Task forces review alcohol, tailgating

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Surveys will help two Campus Life Council task forces move toward drafting reports or resolutions, while another task force will send its recommendations in a letter to the Office of Student Affairs next month.

CLC members announced their plans at the council’s regular meeting Monday, as the group appeared close to wrapping up work that has been the focus of three task forces this semester.

The task forces on alcohol use and off-campus living will present a report or resolution in December based on e-mail surveys of students and residence hall staff.

“We want to find ways of grabbing freshmen, finding ways to keep them away from least desirable events,” Jesse Flores, the Student Senate representative to the CLC, said about discouraging first-year students from underage drinking.

The alcohol task force’s survey will also be meant to generate ideas to deter students from drinking before attending dances, especially in residence halls, Flores said.

Sister Piennette, Welsh Family Hall rector, suggested that the task force explore ways to emphasize to drinking-age students who buy alcohol for their underage peers that they are breaking the law. Piennette said the problem seems much more rampant this year than in the past.

“If don’t think they have any idea as to how serious that can be,” Piennette said of students 21 years of age and older. “Until the older people who supply realize what kind of jeopardy they put themselves into, the vicious cycle will continue.”

The subject of the University’s alcohol policies also surfaced amid discussion of campus drinking. In particular, members expressed concern about Notre Dame officials’ crackdown this year on student tailgaters.

“It’s important to know what rights a student does and does not have.”
Matt LaFratta
Alumni Hall representative to the Senate

While drinking was a popular topic Monday, there was no indication that the alcohol task force would change the focus of its survey or if the CLC would form a separate task force to address issues that came out of members’ discussion.

The alcohol task force’s survey will likely poll students and rectors.

Two surveys planned by the off-campus living task force will poll students, rectors and residents.

One survey will explore student housing options, according to the酒精任务组的报告或决议将在十二月发布，基于电子邮件调查学生的和宿舍工作人员。

“我们想找到吸引大一新生的方法，找到阻止他们的方式，”Jesse Flores说，学生参议院代表CLC，关于劝阻大一新生避免至少吸引的事件。

酒精任务队的调查问卷还将被用来找到阻止学生在舞会前饮酒的方法，特别是宿舍舞会，Flores说。

威尔士家务馆的堂姆Piennette，表示，根据酒精任务队的建议，应该探索如何向饮酒年龄的学生强调他们为自己的年龄学生购买酒可能是违法的问题。Piennette认为，问题比过去更严重。

“如果他们没有一点意识，”Piennette说，大一学生的年龄和21岁以上的人。“直到长者的人们意识到他们将自己置于的危险。

“这很重要，知道学生应该做什么不应该做什么。”

Matt LaFratta
校友会代表参议院

尽管饮酒在周一的讨论中是一个热门话题，但是没有迹象表明酒精任务队会改变其调查的焦点，或者CLC会根据成员的讨论来建立一个单独的任务队来处理这些问题。

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INSIDE COLUMN

Giving thanks

"Obviously, Saint Mary's discourages premarital sex, but it's not like we become the pregnancy police or the sex police. We encourage women to be careful."

Jomy Madsen assistant director of Residence Life on pregnancy.

Dave Pavl head football coach on not resigning.

Joyce De Leon co-chair of the diversity division on culture fest

"Diversity and culture is not this intangible idea. It's something that people you go to classes with every day encompass."

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

University looks for fair admissions test

University of California is looking for a fairer test to use in admissions, because the SAT and ACT underrepresented students receive lower standardized test scores on average than their wealthier and more affluent counterparts. The College Board and ACT, Inc., the two largest standardized testing companies in the nation, announced Friday at a meeting of academic and state officials at UC-Santa Barbara that they would work with the UC in addressing this issue, though they did not mention specific actions. "This is all to open the university to people who do not have all of the advantages that our society has to offer," UC President Richard Atkinson said at the meeting. "My arguments against the SAT I were not based on predication validity, but on pedagogical and philosophical convictions about achievement, merit and opportunity in a democratic society," Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board and former governor of West Virginia from 1988-96, defended the SAT as being a valid — but not perfect — test.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Woman looking for student sperm donor

"Stanford student wanted for sperm donor. $15K offered. Intelligent, great looking, over 6'5. No history of self or family additions." This is not the sort of advertisement that readers usually expect to find in the Palo Alto Daily News classified section. Yet just such an ad has appeared there for the past two weeks, placed by a Burlingame woman who hopes to find a sperm donor in order to have a child. The 35-year-old woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, explained that she "wants to have a Stanford University student because she personally wants a Stanford University student because she assumes that the donor will have a high level of intellect. As far as her other requirements, she said she will decide when she meets the donor. "Intelligent is a given if they go to Stanford," she said. "And if I meet them and like them, I'll choose them. The woman said she unconvention to approach to having a child stems from her frustration with the dating scene. "I'm planning on waiting another year until my 34th birthday, and if my dating situation doesn't get any better, then I will go the artificial insemination route," she said.

