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ROTC cadets stage war games

Training exercises aimed at instilling leadership values

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

AUGUSTA, Mich.

Cadets from Notre Dame's Army ROTC unit trained with students from several other universities last weekend at the spring Field Training Exercise held at the Fort Custer Training Center near Battle Creek, Mich.

As students assembled in ranks next to the Pasquerilla Center, military discipline was pervasive. Sgt. Maj. Scott Shippy towered over a cadet doing push-ups. "Why do we push for St. Michael?" yelled the sergeant. The cadet failed the quiz and earned another 10 push-ups. St. Michael is the patron of paratroopers.

Cadets traveled by van to Fort Custer, a Michigan National Guard post near Battle Creek. The facility was established in 1917 as a training base for U.S. troops in World War I.

As the temperature dipped below the freezing mark, Notre Dame's scholar-soldiers learned infantry tactics, dined on government-issue rations and conducted land navigation exercises. Lt. Col. David Mosinski, commander of the "Fightin' Irish Battalion," called the weekend "a great opportunity."

The exercises performed were



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Notre Dame ROTC students participate in a war game, along with ROTC students from other schools. The training exercises were held a weekend ago near Battle Creek, Michigan.

aimed at instilling leadership values in the cadets, who will be commissioned officers in the Army upon graduation, Mosinski said.

"We use infantry tactical drills to teach the ideas behind leadership," explained senior Casey Corcoran, who will serve as an intelligence officer after graduation. The Squad Tactical Exercises, known as "STX lanes" to the cadets, are part war game, part critical-thinking drill.

Cadets from Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan

University and Notre Dame converged on several of these STX drills. The cadets, clad in camouflage fatigues and armed with M-16 assault rifles, marched into the woods to do battle with OpFor — the opponents of the weekend. Small squads of OpFor troops — short for "opposition forces" — hunkered down behind trees in anticipation of attack.

The various exercises differed, though all emphasized quick reaction and critical thinking on the part of ROTC students. A

drill might begin as a simple frontal attack, but supervising officers frequently added variables such as civilians on the battlefield, wounded troops or simulated artillery fire to complicate matters.

As the booming of exploding munitions reverberated from the hills, cadets stormed a bunker held by OpFor troops. Some soldiers aimed suppressive fire — blanks fired from their M-16s — at the opposition, while another group made an end run around the bunker, shouting commands

at the enemy. "Drop your weapon or I will shoot your head off!" screamed a cadet as he captured an OpFor prisoner of war.

Portions of the exercises were disturbingly realistic. Following press reports that Iraqi troops were employing false surrenders and attacking U.S. troops, ROTC cadets faced similar challenges. One vanquished OpFor cadet, lying prone on the ground, suddenly drew a knife, prompting surprise from his would-be captors.

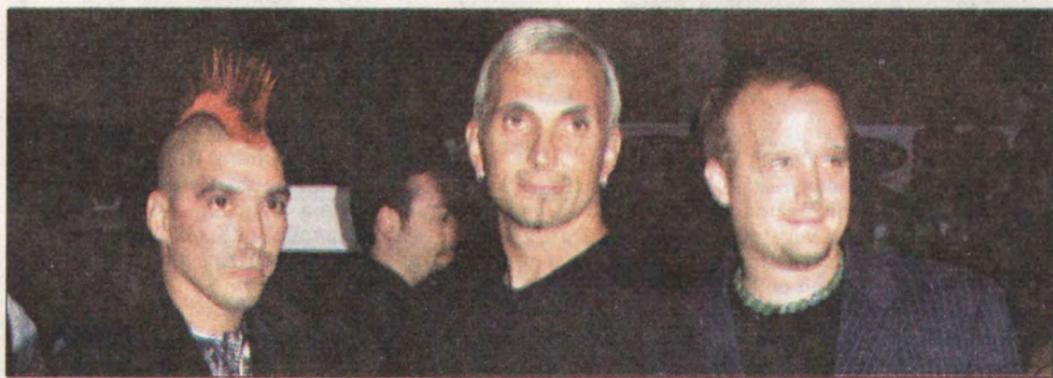
In another drill, smoke grenades threw off billowing yellow plumes as cadets advanced on an OpFor position. Suddenly, a pregnant woman ran from a tent, leading to momentary confusion on the battlefield — another variable designed to test soldiers' knowledge of the rules of engagement.

Sophomore cadet Tommy Bramanti said this type of training reflected the unpredictable nature of the modern battlefield. "These drills emphasize discipline and leadership, but the real focus is on being able to think on the fly," he said.

Cadets were allowed a brief night's sleep in their sleeping bags, but arose at 4 a.m. for another day of training.

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Everclear hits Notre Dame



ZUMA PRESS

Craig Montoya, Art Alexakis and Greg Eckland make up Everclear, who plays tonight at Stepan.

By JESSICA DALRING
News Writer

Everclear is scheduled to perform at a Stepan Center concert Friday that begins at 7:30 p.m.

Band members Art Alexakis, Craig Montoya and Greg Ecklund have been entertaining audiences since their formation in 1991. Everclear is promoting its sixth CD on its current U.S. tour.

The album, entitled "Slow Motion Daydream," shares a similar tone with their other works. In an interview with VH1 about the album, Alexis said, "All our albums are about the American Dream from different perspectives."

"The recipe of punchy vocals and a strong guitar presence is what creates success for Everclear," said The Observer's

Becca Saunders, who reviewed the band's most recent CD.

The Student Union Board, the programming body which is sponsoring the concert, compiles a list of possible bands to bring to campus each year based on student input and the advice of former programmers. The event coordinator then tries to schedule a concert from this list each year.

"Our radar screens are always open and when one of those bands on the list becomes available, we jump," said Stephen Christ, outgoing SUB manager and programmer for the event.

The Student Union Board works to fill student requests when planning events, but availability is always an issue, said Christ. Everclear was already scheduled to be in the area for their current tour to promote their newest CD when Christ and

SUB contacted them for a possible concert.

The perspective of playing at Notre Dame met with high approval from the band, said Christ. "Once we put a bid out, they were really excited about coming," he said.

Two opening bands, Authority Zero and the Exies, will perform before Everclear takes the stage at 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are on sale at the LaFortune Ballroom and cost \$20 for students and \$25 for the general public.

Christ expects the concert audience to reach the top capacity of the 1,500-person Stepan Center.

"There are still tickets available, but we are expecting to sell out," said Christ.

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Laptops stolen from student apartments

By KATE NAGENGAST
Senior Staff Writer

An employee of Castle Point Apartments will receive a polygraph test as part of an active investigation into the theft of two laptop computers from student apartments last month, St. Joseph County police said Wednesday.

According to police reports, one laptop was taken March 19 from the upstairs bedroom of a Notre Dame student's apartment in Enchanted Forest. The second, a Compact Presario worth roughly \$3,500, was taken from the back bedroom of a Saint Mary's student's apartment on Royal Huntsman Court March 21. There were no witnesses to either burglary.

Cpl. Christian Johanson said there were no signs of forced entry at either apartment and nothing but the laptops was taken or disturbed. However, at the Royal Huntsman Court apartment the computer's power cord was also taken, though it was in a different room from the laptop itself.

Other valuables, like the computers' wiring and printer, along with two leather jackets and a portable CD player, were left untouched, the Saint Mary's student said.

At the Notre Dame student's apartment, a watch worth between \$2,000 and \$3,000 was left on the table beside the missing computer, Johanson said.

Jack Goens, general manager of Castle Point, said any of his maintenance employees would be willing to submit themselves to fingerprinting and polygraph tests.

"There's nothing to hide," Goens said. "If [the students] want to pursue it with police we'd love it, but it's a police matter."

Castle Point provides security at night, but any other resident protection is in the hands of the police, he said. Goens also said he told both students to contact police as soon as they reported the thefts to his office.

Detective Jerry Ratkiewicz said police are still unsure whether the male Castle Point employee who will receive the polygraph test could have been involved in either burglary, but that he will be questioned about both incidents.

According to police reports, the Saint Mary's student said her apartment was locked when she left and still locked when she returned home. Police took fingerprints from the living room where the computer's power cord was taken.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What side is God on?

Recently, a message scrawled in yellow chalk appeared on the sidewalk near LaFortune. "Who would Jesus bomb?" it demanded in large letters.

Later that day, a response appeared under it in blue.

Claire Kelley

"Who would Jesus rape, murder, pillage and execute?" it countered, referring to the atrocious practices of Saddam Hussein.

Photographer

While these questions address the heart of the debate concerning the moral implications of this war in Iraq, they also address the fact that throughout history, there have been wars in which people of various religions were exhorted to go out and kill each other in the name of their faith.

As many sides of the debate about the justification for this war invoke God's name, I can't help but wonder, "Whose side is God on?"

I am especially troubled when I hear people who commit atrocious acts invoke religion, like when Osama bin Laden declared a holy war against the United States in his disturbing video or when Hussein talked about Allah in his interview with Dan Rather. But last year, Bush's reference to a "crusade" against terrorism also worried people around the world because they thought this language meant the United States was moving toward a religious war between Christians and Muslims.

By frequently referring to religion and God in his speeches, is Bush trying to tell the world that God is on America's side?

In 1963, Bob Dylan addressed this issue when he wrote "With God on Our Side," a song that traces conflicts from cavalry battles against the American Indians through the Spanish-American War, the Civil War, both World Wars and Vietnam, describing how each warring nation believed that God was on its side.

Dylan concludes: "If God's on our side, he'll stop the next war."

Perhaps some in the peace movement would believe that God is on the side of those who are suffering as a result of this war in Iraq. Others who support the war for ethical reasons would say that God would want us to remove Saddam Hussein from his position of power. But does recognition of injustice mean that we also have the insight to know how God would want us to respond?

In Mark Twain's "The War Prayer," which was published after his death, Twain gives his own interpretation of what people are really praying for when they ask God to take a side against their enemies in war.

He imagines a prayer asking God to "help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst."

To wage war while invoking God's name certainly raises many important questions.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Claire Kelley at ckelley2@nd.edu.

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The Graduate Student Union's annual "Health E Day" wellness festival is set for Saturday.	Coalition forces bombed Iraqi Air Force headquarters in central Baghdad Friday morning.	Visiting lecturer Andrew Rose analyzed the importance of the World Trade Organization in international economics.	The new student body presidents must be proactive in their commitment to students during their administrations.	The Farley Hall Players present "Jake's Women," a psychological comedy, this weekend.	The softball team beat Loyola University of Chicago 7-1 and 3-0 in a double-header Thursday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Laetare Conference: "Leadership, Ethics and Culture" All day at McKenna Hall
- ◆ Fifth Annual Alumni Design Conference 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 200 Riley Hall
- ◆ Everclear concert 7:30 p.m. at Stepan Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Alumnae Board Spring 2003 meeting 8 a.m. at LeMans Hall and President's Dining Room
- ◆ Junior Moms' Wine and Cheese Reception 5 p.m. at LeMans Hall-Stapleton Lounge
- ◆ "The Un-Usual Suspects" Senior Comprehensives 5 p.m. at Moreau Art Galleries

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student transported to hospital
A student was transported to the St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a laceration sustained at the LaFortune Student Center Thursday.

Student loses wallet
A student reported losing his unattended wallet at the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday. There are no suspects.

Solicitors escorted off campus
Two individuals were reported to Notre Dame Security and Police for selling magazine subscriptions Thursday at Fisher Graduate Housing. They were stopped and issued non-contractual interest forms, and escorted off campus.

Students cited for alcohol possession
Two minors were issued citations for possession of alcohol in Knott Hall Thursday. The case is being referred for administrative review.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Eggplant parmesan, oil and garlic sauce, cheese French bread pizza, seafood supreme pizza, seafood criolla, plain rice, whipped potatoes, apple cobbler, baked redfish, barley risotto, cut corn, capri-blend vegetables, grits, blueberry pancakes, potato pancakes, hot chunky applesauce, salmon and crabmeat burgers, seasoned fries, breaded mushrooms, onion rings, vegetable lo mein.
Today's Dinner: Lobster bisque, Manhattan clam chowder, pasta a la noma, pasta stir-fry, assorted pizza, seafood supreme pizza, vegetarian sushi, sushi demonstration, batter-fried cod, peel and eat shrimp, sourdough rolls.

