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ND student assaulted, left 7 miles from campus

Sophomore got into car on Ironwood Drive, said he was robbed, found early April 20; still in University Health Services

By CHRIS HINE
News Writer

A Notre Dame student suffered a concussion and a broken right hand on April 20 after he was allegedly assaulted, robbed and left approximately seven miles from campus, St. Joseph county police said Saturday.

Sophomore Timothy Clarke, 20, said he left Tailgaters Sports Bar around 3 a.m. and got into a car with either two or three men near Nick's Patio on Ironwood Drive early in the morning on April 20.

Clarke, a resident of Keough Hall, said he thought the men would give him a ride back to

campus. The men, whose identities are unknown, allegedly assaulted him, took Clarke's wallet and cell phone, and left him on the side of Primrose Road about seven miles from campus, St. Joseph County Police Detective Phil Williams said.

A 911 call was placed to county police by a passer-by, who saw Clarke lying unconscious. Police responded to the call and found Clarke at approximately 6:45 a.m. and took him to Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Clarke is currently staying in University Health Services.

Williams said the identities of the suspects are unknown and he and Clarke said they did not know

why the assault and robbery occurred.

Clarke said Sunday he could not remember if he voluntarily got into the car or was forced into the car, but Williams said he would not likely charge the men with kidnapping or abduction if he finds them.

Clarke's account of what happened may not be 100 percent accurate, Williams said, because of memory loss Clarke suffered from his concussion and other head injuries, and also possibly from alcohol he consumed that night. But Williams said that with time, Clarke is regaining recollection of what happened that night.

Clarke spent most of last week

in University Health Services before having surgery on his hand Thursday. After surgery, he was returned to Health Services where he will recover for the next few days, but doctors may need to perform a second surgery on his hand. Clarke also sustained other lacerations and bruises on his head, chest, and elbow.

Clarke said he tried to phone a friend, who was serving as a designated driver, to pick him up from Tailgaters on Ironwood Drive at approximately 3 a.m. The driver was picking up other people at the time and told Clarke to wait at Tailgaters until he arrived to take Clarke back to campus, Clarke said.

But Clarke said he declined the ride and thinks he saw students he knew walking north on Ironwood toward Nick's Patio alone.

"I figured I'd go there and wait for a cab," Clarke said.

Clarke walked north along Ironwood Drive and said he thought he was near Nick's Patio when the car approached him.

Clarke does not clearly remember what happened next except that he thought these men would give him a ride back to campus. He got in the backseat and two men were in the front. A third man may have also been in the car, Clarke said. Williams said

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Hillary Clinton speaks to supporters in South Bend

Presidential hopeful challenges Barack Obama to Lincoln-Douglas style debate in Indiana

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

New York Senator and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton challenged Barack Obama to a debate in Indiana and discussed key election issues in a speech Saturday afternoon at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend.

"I am offering Senator Obama a chance to debate me one on one, no moderators," Senator Clinton said. "Just the two of us going for 90 minutes, asking and answering questions. We'll set whatever rules seem fair."

Clinton said she is disappointed that Obama and she have only met four times in

one-on-one debates. However, Obama rejected Clinton's request for another debate Sunday morning.

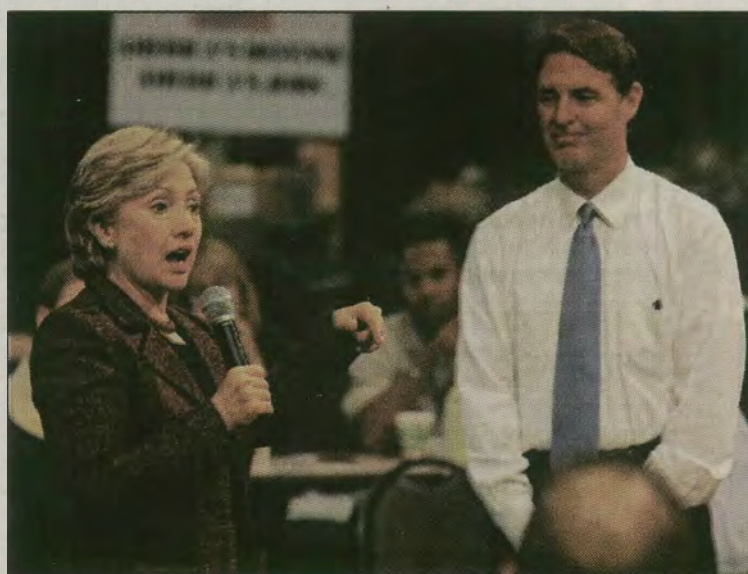
"I think this country is sure worth debating about its future. I think the issues we face are sure worth discussing. I want the American people to be part of that discussion," Clinton said.

Former Congressman John Brademas introduced Clinton to the crowd and emphasized the importance that Indiana will play in the upcoming election.

"Indiana can play a key role in restoring vital leadership to our country," Brademas said.

Clinton called for a change

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Senator Hillary Clinton speaks at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend Saturday with Indiana Senator Evan Bayh.

Malloy discusses 'just war'

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Living by the just war theory is more essential now in the war on terror than ever, University President Emeritus Father Edward

Malloy said in a lecture Friday.

"As far as Christians are concerned, there are two viable alternatives —

just war theory or pacifism," Malloy said.

Christianity began as a strictly pacifistic religion, according to Malloy. This pacifism was the result of both a strict interpretation of Biblical texts and the fact that Christians were a persecuted minority, and had no need for military power.

"If an alien comes from outer space and reads the text, Christianity would come out on the pacifist side," he said. "But does [pacifism] have a realistic view of human nature?"

When Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, followers were no longer able to be pacifistic.

"All of Christianity began to embrace just war theory, as an attempt to be realistic about evil and harm-doing," Malloy said.

Just war theory, accord-

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Relay helps raise funds

Event collects over \$50,000 for research

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

In a spirit of celebration and remembrance, the Notre Dame community walked together as the Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer in the fifth annual Relay for Life.

"The goal of Relay for Life is to raise awareness about cancer because it really is a disease that affects us all," public relations chair Adam Lamm said.

The event, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, honors and remembers victims of cancer. Although the final total has not been released, students, faculty and staff collected

over \$50,000 in donations according to the Relay for Life Web site. The final total will be much higher after corporate donations are included.

The Relay for Life was held on South Quad between Badin Hall and the Rockne Memorial Gymnasium.

"The location was really good, in the center of student life on campus," chair of the Student Committee Chris Pingel said.

Traditionally, Relay for Life is an overnight event, symbolizing that cancer endures. However, the event was scheduled to end at 1 a.m. in observance of University policy that man-

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HC values examined

Jenkins, Mooney and Gilman meet in forum

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's College president Carol Ann Mooney invited University president Fr. John Jenkins and Holy Cross College president Brother Richard Gilman to discuss the values and traditions of a Holy Cross education in a public meeting Friday.

Moderated by vice president for College relations Shari Rodriguez, the three presidents spoke of the first time they encountered Holy Cross educators, the beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau and the benefits of a Holy Cross education.

All three said they try to apply Moreau's words "the mind will not be cultivated at the expense

of the heart" from his book "Christian Pedagogy" to their own institutions.

"What we're trying to do as a Holy Cross institution is having a seamless environment," Gilman said. "Learning doesn't just take place in the classroom."

Gilman said Holy Cross College Board of Trustees recently approved a new strategic plan that takes Moreau's writings into account.

"Having reflected on some of the things Moreau said ... [education is] really a holistic thing," he said. "The strategic planning that we've adopted really looked on the Holy Cross education that we are offering as a 10-year education not a four year edu-

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INSIDE COLUMN

S'more summers

Recently it struck me that this summer may be my last real summer. I have been told to calm down and that this is ridiculous. However, by this time next year, I will be a senior and facing graduation. I may be preparing to start a job or graduate school or going through application processes for either of the two, and many of you are already at this point. This has made me start to reminisce about other fictional people's summers to see if I have been living mine right so far.

Emma Driscoll
News Production
Editor

I have always wanted a "The Sandlot" summer — the life-changing kind of summer where you find your best friends and you find yourself and you learn that with teamwork or a pair of PF Flyers, you can do anything — whether it's kissing the life-guard, catching a baseball, making s'mores or taking on The Beast.

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and "The Baby-Sitters Club" summers are other coming of age summers, and they are full of sports, travel, little kids, filmmaking and memorizing songs about the brain. It isn't all fun and games, though, because the girls in both movies learn very serious lessons about themselves, their families and the world the hard way.

Then there is the pre-"Grease" summer, the one before the movie when the heroic Danny and cramp-inflicted Sandy meet mid-swim, fall in love, and sing their way to a happy ending despite the social trials of Rydell High.

"Saved by the Bell" summers were epic. Zach, Kelly, Screech and the rest of the Bayside gang all go to a snazzy resort and take up jobs as busboys, waiters, coaches, lifeguards, etc. and spend time playing volleyball and applying sunscreen to guests. Even after Zach starts dating the boss's daughter, he still manages to stay on the man's good side. Morris does not just enjoy summer. He uses it to network.

But it's "The Parent Trap" summer that truly serves as the model for a summer that is both fun and productive. Not only do Hayley Mills and Lindsay Lohan (since both versions deserve to be mentioned) get to go to summer camps where they make bird-cages out of popsicle sticks and learn to fence, but they also manage to find one another and reunite their divorced parents. Whether in 1961 or 1998, that's a summer well spent.

There is also the Ray Bradbury "All Summer in a Day," summer. The short story takes place in a world that rains constantly. For a brief period on one day of the year, though, the sun shines and all of the school children (theoretically) go outside to enjoy the weather that will not be back for another 365 days. The shortness of this summer allows for the tension in the story (which is one of the saddest things I have ever read, but very worth reading) and truly makes me appreciate the three or so months of reliable sunshine that we get here.

Taking all of this into consideration, I plan to take a break from working and throw a baseball around this summer and during whatever 'summers' I get from here on out. I hope that everyone does the same, because whether we are college kids, working adults, or in between, summer seems to be the time to enjoy this life that we have.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

In the article "SMC security addresses recent safety concerns," the quote "We're encouraging our guys to make contact with the person who made the complaint. You should be called back and explain what was found, that's just good police work or security work," should be attributed to Stan Klicznak, assistant director of security.

The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE A TEST, PAPER OR PROJECT FOR A FINAL AND WHY?



Casie Sweeney
senior
off-campus

"A test — 20 questions, true or false."



London Vale
senior
off-campus

"A project because there's more room for creativity."



Andrea Archer
sophomore
PW

"None, because I have mono."



Claire Murphy
senior
off-campus

"Test, because when it's over it's done with. Instant gratification."



Meghan Paladino
senior
off-campus

"D. None of the above."



Nick Hittler
junior
Zahm

"No."



DUNSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Father Theodore Hesburgh delivers a speech during Father Ted's Inaugural Fun Run/Walk for Upward Bound on South Quad Sunday. Upward Bound provides college preparatory opportunities and resources to South Bend high schoolers.

OFFBEAT

Senator campaigns to ban replicas of bull testicles

TALLAHASSEE — They're proudly displayed by any self-respecting bull, but dangling big metal ones on the back end of a truck could be banned in Florida.

Metal replicas of bull testicles have become trendy bumper ornaments in some parts of the Sunshine State, but state Sen. Carey Baker is campaigning to ban the orbs.

Baker acknowledged that Florida lawmakers have more pressing issues, including huge revenue shortfalls, but said the state

needs to draw a line on what's obscene before more objectionable adornments appear.

State Sen. Steve Geller argued against Baker's bill.

"I find it shocking that we should be telling people that have the metallic bull testicles ... you're now going to have points on your license for this," said Geller.

Saints give 53-year-old a second chance to pitch

ST. PAUL — A 53-year-old knuckleballer named Jon Secrist isn't giving up on his goal of pitching in

pro baseball, and the St. Paul Saints are giving him another chance.

Secrist was invited Friday by the Saints to their spring training camp after a tryout in front of manager George Tsamis. Secrist will pitch for St. Paul in an exhibition game on Tuesday night.

He had a prior stint with the Saints in 1999, when he posted a 9.34 ERA in two appearances. At the time, Secrist was the oldest signed rookie in professional baseball.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"The Use and Abuse of Holocaust Photography" lecture will be delivered today by Professor Susan Crane in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band's Spring Concert will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets are free but must be reserved through the DPAC ticket office.

Baseball will play Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Frank Eck Baseball Stadium against Mississippi Valley State.


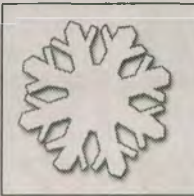




"Rumors," the Neil Simon play sponsored by Sorin, continues Tuesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds go to Sorin's fund for St. Jude Primary School in Uganda.

Collegium Musicorum spring concert will take place Wednesday at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DPAC and will feature sacred and secular a capella music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque areas. Tickets are \$3 at the DPAC ticket office.

Screenings from the Angelus Student Film Festival will be shown at the Angelus Film Series on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema.

Assistant professor Paul Gao will speak in the Finance Seminar Series on Friday from 11:30 to 1:05 in the 339 Mendoza College of Business.

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

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Students organize canned food drive

Collection for poor part of Earth Week activities to promote awareness

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Students collected canned food items from members of the South Bend community to be donated to The Food Bank of Northern Indiana in Saturday's Earth Week Canned Food Drive.

