NDFD fights blazes through daily prevention

By MAUREEN SMITHE

John Antonucci, Notre Dame Fire Department chief, said that his department did a superior job in handling last Wednesday's cooling tower blaze.

"I would commend my men for an outstanding job. A fourman engine company had four hose streams on that fire within minutes of their arrival. Their initial action led to a fairly successful ending and saved three remaining cells of the cooling tower," he said.

With 12 full-time firefighters and one full-time train technician, the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) is ready for any emergency on the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, or Holy Cross campuses.

Antonucci, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, leads his three four-man teams in ensuring that all 8 million square feet of Notre Dame property are regularly inspected and fire-protected.

"There are two modes a fire department can take with regards to fire fighting—a reactive mode or a proactive mode. Reactive mode is fire suppression, while proactive mode, which is the one we are in, is more of fire prevention," Antonucci said. "We can not be in a reactive mode because our resources are limited."

Notre Dame firefighters are constantly working to ensure fire safety and protection.

"People, for the most part, think we have an easy job here, when in fact we are really busy. We're not watching TV all day," said Gordon Martineczak, an EMT with NDFD.

So what exactly does the fire department do all day?

"We average 1,100 to 1,200 emergency responses a year due to activated fire alarms, trash and vehicle fires, construction work and actual room fires, usually due to cooking," said Martineczak.

Making the best of April showers, three students take time out from studying to splash around in puddles brought by yesterday's thunderstorms. Rain will continue today, and temperatures should reach a high of 55. Clear skies should return Saturday with a high of 59.

Summit to focus on Kosovo

NATO leaders toned down their plans for celebrating the alliance's 50th birthday Thursday and pledged their summit would focus instead on plans for tougher steps, possibly including ground troops, to stop the bloodshed in Kosovo.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said NATO's summit would send a "clear and possible message of will and resolution" that Slobodan Milosevic will not prevail.

President Clinton conferred at the White House with NATO Secretary-General Jan Willem Kok, who a day earlier ordered an update of plans for a possible ground invasion of Kosovo, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the United States continued to oppose sending ground troops into a hostile environment but added that it

Kosovo Crisis

Milosevic to accept peace agreement

Associated Press

BELGRADE Yugoslavia's top leader will accept a U.N.-led force in Kosovo, but only if the bombing stops and NATO withdraws troops from his borders, a Russian envoy said Thursday.

It was unclear whether such an international presence would be armed and under what guidelines it would operate. NATO has insisted it must lead an armed presence in Kosovo to enforce any peace agreement.

President Slobodan Milosevic has so far rejected NATO demands to withdraw his troops from Kosovo and grant autonomy to the ethnic Albanian majority.

Following a daylong meeting with Milosevic, former Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin told reporters the two "considered conditions for the return of the refugees" and allowing international aid agencies into the province.

"We considered the possibility of an international presence led by the U.N. in which Russia would take part. These are the basic principles we agreed upon," Chernomyrdin said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

He added that they also discussed "the continuation of talks about wide autonomy for Kosovo, the possible decrease of Serb forces in Kosovo and simultaneous withdrawal of NATO forces."

For 40 years, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) provided a mutual security system for Western European nations against the communist Warsaw Pact.

In the last decade, NATO has struggled to find a role for itself in the post-Cold War world as the Soviet Union has faded from the international picture.

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Government professors share insights on Kosovo crisis and NATO anniversary.

Friday

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"Nuisance only works against civilized people." — Tom Clancy

So began the infamous answer given by the very tacky Clancy while answering a question on Gandhi. Clancy went on to say that Gandhi would have taken him out if he had taken his movement to Afghanistan. This angered many pacifist-minded people in the audience, but understandingly I was curious to know how many were bothered by the simple fact that the statement was dead on target.

At least that's what I would tell you if I ever considered the moral aspects of war. Many would find it hard to believe that I would do such a thing. I read recently that ROTC is "not serving the country you should serve," to paraphrase. Reluctantly but willingly, I shall divulge the contents of my ROTC education to the student body. The following involves a typical week in my life in ROTC.

Monday: We start off early with physical training. Afterwards, we are marched to an ROTC training session, usually one in which we are taught something about the current military stance so that we may use our weapons of mass destruction with impunity.

Wednesday: Another wonderful physical training session, usually one in which we beat each other up until we have to go to class. That's one thing that really hogs my time — going to class and all. It detracts me from my goal of becoming an imperialist pig.

Wednesday evening we attend a seminar. Last week's seminar was called "Shoot Them All. God So Kind 'Em Out," which I enjoyed almost as much as "War: The Perfect Economic Policy."

Thursday: This involves attending guest lectures from some of the nation's finest war hawks. The guest for the process of booking G. Gordon Liddy for next semester.

Friday: I usually take this free day to spread propaganda about how "we military types" actually object to wars.

Weekends: Of course, running a military state leaves little rest. But there I go wandering off of the topic, so that I may as well.

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

[Further content on ROTC activities and personal reflections]

**Outside the Dome**

Colorado students agonize over high school shooting

BOULDER, Colo. — Mike Twisselman was weighing his options when in the when he learned his sister might be dead.

A friend came in at 12:45 a.m. and told him about two students dressed in black trench coats going into Twisselman's old school, Colorado High School, and firing indiscriminately. He told him about the horrific television reports. He told him about the carnage of what became the worst school shooting in American history — leaving 15 dead and another 23 in the hospital.

"I knew that was right when lunch started," Twisselman said Tuesday night from his dorm room. "And I knew exactly where my sister was — she was in the choir room. So I was like 'uh-oh.'"

Twisselman, a 1998 graduate, quickly changed clothes and left. He borrowed a friend's motorcycle, sped to Littleton High School, and eventually arrived at Columbine Library, a few blocks away from the school.

He still knew nothing about Katie, his older sister.

"I felt kinda mad, kinda scared," said Twisselman, a 210-pound punter for the CU football team. "Sometimes I wanted to cry."

On campus, students of Columbine stayed glued to their televisions for every bit of information on the crisis. Some, like Twisselman, went to Littleton to be with their families, while others monitored the situation on the Internet and on TV. They dragged into their classrooms. Certainly there were many who did not watch the TV and the Internet; they expressed their pain and anguish over the mass shooting, but instead, they chose to observe the crisis.

The Bloodbath began at about 11 a.m. when two students walked into the school with bulletproof vests and detonating bombs. Part of the so-called Trenchcoat Mafia, a group of outcast students distinguished by their trench coats, the duo apparently targeted ethnic minorities, athletes and anybody else they had a grudge against.

**University of North Carolina**

Sweatshop protesters occupy offices

DURHAM, N.C. — Students for Economic Justice is frustrated at the administra­ tion's slow pace toward agreement on several demands. Twenty anti-sweatshop activists from the University have taken up residence in the school's adminis­ trative office building, vowing to stay there until officials agree to their list of demands.

"We are following the procedures in the student government's resolution on the crisis," said Lorrice Bradley, a UNC sophomore and member of Students for Economic Justice.

**University of Pittsburgh**

Students' visit to Cuba a watershed

When the Semester at Sea ship arrived in Havana on Feb. 19 for a three-day visit, it brought the largest group of students to Cuba since the 1959 revolution. Until just days before the S.S. Universe Explorer set sail, the necessary licenses from the U.S. government had yet to arrive. Max Brandt, director of S.S., was doubtful the ship's occupants would get permission to visit Cuba. "We were flabbergast­ ed," he said, when the licenses were approved at the last minute. In recent years, the Pittsburgh has established numerous links with Cuba. These connections, taken togeth­ er with the Pittsburgh's "predecessor " connection with Fidel Castro, said the cutting edge of changing U.S.-Cuban rela­ tions. Pitt has been a key player in the Pittsburgh-Cuba con­ nection. But even for an institution that has a 30-year histo­ ry of constructive relations with Cuba, this has been a watershed year.

**Michigan State University**

ACLU criticizes ban from town

EAST LANSING, Mich. — A decision to ban certain people from East Lansing because of their alleged involvement in the March 27-28 riot there has drawn criticism from the American Civil Liberties Union. East Lansing officials ruled that six people, including two MSU students, cannot enter the city except for legal proceedings. Another MSU student, who was not in the city until the end of the semester, "The judges cer­ tainly have the right, but it is very unusual and bizarre to impose restrictions of this nature," said Henry Silverman, chairperson of MSU's history department and president of the Lansing branch of the ACLU. Silverman said the penalization is unfair because the banned people have not yet been convicted of a crime. "This is something of a deviation from the usual practice of appropriateness," Silverman said. "By doing this, people banned are given the aura of dangerous criminals.

**University of Harvard**

Study recommends one egg per day

In a study published Wednesday, 17 faculty members from the Harvard Medical School and the School of Public Health said that eating one egg per day does not increase one's risk of heart disease or stroke. "This is thought that eggs are bad for you because they're high in cholesterol, yet there's not good data indicating that eggs increase the risk of heart attack," said associate professor of epidemiology and nutrition Eric Rimm, one of the study's authors. Many popular diets recommended limiting the consumption of eggs, but these recommendations are often based on indirect evidence, according to Rimm. "We found that the information in this study that eggs are bad for you came from the belief that eating eggs, which are high in cholesterol, would automatically lead to higher levels of blood cholesterol.

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Carmody explains four marks of faith

By SARAH MAGNESS

Denise Carmody explained the book "An Ideal church: A Meditation" as being "a meditation on what our Christian church ought to be." Thursday at Saint Mary's 1999 Madelena Lecture in Spirituality.

The first segment of the lecture covered "Going Back to Go Forward," which explained the history of Christianity and the Catholic faith. It also provided insight into what ideal ecclesiology entails through the four marks of the Church: one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

The benefit of going back and understanding the history is to imagine the ideal, Carmody said.

"In as much as we are embarking on a time of creative moving, even dreaming, we too cannot be sure what the consequence will be," Carmody said.

The Church itself has been idealistic, according to Carmody, and that is where the four marks of the Church come in.

