Passing the magic wand

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Assistant News Editor

One of the things Crissie Renner, former Saint Mary's student body president, misses most about not holding office since her successor Michelle Nagle took over two weeks ago are what she calls the "magic wand" phone calls.

"I always called those calls the 'magic wand' calls because people seemed to think I could just wave my magic wand and resolve the problem," said Renner.

For Renner, the students, faculty and alumnae who called about a variety of issues were signs of the trust people have in her and the power that the student body president holds.

"I never complained about the calls because it is a great feeling to know that people feel comfortable just calling me up to ask me questions on issues from algae on Lake Marian to the use of fertilizer on the grass at Saint Mary's to calling me to say that the lights in the LeMans tower are too bright and are shining in her window and keeping her up at night," said Renner.

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also said she is pleased students at Saint Mary's are so outspoken and not afraid to question their student leaders.

"As someone in student government, you're supposed to be so BOG/page 4

Priest urges society to 'reach out' to gangs

By ANDREW THAGARD
New Writer

Society should recognize the humanity of gang members and invest in their future, said Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest who founded programs aimed at preventing youth violence in East Los Angeles.

"It's important to put a human face on the issue of gangs," Boyle said in his Tuesday lecture, "Mi Barrio." "It's the privilege of my life to work with those who are marginal."

Boyle, who runs the community outreach organizations Jobs For A Future and Homeboy Industries, spoke of his experiences working with rehabilitated gang members in the Los Angeles projects — an area he described as being "balkanized" by 60 rival gangs.

It's important to share their experiences, I am an expert in nothing but I have my experiences," he said.

Boyle told of his encounters with youth of all ages as he helped place them in jobs and avoid crime, using the slogan "Nothing Stops a Bullet like a Job."

"A job does about 80 percent of what you have to get done," Boyle said. "A kid feels a sense of dignity."

"We want to empower them not by handing power over ... I think that's the [sense of] hope that we can accomplish ... is to give kids back to themselves and give them the truth," Boyle continued. "The truth is that they are exactly what God had in mind and no bullet can pierce that, death can't even touch it because it's own reward."

Boyle told his audience stories about youth he employed in Homeboy Bakery, one of his rehabilitation programs in which youths who formerly worked for a Future and Homeboy Industries, discusses the various needs of gang members. He works to rehabilitate gang members in the projects of East Los Angeles.
A promise of hope

Easter has always been one of my favorite holidays. As I've grown older, however, I have begun to look at the Easter holiday in a whole new light. Even though I still enjoy the candy and the break to look at the Easter holiday in a whole new light, I have begun to see the true meaning behind the holiday.

The drab grayness of winter is transformed into a color scheme of lush green and yellow sunlight. Overnight, it seems, flower buds push through the dark soil, and the birds are heard in the trees again. Easter marks a new beginning. It is vibrant with new life and creates an optimistic hope for the upcoming year. A rebirth. A fresh beginning.

These natural signs of Easter only serve to represent the true meaning behind the holiday. Two thousand years ago, Christ was crucified and suffered and died, but in the same way that every year flowers push towards the sun to hail the beginning of spring and of buds, we are quick and from time to time it is hard to maintain optimism amidst our lives. And we live and die. We know that winter always ends, and a promise for the future. Christ's resurrection.

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University of Michigan

President discoursages Naked Mile

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Wednesday, University of Michigan seniors will open their e-mail boxes to find an annual letter from University President Lee Ballinger discouraging them from running the Naked Mile next Tuesday. The end-of-term tradition began in 1986 as a prank by the men's hockey team, but has since grown to become an event that University Provost Nancy Cantor also plans to send an e-mail to the student body Wednesday discussing problems with the run. University Provost Nancy Cantor has also sent a letter to faculty urging them to dissuade their students from running. "Many runners who were motivated by the enthusiasm of the moment, further fueled by alcohol, later expressed regret at having participated," Cantor wrote. Although runner participation decreased last year to an estimated 400 students, the size of the crowd watching the event remained consistent with previous years, at about 10,000. The news reported in the Inside Column is a read of the author and the University of Michigan's The Observer.

DURHAM, N.C. — The Duke University history department will sponsor a teach-in about slavery reparations in an attempt to foster dialogue about issues raised in a March 19 advertisement opposing reparations. The ad, written by conservative author David Horowitz, has sparked debate about free speech nationwide but has not yet elicited much discussion about reparations, either here at Duke University or in the national media.

"We feel like a lot of faculty members here could contribute to moving the debate to another level, not so much being driven by the controversy," said Greg Grandin, assistant professor of history. "We want a more substantial debate regarding what slavery meant to this country, what it currently means, what the legacy of it is, how it continues to impact the (United States) in various ways."

The teach-in will feature at least 14 faculty members from several departments, including English, African and African-American Studies and Literature.

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Outside the Dome

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University of Virginia

Government denies aid for drug users

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Starting with the 2001-2002 school year, the U.S. Department of Education will no longer permit colleges to provide federal financial aid to students who do not respond to this question on their federal financial aid forms. Although some activists expect the new provision to have wide-reaching effects, several University of Virginia officials do not expect the new requirement to impact students significantly.

"We're concerned that the new rule will definitely good, and it's going to be healthy for the community to have a real discussion about reparations," she said. "People are talking about it, but not in a constructive way, so this will be an opportunity for a constructive dialogue.

The participating professors offer a variety of expertise and will consequently provide a number of different perspectives. Student response to the proposed debates have been very positive.

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Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

- Thursday: 68°F, 48°F
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- Monday: 58°F, 44°F

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National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, April 11.
Ameritech donates $90,000 to support minority program

Notre Dame has received a $90,000 gift from the Ameritech Foundation to expand the University's Minority Engineering Program (APMEP). "This program represents exactly the kind of partnerships we hope to grow with corporations and the community," said Father Edward Malloy, Notre Dame's university president. "Ameritech is a great partner and the relationship between Ameritech and the College of Engineering has made it possible to touch so many young people and their families in the South Bend area and, now, extending to Indianapolis."