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BOG

Eldred elaborates on Strategic Plan

By SHANNON NELLIgan
News Writer

Marilou Eldred, president of Saint Mary’s, updated the Board of Governance on the College’s progression of the Strategic Plan Monday night.

The Strategic Plan allows for renovations of the Noble Family Dining Hall and Angela Athletic Facility along with the construction of a new academic building to replace Madeleva Hall, explained Eldred. “We hope to have ground breaking for the dining hall in the spring,” Eldred said.

However, plans are moving at a slow rate due to insufficient funds. Eldred stressed that there has been a decline in fundraising and donations due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. When members of BOG asked what initiatives student government could take to help in the process, Eldred assured the body that the only thing it could do to help the implementation was to talk about fundraising. According to Eldred, by increasing the amount of money generated by donations, Saint Mary’s would not only be able to break ground on planned projects but also promote interest in further development of the College by raising money for scholarships.

“It is exciting to see the change on campus. It creates a real positive feeling throughout the school,” student body vice president, Kristen Matha, said in response to Eldred’s remarks.

In other BOG news:

Matha updated the Board on the progress of the proposed study day. This past month it was low on the faculty meeting agenda so there was not much discussion. However, it will be further up on the agenda in the December meeting.

“The faculty will take into consideration student’s opinions when considering the possibility of implementing the study day proposal,” said Matha.

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ing to Jarotkiewicz, the task force's chair. "We just want to test the waters, see what's out there ... get as many responses as we can," he said.

A second survey of only rectors and RAs will focus on seniors' involvement in campus activities. "We want to find out what we can do to get seniors more involved," Jarotkiewicz said. "Some seniors are RAs, but what about the rest of the seniors?" The task force will likely forward results of the surveys via a report or resolution to the Office of Student Affairs, Jarotkiewicz said.

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Tim Jarotkiewicz Judicial Council president

The FBI announced Monday it believes a letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy, belatedly found last week, was written by the same person who sent an anthrax-laced letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle last month.

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Francesca - It's finally here

Happy 21st Birthday
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Earthquake rattles Colombia: A 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck in the mountains of northeast Colombia on Monday, swaying buildings as far away as the capital. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The quake's epicenter was in the town of Sevita, located 150 miles from Bogota.

Bulgarian leader backs EU membership: Bulgaria's newly elected Socialist president Georgi Parvanov pledged to work for Bulgaria's membership in the European Union and NATO, while strengthening the role of the state. Parvanov pledged at a news conference to work for a stronger role of the state in alleviating economic burdens and to strengthen ties with the rest of Europe. Bulgaria hopes to join the EU in 2006 and is also seeking an invitation next year to join NATO.

FDA approves controversial gel: The Food and Drug Administration made an unprecedented about-face Monday, approving a gel that promises less internal scarring for women undergoing certain surgeries - even though regulators originally deemed the product too risky. The FDA had initially rejected Lifecore Biomedical Inc.'s Inter, which promises to reduce internal scarring from certain gynecologic operations.

Gore takes job at financial company: Al Gore has accepted the job of vice chairman of a Los Angeles-based financial services holding company. The former vice president will help the firm find investments overseas as well as private-equity investments in biotechnology and information technology. Gore will add the new job at Metropoitan West Financial to his other duties as college professor, guest speaker and writing a book with his wife Tipper about the American family.

Airline security law takes effect

The government began taking charge of airport security Monday at the start of the holiday travel season. President George W. Bush signed legislation that will have more screeners peering in passengers' bags and more sky marshals flying on planes.

"Today we take permanent and aggressive steps to improve the security of our airways," Bush said at a ceremony at Reagan National Airport. The new law will put airport screening in the hands of 28,000 federal workers and require inspections of all checked baggage.

