Parker said, and each residence hall also has a designated area for wood from lofts.

Students are requested to remove nails and screws from wood to ensure staff safety.

Parker said the volunteers from non-profit agencies all over the South Bend area come to the sale to help with its setup.

"Last year we had thirty-nine agencies that were involved, and

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Students make longest spoon train

Group of 127 breaks world record on quad

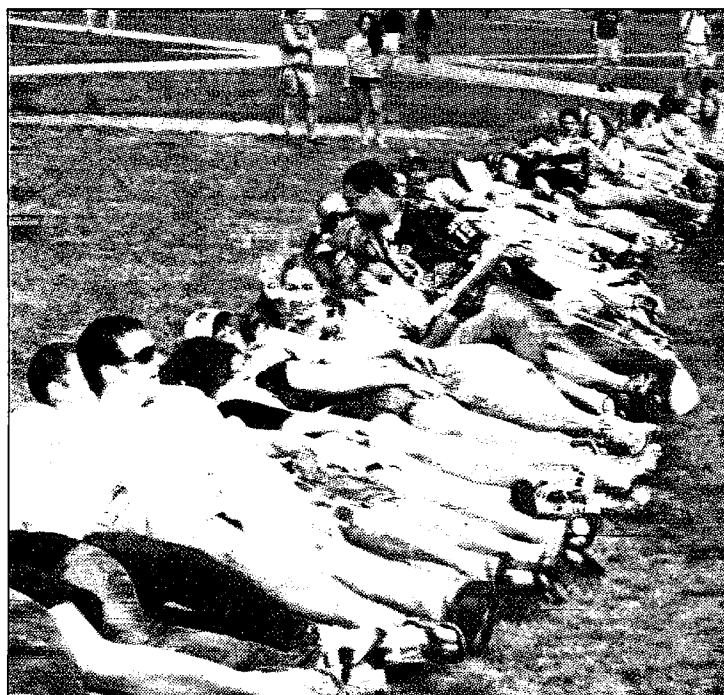
By ELIZABETH KUHN
News Writer

A group of 127 Notre Dame students broke the record for the World's Longest Spoon Train in the middle of South Quad Thursday afternoon.

Junior Charlie Mahoney originally proposed the idea to his friends as a joke, but the scheme slowly gained credence until finally he and fellow ski team member Joel Sharbrough decided to make the biggest spoon train ever.

"We obviously loved spooning in the first place, so we just thought why don't we be the best spooners we can be? And it just spiraled into something

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TRAVIS ALLEN/The Observer

Students gathered on South Quad to form the World's Largest Spoon Train Thursday afternoon.

Musicians compete in Battle of the Bands

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Notre Dame will conclude its week-long AnTostal celebration Saturday at 8 p.m. with a competition between 10 student bands vying for musical superiority at the annual Battle of the Bands.

This year's Battle of the Bands features the largest number of contestants in competition history.

"Something that really surprised us about this year's competition was the number of entries we received for the Battle," said junior Clint Simkins, co-programmer of campus entertainment for the Student Union Board (SUB).

Sixteen bands submitted demo CDs to SUB, the largest

number of applicants to date. A panel of SUB committee members and Legends representatives listened to each submission and narrowed the field to the 10 best acts, Simkins said.

"We planned on choosing six to eight bands, but all of the submissions were top quality, so it was hard to even narrow it down to ten," said sophomore Mallory Davidson, co-programmer of campus entertainment for SUB.

Davidson said SUB wanted to host a wide variety of music types for the Battle.

"Bands were chosen based on the quality of the songs they put on their submission CDs," Davidson said. "We really tried to make sure that a wide vari-

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INSIDE COLUMN

You live,
you learn

They say the college experience isn't so much about what you learn in class, but what you discover about yourself along the way. I always thought that was just an excuse for Notre Dame slapping another few thousand onto tuition each year, but after this semester I'm beginning to see some logic to that argument.

Kara King

Viewpoint Editor

Some of the most important lessons aren't necessarily those your professor intends. So here's a little glimpse into what I've discovered this past semester.

Professors don't appreciate it when you do the crossword puzzle in class. To be fair, I realized this before I came to Notre Dame, but the only previous victims from my lack of attention were my grades.

Oh how the times have changed. A certain finance professor, whose name may or may not rhyme with Slackermann, took matters to a new level of pain and humiliation with his recent aerial assault on my face.

I guess he's kind of an evil genius in that regard. I mean, if I were paying attention, I could have easily ducked or attempted to catch the football that so rudely interrupted my puzzling. Instead, I was left to deal with the Marsha Brady-esque consequences.

Lesson learned. I now wait until after class to pick up my daily copy of The Observer.

Finance has actually provided me with countless such lessons in paying attention. Perhaps it's the obvious bribery in the form of free beverages. Bribery is seriously underrated as a means to an end.

So is free money randomly distributed to prove a point. I'm not sure I remember what the point was, but I do remember money being thrown to the ground.

And for all these (unintended) financial lessons, I've discovered even more outside of DeBartolo 129:

75-minute classes are too long, especially in courses that are unfathomably miserable. But at least you can unite in your desolation.

And, if you're willing to suffer that extra 25 minutes a day, you can have your Fridays free to go out there and gain even more collegiate experience.

Rico's is the best-kept secret that shouldn't be a secret. The food is delicious, fast and cheap.

TiVo is the best invention known to man. It's the only way I've found to procrastinate properly.

St. Patrick's Day should always be during the school year. If we can have it twice again, that'd be an added bonus.

"Ineptitude" is in the eye of the beholder.

But if you ask me, The Irish Rover calling you inept seems to suggest you're on the right track. Especially if, in criticizing you, they reveal their own ignorance.

Oh wait, it's The Rover. It's not like they're revealing anything new.

Looking back, I can't believe I'm almost halfway through my four years of irresponsibility. Hopefully you can learn something from my mistakes. If not, I hope you at least found some amusement in them.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU BE THE BIG SPOON OR THE LITTLE SPOON?



Caitlin Hildebrand

junior
Lewis

"Little spoon because a little fork would hurt."



Andy Masak

junior
Dillon

"Big Spoon because everything's bigger in Texas."



Conor Byrne

junior
Morrissey

"Junior because of Mike Ellerhorst and Margaret Knoedler"



Kevin Dacey

sophomore
Stanford

"Matt Wilsey is always big spoon and Joel Sharbrough is always little with Chiluto in the middle"



Tim Malecek

sophomore
Alumni

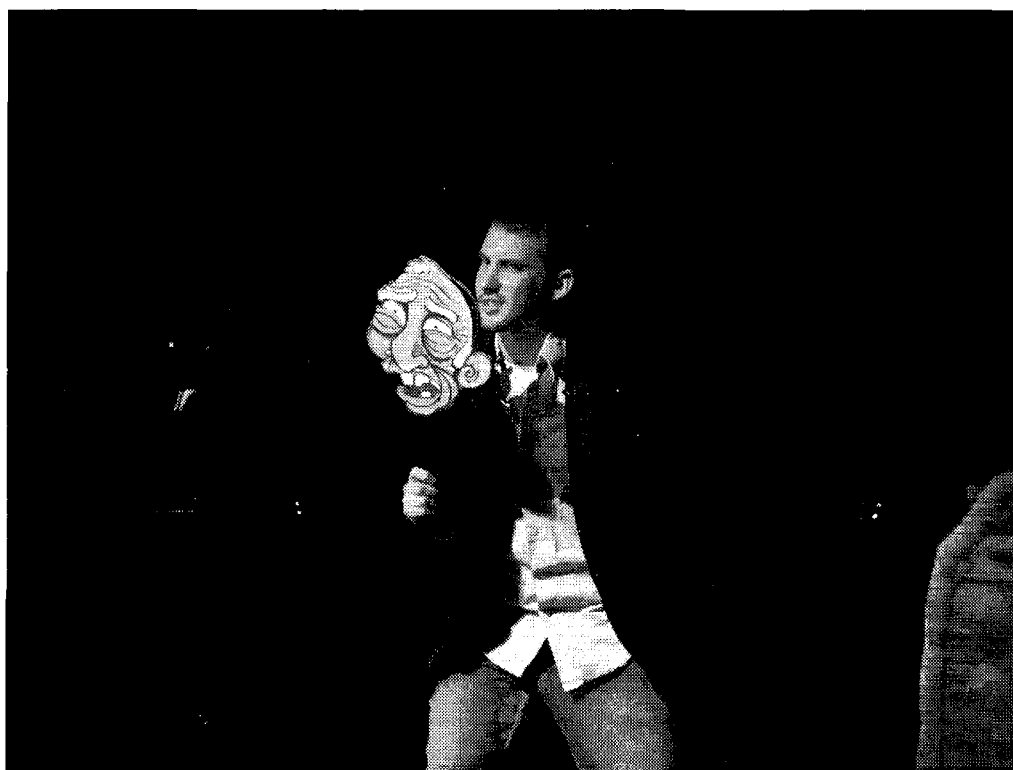
"Little spoon because there's no responsibility."



Matt Walz

sophomore
Alumni

"Either as long as I'm with Tim."



DUNSTIN MINELLA/The Observer

Sophomore Matthew Callanan practices in a dress rehearsal of the Farley Hall Player's production of "The Last Five Years" on Wednesday. The show runs tonight and Saturday night in Washington Hall at 7:30.

OFFBEAT

Legally blind man pummels home intruder

INDIANAPOLIS — A legally blind man beat up an intruder and held him at knifepoint until police arrived at the man's eastside home, authorities said. Allan Kieta, 49, told police he was at home Monday morning when his small dog began barking and he encountered the man.

"I opened the door and just ran into him. I had him pinned in the laundry room and just kept pummeling," said Kieta, a former wrestler in high school.

He said he grabbed the intruder by the belt and

dragged him into the kitchen, where he put a knife at the man's throat and tried to dial 911.

"Being visually impaired, I couldn't get the buttons because I was using my left hand," he said. "It took me about 20 tries."

Woman finds 8-foot alligator in kitchen

OLDSMAR, Fla. — And some people get jittery about mice in the kitchen.

Authorities say 69-year-old central Florida woman found an 8-foot long alligator prowling in her kitchen late Monday night.

Sandra Frosti says the gator must have pushed through the back porch screen door and then went inside through an open sliding glass door at her home in Oldsmar, just north of Tampa. It then apparently strolled through the living room, down a hall and into the kitchen.

A trapper with Animal Capture of Florida removed the alligator, which was cut by a plate that was knocked to the ground during the chaos. But no one inside the house was injured.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Noche de niños — a night for Panamanian children," a benefit event, will be held today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Student Lounge. Tickets are \$5 at the LaFortune Box Office and \$7 at the door.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play tonight against Saint John's at 6:05 at the Frank Eck Baseball Stadium.

Men's Soccer will play the Mexico Under-20 National Team today at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are free for students.

Women's Lacrosse: Big East Semifinals will be held today at 7:45 p.m. against Georgetown in the Notre Dame Football Stadium.

The band "The Starting Line" will perform Friday at Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board's Antostal festivities.

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be at Legends Saturday at 8 p.m.

La Alianza will sponsor the Latino Formal Saturday at 9 p.m. at the College Football Hall of Fame. Transportation is available from Main Circle at 9 p.m. running continuously until 2:20 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for a single and \$15 for couples.

Sorin College will sponsor its first theatrical performance "Rumors" on Sunday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.

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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Sorin College to sponsor Neil Simon's "Rumors"

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Sorin College will sponsor its first theatrical event this weekend with a performance of Neil Simon's farce "Rumors."

The show will be performed on Sunday and Tuesday nights at 8 in the LAB theater on the third floor of Washington Hall.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Saint Jude's Primary School in Jinja, Uganda, through Sorin's established fund, said Sorin sophomore John Maltese, co-director of the show. Sophomore Chelsea Moore directed the show alongside Maltese.

Although this is Sorin's first fundraising theatrical event of its kind, Maltese hopes such shows continue in the future and to perhaps initiate a "theatre for charity" on campus.

"The event will hopefully be produced once every year on a much larger scale for a longer run time," Maltese said.

The cast, which features freshmen through senior actors, has been in rehearsal for three weeks for the two

and a half hour performance, Maltese said.

Maltese and fellow senior Michael McConnell are the only two Sorin residents acting in the show, but 10 other actors also perform in the comedy.

Sorin sophomore Will Staruk will operate the show's sound system.

According to Maltese, the play features four couples at the dinner party of their friends' 10th wedding anniversary.

"The play is filled with hilarious slapstick comedy, misunderstandings, mistaken identity, drunkenness, marital disputes, various injuries, a

car accident and a surprise ending," Maltese said.

The set for the show is the largest ever to be used in the LAB theater, featuring five doors and a second story, Maltese said.

The event is open to the Notre Dame community and tickets are available for \$5 at the door.

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"The event will hopefully be produced once every year on a much larger scale for a longer run time."

John Maltese
co-director

Spoon

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huge," event coordinator Sharbrough said.

As ski team spoon co-captain with Kerry McGuire, he planned and advanced the idea for the event.

Spooning occurs when two people lay on their sides facing the same direction so that they fit snugly together.

"It's not immoral at all," ski team junior Katie Rehberger said. "It's a way to unite the campus."

Students began to accumulate on South Quad around 4:30 p.m., though it took about thirty minutes for enough students to make a train long enough to beat the previous record of 98 people.

"We are still in the process of contacting the Guinness Book of World Records," Sharbrough said. "We expect that it will take at least six more weeks."

Most of yesterday's participants learned of the record-breaking train through their friends or the massive Facebook group. While many

spooners were part of the online group, a number of them were recruited to join as they walked past on the quad.

"It's fun to be outside, having a good time and doing something a little crazy," sophomore Kelly Rice said. "And if I had to be a utensil, I would definitely be a spoon."

Other students echoed Rice's enthusiasm for the event.

"It's definitely the biggest event in my four years here," senior Kyle Bocinsky said.

Coordinators said plans for the event grew since the idea's inception about a month and a half ago, and included a Facebook event, an order of 80 T-shirts and an attempt to be on an official AnTostal event.

The bright blue T-shirt, designed by junior Liz Keedy, sports the word "lit-

tle" on the front and "Big" on the back, with spoons on both sides.

Though some students present accused the Student Activities Office (SAO) of refusing to sponsor the event as the result of too much physical contact, SAO coordinator for the Student Union Board (SUB) Amy Geist stated that it actually was in the original draft of the program.

"Unfortunately, though, it was never actually submitted as a request to our office, as all of the other events run by dorms and SUB were," Geist said. As a result, said Geist, the event had to be removed from AnTostal programs and posters.

For some spooners, they declared the giant train as the highlight of their year.

"It was the greatest afternoon ever," said Kevin Dacey, a sophomore.

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"It's fun to be outside, having a good time and doing something a little crazy."

Kelly Rice
sophomore

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Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event

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Security

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"The claims made by students to a large degree are absolutely accurate," he said.

The e-mail inviting Regina residents to the meeting said there is an "ongoing investigation about the incident" and all residents were encouraged to attend the meeting to "find out what security had done" regarding the case and what steps have been taken to make sure that it does not happen again.

Garipey said security has investigated the incident further and found some discrepancies between the reports filed by the responding officer and the concerns voiced by the anonymous source quoted in the April 17 article.

"Our initial reports didn't indicate [that security] had to come a second time before they searched the roof," he said. "To us, reading the report, we read it as the roof had been checked on the first time."

Garipey said the initial responding officer saw the man on the roof and made a decision about the situation.

"The officer explained that she made a bad judgment call," he said. "Another call came in that diverted her attention and

because of what she had assumed she went to help the other call. By the time our officer went up on the roof [the suspect] had made his escape."