"We basically go around and collect food from a bunch of neighborhoods in South Bend," co-coordinator Katie Day said.

Day said South Bend residents were informed about the Canned Food Drive by fliers passed out by student volunteers throughout the week.

To kick off the Canned Food Drive, Lead ND brought kids they have mentored from the South Bend community to the event.

The day was concluded by a blessing from University President Emeterius Father Ted Hesburgh.

"Most student activities are for the benefit of the students ... but of all the things that get done around here, this stands out each year as something very typical of Notre Dame because you're doing it for the poor," Hesburgh said.

Last year, the Canned Food Drive collected 14,000 pounds of food, but Day said she expected less this year because not as many neighborhoods would be covered.

Totals are not yet available for this year's Canned Food Drive because the Food Bank weighs the collections itself, Day said. She estimated that there "might have been 6 or 7,000 pounds of food, but that's not definite."

The collections will be coming at a good time for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

"Basically, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana has a difficult time meeting the demand for food right now because a lot of collecting takes place in the winter months," Day said.

The Canned Food Drive also calls attention to current events.

"It is especially important this year because of the food and security issues going on worldwide are also effecting what's going on here," Day said.

The Canned Food Drive was one of several Earth Week events.

"We've had a really busy week, even more so than last year. We really expanded [Earth Week]," Students for Environmental Action [SEA] co-president Tracy Jennings said.

The week kicked off April 19 with a tree-planting event in the Northwest Neighborhood before the Blue-Gold game, Jennings said. There was also game day recycling at the game, she said.

On Monday, coffee and discussion of environmental topics took place in O'Shaughnessy Hall, Jennings said.

One of the larger events of the week was the Earth Day Festival held on Tuesday on Fieldhouse Mall.

Representatives from the Farmers' Market and Elkhart Environmental Core attended to speak with students and WVFI brought music to the event.

"A lot of people stopped by on their way to class and it was a big success," Jennings said.

SEA teamed up with ND for Animals to hold a vegetarian no-waste dinner Wednesday, Jennings said.

"No utensils were provided. You had to bring your own plate, spoon and fork so you didn't waste anything," Jennings said.

Thursday night was the Nature Film Festival, which featured films treating environmental topics.

Notre Dame power plant tours were offered Friday, and Sunday the SEA partnered with Best Buddies for a picnic and to share information about recycling and composting with the buddies.

"It was a great week for fellowship and for education and for having a good time," Jennings said.

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cation."

Gilman said Holy Cross College will try to make contact with potential students two years before they enter the institution and continue that contact for around four years after they graduate to emphasize the fact that education takes place outside of classrooms and outside of school.

Jenkins agreed with Gilman's ideas that the teaching of Moreau's words does not occur solely in the classroom.

"The education of mind and heart is so central, it's really the most central thing to Holy Cross education, I feel," Jenkins said. "The principles that are articulated [in Moreau's writings] are present in the lives ... of those at these institutions."

Mooney agreed with her colleagues, saying while the mind is educated at Saint Mary's, but the heart is not forgotten.

She said when Pope Benedict XVI spoke to Catholic educators when he visited America last week, he said something which has resonated with her since — "Those who hear the gospel should as a result live differently."

"I don't think when I graduated from [the College] in 1972 I realized the impact Saint

Mary's would have on how differently I would live because of [the gospel]," she said. "I saw this over the years in my classmates, I saw the difference in their lives."

She said a Holy Cross education isn't about just telling people how to live, but leading by example.

"It's not so much what we say but what we inspire," she said. "I think we do teach the mind and the heart but the proof is much more in the outcome."

Jenkins said Moreau would feel comfortable on the campuses if he were to have lived today.

"I think he was a very pious person, a very determined person ... but a person open to the world," he said. "He could have sat in that little corner of France and done great

but he simply thought of America. He embraced the future."

Mooney agreed with Jenkins saying Moreau was an innovative educator.

"[Moreau said] we have nothing to fear from knowledge. It is essential to the development of human civilizations ... and in fact to the development of a mature faith," she said. "I think that has characterized Holy Cross higher institutions specifically ... the ability to examine ideas from a variety of perspectives because we're not afraid of engaging the world."

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Clarke could not provide a description of the car.

While in the car, Clarke said he realized he was in the car too long to be going back campus. He said he tried to call at least six people on his cell phone in the car between 3:40 and 3:45 a.m., but nobody answered.

Clarke said he was not sure if he was attacked in the car. The men may have hit him as he was trying to call people on his phone, he said.

Clarke claimed his wallet and his phone were stolen by the men.

Clarke had credit cards and identification in his wallet, but had no cash. He said nobody has tried to use the credit cards since the incident.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said it is typically University policy not to publicize off-campus crime involving students. The University does release information regarding on-campus crime usually in the form of e-mail alerts, but Kirk said in an e-mail to The Observer that the University "usually doesn't have the authority to release the details of crimes that occur outside the limited jurisdiction of the Notre Dame Security/Police Department (NDSP)," Kirk said.

But the University does make exceptions in certain cases.

"Very simply, if the University believed that our students would be safer, better prepared, or better able to prevent becoming the victim of a crime by publicizing information about the occurrence of any off-campus crime, we would certainly do so," Kirk said.

As of Sunday evening, Kirk did not respond to a subsequent Observer e-mail asking why the University chose not to publicize the event involving Clarke.

Williams said the men who committed the crime were likely residents of St. Joseph County because Primrose Road is a dirt road in a wooded area that is hard to find for people unfamiliar with the area.

St. Joseph County Sheriff Frank Canarecci said juvenile crime is common near the spot where police found Clarke.

"It's often the place where juveniles would go and drink," Canarecci said. "It's a road that's lightly traveled and it's close enough to the city but remote enough where you can do things that you shouldn't be doing."

Williams described the location as a "swamp area" that had no buildings or homes around it.

"Where he was found, he could've been screaming and nobody would've heard him," Williams said.

Williams said he reviewed video surveillance tapes from Tailgaters to track Clarke's movements throughout the night. From what he could tell, Clarke did not seem overly inebriated.

"I didn't observe him drinking a lot of alcohol," Williams said. "I wouldn't say he was completely intoxicated. He walked out pretty much like you or I would if he had one or two drinks."

Williams said he spoke with Clarke after the incident on April 20, but did not speak with him again until Friday. Williams did not want to bother Clarke, because of Clarke's condition, until he had more information.

"Since he had very little information at first, I wanted to review

the video before I talked to him again."

Williams said he could not obtain the video from Tailgaters until Friday.

According to the county police log, Clarke was only able to give police limited identification. Canarecci, who has been sheriff for six years, said this case is unique.

"That I'm aware of, it's the first such abduction and assault of a Notre Dame student," Canarecci said. "There have been thefts, there have been assaults but to actually pick someone up and beat him, I can't recall that in many, many years."

Canarecci also said he hopes this type of crime doesn't become a frequent problem and urged students to use caution when getting rides back to campus.

"The fortunate thing was he wasn't hurt worse than he was," Canarecci said. "I hope this doesn't become more of a commonplace thing. I hope it's just an isolated incident."

NDSP director Phil Johnson contacted Canarecci Friday about the case and offered any assistance he could give, Canarecci said. NDSP Sgt. Dave Dosmann is now assisting Williams in the investigation.

Canarecci said he did not know if Tailgaters would be fined for serving to an underage person, because that would depend on what type of identification Clarke presented to the bar.

Anyone with information about the incident should call St. Joseph County Police.

Katie Kohler contributed to this report.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Father imprisons daughter for 24 years

VIENNA — Police have found a woman missing since 1984, who told authorities that her father had kept her in a cellar for almost 24 years and that she had given birth to at least six children after being repeatedly raped by him.

The 73-year-old father was taken into custody, said Franz Polzer, head of the Lower Austrian Bureau of Criminal Affairs, on Sunday.

Authorities found the woman Saturday evening in the town of Amstetten following a tip, Lower Austria police said in a statement.

The 42-year-old woman told police that her father began sexually abusing her when she was 11 and locked her in a room in the cellar on Aug. 28, 1984.

During the 24 years that followed, she said she was continually abused and gave birth to six children, the statement said. She said she gave birth to twins in 1996 but one died several days later; police said they were investigating.

Green zone attacked during sandstorm

BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite extremists hammered the U.S.-protected Green Zone Sunday in the fiercest salvo in weeks, apparently taking advantage of a sandstorm that blanketed the capital and grounded the American aircraft that normally prowl for launching teams.

Thunderous explosions resounded throughout the evening as rockets or mortar shells slammed into the heavily fortified area in central Baghdad.

Anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, meanwhile, rejected terms set by the Iraqi government for lifting a crackdown against his Mahdi Army militia.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama: race not factor in worker votes

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Sunday that race is not the reason he is struggling to attract working-class votes and insisted he can win over uncommitted superdelegates by showing he is "best able to not just defeat John McCain, but also lead the country."

Speaking in a broadcast interview, Obama also brushed aside a challenge from Hillary Rodham Clinton to debate before the May 6 primaries in Indiana and North Carolina. "I'm not ducking. We've had 21" debates, he said.

Civil rights advocates protest verdict

NEW YORK — A coalition of civil rights advocates on Sunday urged changes in the handling of police misconduct and brutality complaints after the acquittal of three officers involved in the shooting death of an unarmed man on his wedding day.

They also called for a permanent state-level special prosecutor to investigate such cases.

"The verdict in the Sean Bell case proves it is almost impossible to successfully prosecute cases of police misconduct, especially in homicide cases," said lawyer Norman Siegel, former head of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

"The verdict underscores the need for systemic change in the way New York handles these important and at times high profile cases, and to improve community relations," said Siegel, an outspoken advocate on civil rights and law enforcement issues.

LOCAL NEWS

Neighbor describes accused as 'strange'

SOUTH BEND — A neighbor of a 16-year-old boy accused of planning a Columbine-style attack on his high school described him as "kind of strange."

"He was an average kid, but kind of strange," said Allen McBride, who lives seven houses away. "He came down here one day with a snake wrapped around his arm and said, 'Do you want to buy a snake?' I said, 'Man get back there.'"

McBride said he's lived in the house for 22 years and had watched the boy grow up from the time he used to visit his deceased grandfather until he moved into the house with his uncle. He said the boy didn't spend time with other children in the neighborhood, though he used to play with another boy who has since moved away.

Wildfire spreads near Los Angeles

More than 1,000 people must evacuate; fire expected to burn for two or three days

Associated Press

SIERRA MADRE, Calif. — An early season wildfire slowly chewed its way through dense brush near Los Angeles on Sunday, forcing more than 1,000 people from homes in the foothills.

More than 400 firefighters attacked the 350-acre fire, aided by two helicopters and water-dropping air tankers, said Elisa Weaver of the Arcadia Fire Department. Residents evacuated at least 550 homes Saturday night and Sunday, but none had burned.

"This is pretty serious," Weaver said. "Some of these areas have not burned in over 40 years."

Smoke and fire billowed near neighborhoods on the outskirts of Sierra Madre near Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. The fire moved slowly as it fed on brush and was estimated to be 5 to 10 percent contained. It is expected to continue burning for another two or three days.

Winds were calm early Sunday, boosting firefighter efforts, Weaver said.

Helicopters made water drops Sunday morning on a steep ridge above Sierra Madre, about 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles and just east of Pasadena. A fixed-wing water tanker also made at least one drop of flame retardant.

The blaze also stranded 50 guests from a wedding party at the Chantry Flats ranger's station on Saturday until they were airlifted out Sunday afternoon, Weaver said. It took five helicopter trips from the ranger's station to the parking



A Cal Fire airplane drops fire retardant near Arcadia, Calif. Saturday. More than 400 firefighters were needed to attack the brush fire.

area where the wedding party's cars were. The party then was escorted out by road.

The fire was first reported Saturday afternoon in a wooded area a few miles northeast of Pasadena. It was windy at the time and unseasonably hot, with temperatures approaching 100 degrees.

The flames also brought the evacuation of a Boy Scout camp Saturday and left about 100 hikers stranded in a

parking lot. Most of the Scouts had already left the camp by the time the evacuation was ordered, Weaver said, and no injuries were reported.

Firefighters originally had hoped to have the blaze contained Sunday, but gusting winds late Saturday night kept the fire out of control and sent it creeping toward nearby homes. The mandatory home evacuations came shortly before 11 p.m.

Two shelters have been

set up for evacuees.

Flames outlined steep ridges about a mile above Sierra Madre, a San Gabriel Mountains foothill community of about 11,000 popular with artists.

To the south in San Diego County, about 40 acres burned in thick brush about 15 miles north of downtown San Diego. No injuries or property damage had been reported, a San Diego Fire Department spokeswoman said.

AFGHANISTAN

Militants kill three in attack on president

Associated Press

KABUL — Militants firing rockets and automatic rifles attacked the Afghan president at a ceremony in Kabul on Sunday, missing their target but killing three and wounding eight others.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault that sent President Hamid Karzai and foreign ambassadors scurrying for cover, underscoring the fragile grip of his U.S.-backed government.

Gunmen opened fire as a 21-gun salute echoed over the capital at an anniversary ceremony to mark the mujahedeen victory over the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Hundreds of people, including army and police that had formed an honor guard inspected by Karzai minutes earlier, fled in chaos as shots rang out. The president was hustled away, surrounded by bodyguards, and left in a convoy of four black SUVs.