The signing of the most comprehensive air security bill in the nation's history came three days after passage by Congress and three days before Thanksgiving. Lawmakers and the administration were determined to act before the holidays in an effort to convince travelers that it was safe to get back on airplanes after 10 weeks after the hijacker attacks on New York and Washington.

Fewer Americans were planning to travel by air this Thanksgiving, according to the AAA. The group, formerly known as the American Automobile Association, forecast 4.6 million people traveling by air, a 27 percent decline from last year's 6.3 million.

The new law, said Bush, "should give all Americans greater confidence when they fly."

"For many air travelers, already seeing longer waits on the ground and more restrictions in the air, some of the effects of the law won't be readily apparent."

"It's not going to be a dramatic change immediately," said Transportation Department spokesman Chet Lunder: "There are thousands of posts to be filled ... and dozens of mandates and milestones."

Federal managers will be moving into position at screening stations, although it will take a while, probably three months, before travelers see uniformed federal workers doing the screening, said Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Committee.

The law calls for all screening operations to be under federal control within a year.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Prisoner attempts escape: A prison inmate used a dense fog as cover to climb a barbed wire fence in an escape attempt that ended when a guard spotted him less than three hours later in a nearby town. Despite extra officers patrolling the Westville Correctional Facility's grounds Sunday morning, Kimlynn Patton was able to slip from a mama.

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AFGHANISTAN

Alliance warlords show divisions

KABUL

Less than a week after the Taliban was driven from Kabul, 3,000 Shiite Muslim fighters are poised outside demanding a share of power. Major cities are now warlords' fiefdoms, and the idea of a broad-based government is being challenged by hastily multiplying posters of factional leaders.

While the United Nations is trying to organize a power-sharing conference, it must move quickly or Afghanistan could suffer the same anarchy and division that paved the way for the Taliban's rise in the last decade.

The sudden collapse of the Taliban throughout much of the country has left a power vacuum which the arrival of the northern alliance into Kabul last week only partially filled.

The alliance is a coalition of five groups - mostly representing ethnic minorities - which were driven from power by the Taliban in 1996 and which rallied together because of their common hatred for the Islamic militia.

In areas vacated by the Taliban, former warlords such as Ismail Khan in the western city of Herat and Rashid Dostum in the north's Mazar-e-Sharif simply took back control of their old fiefdoms.
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Weddings rise after Sept. 11

The surge in business is a pleasant surprise to the $70 billion bridal industry, which traditionally does most of its business in November and December through March as couples prepare for summer weddings.

"This is usually a quiet period, the least busy time," said Ingrid Kelly, director of special events for David's Bridal, which operates 1,025 stores nationwide.

"But we are seeing a tremendous increase in bridal registries.

Some customers, she said, are moving up wedding dates from 2004 and 2003 to next year.

Retailers like Bluenile.com, a 19-store bridal chain based in Altonia, Pa., so far has a 22 percent gain in sales in November at stores open at least a year.

"The Sept. 11 event is giving the business more momentum," said Robert Kaufman, president of the Associated Bridal Council of America.

"I told my wife, I'm really feeling the impact of San Francisco," agreed but said it's not clear if the uncertain times have made couples cancel or book more intimate weddings or bigger affairs.

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The post-Sept. 11 rise in bridal business was a call to arms for David Liu, chief executive of The Knot.com, a leading wedding registry that compared its online traffic during the first week of September with traffic during the first week of October, expecting a negative impact. Instead, Liu found a 10 percent increase in bridal registries.

"Bridal is one of the very few businesses that is doing well, and totally defies economic recession and terrorism concerns," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J. "In fact, the greater the uncertainty, the greater apparently the eagerness to get married and form a family."

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Police arrest man for terrorism links

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San Francisco

The Associated Press

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Please submit designs by November 30, 2001.
Nazar Mohammed shaved his beard to please his wife. In this fellow Afghan, liberated from Taliban rule, “My home of Mazar-e-Sharif was freed,” he told me recently. “I can go home now and take care of my mother and sister.”

Nazar Mohammed owns a sandwich stand in downtown Washington, D.C. He is a big man, always smiling while serving up a constant stream of small talk and delicious souvlaki. He was a teacher in Afghanistan. He was wounded fighting the Soviets and came to the United States for surgery. He stayed because the Taliban murdered his father. A devout Muslim, Nazr prays several times each day in the back room of a nearby Persian rug dealer. “I pray often,” he told me with a smile, “but I’m not Taliban. They are not true Muslims.”