He stressed there should not be any men on the roof after dark, and the construction taking place on the roof of the building has been completed so there should be no ladders near the building at night either.

"There shouldn't be roofing contractors up there after dark," Garipey said.

"We explained that to the officer who responded. It's a relatively new officer with quite a bit of experience. She's trained officers and served as assistant security director at a different college."

"When we make mistakes — even if it's not our mistake — we want to learn from it and make sure they're not repeated."

Dave Garipey
Saint Mary's
director of security

Garipey said security is making changes in response to the situation so that such an occurrence does not happen again.

"That's not the way we would respond to the situation and that's not the way we want our officers responding to it," he said. "We want to make sure that security is responding adequately to your calls for help."

Kliczmak said the most important thing a student can do to help keep campus safe is to call security about suspicious activity.

"Don't assume that someone

else is going to [make the call]; don't assume that it's nothing," he said. "If we don't know about it there's no way that we're even going to have a chance to catch anybody."

Kliczmak said students should never hesitate to call security.

"If you do not get an adequate response the next morning call myself or Dave [Garipey]," he said. "We do not cover anything up. We've made a mistake, we can do better."

Kliczmak said security is encouraging students to give their name and number when they call because they want officers to be able to respond to the student after they have investigated the activity that is reported.

"We're encouraging our guys to make contact with the person who made the complaint. You should be called back and explain what was found, that's just good police work or security work," Garipey said.

The incident, Garipey said, will be used in a positive manner as a method of training for the Department of Security.

"When we make mistakes — even if it's not our mistake — we want to learn from it and make sure they're not repeated," he said.

The two said they want students to be safe in the choices that they make. Garipey stressed walking in groups if they walk to the Grotto after dark or utilizing the escort service available.

"We encourage good safe decisions and safe transportation options," he said.

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Bands

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ety of genres were represented by our final selections"

Chosen to battle it out, in order of their appearance Saturday, will be Sound City, The Substitutes, Red Beer, Threat Level Midnight, Space Cowboy, The Super Soul Fighters, Robbie Hazen, M.O.B.B., Vote For Us and From Wall St. to Hollywood, Davidson said.

Each band will play a fifteen-minute set, Simkins said, and ballots cast by audience members will decide the winners.

Simkins said the top three places will be determined by ballot only, emphasizing the importance of students coming out to support their favorite bands on campus.

"SUB is hoping to provide students with some quality entertainment as they watch their fellow classmates duke it out for the fame and glory," Davidson said. "But we also aim to provide the bands with the opportunity to play a live show at Legends, which has been the host to many

successful artists."

One competitor, senior Robbie Hazen, acknowledged the importance of getting to play at a venue like Legends.

"Battle of the Bands is a great opportunity to play in front of a large crowd on a big stage," Hazen said. "It also allows you the opportunity to collaborate with other musicians on campus."

Hazen competed in the Battle of the Bands the past several years and said he is looking forward to giving a unique performance this year.

Winners will be awarded at the end of the show with first place winning a \$200 gift certificate to Guitar Center, a Mishawaka music store. Second and third place will win \$100 and \$50 gift certificates, respectively.

Perhaps more important to the musicians than the prize money are the bragging rights.

"All the bands are really talented but everyone wants to take first place," Hazen said.

Admission is free for all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students.

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Yard Sale

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and they come in throughout the month of May to sort all of the items, price them, get them set for display," Parker said. "And all the proceeds that we gain [from the yard sale] are divided up between the agencies

that have volunteers working."

From Old2Gold is in its fourth year at Notre Dame, but was modeled on Penn State and the Centre County United Way's Trash to Treasure, a similar project in which students donate items that are sold at a yard sale in Penn State's football stadium, Parker said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. announces anti-malaria initiative

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will announce a global initiative on Friday aimed eliminating deaths from malaria, a tropical scourge blamed for killing a million people a year.

In a video message for a World Malaria Day event at U.N. headquarters, Ban said the initiative will offer indoor spraying and bed nets treated with long-lasting insecticide "to all people at risk, especially women and children in Africa." The video was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

It will also ensure that public health facilities have access to effective malaria treatment and diagnosis, that health workers are trained to deal with the disease, and that research into its eradication is encouraged, Ban said.

"The aim is to put a stop to malaria deaths by ensuring universal coverage by the end of 2010," he said.

Sarkozy asks E.U. for Olympic boycott

PARIS — French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Thursday he will push for a European Union-wide agreement on whether to boycott the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics.

Sarkozy has said he could boycott the ceremony in response to China's crackdown on demonstrators in Tibet last month, but he has softened his tone since a rash of protests broke out last weekend in front of French-owned supermarkets throughout China.

If no progress is made before the Aug. 8-24 games, he said he would try to seek "a united position" among the EU's 27 member states. France will hold the rotating EU presidency at that time.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man sentenced in oil-for-food case

NEW YORK — An Iraqi-American businessman who admitted helping Saddam Hussein's government in the oil-for-food scandal was fined \$300,000 and sentenced to probation by a judge who said he provided substantial assistance to the U.S. government after his arrest.

"He was a terrific witness," U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said Thursday as he bestowed leniency on Samir A. Vincent, who could have faced years in prison.

Vincent, a 67-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Annandale, Va., testified at two trials, including one that was interrupted when Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt Jr. pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Vincent, an oil trader, had occasionally accompanied Wyatt on his meetings with high-ranking Iraqi officials.

Census Bureau scales back test run

FRESNO, Calif. — The Census Bureau has scaled back its dress rehearsal for the once-a-decade national head count, raising fears that thousands of soldiers, immigrants and other hard-to-reach people will go uncounted when the population survey is conducted in 2010.

"It's like sending up a rocket for a moon shot and not doing the final test on how to land," warned former Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt, who oversaw the agency during the 2000 count.

LOCAL NEWS

Candidate proposes state audit plan

INDIANAPOLIS — An external audit of state government would be performed and voting hours would be extended under a government restructuring plan presented Thursday by Democratic candidate for governor Jim Schellinger.

"We must find new and different approaches to organizing and delivering government to lower the cost and increase efficiencies," said Schellinger, an Indianapolis architect who is competing with former U.S. Rep. Jill Long Thompson for the Democratic nomination for governor in the May 6 primary.

Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels has no primary opponent.

Schellinger said Indiana needs a comprehensive review of government at all levels, with state and local officials working together to decide what improvements are needed.

Local accused of school attack plot

Authorities detain teen after finding more than 100 knives, illegal snakes at his home

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A 16-year-old boy is accused of plotting an attack on his high school, prosecutors said Thursday, alleging that he discussed plans by e-mail with another person to carry out simultaneous "Columbine-like mass murders" in two states on Sept. 11, 2008.

Authorities detained the teen Tuesday on an initial charge of intimidation, St. Joseph County prosecutor Michael Dvorak said Thursday. His office was preparing charges of conspiracy to commit murder after authorities found more than 100 knives at his home, Dvorak said.

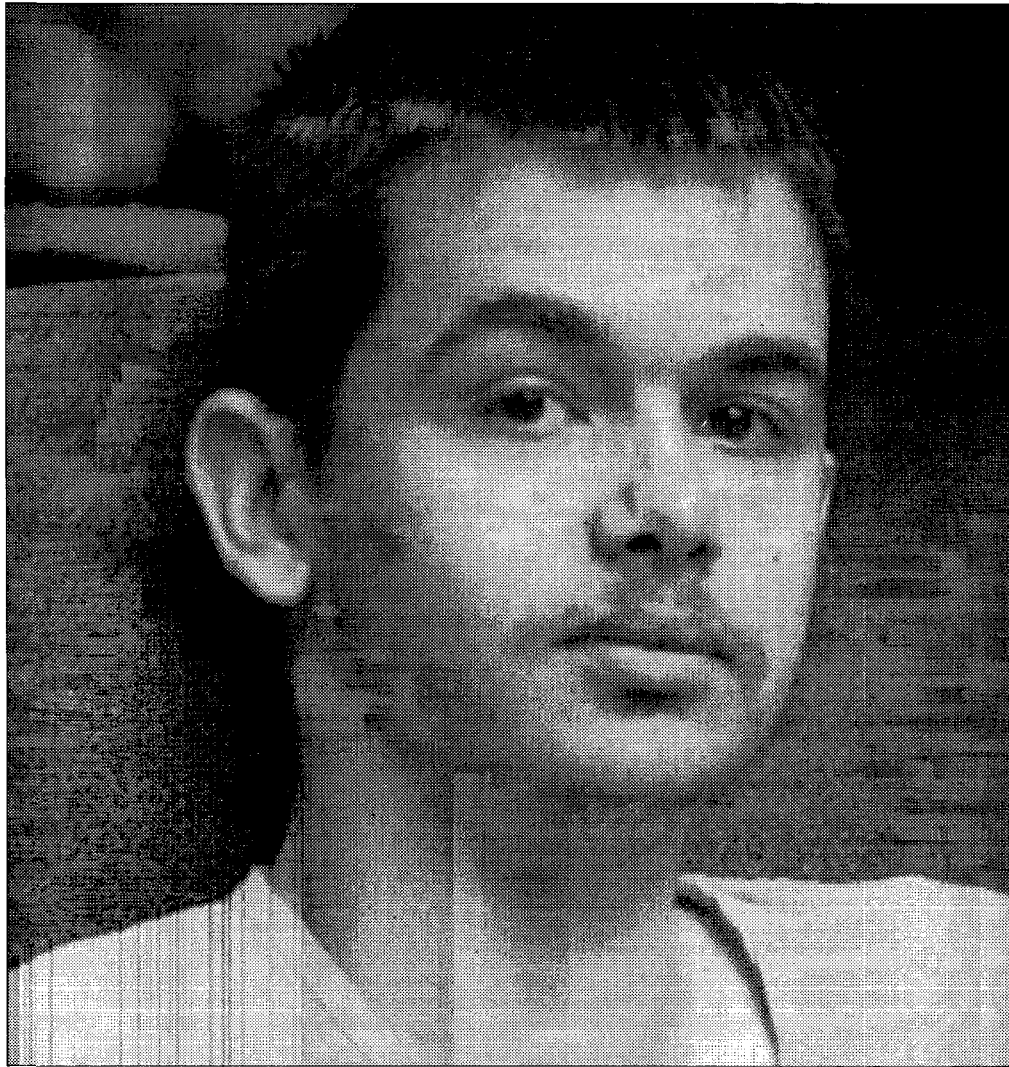
Authorities also found several illegal snakes at his home in Mishawaka, about 10 miles east of South Bend, Dvorak said. The boy was being held Thursday at a juvenile detention center.

A school officer investigating an unrelated threat at Penn High School discovered Internet postings in which the teen discussed his support for the Columbine shooters, Dvorak said, a reference to the 1999 massacre at a suburban Denver high school in which two students killed 12 classmates and a teacher before committing suicide.

School officials questioned the teen about his postings and learned he had exchanged e-mails Sunday with an unidentified person in which they discussed conducting "Columbine-like mass murders" at the same time on Sept. 11 at Penn and another location, Dvorak said.

Teresa Carroll, spokeswoman for the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp., said the other location was in Ohio.

Dvorak declined to give any information about the person the teen corresponded with or what the



Ryan Schallenger, a student suspected of planning an attack on Chesterfield High School, appears before a judge on Tuesday in Chesterfield, S.C.

person's intended target may have been.

The pair also wrote about researching how to obtain weapons and make explosive devices. The teenager, a freshman, asked the other person to help him obtain a TEC-DC9 9mm pistol, stating it would be "awesome" if he could use the same weapon used in the Columbine shootings, Dvorak said.

Police searched the student's locker, backpack, home and laptop computer and found notebooks in which he wrote about killing a large number of people. They found he had searched the Internet on Monday for how to make

propane tank bombs and for a reference guide on how to make explosives and other dangerous devices, Dvorak said. The teen also searched for 9mm guns, he said.

A juvenile court hearing was scheduled for Friday to determine whether the teenager should remain in custody.

Meanwhile, prosecutors in Columbia, S.C., sought a mental evaluation for an 18-year-old accused of planning to bomb his high school.

Ryan Schallenger should be examined to determine whether he understands the case against him or can help with his defense, federal

prosecutors wrote in a motion filed in federal court.

The teenager is in the Chesterfield County jail. He was arrested April 19 and faces several state and federal charges, including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. That charge carries a possible life sentence if he is convicted.

Authorities have said Schallenger's parents called police because he had ordered ammonium nitrate, which was used in the deadly Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Michael Meetze, Schallenger's public defender, declined to comment Thursday.

Cosby, judge lecture on parenting, values

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A Georgia judge who kicked whites out of his courtroom while he lectured black defendants is getting a comedian's help in delivering his stern message.

Bill Cosby joined Superior Court Judge Marvin Arrington at a forum Thursday night for at-risk youths from the Atlanta area. Both men are black, and Cosby himself has made waves by criticizing the black community.

The comedian spoke to the predominantly black audience at Benjamin Mays High School about the importance of education and family.

"Families: where old people put the rules out without profanity," Cosby

told the invitation-only gathering of about 500 people, including teenagers judged by juvenile authorities as being "at risk."

Cosby lamented a culture of drugs and permissive sex.

"The problem with teenage pregnancy is the planning of it. There was no planning," he said.

"Let's get with these teenage children and their sex and having sex. I'm telling you, you've got to talk to your children."

He dismissed critics of his approach who have said that he is airing dirty laundry.

"That's crazy," he said. "There are black people who have to walk around this dirty laundry."

Arrington said Cosby contacted him two weeks ago and said, "I want to

come to Atlanta and help you with your fight to try to turn these young people around."

"These young people are worth saving," the judge said.

Arrington recounted a litany of criminal defendants who come before him in court, including young men who kill during drug deals and a father who slept with his daughters.

"Somewhere, you can cannot tolerate this uncivilized conduct," Arrington said.

The judge has admitted he shouldn't have made white people leave as he tried to scare straight some young black men at the March 27 court session. He said he wanted only to get the defendants' attention without dressing them down in front of whites.

Opus

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kind of stand outside the windows of our bedrooms," Nickell said.

The third roommate who had originally seen them man called security and reported the incident as the man continued walking around Opus, they said.

"[Security] said they'd be right over," Nickell said.

While they were waiting for security to come, the man had walked all the way around the back of the building, Pfister said.

"I went to the lobby to see where he was going and he got in a big sketchy truck and left," Nickell said.

That was when the third roommate called security back to inform them that the man had left. Security told them, however, they were going to come check things out anyway, she said.

"They came over within five minutes and came into our apartment and had us show them where the man had been as well as had us describe him and his truck," she said.

The roommates were then reassured of their safety and given advice for ensuring that they were safe after

security left, they said.

"They encouraged us to close our blinds and make sure all of our windows were locked," Nickell said.

Pfister also said security officers arrived quickly and did a check of the entire outside of the building after leaving their apartment.

"I saw them outside looking around our windows where we had seen the man," she said.

In addition to checking Opus Hall, security did a search of the campus for the man, Nickell said.

"They told us they were going to circle Saint Mary's a few times to see if they saw anyone suspicious or the truck we had described," Nickell said.

According to the Saint Mary's security report

filed on April 16, the man was described as a "white male standing near a window and bushes at Opus Hall around 11:55 p.m.,"

Director of Security Dave Garipey said.

While the caller was still on the phone with security, a second student saw the man getting into a "maroon colored Chevy style pickup," and left via Douglass Road, he said.

"Two officers responded quickly but the vehicle had

already left," Garipey said.

All officers on duty that night were alerted and told to watch for the man or his pickup truck, but he was not seen on campus again, he said.

"It is unknown whether this person was here for legitimate reasons or something other," he said.

A security alert was not issued to the campus because the situation was investigated and it was ascertained that there was not a continuing or imminent threat to campus, Garipey said.