"We are pleased to announce our continued support of this important program," said George Fleetwood, president of Ameritech Indiana. "Ameritech is committed to helping young adults, from all backgrounds, get the experience necessary for them to be successful in their careers." APMEP was developed by the University's Minority Engineering Program and has been supported by Ameritech since 1995. The program is designed to introduce minority students in middle schools to engineering and related fields. Originating from a specially equipped classroom in DeBartolo Hall, Notre Dame's high-tech learning center, APMEP uses a two-way video-conferencing system to link students and teachers at four sites—Notre Dame, Washington and Adams Schools in South Bend, and Harshman Middle School in Indianapolis—with faculty and minority graduate and undergraduate students for a variety of projects, experiments and discussions.

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A representative of Saint Mary’s also said that there is glad that the students are vocal about questioning issues. She was disappointed that they were not engaging in the controversy and tears concerning the issues. Nagle believes she is up for the challenge.

"I watched three student body presidents before me and some people thought they were too vocal. I know they would have won the support of the student body."

Nagle and Matha didn’t face a disputed vote as in last year’s election. Nagle said she was disappointed that they were the only ticket running for the office.

"What happened last year and this year (with only one ticket running) was unfortunate," said Nagle. "This year provides me with an amazing opportunity to start fresh." Renner (Benner) opened up communication amongst the campus, to open up about all types of issues and to bring the campus together. Renner believes there was no administration from the first day we took office.

Renner was relieved to see the elections go smoothly this year. She believes that this is exciting to create your own shoes, create your own voice, make your own name.

Nagle took office knowing they would have to become like a job for these supervisors in the bakery.

"In the end, these students have more courage, am more noble than the kids I work with," Boyle said. "They did this thought occur to me ... I don't want to watch them [his family] eat ... I'm so buried that there isn't. Sometimes there's food, sometimes there isn't. You know ... it's a father's thing."

According to Boyle, gangs are a way to deal with social problems like poverty, dysfunctional families, despair and boredom. The only way to get in is to invest in gangs rather than discourage them.

"The more you gangs have the more enemies you have," he said. "Gang violence is not a problem, it's a symptom that tells you what is else wrong." Jobs for a Future and Homeboys, organizations Boyle founded, focus on marketing ex-gang members as viable employees. They have hired them within their own industries. Boyle wants to make these people realize the value of their lives. His centers offer free tattoo removal, counseling and alternative middle and high school classes.

"These kids check themselves out in the mirror and say, "The thing is, universities are not doing anything, not making them something they're not. It's a mirror, not a portrait."

Wally added that attendees would leave the lecture seeing the human side of gang members.

"The day won't come when I have a moment of rage, am more noble than the kids I work with everyday," Boyle said.

Brenda Lomintz, Continued from page 1

"People remember very well the favors they have done for others," she said.

In conjunction with a survey Lomintz was completing for her research migration patterns. "People survive because they added a survey of her own to traditional institutional support systems. However, while the networks were critical to survival, Lomintz explained that participants were much more likely to confess what they had done for others.

"In the lower class, the difference between reciprocating or not is the difference between dying or living," she said. "People remember very well the favors they have done for others," she said.

"Whether or not it should be held, the body president does not vote, except in situations that require her to put her vote on the issue. Being in a non-voting role is good because it lets you sit back and see the issue in so many perspectives," said Nagle. "In a way, it is a freeing of the mind because instead of trying to think about whether or not you are going to vote on the issue you can sit back and see the issue from all angles. I also know that I can raise questions, but have to do it in a manner that is not persuasive. I do believe that in the case where I would have to cast a vote to break a tie, I could do so from my personal opinion but do so in the interest of the student body."

"Nagle knows from watching Renner through the past year while dealing with controversial issues what a struggle it be to remain neutral on controversial issues. "I experienced a really trying time during the shirt controversy," said Renner. "It was really a personal struggle for me and I knew that Michelle had a voting role so she could have a stronger voice but I struggled to remain neutral. It was hard to be in the position of representing the students of this campus and knowing they all felt differently about the shirt and some would have a really different opinion which was against the shirt, I still hope that it wasn't my voice that was on BOC to vote against allowing the junior class to see the shirt."
Amnesty International criticizes Jamaican police: Execution-style slayings by the police and the government's unwillingness to stop has created a "human rights emergency" in Jamaica. Amnesty International said Tuesday. The London-based human rights group issued an 89-page report on police violence in the Caribbean country amid growing controversy over a police shooting last month where seven men in a working-class Kingston suburb died under suspicious circumstances.

Dutch approve euthanasia bill: Despite protests outside parliament, the Netherlands legalized mercy killings and assisted suicide Tuesday, becoming the first nation to allow doctors to end the life of patients with unbearable, terminal illness.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Prisoners cause disturbance: More than 100 prisoners at the Westville Correctional Facility barricaded themselves inside a dayroom for nearly two hours Tuesday, breaking windows and throwing furniture. Two correctional officers received minor injuries during the disturbance, which began about 8:30 a.m., said Sharon Hawk, a prison spokeswoman. The prison's emergency team was called in and the disturbance ended about 10:20 a.m.

Ashcroft debates execution's viewing

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday he would decide this week whether to show Timothy McVeigh's shooting on closed-circuit television to Oklahoma City bombing survivors and victims' families.

Paul Heath, a retired Veterans Administration psychologist and bombing survivor, said Ashcroft made no promises but said he would try to grant their request to watch McVeigh die.

"He listened with his heart," Heath said. "He heard a story that's hard to hear. We told a story that's hard to tell. He assured us that within the limits of the law, a policy would be developed that would accommodate for this unique event." Ashcroft met with about 100 survivors and relatives after a visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial. About 250 survivors and family members have said they want to watch the execution of McVeigh, who was convicted of eight federal murder charges.

McVeigh, 32, is to die by injection on May 16 at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind. Only eight places are available for victims' witnesses to view the execution at the penitentiary. "I am going to do my best to respect their needs and their wishes in ways that are consistent with the fulfillment of responsibilities to carry out justice," Ashcroft said before meeting with the victims.