When I asked him whether the fall of the Taliban and the capture of Osama bin Laden would make any difference in the war against terrorism, Nazr’s face darkened as he shook his head. “There will be more Osamas,” he said. “America helped create him and we Muslims must now deal with his followers.”

I thought his words were insightful and go directly to the dilemma faced by those nations fighting in Afghanistan. Is there anything that can address the root cause of international terrorism?

In a recent Newsweek article Fareed Zakaria posited two sources of Muslim rage: U.S. support of Israel and the alliances made between secular authoritarian regimes and the United States. Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Bahrain, Egypt and Kuwait are examples of regimes that have repudiated popular political opposition. In this Islamic world the atmosphere is only the way for the "street" to express its anger over dictatorship, changing social mores and pressures to please the US. The small miracle is that Muslims are the only ones who speak freely — as long as they blame the nation's problems on nonbelievers, America and Israel. This message is institutionalized by their near monopoly on education. But what can the United States do to address this situation?

For one thing, U.S. support for Israel's existence should not change. The conflict will remain as long as there are those who refuse to recognize a Jewish state. President Clinton's recent mediation of a peace agreement probably gave Yasser Arafat everything but total control of Jerusalem. That this was rejected should be evidence that a resolution might have to wait until the warrior generations exist. Until then, we should try to help the two sides reach an interim, and largely peaceful, way to live.

On the other problem, I generally agree with those who assert that the United States should insist that its allies stop repression of truly democratic opposition if they want U.S. aid. Of course, even here we walk a fine line, for at this point in time we cannot ask our friends to commit political suicide. Yet, there has to be a price paid to stop terrorism. We should ask Saudi Arabia and Egypt to stop the vehement anti-Americanism being taught in schools and trumpeted in their official press and media. This should be coupled with support for democratic education and alternatives, particularly those outside the control of the most conservative religious authorities. Giving the "street" alternatives to the anti-modern message of Islamic fundamentalism should be the focus of U.S. foreign policy in the region.

Yet, even as I write this, I can only think how extraordinarily difficult this will be. There will be no quick solutions. We might have to recognize that we have limited ability to address the root causes of the conflict. It is a religious war that can only be won when Muslims stand up and fight it themselves.

This is the position taken by Adrian College professor Muqtedar Khan. In a blunt and courageous "Memo to American Muslims," Khan finds those who defend terrorism a scandal against Islam. We cry out about Israel's injustices, writes Khan, but "are silent about Muslim injustices against other Muslims." We cannot reconcile the "vast distance between Islamic values and Muslim practice by pointing out that other nations" have committed injustices against us, argues Khan. We have become so focused on "the other ... that we have completely forgotten our duty to Allah," writes Khan. "In pursuit of this inferior jihad, we have sacrificed the superior jihad — to build a just, merciful, peaceful and moral society."

We have been told that this war is not a religious war. Yet, the words of Osama bin Laden are saturated with religious argument and theological language. His battle is not simply one of Islam vs. Christianity and Judaism, but of his brand of Islam against all others — including moderate Muslims.

With this point Khan agrees. "Bin Laden is a career ... that undermines spiritual health and morality," he concludes. We must "police our world ... to prevent people from abusing Islam and to make sure that what happened on Sept. 11 never happens again."

From the outside, it seems like such a daunting task. But I do have hope because Nazar Mohammad is returning to Afghanistan. The faith, values and work ethic he represents will win this fight in the end. I will, however, miss his souvlaki.

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Appreciate life at Notre Dame

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are two fine, fine institutions of learning; there is no debating that fact. People apply to these two schools from all over the nation and even some from other countries. There was a guy from Haiti who lived down the hall with me freshman year, for crying out loud. I’m not wheel-narrowing anywhere at you here, these places are great.

Really, they are.

But, alas, we wouldn’t be human if we didn’t have problems, and we do. Being two highly selective schools, we select the people who excel in high school. We have valedictorians coming out of our ears, high school sports all-stars, legends of the secondary school who have the potential to be caught in a web of lies or outright advances. Maybe your car gets bad gas mileage. Maybe you never seem to be there when they serve mozzarella sticks in the dining hall. Maybe you didn’t get that job you really wanted. Maybe you lost someone really special to you. Maybe you’re having problems at home.