"[I won't] send an alert message and have everyone all stirred up about something we can't identify as a continuing or imminent threat," he said.

Both Opus Hall residents stated that they felt security did a good job in handling the situation, they said.

"I know I feel safer knowing security is around and hopefully this particular instance was nothing," Pfister said.

Nickell also pointed out that the incident occurred the night before The Observer ran part one of the two-part series on Saint Mary's Security, entitled "Slow Security Response Raises questions."

"I think it's important for people to know that this all happened before that article was run," she said.

Liz Harter contributed reporting to this article.

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EGYPT

Hamas deals 6-month cease-fire with Israel

Associated Press

CAIRO — The Palestinian group Hamas is proposing a six-month cease-fire with Israel, saying it will stop firing rockets out of Gaza if the Jewish state simultaneously lifts its blockade of the coastal strip, Egypt's state run MENA news agency said Thursday night.

The report followed a day of closed meetings between Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar and Egypt's intelligence chief, Omar Suleiman, who has been mediating between Israel and the Islamic militant group in hopes of halting their fighting.

Hamas has taken a much softer stance the past week, but any deal appeared distant. While Egypt clearly is acting as a communications channel between the two sides, Israel insists it won't negotiate with Hamas, which it considers a terrorist group, as does the United States.

Hamas officials, who previously have called for Israel to first lift its blockade before any truce, could not be reached by The Associated Press late Thursday to comment on the MENA report. There was no immediate reaction from

Israel.

MENA's report came two days after senior members of Hamas said the group was willing to accept a truce limited to the Gaza Strip, dropping a long-standing demand that the West Bank be included in a halt to fighting with Israel.

Israeli officials responded to those comments by saying Israel would keep up military pressure on Hamas as long as the group threatened Israeli civilians, an allusion to near daily rocket salvos at towns in southern Israel and recent militant attacks on border posts.

The Hamas representatives said Tuesday that the group's position would be laid out Thursday during the meeting with Suleiman.

"We have affirmed the group's approval of a truce in Gaza Strip ... that could be expanded to the West Bank and would be set at six months," Zahar was quoted by MENA as saying after the meeting.

"The truce should be accepted by both sides," Zahar added, saying a condition was that Israel "simultaneously lifts its blockade of Gaza and reopens" the border, including the Rafah crossing between Egypt and Gaza.

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IN BRIEF

Sales, prices of new homes plunge

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes plunged in March to the slowest pace in 16 1/2 years as a two-year housing downturn extended into the start of another spring sales season. The median price of a new home in March compared to a year ago fell at the fastest clip in 38 years.

Sales of new homes dropped by 8.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 526,000 units, the slowest sales pace since October 1991, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The median price of a home sold in March dropped by 13.3 percent compared with March 2007, the biggest year-over-year price decline since a 14.6 percent plunge in July 1970.

Housing, which boomed for five years, has been in a prolonged slump for the past two years with sales and home prices falling at especially sharp rates in formerly hot sales areas.

Some analysts said they believe the slide in sales may be close to ending although they said any rebound is likely to be slow and anemic with prices continuing to fall, possibly until this time next year.

Study: Crackdown may cost \$1 billion

WASHINGTON — The government's plan to crack down on illegal workers could cost employers more than \$1 billion a year and legal workers billions in lost wages, a study commissioned by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce says.

Those costs are enough to trigger a federal law that would require the Homeland Security Department to analyze more thoroughly the effect of its proposal, said Richard Belzer, a consultant hired by the chamber to do the study. It was made available to The Associated Press on Thursday.

The department's proposed "no match" rule would require employers to fire workers who can't resolve mismatches between their name and Social Security number. The chamber opposes the proposal.

Belzer's study will be among public comments submitted to the Homeland Security Department on the proposal. The department could adopt the proposal after reviewing the comments.

Ford turns a surprising profit

Strong sales to Europe, South America help offset weak U.S. car and truck numbers

Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. surprised Wall Street on Thursday with a \$100 million profit in the first quarter as strong results from Europe and South America helped offset the impact of a slumping U.S. economy that cut car and truck sales in its main market. Its shares rose almost 6 percent in morning trading.

The No. 2 U.S.-based automaker also said its latest round of early retirement and buyout offers netted 4,200 hourly workers, fewer than Ford had targeted.

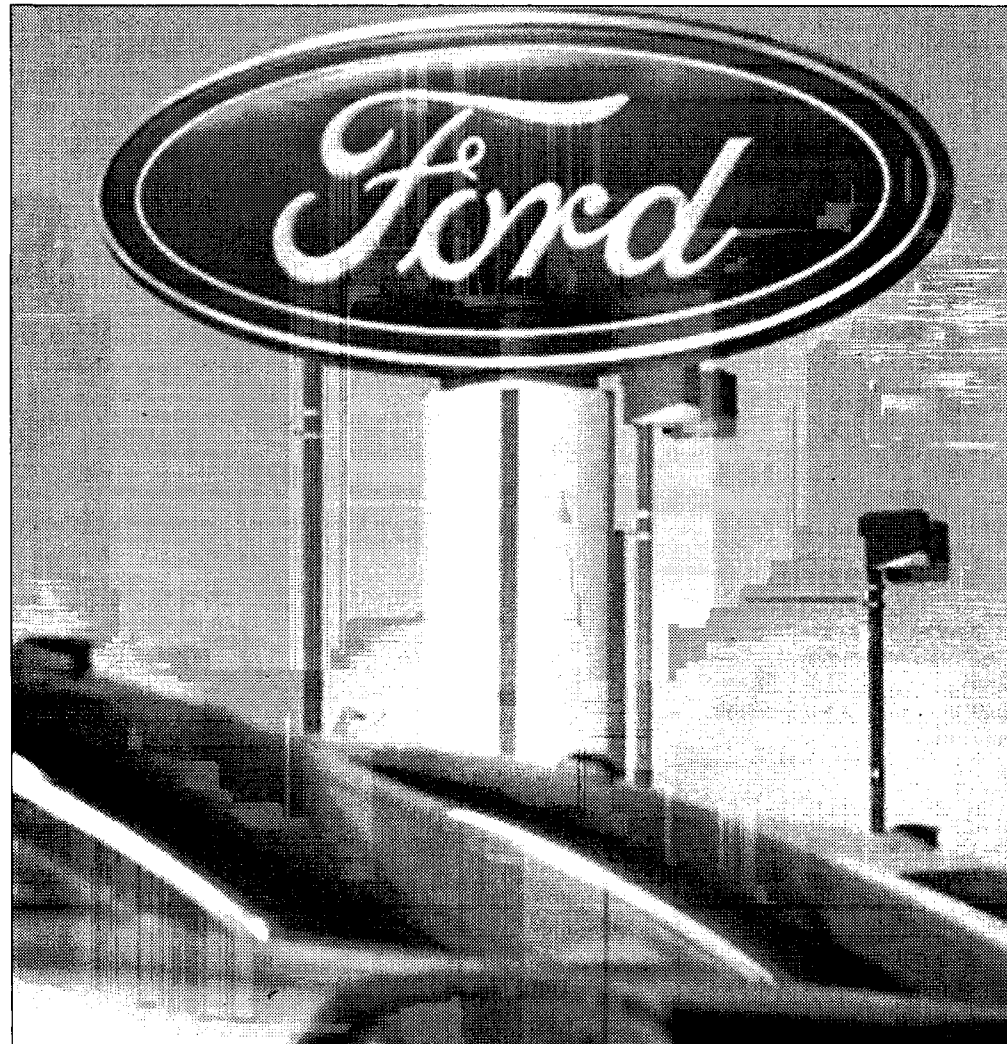
It was Ford's first profitable quarter since the second quarter of 2007 when it made \$750 million. Ford reported a full-year loss of \$2.7 billion last year, and it cautioned that the rest of this year will be tough.

"The remainder of 2008 will be a challenge but we are cautiously optimistic despite the external challenges," CEO Alan Mulally said in a statement. "Our plan is working."

Ford also lowered its industrywide U.S. vehicle sales forecast for the full year to a range of 15.3 million to 15.6 million. In January it had expected full-year sales of 16 million.

Ford says it earned 5 cents per share in the January-March period. Dearborn-based Ford lost \$282 million, or 15 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Excluding special items, the company said it earned \$525 million after taxes, or 20 cents per share. That beat Wall Street's expectations. Thirteen analysts sur-



Ford's logo hangs over the tails of unsold 2008 Taurus sedans at a Ford dealership in the southeast Denver suburb of Centennial, Colo., on April 13.

veyed by Thomson Financial had predicted a loss of 16 cents per share.

Its shares rose 43 cents, or 5.8 percent, to \$7.95 in morning trading Thursday.

The profit came despite a \$45 million pretax loss in Ford's core North American automotive market. That was an improvement over a \$613 million loss in the year-ago quarter, driven by \$1.2 billion in cost reductions that helped buffer a U.S. sales decline.

Company spokesman

Mark Truby said Ford may offer additional buyout and early retirement packages on a plant-by-plant basis to further reduce its blue-collar work force.

Ford reported first quarter revenue of \$39.4 billion, down from \$43 billion a year ago due to the sale of its Jaguar-Land Rover and Aston Martin units. Excluding the sale, revenue would have been up slightly, the company said.

Special items for the quarter totaled \$416 mil-

lion, including worker buyout and early retirement costs and the cost of reducing its dealer ranks.

Ford said it made \$257 million pretax in South America, up from \$113 million a year ago. In Europe, it made \$739 million, compared with \$219 million in the first quarter of last year.

Volvo had a pretax loss of \$151 million, compared with a profit of \$94 million a year ago. It was the first quarter the company broke out earnings for the Volvo unit.

Microsoft's third-quarter profits drop

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. said Thursday its fiscal third-quarter profit fell 11 percent from a year earlier, when the software maker reported more than \$1 billion in deferred revenue tied to delays in the launch of the Windows Vista operating system.

The earnings report didn't affect the software maker's stance on its bid to buy Web portal Yahoo Inc.

In a conference call, Chief Financial Officer Chris Liddell broke from the standard discussion of results to say Microsoft is prepared to go hostile or walk away from its offer if Yahoo doesn't agree to a deal by this week-end.

Microsoft said its net profit for the three months ended March 31 fell to \$4.39 billion, or 47 cents per share, from \$4.93 billion, or 50 cents per share, in the same period last year.

The results still beat Wall Street's

expectations. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial forecast a profit of 44 cents per share.

But investors, chewing over the company's guidance and a drop in sales in the divisions that produce Windows and Office, sent shares down \$1.47, or 4.6 percent, to \$30.33 in after-hours trading.

Earlier in the day, the stock had gained 35 cents, or 1.1 percent, to close at \$31.80.

Revenue edged up to \$14.45 billion from \$14.4 billion in the year-ago quarter. Analysts were looking for \$14.4 billion in sales.

"Despite a difficult economic environment, it was a very good performance," said Liddell in an interview.

Sid Parakh, an analyst for McAdams Wright Ragen, called the quarter "generally OK," with better than expected earnings per share but fourth-quarter guidance that came in "a little weak."

Sales in the division responsible for

Windows fell 24 percent to \$4.02 billion. Microsoft said it has sold 140 million Vista licenses since the operating system launched over a year ago, including 40 million since its last update in January.

Even taking into account the tough comparison to the year-ago quarter, when Microsoft booked \$1.67 billion in deferred Vista revenue, Parakh said sales in the segment sank more than expected. In part, he attributed the miss to PC shipments, which didn't grow as fast as Microsoft had predicted.

The shortfall may also have come from the effect of software piracy in the quarter. The company's crackdown on unlicensed software boosted Microsoft's revenue above and beyond PC shipment growth in the first and second quarters of the fiscal year, but in the third quarter, Liddell said a spate of sales of computers with unlicensed software in China cut into the top line.

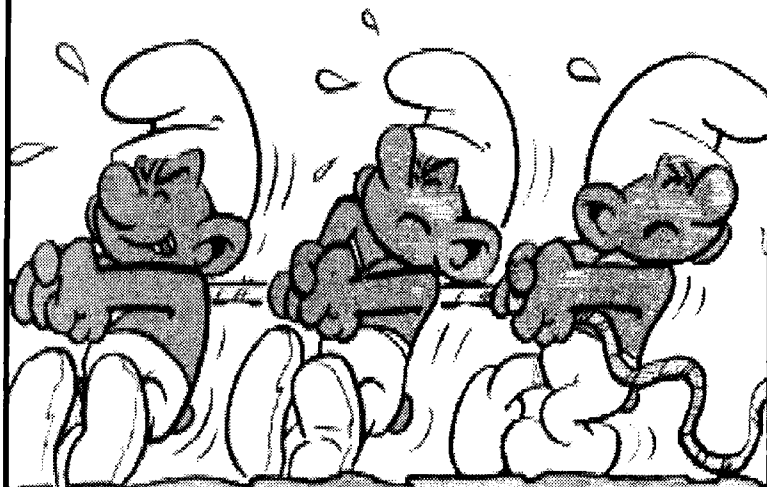
Tractor-trailer flips car carrying mentally disabled people to the zoo

Killed were the driver, Sheryl Maiolini, 53, of Charleroi; staff member Mary Watkins, 43, of Ellsworth; and residents John

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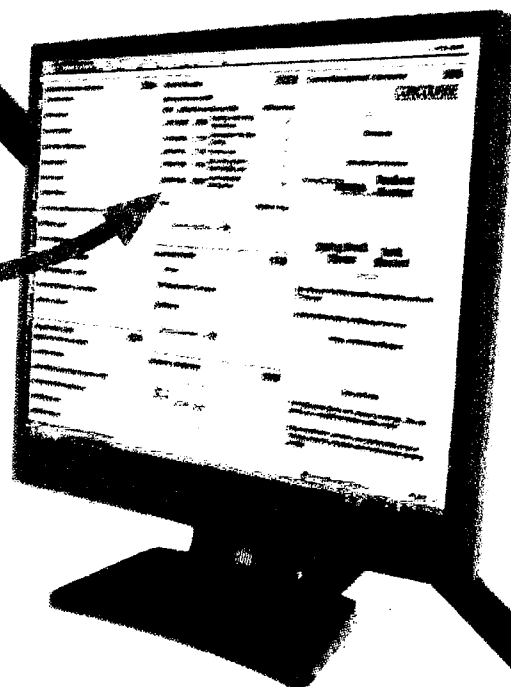


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VIETNAM

Orphanages accused of fraudulent adoptions

Associated Press

HANOI — Vietnam has failed to police its adoption system, allowing corruption, fraud and baby-selling to flourish, the U.S. Embassy says in a new report obtained by The Associated Press.

The nine-page document describes brokers scouring villages for babies, hospitals selling infants whose mothers cannot pay their bills, and a grandmother giving away her grandchild — without telling the child's mother.

"I'm shocked and deeply troubled by the worst of the worst cases," said Jonathan Aloisi, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi.

Vietnam's top adoption official called the concerns "groundless." Bribery of orphanage officials may occur, but serious offenses such as baby-selling or kidnapping are not a problem, said Vu Duc Long, director of the Department of International Adoptions.

The dispute comes amid a boom in adoptions from Vietnam. Americans — including actress Angelina Jolie — adopted more than 1,200 Vietnamese children over the 18 months ending March 31. In 2007, adoptions surged more than 400 percent from a year earlier, with 828 Vietnamese children adopted by American families.

While China remains the most

popular overseas country for adoptions, a growing number of Americans are looking to Vietnam, which has fewer restrictions. The wait for adoption approval has also gotten longer in China after authorities there tightened rules.

U.S. adoption agencies active in Vietnam said that despite some cases of wrongdoing, most adoptions in the country are ethical.