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Stuffed shells, mushroom marinara, tomato pizza, bianco pizza, vegetable calzone, macaroni and cheese, cajun-baked orange roughy, whipped potatoes, fried clam strips, battered wedge fries, onion rings, small grilled pizza, grilled mahi-mahi, fish-wich, tofu fried rice, cheese enchilada, sliced carrots, broccoli cuts, cut green beans, baked potato, cauliflower.
Today's Dinner: Black olive marinara, mushroom marinara, tomato pizza, bianco pizza, vegetable calzone, grilled vegetable platter, Seminole red snapper, fishwich, battered wedge fries, onion rings, seafood stir-fry, broccoli quesadilla, cut corn, tuna casserole.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Grilled vegetables and quinoa wrap, green bean salad, seafood paella with seafood clams and mussels, saffron rice pilaf, bagel bar, smoked salmon, sauteed chicken, caribbean pineapple shrimp, pearl couscous, fresh steamed broccoli, cheese pizza, hummus, roasted vegetable loafer, grilled vegetable pizza, tomato basil soup, cream of mushroom soup, cilantro rice salad.
Today's Dinner: Pasta fantastica, veggie cutlet with mushroom sauce, tamale pie casserole, vegetable corn muffins, create your own grilled sandwich station, gourmet potato and pretzel bar, vegetarian baked lasagna.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	58	45	45	50	55	38
LOW	30	30	25	45	27	33

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iStore opening this summer

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

A new addition to Saint Mary's campus will better accommodate students returning next fall for the 2003-2004 school year.

The College's Administrative Council has recently approved The Campus iStore, scheduled to open this summer.

Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology, developed the iStore's business plan and design last November.

The on-campus computer store will sell Omni Tech, Toshiba, Apple and Dell computers, standard software packages, cellular phones and various accessories at what Fowlkes said will be economical prices.

"The iStore is primarily to serve the needs of our students and to give them the best computer equipment for their college experience," Fowlkes said.

The iStore, which is set to be located permanently in the Information Technology office, will also be found on a mobile kiosk, which will move among various campus locations during promotions throughout the year.

The kiosk will hold six computers, allowing students to try each and choose the hardware they prefer.

Beginning next year, the Saint Mary's campus will progressively transfer from Dell computers to Omni Tech. The iStore hopes to aid in that transition by selling the company's all-in-one and standard mini tower computers, along with flat panel monitors.

Other colleges aside from Saint Mary's have made the switch to Omni Tech computers. Bethel College in Mishawaka has recently brought Omni Tech onto its campus and, Fowlkes said, neighboring Holy Cross is looking into it.

Saint Mary's technicians have spent the past three months testing Omni Tech machines and Fowlkes said they have been impressed with their performance and durability. By next year, they will be fully trained to work on and with all Omni Tech computers.

"We believe that [Omni Tech] serves the educational market better," Fowlkes said. "They have a real focus on educational institutions and their needs. They're less expensive than Dell and still keep to the highest reliability standards."

The Omni Tech machines will come pre-configured and ready to connect to the Saint Mary's network, which will help minimize the time it takes for students to connect to ResNet at the beginning of the year, Fowlkes said.

In addition to computers and software, the iStore will also sell Nextel cellular phones and service.

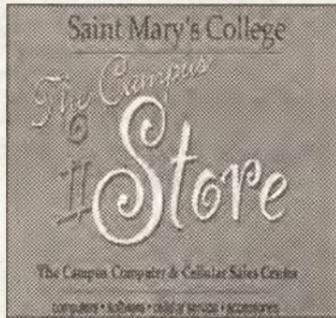
"Our students will get a good discount and personalized service from Nextel specifically for our campus," Fowlkes said.

Preliminary costs will be 10 percent less than that of normal Nextel service rates and 27 percent off of Nextel cellular phone prices.

Items sold at the iStore will be available to students, parents, alumnae, faculty and staff for on- or off-campus use.

"We're hoping people will buy from the iStore so they can get the best equipment for their money," Fowlkes said.

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Jordan prince gets ND service award

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan has been announced as this year's recipient of the Notre Dame Award for International Humanitarian Service.

This award was to be presented to Prince El Hassan at a ceremony on campus April 23. However, the event has been postponed indefinitely because the Prince is not able to travel due to the war in Iraq.

Prince El Hassan was born in Amman, Jordan in 1947 and graduated from Oxford University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Oriental Studies. In 1965, he began his role as the political advisor of his older brother King Hussein, who passed away in 1999.

In 1987, he initiated the New International Humanitarian Order resolution under the United Nations and founded the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues.

The Prince has organized a systematic interfaith dialogue, consisting of ongoing consultations with the Orthodox Centre of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at Chambesy, Switzerland; the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican; and the Independent Commission on Christian-Muslim-Jewish Relations.

In 1994, he founded the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies in Jordan. In 1999, he helped found and acted as Vice Chairman of the Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue in Geneva, and he served as moderator at the World Conference on Religion and Peace in Jordan. He is also a member of the UNESCO International Interreligious Advisory Committee and Hashemite Aid and Relief Agency.

Prince El Hassan has acted as Chairman of the Policy

Advisory Commission of the World Intellectual Property Organization, a Member of the Informal Advisory Group to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Co-Chair of the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues, Executive Committee Member of the International Crisis Group, International Board Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and one of the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

He has also participated in various educational and scientific institutions in Jordan and internationally and has written several books over the past 34 years.

A committee of several faculty and staff members meets periodically throughout the year to evaluate the strengths of various candidates that it, or anyone in the University, nominates for the Notre Dame Award.

The group then selects one to three individuals and recommends these names to University President Father Edward Malloy and the officers of the University, who make the final decision. Prince El Hassan was the group's sole recommendation this year.

"Prince El Hassan bin Talal is known worldwide for his intellectual and cultural leadership in the Arab world and for his religiously grounded commitment to the advancement of universal human rights. A devout son of Islam, he also exemplifies the socially engaged Muslim intellectual," Malloy said in a press release.

The University established the Notre Dame Award for International Humanitarian Service in 1992 on its 150th anniversary as a vehicle to honor non-Catholics and/or individuals from other nations.

The mission statement of the award attests that it seeks persons "within and without the Catholic Church, whose religious faith has quickened learning, whose learning has engendered deeds, and whose deeds give witness to God's kingdom among us."

"The award has still very much a spiritual element but is not confined to people whose spiritual faith is Catholic," said University Spokesperson Dennis Moore.

At a time when Islam has received extensive negative press in this country, Moore said the University felt it would be appropriate to honor someone of the Muslim faith to exhibit the solidarity of various faiths.

"The first factor in determining candidates is the totality of the person's career and life work, but the University was specifically looking for an exemplary person from the faith of Islam," said Moore. "It demonstrates the fact that there are wonderful adherents of Islam in the world."

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ROTC

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The sky was still dark Sunday morning as the weary members of Bravo Company assembled for breakfast outside the chow hall. "One! Two! Motivated! Hoo-hah, Bravo!" the cadets bellowed as they fell in line to receive a hot meal of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy.

During the day, cadets dined on MREs — Meals Ready to Eat — the Army's standard combat-ready rations. The food included entrees such as meatloaf with gravy, chicken and salsa and beef stroganoff.

Another key activity during the weekend was the Field Leader's Reaction Course. The course challenged squads, typically made up of six cadets, to negotiate difficult obstacles using critical thinking skills.

One such scenario found cadets stranded behind enemy lines. The students had to move themselves and an unwieldy crate of ammunition over a large wooden platform using only a length of rope. The cadets took turns leading their

squad to conquer the various challenges, then met eagerly afterwards to be evaluated by their superiors. "No more booze! No more sex! We just want F-T-X!" cadets bellowed, in a reference to the Field Training Exercise, as they assembled to discuss the results of the FLRC.

Sunday night, cadets conducted land navigation drills and tests, using a map and compass to find their way through the branches and brambles in the Michigan woods. The navigation course, which lasted late into the night, tried the students' patience and stamina, as light snow fell on the chilly evening.

The future officers also discussed the nature of military conflict and the international laws governing war. Junior Leon Gil said a key element of ROTC life at Notre Dame is the ethical aspect of military service.

"Our cadre [officers] really do try to make us superior, not only in tactics, but morally cognizant as well," Gil said. The motto "God, Country, Notre Dame" was put into practice as members of the Fightin' Irish Battalion assembled for reli-

gious services on Saturday evening.

The weekend, Gil said, "[was] a chance to put into practice what we've learned in class."

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Thefts

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The Notre Dame student whose computer was taken had locked herself out of her apartment upon

returning from spring break March 16. A member of the Castle Point maintenance staff unlocked her apartment for three days before her computer was stolen.

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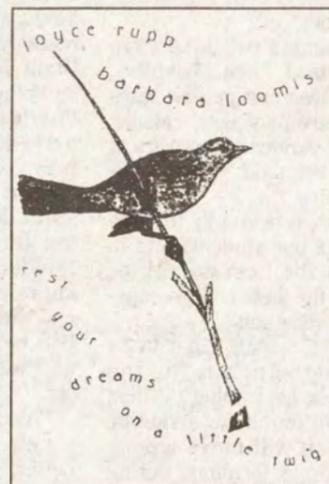
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IRAQ

Coalition seizes Baghdad airport amid blackout

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Coalition forces bombed Iraqi Air Force headquarters in central Baghdad Friday morning, one of many air assaults on the capital as U.S. ground troops pressed closer from the south.

Blasts before dawn from the south and southwest shook buildings in the heart of the capital, and explosions grew louder and more frequent as day broke. Al-Jazeera television reported presidential palaces had been hit.

Using satellite-guided bombs, allied troops hit buildings of Air Force headquarters west of the Tigris River at about 9:45 a.m., U.S. Central Command said in a statement. The strike hurt Iraqi ability to control its air assets, the statement said, though complete damage was not yet clear.

The attacks came after the first widespread power outage of the war plunged Baghdad into darkness Thursday night. Bombs rocked the city before the blackout, but U.S. military officials said they had not targeted Baghdad's power grid. The reason for the outage was not known.

Explosions rang out for nearly 15 minutes before the lights went out in large parts of Baghdad, and soon it appeared

the entire city had lost electricity. Less than an hour after the outage began, virtually the only sound that could be heard in the city was the noise of power generators.

A sustained power outage to the city of 5 million people would mean the disruption of water supply and sewage, which could spread disease at a time when temperatures are rising.

The electricity went out as U.S. forces launched their attack on Saddam International Airport, 10 miles southwest of the city center. Anti-aircraft fire could be heard near the airport, tracer rounds raced through the sky and artillery shells exploded in the air.

By Friday morning, the 3rd Division occupied part of the airport and had sealed the entrance closest to Baghdad. Gunshots were heard from inside, however, and it was unclear how many Iraqi troops remained there.

On Thursday, a televised statement attributed to Saddam Hussein exhorted the Iraqi people to "fight them with your hands."

The statement was read by Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf. Saddam hasn't delivered a speech on TV since March 24, and it is unclear when that address was recorded.



Reuters

An Iraqi Airlines plane lands at Saddam International Airport Thursday. Coalition forces stormed the facility Friday morning in their efforts to occupy the capital city itself. The local area experienced a massive power outage after the assault and ensuing air maneuvers.

No trace of Saddam or his sons turned up Thursday when special operations forces raided a presidential palace northwest of the capital.

Iraqi Trade Minister

Mohammed Mehdi Saleh — who accused coalition forces of breaking into Iraqi warehouses and stealing children's milk and supplies — laughed when he was asked where Saddam was.

"I think you have seen his picture," Saleh said, referring to silent footage that aired Wednesday of a smiling Saddam chairing a Cabinet meeting. "He is very calm, confident."

RUSSIA

Moscow promises cash to maintain space station orbit

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russia pledged extra money Thursday for building the only spacecraft to service the International Space Station after U.S. shuttle flights were grounded following the Columbia disaster.

Russia previously said it could not fund such construction on its own. The Cabinet's decision to release \$38 million ahead of schedule appeared to reflect growing doubts that the United States will provide extra assistance.

Aerospace Agency Director Yuri Koptev said the alternative to building more spacecraft was leaving the station temporarily unoccupied, which was

dangerous because the station could drift out of its proscribed orbit.

"We need to keep the station [manned] so that it does not become a piece of wreckage that threatens to become the damnation of mankind," Koptev said.

The \$38 million in space funds originally budgeted for the second half of the year were released early to speed up construction of extra ships, he said.

"We will undoubtedly have to carry the main workload, having to perform additional launches and flights to the station," Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov told the Cabinet. "We can't postpone this decision."

Russian Soyuz crew capsules and

Progress cargo ships remain the only means of getting to the 16-nation station while the U.S. shuttle fleet is grounded pending an investigation into the Columbia catastrophe.

The Cabinet also promised tentatively to bolster the space station's budget from about \$130 million this year to about \$240 million next year, Koptev said.

Potential American funding is hamstrung by U.S. legislation barring additional payments to Russia's space agency until Washington confirms Moscow has not transferred banned weapons or military technology to Iran.

With U.S.-Russian ties cooled over the war in Iraq, a U.S. congressional waiver

of the bill appeared unlikely. Some American officials also have complained that Russia failed to meet many of its obligations to service the station.

Koptev acknowledged that the cash-strapped Russian space program failed to accomplish some of its functions on the station and that U.S. shuttles had taken up the slack.

"Now it's coming back to us and it's hard to complain about that," he said.