I think the Man in Black summed it up best, “Life is pain. Anyone who tells you something different, is selling something.”

Poop happens. But what’s really important is that we all realize how privileged we all are. We’re in a leg at a great place filled with people who honestly care about one another. We don’t live in poverty. We don’t go home and have a lovely ego trip, and Reslife. It seems to support one another in a positive and affirming environment. This group is led by a excellent group of undergraduate students and myself.

Unfortunately, the great majority of undergraduate students at Notre Dame who are gay or lesbian keep their questions, their struggles and their fears to themselves. Most suffer in silence. Most suffer from their silence. They suffer from feelings of being different, unaccepted. They live in fear of rejection by their family, friends, their roommates and others in their sections. Most do not even dare to try, much less fear the worst if they were to be found out.

As Catholics and Christians we believe that all people are made in God’s image and likeness. God has personally created each one of us and will always love us. For someone who is gay to encounter the very real love of God is an incredible rarity. It is this powerful experience that we in Campus Ministry pray for all of our students and especially for those among us who are gay or lesbian.

This Nov. 30 Campus Ministry will host the Annual Gay and Lesbian Retreat, “All Made in God’s Image.” This retreat is open to all Notre Dame students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or who wish to support one another in a positive and affirming environment. It is this experience that we in Campus Ministry pray for all of our students and especially for those among us who are gay or lesbian.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

Starsailor follow the lead of Travis, Coldplay

By TOM O'CONNELL

Starsailor is the next British band to emerge. The band has a sound that is comfortable and familiar, but not overly accessible. Love Is Here shows that Starsailor have a new, mostly acoustic Brit folk/rock sound. The band’s talent and potential, but they have a long way to go before their sound matures.

**Live Is Here**
Starsailor

**Rating**

By SAM DERHEIMER

Radiohead have been throwing their fans for a loop lately. Just as fans had finally managed to shake down the dene, electronic soundscapes of Kid A and the ambience and textured guitar of Amnesiac, Radiohead have a new assignment for their faithful—a live album.

I Might Be Wrong — Live Recordings is a raw collection of eight tracks compiled from Kid A and Amnesiac recorded live over four shows last summer.

From the hazy hoon that opens "The National Anthem," to the final "Thank you!" yelled to the audience from lead vocalist Thom Yorke at the culmination of the album, Radiohead redefine the concept of a live album to suit their own exacting purposes. This band couldn’t do anything normal if it tried.

Nowhere on I Might Be Wrong will fans find the cleanest, or even the clearest, versions of each song. Instead, Radiohead opt to showcase the unrestrained transformation studio-version songs undergo when played live. The complex arrangements and intricate layered sound that made the studio-versions of songs like "Everything in its Right Place" and "Like Spinning Plates" so innovative and sensual are deconstructed and stripped to their barest essence. The songs are left with little more to survive on than Yorke’s melodic, haunting vocals and the reemergence of Jonny Greenwood’s guitar. And the songs thrive.

In typical Radiohead fashion, the album opens with the recurring phrase of "The National Anthem." Left completely void of the lush jazz horns that define the studio version of the song, "The National Anthem" literally forces its way upon its audience through nothing more than the sheer will of the band. Yorke’s frenzied beatbox vocals push the song in the absence of horns, and a strained, wavering guitar fills-in the void from underneath. The song evolves (or is it devolves?) from its densely free-flowing original version to an intense and compelling rumble that demands attention from its audience from the very beginning.

The energy and force behind the song will take many fans who have never heard the band play live by surprise. Fans who have grown accustomed to the slow and methodical studio Radiohead, making certain that even the most miniscule of cords is put in its optimum place, will find that Radiohead concerts are not nearly as forgiving. Radiohead live is an all-out frontal attack on the senses and the spirit.

Perhaps more than any other song that has seen a live translation of its studio version: "Like Spinning Plates" truly showcases Radiohead’s ability to transform the oddness of roots into the beautiful sound of songs.

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By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

Every once in awhile, a band comes along that defies the conventional music scene and comes out with something completely different. The Velvet Underground, the Ramones, Television, the Replacements. Bands that have a minimalist attitude about rock, where production and effects take a background to their roots.