After his tour of the memorial Tuesday, Ashcroft spoke near a tree at only his second news briefing since opening the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

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Motorola reports wider loss

Associated Press

CHICAGO
Motorola Inc. reported a first-quarter loss Tuesday that was wider than analysts already lowered expectations, citing a billion-dollar slump in sales from a year ago. It was the cellphone and chip maker's first quarterly loss in 16 years.

In the quarter ended March 31, Motorola lost $333 million, or 24 cents per share, compared with profits of $448 million, or 20 cents per share, in the year-ago quarter.

Excluding one-time items, the company lost $206 million, or 9 5 cents per share, compared with profits of $448 million, or $1.75 per share, a year earlier.

Motorola reported sales of $7.8 billion in the first quarter, a decrease of 11 percent from $8.8 billion a year earlier.

The Schaumburg, Ill.-based company reported its results after the close of the markets. Shares of Motorola, which were up $1.50 to $13 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange, fell 9 5 cents in after-hours trading.

The stock also still hasn't recovered from its dive last week — when it hit an eight-year low of $10.50 on Friday — and has lost 75 percent of its value since last May when it reached its 52-week high of $52.64.

"This quarter was a difficult one. Order growth weakened across all of the company's business segments," said Robert L. Growney, president and chief operating officer. "We believe this change in customer requirements is part of a major global pattern affecting many technology companies."

Sales of cell phones and pagers were down 29 percent and orders fell 10 percent, the company said.

"We had a very pessimistic viewpoint ... and they still managed to miss all my revenue numbers," said Dale Pfauf, an analyst with CIBC World Markets Corp. "It's pretty devastating."

Motorola has cut 22,000 jobs since December, bringing its workforce down to about 125,000, and Growney said "substantial cost-reduction activities continue."

Motorola has had some hard hit by slowdowns in its core business industries but many analysts say its problems are of its own doing. Motorola failed to connect with consumers during a recent period of runaway worldwide growth in its primary business — cell phones.

New first-time buyers are dwindling and users are putting replacement purchases on hold amid a slowing economy.

And analysts say the company may have misjudged again with a series of next-generation-technology phones due out over the next few months.

"The phones that Motorola has kind of hung their hat on are the higher end models," said Todd Bernier of Morningstar Inc. "They're chasing a market that doesn't really exist."

He said Motorola's new phones are like Rolls-Royce automobiles when most people are in the market for more sensible models. "It's a cool thing to have but there's really not many people buying them," Bernier said.

Bush calls standoff with China 'stalemate'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush called the showdown with China a "stalemate" Tuesday, as U.S. diplomats awaited China's reply to a new formula for releasing 24 Americans offering hope, the Chinese president said he was eager to end the spy plane ordeal.

"Taking into the account the important role of the two countries, we have to find a solution," Chinese President Jiang Zemin said at a news conference in Uruguay. "I trust in the ability of both countries to resolve this issue."

But Jiang, making a six-day tour of Latin America, also said China's position was "sufficiently clear" as he stood by earlier demands that the United States apologize for the crash of a Chinese jet. The United States has refused to apologize.

Bush tried to lower expectations for the quick release soon of 24 U.S. servicemen and women, even while his foreign policy team reported modest behind-the-scenes progress and was Mulling the administration's latest proposal to end the standoff.

"Diplomacy sometimes take a little longer than people would have," Bush said, preparing the public for the prospect of a lengthy standoff. "I urge the Chinese to bring resolution to this issue. It's time for our people to come home."

In a new formulation, Bush was willing to express regret for the U.S. plane landing on Chinese soil — if the conciliatory gesture would free the crew, U.S. officials said. The concession is part of a larger U.S. proposal offered to Beijing several days ago, with no immediate response, officials said.

Amid the flurry of diplomatic activity, the president responded to increased pressure from critics, including conservative allies, clamoring for action.

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My name is Scott Blaszak and I am currently a senior at the University of Notre Dame. I am writing in response to your client service associate position listed on Golfrish.

This May I will graduate with a degree in English, which is one of the easiest on campus. My careful four-year study of 19th century romantic novels has not prepared me in any way for employment in your client service department.

Like many of my fellow liberal arts students, I was weeded out of a more demanding college freshman year, but this has allowed me more free time to pursue extracurricular activities, which I haven’t done. In my time here I have failed to join any clubs or be elected to any positions or volunteer for any projects or organizations.

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Besides that, I usually deflect their attempts to contact me via telephone at (219) 273-3169 or via email at Blaszak.20@nd.edu. I look forward to a possible interview which will allow me the opportunity to lie to you about the issues that concern me, agree with everything you say and feign excitement about joining your company.

Sincerely,

Scott Blaszak

Scott Blaszak is a senior English major. His column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Discerning a call to compassion

When I think about how I have been called in my life I remember my mom calling me away from outside games with the words, "Andrew, what are you doing?" I used to be excited I was called, but then I found out that when you are called, it is not always exciting. It is important that we remember that we are called, and that we should be excited. We should be excited about what we are called to do.

The dynamics of these calls — displacement, passion and anticipation — relate to a deeper call as well. How do we listen to the stirrings in our souls that can be heard from the ordinary place? Do we feel passionate about an issue that moves us to a particular career or way of life? In what ways do we discern with anticipation our unique call?

I believe our calls begin early in our lives. What strikes me as I look back at my childhood during the 1960s is not that I had an understanding that God was calling me in any direct way, but rather in the hopes of connecting to a song or a fragment of the songs, especially those deep in my soul. I believe we need to surround ourselves with those who support and challenge us. We need to surround ourselves with those who support and challenge us.

Coming to Notre Dame in the mid-1970s, my career aspirations were a reaction to my high school education. I wanted to make education more challenging and more engaging, fostering a love of learning for every student. When meeting with my advisor in my sophomore year, she challenged me to figure out the many ways I could respond to my passions for education and for social justice. So I began to think outside the box to expand my imagination about career, call or vocation.

During that pivotal sophomore year I had opportunities to put my faith into action in a more concrete way by visiting two women in a nursing home and reflecting on the experience in a theology course. This led to participation in many programs and courses that deepened my social awareness and desire to work for a more just and humane world.