The gunfire apparently came from a three-story guesthouse, popular with migrant laborers, about 300 yards from the stands where Karzai was seated alongside Cabinet ministers and senior diplomats, who all escaped unharmed. A U.S. Embassy official confirmed U.S. Ambassador William Wood was also not hurt.

A lawmaker who was about 30 yards from the president was killed in the attack.

Residents reported that a 30-minute gunbattle broke out between security forces and gunmen holed up in the guesthouse, located in a neighborhood of ruined mud brick buildings.

Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak said three attackers were killed by security forces, and assault rifles and machine guns were confiscated.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Majaheed said six militants were

deployed to target the president, and three of those militants died in the attack. He said they were armed with guns, rockets and suicide vests although no suicide bombings were reported.

The initial moments of the attack, which came as a marching band played the finale of the national anthem, were broadcast live until TV transmissions were cut. Hundreds of dignitaries could be seen diving for cover. Two lawmakers were hit by the gunfire. One of the men slumped back in his seat, while the other lay on the ground.

Less than two hours later, Karzai appeared on state-run TV and said "everything is OK."

Appearing calm, Karzai said "the enemy of Afghanistan" tried to disrupt the ceremony but was thwarted by security forces. He said several suspects were arrested and smiled as he signed off his brief recorded statement.

Malloy

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ing to Malloy, is a very strict doctrine.

"Under Christian auspices, the horror of war tried to be contained," he said. "It's the closest thing we have to trying to get a handle on reducing the violence and destruction of war."

Malloy said Christianity has embraced a third approach to warfare in its history — the Crusade, which originally began in 1090 under Pope Urban II, who wanted to find a common enemy around which Christian nations could rally.

Under the Crusades, there were horrors committed by both sides, and each side saw the other as the spawn of Satan, Malloy said.

The Crusades went hand-in-hand with the Inquisition, which conducted frequent purges and committed a number of atrocities.

While the Crusades and the Inquisition ended during the Enlightenment,

"after 9/11, the great temptation in the face of terrorism is a return to the mentality of the Crusades and the practices of the Inquisition," Malloy said.

Malloy spoke out against the return to the torture practices used by the Inquisition.

"In subsequent conversation, there has been a strong consensus in rejection of torture," he said. "Waterboarding is torture and anyone who doesn't think torture is horrible, volunteer to be tortured."

Taking a just war approach is not an easy way out, Malloy said.

"It's a very demanding way of holding people accountable. It calls for an expression of conscious in both the military and civilian leadership," he said.

Malloy stressed the long-term reality of confronting terrorism.

"This is a horrible topic to talk about, but it's not going to go away," he said. "Ten years from now, there will be terrorism, and there will be fear."

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Relay

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dates quiet behavior in and around residencies beginning at 2 a.m. on weekends. Inclement weather also forced organizers to end the event earlier.

"The rain really only cost us our final ceremony," Pingel said.

When the final totals are completed, the two students raising the most money will be awarded with free textbooks for a semester from the Hammes Bookstore.

The Notre Dame women's

soccer team raised over \$7,500 in donations, representing the most raised by any participating team.

"I think everyone knows someone who has had cancer. You can say that you are doing [Relay for Life] for a person and you know where your money is going," sophomore soccer player Rachel VanderGenugten said.

More than 500 people participated in the event, including teams comprised of residence halls and athletic teams to University Health Services and the Physics Department. Most teams coordinated a walking schedule so that participants could enjoy other

activities at the event.

In addition to pledges made for walking, the event featured other fundraisers that contributed to team totals such as the Notre Dame Security/Police's (NDSP) chicken barbeque Friday afternoon at the Stepan Center.

A silent auction was also held during the event and the proceeds will be credited to the final fundraising total. Autographed sports memorabilia, tickets to a Chicago Cubs baseball game and a trip to Las Vegas were among auctioned items.

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Clinton

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in direction for the country, but recognized how difficult the decision for the ticket is because of the historic nature of this campaign as the first woman candidate vies for the Democratic nomination against the first African-American candidate.

"I think we need someone on day one who can go into that Oval office, and as Commander-in-Chief start making the tough decisions that confront us around the world, and as president turn this economy around so it starts working for middle class and hard working families like you in Indiana," Clinton said.

The senator discussed outsourcing around the country

and renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"We need a 21st century trade policy because what we had in the 20th century no longer works in the 21st century," Clinton said. "We are going to play offense. We are going to start creating jobs again."

Clinton also promised to end the Iraq War in order to bring more money back to the American economy.

"Well, I am going to end that war in Iraq, and bring that money back home," she said. "We are going to start investing in America again."

Clinton said she would help create jobs in states like Indiana by taking subsidies away from oil companies and instead funding ethanol.

"I don't believe we ought to be subsidizing fossil fuels, sub-

sidizing the oil companies that already make millions of dollars of profit, so we are going to put that money to work with for clean renewable energy," she said.

Clinton also spoke about her health care plan, which would allow uninsured Americans to buy into the Congressional Health Care Plan.

"It's good enough for members of Congress, it's good enough for every Hoosier and every American, and that you keep insurance if you have it, but if you don't you will be able to buy into it," Clinton said.

This speech in South Bend is one of several stops Clinton is making as she campaigns through Indiana before the May 6 primary.

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SENIOR WEEK 2008

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO BEFORE GRADUATION

1. SATURDAY, MAY 10- SENIOR WEEK KICKOFF BARBECUE, LEGENDS
2. SUNDAY, MAY 11- CHICAGO CUBS GAME BUS TRIP, WRIGLEY FIELD
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4. MONDAY, MAY 12- SENIOR BOWL TRIP, CHIPPEWA BOWL
5. TUESDAY, MAY 13- CEDAR POINT BUS TRIP
6. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14- SNEAK PEAK: STADIUM PRESSBOX & MORE...
7. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14- COMMENCEMENT BALL, CENTURY CENTER
8. THURSDAY, MAY 15- COACH CHARLIE WEIS SENIOR SENDOFF, LEGENDS
9. THURSDAY, MAY 15- SNEAK PEAK: TUNNELS, LIBRARY PENTHOUSE (14TH FLOOR), & MORE
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NASDAQ	2,422.93	-5.99
NYSE	9,344.31	+94.09
S&P 500	1,397.84	9.02
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	13,967.98	+104.51
FTSE 100 (London)	6,091.40	+40.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
FORD MOTOR CO (F)	-10.71	-0.90	7.50
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.93	+1.28	139.60
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-6.19	-1.97	29.83
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.25	-0.12	47.15

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+1.02	+0.039	3.866
13-WEEK BILL	+5.33	+0.065	1.285
30-YEAR BOND	+0.99	+0.045	4.589
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IN BRIEF

Chavez threatens Sidor expropriation

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez is threatening to expropriate Venezuela's largest steel maker because he says shareholders are demanding excessive compensation for the company's nationalization.

Chavez dismissed a request made by Sidor's parent company, Luxembourg-based Ternium SA, for US\$4 billion (2.6 billion) in exchange for a 60 percent stake in the steel maker.

Chavez ordered Sidor nationalized earlier this month, taking sides with workers who fought for improved salaries and benefits.

His government is still negotiating the price it will pay to shareholders to take over the company. Chavez says he may expropriate the company outright if the two sides fail to reach an agreement.

Israel slows Palestinian economy

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian economy won't grow this year, largely due to Israeli restrictions on movement and despite billions of dollars in aid meant to shore up support for peace talks, the World Bank predicted Sunday.

The bleak prognosis stands in contrast to the bank's initial assessment that double-digit economic growth would be possible if Israel, the Palestinian government and the donors did their part.

The bank now estimates that the Gross Domestic Product — currently at about \$4 billion — will grow by only 3 percent in 2008.

"That, taking into account population growth, leaves per capita income static, if not lower than the previous year," the report said.

The bank noted that the Gaza economy has sharply contracted because of the virtually complete closure of the Gaza strip by Israel and Egypt after the violent Hamas takeover there last year. In the West Bank, where Israel maintains a network of hundreds of checkpoints, gates and earthen barriers, GDP growth was only modest, the bank said.

In December, donor countries pledged \$7.7 billion over three years to help fund a Palestinian reform and development plan.

Workers strike over pensions

BP PLC shuts down pipeline system; group predicts \$100 million loss per day

Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Hundreds of workers at Scotland's only oil refinery on Sunday began a 48-hour strike that has forced BP PLC to shut a pipeline system that delivers almost a third of Britain's North Sea oil.

BP said it had completed the closure of the Forties Pipeline System by 6 a.m., when 1,200 workers at the Grangemouth refinery in central Scotland walked off the job. The pipeline brings in 700,000 barrels of oil a day from the North Sea to BP's Kinneil plant, which is powered from the Grangemouth site.

Energy industry group Oil & Gas U.K. said the strike, over pension issues, could cost \$100 million a day in lost production.

The main effect of the walkout was likely to be felt by the British Treasury — which relies heavily on taxes from oil production — and at gas stations in Scotland, some of which limited purchases in anticipation of the strike.

The government urged motorists not to hoard fuel, saying there would be enough to go around. It wants to avoid a repeat of scenes in 2000 when motorists were forced to line up at gas stations as truckers angry at heavily taxed fuel brought Britain to a standstill by blockading refineries.

"There is plenty of petrol and diesel in Scotland to meet demand during this period of time," the government's business secretary, John



Workers leave the Grangemouth oil refinery in Scotland to start a two-day strike, protesting pension issues.

Hutton, told the British Broadcasting Corp. "But of course there is going to be a challenge if people change the way that they consume fuel."

Gas stations in and around Edinburgh were limiting purchases to 20 pounds — equivalent to \$40 — per visit Saturday, and lines of cars formed beside some pumps. A number of stations reported they had run out of gas and diesel.

Some Scottish gas stations were charging 1.25

pounds — \$2.47 — Saturday for a liter of unleaded, up from about 1.08 pounds — \$2.14 — on Monday.

The Scottish government said 72,000 tons of extra fuel was being imported from Europe to help keep the country running.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the strike was unnecessary and called for new negotiations between Grangemouth's owner, the chemical company

Ineos, and the workers' union, Unite. Talks to avert a strike broke down earlier this week.

The refinery strike is one of a series of labor disputes to hit Britain as the global economy weakens.

A nationwide teachers' strike over pay issues shut about a third of schools across Britain on Thursday as the government tries to clamp down on public sector wage increases due to inflation fears.

Continental says it will not seek merger

Associated Press

DALLAS — Continental Airlines Inc. said Sunday it would not pursue a combination with another carrier right away, a surprising move after weeks of growing speculation that it would join with United Airlines to create the world's biggest airline.

Continental Chairman and Chief Executive Lawrence Kellner said in a message to employees that the Houston-based airline was better off alone than merging.

"We have significant cultural, operational and financial strengths compared to the rest of the industry, and we want to protect and enhance those strengths — which we believe would be placed at risk in a merger with another carrier in today's environment," Kellner told employees.

Although it reported an \$80 million loss in the first quarter, Continental is widely viewed as the second-strongest U.S. carrier in financial terms, behind only

Southwest Airlines Co., which has indicated it isn't interested in a merger.

While Kellner ruled out a merger for the time being, Continental appeared to leave the door open to an alliance with another carrier. The airline has reportedly discussed such an arrangement with AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, in which the companies would work together in many ways but not merge their operations.

Airlines have been considering consolidation as a way to cut costs and raise fares in the face of record fuel prices. Delta Air Lines Inc. announced earlier this month it has agreed to buy Northwest Airlines Corp. in a stock-swap deal that would create the world's largest carrier. A Continental-United combination would have trumped Delta-Northwest in size.

"Every U.S. carrier, including Continental, is under enormous pressure from record high fuel prices, a slowing U.S. economy and a weak dollar," Kellner told employ-

ees. "In today's harsh environment, we must continue to adjust our business model to ensure we successfully navigate through these difficult times, so that in the future we can once again grow and prosper."

Continental expects to spend \$1.2 billion more on fuel this year than it did in 2007. To cope with the added cost, the airline plans to take some older, less-fuel-efficient planes out of service over the next 12 months and to reduce its U.S. capacity by 5 percent beginning this fall.

Ray Neidl, an analyst with Calyon Securities, said Continental's exit leaves US Airways Group Inc. as a potential merger partner for United.

The CEOs of United and US Airways are both vocal proponents of airline mergers. But US Airways lacks the strong international routes that made Continental an attractive partner.

A US Airways spokesman declined to comment, and a United spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment.

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Two words

The very first "real" college football game I went to was this past September when Notre Dame played Georgia Tech. Two things stuck with me about it. First was the sense of awe that I got when I saw a stadium full of fans hanging on every play, which was definitely not the case in the Division I-AA games I'd seen. The second was that before the game, I heard more than a few fans chanting "Go Irish, beat 'gay' Tech," then laughing at their own cleverness at substituting "gay" for GA. Later that term, I heard that a few people were planning on demonstrating (against homosexuality, I guess) by wearing "Gay? Go to Hell" T-shirts around campus. In both cases, I rolled my eyes and wondered how people could act in such poor taste, but didn't dwell too much on it.

Last week, I was asked to sign a petition to get the University to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause, something that students have been trying to get passed for about a decade. And as I thought back to those episodes from last fall, I realized that there was a common thread connecting them with the petition. By refusing to protect homosexuals in its non-discrimination clause, the University is doing the same thing as the people who use the word "gay" pejoratively or who are wearing "Gay?