Add The Strokes to this list. With an album and sound more suited to an evening at CBGB's than a video on MTV, The Strokes lay it all out on Is This It, a rough, complicated album filled with the punk and rock influences of the underground. Filled with jangling guitars, heavy backbeats and distorted vocals, Is This It could have been recorded in a garage and sold at a punk show for five dollars. It is a testament to the band that being released by a recording industry conglomerate did not kill the non-conformist spirit inside of them. The entire album clocks in at just over a half hour.

The album's lyrical content is similar to what their influences dealt with. Bad relationships, break-ups, seduction and conflict with society all play recurring roles. The album opens with the title track "Is This It," a layered groove with simple guitar licks and vocals reminiscent of Lou Reed. A song about misunderstanding each other, the speaker argues that "we're not in a maze/ we just disagree." "The Modern Age" and "Barely Legal" find the speaker occupying the unlikely role of a seductor, with the latter track proclaiming that he'll "only steal your innocence." Songs such as "Somewhere," "Alone, Together," and "Trying Your Luck" occupy more typical relationship stances for a punk band, as each song considers romantic failure among a landscape of pulsating guitars and heavy drums. "Alone, Together" is the strongest of these tracks, with a very dark melody and angry vocals.

Non-conformity is the subject of "Soma," "Hard To Explain," and "Take It or Leave It." Although the lyrics are almost unintelligible in "Soma," it's obvious the speaker is ranting about people who are "trying so hard to be like them," a reference to society in general.

The last song on the album, "Take It or Leave It," is a great summation of the whole punk attitude. The speaker says "leave me alone/ I'm in control," and as for the band's music, it doesn't matter to them if you don't like it. It is a good song about indifference toward the opinions of those who don't matter. The strongest track on the album is the band's first single, "Last Nite." Featuring a great buildup of instruments and vocals that sound like Jim Morrison, it's a great rock song about the morning after a breakup, with lyrics underlining the speaker's mass confusion over his situation. In the end though, he proclaims that "I don't care no more/ I'm walking out that door." The Strokes make their point and then leave. Is This It is a short album with great music and great attitude. It is refreshing to hear a band in touch with musical roots that have long been abandoned for a highly produced sound and more pretentious lyrics. A lot of times in music, the simplest of approaches is the best. The Strokes prove that.

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Is This It is a simple and raw tribute to all that punk-rock should be by The Strokes, a band that refuses to lose touch with their underground roots. As punk slowly deteriorates into pop-rock, The Strokes remain true to punk form.
Barry Bonds is looking for a agent that can negotiate the first player to win four Most Valuable Player Awards.

Bonds won the National League MVP in a landslide to cap a record-breaking season in which his 73 home runs broke baseball's biggest record. He received 32 of 32 first-place ballots and 438 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Once you've won it a few times, the standards for you are very kind," Bonds said. "It's very difficult to achieve as a career goal."

The 37-year-old outfielder hit .328 with 137 RBIs, 29 doubles, 87 runs, and 76 points in voting by the end of the 2006 season, 47 more than Hank Aaron's career record.


"I don't have a home big enough to put trophies in my house," said Bonds, who had earned in excess of $75 million in nine seasons with the Giants.

Bonds, using his average of .340, has 567 career homers, a .723 on-base percentage and a .601 slugging percentage in nine seasons with the Giants. Bonds broke two of Babe Ruth's records last season, and finished with an .863 slugging percentage, 16 home runs, and 113 RBIs. Bonds, who hit .328 last season with 64 runners and a major league-leading 160 RBIs, got the first-place votes of Ted Greenstein of the Chicago Tribune and Mike Kiley of the Chicago Sun Times.

He was followed in the voting by Arizona outfielder Luis Gonzalez (261 points) and San Francisco's Barry Bonds in 1999, who became the first NL rookie to finish as high as fourth in the voting.

Fujols had the highest finish of a rookie in either league since 1975, when Fred Lynn was voted the AL MVP and Boston teammate Jim Rice finished third. The only other rookie to finish higher than Fujols was Wade Boggs of the Boston Red Sox in 1978 who hit .340. Alvin Dark, third in 1948.

Bonds gets a $100,000 bonus for winning the award, while Sosa gets $100,000 for finishing second.