Gradually I discerned that my call was to educate for justice and to combine the two passions I felt from childhood into adulthood. This call affects not only my professional life, but it also impacts by family life with my husband and three children. As I look at my long-term friends, I can see that I need to be more mindful of those who support and challenge me and attempt to live out this call.

In my current work as a senior transition programs manager, I interact with many seniors who are discerning what they should do after graduation. Whether students decide to take a job, continue in a graduate program or go to graduate school, it is important to ask what values and beliefs their career will reflect.

In what ways can all who work at the University continue to invite students to find their response to the call of the University’s Mission Statement to develop “a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice”? I believe that solidarity, the common good and the theme of the Catholic Social Tradition ought to impact decision-making as students look beyond Notre Dame.

One step in this process is the Discernment Seminar: Call, Compassion and Commitment offered for seniors through the Office for the Health of Students and Concerned Others. Seminarians are invited to reflect on readings from the Catholic Social Tradition as well as other sources and look for ways to integrate service and justice with whatever they choose after graduation. The seminar is a time to listen, reflect and converse with others in coming to a deeper understanding of one’s call.

My hope is that Notre Dame graduates may come to find the law school’s recent fall in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. But I am not worried about our recent fall. Some students look to the rankings for guidance, I’m not too worried about our recent fall. Finally, our location is, of course, awful.

In his letter to the editor yesterday, law student Ben Jilek brought up several good points about the law school’s recent fall in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. I am writing not to criticize the rankings, but to add a few points in anticipation of the excuses that others are undoubtedly prepared to offer.

First, it is true that the U.S. News rankings do not take into account several factors that might make the law school more accurate. But looking at some of the missing factors, which include cost, location, commitment to innovative technology, size of students, and gender diversity, I’m convinced that it’s actually a good thing that those factors were not considered. Some of them could drop us off the top 100 entirely.

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Notre Dame isn’t a great place to study law. It is. Certainly there is a commitment to social justice here that can’t be factored into any ranking system. Again, I accept the fact that students look to the rankings for guidance, I’m not too worried about our recent fall. What worries me is that the fall in the rankings is actually coinciding with a real fall in the quality of the school.

I don’t know if anybody has the answer to this problem though I’m guessing that part of the answer has a dollar sign in front of it. And in honesty it’s not a very big problem — yet. But if anyone has any ideas, will you please convince the rest of our faculty to stay? And if you could get somebody to fix the door knobs in the law building so they stop falling off, that would be great.
Cable in dorms, tighter security to improve life at ND

By MERIDETH PIERCE
Scene Writer

Beware: Do not, under any circumstances, read this article if you value your grades. Now that all of you do not even know about the negative effect this information will have on your GPA, read on to learn the many time-wasting, mindless and addicting activities the Internet has to offer.

AOL Instant Messenger
In case you do not already have AOL Instant Messenger ( AIM ) on your computer, run — do not walk — to your nearest computer and download it from AOL. This free service allows you to spend countless hours talking to practically everyone you know via the Internet. I n s t a n t Messenger also gives you the chance to think of witty messages that are sent to people who do not answer you when you are gone. Through the newest version, AIM 4.3, you can play many card games with people who are also using AIM. After AIM, you will wonder where those four hours went when you were going to "write a paper."

Emode.com
For those of you who would rather not procrastinate with help of others in the random bantering conversation of AIM, there are many other options available on the Web. The "all about you" moods of Emode.com might fit your needs better. This site is check full of tests that analyze you and your personality.

But simple personality tests are only the beginning. How about testing yourself to see what color you would be if you were a color? Or what breed of dog would you be? Or maybe the ever popular test, "Are you evil?" You will find all these and many more time consuming modes of procrastination on Emode.com.

TheSpark.com
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"The Simpsons." That's all.

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INTERNET NEWS BRIEFS

Telemar launches Brazilian phone-Web booths: Phone carrier Telemar and a partner are installing Internet access terminals in the ear-shaped public phone booths that dot street corners across Brazil. The terminals work off regular phone cards on sale at most newsstands for as little as 2.50 reals (just less than a dollar) and are shaded from the hot, tropical sun by the blue, plastic "ears" — which are said to make "big ears." The cheapest card buys 12 minutes of Internet access on the slim but sturdy, brushed steel terminals. In a country where the telephone is truly grandfatherly, they are a harbinger of the future for Brazilians to surf the Net, even poorer people who often cannot afford a private phone line at home. This week's terminals are in Sao Paulo. Next month, they will be in Salvador, the capital of Bahia. By year's end, 2,800 multimedia terminals combining Net and telephone services, should be up and running. They will mainly be installed in shopping malls, confectionery stores and gas stations, Telemar said. It will be the largest such network in the world, it said.

Net museum shows off North America: The United States, Canada and Mexico are connecting to the Americas for all the world to enjoy. The virtual museum shows off 300 pictures by some of the leading artists in the three countries. The images are accompanied by 5,000 words of text to describe and explain them. The name of the museum — "Panoramas" — was about the only word that did not need translation into French and Spanish.
**Good to the Last Drop upsets No. 25 Rucker Park All-Stars**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Senior Staff Writer

Good to the Last Drop pulled off one of Bookstore Basketball XXX’s first upsets, edging the No. 25 Rucker Park All-Stars 79-72 Tuesday in a game lengthened by fouls and lack of lights.

Good to the Last Drop held a slight lead through most of the game, pulling ahead on a 4-0 run with 40 seconds to go. The Rucker Park All-Stars were a taller team and featured former Notre Dame basketball walk-on Aaron Bannister, their shots wouldn’t fall at key points.

“I had known that they were good and they were going to come play hard,” said Phillip Madonia of the Rucker Park All-Stars. “They played really well together. We missed some open shots.

After Bannister tied the score at 11 with a jumper, to the Last Drop’s Pat Adams scored three straight points to pull his team up by three. Adams was the go-to guy for Good to the Last Drop, scoring nine of his team’s 21 points in the second half.

“That was the best Bookstore game I’ve ever played in,” said Adams.

The Rucker Park All-Stars — whose team included Madison, Bannister, Andre Crompton, Eric Guerra and Phil Irvine — scored the next three points to knot the score at 14.