In the past, U.S. space shuttles rotated the International Space Station's long-term crew. Soyuz capsules served as lifeboats for the crew and were changed every six months, while Progress ships ferried fuel, water and other supplies.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Spanish doctor goes on stabbing spree

A female doctor described as mentally unbalanced stabbed several people at a Madrid hospital Thursday, killing a colleague and a patient and wounding six others, officials said.

The 31-year-old woman, who was only identified by her first name Noelia, suddenly lashed out with a 6-inch knife at groups of people talking in a hospital corridor, said Manuel de Hoya, the director general of the Fundacion Jimenez Diaz hospital.

Hijacked boat returns to Cuban waters

A small ferry boat hijacked in Havana Bay and forced to sail toward Florida returned to Cuba on Thursday in search of fuel after island authorities chased it some 30 miles into international waters.

The boat left international waters late Wednesday under Cuban government escort, a U.S. Coast Guard official in Miami said on condition of anonymity. He declined further comment.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CDC: spraying trucks safe to humans

A mosquito spraying method that health officials say is central to fighting West Nile virus does not increase pesticide levels in humans, federal officials said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined the potential health dangers of exposure to mosquito spray from fogger trucks after a request by Mississippi state health officials in September.

Lawmakers reject Philip Morris plan

An Illinois Senate committee rejected a plan Thursday to excuse cigarette-maker Philip Morris from paying a \$12 billion bond before it can appeal a court judgment.

Other states have questioned the high bond, saying it could jeopardize payments in a 1998 settlement between the tobacco industry and 46 states, including Illinois.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

IRS assesses West Terre Haute property

The Internal Revenue Service has put a lien on the property assets of West Terre Haute because it says town officials failed to pay employment taxes on time.

West Terre Haute Clerk-Treasurer Melody Buchanan said the \$68,965 the IRS is demanding is interest and penalties from nearly \$70,000 in employment taxes paid late by the town from 1999 through 2002.

The IRS typically allows ten years to pay off such penalties and interest.

Soy innovator may move to Fort Wayne

A developer of soy-based products with more than \$800 million in annual revenue is considering bringing its headquarters to northeast Indiana.

The Solae Co. will develop and market branded, soy-based specialty foods, feeds and industrial ingredients.

'Health E Day' set for Saturday

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Graduate students in search of free food and advice on healthy living should look no further than Stepan Center and the adjoining fields on Saturday, where the Graduate Student Union will host its second annual "Health E Day."

Healthcare Committee chairperson Heather Edwards said the event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and is open to graduate students and Notre Dame faculty and staff.

"The main reason we have it is to get information out to graduate students," Edwards said.

This year's "Health E Day" will feature short information sessions and workshops on stress relief, nutrition and relaxation. University Health Services will be on hand to discuss prevention, along with representatives from Hoosier Healthwise, a health insurance program for Indiana children, pregnant women and low-income families.

Edwards and the Healthcare Committee have also recruited local experts to give introductory classes in yoga, martial arts and eurogym. Games and activities will be offered for children, and lunch and free T-shirts will be available for all participants, she said.

Last year's event, also organized by the Healthcare Committee and then-chairperson Adrienne Minerick, attracted about 50 families.

"We're hoping to get that amount [this year] or more," Edwards said.

"Health E Day" kicks off at noon and runs until 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Alumni Association and the University Counseling Center.

"We are excited about it," Edwards said. "One of the things we really want to do in the Healthcare Committee is to inform graduate students about what's out there. This is a fun way to do that."

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SIBC to host annual forum Saturday

By KATE DOOLEY
News Writer

The Student International Business Council will host its annual forum at noon Saturday in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

Steve Lauletta, sports and event marketing director of Miller Brewing Co.; Dennis Flannery, executive vice president of the Inter-American Development Bank; Father John Riley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish; and Ian Moore, executive vice president of human resources for News Corporation, will be speaking at the forum.

This year's topic is "Perspectives in Peace through Commerce" and panelists will discuss the

perspectives in terms of their careers and the greater context of international business.

Courtney Zeph, a Notre Dame sophomore and coordinator of the event, said that the topic was chosen partially because it reflects the SIBC's motto, but also as a reflection of current events.

"With everything that is going on in the world today, we wanted to see if peace through commerce is something that holds up in difficult times," Zeph said.

Members of SIBC said the annual forum is a unique exchange between the speakers and the students. Daniela Urs, a junior business major at Saint Mary's and chief operating officer of SIBC, said she appreciates the interaction with panelists

that the forum provides.

"It's exciting to see successful people devote their time to us. We feel we are in the company of prestigious people, but I think the speakers take something away from us as well," Urs said.

Last year, Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports and NBC Olympics, left a lasting impression on those at the event, said Katie Sandford, a Saint Mary's senior and member of the Global Development division of SIBC.

"It was mind-blowing to hear a man like Dick Ebersol saying that what the SIBC does is important and that it benefits the business community," she said.

The SIBC is a student organization that prepares its members for the professional

world. It is run much like a business and has over 250 members from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. Members work on projects in eight different divisions, including marketing, finance, internships and global development.

The spring forum is one of their main projects, with the goal of giving members as well as the entire student body a chance to hear from interesting, successful people.

The forum begins at noon and lasts until 3:30. It is free and refreshments will be provided. The SIBC also gives away prizes at the event, including an X-box and DVD player.

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This Weekend in the Department of Music

Saturday, April 5, 2003

A Senior Recital

Kristen Moskow, soprano
w/ Brenda Weade, piano

1:00 pm, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art
Performing songs by Rachmaninov, Wolf, John Duke, and more.

Saturday, April 5, 2003

A Graduate Degree Recital

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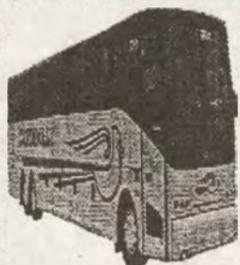
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S&P 500	876.45	↓	-4.45
AMEX	826.36	↓	-2.57
NYSE	4,870.29	↓	-27.68

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	0	0	13.64
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+0.04	+0.01	25.73
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.29	+0.05	17.57
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+1.40	+0.16	11.62
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-0.29	-0.01	3.48

IN BRIEF

Jobless claims jump in late March

The number of American workers filing new claims for unemployment benefits climbed last week to the highest point in nearly a year as businesses trimmed jobs in the muddled wartime economic climate.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new applications for jobless benefits jumped by a seasonally adjusted 38,000 to 445,000 for the week ending March 29 — a level last reached in the week ending April 13, 2002.

IMF warns on U.S. housing bubble

One more threat for the fragile economy — the possibility that America's booming housing market could be headed for a bust.

In a survey of global economic dangers, the International Monetary Fund warned on Thursday that the U.S. housing market, after two years of record sales over and strong increases in home prices, could be headed for a fall.

The study said that based on past experience, a housing bubble in an industrial country has a 40 percent chance of being followed by a sharp drop in prices.

HealthSouth cuts 165 HQ workers

HealthSouth Corp. cut 20 percent of its headquarters staff Thursday as five more executives agreed to plead guilty in a huge accounting fraud that has the health care giant teetering on bankruptcy.

The layoffs of 165 people was HealthSouth's first mass personnel cut since the government accused it of overstating earnings by at least \$1.4 billion since 1999 to make it appear the company was meeting Wall Street forecasts.

The company said the workers were being laid off from marketing and other departments that do not deal with patients. HealthSouth eliminated about 1,000 of its 50,000 employees last year.

The refinancing rate helps determine the cost of short-term central bank credits to commercial banks and serves as a benchmark for other rates. The decision was widely expected after remarks by bank officials strongly suggested there wouldn't be another quick cut.

UC prof says WTO irrelevant

◆ Claims U.S. trade unaffected by globalized exchange bloc

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

The World Trade Organization has a negligible and almost non-existent effect on world trade, said Andrew Rose, a University of California at Berkeley professor.

Rose presented a paper entitled "Do we really know that the WTO affects trade or trade policy?" in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Thursday afternoon.

"[Many] mainstream economists think by encouraging trade, the World Trade Organization does the opposite [and increases poverty]," he said. "[People have an] incredibly strong and poorly-defined view of the World Trade Organization."

Rose said that many economists assume a positive relationship between world trade and the effects of the WTO without actually investigating the evidence or conducting research.

"No one either in the WTO or the academic community has ever looked at the effects of the WTO on trade or anything else. We just don't know if it has any affect [on world trade], positive or negative," he said.

Rose said that nothing in his research suggests that the World Trade Organization actually increases world trade.

"The WTO has a negligible effect on [international trade]; there is no evidence that the WTO has an effect on trade," he said.



ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

University of California professor Andrew Rose speaks Thursday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Rose said that the World Trade Organization doesn't affect global commerce to the degree generally assumed.

Rose simultaneously examined research data both across countries and across various spans of time, using an aggregate approach that examined annual data from 1948-1999 from 178 countries. Rose said that his bilateral gravity model of trade, a widely accepted model, suggests that the amount of trade between two partners is not connected with a country's membership in the World Trade Organization.

"The effects of WTO membership in one or both countries are economically small, often negative and statistically insignificant. Trade is indistinguishable if zero, one or two countries are in the WTO," he said.

In addition, Rose analyzed data from 104 countries that entered the World Trade Organization and its predecessor, the Global

Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, and concluded that entering countries experience little change in their amount of trade from five years before their accession to five years after their accession. Rose said he actually found a decline in trade between 4 and 6 percent for entering countries.

"What you see is ... any effect of accession on trade is just really subtle or small," he said.

Rose explained that the World Trade Organization has very little effect on world trade because most of its new members are developing countries that are exempt from stringent trade policy requirements. He said that developing countries are given special and differential treatment that does not result in any change to their trade policy after WTO entrance.

"When the vast majority

of countries acceded, they did not have to do anything different [to their trade policy] and they did not do anything to their trade policy. If trade policy doesn't change, you won't see any trade change. Membership in the WTO simply has no effect," he said.

Rose also said that a typical country either never opens up its trade policy after joining the WTO or joins the WTO and experiences an 18-year lag before opening up their trade policy.

"GATT and WTO were not about liberalizing trade," he said.

Rose's lecture was co-sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, the Mendoza College of Business and the Department of Economics.

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Companies' 401(k) funding falls

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A growing number of companies, searching for ways to cut costs, are suspending their matching contributions to workers' 401(k) retirement accounts.

Such a move by broker Charles Schwab & Co. won wide attention in March because the company has been outspoken in its support of the investment vehicle. But Schwab is not alone.

El Paso Corp., CMS Energy Corp., The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Ford Motor Co. and Tech Data Corp. are among the companies that have suspended matching contributions to 401(k) accounts over the past year. This week, Prudential Securities became the latest employer to do so.

"We needed to look for ways to achieve expense reductions that were temporary in nature and did not threaten our ability to grow and take our business forward when things turn around," said Schwab

spokesman Glenn Mathison, whose comments generally were echoed by other companies suspending matches.

Many employers adopted 401(k) accounts during the late 1980s and 1990s as a replacement for traditional pension plans. They became widely popular with workers, who saw the spiraling stock market as a way to ensure a comfortable retirement.

Employers' average matching contributions, which peaked at 3.3 percent of workers' pay in 1998 and 1999, fell to 2.5 percent in 2001, according to the most recent data available from the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America, an industry group.

While many companies have pared or suspended their contributions to retirement accounts recently, most have been employers with so-called "variable" matches that are linked to profits, said David Wray, president of the profit sharing council.

Companies have reduced these

variable matches during past economic downturns, he said.

"I think it remains rare that fixed matches are being eliminated or suspended," Wray said.

But the distinction — usually written in fine print — means little to workers accustomed to years of consistent employer contributions, said Joe Hesselthaler of Towers Perrin, a human resources consulting firm.

The change is part of broader, and in most cases temporary, efforts to cut expenses. When companies do return to matching, Hesselthaler said, many will more clearly tie 401(k) plans to company profits.

"What's the message you [the employer] are trying to get out? You're trying to get out that this isn't guaranteed. If we do well, you're going to do well. If we don't do well, you're not going to do well," Hesselthaler said.