"The traditional marks of the Church express their ideals," she said.

Carmody explained each mark and expressed importance.

"The unity of the Church rests on the will and action of God, who wants to make the follower of Jesus a sign of what love can do when it sets no limits to what the divine Spirit may make of it," Carmody said.

The ideal factor of "one" presents itself "in that it springs directly from what God has made the Church to be and how God has guided the development of the Church historically," Carmody said.

The second mark, holiness, "comes from the triumph of God's will for us, which is our prospering," Carmody said.

Our prospering differs, however, but Carmody said that when pain comes we have to trust that God will see us through and will not abandon us.

Through the marks that Carmody discussed, she said humans need to realize that while God will not abandon us, Christians need to lead lives which involve responsibility, time to pause, reflection and moments to question.

This led to the second part of the lecture: people of God. Here Carmody focused on the laity of communities.

"More often than not, lay Christians have lived in middling circumstances, experiencing neither the worst of persecutions nor the best of possible communities," Carmody said.

"Lay Christians combat large governments that stress religion as a private issue and intellectually who are predominately atheistic. Lay people ought to make the Holy Spirit their first counselor," Carmody said, because "they have been anointed with the Holy Spirit in all the sacraments."

Pasquerilla dies at 72

Special to The Observer

Frank Pasquerilla, a trustee and benefactor of the University and the chairman of the board died Wednesday of a heart attack at Memorial Medical Center. He was 72.

Pasquerilla served on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees from 1984 until May 1997, when he was elevated to life trustee.

Pasquerilla's gifts to Notre Dame established the Pasquerilla West and Pasquerilla East women's residence halls built in 1981 and the Pasquerilla Center, constructed in 1996 to house the University's ROTC programs.

Pasquerilla first became associated with the University in 1977 when his son, Mark, enrolled as a student. Mark, vice chair and president of Crown American, graduated in 1983, and Frank was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University in 1982.

Pasquerilla joined Crown Construction Company in 1950 and was elected president of the firm six years later. He was the owner of Crown American Hotels.

Pasquerilla received the Secretary of Defense Award for Outstanding Public Service in 1990.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia, son Mark, and daughter Loui.
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was "prudent to update our plans and assessments."

From across Europe, a swarm of VIP jets began deliv­
ering presidents and prime

ministers of 19 NATO nations and 23 partner countries to the
capital for three days of sum­

mitry beginning Friday. The

meeting originally was planned

as a 50th anniversary celebra­
tion of NATO's founding, but

the festivities were rescheduled into more serious discus­sions as the alli­
ance confronted the crisis in

Kosovo.

Washington braced for limous­

ine gridlock and tight restric­
tions in a 100-block downtown

security zone, including much

of the National Mall. City

schools were to be closed

for the festivities original­ly was planned

for the 100-block

NATO "give

meeting had been on the back burn­
ned a half century ago to

Europe. With that threat

removed, the alliance is casting

about for a new purpose

that is what we are witnessing

at the present time."

He echoed Albright's asser­
tion that NATO would not send

ground forces into a hostile

environment but did not spell

out in what circumstances they

might be introduced. "Time is

our greatest ally," Cook said.

"As President Milosevic gets

weaker with the passage of

time, so too does the strength of

our case for removing the

Kosovars under interna­tional

protections."

NATO leaders came to

Washington seeking a new mis­sion

for the alliance, which was

formed a half century ago to

prevent a Soviet invasion of

Europe. With that threat

removed, the alliance is casting

about for a new purpose

beyond its traditional collective

defense against threats to any

member.

By LINDSAY FRANK

New Wire

The recent addition of Reck­

ers' new Cyber Area means that stu­
dents can now check e-mail and

play video games while enjoying

their favorite smoothies, accord­ing

to Mike Davy, operations man­ager of

flyers.

The overall reaction to the new

equipment has been favorable, he

said.

So far, to the changes have

been pretty well accepted," he

said.

Originally planned as a cyber
cafe, the plan to install equip­
ment had been on the back burner

until Jason Birnbaum, head of the

campus improvements com­
nittee, expressed his interest in

the project to David Prentkowski,

director of Food Services, last

full.

Through a series of conversa­tions, Birnbaum and Prentkowski
discussed the best methods for

implementation.

"Initially I met with some

skepticism about late-night stu­
dent behavior. But I assured

them that the student body could

handle it," said Birnbaum.

Originally, the proposed plan

was limited to the installation of

the computers. To prevent

flyers from turning into another

computer lab, the video games

were added into the design.

"We didn't want to make it a

cluster, but a fun place where

students can take a break from

studying," said Davy.

Funding for the project came

from a partnership formed with

Food Services and Coca-Cola.

The computers came from the

department while the sound

chairs featuring pre-loaded com­
pact discs were designed by

Coca-Cola. The company wanted
to install six of the chairs in form

a life-size six-pack configuration,

but only three were installed to

conserve space.

"The whole thing is pretty neat

and I hope people come out and

use it," said Birnbaum.

While the goal is to maintain a

low-key environment, users of

the new equipment have to observe a 30-minute time limit if other people are waiting and fol­

low a sign-up procedure.

Many students, however, don't

think the Cyber Area will last.

"It's hideous. In addition, it

will probably be broken within

two weeks because of Reckers'

tendency to attract drunks," said

Avery Baker, a Reckers student

employee.

As far as additional develop­

ments, no more major projects

are scheduled for the near future,

although there is talk of adding a
couple more televi­sions.

The main concern now is

getting involved with student

organizations and groups.

We've done pretty well this

year. SUB and some of the classes have had activities

here, but we really want to get

more out of the stage," said

Davy.

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Police arrest teens in Baton Rouge school shooting

SOUTHLA., La.

Shots rang out near a middle school Thursday as a 4-year-old girl was hit in the cheek by a boy who said he was aiming for someone else, police said. A 14-year-old boy was charged with attempted murder for allegedly opening fire on a middle school in suburban Baton Rouge, said T. Darrell Oord, spokesman for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. The teen and an alleged accomplice, also 14, were arrested hours after the shots were fired from a park 100 yards away from Southland Middle School. Omb. 22-caliber bullet hit a 14-year-old female student in the cheek as she passed between buildings. She was treated at a hospital and released.

Bhutan lifts ban on TV

Bhutan is ending its ban on television and starting its own network, finally lowering its guard against outside influence in the remote Buddhist kingdom. Broadcasting will begin June 2, but initially only in the capital Thimphu, to which 40,000 residents, said the Kuenrel weekly, Bhutan's only newspaper. That mark's the 25th anniversary of the country's first King Jigme Singye Wangchuck, isolated in the Himalayas, Bhutan has sought to preserve its culture and rituals, and Bhutanese are required to wear traditional robe-like draps. Buildings, public and private, conform to orthodox style, often decorated with religious symbols. Satellite dishes are outlawed, although the rule is widely breached. Kuenrel said the national assembly decided in February to end the ban on television and to authorize the state broadcasting company, which operates radio stations, to start TV transmission.

NEW DELHI, India

A federal proposal to allow irradiation of uncooked meats should be expanded to include ready-to-eat products like hot dogs and lunchmeat meats, a quasi-governmental group of food safety experts said Thursday. "There is a clear benefit for irradiating ready-to-eat meat products," said Dennis Olson, director of the Utilization Center for Agricultural Products at Iowa State University. The numerous recalls of contaminated ready-to-eat products, Olson is part of the Food Safety Consortium, established by Congress in 1988 at the University of Arkansas, Iowa State University and Kansas State University to investigate meat and food safety. Several companies have been forced to recall their lunchmeats and hot dogs in recent months due to possible contamination by listeria monocytogenes bacteria.

Gunmen's video foreshadowed killings

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LITTLETON, Colo.

Months before the massacre at Columbine High, the two killers made a class-project video depicting themselves in their trench coats, gunning down athletes in the school hallway, a classmate says.

"They were a little upset they couldn't show their video to the whole school. But there were guns in every scene of the video, so you can't show that," a school official said they hadn't yet determined whether such a video was made, and the teacher who taught the class refused to comment. But another student said the pair's video projects were uniformly disturbing.

"They always were the same kind of videos," said Eric Verk, 16. "They always wore trench coats. They always wanted to be the intimidators, the ones who go out to get the last guys." At school, the pair were known as members of a group of outcasts who said they vowed to themselves the "Trenchcoat Mafia," for the long black coats they wore, regardless of the season. Klebold and Harris openly admired Hitler, wore German crosses to school, and played violent video games for hours at a time.

The disturbing thing, to some, is that Klebold and Harris came from respected, middle-class families.

Thomas and Susan Klebold lived in a house worth nearly $400,000, a modest Cedar-and-glass structure with matching housephones tucked between two huge stone formations on a rural road.

Klebold's father, Thomas, 52, a nuclear engineer, said he and his wife were watching gas and oil, now runs a mortgage management business from his home. His mother, 50, has worked for the Colorado community-college system for years, helping disabled students gain access to education. "It's all scratching our heads right now," said Michael Briand, who knew the Klebolds from his work as a community-development consultant at Arapahoe Community College.

He said the older Klebold is known as a liberal, in favor of gun control. Ms. Klebold is a sensitive listener. "As far as I can tell, this family was utterly, utterly normal," Briand said. "They did everything right. But somehow the pain and anger was too deep, and they didn't see or couldn't reach this. This has got to be a pervasive thing in our society if it can reach this far into families like this."

Harris moved to Littleton in 1996 from Plattsburgh, N.Y., where his father, Wayne Harris, was an Air Force pilot.

In Littleton, neighbors said, the family appeared quiet. The older Harris, now retired, and his wife, Elizabeth, would wave across the fence while out in the yard but made little effort to socialize with neighbors.

Militia kills 12 lower-caste people

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SINDIAN

Backed by upper-caste landlords seeking revenge, a private militia stormed into a village in eastern India, killing 12 people, police said Thursday.