The second half featured four key points for Good to the Last Drop as it took an 18-15 lead.

After Bannister and Adams traded hoops, the short but scrappy Madonia played bigger than his height by hitting two buckets for the Rucker Park All-Stars to make it a one-point game.

Koch continued his hot streak, however, nailing a long jumper following a defensive stopping of shots, Irvine made it 20-19 on a reverse lay-up. The Rucker Park All-Stars kept their opponents from scoring and had a chance to tie, but Adams stole the ball and Koch hit a game-winning lay-up on the fast break.

“They were awesome,” Koch said of the Rucker Park All-Stars. “We didn’t know how good of a chance we had.”

Joining Koch and Adams on Good to the Last Drop were Brian Hobbs, Matt Alverson and Dan Mazane.

In another close contest, Victoria’s Secret Weapon outlasted the Hill Street Blues 21-18.

The game looked like forwards versus guards as the Victoria’s Secret Weapon cornered the size element and the Hill Street Blues relied on the edge on the ball handling.

From the Hip def. We Still Hate, 65-53

From the Hip scored the first three points to start the game.

The Rucker Park All-Stars, led by Craig Harkins, Jeff Dobosh and Jim Murray, jumped out to a 9-7 lead, but Adams stole the ball and scored.

“We’re a lot bigger than they are,” said Frigge. “That being said we’re a lot bigger than they are. We’re a lot bigger than they are.”

While the guys went for Project Chiefs from the Lew, they were made to work for their points. The Hill Street Blues lost for the first time this year.

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Baseball
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said O'Toole. "You don't want to leave him in a game with Chicago State when we have two Big East series coming up this weekend."
We got off to a slow start, and never really got it going," said Thaman. "But we got some clutch hits when we needed them."
In the sixth, Troy moved to third for Chicago State and started a rally with a single, advancing Nick Gaitano to second. Gaitano would eventually score when Cougar right-fielder Jarrod Bordi flew out for a sacrifice.
That would be it for Chicago State, as Naumann buckled the Cougars and closed the game down the last three innings. Bok was again the catalyst for the Irish offense in the bottom of the sixth. He tripled to right center, and scored when senior Andrew Bushey doubled down the leftfield line.
Stanley had an outstanding game on the basepaths, with three stolen bases. The thefts
moved him into fourth place on the all-time Notre Dame career stolen bases list with 69.

Mike Naumann fires a pitch in his first start of the year against Chicago State. Naumann pitched a complete game for the win.

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American League

Nomo dominates, leads Sox to sound defeat of Orioles

Associated Press

Boston fans had nothing working for him again: his split-fingered fastball, his curve - and Brian Daubach.

Matched up with the Orioles again in his first game since no-hitting them last week, Nomo allowed four hits in six innings and Daubach hit another two homers to lead the Boston Red Sox past Baltimore, 10-1.

Brian Daubach, right, drove in She Hillenbrand, left, and Jason Varitek with a three-run homer in the fourth.

"I wish he could pitch every day," said Daubach, who also homered twice in last Wednesday's no-hitter. "I've only played two games behind him, and it's worked out good for both of us."

Nomo (2-0) received a consolation cheer from the crowd when he allowed Baltimore's first hit, a bunt single to Melvin Mora with two outs in the second inning. Johnny Vander Meer remains the only pitcher in major league history to pitch no-hitters in consecutive games, doing it for Cincinnati in 1938.

"(I) wasn't thinking of a no-hitter tonight," Nomo said through an interpreter. "The only thing I was thinking of was not to let him score after (Mora) got on base."

Though it wasn't a sellout - the first time that's happened since May 31 - the Fenway fans cheered loudly and waved signs that said "No Mo!" on one side with the Japanese characters for strikeout on the other. Many stood when Nomo came off the field - for good, it turned out - after working out of a jam with one out and runners on first and third in the sixth.

White Sox 8, Indians 7

Playing the 1,000th game of his major league career, Alomar drove in the go-ahead run. And it was against his old team no less, as the Chicago White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians.

"I was just trying to do my job. It had nothing to do with who we were playing," said Alomar, who spent 11 years in Cleveland before signing with the White Sox, the Indians' AL Central nemesis, last winter.

"It doesn't give me any special satisfaction. I'm just trying to win ball games. I'm way over that Indians stuff."

Alomar and Herbert Perry both had two RBI for the White Sox, who overcame some sloppy pitching to win back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Gary Glover (1-0) pitched 3 2/3 scoreless innings for his first major league victory. He got the White Sox out of a big jam in the fourth inning, getting a double play with the bases loaded.

Keith Fasoli pitched the ninth for his second save.

Carlos Lee and Paul Konerko also had solo homers for the White Sox.

"That was as ugly as it can get for us," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said. "It's ugly baseball, but it's a fight and we kind of enjoy that. We seem to rise to that situation."

With Chicago trailing 7-6 in the eighth, Lee led off with a single and scored the tying run on Perry's double to deep right field.

That brought up Alomar, who lined one just over reliever Paul Shuey's head - out of the reach of second baseman and brother Roberto Alomar.

Yankees 9, Royals 5

Michael Coleman took over for Bernie Williams and hit just like the absent All-Star.

The rookie hit his first major league victory. He won 13-4.

Halama walked Jose Olerud with two outs in the fifth inning that lifted the New York Yankees over the Kansas City Royals.

Coleman, subbing for Williams while the center fielder tends to his ailing father in Puerto Rico, had three hits and drove in three runs.

In the first game Monday night, Coleman had two hits and drove in one run as the Yankees won 13-4.

"This is an opportunity," Coleman said. "I'm keeping it warm for Bernie until he gets back. We've got people here to fill in."

The Yankees, who have beaten the Royals five straight times this season, erupted against Roberto Hernandez (0-1), who was handed a 5-4 lead starting the ninth.

"It's nice to have that kind of depth," New York manager Joe Torre said. "He can play all three outfield positions. He's impressed me."

The Yankees have beaten the Royals 27 times in their last 34 meetings.

Mariners 5, Athletics

Edgar Martinez homered and John Halama allowed four hits over 6 1-3 innings as the Seattle Mariners defeated the Oakland Athletics.