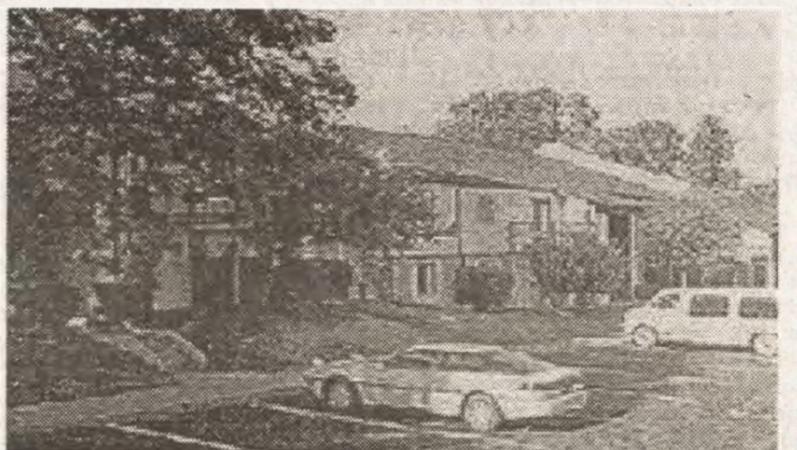
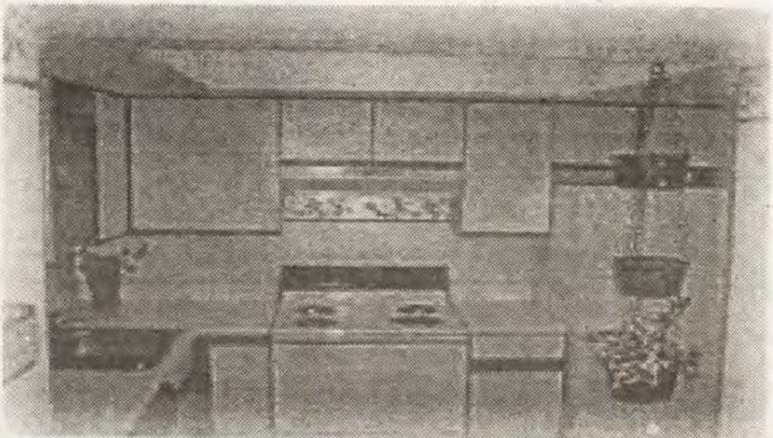
Some of the companies that have suspended matches said worker participation in 401(k) accounts has dipped slightly.

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today 4.03

Traveling Rosary for Peace
 9:00 p.m.
 Dillon Hall

friday 4.04

Freshman Retreat #47
 Friday and Saturday
 Sacred Heart Parish Center

Graduate Student Retreat
 Friday and Saturday
 Mary's Solitude

Mass for Peace and Justice
 5:15 p.m.
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart

807 Mass
 8:00 p.m.
 CoMo Student Lounge

Traveling Rosary for Peace
 9:00 p.m.
 Alumni Hall

sunday 4.06

RCIA Session
 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

Rite of Reception into Full Communion
 11:45 p.m.
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rejoice! Mass
 10:00 p.m.
 Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

monday 4.07

Traveling Rosary for Peace
 9:00 p.m.
 Welsh Family

tuesday 4.08

Campus Bible Study
 7:00 -8:00 p.m.
 114 Coleman-Morse Center

Traveling Rosary for Peace
 9:00 p.m.
 Keough Hall

Weekly Spanish Mass
 10:30 p.m.
 St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 4.09

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
 8:00 p.m.
 Wilson Commons

Traveling Rosary for Peace
 9:00 p.m.
 O'Neill Hall

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
 10:00 p.m.
 Morrissey Hall Chapel

considerations....

Becoming Catholic

Discovering the Gift of Eucharist

by Megan Thomas
 Junior, Lewis Hall

This Sunday at the Basilica, eleven people will be received into the Catholic Church in the Rite of Full Communion. I am one of these eleven, and while this Sunday marks the completion of Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults, or RCIA for me, it is not the end of my spiritual journey.

Throughout the RCIA process, I have come to understand the blessing of the Eucharist. Growing up in a Protestant church, that celebrated communion only as a sign of representation of Christ, has given me a different respect for the Eucharist. It is such a blessing and I can't wait to be able to share in this relationship with God. Throughout my journey I have witnessed the nourishment that comes from the Eucharist, but more importantly in taking the Eucharist with us and giving it to others in all aspects of our lives. Because while I haven't received the actual Eucharist, I am blessed every time I go to

I was limiting the sacrament of Communion to only receiving the actual body of Christ, when in reality it is so much more than that. I had to discover the fullness of the sacrament before I could come to understand what it means for Jesus to be completely present in the bread and wine.

mass with being in the presence of it and sharing the sacrament with those around me. As I wait in line with others, I feel the love and respect present. Even though they end with receiv-

ing the Eucharist and I just receive a blessing from a priest, I know that I have shared in the sacrament as well. I can feel the nourishment. I understand that I too am called to take this blessing of Christ out into the world.

This RCIA process has been a strengthening journey. I have never once questioned the decision I made, which is an amazing grace, but also a frustration. It's difficult for me to feel so called to this, but still have to wait for the Eucharist. But looking back I can see the blessing in this struggle. I was limiting the sacrament of Communion to only receiving the actual body of Christ, when in reality it is so much more than that. I had to discover the fullness of the sacrament before I could come to understand what it means for Jesus to be completely present in the bread and wine. It seems like such a small acceptance on our part- we just have to believe- and we receive this gift. Not only do we receive strength, healing and love in the form of a meal, but also we get to share it with other Catholics in Communion. What a powerful challenge enveloped in an amazing gift. The challenge comes in taking the blessing and sharing it with others: becoming Christ for others. We cannot receive the Eucharist and let it end with us. This is what the nourishment of the Eucharist brings into our lives. It strengthens us to become more Christ-like in our actions and words outside of mass.

As I prepare for this Sunday, I am excited to develop a greater understanding of the Eucharist and a closer relationship with God. The intense joy I feel as I look forward to celebrating my spirituality with family and friends is hard to put into words. RCIA has been a life-changing journey and I am humbled at the blessings I have received. It's incredible the amount of grace and love we receive in just answering "yes" to God's call in our lives. Because of a simple "yes" I will soon be Catholic.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Saturday Vigil Mass
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Sunday
 10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Charles Gordon, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.
 Rev. Peter Rocca, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass Zahn Hall Chapel	5:00 p.m. Law School Mass Law School Chapel	7:00 p.m. MBA Mass Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge
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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Jer 31: 31 - 34 2nd: Heb 5: 7 - 9 Gospel: John 12: 20 - 33

VIEWPOINT

Friday April 4, 2003

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Confessing sins of the past

Thirty years ago this month, my Notre Dame class was concluding its senior year of college in anticipation of graduation. It was a time similar to the present. Our classmates had marched against the Vietnam war while young Americans were brought back in caskets. The economy was flat, and most seniors felt a sense of gloom at the prospect of finding a job after graduation.

Yet, with the energy and idealism typical of college-aged people, we plodded ahead with our lives and let "senioritis" set into our psyches. We allowed ourselves to turn from the distractions of the real world and remain in the secure cocoon of Catholic Disneyland for one final month. For many in my graduating class, the year 2003 is our emancipation from a little-known campus statute of limitations buried deep in the Notre Dame archives.

Few among those outside the campus hierarchy are privy to the "Thirty-year Statute" that Notre Dame imposes on its graduates. I learned of it quite by accident when my public speaking professor one day ... well, actually every day ... would threaten us. He would flip us his middle finger and say, "If you give me this, I will hold back your degree for thirty years. It is a law I can impose at Notre Dame."

To my public speaking professor and the University administration, I declare my freedom now, at the thirtieth



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

anniversary of the sins of my past. With my degree secure, I can admit that I cut down a pine tree outside Carroll Hall and participated in commando raids through the steam tunnels into the South Dining Hall. They are acts of my youth that helped diminish the realities of life.

As a participant in student government, I frequently worked with the vice president for student affairs and the office staff. During my time at Notre Dame, their office was located on the first floor of LaFortune Student Center in the north wing next to where the large television now sits. The primary administrative secretary sat inside the doorway, just beyond a small waiting area.

One Friday in early December, she mentioned in passing that she would like to place a tree in the office waiting area. I told her I'd look around to see what might be available. That weekend I found the perfect tree just outside Carroll Hall. On Sunday evening, I dressed in black and began sawing the tree when a NDSP car patrolled the area. I left the saw halfway in the trunk and dove under a larger tree while the car stopped next to "my" tree. I spent five minutes holding my breath, which

seemed like five years, while the officer smoked a cigarette before he drove back to the main campus.

On Monday morning I retrieved the cut tree from its hiding place behind a small tool shed and dragged it past Lyons Hall across the quad back to LaFortune. The surprised secretary decorated the tree later that day. The following day when I stuck my head into the office,

she said, "Everyone has admired the tree, including a police officer who said it looked very familiar. I told him it was a gift, so he said he wasn't going to fingerprint it and went back to his rounds. Next year, I think I'll get my own tree."

My other transgression occurred prior to my birthday in February of my senior year. I decided to host a party in our dorm, Lyons Hall. A ROTC marine in my section, while exploring the campus underground steam tunnels, had discovered a way into the South Dining Hall, which has since been sealed. It was less than two feet square and required a person to twist in several directions around hot pipes and then drop down a three-foot step. Several of us had entered and returned through that route until some-

one thought of just exiting through a window.

The marine knew where the dining staff kept keys to refrigerated lockers and storage rooms. With precision, we executed a refund on our meal tickets for the breakfasts we never attended throughout our four years on campus by systematically moving about the dining hall and basement areas. We retrieved two large bricks of cheese, industrial sized containers of peanuts and crackers, a twenty-pound uncut meat, industrial sized cans of tuna and mayonnaise, along with paper products. Our excursion ended within an hour, and we only needed to buy a keg of beer for the enormously successful birthday bash that filled the entire third floor of Lyons Hall.

In many ways the simplicity of life on campus in 1973 was just as pressure-filled as the complexities of life on campus today. The college pranks of the 1950s paled in scope compared to those of a more militant student body of the Vietnam war generation. We in turn, are among the ghosts of campus past. While each generation faces personal, campus and global problems in its own way, history will ultimately judge how well the campus, and society overall, reacted. If it were not for a statute of limitations, we alumni may not be as readily eager to share our weaknesses as examples of how young men and women of another day survived.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call for peace among ourselves

Over the past few weeks since the war on Iraq has been launched, I have come to notice dissent and division among many Notre Dame students on campus. There are the students who have supported this war all along and who continue to rally behind the government. On the other side, there are the students who have objected to the war and continue to take anti-war stances. Since the day the war became a reality, feelings have intensified and voices have seemed to grow louder and louder.

Unfortunately, just as the voices have become stronger, the division appears to have deepened. Underneath all of the varying messages, though, I feel there exists one common hope for eternal peace. Now you may read the word "peace" and be internally bombarded with images of protestors and hippies or anti-war slogans and posters. But what I would like to point out today is that the word "peace" is not solely reserved for those who feel strongly against the war on Iraq.

Peace is something greater and far more beautiful than what the eye can see or the hand can touch. It is a word that can represent truth and hope to every existing man or woman. Can we not all share the same dreams of a more unified world, a world with less suffering and greater friendship among nations, a world filled with peace?

I strongly believe that no matter what stance we as individuals take on the war, we all share many of the same goals. We can all share the hope for a quick end to this conflict, for the least possible amount of American and Iraqi casualties and for an establishment of peace in the Middle East. We all can come together in a spirit of confusion, hope and despair and support our

troops as well as each other.

What I have witnessed on campus is a complete disregard for the commonality among those for and against this war. As Americans and Christians, I feel that now, more than ever, we should unite under the word "peace" and not draw such a distinct and fatal line between those with differing opinions. In the coming weeks and months, I will continue to be opposed to this war, while others will maintain an attitude of support, but what we need to overcome is the division that has been created. I believe that as the Notre Dame student body, we need to begin to break down the walls that have been constructed.

Mother Teresa once said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Her words seem strikingly appropriate at this time in history, for it is only once we have peace among ourselves that we can implement peace into greater society. We need to remember that beneath all of the discord, in our hearts we all wish for a better, more peaceful world. We must always remember that we do belong to one another.

With all of this in mind, I would encourage everyone, as a community of caring and passionate people, to pray together for peace. Everybody is welcome to come to the grotto and join other concerned students who meet every weeknight at 11 p.m. to pray in solidarity. I hope to see you all there. Peace be with you.

Alice Pennington
freshman
Lewis Hall
April 3

Supporting the tradition of Mass

To "save" Catholicism, the one thing that should especially not be messed with is the Mass. In his Wednesday column, Joe Muto got it all backwards. While his ideas were said jokingly, let's follow this yellow brick road and see where the wizard takes us.

Cheerleaders, the wave and air horns at Mass are definitely off the wall. While these practices will never gain official approval, they can happen at Mass. Think I'm kidding? I wish I were. There have been Masses where the wave was actually done. Kazoos and noisemakers have been used for music. As to the Eucharist, a Protestant minister once used fruitcake and eggnog for Christmas.

A big problem with these "advancements," besides the lack of sanctity, is the effect on attendance. Sure it goes up at first — everyone likes excitement. Maybe it even lasts for a few years, but the church dies. I've seen it happen. Being from the Bible Belt, I see Protestant churches compete to gain members. I know churches with laser light shows of the Gospel. Others let you paint the devil's face on a balloon and pop it. How exciting.