Members of the Ranbir Sena militia entered the village of Sindian, 530 miles southeast of New Delhi, and opened fire, said T.P. Singh, a local police official. The massacre was likely in retaliation for the killing of 33 upper-caste Hindus by the village.

The village, which was hit by a wave of violence months earlier, has been at the center of an ongoing feud between upper-caste and lower-caste Hindus.

In the past month, India's most populous state, where tension has been high, police said.

Baj Ranjish Yadav, who survived the overnight attack, was working in the fields when he heard gunfire. During the wheat-waving season, the village men often work all night to irrigate their crops.

"We ran. Those who could not run were killed," he said. "Whomever remained in the village, when we came back, we saw them finished off." On Thursday, bloodied bodies of a woman and a 9-year-old girl lay in a dirt street as villagers crowded around staring. Women covered their faces and wept, and families prepared to cremate the bodies of the dead. More than 300 police fanned out through the fields searching for the killers. Police have been combing the area for the past month to track down Ranbir Sena activists.

The militia has targeted Dalits, which means "oppressed ones," the lowest group in the hierarchy of Hindus. Most Dalits are poor, uneducated farm laborers.

Wednesday's attack was the sixth major caste-related massacre in Bihar state in the past six months. Last month, communist guerrillas struck the neighboring Jehanabad district, here nearly 200 people belonging to lower classes and 54 upper-caste Hindus have been killed since 1981.

The communist groups have been trying to organize lower-caste workers to improve their condition and end the discrimination by caste, the system remains prevalent in rural areas.
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Now, as leaders of the 19 NATO member nations gather in Washington, for a confer­ence celebrating the 50th anniversary of the alliance, they face questions regarding the cri­sis in Kosovo and the increasing­ly-common types of international conflict that it represents. The bombing campaign in Yugoslavia is the first military action NATO has taken outside its own bor­ders. It has been seen as a departure from the alliance’s tradi­tional focus on defense.

It is also the first time such international action has been taken against a sovereign state without backing from the U.N. Security Council.

NATO’s shift from Western mil­i­tary alliance to regional police­man must be successful in Kosovo if NATO is to maintain its credibilit­y as an international actor, many have said.

“The world will grow dramati­cally more dangerous if NATO does not impose its will,” said for­mer Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich last week at Step­an Center. “It is very important for the most powerful nation in the world to walk very softly and carry a big stick.”

Other national leaders have been more blunt.

“In order to achieve our goals in Kosovo, NATO is finished as an alliance,” said Senator Joseph Biden to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week.

While that prediction seems dire to some, there is general agreement that Kosovo will be a significant factor in the future of the alliance.

“I think the future of NATO is uncertain,” said Richard Conroy, a visiting assistant professor of government and international relations. “It actually depends partly on the outcome of the crisis in Kosovo.”

NATO accomplishes its goal and the Serbs stop their offensive and allow the ethnic Albanians to return home, the alliance should remain careful in embracing its conflict-resolution role, according to Conroy. He pointed to difficul­ties the U.N. experienced after peacekeeping success in the late 1980s. Governments turned to the international body for help, and its peacekeeping efforts were sometimes overextended. Conroy warned against NATO putting itself in that position.

“We need to be careful not to be too aggressive,” he said. “There appears to be mixed evi­dence about NATO’s prospects for the future. Three nations — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic — joined the alliance in March and several more are applying for membership. No states have publicly discussed dropping out, and, in a rare show of solidarity, all 19 NATO coun­tries support the bombing cam­paign. I thought that might not work.”

On the other hand, NATO’s credibility as an effective interna­tional actor is being challenged by the terrorism of a leader of a small European nation. If Milosevic is overthrown, some say, other rogue dictators will take advan­tage of NATO’s perceived weak­ness.

“We have put our marker down and we have to be ready,” said Gingrich. “Or the world will be a much more dangerous place.”

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Kosovo and the Future of NATO Credibility

The celebrations planned for this week’s anniversary of NATO have been dramatically overshadowed by the war in Kosovo. But rather than bemoan the fact that the post-Cold War Clinton and his foreign policy team should welcome the chance to lead a serious working summit and use it as an opportunity to correct the mistakes that have already been made to reach a long-term plan for the stability of the Balkans and the future of NATO, as the world that NATO remains intact and united in pursuing its goals in Kosovo.

Mark Jubulis

The stakes in the current conflict are far greater than the status of Kosovo. Secretary General of NATO Javier Solana said that Kosovo is a defining moment “for the kind of Europe we wish to live in.” In the Los Angeles Times, David Freyling writes that if NATO fails in Kosovo, “not just its military credibility but for the Western world for being questioned.”

The last point may be exaggerated too NATO country wants to leave the alliance, and many more states want to join, but there is no question that the present crisis will have major ramifications for the future of NATO well into the next century. It will determine the status of NATO’s credibility in the eyes of the world, U.S. criteria for intervening abroad and will play a large role in determining the future course of US-Russian relations.

But these steps do not alter the fact that NATO credibility would have been destroyed if NATO failed to follow through on its threats and looked on as Milosevic conducted his ethnic cleansing campaign with impunity.

Since deciding to act, however, NATO’s credibility has been weakened because it looks as though we reluctantly stumbled into an effort with a clear sense of purpose. General Clark has complained that he has been forced to wage a “politically constrained strung out campaign.” U.S. policy makers have ignored the so-called “Powell Doctrine,” which states that we must use all necessary force to achieve clearly defined objectives, but instead we have had difficulty articulating a clear set of goals and we have not applied the appropriate means to meet our objectives. NATO has not turned out the way they have, then clearly there would not have been a need for such advanced planning, such as a relief action plan and resources, both of which should have been on their way to Albania a long time ago.

We must admit that our bombing has not had the desired result. Milosevic has gained greater support within his country, and the situation of the more than 500,000 refugees has worsened dramatically. NATO says that a successful bombing campaign requires patience, but too many lives of Albanian refugees are at stake while we wait for Milosevic to back down.

In the meantime, Serb forces are destroying villages in Kosovo so the refugees will have no homes to return to after the fighting ceases. At the summit, we should at least test the issue of ground troops back on the table. It was foolish to discard our intentions in Kosovo as we wage war. The administration’s insistence that we are not even considering ground troops has given Milosevic the upper hand in controlling the situation on the ground.

The summit should also be used to prepare a plan for long-term stability in the Balkans and any vision of a stable future for the region must exclude Milosevic. If we reach an agreement with him we will be setting up a failure for future because he is sure to cause trouble again; his reliance on a policy of war is directly tied to the maintenance of his dictatorial regime.

Madeleine Albright claims that NATO’s actions are meant to send a signal that ethnically cleansing will not be tolerated, but the only way to get that message across would be to eject Milosevic as a war criminal.

Regarding plans for NATO’s new strategic mission, we should expect NATO to scale back its ambitious goals for “out of area” missions due to the initial difficulties in the Kosovo campaign. As NATO ventures further into its core mission of defense for its members we are likely to see greater assurances emerge within the alliance as it will be more difficult for 19 democracies to agree on distant security threats.

In any event, NATO will be buffered down in the Balkans for years and will therefore be less eager to tackle new problems beyond NATO’s borders. NATO’s attempt to “degrade” Milosevic’s military capacity has also degraded relations between the West and Russia. The bombing campaign has resulted in a surge of anti-American sentiment in Russia. Recent events have reinforced an adversarial view of NATO in the eyes of most Russians, and have insulted Russian politicians who feel unjustly excluded from European security affairs.

Russia reacted to the bombing by breaking all ties with NATO, and the U.S. must do all it can to make sure that this rupture does not become permanent. We should encourage Russian efforts to find a settlement and include Russian troops in any peace-keeping force that will be implemented later.

But Russia must also meet halfway. Russia is reacting sharply to the bombings because it feels excluded by NATO, but Russia is also isolating itself from the rest of Europe by leading rhetorical support to Yugoslavia. When Russia joins Belarus in condemning NATO “aggression” and refuses to condemn Milosevic’s policies of ethnic cleansing, what does this say about shared values between Russia and the West?

The most alarming aspect regarding the extreme rhetoric coming from Moscow is that it is not limited to radicals in the Duma, but also comes from officials such as Foreign Minister Ivanov. He recently publicly accused the West of committing “genocide” against the Serbs and suggested that NATO officials who planned the attack should be charged with war crimes.

Such rhetoric is often excused as playing to domestic audiences in Russia, but it is truly harmful because it inflames Western sentiment and further emboldens Milosevic by showing him that he has strong friends in Russia. The West should make it clear to Russia that it is not cons- tructive for government officials to spread Belgrade’s propaganda. This gap in our perceptions of events in Kosovo must be overcome before Russia and the West can cooperate in peace-keeping once the conflict has ended.

Finally, Russian fears of an “aggressive” NATO must be assuaged before NATO can achieve its vision of a “Europe whole and free” by expanding further to include new democracies in Eastern Europe. Although this issue will not be decided at the summit, future directions for expansion are already visible due to NATO’s future involvement in the Balkans.

This crisis reveals the strategic impor- tance of Hungary, and that a land corridor will have to be established linking Hungary to the rest of NATO’s region admitting either Slovenia or Slovakia. All of Russia and Bulgaria cooperate in granting air space to NATO planes, these two countries will expect some sort of reward in the form of an acceleration of NATO expansion. NATO will remain the main guarantor of security in Europe so long as the U.N., the OSCE and the WEU are unable to do the job. We must remember that NATO is invested in its region because the U.N. had failed miserably in its peace-keeping mission. NATO must succeed in Kosovo with its credibility intact if it is to retain the strength, cohesion and credibility necessary to fulfill its task in the next century. Anything less would be good news for the next dictator determined to challenge the peace.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
Kosovo is universally recognized as sovereign Serbian territory. Is NATO's intervention in Kosovo, therefore, a violation of international law?