Martinez hit his first homer of the season, a solo shot in the third inning. He improved to 9-9 of 11 - with eight walks - against the A's this season.

Halama (1-1) walked one and fanned nine in seven innings, allowing just five hits.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND returns home to face Purdue

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The eighth ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team is on a roll after winning their 19th victory of the season by defeating Illinois 4-3 last week. The Irish are now at 19-4, their best start ever under head coach Jay Louderback and their best record since 1986. "This year our depths are very good," Louderback said. "We are so deep, all the way down the girls compete well. It comes down from the top with [Michelle] Dasso."

After two tough matches against the Midwest opponents Indiana and Illinois last week, the Irish will be back at home Wednesday to take on Purdue. The Irish narrowly escaped Indiana and Illinois with close wins after battling from behind in a number of singles matches. This week they are looking to improve and get themselves ready for the Big East tournament.

"It was good for us to have two really tough matches like those especially on the road, it will really prepare us for when tournament time comes," said Louderback.

The young Boilermakers, who have faced their share of tough opponents, should be an interesting match up for the experienced Irish. They are looking to bounce back from a close 4-3 loss to Minnesota last week. "Purdue struggled a little this year, they are very young and had a very tough schedule," Louderback said. "They definitely won't be afraid to play us, they are a pretty athletic team but they don't have a lot of experienced veterans."

The Irish have won four in a row and are hoping to sweep their last two matches before the upcoming Big East and NCAA tournaments. With upperclassmen in five out of six of their singles lineup, their strength this season has been experience. And with Michelle Dasso leading the way they are confident they can do well to end out the season and in the tournament.

"Experience and competitiveness are two of our biggest strengths and come tournament time those will be really big," said Louderback.

Michelle Dasso returns a shot against Virginia Tech earlier this year. Notre Dame takes on Purdue today.

SOFTBALL

Irish face Falcons without Bledsoe

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

The Irish look to continue their winning ways today when they face Bowling Green University in a double-header at Ivy Field. Last Saturday the Irish defeated the University of Connecticut 6-0 in the first game and 1-0 in the second. On Sunday Notre Dame record ed its seventh straight double header sweep by defeating Syracuse 6-0 and 6-0.

With the wins, Notre Dame pushes its record to 32-3 overall and 8-0 in Big East play.

Senior captain Jen Sharron says she isn't worried about a let down even though today's game is against a non-conference opponent. "The team is going into each game focused," Sharron said. "With Andria Bledsoe out for a while some people are playing out of position so we'll definitely be focused." Bledsoe was injured in a game against Syracuse and is still undecided who will enter the starting lineup in Bledsoe's absence. Sharron said that it will depend a great deal on who is hitting the ball well.

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LISTENING SESSION

Location: 119 O'Shaugnessy Hall
Date and Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17

The Sexual Assault Advisory Group was created in the Fall 2000 Semester by Fr. Mark Poorman, CSC, Vice President for Student Affairs, and is composed of Notre Dame and St. Mary's students, faculty and staff particularly interested and involved in addressing sexual assault issues on the campuses. The group, intended to advise the University, has met several times this year and looks forward to continuing its examination and review of campus concerns. This listening session, open to all students, faculty and staff, is intended to provide an informal opportunity for students and others to share their experiences and opinions with the Advisory Group.
**MEN'S TENNIS**

No. 16 Irish erase two-match deficit, defeat Sycamores

By KATIE HUGHES

'Spinach and Winer

"In their fourth straight 4-3 tiebreaker match, the No. 16 Irish defeated No. 19 Indiana State Tuesday.

"Indiana State is for real," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "They have older players, guys who have played on the Satellite Pro Tour. But our guys played with a ton of energy and spirit. The bottom of our lineup really held us there today.

"We played solid," said Malhame, who is also Smith's roommate. "We didn't miss too many balls and we let them make the mistakes."

Finally getting the doubles point is a good sign as the Irish head to the Big East Championships in two weeks.

"(Smith and Malhame) match was one of the more dominating doubles matches I've seen all year," said head coach Bob Bayliss.

At No. 3 doubles, freshman Luis Hadbeck-Morales and Matt Daly beat Dalibor Mihajlovic and David O'Connell 8-6.

"No. 3 wasn't pretty, but I'll take it," said Bayliss.

The Sycamores' took first doubles, defeating juniors Javier Tabarga and Aaron Talarico 6-5.

"We didn't play the way we should have," said Tabarga. "We dug ourselves in a hole and it was hard to get out."

The Irish fell to 3-1 after losing first, second and third singles.

Smith, defeated 6-1, 6-3 by Indiana State's Jonas Pillor, struggled with shoulder pain throughout his match.

"Casey was not 100 percent today," said Bayliss. "He really took one for the team today. That was not the Casey Smith that has been playing for us this year."

At second singles, Tabarga fell to Indiana State's Stefan Him 7-5, 6-2, after winning the first set 5-2. Hadbeck-Morales was defeated by the Sycamores' Vidoic 7-6, 6-2 at third singles.

Showing uncommon poise at the bottom of their lineup, the Irish defied the two-point deficit to pull out a win. Junior Matt Daly defeated O'Connell at No. 6 singles 6-3, 6-2. "There was some pressure after the other side lost all three," said Daly. "But I knew if I kept playing I would win."

Daly was able to feed off of momentum generated by early points on the courts next to him.

"Daly started off very hot, then scratched and clawed the rest of the way to win," Bayliss said.

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**WOMEN'S ROWING**

Irish take 6th at Jessop-Whittier

By TIM KACMAR


Nine-ranked USC won the race in 6:52.51, followed by No. 2 Washington in 6:53.02. Virginia was third in 7:06.73, with seventh-ranked California fourth at 7:06.98. Clemson (7:13.84) was fourth and Notre Dame (7:17.64) rounded out the race.

After a lengthy delay on Saturday due to inclement weather, the Irish second varsity eight crew of Lewis, Stake, Mattison, King, Casey, Drury and Tucker were priced third in the 2:25.31, with eighth-ranked Cal Poly in second at 2:24.37.