Yet this does not keep people coming. The Protestants that are serious about services last while those who cater to the masses have come and gone. These Protestants have taught me that entertainment never works. Catholic churches have tried marketing too, but attendance is not nearly what it used to be or could be. My parish recently went from drums and guitars to pipe organs and bells. It also went from one of the smallest parishes in the diocese to the largest, current weekend attendance being 7,000. Churchgoers realize what they really long for is the "meat and potatoes." Once they see entertainment does not have it, they leave. The fact is, to save the Church the best thing we can do is keep stained glass, orthodoxy and the Eucharist. If you want to see Heaven, go to Mass. The Mass is Heaven and the book of Revelation makes that clear. Think about that next time you're in the pew.

Becket Gremmels
sophomore
Alumni Hall
April 2

SCENE *theatre*

So many women, so little

The Farley Hall Players present "Jake's Women," a psychological comedy

By KC KENNEY
Scene Writer

If I were to ask you if you ever spoke to yourself, half the people reading this would say, "Sure!" and the other would half say, "I don't know, do I talk to myself?"

Most people would say that you don't really have control over the thoughts that come into your head, that they just appear. But what if those thoughts not only appeared but started to take on a mind of their own, having as much depth and realism as a flesh-and-blood person? How would you be able to tell the real people from those in your mind? How could you lead a normal life? More importantly, if your thoughts were always with you, how would you get those voices to shut up every once in a while?

In Farley Hall's play "Jake's Women," the audience takes a step into the mind of a man named Jake, a fifty-something

writer who has begun to blend his life and his thoughts into one confusing mess. To put it bluntly, the stresses in his life have caused him to start to lose it.

The audience is quickly drawn into his mind as they try to distinguish the difference between what is real and what is not. His thoughts take the form of seven women, all characters from different parts of his life, that continuously show up to play his advocate, bring him comfort or give him someone to talk to when he is alone. "Time flies when you're neurotic" is not too far off from the truth.

"Jake's Women" is a dramatic show, with the type of comedy interspersed throughout that comes from everyday life rather than one-liners or slapstick. And what can you expect? The audience is welcomed into Jake's mind at a low point in his life. Jake is a widower, and his second wife is on her way out the door for a six-month separation so that they step back and re-examine things.

Jake clings to the memory of his deceased first wife, finds himself delving deeper and deeper into his writings and making every aspect of his life a story. Throughout the show, we actually only see two "real" women, but Jake is constantly writing stories and dialogues in his mind about what the major female characters in his life would say if they were with him.

The show itself, written by Neil Simon of "The Odd Couple" and "Lost In Yonkers"

is a very interesting look at the quirks of the human mind. Each woman in Jake's life represents a different role or relationship that a man could have with a woman, including wife, daughter (who jumps back and forth between being age 12 and 21), sister, girlfriend and therapist. Each relationship is unique, as a woman is called forth into his thoughts at different times for different purposes.

However, when Jake's wife leaves him, he falls into despair and begins to lose control of his thoughts. The women come and go as they please in his mind. One cleverly done scene has Jake calling his real therapist to ask how to get rid of his imaginary therapist who won't stop harping at him about the quality of his life. The story is an interesting idea, a solid attempt at looking at the different levels of the human, not just the male, psyche. There are a few moments where Simon's script is awkward and somewhat lackluster, but he balances it out with moments of genius as his grasp of Jake's dilemma really comes out. The show has its ups and downs with both emotion and mood; you're able to laugh at Jake's predicament almost as quickly as you can feel strong sympathy for the turmoil in his life.

In the title role of Jake, sophomore Mike Dolson handles himself well. It is a difficult role, as all the imaginary women rely on him to come "alive" and the real women need him to interact with. His initial approach to the show is awkward and moody and the audience is able to feel for the withdrawn and eccentric writer.

The first act is a little more passive and once or twice Dolson seems to be questioning the depth at which he should allow

himself to fall into the character, coming out of it briefly, but then slipping right back in. However, as Jake's madness grows in the second act, so does Dolson's

passion for the role. He banters back and forth with several women at once, imaginary and real, blending both worlds and almost tricking the audience into his neurosis, in and making it that much more believable.

One of the difficult aspects of the women's roles is the fact that they are playing thoughts and therefore are subject to changes in thought, character and emotion as Jake's thought



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Two of Jake's women interact with each other. As the play progresses, reality and imagination become more blurred.



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Jake (Mike Dolson) holds an imaginary conversation with his former wife Julie (Devon Candura).



"Jake's Women"



Farley Hall Players

Director: Meghann Tabor
Playwright: Neil Simon
Stage Manager: Lisa Galli
Starring: Mike Dolson, Molly Topper, Devon Candura, Lena Caliguri, Beth Colombo, Carrie Campbell, Annie Walrski, Liz Clouse

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process changes. They all handle the script very well.

Lena Caliguri does well as the prodding therapist, illustrating an aspect of stream of consciousness well done in this show. As Jake talks to his therapist, his train of thought jumps about to self-pity to sex, to humor and back to self-pity. Caliguri is well-balanced and not shaken by the jumping between parts. She and Jake's sister, played by Beth Colombo, add a level of humor to the show as both seem to enjoy twisting the screws in Jake's life, making him question his own motives and actions.

Two highlights of the show are the performances of Jake's first (now deceased) and second (now separated) wife. Devon Candura as Julie, Jake's first wife, shows well-developed, playful intimacy that displays an idealistic and wonderful idea of first love. Julie never seems to know whether she is real or not, but Devon adds breath to the character that it is easy to see why Jake has difficulty thinking of her as imaginary.

Molly Topper does a fantastic job as the dual role of Maggie, Jake's wife in reality and as a figment of his imagination. She is playful and witty as a solid piece of Jake's mind, but Topper also adds depth and natural flow to her emotional charged scenes with Dolson. She offers him support as a strong leading lady, but she shows off her versatility as her part jumps in and out of

reality.

Though there are times when it may confuse, "Jake's Women" does a good job of drawing the audience into Jake's head. Farley Hall is offering this show in a relaxed setting, serving "wine" and cheese before the show. It creates a good atmosphere to sit back, relax and enjoy the fact that someone out there is crazier than you are.

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Problems with Jake's current wife Maggie (Molly Topper) trigger Jake's breakdown.



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Jake converses with another of his imaginary women, creating not only her words but also what she wears. At times his creations protest he is being unrealistic.

The best of student art
The Snite Museum displays art students' thesis projects

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

This Sunday, an exhibition of the senior projects of the University's graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts candidates will open at the Snite Museum of Art.

The BFA and MFA thesis candidates are one of the Snite Museum's most popular exhibits, attracting over 800 visitors to the awards ceremony last spring. The Snite Museum's display is unusual compared to many university museums which refuse to display student art.

"It's really unique," said Austin Collins, chair of the art department. "The Snite and the art department have an excellent relationship."

This year's exhibit features a wide variety of exhibits from a larger than life representation of Jesus constructed from insulation foam and automotive body filler to an edited video of an artist dancing with a heartbeat as background accompaniment. Some exhibits have political messages, while others address issues such as body image, preservation of the environment and spiritual experience.

"We get a wide variety of projects, which is really good," said Gina Costa, marketing and public affairs specialist for the Snite Museum. "Each year is so different in the issues that are dealt with."

Other featured exhibits include "Consumed by the Daily," a sculpture by MFA student Suzanne Mauro designed as a commentary on the difference between the ceremony and reality of marriage, and a sculpted grove of trees created to represent encounters with the spiritual by MFA student Phillip Shore.

All the exhibits include written explanations of the artists' intended message

and techniques.

"The mindspace I enter when I dance is enough to show me that there is something greater to this world," said artist Gerry Sheahan, explaining his piece "Murmurs Through Time: The Eternal Heartbeat."

The exhibit includes four pieces by MFA students and nine by BFA students. Students have worked on their projects over the past year, with juries for the BFA candidates in December. The projects are the culmination of a three-year study program for the MFA students and a four- to five-year program for the BFA students. BFA students take an additional 30 credit hours in addition to the normal 36 art student earn for a BA degree and some stay an extra year to finish the requirements. Around 38 of the school's 182 art majors attempt to earn a BFA degree.

The MFA program often leads to job placement for talented artists, including some artists such as Shore whose work is already known outside the University.

"The graduate program horn needs to be tooted louder," said "Students do well being placed in teaching."

"This is a very strong show," said Collins. "It's a very professional space, and a good experience for our students to display in a museum."

The BFA/MFA Thesis Exhibition will be open from April 6 to May 18. The opening reception will run from 2 to 4 p.m., with awards presented in the Annenberg Auditorium at 3 p.m. Awards include the Walter R. Beardsley cash prize for the best work in the show, Department of Art, Art History and Design awards for exceptional papers, and College of Arts and Letters faculty teaching awards.

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Photo courtesy of Scott Kelley

In his exhibit at the Snite Museum, Scott Kelley presents a shoe design for orphans in poor countries which can accommodate feet as they grow.

BASEBALL

Eagles, Red Storm add up to huge road test for Irish

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Sports Writer

On March 24, the Notre Dame baseball team returned from its last of 17 consecutive road games with an 11-6 record.

Seven home games and 10 days later, the Irish hit the road as an 18-6 team (5-1 in the Big East) poised to make a move in the conference with double-headers against Boston College (14-10 overall, 3-2 in the Big East) and St. John's (13-12, 3-0) today and Sunday, respectively.

Due to poor field conditions at the Boston College on-campus field, the two games against the Eagles were moved to Campanelli Stadium in Brockton, Mass., about an hour south of Boston.

The two teams will square off

first today at 2 p.m., with sophomores Chris Niesel and John Axford facing off against Eagles hurlers Chris Lambert and Kevin Shephard.

The two pitching duos could not be more similar — while Niesel and Axford have combined for a 7-1 record with 3.12 and 2.31 earned run averages, respectively, Lambert and Shephard are 6-1 and have 3.13 and 2.30 ERAs, respectively.

The Eagles and Irish share many common opponents — Purdue, which the Irish defeated 8-5 March 26 and the Eagles lost to 1-0 March 1, as well as Valparaiso, which the Irish beat 13-4 and the Eagles swept 13-11 and 10-2.

In addition, Notre Dame swept Georgetown in a three-game series while the Eagles

took two of three games from the Hoyas. The Irish took two of three from Villanova while the Eagles and Wildcats split a two-game set Thursday.

From Brockton, the Irish will travel to Jamaica, N.Y. for a two-game set starting at 11 a.m. Sunday with one of only two teams that is still undefeated in the Big East — the Red Storm.

Contrary to the Irish and Eagles, the Irish and Red Storm have played no common opponents so far this season.

The Red Storm's season storyline has run very similarly to that of Notre Dame's — after beginning the season 4-11, St. John's has won nine of its last ten, including four in a row.

In order to continue their current nine-game winning streak, the Irish will need to step up

their offense and defense, which has steadily improved over the course of the season. Against the last seven opponents, the Irish offense has produced 75 runs and a .371 batting average — while holding its opponents to a .223 average with Irish pitchers holding a 2.80 ERA — over the last 10 days.

This weekend will be an excellent gauge for where this youthful Irish squad — which typically starts four freshmen — stands within a very competitive Big East Conference this season.

So far, the Irish have overwhelmed Big East doormats Villanova and Georgetown — who presently are a combined 3-13 in the Big East and 13-31 overall.

When they face the Eagles and Red Storm this weekend, which Irish head coach Paul Mainieri says is a challenge his team is ready for, it will be a true test of just how much the Irish have improved since the beginning of the season.

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MENS GOLF

Team heads for better weather

◆ Team captain Lunke brings home-course advantage to San Antonio

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Last weekend was unkind to the Irish mens golf team when they struggled through freezing temperatures, precipitation and an injury to freshman Tommy Balderston.

The result was an 11th place finish out of 15 teams. But the Irish enter this weekend's Border Olympics under much better conditions.

Senior captain Brandon Lunke should be inspired by a homecoming of sorts. Lunke, a native of the San Antonio area, has played on the region's courses for most of his life and knows what to expect from the Laredo Country Club.

"Typically, Southern Texas courses are dry," Lunke said. "It will probably be pretty wide open and pretty windy as well."

The Irish should be energized by the weather as well. At last weekend's tournament, golfers had to battle biting winds and freezing cold. Temperatures could reach the 90s in Laredo, Texas.

Unlike last weekend, Notre Dame will be at full strength this week. Balderston rejoins the team, meaning Notre Dame will bring four freshmen to the second oldest collegiate tournament in the country. Balderston finished second among Irish golfers at the last tournament he competed in, and he has the fourth-best 18-hole average among Irish golfers this season.

Freshman Scott Gustafson's game is peaking at the right time for the Irish. Gustafson is coming off of his best finish of the season and has led the team for three straight tournaments. Gustafson's sixth-place finish dropped his 18-hole average to a team-best 74.87. His emergence as a leader has not been overlooked by Lunke.

"Scott has a complete game and is a hard worker," Lunke said. "There's not much locker

room talk in golf, but his game is close to where it needs to be. He's motivating us through his actions."