The American League MVP is announced today.
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eled team this year, and hopefully we can get it up to 20 games with 12 on the road." After dropping their semifinal match in the Big East tournament by a score of 1-0 to eventual champion St. John’s last Friday, the Irish players are eager to get back on the field. "Everyone’s real excited right now," freshman Kevin Goldswaite said. "It’s kind of like the season started over a little bit — like this is the beginning of it for us. We feel that we can do well, and we need to start preparing for what we have coming up."

After missing out on the NCAA Tournament for the past four years, some of the older players on the team are anxious to finally get their chance in postseason play. "When you come to a school like Notre Dame, the expectations are that you’re going to be playing in the NCAA tournament," fifth-year senior Griffin Howard stated. "Fortunately, for one reason or another, it hasn’t happened in the past, but I’m very excited that it happened this year. I think that we can do very well. I’m very optimistic, and I have a lot of confidence in our team right now. It’s a brand new season."

The Irish are not content, however, to be satisfied with just making the tournament. They have every intention of making a run at the end of the year. "There’s no question that we’re a very good team. It’s only good teams that get into postseason play. They want to go somewhere where they get a lot of attention. We know we’re a good team, but do we want to be a great team — I think that’s the test for us now."

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles learn spirit of teamwork

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Pulling together for the last meet of their tough three-day schedule, exhausted Saint Mary’s swimmers realized the closeness of a team. "As a team we learned how to depend on each other in new ways. It was nice to know that your teammates were there supporting you all the way," said senior Mary Ramesey, who felt encouraged to race her hardest by her teammates on Saturday. "By Saturday, the team was pumped up and closer together," said coach Gregg Petcoff. "No one else was probably going into the same three day situation as we did. It made us have to be closer."

While other teams at the Wabash Invitational may have competed in other meets this weekend, what set the Belles apart was their two dual meets and an invitational meet. Unlike conference meets, the swimmers can swim three individual races plus relays in each dual meet. Petcoff feels that the intense three-day weekend of races will work to the Belles’ advantage. Not only was the team able to experience the fatigue they will be facing during the conference meets later in the season, but they were also able to feel the effects of a taper.

"We learned a lot from the weekend," said Petcoff. "How people reacted differently to a rest cycle to prepare them for a big meet."

Petcoff felt the rest cycle contributed immensely to the Belles’ performance in each meet. "Almost every single person had a best time Thursday night and [we] broke two team records," said Petcoff.

The Belles finished seventh out of nine teams, trailing only 13 points behind Indiana/Purdue at Indianapolis, and ahead of Tri-State University and Vincennes University. The difference in the scores between Saint Mary’s and Indiana/Purdue was due to divers. "Unfortunately, I didn’t take divers," said Petcoff. "We definitely outswam the team ahead of us."

Sophomore Megan Ramsey led the Belles in individual scores with a final score of 46. She placed in the 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard butterfly, and 100-yard butterfly. Other swimmers who placed in multiple events included sophomore Maureen Palchak, junior Lauren Smith, sophomore Katy Lebiedz, sophomore Julie McGranahan, and sophomore Candice Polisky.

"I felt the strongest on Saturday," said McGranahan, who received season best times in 200-yard butterfly and 100-yard butterfly. Friday was probably the hardest day, though. Once Friday was over, we knew we could get through Saturday."

Alicia Lesneskie, senior, felt drained after the weekend. "By Saturday, I was just ready to be done and get some sleep," said Lesneskie. "It was the first time we’ve had three meets in a row while I’ve been on the team. It was a lot like a conference meet, but harder because we had to work classes into our schedule."

The Belles will now fall back into training for the next month. Petcoff is eager to see the results of a taper from a whole season of training instead of just half a season.

"When we taper off from a whole season of work our times should be even faster," said Petcoff. "Everybody has a lot to look forward to. The swimmers will reflect on this weekend and see a lot of positive with only half a season of training."

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cheer on the Irish.

"The other team members coming out to see the race. I was so proud to see them, hear
them roaring. 'Here come the Irish.' We had some of the best
fans out there," said Shay.

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South Bend.

"That kind of loyalty typifies
our team and the closeness of
it," said

say Watson. "Everyone supports
each other and it builds on
itself."

Shay and Watson, working off
of each other from the third
mile until the finish, finished
among an elite front pack that
included 2001 NCAA champion
Eastern Michigan's Boaz

47:59.

Chboiywo broke the meet
record, finishing the 10,000-
meter course in 28:47.