NATO's action certainly is intervention in the internal affairs of a sovereign state. But in view of the Hypocrisy of sovereignty, if they ever existed, that action was permissible to prevent genocide. In other words, the Security Council has historically interpreted human rights and, more broadly, as grounds for international action. But while the Security Council has defined Kosovo as an international problem, it did not specifically authorize current bombing campaign throughout Serbia. Nor is it likely to; both Russia and China have the veto power to prevent the establishment of a precedent that might conceivably be applied one day to Chechnya or Tibet. Does this mean, therefore, that the international community cannot act forcefully to stop this humanitarian tragedy?

The international community may not be able to act, in this instance, through the preferred channel of UN enforcement powers. But this does not invalidate the broader, grander grounds of humanitarian intervention. As Michael Walzer argued in "Just and Unjust Wars" over 20 years ago, sovereignty should not stand in the way "when the violation of human rights ... is so terrible that it makes the concept of community or self-determination ... seem cynical or irrelevant, that is, when the enforcement of law, or lawlessness or massacre.

Such intervention would still need to be for a just war: just cause, proportional limitation, probability of success, proportionality and last resort. Each of us will make our own judgments about the applicability of these standards to the Kosovo conflict. We might also reach the conclusion that international intervention is carried out. But certainly not as I do myself — without subscribing to the means. Such intervention is being carried out. I particularly doubt the reliance on air power to correct injustices being perpetrated on the ground.

Some will point out that in the cases of genocide in our time — in the Balkans, Bosnia — the international community did not react forcefully. But that does not necessarily mean that intervention is the wrong course now. In the gold and long process of leaving and entering international norms under which massive crimes against humanity were tolerated, the early steps in this process will inevitably be partial and imperfect.

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The European Angle

"We intend to draw NATO into a ground war." These chilling words come from Prime Minister Milosevic's press conference on February 24, when he announced that Serbian forces would have no choice but to respond to NATO's threat to bomb Belgrade. The President's press conference thus far, has been a hit and run affair. The Serbian war plan may be a "staging" to expand the conflict in the Balkans, to divert attention from the Kosovo war. But NATO's military forces are also at risk of coming to grief.

The United Nations Security Council, by establishing refugee zones in Kosovo, has provided a new channel for the conflict. Although the Security Council has not imposed a blue water ban on NATO planes, the French and Italian jets are flying within a few miles of the Serbs. Even the classic NATO jurisdiction is being challenged by the NATO forces in Kosovo.

The United Nations is the only body with a mandate to end the crisis. Any failure of the Security Council to prevent the war will mean the end of the UN. NATO has no jurisdiction in Kosovo and the Security Council has no mandate to end the conflict.

Hans Blix, the UN special rapporteur, has called for a discussion of humanitarian issues in the Security Council. The European Union will not support this call, but it is a step forward. The Security Council must be reformed to solve the crisis in Kosovo. The European Union must be given a role in the United Nations to prevent the conflict from escalating.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**The Bookstore Basketball Myth**

The myth of Bookstore Basketball remains shrunk in racial controversy. Flippant remarks, as a sophomore, as a commissioner and as an African-American female on the campus of the University of Notre Dame I can honestly say that there is truth in the statement. However, the Bookstore Basketball community is not at fault; they are not to blame for the injustices suffered by participants. We as students of the University are the individuals at fault for the racial tensions introduced into this recreational environment.

As a community, we look upon the participants as gladiators of ancient Rome or Greco—slaves forced to fight each other against their will as we, the bloody thirty spectators, instigate this rivalry between opposing teams. I stood next to a spectator and asked him if he thought that Bookstore was too violent. His response to me was, "(The violence) is what makes Bookstore fun to watch." His statement bothered me, but I continued to commiserate the game. Then I began to realize the amount of tension escalating between players of different ethnic backgrounds, as the crowd began to egging the players on through their instigation and approval of such rough-housing.

As commissioners, it is our job to serve as mediators of the entire event; it is more difficult to control the audience than it is to regulate the players. The type of atmosphere harbored by the spectators controls the social outcome of the game. When there are unknown members of the crowd singling out players to taunt and make personal attacks on, regardless of their cultural background, it negatively affects the overall mood of the game. It is not saying that Bookstore should be void of the traditional "trash-talking" associated with competitive sports, but the taunting of players must stop. Name-calling, gender-bashing and racial slurs may be entertaining to an auditorium dusting through such expressions of ignorance, but it takes little for the player being goaded. Taunting takes the fun out of Bookstore. The spectator vilifies and degrades the meaning and purpose of Bookstore—which is to bring the community together as a community.

One thing I've noticed is how much taunting Bookstore teams themselves are forced to experience by the same Notre Dame family that cheers them on every football Saturday. I can't help but question the motives behind such harassment. Is it personal? Is it to make a person feel less of a member of the team? Is it to make someone feel less of a man?

The insults that take place during Bookstore Basketball are hard to handle and unnecessary. In order to preserve the Notre Dame family, these insults need to stop. This is our responsibility as Notre Dame students—for the opportunity to determine the world that Bookstore must offer.

As commissioners, we try to help the situation, but the responsibility is not solely ours. It is impossible for us to control the unethical conflicts that arise in Bookstore, so the next time you witness someone insulting another team or player, please join us in trying to ignore that person and refrain from engaging in the perpetuation of their ignorance.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**It's a Christian Duty to Learn About Kosovo**

These days, priorities in our lives get jumbled a bit. Final papers, exams, prom, graduation, good-byes and last harrumps are the order of the day. Yet we cannot help but notice another feature of campus priorities at this time. Kosovo news feature is by no means a priority, one; if, in fact, not noticed. I speak of the desire to learn more— and to learn for ourselves—the truth about Kosovo. We have noticed many women who want to know why, even just some details about the conflict. We have heard in classrooms and dorm rooms chatter about the history of Serbia, the religious texture of the Orthodox Muslim tensions that lies at the core of life for ethnic Albanians and Serbs. Most of all, though, we heard dialogue and discussion about the NATO bombing campaign, that is now being waged. The United States is at war, and Notre Dame students take that seriously.

As members of the new Notre Dame Pax Christi group, we believe that Notre Dame students do not want to let the events of the world pass them by. We have heard the observations about Notre Dame being a bubble, or an ivory tower, detached from the harsh realities of the world. Yet we wish not to give into that way of viewing education here. We think that students can be called to something better: an education which directly seeks to improve the harsh realities of the world.

Part of the responsibility that comes with a Notre Dame education is an awareness of the world in which we live. And in a time of war, of a massive suffering, of complex political dysfunction, this is especially true. Now, more than ever, each need to formulate a personal response to what is happening. To ignore Kosovo—to go about our finals and work without a worry of the cries from the Balkans or how they actually do involve us—seems incomprehensible.

In fact, we believe that it is a Christian duty to inform ourselves on this matter. History has taught Christians to learn and pretending to act as if we are not involved could be ultimately unacceptable.

We, for Christians, the Body of Christ knows no limits in favor of only caring about what happens in the world closest to us. We must care, and we think Notre Dame students do.

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April 20, 1999

**The Heart of Darkness**

I'm really scared. I don't understand all the violence. How can you control what you don't understand? There can't be an end to this madness until the sources are found — until the causes. Until we know the statistic of the evil, we are constantly told.

This raging heat rampant destruction, the shells of our searching, waiting for a weak spot where it can find a release and burst through, engulfing and swallowing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up, engulfing up...

We all know kids like Dylan and Eric. And most of us have probably seen them and/or hurt them at one time or another. Did we do this? Did we fail to show them love and beauty? Or would they not have recognized the beauty of life even if they had been held before their souls? Maybe this beauty could have been seen in their hardened hearts. Maybe we helped to embitter them. Maybe they were helpless; maybe they were ill. But that does not mean that they were unable to be helped. My and yours come from my lack of understanding. Not understanding how these kids could even exist, much less complete disregard for life, one another, the land, the land.

We try to begin and to begin the process of dealing with the source of hate: which saturated their hearts, the origin of their madness of their violence and the every hour of darkness.

It makes me sick. It physically makes me ill. I want to throw up the grief, the rage, the anger and tears that are tightly contained in the pit of my gut. I must go try to remember this day just as we have tried for the last all too tragic days like it that have come before it. We will try just hard enough to forget. It's so easy to forget these images; terrorized, agonized faces; the boy breaking through and climbing out of a second floor window, his bloody body dangling earthward. "Help! Help!" he was screaming; not to doubt;(images of students running from school, scared for their lives, around fallen bodies which seemed molded to the ground, horrific additions to the scene). Soon our field of vision will be a war to find its way back to our narrow existences. The tangled in the twisted make these images a mellow in the background of our beings. And maybe, if we're lucky, we won't even ever have to think about the agony again. Until it happens again.

There are so many solutions to this violence. Yet, the methods we use are the wrong ones. They don't propose actual cure nor do they begin to attack the root of the evil. They are emergency, temporary fixes put into effect so that we can easily say that something is being done— just as "something" is being done to our precious '90s air raids — even though that "something" is achieving nothing as it fails to take on the bigger picture. Of course, on a personal level, when we say that we must teach kids that violence is wrong. But how do we teach that which they see does not do we believe? We are fighting a war in Kosovo with bombs and guns and equalities on all sides; every other city and video game field. It is impossible to kill our grief, violence is so horrible, why do we consistently turn to it in so many ways, on countless occasions and in numerous circumstances.

I don't have the answers. And although little is easing my aching in my heart and the burning in my stomach, that does not mean that I'm going to stop searching for the answers. Maybe we can start by loving. Not just loving the easy people, the people we like. The people we know. The friends and family, not just the one's who say hi to us and greet us with friendly, safe smiles, but the ones who are hurt and depressed. Don't we need to love those who sit by themselves and who sell the StreetWise homeless papers on crowded Chicago streets; the kid who tries to hold himself in the back of class; the one who never receives the friendly smile?

Do we need to take that risk, though? Do we need to go out on that limb and make that effort even though that could be the self-kid who in turn finds hope in you. But we have the answers. All I know is that I'm scared. And my fear will not end or a thing of the pain that ever remain intact — only until I decide to confront it. I'm praying for the families of all affected in Colorado and the millions affected in Kosovo. We must learn to stop the violence in Serbia, for all the silent emergency of the world, and most of all, for courage. I want to find hope: we can do that just yet. But at least there's something I can do about it.