Arkansas, Baylor, Brigham Young, Kansas State, Rice and Washington State are among the 20 teams in the tournament. Texas A&M hosts the Border Olympics, which celebrates its 52nd year of existence.

Some of the past champions of this historical tournament include Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw.

After last weekend's challenges, the team looks toward improving in its preparation for the Big East Tournament.

"Last weekend's outing was tough on all of us. There were some harsh conditions," Lunke said. "The team is looking forward to nice weather and some good golf."

The first 36 holes of the Border Olympics will be played today. The final 18 holes in Laredo conclude Saturday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to host home conference opener

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team will continue to try and reverse last season's misfortune when it hosts conference rival Adrian College Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Belles played Adrian in their first conference doubleheader last year and lost both games, 9-1 and 5-3. Last year's 0-2 start for Saint Mary's was indicative of the type of season the Belles would have.

Saint Mary's stole two extra-inning games from Kalamazoo on Wednesday to open 2-0 in the MIAA and increase its overall record to 12-6-1.

This year, coach Anna Welsh emphasizes coming out ready to play and make a lasting impression. Welsh said she wants her team to come out firing and intimidating conference opponents.

"We won both games on Wednesday, but we didn't make the statement we are capable of making," Welsh said. "If we can make that kind of statement against Adrian, we'll be on our way."

The Belles certainly are capable of scoring a lot of runs. The team has only been shutout once this season and has produced over five runs in nine of their games so far. Freshman Kate Sajewich and senior Susan Kutz are two reliable hitters the Belles will look to for leadership with the bats.

Pitching is also a strong point for the Belles. Most recently, freshman Bridget Grall pitched six hitless innings against Kalamazoo Wednesday.

Due to the cancellation of a double-header against Olivet College on Saturday, March 29, the Belles had a 10-day break between the Indianapolis tournament and their match-up with Kalamazoo on Wednesday. Now, however, Saint Mary's will see little rest as they play a fast-paced league schedule with two or three games per week.

"We have a lot of freshmen, so our upperclassmen will get them accustomed to playing this type of schedule," Welsh said.

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MENS TENNIS

Captain guarantees victory after Miami wake-up call

By **JOE LINDSLEY**
Sports Writer

After suffering a 6-1 loss to conference rival Miami Sunday, the Irish are looking to use that disappointing event to make the rest of their season successful.

A team that began the season 0-4 is now striving to go 4-0 in its final matches as the postseason looms. That stretch begins Sunday when Notre Dame travels to Southern Methodist in Dallas.

"We're going to win," junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "I don't think we expect [just] to fight hard or to give them a good match — we expect to win."

While the Irish struggled early in the season, their early record hides the fact that many of those matches were fairly close.

Even against the Hurricane squad that beat them 6-1, Notre Dame had some misfortunes that turned the tide against their favor. Additionally, the Irish have shown they can beat top teams — evidenced by their 5-2 defeat of Virginia Tech, another Big East foe, just a week before the Miami loss. The Hokies defeated the Hurricanes 5-2 earlier in the season.

Nevertheless, last Sunday was disappointing for the Irish.

"We were really down after that match," Scott said, who

took some of the blame for the loss.

"I can't but feel to personally responsible for that match," he continued. "When we come off a big [win] over Virginia Tech, and then [lose] at Miami, I'm left thinking, 'What could I have done more to maybe have secured that win.'"

Perhaps the important victory over the Hokies made the Irish somewhat complacent when they dueled with the Hurricanes.

"Maybe we were, believe it or not, a little bit overconfident," Scott said. "I don't really know, but I know that we're not going to make that same mistake twice."

Just as the Irish were able to

maintain their morale even after beginning the 2003 season with the worst start in program history, they hope to use the lessons learned from the loss in Miami so they might be a more effective team in the remaining four matches, as well as the postseason.

"Hopefully [Sunday's loss] will serve as a little bit of firepower for the guys in the upcoming matches and especially in the Big East, to kind of redeem ourselves," Scott said.

"The end of the season means we've played a bunch of matches and we have a fair amount of experience. We've learned a lot from all the matches, so I think we'll be able to use that in the matches that we have

next." After Southern Methodist, Notre Dame hosts Ball State, travels to Kentucky, and then returns home for the finale against Indiana State. The Irish are committed to adding only wins from this point on.

"Our goal now is to close out the end of the season by winning all four of these matches, and to take that momentum into the Big East," Scott said.

For now though, Notre Dame is learning from the past and putting blinders on so as not to worry about the future while the victory-seeking Mustangs are at hand.

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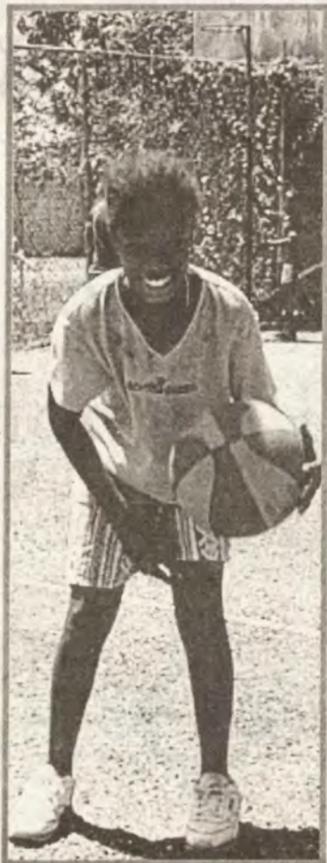
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ROWING

Irish rowing debuts at No. 21 in rankings

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

After a strong performance at the Indiana Classic last weekend, the Irish, who won all four varsity races against Purdue and Indiana, are ranked No. 21 in the first US Rowing/CRCA Poll of the season.

Many of Notre Dame's past competitors are also ranked in the poll, including No. 5 Michigan, No. 23 Tennessee and No. 26 Clemson.

At the Indiana Classic, Notre Dame's varsity eight crew of Cassie Markstahler, Kati Sedun, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Erica Drennen and Danielle Protasewich finished in 6:37.66, beating Purdue by 8.17 seconds. Notre Dame triumphed for a second time when the second varsity eight crew of Kathryn Long, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Devon Hegeman, Christy Donnelly, Meredith Thornburgh, Katie Chenoweth and Melissa Felker easily won their race in 18.25 seconds over the Boilermakers.

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Amoni led the Notre Dame boat to a varsity four victory with a time of 7:25.87. The Irish won by 4.58 seconds over Indiana and finished 16.92 seconds ahead of the Boilermakers. Rounding out the races, Notre Dame took first and third in the second varsity four. The B boat of Maureen Gibbons, Tricia David, Ann Mulligan, Jennifer Connolly and Courtney Quinn won the race in 7:45.08, beating Purdue by 2.75 seconds. The Notre Dame A boat of Rebecca Campbell, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keefer, Antionette Duck and Megan Sanders was right behind Purdue and finished the race in 7:48.75.

The Irish are slated to see some stiff competition from nine more ranked teams this season, including No. 1 Washington at the Windermere Cup on May 3, No. 9 Michigan State on April 12, No. 13 Syracuse on April 27 at the Big East Rowing Challenge and No. 17 Texas, No. 22 Minnesota, No. 24 Duke, No. 29 Louisville and No. 31 Kansas State, at the Central/South Regions in May. The Irish travel to No. 15 Iowa Sunday for a meet with the Hawkeyes.

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WOMENS TENNIS

Win at Indiana extends hot streak

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

In what was the last match of a tightly packed two-week period, the Irish extended their winning streak to five as they dominated yet another Big Ten team.

Playing less than 24 hours after they scored a 6-1 road victory over No. 24 Illinois, No. 27 ranked Notre Dame executed another 6-1 win Thursday when they topped unranked Indiana.

Notre Dame, 13-7 on the season, has now won nine of its last ten matches. In the past two weeks, the Irish have scored five victories over Big Ten teams, which should help increase the team's confidence as they prepare for their last regular season match a visit to highly ranked Miami next week.

Notre Dame got ahead easily against the Hoosiers, who have struggled of late. Junior Caylan Leslie and freshman Jennifer Smith, playing at No. 3 doubles, won 8-3 over Jessica Groth and Sophie Rychlik. Then senior captain Katie Cunha and freshman Lauren Connelly defeated Sarah Batty and Martina Grimm, 8-4, to earn the doubles point to Notre Dame for the seventh consecutive match.

After quickly gaining the doubles point, the Irish quickly grabbed the necessary three singles matches to secure the victory over the unranked Hoosiers.

Smith, after beating Groth in doubles play, once again dominated her — this time in singles. The Irish freshman, who was moved into the lineup by coach Jay Louderback to give junior Alicia Salas a day off, tri-



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Notre Dame freshman Jennifer Smith returns the ball in a match against Iowa March 21. The 6-1 win Thursday over Indiana extended Notre Dame's winning streak to five.

umphed 6-0, 6-1 over Groth.

Lauren Connelly then claimed a win at No. 5 over Groth's doubles partner, Rychlik. Connelly's 6-1, 6-1 straight set win put the Irish within a point of victory, and Leslie, ranked No. 33 nationally, answered the call as she subdued Linda Tran, also in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0.

Once the Irish had claimed the win, sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly continued a personal trend and once again rallied after losing the first set to come out on top over the Hoosiers' Dominika Walterova, 3-6, 6-3, 1-0 (10-6).

Freshman Kristina Stastny then made the day a little grimmer for Indiana when she put the Irish up by another point

with her defeat of Martina Grimm, 6-1, 5-7, 1-0 (10-4).

Notre Dame's only loss of the day came from Cunha, who was topped in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 by Indiana's Sarah Batty. It was the Irish captain's second singles loss in as many days.

Fortunately for the Irish, the high concentration of matches within a small time period has come to an end, for now. The Irish will have some rest before their final regular season competition April 12 in Coral Gables, Fla. Two weeks later, the Irish will return to the Miami area for the Big East Championships.

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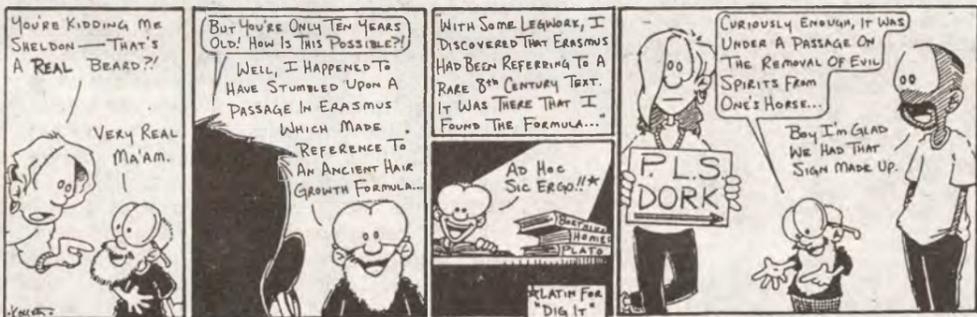
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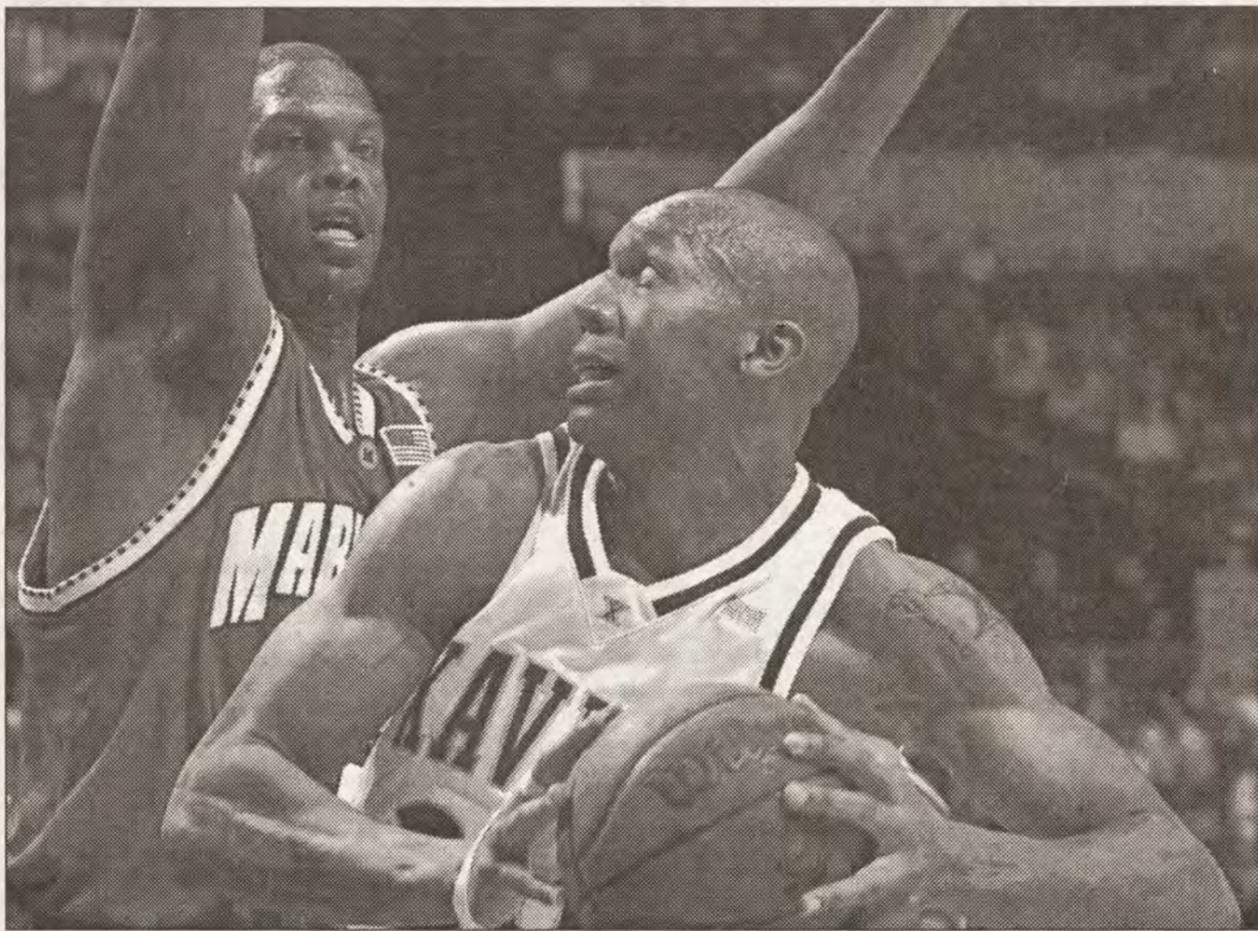
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AROUND THE NATION