"Our experience has been a good one," said Susan Cox, vice president of public policy with Holt International Children's Services, based in Eugene, Ore., which has operated in Vietnam since the 1970s. "We are concerned about any unethical practices, but I would not agree that these cases are indicative of adoptions in Vietnam."

Another adoption agency, Families Thru International Adoption, of Evansville, Ind., said that corruption exists everywhere and it is up to the adoption agencies to screen who they work with in Vietnam and other countries.

"There's always somebody that is trying to do something under the table, and when there are children involved, the results are even more horrific," said program director Salome Lamarche. "As an agency, we have a responsibility to be very careful who we work with in a country and to only work with organizations that work in a morally responsible manner."



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Here's to you

Seniors,
With each singing of the Alma Mater these past 4 years you've proudly proclaimed "Love thee Notre Dame!" and we know you do. When you look back on your life under the dome, you won't be disappointed with the memories. But let's face it, the "best-four-years-of-your-life" haven't always been easy. The Class of 2008 has been through a lot together, and for The Observer's final editorial of the 2007-08 year, we would like to reflect on some of those rougher moments. Because everyone knows "that which doesn't kill you makes you stronger," right?

First, football. Yes, we know you win a little at the word. After all, Notre Dame football has treated you unkindly. You started out at one of its darkest hours, the firing of Tyrone Willingham after three short and uninspiring years. Charlie Weis came in, raising hopes and coaching the team to two BCS bowl games. Irish football had surely "returned to glory!"

Then, last season: crushing disappointment. Being shut out by Michigan and Southern Cal during a 3-9 season doesn't leave a nice aftertaste as you graduate.

On the bright side, you saw the rise of Notre Dame hockey as they reached the national championship, a seemingly impossible feat for a team that had only won five games a few seasons earlier. Men's basketball won every home game the last two seasons. Bookstore Basketball continues to be a huge success, with over 640 teams registered this past year. Not so bad after all.

Still, there's more to life than just sports; even at Notre Dame, and you've dealt with issues both big and small.

You saw Fr. John Jenkins become the new University president — not something every Notre Dame student experiences. Along with Jenkins' inauguration came the controversy over "The Vagina Monologues," which, whether you're for them or against them, assures you that the University will not cut corners in dealing with educational opportunities.

You've lived with endless cranes, backhoes and piles of dirt as

the campus expands and upgrades so freshmen can get out of converted study lounges and into real rooms.

You've coped with the loss of Casa del Rio, whose absence leaves a gaping hole in South Bend's Mexican dining repertoire.

You've scoffed at scores of students and alumni who have voiced their opinions in this Viewpoint section, creating arguments that were both nonsensical and of dire importance at the same time.

You've handled the revoking of one of your most self-evident liberties — your ability to serve yourself at the stir-fry line — with aplomb, and even turned it into an environmentally friendly act by allowing the food to be reused.

But for all that's changed at Notre Dame during your four years here, you've most importantly helped to carry on the traditions of service and generosity that the University is famous for.

You were here when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast, and you collected donations and organized trips to the lower ninth ward to help people begin to rebuild their lives.

You have mourned the deaths of fellow students, both here at Notre Dame and across the country at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois. Though you may not have known them, your selfless sympathy and generosity in response was certainly appreciated by the families and friends who lost a loved one.

You have been leaders, mentors, tutors, R.A.'s, coaches, peers and friends, shaping the lives of those around you. You've helped organize and sponsor the Holy Half Marathon, as well as hundreds of other charity and fundraising events on campus, taking your Catholic values beyond the classroom and even into the future as you postpone potentially lucrative careers in the name of service through the ACE, Teach for America or overseas travel programs.

So, when you come back for football games and alumni weekends, look back on your college years with a sense of pride and security, knowing that you have a left an impressive legacy at Notre Dame, and it will always be intact.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stuff I could take or leave

In response to Tim Loftus' "Grind My Gears" (April 23) and Eleanor Bradley's "What Floats My Boat" (April 24), I present to you "Stuff I Could Take or Leave."

Pom squad ... make your own waffles — ehh, they take awhile to make ... Rum Runners on Wednesday nights — I suppose if it's somebody's birthday, I'll go ... sports other than football — yea, not real interested ... Holy Cross College ... Memorial Day — it's no 4th of July ... 4-star recruits — I guess we have to fill the squad up somehow ... InsideND — meh ... Meerkat Manor — comme-ci, comme-ça ... global warming — not too concerned ... Sbarro — I guess if I was buzzed ... Flipside events — I guess if I was drunk ... Eucharistic Processions — I guess if I was hammered ... planetarium at the Jordan Hall of Science — perhaps if science wasn't boring ... the yearbook — doesn't strike my fancy ... Microsoft Vista ... Peace Studies — don't "get" it ... the Library — I guess it has a cool mural of Jesus ... Canada — blah ... Chester A. Arthur ... full-rear nudity — I guess it's okay? ... Holy Half Marathon — good for you, buddy ... grad students ... the MTV Movie Awards — really? ... Midnight drummer's circle — it was cool the first time ... free events at the DPAC — at least the bathrooms are nice ... Bill Paxton ... Barracuda spam — meh ... Knott Hall — I guess we're pressed for room on campus ... War on Terror — not a big deal anymore ... PigFostal ... personal hygiene — not a priority ... Loyal Daughters — is that real? ... Kansas City — both sides ... Cooper Manning.

And that, my friends, is "Stuff I Could Take or Leave."

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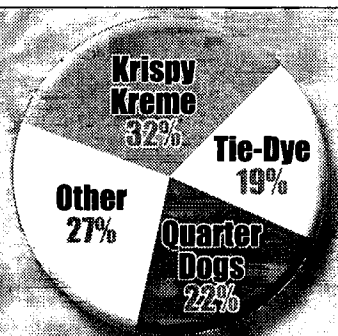
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The devil is compromise."

Henrik Ibsen
Norwegian playwright

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Sink or Swim, Regatta Returns

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
Scene Writer

Thirty-two homemade boats will race across Saint Mary's Lake tomorrow, vying for the coveted honor of winning the 22nd annual Fisher Regatta.

Many boats will survive the waters and reach the other side, while inevitably some unlucky crafts will make the bottom of the lake their permanent home. The sailors and the spectators will make up the crowd for Fisher's signature dorm event.

"Usually about ten to twelve hundred people show up," Regatta co-commissioner Drew Clary said. "We serve tons of food that is generally gone in an hour," he said.

Jay Farragher organized Fisher Hall's first regatta in 1987. A freshman at the time, Farragher and some friends sought to create an event that united the men of Fisher Hall, while raising money for charity at the same time.

"We wanted to achieve [an event] on the level of Bookstore Basketball, AnTostal and the Keenan Review," Farragher said in an e-mail. Twenty-two years later, Farragher is happy to see that Regatta has grown into an event that hundreds of students attend each year. "I am very proud of the fact that the Regatta is still going strong," he said.

Race day will find boats made of every conceivable material lined up on the shore, ready to take on their opponents. There will be anywhere from two to eight people per boat, with each boat entered into either a male or female bracket, Clary said. The objective is to build a fast and efficient boat that will get the team across the lake before the opposing team, advancing them in

the bracket.

"It is common for the girl's dorms to have multiple boats. The guys are more competitive and generally focus all their energy on one boat," he said.

While some boats are pretty basic, made out of wood and caulk, many people get creative with their building materials. "

One year, some girls made a boat with mats from the game Twister, while another group created a boat with 'root beer' kegs," he said. Clary also pointed out that in the past, awards have been given out for "Most Creative Boat."

Drew Clary
Regatta Co-Commissioner

afloat.

"Last year, Sorin's boat sank right at the starting line," Clary said. "There must be a fair number of boats at the bottom of that lake."

Fisher, though, has learned in past years what works best in creating a fast and buoyant boat. Clary's freshman year, the Fishermen built a boat that was about 500-600 pounds. "It

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However, the beast of a boat required 22 men to carry it out to the lake, and by the time the boat was steadily cruising across the water, Fisher's

opponent had already crossed the finish line. But Clary and his dormmates have learned from their mistake, this year Fisher's boat considerably smaller.

While some dorms like Fisher and Sorin try to learn from past mistakes, other dorms have a tried and true

formula; namely, O'Neill.

"O'Neill has used same boat for several years. There are tallies on the side of the boat that show that the boat has won 4 or 5 times," Clary said.

The fun and excitement encompassing the Regatta is the result of a major organizational feat. NDSP, the South Bend Fire Department, and South Bend's Water Safety Unit are all involved in the event, Clary said. They partake in the event as a precaution, bringing in scuba gear and patrolling the water in motorboats. But the event is just as fun for them as it is for the students.

"They love it. Last year, one of the [firemen] brought his son, and he just road around in the motorboat with everyone," Clary said.

Along with the safety precautions, the commissioners are also in charge of handling the money to be sent to the charity. Every year, the Regatta benefits the Andre House, a Holy Cross Organization service organization in the Phoenix area.

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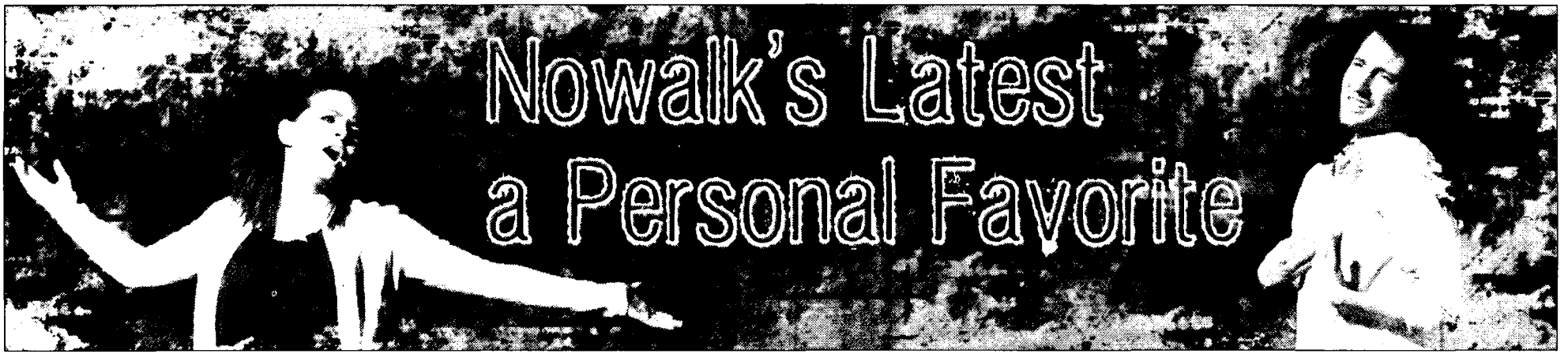
Every dorm donates \$40 to enter their first boat. If they choose to enter additional boats, each one will cost \$30, Clary said. The dorm will also sell tee shirts priced at \$10 to raise money. The cost of

putting on the event, namely the cost of food, is covered by dorms funds and sponsorships.

"We have a tight budget so we expanded our sponsorship this year," Clary said, stating that Catering by Design will donate about half of the food, and that Papa Johns will be supplying gift certificates to the race's winners.

The day of the race starts at 7 a.m. for the commissioners. They will make sure everything is in place before waking up the rest of the dorm at 11 a.m. to finish preparations. At noon the grill will be fired up. Finally, at 1:00 pm, the races will commence.

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By MARK WITTE
Assistant Scene Editor

"I've got a singular impression that things are movin' too fast," sings Matthew Callanan's character Jamie Wellerstein. It might be a comment on the show's one-act structure, but "The Last Five Years," by the Farley Hall Players, which opens tonight at the Mainstage in Washington Hall, is over and done before you know it. But that might not be a bad thing.

The show is directed by junior Connor Nowalk and stars a pair of singing sophomores, placing Carolyn Rose Sullivan as Cathy Hiatt, an actress who can't seem to catch a break, alongside Callanan's character, a budding novel writer.

Written by Jason Robert Brown and first produced in Chicago in 2001, "The Last Five Years" does what its title suggests, recounting five years in the relationship of Jamie and Cathy, five years in which the couple come together and fall apart. And it does so in a single act.

But the musical also does something interesting with the story's chronology. It starts at both the beginning and the end.

When Cathy first takes the stage, five years have spanned and her relationship with Jamie is over. Lost and hurt, she sings, "Jamie's over and where can I turn." But then Jamie takes the stage and the story rewinds back to the beginning, where Jamie, on his first date with Cathy, sings a comical little ditty about being Jewish and in love. From there, Jamie's story progresses forward in time with his career, while Cathy's tale, and career, slides backward.

The show has an impressive amount of singing. "Obviously vocal stamina has been a challenge," Nowalk said, "But it's something we knew we were going to have to work on from the beginning, so we got it working from

the start."

Between the two of them, Callanan and Sullivan sing fourteen different pieces before the end of the one-act, and with no more than a few moments rest between songs.

As well, each piece has a different feel and style. With violinist Joe Edmonds and pianist Mark Wurzelbacher playing in the background, Callanan and Sullivan sing through a number of musical genres, expressing their character's love and frustration with one another.

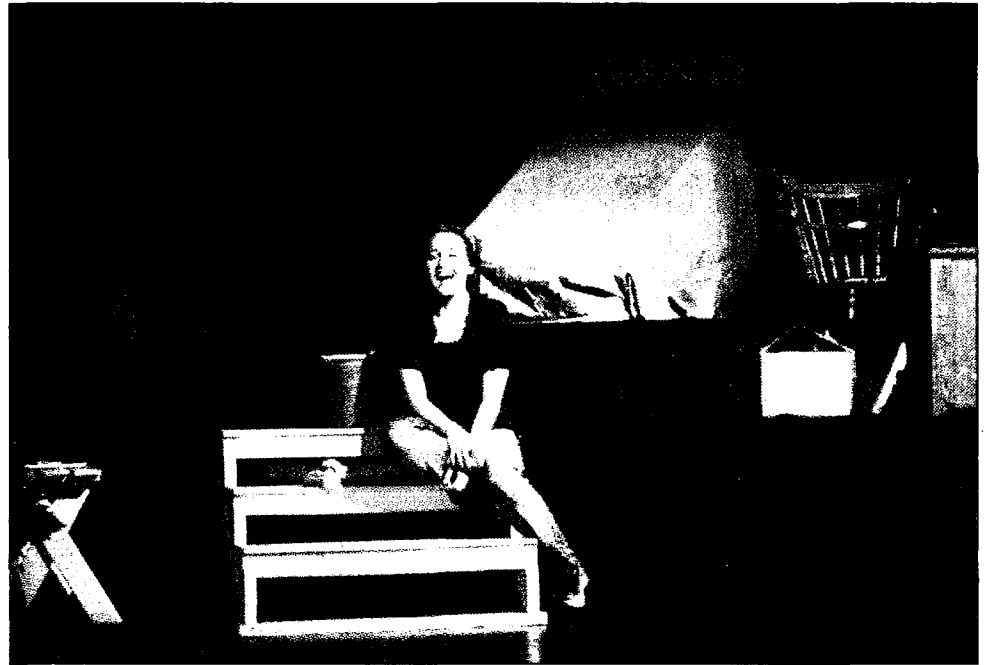
Cathy's second song begins as a quiet little reflection on a pier, but quickly becomes an accusatory rant as she berates Jamie for leaving her alone while attending to his rising literary career. In the middle of her song, Jamie appears in spotlight on the other side of the stage — a flashback — talking on the phone with an agent. He learns that his career is taking off. The spotlight switches back to Cathy and she begins to yell at him, "You and you and nothing but you / Miles and piles of you / Pushing through win-

dows and bursting through walls / En route to the sky / And I..."