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By ANDREW MCDONNELL  
Scene Writer

Since Reekers opened last August, it has rapidly become a regular part of campus life — a gathering place for friends, a warm cow in which bonds are strengthened and tears are shed, a twinkle-eyed companion for the late-night student, a cushioned wall for the severely drunk to stagger into and vomit against repeatedly, sweat beading on their foreheads as they scream that the head of John Stamos be brought to them on a silver platter. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, Reekers is there for the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. But might that be changing?

There has been talk recently that Reekers' status as a 24/7 facility is in danger because of a number of complaints concerning student behavior — particularly on the weekends. Warnings were issued through various outlets on campus that if behavior did not change, the restaurant's hours would. There are a plethora of stories circulating throughout campus about the extent of such miscreant activity, thanks in no small part to Scholastic Magazine's Gipper. Since the opening of Reekers, the Gipp has regaled his readers with tales of patrons drooling in the restaurant, including an account of one student ordering food so he could lie on the restaurant's placid surface. These people want to take their clothes off. As of yet, however, no one is

4:17 p.m.

The pervasive calm is shattered by two simultaneous and jarring events. 1. The entrance of a horde of 12-year-old boys who have just been released from karate class and 2. Someone — some foolish, evil creature — has begun to play the entire "No Doubt" album over the Reekers sound system. Greetings from Hell.

"Please understand, lead singer Gwen Stefani is a gorgeous, stunning creature, but at the same time she is the fourth Chipmunk, "Alvin, Simon, Theodore..." and Tremblin' Gwen, the nervous, two-pack-a-day, caffeine-addicted chipmunk with vibrato like a frenzied jackhammer..."

And still, contrary to expectation, no one is naked.

6 p.m.

The subliminal dinner bell rings like growling thunder throughout Notre Dame. The masses heed the summons. A line forms. Cries for food fill the air. Orders are eagerly thrust towards a bewidered group of Reekers employees. The employees defended themselves with the only weapon they have, the little blinky box. The red, flashy, epileptic messenger from Hell. It pacifies the mob for now, but one cannot help but wonder: When partisans commene, will it be so easy to fend off the customers? Hmm. The crowd settles and its business as usual. Not a scrap of clothing has been shed.

7:30 p.m.

The group of girls sitting nearest the main entrance is now discussing which word is better: boobs or breasts. Reekers once again demonstrates its ability to spawn intellectually stimulating discourse on the subtleties of semantics. No one is naked.

8:30 p.m.

The dinner crowd has cleared, and the restaurant is now peaceful. The employees are chatting away, sharing jokes and stories. This is what Reekers was built to be — a place for students to come together to enjoy a bite to eat and drink unlimited soda from the Coke dispenser. One individual, no names named, has already had three Cherry Cokes to maintain his fortitude as his sixth hour in Reekers approaches. He has no intention of stopping at three, despite the giddy feeling in his belly. There is still, without a doubt, no nudity in Reekers.
THE PLAYMAKERS

The Irish welcome four new assistant coaches to a team where inexperience is overshadowed by hard work.

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CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR KEVIN ROGERS, OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS & SPECIAL TEAMS COACH JERRY ROSBURG, TIGHT ENDS & SPECIAL TEAMS COACH STEVE APPAZIO AND SECONDARY COACH TOD WEST.
Despite losing all four 1998 starters to graduation or position changes, the 1999 linebackers are proving they have...

TALENTED INEXPERIENCE

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

With the graduation of starters Robbie Howard, Kory Minor and Jimmy Friday, the linebacker corps appeared to be an area of concern for the Irish.

While the inexperience is certainly not to be overlooked, said Bob Davie, this year's young linebackers have the ability to stop in and make a difference.

"I think we're pretty talented, and we've got some playmakers," said Davie. "We're also young, which is like our offensive line, but I think we're talented enough. It's exciting because there's some explosiveness there.

Leading the charge at inside linebackers in the new 4-3 attack are junior Anthony Denman and senior Ronnie Nicks. Denman, who played behind Minor for the last two seasons, is quickly becoming a leader of the defensive unit. He has made a switch from the outside to the inside which will take full advantage of his talents.

Last year, as a sophomore, Denman had three sacks to go along with 34 tackles and saw action in all 12 games. While calling plays in the huddle, the 6-foot-2, 232-pounder has impressed his teammates with aggressive play. Denman, a native of Tuskegee, Ala., said he has benefited from playing behind the graduating seniors.

"I definitely learned how to be a leader from them (Howard, Minor and Friday)," said Denman. "They came out every day in practice and worked hard. They never took a play off and were good players as well."

Inside linebacker coach Kirk Doll said Denman has set his sights on earning a starting inside linebacker position, but he's not satisfied yet, the junior said.

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Denman is a key part of a young but talented linebacker core for the Irish.

"We're definitely learning a lot about what's expected," said Denman. "The defense will always be like that, and with that, you have to be prepared and ready all the time."

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"I'm excited about what I've seen because he's really running through the ball well," said Doll. "He's one of those guys that he needs to get better at, in terms of pass coverage and things like that. However, Anthony's very aggressive and very physical, I'm excited about Anthony right now."

Nicks has battled injuries throughout his career but already has won two monograms. Known among team members as a physical presence, this spring he has delivered two big hits against teammates Raki Nelson and Tony Driver that caught the attention of Doll.

"He's a load," said Doll of Nicks. "Ronnie's biggest things is maintaining his health and working on his endurance and flexibility."

Backing up Nicks and Denman are three inexperienced yet impressive players — sophomores Carlos Pierre-Antoine and Tyreso Harrison and junior Hugh Holmes.

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Experienced senior Joe Ferrer is also fighting for time at outside linebacker. Ferrer's 1998 highlight came against Michigan when he sacked quarterback Tom Brady in the fourth quarter. The sack led to a 46-yard Michigan field goal attempt that sailed wide.

Boiman is currently seeing time with the first team, but Ferrer will also have a role to play in the young defense.

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"I can't speak highly enough about the way these young men have approached these practices," said Rosburg. "I couldn't be a better situation for me because I'm coming in here when Rocky Boiman is a young guy and Joe Ferrer is looking to contribute."

"These are guys that their attention is very great to detail and they want to be good and do what I ask. In that regard, that's a great situation to be in as a coach."

As a unit, the 1999 linebackers dis­regard the claim that their inexperi­ence will be a major hindrance to their performance and said their camaraderie will be key in determin­ing the upcoming season's fate.

"I think we play pretty well as a unit," said Denman, "We're learning and growing through growing pains, but we're just trying to get better every day."

"I think this spring has brought us together because it's been intense," said Boiman, "The coaches have made it as tough as they possibly can make it on us. We're all getting excited for each other and helping each other out and just playing well together."

Although the spring is important for the players, Denman has set his sights on the bigger picture. With the likes of Tennessee, Michigan, Purdue and Stanford on next year's schedule, the Irish will count on the young linebackers to step up right away.

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NEW FACES, SAME RESULTS

With Denson's graduation, the Irish face questions at tailback

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

With the loss of Aupty Denson, Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher, the Irish have some big shoes to fill in the backfield. Tomorrow's 7th-annual Blue-Gold Game will give head coach Bob Davie and his staff a better idea of just who will be filling those shoes next season.

"The running back positions essential­ly are up for grabs," Davie said. "We're all anxious to see how the tailback situ­ation shakes out between [Tony] Driver, [Terrance] Levy and [Tony] Fisher. (They are) guys who are talented and will give us a lot of competition back there."

The competition for the tailback spot has been intense this spring, especially with Driver's return to offense after starting seven games at free safety last season.

"I'm really glad to be back on this side of the ball again," Driver said. "It took a couple of days to get back into it, espe­cially the steps. I'm got used to back­pedaling, but now I have to go forward again."

"That was Tony's decision to move back and it's put a lot of pressure on the rest of us," Fisher said. "He's adjusted well and has done an impressive job. We all recognize that."

Driver, a former Parade All-American running back, rushed for 125 yards on 35 carries in his rookie season, before making the transition to defense last season.

"Tony Driver is just a workhorse," said running back coach Desmond Hobinson. "He works hard, runs hard ... he has the ability to move too, but he's more like the Energizer Bunny. He just keeps going."

Shawanda Levy, who had 6 carries for 20 yards and a touchdown last sea­son, has made his case for the job after having an impressive showing at last weekend's scrimmage. Levy, arguably the quickest of the group, showed the ability to break tackles and turn the corner while ralling off a couple good runs.

"Darcy has a lot of speed and likes to run around the ends," said Driver.

"Fisher, on the other hand, is more of a power back."

Fisher has also turned some heads this spring, after seeing limited playing time as a freshman. Fisher had just 18 carries during his rookie season and rushed for 75 yards.

"My freshman year was a real good experience," said Fisher. "Watching the varsity play me experience what college football is all about. I think playing behind him has made me a better player."

"This spring, I think I've improved the most on blocking," he continued. "Coach Robinson always says that in order to be a good back, you have to be a good blocker."

The 6-foot-2, 223-pound back hopes to show his improvements in tomorrow's game.

"I'm really looking forward to [the Blue-Gold Game], because it will enable me to display the talent I have and show the coaches that I'm a complete back," said Fisher.

"Fisher runs with power and quick­ness," said Robinson. "I can't really describe his style, but he's elusive."

Robinson, however, believes that fellow freshman Terrance Howard, who also made the move from safety back to tailback, may even be more elusive.

In the first scrimmage of the spring, Howard, who was recruited as a back, had a big day rushing the ball, convinc­ing the coaches that he belongs at his natural position.

"Terrance brought something to the table that I hadn't seen," said Robinson. "He found some small cracks and creases and made some decent runs."

"I'm 20 pounds lighter than the rest of those guys, so I'm more of a slasher-type back," said Howard. "I try to get through small holes and get moving as fast as I can."