Womens Softball Polls

ESPN		USA Today	
rank	team	rank	team
1	UCLA (18)	1	UCLA (22)
2	Arizona	2	Arizona
3	Oklahoma	3	Washington
4	Washington	4	Oklahoma
5	Texas	5	Texas
6	California	6	Nebraska
7	Nebraska	7	California
8	Cal State Fullerton	8	Georgia
9	Georgia	9	Cal State Fullerton
10	DePaul	10	DePaul
11	Stanford	11	LSU
12	Arizona State	12	Stanford
13	LSU	13	Arizona State
14	South Carolina	14	Michigan
15	Oklahoma State	15	South Carolina
16	Florida State	16	Alabama
17	Michigan	17	Florida State
18	Alabama	18	Oklahoma State
19	Texas A&M	19	Oregon
20	Oregon	20	Texas A&M
21	Iowa	21	Oregon
22	South Florida	22	South Florida
23	Ohio State	23	Kansas
24	Oregon State	24	Florida
25	Massachusetts	25	Louisiana-Lafayette

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Senior forward David West goes up for a shot in a game against Maryland. On Thursday, West became the first Xavier player to earn AP All-American honors, as he was the leading vote-getter with 64 first team votes.

West heads AP All-American team

Associated Press

David West knows how to get the most, whether it's points on the court or votes off of it. He became the first Xavier player to earn AP All-American honors Thursday as the leading vote-getter on the 2002-03 team.

The three-time Atlantic 10 player of the year was joined on the first team by fellow seniors Nick Collison of Kansas and Josh Howard of Wake Forest, along with junior Dwyane Wade of Marquette and sophomore T.J. Ford of Texas.

The 6-foot-9 West, a sec-

ond-team All-American last year, averaged 20.3 points and 12.0 rebounds for the Musketeers, leading them to a No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament.

West, the only preseason All-American to earn the postseason honor, received 64 first-team votes and 344 points from the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25. Each voter picked three teams and players received points on a 5-3-1 basis. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Ford averaged 15.0 points and 7.5 assists. The 5-10 Ford had two more first-team votes than

West but finished with 343 points.

Howard was the Atlantic Coast Conference's player of the year, averaging 20 points and 8.1 rebounds. The 6-6 forward received 47 first-team votes and 303 points.

Collison averaged 18.4 points and 9.3 rebounds. The 6-9 Collison, an honorable-mention pick last season, was on 42 first-team ballots and had 281 points.

Wade was the first Marquette player to make the first team since 1978. The 6-4 Wade averaged 21.5 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists.

Wade, an honorable-mention selection as a sophomore, had 273 points and received 43 first-team votes.

Hollis Price of Oklahoma was one of four seniors on the second team. He was joined by Kyle Korver of Creighton, Troy Bell of Boston College and Jason Gardner of Arizona. Freshman Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse was seventh in the voting with 203 points.

Seniors made up the third team: Brian Cook of Illinois, Reece Gaines of Louisville, Kirk Hinrich of Kansas, Keith Bogans of Kentucky and Ron Slay of Tennessee.

Baseball America Poll

rank	team	record
1	Rice	28-1
2	Cal-State Fullerton	24-6
3	Florida State	28-5
4	Stanford	18-9
5	Mississippi State	22-3
6	Auburn	24-6
7	Arizona State	34-6
8	Long Beach State	18-9
9	Miami	23-4
10	Baylor	22-9
11	Nebraska	19-6
12	Louisiana State	18-9
13	Texas	19-9
14	Georgia Tech	21-5
15	North Carolina State	23-7
16	Richmond	20-4
17	Florida Atlantic	27-7
18	Wake Forest	19-7
19	NOTRE DAME	16-6
20	Clemson	19-6
21	Florida	22-6
22	Texas A&M	23-9
23	Southern Mississippi	20-8
24	Nevada-Las Vegas	22-9
25	Oklahoma State	17-8

Womens College Lacrosse

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Virginia Tech	0	3	.000

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NBA

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IN BRIEF

Phelps wins big at Nationals

Michael Phelps defeated an Olympic medalist for the second straight night and was still looking to improve.

Phelps, the 17-year-old standout from Baltimore, won the 200-meter freestyle in Thursday's U.S. National Spring Swimming Championships.

Phelps finished in 1 minute, 47.37 seconds, beating Klebe Keller, the bronze medalist in the 400 meters at the 2000 Olympics.

In Wednesday's 200-meter backstroke, Phelps defeated Lenny Krayzelburg, who won three gold medals at the Sydney Olympics.

Tom Wilkens secured his 16th national title by winning the 400-meter individual medley in 4:16.75, then compared Phelps' impact on the sport to Michael Jordan's on the NBA.

"Michael is raising the bar, making all of the sport better," Wilkens

said of Phelps.

Wilkens, 27, moved into a tie with Chad Carvin for most national titles.

Lindsay Benko, another Olympian, took first in the women's 200 freestyle.

Kaitlin Sandeno, an Olympian, won the women's 400 individual medley in 4:45.48.

Southern Methodist swimmers Liša Wanberg, Laura Pomeroy, Georgina Lee and Lotta Wanberg won the women's 400 freestyle relay in 3:48.86.

Doherty claims UNC was afraid players would leave

Matt Doherty said North Carolina athletic department officials never met with him to discuss problems with his coaching style before Doherty was asked to resign as the school's basketball coach.

"[Athletic director] Dick Baddour is a good person. I like Dick Baddour. I think it's just more the handling, the process that I'm dis-

appointed in quite frankly," Doherty said Thursday. "I didn't feel like all the options were exhausted."

Doherty said he was told Saturday that he would have to resign or be fired by early this week.

"The main concerns were that if I stayed players would transfer, that if I stayed they felt that players might turn pro before they would be ready to go. Like that's not an issue throughout the country anyway," Doherty said.

Doherty said he didn't know of any players who planned to leave if he had remained.

Kirschner said the possibility of players transferring played a role in Doherty's departure, but wasn't the main reason the coach lost his job.

Doherty said he will continue to root for North Carolina.

"They're going to be good next year whether you coach them or I coached them," he said.

Showcase

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Gunnarsdottir, the chance to play top competition. Notre Dame has already played three spring games, defeating DePaul 2-0 on March 14 and Western Michigan 6-0 and Ball State 6-0 on March 29. "Our kids played really well," said Waldrum. "I'm

very pleased, but these games will be our first real tests."

The three-day tournament began Wednesday with a 2-2 draw between Mexico and Canada. Notre Dame and Michigan join the internationals for play tonight and Saturday at Alumni Field.

Michigan faces Canada at 5:30 Friday with Notre Dame and Mexico to follow. Michigan battles Mexico Saturday, after which the

Irish take on Canada.

In Wednesday's game, Mexico's Desiree Flint opened the scoring in the 13th minute, but Thorlakson evened the game for the Canadians six minutes later.

After the 1-1 halftime tie, Canada took the second half lead when Josee Belanger scored on a corner kick-header from Brittany Timko. The lead lasted to the final minutes, when Mexico tied it on a penalty kick after Canada was whistled for a foul in the box.

Canada held a large lead in shots, 19-8, but Mexican goalkeeper Pamela Alonso made 10 saves. Canada's Taryn Swiatek made two key saves on breakaways for Canada.

Thorlakson will play for Notre Dame when the Irish face Canada.

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SMC TENNIS

Three opponents for Belles this weekend

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team has a busy weekend ahead.

The Belles will play three matches in two days, opening with a contest against Adrian College on the road on Saturday. After that, the team will travel to Chicago for matches with Carthage College and the University of Chicago Sunday.

The Belles are looking to get back in the win column after a tough 5-4 loss to Kalamazoo College Tuesday. With a strong 9-2 record, the team is motivat-

ed to perform well during this difficult stretch.

"There will be good matches [this weekend], maybe not quite as competitive as Kalamazoo," junior Kaitlin Cutler said. "But it seems like the whole conference has improved this year."

First up will be a match up against Adrian, a MIAA conference foe. The Bulldogs are 1-0 in conference and 5-2 overall. Adrian and Saint Mary's have faced several common opponents this year. Both teams defeated Olivet and Tri-State University. Adrian lost 7-2 to Aquinas, a team the Belles shut out 9-0.

The Belles' first opponent in Chicago will be Carthage College, a team with a 4-1 record this season. Carthage looks to be a strong opponent, as they defeated Kalamazoo 6-3.

"It's kind of an overwhelming weekend," said junior Kaitlin Cutler. "But we're excited to travel to Chicago."

The host University of Chicago team has a record of 0-1 for the spring and hasn't played nearly as many matches as the Belles.

Saint Mary's faces Adrian Saturday at 1 p.m. The Belles play matches against Carthage and University of Chicago Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Simon's three goals not enough to get past No. 8 Syracuse



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Midfielder Abby Owen attempts to elude an Ohio State defender in the Buckeyes 12-9 win March 25.

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Despite another late game rally, the Notre Dame womens lacrosse team dropped a 9-6 decision at No. 8 Syracuse. The Irish competed strongly but could not do quite enough to get the win for the third straight time against a ranked opponent.

The Irish were plagued again by a tough start as Syracuse jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

"We just were a little tentative on offense in the first half," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "They are a very high-powered offensive team, so we weren't surprised they were scoring, but we just couldn't match them."

Despite a 6-1 deficit at half-time, the Irish turned up the intensity in the second half. By the end of the game, the Irish had evened most of the statistics, including ground balls

and draw controls and outshot Syracuse 28-26, but they could not break through on the scoreboard enough to catch the Orangewomen.

"We put a ton of pressure on them in the second half," Coyne said. "We had a lot of opportunities and came out real strong. We controlled time of possession and forced turnovers well, but we needed to score more than five goals."

Danielle Shearer, who scored the lone Irish first half goal, scored on two free-position chances to cut the lead to 6-3 before three more Syracuse goals pushed the lead back to six. The Irish continued battling as Meredith Simon scored three goals to get the Irish back within three.

The Irish hit the post three times in the final minutes as they fired 22 shots in the second half.

"We're playing very hard, and that shows a lot about our character," Coyne said. "We went all out, so it's disappoint-

ing to lose. We've been right there though, and we've come a long way.

The Irish fell to 3-4 (2-1 in the Big East) on the season with the loss. Syracuse moved to 7-2 (4-1).

Next up for the Irish is Big East foe Connecticut Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center, where the Irish will look to even its season record.

"UConn is a huge game for us," Coyne said. "They're having a breakthrough season. Connecticut beat Vanderbilt, a ranked win, and had a lead on Syracuse at the half."

Despite the losses, Coyne believes her team is responding well and putting themselves in position to win.

"We've had a lot of solid performances at different times. We haven't given up. We're playing hard and we've had opportunities to win. That's a positive."

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Track

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and Eric Morrison, who qualified in the 1,500 meters for the men.

"It is a new format this year, and everyone is getting used to it," said Somok who is taking the weekend off. "It is good to get [qualifying] taken care of, because now some of us can afford to take time off and get rested."

Finally, Tameisha King,

Kristen Dodd, Tiffany Gunn and Kymia Love ran their best time this year, as they qualified for the NCAA Regional in the 400-meter relay at the Florida Relays.