The funniest part of the play might be when Cathy sings sarcastically about spending the summer separated from Jamie. "I could shove an ice pick in my eye / I could eat some fish from last July / But it wouldn't be as awful as a summer in Ohio," she sings. And if that image doesn't prove her point, she goes onto to sing, "I could get a root canal in hell, but it wouldn't be as swell as this summer is gonna be."

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DUSTIN MENNELLA / The Observer

"The Last Five Years" chronicles five years in the life of Cathy Hiatt (Carolyn Rose Sullivan) and her husband (Matthew Callanan) both in forwards and reverse.

putting on for a long time. "It's been one of my favorites. The first song I heard was 'The Next Ten Minutes' and I was like, 'That is a great song,'" Nowalk said.

"The Next Ten Minutes," which comes on the heels of Cathy's Ohio diatribe, is the first time in which the two characters directly interact in the same

chronological space. Singing about sharing "the next ten minutes" and "the next ten years," the character's two stories intersect, with Jamie proposing and marrying Cathy. The story's structure then reassumes its separate ways, as Cathy progresses back-

ward to the beginning, and Jamie moving more rapidly toward the end.

"The Last Five Years" is a play about communication and its breakdowns. The anxieties of separation the play

addresses are things Nowalk feels students will be able to relate to. "People can relate to it, the feelings that come up, and it's just a great show. It's not an experience that you want to miss."

Moreover he feels the show is an excellent showcase for the cast. "[The play] shows off the talent here at Notre Dame. We have two incredibly talented performers, singers and actors as well as a violin and piano player."

But Nowalk said he feels the play does something else.

"I think that musical theater has a lot of connotations. A lot of people think they have a good idea of what it means," he said. "This is a different possibility of what musical theater can be and I think it's a success."

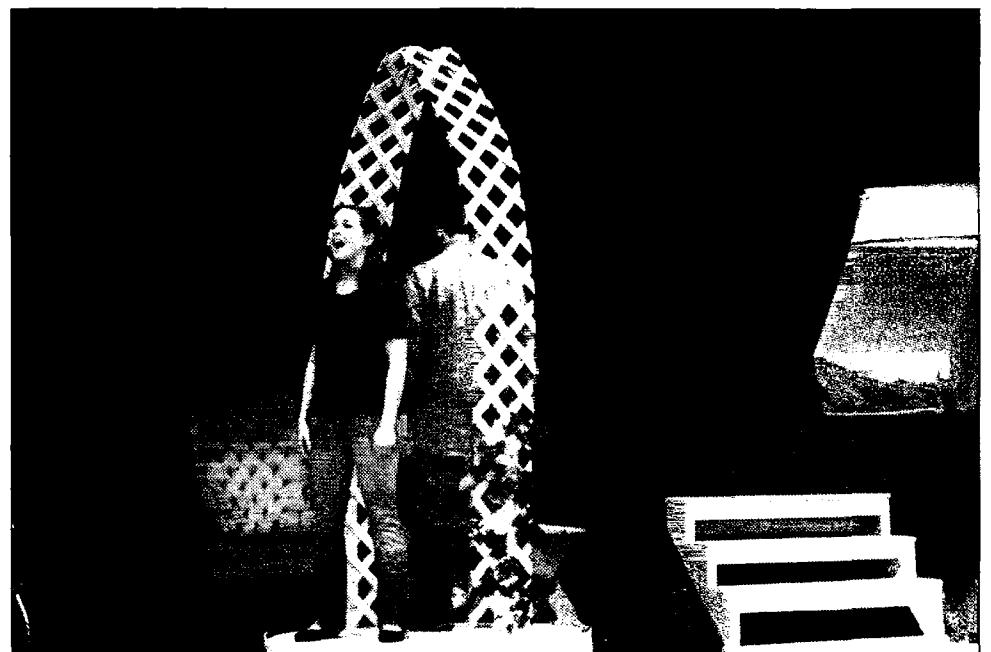
The Farley Hall Players' show isn't terribly long, and that might be its strength. It dives into the lives Jamie and Cathy, taking the audience along for a ride amidst their love, fear and separation, before coming to a close. And it's a ride, which if experienced, surely won't be regretted.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA / The Observer

Jamie Wellerstein (Matthew Callanan) sings about all the women he has had to suffer through en route to meeting Cathy Hiatt in "The Last Five Years."



DUSTIN MENNELLA / The Observer

Carolyn Rose Sullivan and Matthew Callanan perform one of many musical numbers during a dress rehearsal Wednesday night in Washington Hall.

MLB

Athletics cruise to lopsided victory against Liriano, Twins

Tigers break out for five homerun performance to complete sweep of Rangers, hand Texas seventh straight

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Frank Thomas won in his return to Oakland. Rajai Davis got three hits in his Athletics debut.

Yet it was Donnie Murphy who delivered all the power.

With two new and familiar faces in the starting lineup, the A's jumped on Minnesota starter Francisco Liriano for six runs in the first inning on the way to an 11-2 victory over the Twins in the rubber game Thursday.

Murphy hit solo shots in the fifth and sixth innings for his first and second homers of the season and first career multihomer game. Thomas razzed him about it afterward.

"He was giving me a hard time — 'Oh, it's that easy, huh?'" Murphy said with a grin.

Mike Sweeney — whose playing time will probably diminish with the addition of Thomas — had a two-run double off the wall in left in the fourth, a day after connecting for his first home run in 40 games.

"Looking at the lineup, in the 3-4 holes you have Mike Sweeney and Frank Thomas — that's pretty good," Murphy said. "I had a feeling we were going to score some runs."

Emil Brown hit a two-run single as the A's batted around in the first and chased Liriano (0-3) after only two-thirds of an inning. Thomas drew a five-pitch walk and came around to score and Davis singled in the No. 9 spot that inning as the A's staked starter Greg Smith (2-0) to a comfortable lead.

The Big Hurt agreed to terms with the A's after being released Sunday by the Toronto Blue Jays and went 0-for-3 with two walks, receiving a warm welcome back from the crowd. He returned to the cleanup spot as designated hitter, which will be his regular role again for Oakland after he was a catalyst in the team's 2006 playoff run and AL West championship.

"I didn't feel out of place. It really felt like I just left," Thomas said. "I'm happy to be back. I'm happy to shake the rust off today

because they pitched me tough. I'm sure their game plan was not to give in because they knew I missed a whole week, so they threw some sliders and breaking balls and ran the ball in on me. I'm just happy we got a big win."

Davis was claimed off waivers from the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday and appeared in his first game, getting a single in the first, a triple in the fifth and another base hit in the sixth.

Murphy homered to left to start the fifth, Davis tripled, then Kurt Suzuki hit an RBI double to chase Brian Bass.

"Our offense was really rolling today," A's manager Bob Geren said. "I think Frank in there drawing a couple of walks really helped."

Liriano was done after Davis' first single and just 35 pitches in a first inning that lasted 29 minutes. The left-hander, who is struggling mightily to command the strike zone after returning from Tommy John surgery in November 2006, allowed six runs and five hits, walked three and didn't have a strikeout.

"He just had no command in the zone," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "I don't think he has a lot of confidence right now. You build confidence by going back out there and pitching, and he'll do that. The kid couldn't get out of an inning."

It was the shortest outing by a Twins starter since May 30, 2002, when Brad Radke lasted only one-third of an inning against the Angels before leaving with an injury.

"I just have to get better from where I started," Liriano said. "I was feeling good in the bullpen but when I got out there everything changed. I don't know what it is. I have to put that aside and work on some things, try not to walk so many guys."

Smith allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings, struck out three and walked one in his first career appearance against the Twins, helping Oakland win for the fifth time in six games.

Davis' hit in his first at-bat was only his second of the season



Athletics first baseman Mike Sweeney, left, and catcher Kurt Suzuki miss a fly ball hit into foul territory by Twins center fielder Carlos Gomez during Oakland's 11-2 victory on Thursday.

after batting .056 (1-for-18) in 12 games for the Giants before they designated him for assignment April 20.

"I'm excited about what we're doing over here," Davis said. "It's nice to get out there and get hits."

Carlos Gomez hit a solo home run leading off the game for the Twins, one day after Gardenhire sat him for the first time all season following an 0-for-5 showing.

Rookie Oakland first baseman Daric Barton got his first day out of the starting lineup all season, and Sweeney played first before Barton entered in the sixth.

Tigers 8, Rangers 2

Magglio Ordonez and the Detroit Tigers are starting to hit the way they hoped. Staying healthy, that's the tricky part.

Ordenez hit two of the Tigers' five home runs Thursday and Detroit finished off a convincing three-game sweep with a win over the Texas Rangers.

The Tigers outscored Texas 37-10 in the series and have won four in a row overall. Texas has

lost seven straight.

"We knew this was going to be a good lineup," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Now we're getting some big hits from the top of the order, and we're also getting a lot from the bottom guys. That's what happens — hitting gets contagious."

Ordenez isn't surprised that the Tigers offense has come alive.

"It was just a matter of time," he said. "Now we'll get into our momentum — our rhythm. We're going to start winning."

Leyland, though, faces yet another injury shuffle after left fielder Jacque Jones bruised his knee when he bumped into the fence in the fourth inning. Jones joined Carlos Guillen (knee) and Gary Sheffield (shoulder) on the bench.

Jones said that he didn't expect to miss much time, but Guillen was having trouble walking around the clubhouse after fouling a pitch off his knee the day before.

"I don't think there's any chance for tomorrow," said Guillen, who is scheduled to

move to third base. "I don't know after that."

The Rangers have lost 12 of 14. Thursday's loss ended a nine-game road trip.

"It will be good to go home and see if we can get something going," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Detroit has a great lineup, and if you give them an opportunity, someone's going to take it."

For the second day in a row, Detroit's hitting was enough to overcome a bad outing by a key pitcher. After Kenny Rogers only lasted 3 1-3 innings in a 19-6 win, Jeremy Bonderman needed 111 pitchers to get through 4 1-3 innings.

Bonderman only allowed two hits, but hit a batter and walked a career-worst seven.

"I was joking with Kenny that he and Bondo were taking years off my life," Leyland said.

Zach Miner, though, followed with 3 1-3 hitless innings after entering the game with a 13.06 ERA.

"I felt like I owed the starters at least one game like that," he said.

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American League, East Division

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| Boston | 15-9 | .625 | 128 | 119 |
| Baltimore | 12-9 | .571 | 89 | 90 |
| NY Yankees | 12-10 | .545 | 100 | 102 |
| Tampa Bay | 10-11 | .476 | 103 | 93 |
| Toronto | 10-12 | .455 | 102 | 92 |

American League, Central Division

| team | record | perc. | RF | RA |
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| Chicago WS | 11-9 | .550 | 107 | 81 |
| Minnesota | 10-12 | .455 | 78 | 96 |
| Kansas City | 9-11 | .450 | 64 | 92 |
| Detroit | 10-13 | .435 | 119 | 128 |
| Cleveland | 8-12 | .400 | 94 | 91 |

American League, West Division

| team | record | perc. | RF | RA |
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| Oakland | 14-9 | .609 | 109 | 82 |
| LA Angels | 14-9 | .609 | 116 | 103 |
| Seattle | 11-11 | .500 | 100 | 90 |
| Texas | 7-16 | .304 | 92 | 142 |

National League, East Division

| team | record | perc. | RF | RA |
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| Florida | 13-8 | .619 | 101 | 104 |
| NY Mets | 11-9 | .550 | 95 | 79 |
| Philadelphia | 12-11 | .522 | 109 | 100 |
| Atlanta | 10-11 | .476 | 105 | 81 |
| Washington | 6-16 | .273 | 78 | 114 |

National League, Central Division

| team | record | perc. | RF | RA |
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| Chicago Cubs | 15-7 | .682 | 135 | 98 |
| St. Louis | 13-9 | .591 | 103 | 87 |
| Milwaukee | 13-9 | .591 | 105 | 93 |
| Houston | 11-12 | .478 | 108 | 104 |
| Pittsburgh | 9-12 | .429 | 95 | 133 |
| Cincinnati | 9-14 | .391 | 95 | 111 |

National League, West Division

| team | record | perc. | RF | RA |
|---------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Arizona | 15-6 | .714 | 128 | 79 |
| Colorado | 10-12 | .455 | 97 | 113 |
| LA Dodgers | 9-12 | .429 | 91 | 82 |
| San Francisco | 9-13 | .409 | 70 | 105 |
| San Diego | 9-13 | .409 | 74 | 106 |

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| 1 | Alabama | 117-11-1 | 10 |
| 2 | Georgia | 107-21-0 | 9 |
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| 4 | UCLA | 89-15-1 | 8 |
| 5 | Oklahoma State | 100-24 | 9 |
| 6 | Charlotte | 106-18-1 | 9 |
| 7 | Stanford | 86-28 | 9 |
| 8 | Florida | 97-42-1 | 10 |
| 9 | Georgia Tech | 90-38-2 | 9 |
| 10 | Florida State | 100-32-1 | 10 |
| 11 | Tennessee | 105-37-3 | 10 |
| 12 | South Carolina | 111-40-2 | 10 |
| 13 | Chattanooga | 130-30-4 | 11 |
| 14 | Duke | 84-36-3 | 10 |
| 15 | UNLV | 113-32-2 | 10 |
| 16 | Texas A&M | 86-51-1 | 10 |
| 17 | Auburn | 93-43-3 | 10 |
| 18 | Clemson | 92-44-1 | 10 |
| 19 | UCF | 95-45-3 | 10 |
| 20 | Louisville | 103-48-3 | 11 |
| 21 | East Tennessee | 72-57-2 | 9 |
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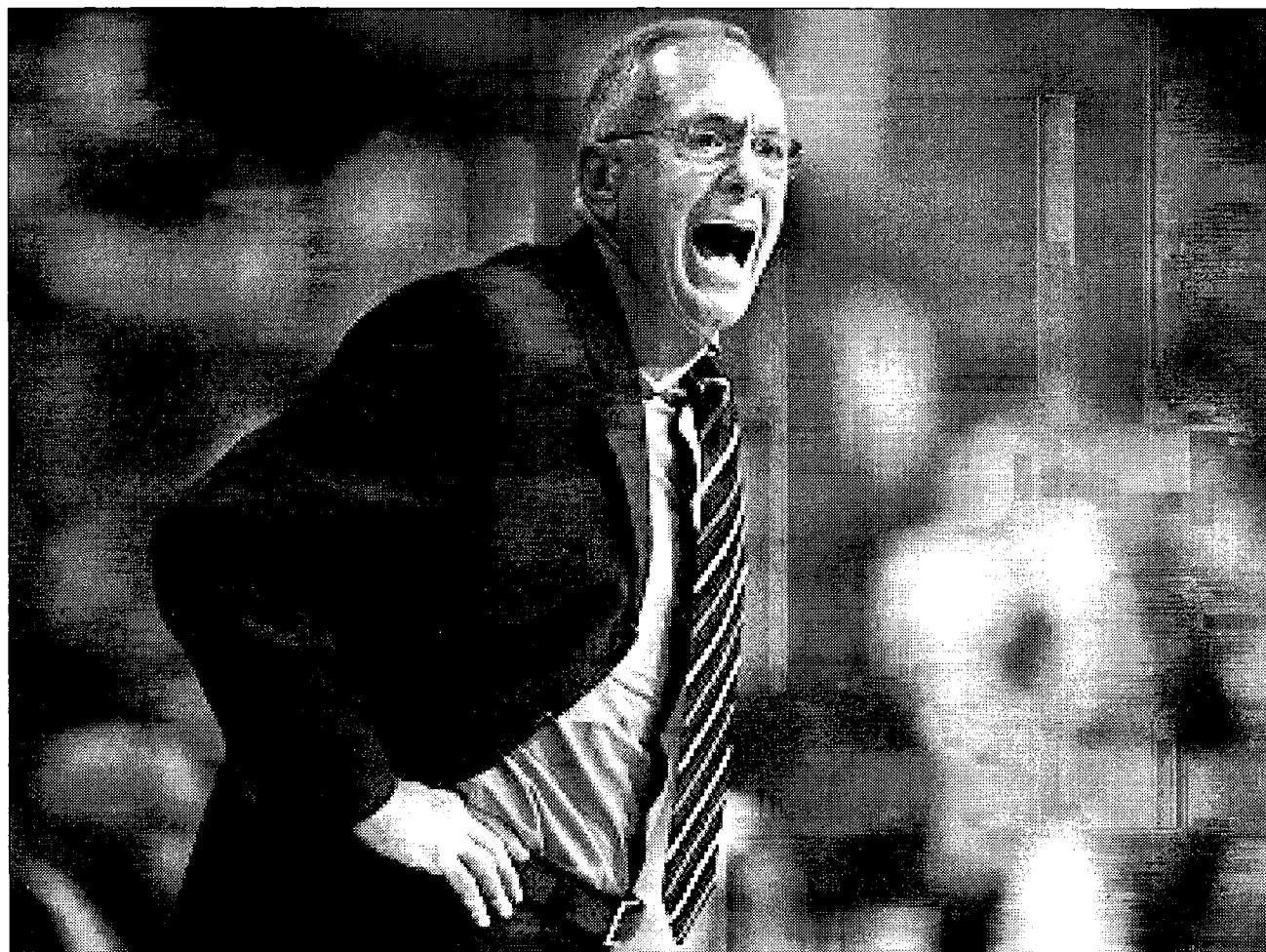
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NBA



Larry Brown resigned as the executive vice president of the Philadelphia 76ers on Thursday in the hopes that he would be able to coach at least one more season at either the college or the professional level.