Go to Hell" T-shirts. All of them, simply put, are reducing a person's identity to their sexual orientation.

According to the University, adding the words "sexual orientation" to the non-discrimination clause could open up a Pandora's Box of litigation, possibly compromising its ability "to support Church teachings on sexual orientation and conduct," especially problematic since such a matter has "theological connotations." The governing bodies of the University, meanwhile, pay lip service to inclusiveness — as the Spirit of Inclusion reassures us, "we value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community" — but will not say so in any legally binding sense. In the meantime, the University tacitly reserves the right (one that, to be sure, is very rarely, if ever, invoked) to keep gay and lesbian students from taking classes, playing sports, getting scholarships and generally taking advantage of the many great opportunities afforded to them by the University.

I wonder, then, how insisting that homosexuals are equally valued members in the community but refusing to give them the same legal protection that everyone else gets promotes a "Spirit of Inclusion." To define someone by their sexual orientation — whether for comic effect, for the sake of provocation or to refuse them legal protection from discrimination — is to

judge them for one small aspect of their identity, not on the merits of their personality, intellect or character. Even the Church acknowledges that a homosexual person is not defined entirely by their sexual conduct. Such reductionism is a denial of basic human dignity. And it is therefore doubly insulting that the reasons that the University gives for doing so are ultimately practical (i.e. to prevent legal meddling in University affairs), though the theological implications are sometimes vaguely alluded to.

According to its mission statement, Notre Dame prides itself for instilling in its students not only "those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit which characterize educated, skilled, free human beings," but also imparting to them "a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good." We need look no further than our own university — in fact, no further than the book that contains these very statements — to see where a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good is lacking, all over two words.

I signed the petition, by the way.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Old elephants limp off to the hills to die; old Americans go out to the highway and drive themselves to death with huge cars."

Hunter S. Thompson
journalist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spellcheck 'Juicy Campus'

I once heard a piece of wisdom that has now become frighteningly more applicable: Don't do anything that you wouldn't want to see covered on the front page of the newspaper. That is, when faced with a decision, imagine the consequences (with your name attached) as the next day's headline. With JuicyCampus.com, that imaginary front page has, unfortunately, become a little less imaginary.

With this in mind, Juicy Campus, to me, seems a little less evil. Knowing that your actions may magically appear before the world for anyone to read may make you think twice before you drunkenly leap onto a dorm coffee table (I heard some guy tore his you-know-what doing that). But, if it doesn't get you to change your mind about certain courses of action, at least it can bring you to the realization that gossip is real and it just may be about you. Did you do something you shouldn't have with someone you shouldn't have over Spring Break? Well, if you thought no one was going to know about it, you're living in fantasyland. People talk. And isn't Juicy Campus nothing but a collection of thoughts, sentiments and

notions that we all may have but just not verbalize?

That brings us to the racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, anti-geekism, whateverism that is so shockingly prevalent in our classmates' posts (was anyone truly shocked?). Now, at least, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities can't deny that these are real problems. Instead of these thoughts being locked away in our minds, they have manifested themselves on this public forum and, honestly, it's pretty ugly. I personally haven't been attacked on Juicy Campus but I cannot help but point out the most obscene, disgusting and utterly offensive thing I have found in the posts: the spelling and grammatical errors. This is Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Come on, people. If you're going to cruelly degrade another person or group in order to cover up your own insecurities, at least retain a shred of your own dignity and use spell check.

Rachel Boury
senior
off campus
Apr. 24

Greatness through sensibility

As an alumnus of Columbia myself, Andrew Nesi's recent column ("The best school in the country," Apr. 24) was a joy to read as it brought back many fond memories of my days in the John Jay Lounge. I am, though, somewhat confused by the logic of his column. He suggests that Notre Dame is a great institution because it mimics the same polarizing debates that are found in the American mainstream media.

However, I would counter that what is great about Notre Dame are the people who are shocked and dismayed that in the year 2008, such debates can continue, as if certain questions are still open for discussion. To me it is most appalling, given the numerous documents of the Catholic Church on the dignity of the human person, that any Catholic university would still be arguing over adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause. Nesi is correct in that this is indeed a "mockable conversation" if not for the fact that those who advocate discrimination are so lamentably serious.

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U WIRE

Want to lower drinking age? Stop driving drunk

What is it about alcohol that makes some people lose all cognitive function? After being dressed up as the ethanol scarecrow that would fight farm overproduction, oil dependence and global warming — despite much evidence to the contrary — a vocal minority in several states including Wisconsin has once again turned to alcohol to solve their problems.

Tim Williams

The Badger Herald

Seemingly as a half-hearted recompense to young soldiers fighting a war in Iraq most Americans no longer support, some want to lower the drinking age to 18 — for military personnel only.

The most bizarre proposal, however, is a bill introduced in Minnesota that would allow 18-year-olds to drink in bars and restaurants, but not to buy liquor in stores. Presumably supporters are afraid of uninhibited binge drinking at teen house parties, but wasn't the whole point of the federal government strong-arming states into raising the drinking age to 21 to stop drunken driving? Overwhelming evidence shows raising the drinking age lowers fatal automobile accidents, which is why Ronald Reagan, who made big government public enemy

No. 1, signed a constitutionally questionable 1984 law that ties 10 percent of federal highway funds to setting the drinking age at 21. A 2003 review by the Center for Disease Control showed increasing the drinking age lowered fatal accidents by 16 percent and the National Traffic Highway Administration estimates 900 lives each year have been saved by the switch. While that might not seem like a huge number, it's hard to argue against a proven safety measure.

Students can moan and groan all they like, but proposals to change the drinking age are doomed to failure as long as one out of six of adult motorists nationwide report driving under the influence, as found by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. According to a 2007 Gallop poll, 77 percent of Americans oppose lowering the drinking age. Until it's no longer a given that someone at a party will drive home drunk, the visceral images of deadly car accidents will continue to stir outrage, even as we decide it's OK to drive intoxicated ourselves.

Wisconsin tops the list of drunken drivers, with more than a quarter of motorists saying they have driven while intoxicated in the past year. Of course, analysts immediately hit on the obvious cultural factors at play here,

with both Nina J. Emerson, director of the Resource Center on Impaired Driving at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and Paul Moberg, senior scientist at UW's Population Health Institute, pointing to Wisconsin's general acceptance of drinking being higher than many other states, according to an Apr. 22 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article.

But this ignores the fact that even in Utah, a state where a majority of residents belong to a religion that prohibits the consumption of alcohol, one in 10 people reported drinking and driving. Clearly, the problem is that Americans love their cars as much they love their booze. The United Kingdom — with the same .08 blood-alcohol concentration legal limit as all 50 U.S. states — had only 560 alcohol-related deaths in 2004 among its 60 million people, according to the British Medical Association. While the U.S. has five times the population, it had more than 20 times the alcohol-related deaths.

One oft-cited explanation for high U.S. traffic fatalities is that most international drivers first receive permits after they reach the legal drinking age. This makes little to no sense, however. The difference, if any, is usually less than a year, and traffic fatalities, sober

and not, remain high for young people well after they turn 21, as any insurance or rental car agent will tell you. The only reason the drinking age won't raise to 25 is the uproar would be even louder than if it were lowered to 18. It's certainly true Europeans are less car-dependent, but the move to public transportation in this country has been slow and painful.

No, what Wisconsin needs is to correct its two-faced attitude toward drunken driving with harsh penalties even for first-time offenses — this is the only state where a first drunken driving incident is not criminal. While there are concerns that ignition locks may not yet hold the answer, as a California Motor Vehicles Department study found they did not deter first-time offenders, we should look to innovations like these to keep alcohol-impaired drivers off the street. If we can do that, then maybe college students young and old can legally have a beer together.

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Local duo

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

On MacGyver vs. Matlock's debut album the band achieves something that takes other groups years — they successfully meld several different styles into a homogenous sound.

"The Dog and the Wolf" is MvM's first CD — a joint effort between Notre Dame senior Pat Jaicomo and Martin Kent (a student at Ball State).

Jaicomo is a musician from the word go. In addition to singing on the album, he also plays multiple instruments. In fact, the band, despite having only two people, plays all their own instruments — drums, guitar, and bass, just to name a few. Jaicomo is the lead singer of campus band Threat Level Midnight, and Kent is an audio major at Ball State, and was in charge of the entire mixing, mastering and recording process.

All 13 tracks off the CD are originals. Even the artwork of the album is done by the band.

The CD opens with the instrumental track "I Hope to See You Soon." This song sets the tone for the album. Rhythmic electric guitar and crashing cymbals fuse with just a slight air of electronica. Although probably not one of the stronger efforts on the album, the song sets up the listener for the next song — "Heroes Don't Call Themselves Heroes."

This track opens with simple, if almost understated, piano. It is suddenly backed by some powerful electric guitar riffs, and then layered with some well placed electronic beats. Jaicomo and Keck's voices shine on this track, creating a song that is extremely well done.

Another highlight of the album is "The Jumping Off Place." The song opens with some soulful acoustic guitar and heartfelt lyrics, but is more than just the average emo-ballad. The lyrics are impressive and though it is one of the less complex songs on the album, it is devastating in its simplicity.

"In the Grand Scheme of Things, Such as Geology, Ten Years Is Not That Much," might be the strongest song on the album. Its electronic beats and rhythms are unbelievable addicting, and the song extremely approachable.

The seventh track is "Oakleaf Drive," and is one of the strongest on the album. When asked to pick one "single" from the album, Jaicomo picked this

one, although with some difficulty.

"Picking one single is like trying to decide which of your children is your favorite," he said in an interview on Sunday, "but I would say that at this moment in time my favorite track is probably Oakleaf Drive. Over the past summer Martin and I lived in apartment in a kind of rough area of Indianapolis (actually the apartment complex itself was really the rough area). When he played me his first draft of this song I really felt like he absolutely hit the nail on the head with what it was like for us. On top of the lyrics I really love the different textures that ebb and flow throughout the composition."

The personal connection the artists have with this song definitely shines through, making "Oakleaf Drive" one of the album's best offerings.

MacGyver Vs. Matlock's sound is difficult to define. Part Fall Out Boy and part Early November, tangentially touched with Fall Out Boy's emo-influenced lyrics, and finished off with wildly inventive hints of

electronica reminiscent of The Postal Service and Death Cab for Cutie, MacGyver Vs. Matlock is the audiophiles dream. Make sure you listen to the album with good speakers and definitely in stereo — the band use of multiple channels adds a great deal of depth to the music.

This CD isn't yet available in stores, but can be picked up for just \$8 on the band's website at macgyvervsmatlock.com. Consider adding this CD to your collection — it would be money well spent.

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The Dog and the Wolf

MacGyver vs. Matlock

Label: Self-released

Recommended Tracks: "Heroes Don't Call Themselves Heroes," "Oakleaf Drive" and "In the Grand Scheme of Things"



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Reflecting on four years with

THE OBSERVER

Dear readers, friends, fans, enemies, apathetic readers and people who intended to open to the Viewpoint section but inadvertently opened to Scene instead,

This will be the last time I ever write to you. As a college student, anyways — I can't promise I won't make a cameo with a Letter to the Editor in the Viewpoint section at some point in my life as an alumnus.

**T. Edward
Andrews**

Scene Editor

Watching the days dwindle down on my remaining collegiate career, I feel much the same as I imagine a lame-duck president must while playing out the string of his remaining weeks in office, with the exception being, of course, that I don't get to pardon anyone. Alright, well maybe The Rover.

Rover, I forgive you for your assaults on my section and apologize for laying the proverbial smack down on you guys. Much as General William Tecumseh Sherman did to the Confederate South during his march to the sea, my "scorched earth" rhetoric decimated your readership and fan base, and I'm sorry. Many trees had to die to make our little war possible, and so I'd like to apologize to the environment as well. There, that's better. Cathartic even. I'm glad I got that off my chest.

There's a new breed replacing the old guard here at The Observer, moving in to run Notre Dame's hottest student-run newspaper, and I trust they will take good care of you in the years to come. I leave you in their very capable hands.

In journalism, whenever you can't come up with the words you want to express yourself with, you can quote someone famous. It's great. In the words of the immortal Baltimore Sun columnist H.L. Mencken, "... as I look back over a misspent life, I find myself more and more convinced that I had more fun doing news reporting than in any other enterprise. It is really the life of kings." As I look over a misspent collegiate career, I realize that more than anything else I've done here at Notre Dame, I enjoyed nearly every minute of my time writing and editing for The Observer.

As such, I'd like to encourage anyone and everyone so inclined to write for The Observer. You get to put your voice out there, drop some knowledge on the masses and discuss hot-button issues such as the Vagina Monologues. Besides, if you're like me, it'll be no problem putting in late nights at the office because you probably aren't doing homework anyway.

Working for The Observer is also a great way to pick up chicks (or dudes, depending on your persuasion). I can't tell you how many times attractive,

buxom young jezebels have approached me at parties. The dialogue typically goes something like this: "Oh, you're Tae Andrews? The Tae Andrews? I'm such a big fan of yours!" to which I invariably reply, "I get that a lot." The point is, earning a few Observer bylines will quickly put you on a social prestige level approaching that of a football player or a trust fund baby. You can also create a pen name for yourself (in case you've been wondering, I've also graced these pages as the one and the same T. Edward Andrews). It helps keep people on their toes.