However, last weekend was not the only time the Irish saw their athletes qualify, as Selim Nurudeen (110-meter hurdles), Love (400 meters), Dodd (400-meters), Gunn (400-meters and 400-meter hurdles), Stacey Cowan (high jump) and Jaime Volkmer (pole vault) have all qualified for the NCAA Regional meet.

The Irish have three more chances to qualify for the Big East and NCAA Regional meets. Saturday looks to be a great opportunity.

"We are all excited, especially

the guys who didn't get to go to Stanford last weekend," Somok said. "They had just awful weather and are hoping to get some good performances here at home."

One runner proposed the 10,000-meter run be run on Friday night so the wind will be minimal. The Irish will do this in hopes of qualifying the most athletes possible in this event for the Big East meet.

Saturday's meet starts at 10 a.m. with the jumps and throws and the running events start at 11:15 a.m. The meet, held on the Monogram Track, concludes with the 1,600-meter mens relay at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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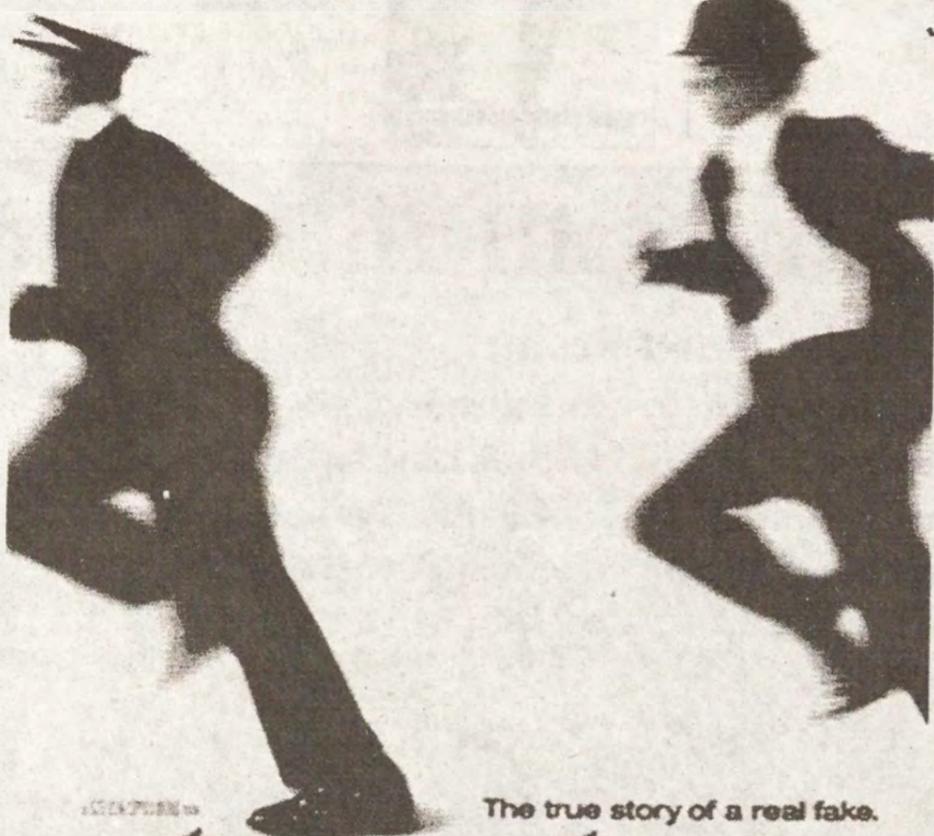
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WOMENS GOLF

Six golfers qualify for Indiana tournament

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Looking to improve on an 11th place finish last year, the womens golf team will head to Bloomington for the Indiana Invitational this weekend at the Indiana University Golf Course.

It will be the first action in about ten days for the Irish since finishing eighth at the Baylor Tapito Springs Shootout in Texas.

With the opportunity to work on their games, the Irish have taken to the practice area and the Warren Golf Course to prepare for this weekend's event.

"We've been doing a lot of short game work," Irish coach Debby King said. "We've also been qualifying [for this event]."

King will be taking six golfers to Bloomington, led by freshman Katie Brophy, who had the best score for the Irish at the Baylor tournament and also won the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Florida in a

series of strong spring showings.

Also traveling to Bloomington because of strong showings at Baylor are senior Terri Taibl and junior Shannon Byrne. After qualifying, freshmen Sarah Bassett, Karen Lotta and Suzie Hayes will round out the Irish contingent.

This will be one of the strongest fields the Irish have faced this season, and it is also their last preparation for the Big East Championship, which will be held at the Warren Golf Course.

"This is one of our strongest events," King said. "There are many Big Ten teams participating."

The Irish will focus on their own goals instead of worrying about the competition.

"We need to shoot for 312 as our own personal goal," King said. "Whether it puts us in first place or last place, that's what we have to shoot for."

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish playing without Howell

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

With starting attackman and lead point-man Matt Howell sidelined after having his appendix removed last Friday, the No. 15 Notre Dame mens lacrosse team will travel to Columbus, Ohio, to take on No. 20 Ohio State (4-2, 0-0 in the GWLL) on Sunday at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

Howell, who leads the Irish with 12 goals and 19 assists, did not feel well last Thursday following practice and did not play in the match against Denver last Saturday. Without him, Notre Dame needs to step up their game in every area.

"I just think we've got to do the things we need to do to put us in a position to win," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They're a very good team in transition and in unsettled situations. We have to keep them from doing what they are good at doing. We have to clear balls and identify roles at the defensive end of field."

The Buckeyes will be the Irish's second GWLL opponent of the season. Notre

Dame (5-3, 1-0) won its first league game on Saturday, 9-8, at home against unranked Denver.

As with its history with Denver, Notre Dame has dominated in the all-time series with Ohio State. The Irish have won nine of the last 10 games between the two and Corrigan has a 12-2 all-time record against the Buckeyes.

In a 7-3 win at Moose Krause Stadium last season, Notre Dame broke a 3-3 half-time tie with two goals in both the third and fourth quarters to beat Ohio State and end the Buckeyes' season.

The last time the Irish traveled to Columbus in 2001, Corrigan's squad got the win in a 13-4 rout.

Still, Ohio State is ranked and will challenge the Irish just as Denver did. With Howell out of the lineup, there will be even more pressure on precocious freshman Pat

Walsh (12 goals, 16 assists) and junior attackman Dan Berger (20 goals) to spread the ball around and score on offense.

Against Denver, Walsh and Berger did just that. The freshman recorded two goals and five assists, and Berger added three goals. Still, Corrigan thinks there are other players who have not played to their full potential.

"On the other end, we must execute offensively," Corrigan said. "We haven't had that breakout game offensively. We've got a lot of guys who haven't gotten over the hump yet, a lot of guys who haven't scored the way they're capable of scoring. But I would love to see [a breakout game] this weekend, because we've got guys working really hard to do it."

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Softball

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Loman drove home Ciolli in the fifth to provide the third and final run.

Throughout both games, Notre Dame pitchers worked both sides of the plate and effectively changed speeds to keep Loyola's hitters off balance. All four Irish pitchers saw work and held the Ramblers to one run on five hits.

"I think they are getting it. We learn every day," Gumpf said. "I think there are a couple of times where we could have done something better. For the most part, the pitching staff did a great job."

Sophomore Steffany Stenglein (5-4) worked five innings in game one and senior Jessica Sharron relieved for the final two innings. Gumpf used the same strategy in game two with freshman Heather Booth (9-5) pitching the first five and sophomore Carrie Wisen throwing two scoreless innings of relief.

Loyola pitcher Jenny Rice (5-6) took both losses for the Ramblers.

The strong continued offensive output, the good pitching and zero defensive errors are the formula the Irish strive for each and every time they take the field.

"It's like we talk about, if we do three things well, we are going to win," Gumpf said. "We pitched well, we hit well and we played defense. If we do those things, we give ourselves a shot, a real good shot."

After getting doubleheaders cancelled at Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech last weekend, Notre Dame is looking forward to starting their Big East schedule Saturday at Providence.

"We are so excited to start Big East play," Gumpf said. "We are very excited."

But the forecast is calling for rain and hopefully it won't, just like Thursday.

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

◆ Irish continue solid offensive play, sweeping Loyola 7-1 and 3-0

By MATT LOZAR
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It looked like it was going to rain the entire afternoon, but it didn't, and the Irish were happy, very happy.

Building off the offensive momentum from Tuesday's doubleheader sweep at Purdue, Notre Dame defeated Loyola (Chicago) 7-1 and 3-0 Thursday at Ivy Field to extend their win streak to four games.

"I am happy no matter what the temperature is, as long as there is no precipitation," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It was great, we needed today."

In game one, the Irish pounded out 10 hits, including five doubles and three home runs. Shortstop Andria Bledsoe hit her second home run in as many games and went a combined 2-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Third baseman Andrea Loman and catcher Mallorie Lenn each also knocked one out.

"They have come alive. I think that Northwestern game

hit them hard and they don't like that and don't want it to happen again," Gumpf said about the offense. "Hopefully this momentum will help us on the weekend. You can't really tell what's going to happen, but I like the way we are hitting the ball."

The Irish (14-11) jumped on the Ramblers in the bottom of the first when centerfielder Megan Ciolli and second baseman Alexis Madrid lead off with back-to-back doubles. Ciolli scored on Madrid's two-bagger to give the Irish the early 1-0 lead.

Lenn put the Irish up 2-0 in the second with her first collegiate home run. Bledsoe got her home run out in the bottom of the third and gave the Irish a 4-0 lead.

After the Ramblers got one back in the top of the fifth, the Irish got two insurance runs in the fifth on RBI doubles from Bledsoe and freshman Kellie Middleton. Loman's homer in the sixth provided the final difference.

In game two, the Irish scored two in the bottom of the second on a triple by senior first baseman Lisa Mattison. Left fielder Liz Hartmann scored on Mattison's second career triple and Mattison came home on the errant throw to third.

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TRACK & FIELD

Irish return home to qualify more athletes

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With many Irish athletes already qualified for the NCAA Regional meet on May 30 and 31 in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday's meet provides a chance for the Irish to compete in front of a home crowd.

Notre Dame faces Central Michigan and Western Michigan in their only home meet of the season, the traditional Spring Opener.

Last weekend saw many Irish athletes qualify for the regional meet, as numerous athletes had success in their respective events at three meets around the country. Juan Alba qualified for

the NCAA regional meet in both the hammer throw and discus. Both marks were also good enough to qualify him for the Big East outdoor championship on May 2-4.

Also at the Western Michigan Open, Chris Staron qualified for the regional with his effort in the high jump. Ryan Mineburg had already qualified from the Baldy Castillo meet.

The Irish distance runners also have qualified many runners for the NCAA regional meet, including Lauren King and freshman Molly Huddle in the 1,500 meters. The tandem looks to be a huge threat nationally.

Joining them at the Stanford Invitational were Kevin Somok

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ND WOMENS SOCCER

Women host international teams

◆ Irish to play Mexican and Canadian National U-19 teams

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Different styles of soccer will be on display this weekend as the Mexican and Canadian National under-19 teams have come to South Bend to take part in the 2003 Womens Soccer International Showcase.

This year's Showcase is an expansion of the previous two years, when the Mexican National team had come for games against the Irish. Notre Dame has come away from both of those games with close fought wins of 2-1

in 2001 and 3-2 in 2002. Both events have attracted large crowds of over 2,000 fans.

"The reason why we started doing this was to get some top level competition during the off-season," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Monica Gonzalez was with the Mexican National team and played here at Notre Dame, and now we've expanded to include the Canadians. We have a couple Canadians on our team so we have a real good relationship with them."

Both the Canadians and Mexicans come in with strong accomplishments. The Canadian under-19 team finished second to the United States last summer at the under-19 World Cup in a game well represented by Irish players. Katie Thorlakson and Candace

Chapman played for Canada, while freshman Annie Schefeter was on the U.S. squad. The Mexicans are only one more win away from qualifying for the World Cup that will take place later this year.

Waldrum described how the teams play very different styles of soccer.

"Canada is athletic and physical, they are very direct. Mexico is smaller but very technical and skillful," he said. "They are creative and play a very high quality of soccer."

For the Irish, the Showcase gives some players who missed large portions of the season because of injury, including Schefeter, senior Vanessa Pruzinsky and sophomore Gudrun

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SPORT AT A GLANCE

WOMENS GOLF

Indiana University Invitational

April 5-6

Notre Dame travels to Bloomington.

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MENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame at Ohio State

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Irish are without leading scorer Howell.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Syracuse 9 Notre Dame 6

The Irish drop below .500 in a loss at Syracuse and will host Connecticut Saturday.

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's at Adrian, Carthage, and Chicago

Saturday-Sunday

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MENS TENNIS

Notre Dame at Southern Methodist

After suffering a 6-1 loss to Miami, the Irish look to turn it around Sunday.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame at Boston College and St. John's

The Irish run into Big East rivals on the road this weekend.

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