The Irish took second in the 2:37.84, trailing only USC, who won the race in 2:23.81.

The team finished first in the 2:12.33, earning the Irish the top position in the West Regional Championship.

On Sunday, the Irish took second in the 2:07.74, trailing only USC, who won the race.


At No. 6 singles 6-3, 6-2. "There was some pressure after the other side lost all three," said Daly. "But I knew if I kept playing I would win."

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**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**The Christian Platonism of Simone Weil**

April 11-12, 2001 at the University of Notre Dame

Keynote Address

Friday, April 20

7:30 p.m.

Center for Continuing Education, McKenna Hall

David Tracy

The University of Chicago

Simone Weil: Tragedy, Plato, and Christianity

David Tracy is the Andrew Thomas Moore Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and rider, a rector, at the University of Chicago. His publications include Theological Imagination: Christian Theology and the Culture of Pluralism, On the Soul of God, Theology, and Ambiguity. Professor Tracy is presently preparing his Gifford Lectures for publication under the title: This Side of God.

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danging his name in the draft pool is the chance to test where he would likely be selected in the draft.
"I've discussed my future with some agents," Murphy said, "and although I haven't signed with one, I feel that it is best to take advantage of this opportunity."

Projects vary widely, changing almost daily as underclassmen make decisions on whether or not to enter the draft. At this point, ESPN.com has projected Murphy as a middle-to-late first-round pick, while SpurtingNews.com pegged Murphy as a 10th pick overall in a list that includes only players who have officially declared for the draft.

Some of the underclassmen who have put their name out there for the draft are: Seton Hall freshman forward Eddie Griffin, high school senior center Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler, Arizona forwards Richard Jefferson and Michael Wright, and Michigan State center Zatch Randolph and guard Jason Richardson.

The younger, athletic guys — they're catching the league's eye a little more now," Bray said. "Certainly five high school guys projected in the top 20, that's a strong trend."

Brey emphasized that picking one in the draft isn't the only thing for Murphy to consider. "Also important is what a team sh all interest since a team with a lower pick might be a better fit for a player.

Murphy returns for his senior season, he has a chance to become one of just 10 players who have been three-time first-team All-Americans.

One of five finalists for this year's Wooden Award, Murphy could move into this year's Wooden Award, although I haven't signed to do it yet," Bray said. "So it's not like we're in a bind and we need that. It's really no effect on our recruiting at all. If it were to open up, we probably wouldn't fill it."

The American West Society celebrates its 21st year with an international conference at the University of Notre Dame for Continuing Education, McKenna Hall. Noted keynote speakers from France, England, and America will participate thanks to major funding by the Florence Gould Foundation, The Herkules Lecture Series, and the generosity of the following groups at Notre Dame: Core Course, Gender Studies, the Graduate School, the Department of Government, the International Studies Program and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. The presentations will explore how Simone Weil's reading of ancient Platonism and Christianity make her a major figure in the history of Christian Platonism and give that tradition contemporary relevance.

The conference will begin the evening of Thursday, April 19, with an opening keynote address by Professor Louis Dupre (introduced by Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.). The Scholar Musician of Notre Dame's Music Department will give a concert of Gregorian chant on Friday evening after the keynote address by David Tracy. After the banquet, Notre Dame students will give a reading from Stephanie Strickland's "The Red Virgin: A Poem of Simone Weil." The conference will end on Sunday noon after a concluding round table discussion. No charge for Notre Dame faculty or students.

J.P. Little, St. Patrick's College, Dublin "Simone Weil and ecstatic Buddhism"

Session G - Lisa McCullough, University of Chicago "Simone Weil's Platonism? The Argument Against" Michael Ross, Catholic University "Simone Weil on the Good: the Early and Middle Years"

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2:45-4:30 p.m. - Session H - Serge Kierzen, University of Chicago, "To be or not to be," given in French.

4:30-6:15 p.m. - Session I - "Simone Weil and Judas: the development of Simone Weil's and Simone Weil's dictatorship of the spirit," given in French.

6:15-8:00 p.m. - "Simone Weil and the modern" - Concert by the Scola Musica University of Chicago, "Warken: Platonism: Simone Weil's Trinitarian Metaphysics," given in English.

8:00-9:15 p.m. - Session J - "Simone Weil and the spirit of the new" - Keynote Address: Michel Hamy, Centre national de recherches scientifiques "Simone Weil: her signification of the platonism of Simone Weil," given in French.
FOOTBALL

Howard stands alone at tailback

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Less than eight months ago, Irish tailback Terrence Howard considered the season at Notre Dame because of a lack of playing time. Now, he is the only tailback left standing.

Tony Fisher, Howard's roommate who gained 607 yards last year, is out following shoulder surgery. Julius Jones — the leading rusher for 2000 with 657 yards on the ground — cannot practice this spring for disciplinary reasons.

That leaves Howard taking nearly all the snaps at tailback, with Chris Yura getting a few reps and Mike McNair rotating in on single-back formations.

"He's getting a thousand reps," said Irish head coach Bob Davie. "He's gone from being rotationed to being the rotation.

Howard broke into that rotation in Notre Dame's Oct. 21 victory over West Virginia. After rushing for just 56 yards through the first six games, he ran 80 yards for touchdown in second quarter to tie game 14-14, the 15th longest rush by an Irish player in history.

This spring, Howard's goals are clear.

"I'm going to be the No. 1 back," Howard said. "There's no question that Tony wants to be the No. 1 back. Julius wants to be the No. 1 back and I want to be the No. 1 back."

After two off-seasons in which he worried about playing time as well as his ailing father, who passed away last summer, the rising senior has developed into a leader.

"I'm trying to go out there and be the best I can," Howard said. "This is my last year. I'm trying to be the leader and step up for the team."

Howard has changed his lifestyle to suit his leadership role — and help him in his quest to be the top back.

"Right now I think I'm doing the right things," Howard said. "I'm trying to get healthy. I'm going out there and working hard. I'm getting rest, eating right. Every time I'm out there I can give 100 percent."