Brown resigns as Sixers vice president

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Brown wants one more stop on his nomadic coaching career.

Brown resigned as Philadelphia's executive vice president Thursday with the intent to pursue a coaching job at the NBA or college level.

Brown has been a winner at almost every team from the ABA to the NBA to the college ranks, yet hasn't coached since a bitter split with the Knicks and then-team president Isiah Thomas after one dismal season in New York in 2005-06.

"He has the taste of

coaching back in his mouth," said Brown's agent, Joe Glass. "It would be refreshing to have a situation going that he could enjoy, rather than the last one, to say the least."

Glass said Brown, who won an NBA title with Detroit and a college title with Kansas, would not rule out returning to either level.

Brown rejoined the Sixers last season as consultant and was hired in January 2007 as a VP more than three years after he quit his coaching job to take the same position in Detroit. The 67-year-old Brown

resigned as coach of the 76ers in 2003 after six often-turbulent seasons in which he helped rebuild a struggling franchise.

The Hall of Fame coach had a contentious relationship with Allen Iverson, but the two worked together despite several disputes, and reached the NBA finals in 2001. They lost in five games to the Lakers.

"Larry was born to coach and this is something he and I talked about when I took the job here back in December, so it comes as no surprise to me," 76ers president Ed Stefanski said.

Brown rarely attended games or even practices in his second stint. He returned to the organization to help out his friend and former team president Billy King, and consulted when the 76ers traded Iverson to Denver last season. Not long after Iverson was gone, Brown was promoted.

Brown has been King's mentor since he hired him as an assistant coach in Indiana. When Brown came to Philadelphia in 1997, he brought King with him as vice president of basketball administration. King became team president after Brown resigned in 2003.

IN BRIEF

Goodell ready to punish the Patriots if necessary

NEW YORK — Roger Goodell is fully prepared to crack down again on the New England Patriots if his meeting with Matt Walsh uncovers a tape made of the St. Louis Rams' final walkthrough practice before the 2002 Super Bowl.

"Taping a walkthrough is much different from what I punished them for," the NFL commissioner said Thursday at a meeting of a group representing the Associated Press Sports Editors.

After more than two months of negotiations, lawyers for the league and Walsh, the former New England employee, finally reached agreement Wednesday on terms that will allow him to talk Goodell. They include an agreement by the Patriots not to sue Walsh and to pay his legal expenses and his airfare to New York from Hawaii, where he is now a golf pro.

Ortiz jersey sold for \$175,000 at charity auction

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox jersey secretly buried under the new Yankee Stadium in a failed curse attempt sold Thursday for \$175,100 in a charity auction.

The bid from Kevin Meehan, the owner of Imperialcars.com in Mendon, Mass., was the highest of 282 for the battered No. 34 David Ortiz jersey.

"I actually thought it was going to sell for more money," said Meehan, who bid only in the final moments of the weeklong eBay auction that ended at 12:30 p.m. "I have three young boys that I take to the games and they would have killed me if I didn't buy the shirt."

The Yankees jackhammered the jersey out from under two feet of concrete earlier this month, then donated it to the Jimmy Fund, the Red Sox's official charity that is affiliated with Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Gambler pleads guilty to betting on fixed NBA games

NEW YORK — A professional gambler pleaded guilty on Thursday to making bets based on inside tips from former NBA referee Tim Donaghy.

James Battista told a judge in federal court last week that his client wanted to go to trial rather than plead guilty to charges of defrauding the NBA, as Martino did earlier this month. But he changed his mind after prosecutors offered a last-minute deal allowing him to instead plead guilty to a lesser charge of conspiring to make illegal bets, said the lawyer, Jack McMahon.

SMC TENNIS

Belles travel to Albion for first leg of MIAAs

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a bumpy start to its season, Saint Mary's begins the first round of MIAA tournament play today as they take on Kalamazoo in Albion, Mich., at 8:30 a.m.

"Based on how well we've been doing lately as a team, I know we are ready to lay it all on the line this weekend," sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert said. "If we want any hope of doing well, we are going to have to play confidently, as we have in the later part of our season. I have high expectations for our team in this tournament, as I'm sure we all do."

The MIAA tournament runs today and Saturday at Albion and nearby Spring Arbor University. Teams will compete in the opening rounds today and Saturday with the tournament final being played on Sunday.

Saint Mary's singles and doubles have both shown improvement over the course of the season. Coming into the season with only two returning sophomores and eight freshmen, the Belles had a rough start. Losing three of its first four conference matches, Saint Mary's turned the season around and stepped up its play.

Heading into the tournament, the Belles are presently fourth in the MIAA with a conference record of 5-3, and 10-9 overall. Saint Mary's has also been showing a lot more consistency in recent matches, winning the last five matches. This past weekend the Belles defeated conference rivals Kalamazoo and Alma 6-3 and 8-1, respective-

ly.

Saint Mary's hopes its recent momentum will carry over into the tournament this weekend, in both their doubles and singles. Leading the Belles this season for doubles has been the No. 1 duo of Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who ended the regular season at 10-9, 6-2 MIAA.

At the front for Saint Mary's singles this season is Gebert, currently is at 11-8, 5-3 MIAA. Following Gebert is Hurley, whose strong debut season has helped the Belles in scoring many of their wins this spring. Hurley went undefeated in MIAA play, going 8-0, and 17-2 overall. At No. 3 singles for most of the season has been Reed, whose gone 10-8, 5-3 MIAA.

Up first for Saint Mary's is a team they beat 6-3 this past weekend, Kalamazoo. If they defeat the Hornets, the Belles will take on the winner of Albion and Tri-State, and if they lose they take on the winner of that match.

"We play Kalamazoo first round, who we just beat on Saturday," Gebert said. "I know we can get past them, in which we'll be playing the one or two seed, Albion or Calvin, neither of whom are out of our reach."

Saint Mary's has high hopes for the conference tournament, especially after their recent successes, consistency, and momentum.

"As long as we play like we know how to play, we will succeed," Gebert said. "It should be a fun weekend, lots of tennis, and lots of talent. We'll see what kind of potential we have, I'm very optimistic."

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SMC GOLF

Squad competes for NCAAs

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will put their season on the line this weekend as they continue the MIAA's conference tournament this weekend in Marshall, Mich.

The Belles currently sit in second place after the first round, just 18 strokes behind Olivet.

Saint Mary's has proven over the past couple of weeks that it can compete with the best teams in Division III, and hope to automatically qualify for the NCAA Tournament with a first place finish in the conference tournament.

Since the first round of the

qualifier, the Belles have finished second at the Vassar Invitational and sixth at the Illinois-Wesleyan Spring Fling.

At the Spring Fling, the team's improvement was noticeable as Saint Mary's finished only 7 strokes behind Olivet and shot the same score as the Comets on the final day.

Leading the Belles' spring charge was freshman Rosie O'Connor and senior captain Katie O'Brien.

In the Vassar Invitational, O'Connor finished second overall, one shot off the lead, in the individual standings. Reigning conference MVP Katie O'Brien, who has led the Belles all season, finished in 16th place.

In the Illinois-Wesleyan tour-

namment both women posted totals of 163 placing them in a tie for 17th overall.

If the Belles fail to pull ahead of Olivet this weekend, their NCAA Tournament hopes still won't be extinguished. The top teams who do not receive the automatic bid from their conference tournaments will be thrown into a pool where a selection committee will decide which teams will join the automatic bids in the championship.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to take shot at regular season crown

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's plays its last regular season game before the conference tournament Saturday afternoon, taking on first-place Tri-State.

The Belles (22-7 overall, 11-3 MIAA), currently third in the MIAA, have already reserved their spot in the upcoming conference tournament. But, with two wins on Saturday, it would be possible for Saint Mary's to become regular season champs.

The tournament, which begins May 1, is held at the home field of the regular season winner.

Taking two against Tri-State will not be an easy task, however. The Thunder (26-4, 10-2) have only lost two MIAA games, one against conference co-leader Alma and the other against fourth place Hope. They put together an 11-game winning streak earlier in the season extending from March 22 to April 5.

Belles coach Erin Sullivan said she wants the team to do well, especially because the doubleheader finishes the Belles' season at home.

"A good finish of our regular season would be a great motivator for the post-season," said

Sullivan.

Saturday is also senior day for the Belles. Pitcher and third baseman McKenna Corrigan, the only senior on the team, will be honored for her commitment to the program.

Corrigan has been a powerful force for the Belles all season. On the mound, she is 11-0 with a 3.94 ERA in 81.2 innings pitched. At the plate, Corrigan holds a .330 batting average with 29 RBI and a conference-leading five home runs.

"[Corrigan] has been a fantastic leader for us all season and I am going to miss her love of the game, dedication and personality so much," Sullivan said.

Sullivan added that Senior Day is an extra motivation for the rest of the team.

"[Corrigan] deserves a good couple of games in her last time playing here," Sullivan said.

Sophomore Ashley Peterson may also have something to celebrate Saturday. The Belles' most productive offensive player has 51 hits on the season, two shy of the Belles' record.

Peterson leads the MIAA in batting average (.510), slugging percentage (.790), on base percentage, and is tied for the conference lead in hits.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame nets win and tie

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

The rain didn't quite hold off long enough, and the second game of Notre Dame's double-header with Loyola-Chicago was called in the bottom of the seventh of the second game with the score tied at two apiece. Notre Dame won the first tilt 4-3 in extra innings.

Despite the win and tie, Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf was not happy with the result.

"We played with a team we should have dominated," Gumpf said. "We made this day a lot harder than it should have been."

Notre Dame 4, Loyola-Chicago 3

The Irish overcame four errors, three by freshman shortstop Katie Fleury, to beat Loyola in eight innings in game one.

Notre Dame got on the board first against the Ramblers, scoring in the bottom of the first inning when senior left fielder Sarah Smith, who had doubled to left-center, scored on a Christine Lux single.

Loyola came back to tie the game at one in the fourth inning, and struck again in the fifth.

The Ramblers used two hits and two Irish errors to plate two more runs and take a 3-1 lead.

"It's always tough to give up runs," Bargar said. "Whether they're earned or unearned. I've just got to keep doing what I've got to do to make this team win."

Notre Dame bounced right back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. Amy Solava entered the game for Krista Crosson to pitch for the Ramblers, and struggled immediately. With Fleury on second and Smith on first, senior second baseman Katie Laing hit a long fly ball to center field. Schober caught the ball, but promptly dropped it on the exchange, allowing Fleury to score and Smith to advance to third. Two batters later, Ellis beat out a weak dribbler down the third baseline, and Smith scored on the play.

Neither team could push across a run in the sixth or seventh inning, and the game advanced to extra innings.

Playing under international tie-breaker rules, each team started with a runner on second in the added frame.

After holding Loyola-Chicago scoreless, Kohan started at second for the Irish in the bottom of the inning, and moved over to third on a wild pitch. Ellis then hit a grounder to shortstop Haley Ambrosch, but Ambrosch fell while trying to make the throw to the plate, and Kohan slid home to give Notre Dame the win in extras.

Bargar pitched all eight innings for the Irish, allowing no earned runs and striking out three with 115 pitches.

Notre Dame 2, Loyola-Chicago 2

Loyola got on the board first in the bottom half of the twin-billing, putting up an early run in the top of the first inning.

Loyola scratched out another run in the second inning.

After a single, bunt single, and walk loaded the bases, freshman pitcher Jody Valdivia just barely nicked Loyola's Kristen Melrud to push across the run. Valdivia struck out the next batter, but was then pulled by Gumpf, and Bargar went back in to pitch. Valdivia finished having pitched one and two-thirds innings, giving up three hits and two earned runs.

While the Ramblers had scored their runs playing small ball, the Irish came back with some clout of their own in the bottom of the second. Leading off the inning, Lux blasted an opposite field shot over the fence in left and Notre Dame had cut the lead to 2-1. The Irish kept threatening, but couldn't score, leaving the bases full in both the second and the third.

"We were in position to score a lot of runs," Gumpf said. "And we need people to step up and take care of that."

In the bottom of the sixth

the Irish came up with another clutch hit when they needed it most. With Marrone on first, freshman right fielder Brianna Jorgensborg ripped a shot to the left-centerfield gap, just past the outstretched fielder's glove. Marrone came around to score easily on the play, but Jorgensborg was called out trying to stretch it to a triple on a close call at third.

Rain started falling in the bottom of the seventh inning and, with Fleury on first, the umpires spotted lightning and called the game, ending it in a 2-2 tie.

Bargar finished five and one-thirds innings pitched and gave up only three hits and no runs, while striking out four.

The Irish next take on Providence in a doubleheader at Melissa Cook Stadium on April 26.

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NBA

Raptors make it a new series against Magic

Associated Press

TORONTO — With a quick start and quality point guard play, the Toronto Raptors turned the tables on the Orlando Magic.

T.J. Ford scored 21 points, Jose Calderon had 18 points and 13 assists, and the Raptors beat the Magic 108-94 on Thursday night, cutting Orlando's lead to 2-1 in their first-round playoff series.

"That was the most important game of the season so far and we played like it," Chris Bosh said. "We stepped up to the challenge."

Ford shot 2-for-17 in the first two games of the series, but looked confident and comfortable in this one, splitting time almost equally with Calderon.

"The way those guys played reminded me of just how good

those two can be when they're both on their game," Raptors coach Sam Mitchell said.

Dwight Howard had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Magic, while Hedo Turkoglu added 26 points and Rashard Lewis scored 19.

"Right from the get-go, the Raptors were outstanding," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Their point guard play was phenomenal and probably the key to the game for them."

Jamario Moon had 11 points and 10 rebounds in his return to the starting lineup for Toronto, while Bosh and Jason Kapono each scored 15 points and Anthony Parker 10.

The Raptors finished 12-for-34 from 3-point range and set playoff highs for points in a game and a half (61).

Game 4 is Saturday afternoon in Toronto.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Runners go to Hillsdale for relays

Meet is last chance for Irish to qualify for Big East tournament

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The final opportunity for Irish athletes to qualify for the Big East outdoor championships next weekend is the Hillsdale Relays, beginning today in Hillsdale, Mich.