Sad as I am to leave, I feel I've accomplished just about everything I could have here at The Observer. Throughout my time, I've written a few good stories, a few truly awful ones and a whole mess that fell somewhere in the middle. Regardless of how well we did, our stories were, as always, designed to inform, entertain and sometimes provoke. I hope you've enjoyed them; if you haven't, feel free to crumple them up and I suppose I don't need to tell you where you can stick them.

I also attained the No. 1 spot on The Observer drinking rankings (and if you think you've partied hearty, try hanging out with 50+ uninhibited student journalists. In case you haven't seen them, our Observer cups bear the motto, "The drinking team with the journalism problem.").

All in all, I've learned a lot here at ND: how to man up, a profane set of different lyrics to the Michigan fight song, the value of a power hour, the value of service, how to love thee some Notre Dame, how to hate thee some USC, how to celebrate St. Patty's Day, how to incorporate "Here Come the Irish" into my iPod workout playlist, what a special and unique place The Grotto is, why Stanford Hall has always been and will always be the premier men's dormitory on campus, how important good friends are and why Notre Dame is the best college in the world.

To my fellow seniors preparing to become alumni in one capacity or another (and although my inner grammarian winces as I write this), in the words of Charles Wright in his hit song, "Express Yourself," "Whatever you do, do it good." There, now that I've quoted both H.L. Mencken and Charles Wright, in the same column nonetheless, I can retire in peace.

Underclassmen who still have remaining years of eligibility here at Notre Dame, I say this to you: enjoy it now, because you will miss it later. As for me, I'm off to explore the strange realm they call "the real world."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles end season with series split

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Belles (23-8 overall, 12-4 MIAA) finished the regular season with a doubleheader split with Tri-State Saturday at Saint Mary's.

In game one, the Belles took an early 3-1 lead after the third inning, but the Thunder scored five unanswered runs in the next three frames to win the game 8-3. Junior Calli Davison (11-8) took the loss.

Game two started out similarly, with Saint Mary's jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first on a home run by junior Ashley Fusaro. This

time, however, it was the Belles scoring five more unanswered runs, as they went on to shut out the Thunder 8-0.

Saint Mary's' only senior, McKenna Corrigan, pitched the complete game shutout to finish her final season a perfect 12-0. She also hit a three-run home run in the top of the fifth in her last home at-bat. Overall, she was 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored in game two.

"[Corrigan] was fantastic," coach Erin Sullivan said. "She hit [the home run] off of Elise English, Tri-State's stud pitcher."

English pitched the fifth and sixth innings of game

two. The three-time MIAA pitcher of the week came into the game with an ERA of 0.98.

The Belles are nearing or have already surpassed several school records. Their 12 league wins are the most in the regular season for Saint Mary's since it joined the MIAA in 1998.

Individually, sophomore Ashley Peterson is close to single-handedly re-writing the offensive record book. She posted two hits on Saturday, tying her for most hits in a season with 53. That record, held by Andrea Arena, dates back to 1997. Peterson's 36 RBIs are only three away from tying the school record, and Corrigan

is right behind her with 32 RBIs. Peterson, who has hit 13 doubles so far, is just six doubles from tying the career record.

Sullivan said Peterson also has a good chance at being the regular season batting champion with a .580 in-conference batting average.

The Belles will head to the MIAA tournament as either the No. 2 or No. 3 seed, depending on whether Tri-State wins or loses against Adrian. Tri-State will also be competing in the tournament, which will be held at Alma College on Thursday and Friday.

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SMC GOLF

Girls take second at qualifier

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

It was just too little too late this weekend for Saint Mary's, who finished second in the MIAA's NCAA qualifying tournament in Marshall, Mich.

The Belles shot the final round low score of 342 but were unable to overcome the 23-stroke deficit they faced after the first two rounds of the three-round event.

In the final round of the qualifier, senior captain Katie O'Brien led the Belles with an 81 and freshman Rosie O'Connor fired an 84.

Saint Mary's finished 22 strokes behind first-place finisher Olivet, who received the MIAA's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

With their recent successful performances in the Vassar Invitational, the Illinois-Wesleyan Spring Fling and the MIAA tournament, the Belles have a good chance of receiving an at-large bid into the national tournament by being chosen from a group of teams by an NCAA selection committee on May 5.

If the Belles are among the chosen, they will travel to Waverly, Iowa, to compete in the NCAA championship tournament May 13-16.

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ATP

Nadal beats Federer, takes Monte Carlo

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Rafael Nadal won his first title of the season, defeating top-ranked Roger Federer yet again on clay to claim his fourth consecutive Monte Carlo Masters.

The second-ranked Spaniard won 7-5, 7-5 Sunday, and improved his clay-court record over Federer to 7-1.

"Winning four times here is unimaginable," said Nadal, who earned his 24th career title. "Roger played a great match. We always have good finals."

Nadal has won 98 of his last 99 matches on clay, with a loss to Federer in the 2007 Hamburg final the only blip.

The Swiss star blew commanding leads in each set, breaking Nadal to lead 4-3 in the first and racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

"Disappointing second set," Federer said. "After playing the right way against him and then letting him back into the match, it was disappointing. Maybe I didn't play my best."

Federer committed too many unforced errors, surprisingly on his forehand, and let Nadal back into the match.

"He deserves to win," Federer said. "I'm pushing Rafa today, having the feeling I can beat him if I play the right way. And I think that's the feeling I didn't have after (Monte Carlo) last year."

Nadal is the only player in the Open era to win four straight titles at Monte Carlo, and the first since Anthony Wilding of New Zealand (1911-14).

Nadal has won 22 consecutive matches at Monte Carlo since losing to Guillermo Coria in the third round in 2003. Federer was the last person to take a set from him in the 2006 final. Nadal missed 2004 with injury.

The three-time French Open champion is 19-1 in clay-court finals, while Federer dropped to 7-8 on his least favorite surface. The 12-time Grand Slam champion has never won the French Open, the only major title missing from his resume.

Still, Nadal thinks Federer remains the best, despite a slower start to the season. Federer picked up his first win of the season last week at the Estoril Open.

"I think he doesn't get enough credit," Nadal said. "It is impossible to be at 100 percent all your career, he is still No. 1, the best in the world."

Relying too much on his forehand, Federer also missed routine volleys at the net, and made 44 unforced errors.

Federer seemed poised to even the match after hitting some near-perfect winners down the line and taking a 4-0 lead in the second set. Nadal struggled to hold his serve in the fifth game, but turned the



Rafael Nadal, right, and Roger Federer shake hands after their championship match Sunday in Monaco.

match around.

Nadal rallied to 4-3, and Federer had four consecutive errors in the eighth game to lose his serve at love.

A weak backhand gave Nadal the match point and he took it at the first opportunity, before sliding on his back and raising both fists in the air.

Federer lost his serve six times during the match.

"The amount of times I got broken today wasn't what I was hoping for," Federer said. "But at least I was finally able to break him also on (four)

occasions, which is the good part."

Federer won only 29 percent of his second-serve points, which even alarmed Nadal.

"A little bit strange because that's not normal, no?," Nadal said. "He's a big server."

Both players looked nervous on serve in the first set, swapping breaks for 1-1.

Federer saved a break point in the sixth game and dominated Nadal at the net in the seventh, breaking him to move ahead 4-3.

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MLB

American League, East Division

team	record	perc.	GB	RS
Tampa Bay	14-11	.560	-	118
Baltimore	14-11	.560	-	108
Boston	15-12	.556	-	133
NY Yankees	13-13	.500	1.5	114
Toronto	11-5	.423	3.5	115

American League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	GB	RS
Chicago Sox	14-10	.583	-	127
Cleveland	12-13	.480	2.5	115
Minnesota	11-14	.440	3.5	95
Kansas City	11-14	.440	3.5	82
Detroit	11-15	.423	4	130

American League, West Division

team	record	perc.	GB	RS
Oakland	16-10	.615	-	120
LA Angels	16-10	.615	-	130
Seattle	12-14	.462	4	117
Texas	9-17	.346	7	114

National League, East Division

team	record	perc.	GB	RS
Florida	15-10	.600	-	114
NY Mets	13-11	.542	1.5	113
Philadelphia	14-12	.538	1.5	124
Atlanta	12-13	.480	3	124
Washington	9-17	.346	6.5	95

National League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	GB	RS
Chicago Cubs	16-9	.640	-	145
St. Louis	16-10	.615	.5	120
Milwaukee	14-11	.560	2	111
Houston	12-14	.462	4.5	115
Cincinnati	11-15	.423	5.5	116
Pittsburgh	10-15	.400	6	111

National League, West Division

team	record	perc.	GB	RS
Arizona	18-7	.720	-	148
LA Dodgers	12-13	.480	6	117
San Francisco	11-15	.423	7.5	84
Colorado	10-15	.400	8	109
San Diego	10-16	.385	8.5	84

Golfweek's Men's Golf Rankings

	team	record	Events
1	Alabama	117-11-1	10
2	Georgia	107-21-0	9
3	USC	110-17-1	9
4	UCLA	89-15-1	8
5	Oklahoma State	100-24	9
6	Charlotte	106-18-1	9
7	Stanford	86-28	9
8	Florida	97-42-1	10
9	Georgia Tech	90-38-2	9
10	Florida State	100-32-1	10
11	Tennessee	105-37-3	10
12	South Carolina	111-40-2	10
13	Chattanooga	130-30-4	11
14	Duke	84-36-3	10
15	UNLV	113-32-2	10
16	Texas A&M	86-51-1	10
17	Auburn	93-43-3	10
18	Clemson	92-44-1	10
19	UCF	95-45-3	10
20	Louisville	103-48-3	11
21	East Tennessee	72-57-2	9
22	Arizona State	76-52-2	9
23	Wake forest	88-48-5	10
24	Michigan State	87-34-2	10
25	Indiana	110-35-	11

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PGA



Adam Scott blasts out of the sand trap on the 18th hole of the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament in Irving, Texas, Sunday. Scott won in three playoff holes against Ryan Moore.

Scott blows lead, then wins in playoff

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Adam Scott felt he needed to make a statement by winning Sunday. He did, though, not quite the way he wanted to do it.

After blowing the three-stroke lead he carried into the final round, Scott made a 9-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to force a playoff, then made a 48-footer playing it again on the third playoff hole to beat Ryan Moore in the EDS Byron Nelson Championship.

"In the end, I think (the statement) was to myself, I could actually win it when things weren't going my way," Scott said. "But it

wasn't quite the statement I had in mind. I would have liked to have gone out there and have played like Ryan played and won by a few."

Still, Scott made the clutch shots when he needed them for his sixth PGA Tour victory after cutting short his post-Masters trip home to Australia so not to waste his good play there.

Playing the 18th hole for the third time in less than an hour, the second time in the playoff, Scott hit his tee shot into a fairway bunker to the right. But he got his approach to the front of the green, then rolled the putt over two ridges and into the cup.

"I got away with one today," said Scott, at No. 10 in the world the highest-ranked player in the Nelson field. "A bit lucky."

Moore still had a chance to force another hole, but his pin-high putt from the fringe skimmed just past the cup.

"I'm just a little frustrated I didn't make mine," said Moore, who closed with a 2-under 68 to match Scott (71) at 7-under 273.

The playoff was a fitting end after a back-and-forth Sunday duel between Scott and Moore, who finished four shots ahead of Bart Bryant (72). Nicholas Thompson (67), Mark Hensby (69) and Carl

Pettersson (69) tied for fourth at 2 under.

It was the fourth career runner-up finish for Moore, the first player since Tiger Woods to skip Q-school and go straight from college to the PGA Tour. Woods got his first victory in his seventh start as a pro, while Moore is still looking for his first after 70 tournaments since 2005, after he was a four-time All-American at UNLV.

"A loss is a loss, but I tied for first at the end of the day," said Moore, who had never been in a playoff. "I was just proud of myself for battling around on a tough day in tough conditions."

IN BRIEF

League approves 'Pacman' trade to Dallas

IRVING, Texas — The NFL formally approved Tennessee's trade of suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

"I think for Adam's sake it's a very good first step," Jones' agent Manny Arora said. "We still have to get through the NFL commissioner's office. I think once we do that we can breathe a sigh of relief and get back to playing football."

Jones must still be reinstated by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

Arora declined to discuss the details of the contract Jones signed.

Dallas gave the Titans a fourth-round pick in this year's draft and a sixth-rounder next year for Jones. The Cowboys would get back a fourth-rounder in 2009 if Pacman isn't reinstated, or a fifth-rounder if he returns then gets punished again.

Busch cruises to victory under caution flag

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Kyle Busch fell a lap down midway through the race, and after racing his way back into contention, needed an awesome save to keep himself from triggering a massive crash.

"Typical Talladega," he thought.

Only this time, the crash happened behind Busch. Instead of leaving Talladega Superspeedway with a smashed-up car, he drove into Victory Lane. The kid who couldn't conquer Talladega finally won at the harrowing track Sunday, and in this break-out season for Busch, it was only fitting that he coasted to the victory.

"I'd like to say that I'm smarter than I look, but that's certainly not the case," Busch said. "Today was just due to having a great car. Getting a lap down, that was like, 'Oh, typical Talladega' there. But I didn't wreck today and I was definitely happy of that."