Howard is working mainly on fundamentals this spring, specifically on his ball-handling skills after being labeled as prone to fumbles in the past. If you're a receiver and you only catch two balls in practice, how are you going to catch a ball in a game," Howard said. "I've been very just regimenting on holding onto the ball and being patient. That's one of my main focuses, just holding onto the ball.

While he entered his last two seasons needing to impress coaches for playing time, he enters this coming summer with a leg up on his absent position-mates.

"When they come out there in the summermie I'll probably be a step or two ahead," Howard said.

Still, the Willingboro, N.J. has not forgotten how he got as far as he has last season.

"I think I improved it by being patient. I think last year, since it was my first year on the field carrying the ball a lot, I was trying to rush things and trying to take everything at a fast, fast pace," he said. "As I got into a groove I got to be more and more patient."

Notre Dame's Terrence Howard, shown here against West Virginia, takes most of the snaps at tailback this spring.

Notes:

● In the battle for playing time in the defensive backfield, Davie came away from Tuesday's practice impressed with the play of rising senior Clifford Jefferson and rising sophomore Preston Jackson.

"He's really got his tail between his legs over what happened the last year or the misfortunes he's had. Preston Jackson's a competitive, high energy little guy. It's an important off-season for him.

● Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers remained coy on all of the prospects' questions about the competition at quarterback.

"There's no tucking his tail even and rising sophomore Kevin Goedert as one of them has a grand total of eight games under his belt."

Lacrosse joins Saint Mary's athletics

By KATIE McVOY
American Sports editor

Spring training for the soccer team won't be the only place goals are being scored on the Saint Mary's campus this spring. The athletic department has recently coined the creation of a new intramural lacrosse team that may net some prospective students.

"We have a lot of prospective ask about lacrosse and field hockey," Gretchen Hildebrandt, assistant athletic director and head of Intramural sports, said. "Those are two typical sports for women coming from Catholic high schools, especially all women's high schools. It just seems right.

"Hildebrandt said, along with athletic director Lynn Kachmarik, created the lacrosse program as part of the work going into expanding the Saint Mary's athletic department. After several years of the question do you have lacrosse? crossing the lips of prospective students, Hildebrandt and Kachmarik decided it was time to provide an affirmative answer.

"Our main draw is to bring in new students," Hildebrandt said. "Coming in (prospective students) will see there's more offered to them.

Although the athletic department is looking at making both lacrosse and field hockey club sports down the road, financial issues have limited the possibilities to intramural lacrosse this year. Women players must now provide their own equipment, offering the athletic department a cost-free way to increase the number of programs offered at Saint Mary's.

Over 20 women have already expressed an interest in lacrosse and club, surprising staff and student captains on the team.

"It's a great turnout," Hildebrandt said. "The women are really excited about coming out and playing.

"I think that everyone was surprised that there has been so much interest in lacrosse," sport co­captain Josie Bilas said. "There were over 20 people that signed up for it, many of which have never played.

The new members of the intramural squad have teamed up with lacrosse veterans to learn the skills and get prepared to start playing some games.

Working with new players is beneficial because we are able to teach them a new game and at the same time strengthen our skills because many of us have not played in a while," Bilas said. "The new players are willing to learn, so that makes teaching a lot easier on all of us."

Games will begin next week. By the time being, the women will be dividing themselves up into teams and playing intrasquad games. However, the women have looked to contact the Notre Dame women's lacrosse club and try to have the women of those two clubs take part in something.

"We want to have as many of the women that are interested in playing lacrosse to come and try it out," Hildebrandt said. "And see if they would like to keep playing.

Although the athletic department will be looking into making lacrosse a club sport, perhaps even a varsity sport. The department is also looking at adding field hockey when money allows.

"We eventually want to take [field hockey] to club status, hopefully without expense," Hildebrandt said. "Adding field hockey is still a financial issue.

Women are now welcome to join the team. Information on joining is available at Angela Athletic Facility.
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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Murphy declares eligibility for NBA draft

Irish star doesn’t sign with agent, could return

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

Two-time Irish All-American Troy Murphy bought himself a little time Tuesday.

In what was essentially an "I'll decide later" announcement, the Notre Dame junior added his name to an ever-growing list of underclassmen entering the NBA Draft, but left open the option of returning for his senior season. Murphy does not plan to hire an agent, and under NCAA regulations, has until June 20 (one week before the draft) to withdraw his name, so long as he does not sign with an agent.

"This is something that I've thought a great deal about since the season ended," said Murphy in a released statement. "I feel that I owe it to myself to pursue this option." Murphy did not appear at a press conference where Irish head coach Mike Brey announced Murphy's decision.

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MURPHY

BASEBALL

No. 4 Irish claim close victory against Cougars

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 4 Irish baseball team continued one of its finest seasons ever, defeating Chicago State at home Wednesday 5-2 to run their record to 26-5-1.

The loss dropped Chicago State to 4-22, with pitcher Nick Troy losing his fifth decision of the year despite only allowing one earned run in his start.

Troy and the Irish were not too concerned about the relatively close victory against an inferior opponent. "A win's a win, it's fine that way," said Irish first baseman Joe Thaman.

Catcher Paul O'Toole agreed. "We're not at all disappointed. We're used to not blowing people out, that's just the way we play." It was a business-like outing for the Irish, who had nine hits with multiple hit performances from centerfielder Steve Stanley, rightfielder Brian Stavisky and designated hitter Matt Bok.

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"The Irish trailed 1-0 when they rose up to score three in the third. Bok reached first and then continued to second on a throwing error by Cougar first baseman Derrick Bass. Freshman Joe Thaman then took Troy's first offering to rightfield for a single, scoring Bok and tying the game.

Freshman Steve Sollmann, the Irish's leading hitter, was intentionally walked. Troy then made the mistake of walking shortstop Alex Porzel to juice the bases for Stavisky, who slapped a two-run single to finish off the three-run inning.

"Taking [Stavisky] out of the game was just precautionary," said Murphy in a released statement. "I feel that I owe it to myself to pursue this option."

MURPHY

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Softball
vs. Bowling Green
Today, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Detroit
Today, 5:05

Women’s Lacrosse
vs. Duke (New Haven, Conn.)
Friday 4 p.m.

Tennis
at Midwest Invitational
Saturday