Distance coach Tim Connelly is looking forward to this weekend's opportunity, but is satisfied with the number of runners that have already qualified for the Irish.

"We have several athletes whom I believe are capable of still qualifying for the Big East meet," he said. "But overall I would say that the number of Big East/NCAA qualifiers that we have to date is about what we expected."

Last week's meets produced a number of new qualifiers for the Irish.

Freshmen Kelly Langhans and Natalie Johnson both qualified to

compete in the NCAA regional meet with their times last week in the 800-meter run.

Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson also met the NCAA regional mark in the 3000-meter steeplechase event.

Junior Alyssa Hasan had the best meet for the Irish last week, setting school and personal records in the pentathlon with a total score of 5,509 points. Her Notre Dame record also gave her an automatic qualification for the NCAA Regionals in May.

The Irish will also send two throwers, junior Anna Weber and sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza, to the Drake Relays this weekend in Des Moines, Iowa.

Both of these women have already qualified for the NCAA Regional meet in their respective events and travel to Iowa with the goal of improving their marks facing off against tougher competi-

The Irish will also use this weekend to get some of their athletes some much needed rest after competing at meets in each of the past two of weekends.

"This is a really tough time of year for most students with finals approaching, and our athletes are no exception," Connelly said. "Sometimes just a weekend of not traveling pays big dividends. Many of our kids have traveled and competed a lot in recent weeks."

Looking ahead to the Big East meet next week, Connelly has a simple goal for his team: improvement.

"We hope to improve on our indoor finish at the conference meet, with a top three finish our ultimate goal," Connelly said. "With such a young group, that would be a nice improvement."

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish travel to two big national races

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame Men's Track team is headed to two of the biggest track meets in the country.

The Drake Relays, held in Des Moines, Iowa, hosts many competitive athletes all the way from high school to Olympic competitors. There have been 14 world records, 45 American records and 59 collegiate records set at this meet. Similarly, the Hillsdale Gina Relays boasts multiple ranked collegiate teams.

The Drake Relays will prove to be a great environment for tough competition for the Irish. Sophomore Balasz Molnar and senior Austin Wechter will start

things off in the 400-meter hurdles, seeded in the top heat.

Along with his teammates, senior Adam Currie will look to improve his time for the men's 800-meter open. Several high-seeded Notre Dame relay teams will participate in the meet as well.

For the Hillsdale Relays, the Irish look for one more chance to qualify for the Big East tournament.

Notre Dame throwers will compete against some of the best in the country.

Freshmen Greg Davis and John Belcher and junior Jeff Mensch are seeded high in the hammer throw preliminaries. In the high jump, junior Blair Macjina is seeded third. Sophomore Matt Schipper and junior Brian Mahon will look to qualify in the men's pole vault.

Running events will start with senior Mike Popejoy and freshmen Ryan Jacobs and Paul Springer in the Men's 5000-meter open.

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ROWING

Team heads off to Big East regatta

Observer Staff Report

The Irish rowing team will travel to the Big East championships this weekend in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Notre Dame enters the competition after a strong performance in last week's Charles River Challenge. The team won four of five races on the weekend against Dartmouth and Boston University.

Notre Dame enters the conference championships as the favorite, with the team's varsity eight team ranked No. 6 in the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association/US Rowing poll.

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NBA

Wizards rout Cavaliers, close series gap to 2-1

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — LeBron James was serenaded with chants of "over-rated!" as he stood at the free throw line late in the third quarter, the latest humorous twist in an ongoing saga that had somehow snared — yes, believe it or not — one of his son's favorite rappers into a front-row seat near the basket.

James couldn't help but laugh. He was so distracted he missed the free throw. Didn't really matter. By then, the Cleveland Cavaliers were trailing by 28 points, a stunning reversal from Game 2 to Game 3 in their first-round series against the Washington Wizards.

Maybe it was the new haircuts sported by four Wizards players. Maybe it was the presence of Soulja Boy. Maybe it was sight of Colin Powell in a "White Out" T-shirt. Or just the comfort of being home. Or the inspiration of having Gilbert Arenas in the starting lineup, even though he limped out of the game in the first half.

Actually, there were plenty of reasons the Wizards routed their playoff nemesis, 108-72 in a Thursday night party at the Verizon Center. DeShawn Stevenson, who started the "overrated" talk and invited Soulja Boy to the game, had a "can't-feel-my-face" 19 points. Caron Butler (17 points) and Antawn Jamison (15) also found their games. James didn't have his. And, yes, those 15 first-half Cleveland turnovers had a lot to do with it, too.

"It was a good old fashioned behind-kicking," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said.

The victory took the Wizards off the ropes by cutting Cleveland's lead to 2-1 in the first-round series. Washington will also host Game 4 on Sunday, when coach Eddie Jordan's players will have the confidence of knowing they aren't destined to be forever hexed by James and Co. Cleveland had won eight straight playoff games against the Wizards, including a first-round sweep a year ago.

"I don't know about the rapper and haircuts," Jordan said. "But I think the fans and the way we played kind of came together."

One game after setting a franchise playoff record with a 30-point win in Game 2, the Cavaliers set another team post-season mark by losing by 36. The margin of victory also set a Wizards franchise playoff record.

The Wizards took control with a pair of 9-0 runs in the first half. They led 49-33 at halftime, and the Cavaliers never threatened to make a game of it in the second half.

But, oh, the subplots!

The crowd's big chant was a reference to Stevenson's claim that James was "overrated" following a Wizards' victory over the Cavaliers last month. James said responding to that remark would be like Jay-Z responding to Soulja Boy — a hip-hop mogul answering a one-hit wonder.

Stevenson had to eat his words after Games 1 and 2, but he had Soulja Boy dancing in the aisle Thursday night while going 5-of-7 on 3-pointers. After making his shots, Stevenson ran down the court waving his hand in front of his nose, the "can't-feel-my-face" gesture that Cleveland's Damon Jones mocked in Game 2.

"If I was disrespected as an artist, I would have came, too," Stevenson said. "I felt like Soulja Boy felt disrespected, and he came to support the Washington Wizards."

So will the rapper, whose music was played on the sound system during the game, be back for Game 4?

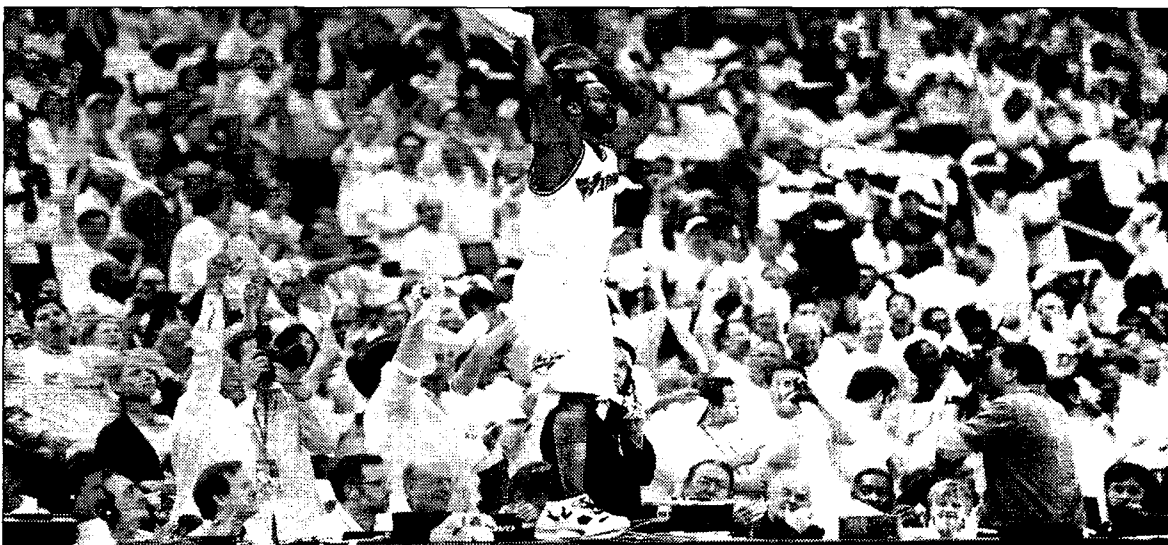
"We got to get him here," Stevenson said. "We won with him. Me and Gil are superstitious, so we have to get him back."

What was James' response to all this? First, he said the Wizards' crowd wasn't nearly as intimidating as the Detroit fans in last year's playoffs.

And as for Soulja Boy?

"My son knows every last dance Soulja Boy does and every last song he ever made," James said. "So if my son was watching, he enjoyed it."

When it was suggested that this might be part of a budding



Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas pumps up the crowd Thursday during Washington's 108-72 win over Cleveland. The win at home narrowed the Cavaliers' lead in the first round series to 2-1.

DeShawn-LeBron rivalry, James had a good laugh.

"There's no DeShawn-LeBron rivalry," he said, laughing again.

The Wizards tried to force James, who scored 32 and 30 points in Games 1 and 2, to shoot more from outside, and it

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Red Storm

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ful at keeping his pitches in the strike zone, not allowing many free passes and interchanging between his fast-ball, changeup and breaking ball.

Maust will likely take the mound for the series finale on Sunday.

Phelps will probably lead off the three-game set Friday, looking to improve on his 5-3 career-record against the Red Storm. He also takes his 3.38 ERA to the mound to go with his team-high 57 strikeouts this season.

The junior has only allowed one homerun all season, and is second in the squad among the starters for opponent's batting average at .250.

Korpi comes into the second contest with five wins as

well, to go with a pair of losses. His 4.29 ERA has steadily declined after a pair of shaky starts earlier in the season. One area Korpi has to improve in is his control. The senior has allowed 27 walks this year — 15 more than the next closest pitcher.

For Notre Dame to pick up some key victories this weekend, the Irish bats will have to keep doing what they've been up to in the past month — manufacturing runs on hits and small ball.

Sophomore centerfielder A.J. Pollock leads the team with his .397 batting average, 60 hits, 33 RBIs and 18 stolen bases on 19 attempts. Hitting from the three-hole, Pollock has benefited from base runners in the lineup before him setting him up with chances to drive in runs.

One of these players has been sophomore designated hitter David Mills, who has

found his groove from the two spot, picking up Big East Player of the Week honors last week. Mills is second on the squad with a .376 average, and sports an on-base percentage of .408.

The sophomore also has been a team player this season, picking up 15 sacrifice bunts thus far, allowing runners to advance and score runs.

The power in the lineup comes from junior first baseman Evan Sharpley, Ryan's brother. The junior has a team-high nine homeruns and is third on the club with 30 RBIs, to go with his .351 average.

After the St. John's series, the Irish will return to action against Mississippi Valley State on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

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title. Junior Brett Helgeson earned tournament Most Valuable Player honors. Helgeson is the second straight Irish player to win the MVP award — 2007 graduate Stephen Bass earned MVP honors last year.

Senior captain Sheeva Parbhu and freshman Dan Stahl made the all-tournament singles team along with Helgeson. Parbhu and Helgeson, and senior Andrew Roth, and junior Santiago Montoya made the all-tournament doubles team also.

"Stahl had a great tournament," Bayliss said. "He has really made a lot of improvements overall in his game. I was impressed by the way he served for the match against University of Southern Florida [in the championship match]."

The Irish will have an uphill battle against the Seminoles this weekend.

"Florida State has been in

the top 10 this season," Bayliss said. "We know that we have a chance to be in the match, but we will have to play a great match up and down the lineup."

Florida State features three ranked singles players in their singles lineup, the leader being No. 15 Jean-Yves Aubone. Aubone has twelve wins over ranked opponents this season.

"They had a rough match against Miami," Bayliss said. "That hurt their ranking and they fell in the rankings this week."

This weekend will mark the seventh time the teams have met. The Irish have won the last four meetings between the two teams.

With Parbhu's combined five wins this past weekend, he is one win away from 200 wins for his career. His next win will make Parbhu only the fourth player in Notre Dame history to reach that milestone. The list includes current assistant coach Ryan Sachire, David DiLucia and Andy Zurcher. Parbhu is fifth in singles wins with 121, and tied for fourth with 78 doubles wins for his career.

"Parbhu is a great student," Bayliss said. "He will probably go pro after this season, and then pursue his medical degree in the future. He has a high GPA as well."

Bayliss noted the amount of 4-3 wins the Irish earned early in the season, and how Notre Dame's luck has changed in recent weeks.

"We earned a lot of 4-3 wins early in the season and rose to No. 9 in the rankings," Bayliss said. "We have lost a lot of the close matches lately, but we have picked up a little bit since."

The Irish will play the Seminoles on Saturday with matches beginning at 1 p.m.

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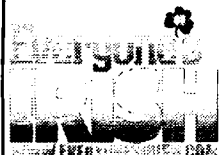
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Big East

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games, including a 10-8 win at Georgetown (10-5, 3-2, Big East) on April 12.

"It's a huge conference rivalry, so I'm expecting it to be a tough game," Coyne said. "We think we match up really well. Over the last few years, it's been one of those back-and-forth type series, so the fact that we jumped out to a little bit of a lead on them in the first half was surprising. I'm thinking it's going to be a one or two goal game."

Freshman Shaylyn Blaney led the Irish attack in their first meeting with the Hoyas, scoring three goals while junior Jillian Byers, the program's all-time leading scorer, was held to one. Junior goalie Erin Goodman made 15 saves in the game to secure the win.

Byers (61 goals), Blaney (35 goals) and senior captain Caitlin McKinney (35 goals, 21 assists) will look to jump on Georgetown early again, while sophomore Gina Scioscia (15 goals, 29 assists) will serve as the offense's main distributor.

The Irish have won six of their last eight dating back to the home loss to Syracuse, and one of those losses came at No. 1 Northwestern on April 9. Ever since losing two of three over spring break in California, Coyne said her team has played much better and consistent lacrosse.

"We had our ups and downs on the California swing, but those games have really helped prepare us for this opportunity," she said. "If we don't know what we're about and we don't know what it takes to win, we're not going to do it. We've played enough games to where we know our team and we know our strengths."

Though Coyne said wins against Georgetown tonight and Cornell on May 3 might get the Irish an at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament, she expects her team to be solely focused on accomplishing a goal it set at the beginning of the year.

"Our best chance of controlling our own destiny is to win the Big East; that way everything is taken care of," she said. "We want to win. It's not about finishing second. That's what we want, and I think we're going to do it."

Notre Dame's game is scheduled to begin 45 minutes after the conclusion of the first semifinal between Syracuse and Rutgers (7-9, 2-3 Big East), which is set to start at 5:30 p.m. The winners will meet for the Big East championship in the stadium at noon on Sunday.

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Mexico

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very seriously because they are professionals trying to stay with the national team."

But the Irish finished last season as the No. 6 team in the NCAA and look to remain unbeaten against the

Mexicans.

"Notre Dame is one of the premier college teams so it should be a great little comparison for us," Clark said. "... This is the culmination of our spring season. It should be a good measuring stick for us."

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Buckeyes

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Notre Dame has outscored their opponents 153-82 this season, mainly due to the efforts of a few consistent offensive stars. Junior attackman Ryan Hoff leads the team with 32 goals, and is followed by fellow junior attacker Duncan Swezey with 19 and senior midfielder Michael Podgajny and sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs, each with 17. Senior attackman Alex Wharton rounds out the top five with 16 goals and also leads the team with 23 assists.

But despite all this offensive firepower, Corrigan said the Irish — who haven't given up double-digit goals all season — will be stressing a more defensive strategy against the Buckeyes.