UCLA's Shipp declares for draft, won't hire agent

LOS ANGELES — UCLA's Josh Shipp will enter the NBA draft, but the junior won't hire an agent, leaving him the option of returning to play for the Bruins.

Shipp averaged 12.2 points and 3.2 rebounds during UCLA's run to its third consecutive Final Four. The Bruins lost to Memphis in the national semifinals.

"After speaking with my family and with coach (Ben) Howland, I think I should test the NBA waters to get some feedback," Shipp said in a statement Sunday. "I feel like it really can't hurt me at this time. I want to go through the process this year, which will serve as a positive experience for me in my future development."

Shipp is the fourth UCLA starter to enter the June draft, along with freshman Kevin Love, sophomore Russell Westbrook and junior Luc Richard Mbah a Moute.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish knock off Seminoles for fifth straight win

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The Irish remained hot in their first appearance since the Big East Tournament and pulled off their best win of the season with a 4-3 upset over No. 13 Florida State. With the win, Notre Dame ran its winning streak to five matches.

For the second straight match, the Irish relied on gutsy play from freshman Daniel Stahl at the No. 6 position. Stahl defeated Seminole junior Drew Bailey 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 to seal the win for the Irish.

"He has really made a lot of improvements," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of his freshman.

The Irish stayed hot early

and won two of three doubles matches to win the doubles point. Junior Santiago Montoya and senior Andrew Roth jumped out to a 3-1 lead against the Florida State pair of Bailey and sophomore Brad Mixson, but the Seminole pair tied it at 7-7 before Montoya and Roth pulled away for a 9-7 victory. The Irish clinched the point with a come-from-behind victory from the pair of junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Parbhu, who defeated the Florida State pair of senior Sam Chang and junior Maciek Sykut. Chang and Sykut jumped out to a 4-2 lead before Helgeson and Parbhu rallied for an 8-6

win.

The Seminoles tied it up when junior Chris Cloer defeated Irish freshman David Anderson at No. 5 in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Irish responded with back-to-back wins from Helgeson and freshman Stephen Havens.

Helgeson defeated Florida State freshman Clint Bowles in straight sets. Helgeson dominated the first set with a 6-1 win and jumped out to a 4-1 lead in

the second set, but Bowles fought back to tie the set 4-4 before Helgeson pulled away with a 7-5 win.

Havens matched Helgeson with a straight sets win of his own as he defeated Mixson 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 4 position. With the win, he

improved to 20-20 on the season.

The two wins gave the Irish a commanding 3-1 lead, but the Seminoles did not go away easily. Sykut defeated Roth in straight sets 7-6 (6), 6-2 to bring the Seminoles within one at the No. 3 position. The loss dropped Roth to 10-19 on the season.

The Seminoles tied the match 3-3 when Chang defeated Parbhu in a match-up of nationally ranked players. Chang, ranked No. 90 nationally, won a tightly contested first set 6-4 and went on to win the second set in a tiebreak 7-3.

With the win, the Irish concluded the season with a 16-10 record. Notre Dame's previous win in the Big East tournament earned the Irish an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The Irish have made the tournament in 17 of the past 18 years.

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"[Daniel Stahl] has really made a lot of improvements."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

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SMC TENNIS

Belles take fifth in MIAA tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (12-10) took fifth in the MIAA tournament while sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and

freshman Jillian Hurley both earned all-MIAA honors. It marked the first time since 2005 that two Belles were named to the all-conference team.

In Friday's first match, Saint Mary's lost 5-1 to Kalamazoo after beating the Hornets 6-3 on April 19, moving them into the consolation round. Saint Mary's only victories against Kalamazoo came from their four singles wins. No. 1 singles Gebert won 7-5, 6-2, No. 2 Hurley won 7-5 in the first set before not finishing the second, No. 3 Betsy Reed won 6-2, 5-0 in an unfinished second set, and No. 5 Lisa Rubino won 6-4, 1-0 before the second set was concluded.

"Our first round match against Kalamazoo was disappointing," Gebert said. "Had we started stronger with our doubles, we could have turned the match around, but we did not play our best."

As part of the consolation draw, Saint Mary's took on Tri-State Friday. The Belles won two of the three doubles, won three of the six singles, but three singles matches went unfinished. No. 1 doubles of Gebert-Hurley won 8-2 and No. 2 doubles pair of Reed-Rubino won 9-8 (8-6).

In the singles against Tri-State, Saint Mary's won three matches, and three went unfinished. Gebert, Reed and Arnold all won full matches. Hurley's, Jessica Kosinski's and Rubino's matches were not finished.

Saturday morning Saint Mary's took on Alma in a match for fifth place in the tournament, winning 5-2. The Belles won two of the three doubles, three of the

singles. Two singles matches went unfinished. No. 1 doubles Gebert and Hurley defeated Margaret Curtiss and Kelly Schwartzkopf 8-6; No. 2 Reed and Rubino won 8-3 over Laura McKendry and Lindsay Wagner; No. 3 Camp and Lee lost 9-7 to Kelsey Erwin and Emily Noss.

In singles on Saturday Saint Mary's won three matches and had two unfinished. No. 1 Gebert defeated Schwartzkopf 6-1, 6-2, No. 2 Hurley beat McKendry 6-1, 6-2; No. 3 Reed defeated Wagner 6-0, 6-3. No. 4 Kosinski was defeated 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 by Heather Spratt. No. 5 Rubino's match against Curtiss and No. 6 Arnold's against Noss went unfinished.

"We were able to rebound and win our next to matches, however, to secure fifth place," Gebert said. "I think that we played with our hearts this weekend. We left it all on the courts, all the hard work, all the late night practices. As usual, our singles were stronger than our doubles play and took care of itself, enable us to take the lead in our last two matches."

Saint Mary's ends its season in fifth for the MIAA for the fourth consecutive year.

"I feel as though we've all matured in our own way through the course of the season," Gebert said. "We started a little slow in the beginning of the season, but definitely ended strong. I know that next season we will have more experience, and more confidence, so we can manage to get over the hump in our conference."

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10) was hot for the Irish on the mound, going seven innings in the doubleheader without giving up an earned run.

Game two of the doubleheader with the Friars began with Providence jumping out to a 2-0 lead early with two doubles off of freshman Jody Valdivia (8-7) in the first. Valdivia gave up four runs on five hits with five strikeouts and no walks in the loss.

Valdivia gave up two more runs in the fourth to bring on Bargar, who pitched the final 3 and 1/3 innings with one unearned run on three hits.

The Irish got back in the game on the force of an RBI triple from Fleury and an RBI single from Smith, but it would not be enough, as the Friars never relinquished the lead, winning 5-3.

A lot of opportunities were left on the bases for the Irish — they left 11 runners on base.

Sunday was senior day for the Irish, and they celebrated with a sweep of Connecticut (25-21, 11-7 Big East) in Melissa Cook Stadium.

Game one against the Huskies was not for the faint of heart Irish fan, as the Irish were trailing by a score of 5-1 in the bottom of the second.

The Irish came back quickly, however, evening the score at 5-5 with runs in each of the first three innings and a two-spot in the fourth.

In the sixth inning with the



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Junior designated hitter Beth Northway makes contact during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Loyola Thursday.

score tied, freshman outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg blasted the ball over the center-field fence to take the lead.

The Irish scored twice more on Kohan's two-out double to right that scored senior second baseman Katie Laing and Smith after they had singled earlier to get on base.

Bargar had a workman-like outing for the Irish, giving up five runs on seven hits with five strikeouts.

The second game was a different story, as this time it was the Irish jumping out to a three-run lead after three innings.

Smith and Fleury had RBI hits in the first and second innings respectively, before sophomore first baseman Christine Lux hit a solo home

run in the bottom of the third. Lux went 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs for the Irish.

Bargar went the distance for the Irish again in the second game, allowing one earned run on four hits and tallying two strikeouts. Bargar added seven defensive assists in her 26th win of the season.

The Irish will next be in action on Tuesday with an away game against Valparaiso. The game will begin at 5 p.m. before the Irish will complete their Big East schedule with doubleheaders against Pittsburgh and Syracuse next weekend.

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forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and six blocked kicks.

Laws, who played defensive tackle under former Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter's 4-3 scheme and defensive end for current defensive coordinator Corwin Brown's 3-4, said he is more suited to playing tackle for the Eagles.

"I looked at their roster a little bit, but I see there is a position for me to contribute. There is an opportunity for me to get in there and compete with some guys. I think it's a pretty good place for me," Laws said in a conference call with Philadelphia reporters.

Laws rejoins former teammate Victor Abiamiri in Philadelphia. Philadelphia took Abiamiri, a defensive end, with the 57th overall pick in last year's draft.

Laws said he is thrilled to be back with his friend and former teammate.

"We're real close friends. We were roommates for over a year. I talk to him on a weekly basis almost," Laws said. "It's really exciting to go to the same team as him."

The next Irish player drafted was Zbikowski, who the Ravens took with the 86th overall pick during the third round of the draft.

Zbikowski set the Notre Dame record for tackles by a defensive back with 300, eighth best in Irish history. He also had eight interceptions, seven forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries in his career. Zbikowski also returned three punts, two interceptions and two fumbles for touchdowns.

Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome said in a press conference in Baltimore that he wanted to increase the defense's size and speed, and that Zbikowski was part of that.

Newsome said Zbikowski is currently slated as the backup safety and a backup punt returner.

"Those are some areas that we got hit pretty hard last year and we ended up taking guys from the practice squad," Newsome said.

The final Irish player taken was center John Sullivan, 187th overall to the Minnesota Vikings. Sullivan was a four-year starter at Notre

Dame, playing in 31 consecutive games before an injury sidelined him for the last two games of the 2007 campaign.

Note:

Former long snapper J.J. Jansen signed as a free agent with Green Bay and former running back Travis Thomas signed with Cleveland on Sunday night after going undrafted.

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MEN'S TRACK

Relay team claims three-peat

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

The weekend for the Notre Dame men's track team can be summed up in one word: dominance. With outstanding performances at the 99th annual Drake Relays and a strong showing at the Hillsdale Relays, the Irish will have a good chance of earning the top seed in next week's Big East conference meet.

At Drake, history was made when the 4-by-1600 meter relay team of juniors Patrick Smyth and Dan Clark and seniors Jake Watson and Kurt Benninger took Notre Dame to first place for the third year in a row with a world-best time of 16:51.82.

"Every year we come out here and we always run this relay and the fact we've been able to win it four of the last five sort of establishes a tradition now. It's something we look forward to every year," Watson said. "We just have a strong mid-distance, distance

program in general. That's sort of where our orientation is as far as track and field goes. This relay is perfect."

Other running performances included senior Austin Wechter placing 19th in the 400-meter hurdles and senior Brett Adams placing 13th in the 1,500-meter run. As for field events, senior Mike Schubert and freshman Denes Veres placed 14th and 17th, respectively, in the shot put. Sophomore Brandon Denon followed close behind to place 14th in the discus throw.

At the Hillsdale relays, junior Blair Macjina reached his season-best jump of 2.10 meters, beating his previous jump by .3 meters. Sophomore Ryan Bell finished with top marks in the discus throw, placing 16th with a throw of 41.74 meters. Junior Tray Morgan threw for the Irish as well, placing 14th with 46.46 meters.

Other field event performances included freshman Greg Davis who placed eighth in hammer throw, with a dis-

tance of 54.54 meters. Junior Jeff Mensch placed 17th in the same event with a throw of 51.16 meters.

As for running events, the 800-meter run was an event loaded up with Irish participants. Sophomores Cameron Eckert, Jack Howard, Jim Notwell and freshmen Ryan Gamboa, Kevin Labus, Spencer Carter and sophomore Brier Steenberge all finished in the top 30 in a race that featured almost 100 runners. Eckert lead the pack of Irish, finishing fourth.

Junior Billy Buzaid and Senior Bob Kueny finished with top marks as well in the men's 400-meter dash, placing sixth and seventh respectively and earning qualifying times for the Big East meet next week.

The outdoor season for the Irish will culminate in the Big East Conference championship at the Jumbo Elliot Track at Villanova starting at 11 a.m. on Friday.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish athletes shine in weekend's relays

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sent a limited number of athletes to both the Hillsdale and Drake Relays this weekend, but it walked away with more than a few impressive results.

At the Hillsdale Relays meet in Hillsdale, Mich., the Irish shined with a number of top finishes.

In the 1500-meter run, senior Julie Opet grabbed the top spot with a time of 4:31.77. Marissa Treece, competing in her first meet since the World Cross Country championships, rounded out a solid Irish performance in the event with an eighth-place finish.

In the 800-meter run, senior Jacqueline Carter and sophomore Molly Sullivan took second and fourth-place, respectively. In field events, the Irish

had a strong showing, led by junior Mary Saxer, who won the Pole Vault with a jump of 13 feet, 1 1/2 inches. Sophomore Elise Knutzen took third in the javelin and sophomore Jamie Minor finished seventh in the triple jump.

At the Drake Relays, the Irish got quality performances from of the two athletes that were sent to the highly competitive meet.

Sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza grabbed sixth-place with her throw of 44.58 meters in the discus event.

Junior Anna Weber also finished well placing ninth in the hammer throw event with a toss of 58.16 meters.