Howard, however, realizes that earning the starting job will be a struggle.

"All these guys are fast and strong and have been really durable during spring practices," said Howard. "There's a lot of competition and I think that will make us all better players. You're competing with other guys, but you're also com­peting with yourself. I'm just trying to give 100 percent and work hard and hopefully get some playing time next year."

Although Tony Driver has emerged as the early favorite for the starting tailback position, Darcy Levy, Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard are not far behind.

All four backs could earn playing time next year if Davie decides to go with a running back-by-committee.

"At tailback, I'm really comfortable right now. I think we have some quality and some quality," Davie said. "We'll go into fall practice with a lot of flexibility and some quality."

All four backs, however, will go into fall practice with a lot of pressure and with some pretty big shoes to fill.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Five players who have to step up for the Irish to be successful.

Anthony Denman (#39)
6' 2", 230 lbs.
After backing up Kory Minore for the past two years at outside linebacker, Denman has made the transition to inside linebacker and become the starter. Denman's aggressiveness and leadership ability will be key to the Irish defense this year.

Bobby Brown (#88)
6' 2", 275 lbs.
The fifth year senior made only 13 catches for 286 yards and one touchdown in 1998 after a previous stellar year. In 1997, he caught 45 balls for 543 yards and six touchdowns. With the departure of Malcolm Johnson, Brown must step up and return to his 1997 form for the Irish passing attack to be successful.

Mike Gandy (#69)
6' 4", 288 lbs.
Filling in the final three games last season for the injured guard Jerry Woolst — including the Gator Bowl against Georgia Tech — Gandy has proven to be a power­ful force on the offensive line. Along with returning starter John Meredith, Gandy will provide veteran leadership for the young offensive line.

Rocky Boiman (#30)
The sophomore linebacker has emerged as the starting outside linebacker, beating out senior Joe Ferreze. Boiman's size and speed give him enough versatility to cover the tight end and in passing situa­tions and step up to support on running plays.

I think that it's my time to shine. I want to come out and show what I can do best.

— Rocky Boiman
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NEW IRISH, GOOD OLD WINNING WAYS

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

The troop of new faces flanking Rob Davie Saturday at the Blue-Gold game could easily be another roadblock for the third-year head coach who is looking to improve upon last year's 9-3 season. As spring cleaning came early in Davie's executive cabinet, with four assistant coaches resigning in the off season, the Irish were able to draft four men who should be comfortable coaching under the Dome. "I don't think that this is unlike other places I've been," said Jerry Rosburg, Notre Dame's new outside linebackers and special teams coach after a recent spring practice. "But the importance of football at this school is quite unique, people really care. It's not only the players that like football, but everyone else around here finds football very important. I think as a football coach, you find that to be a real positive, because you like to have what you do be important." Rosburg, a secondary coach the past four seasons at Boston College, is one of the four new coaches that Davie will groom for the 1999 season. New offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers, secondary coach Lou West and wide end and special teams coach Steve Addazio will complete the new coaching roster for Notre Dame. Like the rest of the team, the Irish coaching staff will be marked by inexperience — as far as coaching from the Notre Dame playbook is concerned. But younger players filling the holes created by the graduation of key seniors and a new coaching staff will not slow the team, according to Davie. "When you look at 1999, it's exciting," he said in a pre-spring press conference. "Because we're a young team but we're going to be a talented team. The strengths of our football team come from overall athleticism and work ethic. Because of their hard work they have the ability and the desire to carry that tradition." Like most of the team, the coaches are intimidated or feel the weight of the history that comes with the university. "I'm a teacher," said Rosburg. "And the thing I enjoy doing the most is teaching football. When I'm in the classroom with my players, when I'm on the field with the players I have, the only pressure I have is to try to do the best I possibly can to keep these guys play the game. At that point in time, there's no pressure there. Perhaps no one understands that better than Rogers. Despite the holes created by the departures of running backs Autry Denson and Jamie Spencer, receiver

Kevin Rogers
Offensive Coordinator

Steve Addazio
Tight Ends

Lou West
Secondary Coach

Jeffery Rosburg
Outside Linebackers & Special Teams

New offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers will have his work cut out for him in improving upon a successful offensive campaign in 1998 after the graduation of several key seniors. Malcolm Johnson, as well as the loss of Mike Rosenthal, Luke Petitgout, Tim Bidder and Jerry Wisse on the line, Rogers will have a promising roster to work from. Led by returning signal-caller Jarious Jackson and hotly contested battles at the running back spots, the limited option style that gained them the 16th best rushing offense and a No. 13 rank in pass efficiency will not need overhauling. "I'm going to try to do as much as I possibly can to keep things similar to what they have done," Rogers said in a telephone conference when he was first hired. "[Notre Dame] was 9-3 last year ... its not like we're going to wipe the slate clean." Starting over with a team that showed as much promise as the Irish did in 1998 would be self-defeating, especially for the group of committed coaches that will make their Notre Dame Stadium debut Saturday. The work that each of them have turned in this spring will begin to manifest itself in the scrimmages and practices leading up to the fall. By the time the Irish open up the season against Kansas on August 28, these four coaches will no longer be faceless and the Irish will be a more experienced team.

Coach Urban Meyer (left), who switched from receivers to quarterbacks coach in the offseason, has joined new coaches Steve Addazio (center) and Lou West (right) in learning their new positions.
onnell spent the night at Reckers. The seven-hour mark of the journey to nowhere has arrived. All is quiet, but caffeine is beginning to demonstrate its effects on the mind. "Dan's!" it commands from the dark recesses of the stomach. "Dance like a penguin ball in a wind tunnel!" But its pleas are not to be heard. Candles have taken effect, and euphoria cannot be far behind. Apart from the swarming noises inside one man’s head, the fun continues here at Reckers. Audit has yet to make its grand appearance.

10:30 p.m.

The Flip Side crowd is in the biz-cune. A very subdued level of conversation is alive. No music.

12:02 a.m., Sunday, April 18

Brain is missing. Must ... must obtain more cherry Coke to settle nerves. Brain ... stable now! Can’t force eyes to focus? Think, think, think ... what would Clement "Clem" Reckers, the first student to enroll at Notre Dame, do? I’m in spirit here! Smell it ... like paprika. But Clem’s not naked. No one is naked.

2 a.m.

A renewed solidity is achieved. There is a tension in the air as the room is slowly beginning to fill with people. After 11 hours of road, it appears that the payoff is approaching. This is not the lunch crowd, nor is it the Flip Side crowd judging by the scent they drew with them. Look at them! This is how June Goodall must feel. There’s a lot of staggering, grabbing and so much noise it is amazing. A young man just ambled past, talking at everyone like a car horn. A large gathering of men in grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts has just entered, and the line to reach the counter is immense. It stretches all the way back to the building’s entrance. "Real conversation: “Hey. How are you?”

"Trash. How ’bout you?”

"Yeah.”

"Awesome. There is a lot of love in this room. But not much reality.

2:30 a.m.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell once said, “I don’t mind where people make love, so long as they don’t do it in the streets and frighten the horses.” Well, Reckers doesn’t have horses, but maybe they should get some because there’s a lot of groping going on right now. Perhaps the threat of speaking such horses could slow the pace a bit. The crowd is still mummified, and somewhat unruly. The manager is flying everywhere. He just grabbed one student’s drink, smelled it and handed it back to the confused patron. It’s not just any where that the management sniffs the drinks of patrons. One must assume that returning the drink was an indication that it contained no alcohol, but the manager might just be wondering what the really hard stuff at this point. One fellow has decided that his greasy pizza tray is far too frisbee-like not to be thrown about, so that’s his new game. A couple is grinding without the assistance of music. Song breaks out sporadically. One young man is crushing his pizza with a mustard bottle. A carnival atmosphere has invaded Reckers. It really is happy here, not all thatConsider, but very Iolly. Yet somehow, no one is taking off any clothes.

Security has arrived on the scene in the form of two large men in blue. They do not appear to be people happy in their profession. They stand around a little bit, and then head over to the counter to have a coffee. Half of the restaurant leaves. The officers get their coffee, look around and leave. No one was or is naked.

3:30 a.m.

The crowd is dead now, and they have left their mark. There is trash covering the floors and tables. There is an odd stain in the carpet by the stage. The employees look drained as they begin the big clean-up. Even in this exhausted room, one can be fairly confident that no one, neither employee nor customer, is in any manner occupying the state known as “the buff.”

The time has come to blow this popsicle stand. The original intention of this mission was to stay for 24 hours in 24-hour space. But, poore fellow, 14 will just have to do. One man can only love so much. It has been an experience, this time in Reckers. The sort of experience that will never, ever, be repeated.

A number of employees said they are treated just fine by the student body, and for the most part they love working at Reckers. It’s a good job, they meet nice people and it can be a lot of fun. But they also stated that there are times when they are treated with an utter lack of respect. One student worker remembered watching a patron throw everything from napkin dispensers to ketchup bottles against the wall. Customers have painted the floor with mustard. They have thrown food. They have thrown chairs.

According to Reckers operations manager, Mike Dacy, the reason David Frenkowski, director of Food Services, contacted the Office of Residence Life about student behavior was that the situation was rapidly becoming unmanageable last semester.

“Tables and lamps were taken ... and markers. The lobby phone was vandalized twice,” said Dacy. “It’s less than five percent of the students causing these problems. And it’s only when they are abusing others that we really become concerned.”

They also had no knowledge of any immediate plans to change Reckers’ 24-hour policy, particularly as student behavior has generally improved as the weather becomes warmer. But the next time Reckers becomes a destination for readers, and someone is making a destructive urge of themselves, be sure to do the right thing. That’s not just the floor they’re defacing, that’s each and every student’s right to 24-hour space, not to mention a great place to get naked.

Above: Reckers is the perfect place to recharge after battling the blazes at the power plant.