"This is a very good offensive team.... They've got six different guys offensively who are doing a lot for them so I think [the defensive end is] where it'll start for us. We need to play a smart, disciplined game on both ends of the field without losing aggressiveness and I think that'll serve us well," he said.

Corrigan also noted that this would be the last home game for the senior class, a fact he

says he'll certainly be thinking about come game time.

"We don't do a big senior day presentation on game day, but it's always a big game for our seniors, it being their last game at home. This has been a great senior class. They've been tremendous for us," he said. "We've got a guy at every spot who's not only played an important role for us but has been a leader. Even the guys who aren't playing take tremendous pride in our team they work hard and they're selfless in their contributions."

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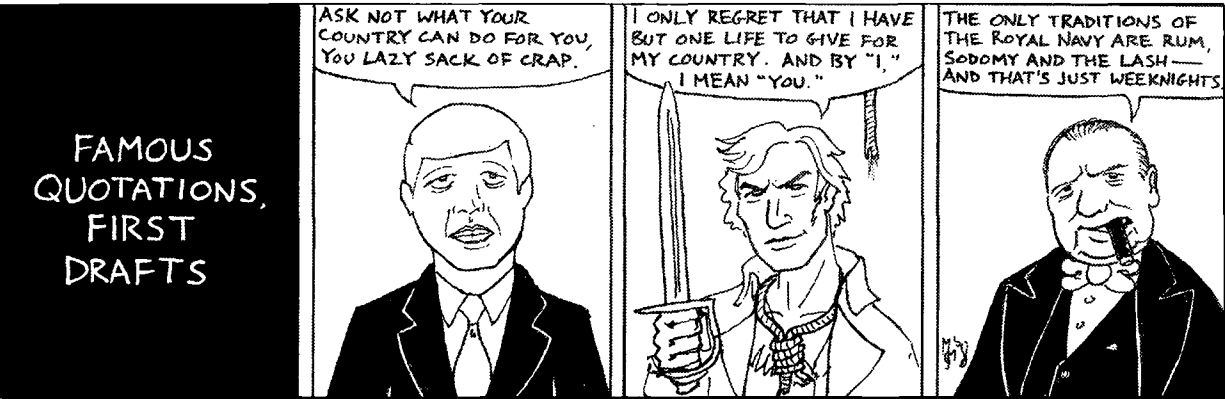
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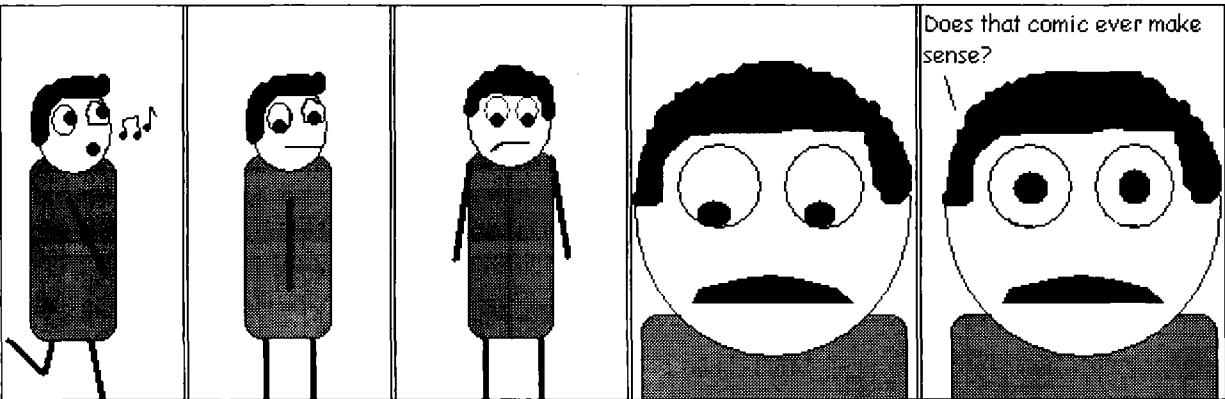
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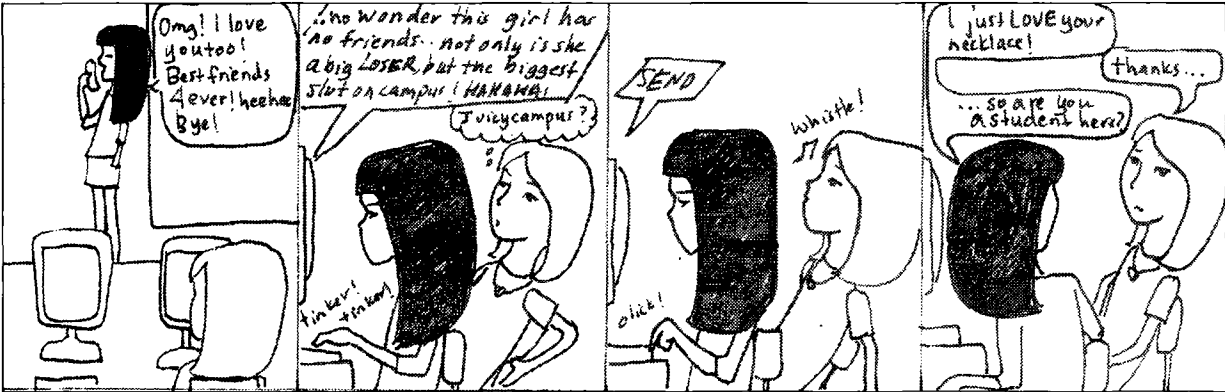
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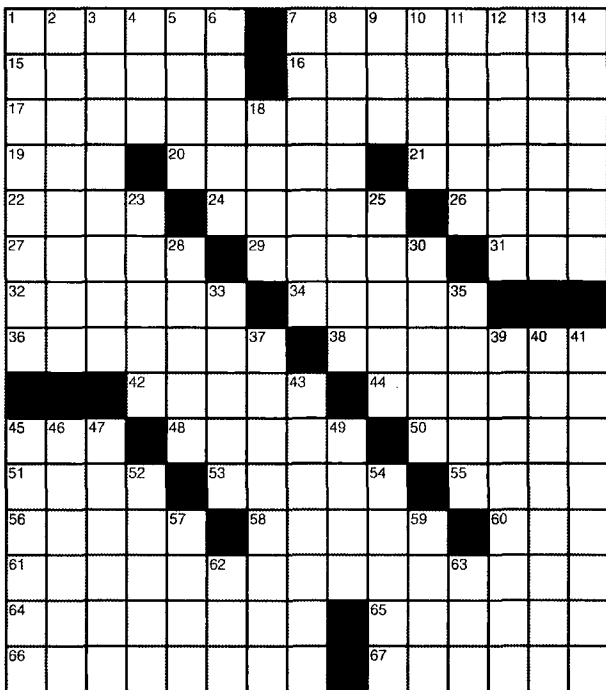
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 - 7 They're seen around some cakes
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 - 16 Mom's partner?
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 - 19 Un article défini
 - 20 Modern greeting
 - 21 Plays intensely, in jazz slang
 - 22 It often follows something
 - 24 Doesn't toss
 - 26 Fictional upper class
 - 27 One who doesn't chew the fat?
 - 29 Find _____ for (match)
 - 31 TV's Spike, once
 - 32 Bygone explosive
 - 34 Dungeons & Dragons race
 - 36 "The White House," for "the presidency," e.g.
 - 38 Abba's style
 - 42 Rootless sort
 - 44 Lombardia's capital
 - 45 Game with sticks
 - 48 Got on
 - 50 Dog-_____
 - 51 It's mild and a bit nutty
 - 53 Racket string material
 - 55 Coll. elective program
 - 56 Serenade, as the moon
 - 58 Noted fifth-century invaders
 - 60 Regrettable E.R. status
 - 61 Refrain from eating pasta?
 - 64 Where to find Nancy
 - 65 Ready to receive visitors, say
 - 66 Held
 - 67 Beguiles
- Down**
- 1 One known for finger-pointing
 - 2 "It's the truth"
 - 3 M.I.T.'s class ring, familiarly
 - 4 Long green box?
 - 5 Informal demurral
 - 6 Touch
 - 7 Post-W.W. I conference site
 - 8 Setting for some columns
 - 9 It's issued to several stations, briefly
 - 10 Caterpillar product
 - 11 Caterpillar hairs
 - 12 Raise, as a steering wheel
 - 13 Long Branch Saloon visitor
 - 14 Escorts after greeting
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 - 25 Choose not to pick?
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- 39 Takeoffs
- 40 Direct
- 41 They may be received by free subscriptions
- 43 In up to one's neck
- 45 Interstellar matter
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BASEBALL

Weathering the storm

Irish try to stay atop Big East vs. St. John's

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

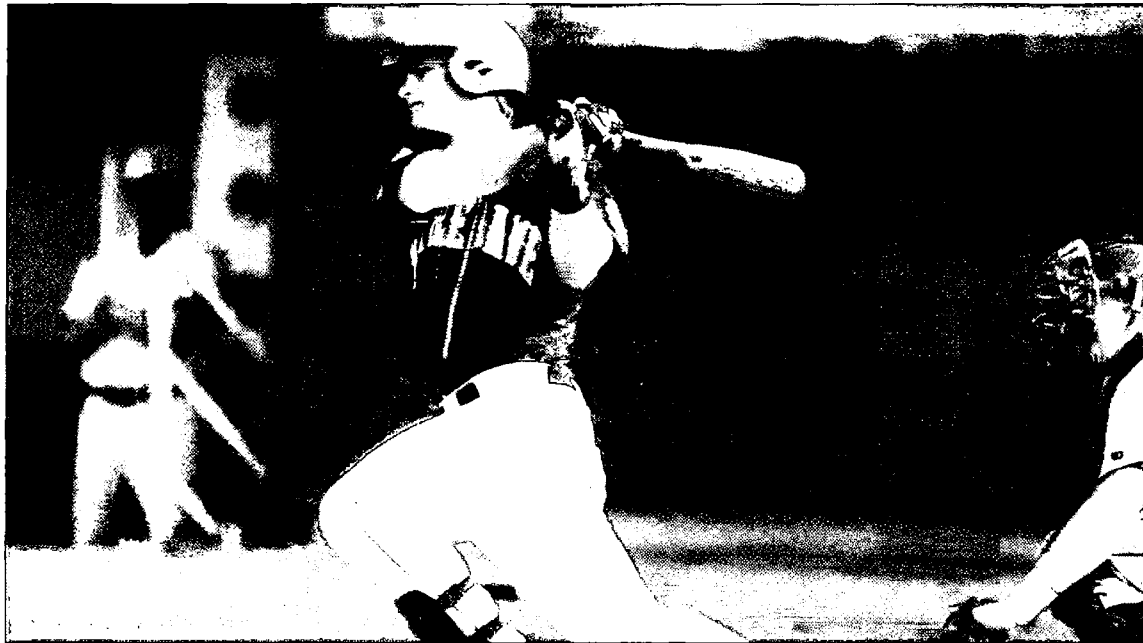
Now that No. 24 Notre Dame has backed up its first week as a ranked team with a pair of non-conference wins, it's time for the squad to take its recent consistent play to the Big East.

But things aren't going to get any easier for the Irish.

In the path lies St. John's, who is second in league play, trailing the Irish by a game.

Notre Dame (27-10-1, 12-3) will host the Red Storm (29-9, 11-4) at Frank Eck Stadium for a three-game series that begins tonight at 6:05, and wraps up with a Sunday afternoon contest at 12:05.

Earlier in the week, freshman starting pair Brian Dupra and Ryan Sharpley pitched in solid back-to-back performances over Chicago State and IPFW respectively.



Notre Dame junior Jeremy Barnes connects with a pitch Tuesday in the Irish's 12-2 win over Chicago State. Barnes and the Irish have won 14 of their last 15 games.

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This weekend, the Irish turn to their league pitching rotation composed of junior David Phelps, senior Wade Korpi and sophomore Eric Maust to try to maintain their

momentum and remain atop the conference standings.

Maust enters the weekend with the team-high in wins and the lowest ERA of the starting pitchers. He boasts a

4-1 record to go with his 2.66 ERA, just .20 points better than Sharpley's mark. The sophomore has been success-

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND to face G'Town in Stadium

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 10 Irish will become Notre Dame's first women's varsity team to compete in Notre Dame Stadium when they take on No. 7 Georgetown in the semifinals of the Big East tournament at 7:45 tonight.

"It's a tremendous honor for us to have the opportunity to play in Notre Dame Stadium," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's amazing. I think the players definitely appreciate and understand what it means to have this opportunity to compete in the stadium."

Notre Dame (11-5, 4-1 Big East) enters the four-team conference tournament as the No. 2 seed. After losing their Big East opener to top-seeded Syracuse (13-2, 5-0 Big East), the Irish won their remaining four conference

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MEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame hosts friendly with Mexican Under-20 team

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame versus... Mexico?

That's right, the Irish will take on the Mexican Under-20 national team today at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

This marks the fourth straight year Notre Dame has faced off against a team from across the United States southern border. In 2005 and 2006, the Irish notched wins

against the Mexico Under-17 team before defeating the Under-20 squad last year.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said the series with Mexico began after Notre Dame women's coach Randy Waldrum began setting up games with the Mexico women's national team.

"Randy Waldrum actually had the connection with their team and we thought this was something the men should do, too," Clark said. "It's a big game for us that we actually

get them to come play us."

Clark said he expects the friendly match to fill up the bleachers at Alumni Field. But, believe it or not, that might hurt the Irish more than it helps them.

"It's always a big crowd. We usually get about 3,000 people in our little stadium," Clark said. "The trouble is, it's always mostly a Hispanic crowd. It always feels like we're playing in Mexico City."

But the Irish coach said he hopes the crowd is somewhat

more evenly distributed this year.

"We're hoping to get a lot of students in the stands. We'd like to see more of a home-spun crowd to give the United States team — Notre Dame — a chance," Clark said.

Even though the Irish have played well against the Mexican teams in the past, Clark said the match will be anything but a cakewalk for Notre Dame. Mexico picked up a 2-0 win at Indiana Tuesday in the first game of

the team's two-match tour.

"Not many people go into Bloomington, Indiana, and win like that," Clark said. "That just shows the enormity of our challenge."

Clark said Mexico presents a stiffer challenge than most of his team's regular opponents.

"They are very, very good. Technically, I don't think we face anyone better than them," he said. "They take it

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers battle Ohio St. for No. 1 seed in GWLL

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

In their final home game of the season, Notre Dame has one last shot at a No. 1 in next week's Great Western Lacrosse League tournament.

That shot comes Sunday at noon, when the No. 7 Irish (10-2, 3-1 GWLL) take on No. 13 Ohio State (9-3, 4-0 GWLL).

"We need to win this game," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "If we win this game, we'll be the No. 1 seed going into the [GWLL] tournament this weekend. If we lose this game we're going have to beat [Ohio State] and Denver."

The Irish, who are coming off three wins in five days over Quinnipiac, Lehigh and Air Force, should be extremely tired after having to travel across three different times zones. But, according to Corrigan, his team is far from jet-lagged.

"It was a challenging weekend but we did what we needed to do and we got into the games and didn't allow ourselves to get worn down athletically. In terms of managing everything it was interesting, but we got back, got a little time off and they're fresh and ready to go," he said.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team travels to No. 13 FSU

After Big East title, squad faces Seminoles in regular season finale

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After capturing their second straight Big East title in Tallahassee, Fla., last week, the Irish will return to the Sunshine State looking for similar success against No. 13 Florida State.

"The win was great," head coach Bobby Bayliss. "We have won the title for the fourth time in the last five years."

For the second straight year, Bayliss obtained the Big East Coach of the Year



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Irish freshman Matt Johnson strokes a forehand in Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Ball State on April 4.

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