The Irish will compete in the Big East championships next weekend.

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND fights to scoreless tie with Mexico U-20's

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame played Mexico's U-20 team to a scoreless tie in a physical friendly before more than 2,700 fans at Alumni Field on Friday.

In a game that featured 32 fouls between the two teams and saw Mexico draw three yellow cards and a red card, neither squad could muster even a solid attempt on goal until the first half's final minute, when Mexico's Moises Velasco's shot soared over the net. The Irish were out-shot 8-1 in the first half and 13-8 for the game.

Notre Dame's best try came just four minutes into the second, when rising senior defender Jack Traynor's free kick deflected off the post. The Irish domi-

nated the possession over the final 20 minutes, as rising sophomore Josh Thiermann just missed a shot near the Mexico goal.

That started a string of good looks for Notre Dame, as rising juniors Dave Donohue and Michael Thomas both saw decent looks sail high.

Notre Dame auditioned a pair of goalkeepers in the game, both of whom fared well. Rising senior Andrew Quinn manned the net during the first half, while rising junior Philip Tuttle closed out the game with a solid performance in the second. Tuttle's save with 33:40 to play preserved the shut-out, as he punched a Velasco shot just over the cross bar on Mexico's best scoring chance of the match.

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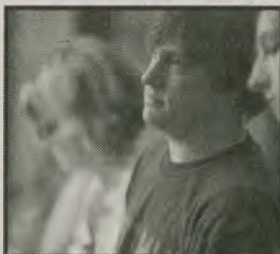
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish win final home game

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

In its last home game of the season, No. 7 Notre Dame captured the GWLL regular season title with a 17-12 win over No. 13 Ohio State.

The victory pulled the Irish (11-2, 4-1 GWLL) into a three-way tie with the Buckeyes (9-4, 4-1 GWLL) and Denver for first place in the Great Western Lacrosse League, which the Irish won by virtue of a tiebreaker. The Irish came out firing early, scoring three goals in the first seven minutes, including one by junior midfielder Peter Christman just 51 seconds into the game.

But the Buckeyes wouldn't go down easily. Following a timeout, the Buckeyes scored four straight goals to take the lead for the first time in the game.

Despite this impressive offensive display by the Buckeyes, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he remained confident in his team's ability to adjust to the

pressure.

"We knew it was going to be up-and-down and I wasn't concerned with the mentality of the team," he said. "A lot of times you would call time-out in that situation but I didn't call timeout because I wasn't worried."

After ending the first quarter down 5-4, Notre Dame showed its coach that his confidence was not in vain, going on a 4-2 run of their own to go into halftime up 8-7.

Senior midfielder Michael Podgajny dominated during the run, scoring all three of his goals, two of which were assisted by sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs.

The third quarter saw much of the same as the Irish extended their lead to 12-9 on goals by sophomore midfielder Neal Hicks, junior attack Duncan Swezey, senior attack Alex Wharton and sophomore attack Matt Ciambella. Wharton, who leads the Irish in assists this season with 27, had four in the game.

Notre Dame closed out the game thanks in part to two goals by Krebs, who finished the game with three. Senior goaltender Joey Kemp made 12 saves.

Having secured the No. 1 seed in next week's GWLL tournament, the Irish will take on the Quinnipiac, a team the Irish beat 16-6 on April 18. Corrigan said after the game that the team is happy with the win but determined to keep their focus.

"Denver and Ohio State are very good teams, excellent teams, and I think that not having to play one of them in the first round and the other in the second round is terrific," Corrigan said. "We're glad that we'll only have to play one or the other, but our job now is to play Quinnipiac in the first round and take them down. We only have one game on the schedule right now, and we have to work hard this week to prepare for it."

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NBA

West's three with 5.4 seconds left lifts Cavs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — King James lost his crown.

All right, so it was his burundy headband that went flying when LeBron James took a shot to the noggin from DeShawn Stevenson, their simmering feud nearly boiling over. James kept his cool, allowing the flagrant foul to spark him and his Cleveland Cavaliers.

At game's end, James was just as collected, drawing waves of Washington Wizards defenders before dishing to Delonte West for a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left. That shot, along with James' 34 points and 12 rebounds, led the Cavaliers to a 100-97 victory on Sunday and a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series.

"There's been some extracurricular activities going on outside and inside this series," James said, "but I've been able to stay focused."

The Wizards were ahead by a point with three minutes left in the first half when James drove to the basket, and Stevenson came from behind and swiped a hand out, clipping the Cavs' star with what James said teammates told

him was a closed fist before tumbling to the court. James kept his balance and stepped toward Stevenson, who got up and stepped toward James.

They exchanged words, but that was it, before teammates stepped in between.

"If we was on the park, something definitely would have escalated," James said. "But, you know, I guess that's what they want to do. They want to hurt LeBron James this series. It ain't working."

Stevenson's take?

"That's how it goes," he said. "It was a big game for us."

Now the Cavaliers, who eliminated the Wizards in each of the previous two post-seasons, have control, with Game 5 on Wednesday at Cleveland.

James got help Sunday from more than just West, whose career playoff-high 21 points included five 3-pointers. Daniel Gibson made four 3s, and Ben Wallace had 12 rebounds — part of a remarkable 51-31 edge on the boards for Cleveland.

One small sequence that epitomized things: At the end of the third quarter, Joe Smith's three-point play followed two offensive rebounds and gave the Cavaliers an 80-73 edge.

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St. John's

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Sherry had back-to-back infield hits. Sophomore designated hitter David Mills came through with a clutch two-out single to score the first Notre Dame run and cut the lead to 2-1.

Junior second baseman Jeremy Barnes then led off the bottom of the seventh with an opposite field home run, tying to game 2-2. The Irish had a chance to grab their first lead of the game later in the inning, but Brezovsky was called out at the plate trying to score from second on senior catcher Sean Gaston's single.

Notre Dame committed two errors in the eighth to allow St. John's to regain the lead.

Barnes dropped a pop-up to allow Red Storm second baseman Gino Matias to reach second base. Matias then came around to score when Brezovsky misplayed a single to left.

Notre Dame knotted the game back up at 3-3 with a clutch RBI single by sophomore outfielder A.J. Pollock in the eighth. The Irish defense, however, let St. John's take back the game in the ninth.

"It's tough," Schrage said, "I thought we were patient and battled back and had a good opportunity to win the game."

With junior closer Kyle Weiland on the mound, the Red Storm put men on first and second with two infield hits. On a tough groundball to third Sherry could not pull the ball out of his glove in time, allowing a run to score.

Then a high fly ball down the left field line landed between three Irish players, scoring two more.

"We catch those balls and we win," Schrage said. "I don't know what happened."

Brezovsky extended his hitting streak to 20 games in the ninth with a double, and came around to score and cut the lead to 6-4. But St. John's closer Colin Lynch struck out junior Evan Sharpley to end the game, also picking up the win.

Notre Dame 8, St. John's 4

Despite an unusually early first pitch at noon Sunday, the Irish bats woke up in a hurry and chased Red Storm starting pitcher Jared Yecker from the game before the end of the third inning. Notre Dame tagged Yecker for three runs, providing a sizable

cushion for Irish starter Eric Maust.

"They always say hitting is contagious so when you got guys at the top of the order and the bottom of the order hitting well, that's all you can ask for," Brezovsky said. "All it takes is one guy to have a good at bat and get a hit and it starts rolling and all of a sudden you have 13 hits like we did today."

When he stroked a single to right field in the fifth inning, Brezovsky extended his hitting streak to 21 games, which is tied for the longest by a Notre Dame player since 1995.

"I could care less about hitting streaks as long as we're winning games," Brezovsky said. "It feels good to get a win the day after losing two in a row."

Brezovsky's hit put men on

first and second before Boockford drilled a two-run double into left-center to give Notre Dame a 5-0 advantage.

The lead was more than enough for Maust, who retired the leadoff batter in seven of eight innings and ran his record to 5-1.

"He's a bulldog. He goes out and gives it his all every outing and we have a lot of confidence in him," Brezovsky said.

Barnes was one of four Irish hitters with multiple hits in the contest.

Irish senior right-hander Tony Langford worked the final 1 and 1/3 innings and did not surrender a run, lowering his ERA to 1.10.

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Big East

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the hearts of the Irish (11-7, 4-1 Big East).

"It's gut-wrenching because when you put your heart out there, our sports psychologist says it's agony or ecstasy," Irish senior captain Caitlin McKinney said. "I wouldn't want it any other way, but right now, it's agony because we put everything out there. That's the hardest part, to walk off and know that you gave everything you can."

"It gives you peace, but it also tears you inside because you wish the ball would have bounced your way, and especially as a senior, it's really difficult."

The Irish started with a bang, scoring the game's first six goals to take a 6-0 lead with just under 15 minutes to play in the first half. Freshman Shaylyn Blaney scored three of her career-high five goals over the stretch.

"It was just on the field, something comes over you," Blaney said. "I've got a whole team in there that I feel like I'm playing for. I would do anything for these girls, and that sort of inspires me to just go."

Georgetown finally got on the board with 14:25 to play in the first half, but Notre Dame scored twice over the next five minutes to grab an 8-1 lead. The teams traded goals before the momentum began to swing in Georgetown's favor, as the Hoyas, down 9-2, began a 6-1 run that would cover the last five minutes of the first half and the first five of the second.

Hoyas midfielder Ashby Kaestner scored all four of her goals over that stretch, transforming a 9-2 game with 7:31 to play in the first half into a 10-8 battle less than four minutes into the second.

"When they started getting possession off the draw, then Kaestner, their best player, stepped up and started killing us at the end of the first half," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think we tried to take her out of the mix and face-guard her off the draw, I mean we were definitely trying things, but they're a good team. We're not two top-10 teams for no reason."

Georgetown would tie the game at 11-11 on Allie Hubschmann's third goal of the game at 18:51 and take a 13-12 lead, their first of the contest, with just over four minutes to play. McKinney's third goal tied it at 13-13 with 1:17 to go, and the game entered overtime after the Hoyas, stalling for the final shot, were unable to convert.

Eight seconds into the first of two three-minute, non-sudden death overtimes, sophomore attack Gina Scioscia gave the Irish a 14-13 lead off an assist from McKinney. But Georgetown's Jordy Kirr tied it right back up 15 seconds later on an unassisted goal.

Both teams were held scoreless over the second non-sudden death overtime and the first of the two sudden death periods, though both had several chances to put the game away.

"We had opportunities to win the game in regulation, and we had our chances," Coyne said. "We just didn't capitalize, and when you get to sudden death, it's a funny bounce that's going to end up winning it — it is what it is, but it's unfortunate that we're on the losing end."

Notre Dame's best chance came when McKinney, running down the field after a draw, had her bid for the game-winner stuffed by Georgetown goalie Caitlin Formby. With the ball on the ground just in front of the net, McKinney opted to try to flick the ball in with her

stick, as she had done successfully earlier in the contest, instead of picking it up and shooting normally.

"I got too excited and I should've just picked it up and put it in," McKinney said. I was back and forth between flicking it and picking it up, and I should've had more confidence and composure. It could've changed the game but I guess that's how it goes sometimes."

The Hoyas dominated the possession in sudden death, and even when the Irish managed to pry the ball loose, they were plagued by untimely turnovers, including two in the decisive overtime period.

"I want the team to play to win, so I don't really question some of the decisions they were making because I want them to go with their gut," Coyne said. "If they think they can take it and make something happen, I don't want to take that away from them by forcing them into something. We have our set plays, but at the end of the day, you want the players out there pulling the trigger and playing to win. Maybe we lived and died by it."

The Irish players were visibly distraught by the loss, both on the field and in the locker room following the game. But they will have to regroup for their final regular season game, at home against Cornell on May 3, in order to have any chance at an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament.

"There aren't really words that are going to give them consolation right now," Coyne said. "They wanted to be in the championship game, and we wanted to be representing Notre Dame and winning our first Big East title. It's a really difficult position we're in right now."

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish win Big East yet again

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame swept all six of its races en route to capturing its fifth straight Big East crown over the weekend in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

For the first time ever, the Irish captured gold medals in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity

four, novice eight and novice four races.

Since the first conference championship in 2001, the Irish, led by coach Martin Stone, have never finished lower than second.

The Irish finished with 123 points, followed by Louisville (105), Syracuse (92), Georgetown (85), Rutgers (67),

Connecticut (64), Villanova (44) and West Virginia (28).

Stone and assistant coaches Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl also captured their fifth straight coaches-of-the-year honors.