Bottom: With all the choices of seats at Reckers, sometimes it’s hard to decide where to eat.
Pippen arrested, suspected of drunk driving

HOUSTON — Scottie Pippen's Metropolitan Detention Center cell was a Houston Rockets player similar in size and style. When he was arrested last Tuesday night and charged with driving while intoxicated, it was the third time Pippen has been arrested, and the second because of a driving offense.

The officer who stopped Pippen around 1:30 a.m. said the Rockets star ran a red light. A member of the department's DWI task force was called after suspecting Pippen was intoxicated, said police spokesman Fred King. Pippen, 33, did poorly on the field sobriety test and was taken into custody, where he was videotaped and given a Breathalyzer test. King said.

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Ali testifies before Senate hearing on boxing reform

WASHINGTON

He uttered not a word, but Muhammad Ali's presence at a Senate hearing Thursday spoke volumes about the professional boxing and lent support to Sen. John McCain's efforts to clean up the sport.

The former heavyweight champion, who suffers from Parkinson's syndrome and has trouble speaking, told the Senate Commerce Committee through longtime friend Howard Bingham that the former Lewiston, Maine, undercard heavyweight drew in New York last month was the "lowest point" for a sport beset with problems.

"Ali has become increasingly upset about the scandals that have occurred in professional boxing," Bingham said as Ali gazed intently at committee members from a witness table.

All is particularly interested in the parts of McCain's boxing reform bill that would stop exploitation of boxers by promoters. One provision would prohibit "corruptive" contracts that present fighters from controlling their careers.

McCain, an Arizona Republican and 2000 presidential aspirant, told Ali: "Your support of this legislation is absolutely vital to our chances of passing it."

In the disputed fight, the three judges scored it a draw even though most boxing observers believe Lewis clearly had beaten the champion. The fight is under investigation by the Manhattan district attorney's office and the New York state Athletic Commission.

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Ali testified before Senator McCain's committee.

Acting as a witness, Ali spoke of his own troubles as a boxer.

"I was willing to await the results of the hearings," Ali testified. "It's up to Senator McCain to decide what he wants to do."
Irish pick up 30th win of season despite rainfall

By ALLISON KRILLA
Senior Sports Writer

Appreciably, coach Paul Mainieri was not the only one who wanted his team to pick up its 30th win yesterday against Central Michigan.

An afternoon of gray skies and a steady downpour miraculously gave way to several hours of sunshine that provided the Notre Dame baseball team just enough time to match a 3-1 victory over the Chippewas in a speedy two hours and 18 minutes.

With the win the Irish improved to 30-9 on the season, and tied the mark set by the 1990 and 1994 squads as the fastest teams to reach the win plateau.

"It is something that we're proud of," said Mainieri of the record. "We started off 4-6, and so to reach 30 wins before we had 10 losses I think is a tremendous accomplishment by our guys."

"I think it's a real testimony to their character," Mainieri continued. "They could've started having self doubts, but these kids just come out and they have a lot of confidence and they play hard."

The Irish needed a strong defensive effort and consistent pitching to outlast a sleepy Central Michigan team. All four runs scored in the game were unearned, but Notre Dame took advantage of five Chippewa errors that sealed their fate.

Throwing errors allowed two runs to score in Notre Dame's half of the third, as the Irish took a 2-1 lead. Andrew Bushey, who returned to the lineup for the first time since March 21, when a knee injury sidelined the freshman, singled and scored an Irish run in the inning.

"I thought our pitching was outstanding, and I thought our defense was outstanding," Mainieri said.

"It was the key to our victory," Mainieri said. Right fielder Jeff Felker certainly did his part to maintain the error-free effort by the Irish. Felker tallied six put outs from his perch in right, taking advantage of a strong wind at his back. Felker also added one hit to Notre Dame's total, extending his hitting streak to 14 games.

Tomorrow Big East rival Seton Hall storms into Frank Eck Stadium for a three game series with the first-place Irish, including a Saturday doubleheader beginning at noon.

"This is a huge series; they don't get any bigger than this," said Mainieri. "Each and every ballgame in the Big East conference from here on out is going to be huge."

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Irish on high after Mount Sac Invitational success

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

The Irish track squads head to Des Moines, Iowa, and Purdue University for another weekend in the national spotlight. Having claimed four victories at the prestigious Mount Sac Invitational, the Irish have proven themselves among the nation's finest.

This weekend will find several members of the team competing again in a world-famous meet. The Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, is one of the foremost sporting events in the country. Featuring competition at all levels, from middle-school to pros, this meet features the best the country has to offer.

Irish athletes have taken a liking to such competition, raising their performance level when in the hot seat. Jennifer Englishhardt, Liz Grow, InAnna Deeter and Ryan Stay all qualified for this season's NCAA Championships while winning their events at Mount Sac.

Many of these athletes are All-Americans and are used to the competition that they find at tough meets.

"In the past, the same people represent the team, just a select few go," Englishhardt said. However, a few rookie additions to the roster have also refused to be intimidated by the competition as freshmen Liz Grow and Lake Watson managed to prove their merit at Mount Sac as well.

While only a few members of the team can compete in these meets, the other athletes are not inactive. The majority of the team was robbed of the opportunity to compete last weekend at the Indiana State Invitational due to snow, but after a bit of rest and an intense week of practice, the team is looking forward to competing again at the Purdue Relays.

Irish athletes are thankful for the break in what is a very long season and plan on coming back to the weekend with renewed vigor and one last tune up before a run at the Big East title.

Athletes win academic accolades

By MOLLY MCVoy
Sports Writer

Two of the Belles' athletic teams received awards which showed that not only are they strong athletes, but talented students as well.

Both the Saint Mary's swimming and cross-country teams received academic honors this week. The swimming team was named Academic All-Americans by the College Swimming and Coaches' Association for the first time in the team's history. Likewise, the Belles' cross-country team was named to the All-Academic team by the Cross Country Coaches' Association.

"This is more exciting than breaking records," said head swimming coach Jimi Cook. "This is what they came to do, study. Now that I've seen that they can perform both in the water and academically, it's exciting." Men's and women's teams from Division I, II and III schools all competed for these academic honors this year.

The swim team received a rating of 3.019, second only to Allion in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Likewise, the cross-country team received an impressive rating of 3.22 for their academic performance this year.

Sophomore cross-country captain Genevieve Yavello was delighted to hear of the honor. "I'm really proud of the team," said Yavello, "because this award shows that not only are we competitive athletically but we do well academically as well.

The swim team thought that Cook had much to do with their success in both their classes and their swimming this season.

"Swimming takes up a tremendous amount of time," said freshman Alicia Lesnieski. "Jimi is very understanding, and gives us a break when our workload gets to be too much." Both the cross-country and swimming teams are currently continuing their off-season training and are looking ahead to the start of their seasons in September.
Tying the game at 15, Watch Bookstore. Doherty stole the ball and scored the easy lay-up for the first point lead. After a Versatility turnover, the No. 5 team increased its lead to two. Two key baskets by Doherty and Lillis tied the game at 17. Hiltz drove the fouling a loose ball and hit his shot from the line for the lead. Watch Out for the Hook wanted time in bringing the ball down to the court in the game.

Versatility’s Dillon stole the ball and knocked in a lay-up for the lead, but Gilbeaux-analyzed with his own lay-up to bring the score to 19-19. An off-the-ball foul against Cochran sent Cooper to the line for a free throw. Cooper nailed the shot, making the score 20-19.

Several missed opportunities by Watch Out for the Hook helped Versatility take control of the ball and the lead, holding Watch Out for the Hook scoreless for the rest of the game. Cochran took the ball down the court and split the defense for the 21-20 lead.

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Bayless said.

Sachire is third in the country at singles and boasts an impressive 34-2 record in '99. Sophomore Matt Italy will be

I think we can still beat Miami without Patterson, but it will be difficult." - Ron Bayless Head Coach

called upon to fill in for Patterson at No. 2 singles and Javier Taborga will be added to the lineup at No. 6. Andrew Laffin, Casey Smith and Andy Warford will each move up a spot.

Bayless will also be forced to shift around his doubles lineup. Aaron Talavera will replace Patterson at No. 1 and will team up with Sachire. Trent Miller and Taborga remain No. 2, but Daly will join Smith as the third team.

The now look Irish take on Boston College today at noon, with the semifinals set for the afternoon. The Eagles advanced to the second round with a 4-1 victory over Georgetown yesterday.

Notre Dame and Miami have met in the finals each of the last four years. The Irish claimed the title in ’96, but the Hurricanes have won the last two.

"We beat Miami earlier this year and are ranked ahead of them," Bayless said. "Having Miami in the event will be tough, but the Hurricanes have lost the last two.

"Our goal is to win the Big East and be the top seed in our region to get a chance to serve as host of the regional which will be a big advantage," said head coach Jay Louderback.

Sophomore Michelle Dasso will occupy the No. 1 singles spot for Louderback, where she has been all year. Expect her to fare off against Rutgers' talent and first No. 1 Donna Kroussman, in a sure-to-please match.

Senior two time All-American Jennifer Hall will play at No. 2, where she will contend with Beth O'Donnell, a 6-4, 6-4 winner yesterday. Fellow senior Marisa Velasco will play at No. 3, and freshman standout Becky Varnum will occupy the No. 4 spot. Rounding out the strong singles lineup for Notre Dame are Kelly Zalinski and Kim Guy.

The doubles format will change for the Big East tournament, with teams now only receiving a single point for winning two out of three doubles matches. Therefore, doubles will play a crucial role in determining the outcome.

The doubles team of Dasso and Hall will lead the way for the Irish, followed by Velasco and Varnum, and Guy and Sara Scaringe.

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closely behind the Irish. Boston College, ranked 69th nationally, garnered the No. 3 seed, and a bye into the second round with Notre Dame and Miami.

Seeds four through 13 battled yesterday, with No. 4 Syracuse disposing of No. 13 Connecticut 4-0, No. 5 West Virginia blanking Villanova 4-0, and No. 6 Seton Hall completing the sweep for the higher seeds over No. 11 Pittsburgh 4-0.