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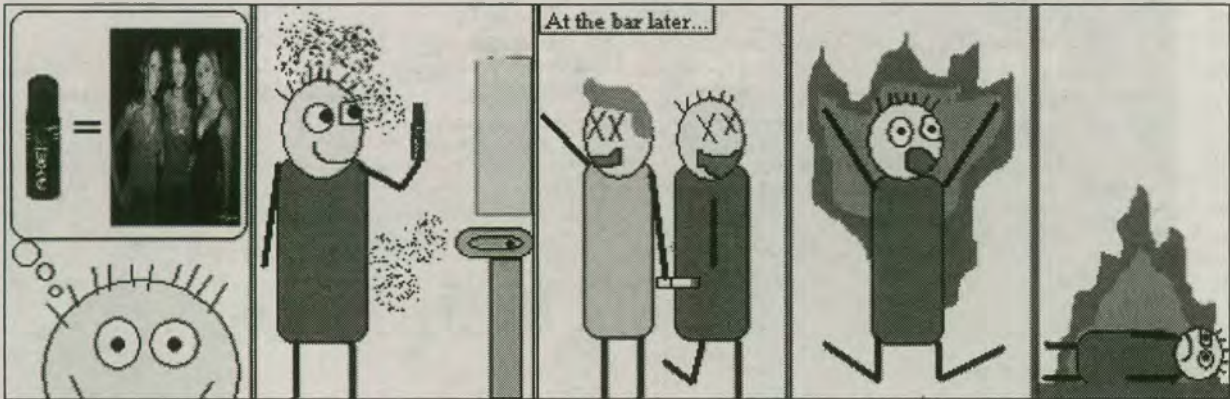
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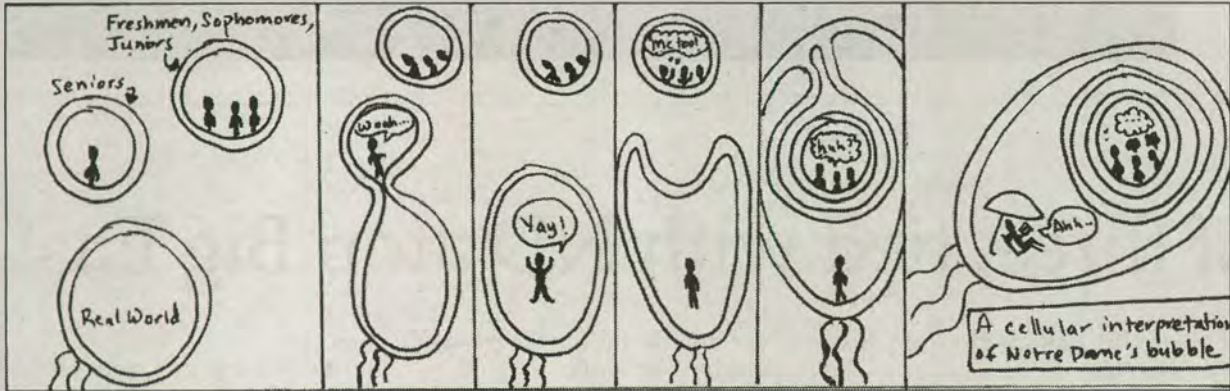
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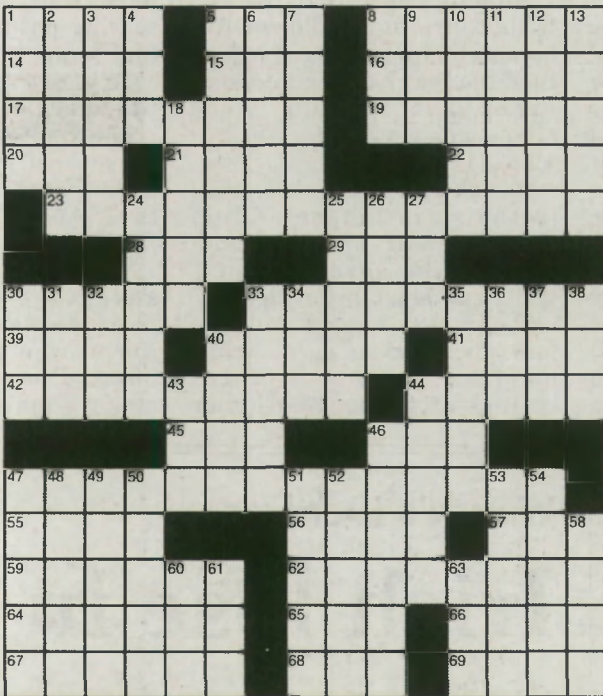
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 "I saw _____ sawing wood ..." (old tongue twister)
- 5 Lawn base
- 8 Finally
- 14 Outlaws
- 15 "I won! I won!" e.g.
- 16 Amp toter
- 17 What President Washington said upon winning the lottery?
- 19 Professor's goal
- 20 "I've got a mule, her name is _____"
- 21 Once around the sun
- 22 Hidden valley
- 23 What flagmaker Ross said ...?
- 28 Colonial Franklin, familiarly
- 29 Cheer to a matador
- 30 Just watched
- 33 What Miss Molly said ...?
- 39 End in _____ (draw)
- 40 In a huff
- 41 Captain who said "Eat your pudding, Mr. Land"
- 42 What Galileo said ...?
- 44 "I can't _____ satisfaction" (Rolling Stones lyric)
- 45 "_____ shocked ..." SHOCKED!"
- 46 Collide
- 47 What the Big Bad Wolf said ...?
- 55 Figure skater's jump
- 56 Rocklike
- 57 Clamor
- 59 Overhaul
- Down**
- 1 Flows out
- 2 Request at a medical exam
- 3 Viewpoint
- 4 Put to good _____
- 5 Porch protector
- 6 "Rock of Ages" accompaniment
- 7 Hair colorers
- 8 Picasso output
- 9 Little piggy
- 10 Actress Jessica
- 11 Rated NC-17, e.g.
- 12 Fathers
- 13 Wee
- 18 Hand-wringer's words
- 24 Monk's home
- 25 Traffic noises
- 26 Merrie _____ England
- 27 Command to Rover
- 30 _____ Miguel, largest island of the Azores
- 31 Part of N.C.A.A.: Abbr.
- 32 Actor Robbins
- 33 Commercial prefix with phone
- 62 What Noah Webster said ...?
- 64 Aftershock
- 65 Shepherd's locale
- 66 Nylons
- 67 High-school honey
- 68 Directional suffix
- 69 Ready for business

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by C. W. Stewart

- 34 Row
- 35 "You're _____ talk!"
- 36 Rent out
- 37 Trio after K
- 38 "_____ hoo!"
- 40 Slanted type: Abbr.
- 43 Sis or bro
- 44 Lightheaded
- 46 Novelist Melville
- 47 Witches' blemishes
- 48 Put forth, as effort
- 49 Flood stopper
- 50 Transporter across the Andes
- 51 Not cut up
- 52 HBO's "Real Time With Bill _____"
- 53 Lottery winner's yell
- 54 Convalescent home employee
- 58 Biblical place of innocence
- 60 Hip, in the '60s
- 61 Delve (into)
- 63 "Sez _____?"

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: COUPE ELDER LARYNX DELUXE
Answer: What the janitor did when he played poker — HE "CLEANED" UP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE TALLEST PLAYER DID WHEN THE TEAM STAYED IN A HOTEL.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your trusting nature will lead to trouble. If you are generous with the wrong person, you will not get any satisfaction out of your kindness. Don't let anyone take advantage of you; instead, pay more attention to yourself and your needs. 3 stars

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do things that make you feel good and forget about everyone who is picking on you. Rejuvenate, reorganize your thoughts and in general get yourself back on track. Don't let anyone push you into an argument. Focus on the changes you want to make. 2 stars

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Open up emotionally about your past, present and future. It's good to get things that may cause problems later out of the way now. Once you clear the air, you will know how to proceed. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With a little ingenuity and hands-on work, you can turn your place into one of comfort and entertainment. You will attract new friends and make old friends realize how much they like you. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Secrets are brewing and a surprise may be heading your way. Don't fear: It will turn out in your favor. An old love relationship will help you realize how glad you are you moved on. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you try hard, everyone will recognize your efforts and pitch in. A plan you have will not go unnoticed. Someone influential will recognize what you are doing and step in to fine-tune everything. 4 stars

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FOOTBALL

Playing on Sundays

Four former Irish stars drafted by NFL teams

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Four former Notre Dame players were taken during the 2008 NFL Draft: tight end John Carlson, defensive lineman Trevor Laws, safety Tom Zbikowski and center John Sullivan.

Carlson was the first Notre Dame player selected, going in the second round (38th overall) to the Seattle Seahawks.

"I know very little about the Seahawks and what they do there. I'm just excited to get in there on Thursday and start learning," Carlson said in a conference call with Seattle reporters.

Carlson finished his Irish career with 100 catches, 1,093 receiving yards and eight touchdowns. The 6-foot-5 fifth-year senior said he

can contribute at the next level as both a receiving and blocking tight end.

"At Notre Dame, I had a dual role," he said. "That's what I want to be — a tight end that can block and can catch the ball."

Carlson said he was prepared to wait until the second day of the draft, but the Seahawks traded up in the second round with the Baltimore Ravens to get the seventh pick of the round, which they quickly used on Carlson.

"I thought it could possibly not happen until tomorrow," he said. "When I got the phone call [from the Seahawks], I was relieved and extremely happy."

The next former Irish player taken was Laws, who also went in the second round (47th overall) to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Laws left Notre Dame with 224 tackles, 10 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss, 10 passes defended, two

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2008 DRAFT CLASS



PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	ROUND
John Carlson	TE	Seattle	2nd (38th overall)
Trevor Laws	DL	Philadelphia	2nd (47th)
Tom Zbikowski	S	Baltimore	3rd (86th)
John Sullivan	C	Minnesota	6th (187th)

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BASEBALL

Red Storm take two of three, tied with ND atop Big East

By LORENZO REYES,
MICHAEL BRYAN, and FRAN
TOLAN
Sports Writers

No. 24 Notre Dame dropped the first two games of its weekend series to St. John's before recovering to win in Sunday's matinee match-up.

The Irish (28-12-1, 13-5 Big East) and Red Storm (31-10, 13-5 Big East) are now tied atop the conference standings.

"[Sunday's game] was a must-win for us," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We could've woken up [Monday] and been in fourth place and two games behind [St. John's] ... so to be honest with you, [Sunday] was a must-win game."

St. John's 10, Notre Dame 3

Heading into the top of the sixth, the Irish clung to a 3-1 lead, looking to get the weekend series started off on the right foot. Just 20 minutes later, it was a completely different story, as the contest soon was out of Notre Dame's grasp.

After giving up the game's first run in the top of the fifth, Notre Dame picked up three runs of their own after a pair of singles and a walk loaded the bases. Senior leftfielder Ross Brezovsky delivered a sacrifice fly and sophomore Billy Boockford hit a two-run single to give the Irish a 3-1 lead.

Those were the only runs Notre Dame would score all game, as the Red Storm exploded on the offensive side

of the ball in the last three innings.

After Notre Dame's junior ace David Phelps retired the inning's first two hitters, Chris Anninos and freshman third baseman Greg Hopkins delivered back-to-back home runs to tie the game 3-3 and begin a downward spiral for the Irish. Notre Dame allowed five home runs, marking the first time the feat has been done at Frank Eck Stadium since Miami achieved it on April 2, 1994.

St. John's scored once more in the sixth before adding another pair of solo home runs in the seventh and a three-run blast in the eighth.

Phelps was tagged with the loss, giving up six earned runs on 12 hits on 6 and 2/3 innings of action. The junior

also struck out one batter and allowed one walk.

In the contest, Brezovsky extended his career high hitting streak to 19 games, going 1-for-3. One of Notre Dame's main downfalls was the inability to drive in base runners, as it stranded six runners, four of which were in scoring position over the first four innings.

St. John's 6, Notre Dame 4

The Red Storm capitalized on several Irish miscues late in Saturday's game, winning their second straight over Notre Dame.

Notre Dame could not take advantage of a solid start from senior pitcher Wade Korpi, who gave up just five hits and two earned runs in 7 and 1/3 innings in a no-deci-

sion.

The game began as a pitcher's duel between Korpi and St. John's southpaw George Brown, who entered the game with an 8-0 record. Brown shut down the Irish offense over the first five innings, allowing just two hits and no runs.

The Red Storm took the early lead in the top of the second, touching up Korpi for two runs on a walk and two doubles. After giving up the early 2-0 lead, Korpi retired the next 10 St. John's hitters.

The Irish finally broke through against Brown in the bottom of the sixth, getting their first runner in scoring position after junior Casey Martin and freshman Greg

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SOFTBALL

Team takes three of four weekend games

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish sent their seniors out in style, going 3-1 this weekend by splitting with Providence and sweeping Connecticut in the last home weekend of the year.

The weekend began with a 10-1 drubbing of Providence (24-20-2, 8-8 Big East) on Saturday, highlighted by sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis's fourth-inning grand slam. The slam, which was Ellis's seventh home run on this season, was the first

grand slam posted by the Irish this year.

Ellis had a career high five RBIs with two hits to go along with the grand slam.

Also pitching in for the Irish (34-17-1, 12-6 Big East) offense with two hits apiece were freshman shortstop Katie Fleury, senior outfielder Sarah Smith and junior third baseman Linda Kohan. Junior designated hitter Beth Northway added a two-run double in the bottom of the third.

Junior Brittney Bargar (26-

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish lose in sudden death

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 10 Notre Dame had dreamed all season of hoisting the Big East championship trophy on the turf of Notre Dame Stadium, but those dreams were dashed on Friday night as No. 7 Georgetown overcame an 8-1 deficit to win 15-14 in sudden death overtime.

In the first Notre Dame women's varsity event to be held in the stadium, it was the Hoyas' (12-5, 3-2 Big East) sophomore attack Molly Ford's goal with 46 seconds to play in the third overtime that broke



WU YUE/The Observer

Notre Dame players express their disappointment after losing to Georgetown 15-14 in sudden death overtime Friday night.

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