The Irish are confident after their strong finish this year that they will live up to their No. 3 seed.

In their last 15 matches, the Irish have won an impressive 13, the most recent one was last week against Indiana, 6-2. Winning the Big East could propel the Irish into a high seed for the all-important NCAA tournament, which begins next weekend.

"Our goal is to win the Big East and be the top seed in our region to get a chance to serve as host of the regional which will be a big advantage," said head coach Jay Louderback.

Sophomore Michelle Dasso will occupy the No. singles spot for Louderback, where she has been all year. Expect her to fare off against Rutgers' talent and first No. 1 Donna Kroussman, in a sure-to-please match.

Senior two time All-American Jennifer Hall will play at No. 2, where she will contend with Beth O'Donnell, a 6-4, 6-4 winner yesterday. Fellow senior Marisa Velasco will play at No. 3, and freshman standout Becky Varnum will occupy the No. 4 spot. Rounding out the strong singles lineup for Notre Dame are Kelly Zalinski and Kim Guy.

The doubles format will change for the Big East tournament, with teams now only receiving a single point for winning two out of three doubles matches. Therefore, doubles will play a crucial role in determining the outcome.

The doubles team of Dasso and Hall will lead the way for the Irish, followed by Velasco and Varnum, and Guy and Sara Scaringe.

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ND heads to coast for weekend

By MATT OLJAVA Special Writer

The softball team will travel to the East Coast once again to take on two Big East opponents this weekend.

On Saturday Notre Dame will face Connecticut (16-14, 7-2), currently third in the Big East standings, before traveling to play Providence (10-29, 1-5) on Sunday. The Irish (30-17, 8-0) are looking to maintain their undefeated record in the Big East and top spot in the rankings.

Saturday's contest against UConn will be a continuation of a long rivalry that exists between the two schools.

"UConn is always a rivalry for us," said sophomore center fielder Danielle Klayman. "We have the undefeated streak hanging over our heads, but in a good way. It makes the games exciting and forces us to be ready and patient. Our team strives off of that." If the Irish are going to defeat the Huskies, they will have to keep first baseman Abbie Link in check. The sophomore was the Big East player of the week when she went four-for-four against conference opponent Rutgers. She hit three home runs and had six RBIs, tying Big East records in both categories.

The Irish hope to counter with a strong offensive attack, led by catcher Kris McCleary and her team-leading seven home runs. Lizzie Lemire also adds offensive power to the lineup with her team-leading 14 doubles. Providence is less of a rival for the Irish, but the pressure of the perfect record in the Big East will keep the excitement going.

“We will have to get ready more," said Klayman. "We will be playing for the pride of our team’s record.”

Irish pitching, led by Jennifer Sharron and Angela Bessolo should continue their strong conference performance once again this weekend.

Both have been dominant in their outings so far against Big East opponents.

With a successful weekend, the Irish will be on top of the Big East as the team heads into the conference tournament the weekend of May 7-9.

“We would like to enter the tournament as the top team and take that tournament," said Klayman. "From there we would enter the regionals, but we don’t want to look past the Big East.”

Men’s LACROSSE

Minutemen to confront Irish

Observer Staff Report

The men’s lacrosse team will travel to Amherst, Mass., to take on the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts.

The 15th-ranked Irish, coming off their best game of the year — a 15-7 thrashing of Army — are looking to pick up another win and continue their drive toward the western bid in the NCAA tournament.

After dropping three straight games, Notre Dame was in danger of losing the western bid and missing the tournament for the second straight year. However, they responded to the adversity and, led by captain Chris Buscari’s five goals, sent the Cadets home with a sound defeat.

The Irish must continue their winning ways against the Minutemen — a team the Irish have never beaten in four tries. Despite Notre Dame’s tough history against them, this year could be the year that the Irish get the best of the Minutemen.

Massachusetts enters the game unranked with a 4-6 record. Losers of five of their past seven games, the Minutemen have struggled through out the year. They have shown the ability to score goals in bunches — scoring 19, 15 and 17 goals against Holy Cross, Fairfield and Boston College, respectively — but have lost six of seven games when they are held below 10 goals.

Umass’s offensive inconsistency can be attributed to their youth. Five of the Minutemen’s top six scorers are sophomores, with John Madigan and Rich Kankel leading the attack.

Defensively, the Minutemen are also youthful but they have enjoyed greater success than the offense. Led by sophomore goalkeeper Chris Campbellian’s 8.45 goals-against-average the defense has played well against many of the top offenses in the country. His goals-against-average places him 12th nationally while his .621 save percentage has also captured the 12th spot in the national rankings.

Irish name Jackson 1999 solo captain

Special to The Observer

Senior quarterback Jarious Jackson has been elected captain of the 1999 University of Notre Dame football team by vote of players on the Irish squad.

Jackson’s honor marks only the third time in 32 seasons that Notre Dame has had a single football captain. Beginning in 1968, the Irish have had two or more captains in every season except 1986, when Mike Kovaleski led the squad and 1991, when Rodney Culver provided leadership.

Jackson, a 6-1, 228-pound Tupelo, Miss., native, produced one of the most productive and efficient seasons in 1998 of any quarterback in Irish history. He completed 153-of-334 passing attempts for 1,740 yards, with only six interceptions. He closed out the season with a 104 of his 188 passes in ’98 for 1,740 yards, with only six interceptions to go with 13 touchdown passes. He also ranked second on the team in rushing with 441 yards on 113 attempts, scoring three touchdowns.

In his first year as the starter at quarterback, he opened in 11 contests — and finished 13th nationally in passing efficiency with 149.5 rating points and 31st in total offense with 218.1 yards per game. His current 194.4 career pass efficiency rating ranks second all-time at Notre Dame — and his career interception avoidance figure of only seven in 320 attempts also is second-best among all-time Irish signal-callers.

His 2,181 yards of total offense in 1998 ranked as the fourth best single-season total at Notre Dame — with Joe Theismann, Rich Minter and Steve Beuerlein producing the top three figures.

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Rain-soaked round reduces bracket to eight

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Versatility has done it again.
For the third time in the tournament the young team has stepped on the court as the underdog and stepped off as the victor.

Captain Chris Dillon, John Hiltz, Joe Lillis, Joe Cochran and Jason Childress began the tournament as an unknown squad buried in the pack of 381 teams, but after six rounds of play, Versatility has emerged as a force to be reckoned with.

Downing No. 4 En Fuego in the fourth round and upsetting No. 29 Jambalaya in the fifth, newly-ranked No. 12 Versatility continued its winning ways Thursday night when it knocked off fifth-seeded Watch Out for the Hook 22-20.

"We're playing well together as a team," said Dillon. "We got together before the tournament and thought we could do something — and look where we are now.

Versatility started off the game slowly, losing the ball to early turnovers and committing several defensive fouls.

Watch Out for the Hook, with Irish defensive backs A'jani Sanders, Benny Gilbeaux and Deke Cooper, along with Kevin McCarthy and Mark Johnson, took advantage of the offensive opportunity for the early 5-2 lead.

Versatility quickly settled down and took the ball to the hoop, tying the game at six.

Watch Out for the Hook used an aggressive man-to-man defense and racked up 10 fouls with the game tied at seven, sending Versatility to the line.

"They played great tight defense," said Dillon. "We had to work for every single basket.

The No. 12 team didn't take advantage of the shooting opportunity, however, and ended the night three-of-11 at the line.

Hiltz led Versatility's offensive effort in the first half. His inside and outside combination shooting gave him six points for an 11-lead at the half.

"Deke and Benny are two good strong athletes," said Hiltz. "We just had to do our best under the basket and hope for the best. Luckily we came up with some key shots when we needed to do.

The second half was a back-and-forth battle, as the two teams traded baskets, keeping the score close.

After quarterfinal and semifinal action today and Saturday, the Bookstore Tournament will determine the 1999 champion this Sunday on the Stepan courts.

Women earn fourth straight No. 1 seed

By WES JACOBS
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Coral Gables, Fla.

Today the Notre Dame women's tennis team will begin its quest to claim its third-biggest title in four years, as the No. 1 seeded Irish face Rutgers University at the University of South Carolina.

Eighth seeded Rutgers was a 4-1 winner over No. 9 St. John's yesterday in preliminary round action.

Notre Dame is making its fourth appearance in the Big East championships, where they won in 1996 and 1997 and lost to champion Miami last year.

The 10th-ranked Irish earned their fourth consecutive No. 1 seed in the tournament, out of the 13 Big East teams, compiling a 19-6 record. Miami, currently ranked 24th in the country with a 16-8 record follows.

Patterson's injury casts doubt on Irish

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Coral Gables, Fla.

The 31st-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team saw its quest for the school's second Big East championship take an unfortunate and unexpected turn this week.

Senior captain Brian Patterson sustained an injury and his status is uncertain for the championship, which got underway Thursday with first-round action at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Unfortunately, Brian's not with us," said head coach Bob Bayliss, whose top-seeded Irish squad had a first-round by. 

"He injured his toe and had an X-Ray this afternoon back in South Bend. We're waiting to see if we'll be able to fly him down here and if he'll be able to play on Sunday in the championship match."

Notre Dame, which earned the No. 1 seed for the fourth-straight year, was favored to win the 11-team tournament, but Patterson's injury will be a major setback if the Irish reach Sunday's finals.

"We were seeded No. 1 without the knowledge that Brian wouldn't be here," said Bayliss. "I don't know if we're the underdog without him or not, but this will be a great challenge and we're excited to prove that we can pick up the slack."

Patterson is arguably the best No. 2 singles player in the country and was ranked 56th in doubles with his partner Ryan Sarchie.

"Brian has been unbelievable for us this year," said Bayliss. "He hasn't lost a singles match since February and is 16-2 overall this semester. He's also our best doubles player and was one match away from All-American last year."

Junior All-American Sarchie and the rest of the Irish squad will be expected to play at the next level for the team to have a chance at the title.

"We're counting on Ryan to win all his matches, which I think he is capable of doing," said Bayliss.