"I didn't look back, I just
ran," said Chboiywo. "I ran for-
ward. If I looked forward
maybe I would relax. I was just
concerned with running my

race."

Behind Chboiywo was
Colorado's Jorge Torres, fol-

owed by Alistair Cragg of
Arkansas and D. Ritzenheim of
Colorado.

"The team's performance
shouldn't take anything away
from a marvelous year," said
Piano. "It's nice to see the pro-
gram has matured to the level
that our guys are all upset at
being 6thh in the country. We
would have liked to have run
just a little bit better today."

Todd Mobley was 38th overall
in 30:09; senior Marc Striowski,
who was 58th in 30:27; sopho-
more David Alber was 188th in
a time of 31:55.

"I don't know, I didn't feel
like I finished that well," said
Mobley.

Senior Sean Zanderson was
192nd in 32:00 Conway, a 2000
All-American was 243rd in
34:11.

"I thought I would try to start
picking people off and it wasn't
really happening," said
Zanderson. "We didn't achieve
what we wanted to, but I'm not
disappointed in anyone."

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were happy to reach the championship race.
However, running as hard as they did to
reach Greenville took something out of the
team.

"You look at the people that run really
really well. Chances are they didn't have to run
very hard in the regional meet," Connelly said. "These girls had to run pretty
hard just to get to the meet."

The effect of two weeks of hard running
showed itself in Megan Johnston's race.

Johnston finished the race right behind
teammate Handley, with a time of 22:24, but
Connelly knew she could have done better.

"One of the big keys to this meet is just
coming in and doing what you've done all
year," Connelly said. "Megan's been doing
good all year and she struggled a bit.

Jennifer Fihurh and Christi Armerich
wrapped up the top five Irish runners, fin-
ishing the race in 22:35 and 22:59 respec-
tively.

Brigham Young brought home the national
championship with all five of its top runners
finishing in the top 25 and all five of its run-
ers finishing within 26 seconds of each
other. North Carolina State finished in sec-
ond, followed by Georgetown.

Now that the 2001 season is over, the Irish
moved on to the 2002 season with their
sights set on finding themselves in the top
10. Monday's race was another marker for
the young team that there is the distinct pos-
sibility of making this race one in which they
excel.

"They know they can run better," Connelly said. "And they know they can do something
good in this meet eventually."

"A lot of it is a learning experience,"
Handley said. "Our new season fur cross
country starts today. We have a lot of work
to do. A year from now, hopefully we'll just
keep getting better and better."

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Irish runners Megan Johnson (left) and Jen Handley (right) hit a straight away in the early part of Monday's nation-
al meet. The Irish finished in 19th place.
A senior ode to the place we call home

I graduated early Saturday evening.
Yeah, I know the official commencement for the class of 2002 isn’t for another six months, but having watched my last game in Notre Dame Stadium as a student makes it feel like I’m already done.

From a stadium that was almost too mythical, too unbelievable to even exist when I was growing up to the place I’ve lived an eight-minute walk from for the last three and a half years, Notre Dame Stadium — and the teams that have played there — have been larger-than-life to me.

Of course, the last game was nothing too spectacular, a 34-16 win over winless Navy. Still, as a sappy senior who still feels like a freshman, I present you with this poem or ode or mon-starr ballad, whichever you prefer to call it, about a place so many of us call home.

It’s the only way I know to say thank you.
Saturday, Nov. 17 rolled around, just like the calendar said it would.

My last home game in Notre Dame Stadium, against a team not-so-good.

No, I’m not a player, just a know-it-all obnoxious fan.

But attachment comes with the territory.
When you love the most storied team in the land.
Like 1900 in my class, I started school here just over three years ago.

With dreams of classroom greatness, perhaps, but, let’s be honest, football stole the show.
The defending national champs, the Michigan Wolverines rolled in for game one.

A 36-20 Irish win, and we all stormed the field.

Thinking waking up echos would always be so much fun.

But there were some bad losses along the way (try the next week at MSU).

Although most have come on the road, it seems, away from the House of Knute.

Yet there was a day in September of 2000, when number one Nebraska rolled into town.

Most thought Notre Dame had no shot, evidenced by all the Hunker fans.

And the abundance of tickets that they found.
The Irish trailed 21-7 in the third and the skeptics stated their points.

"It’s simple, Notre Dame just can’t compete, not with what this schedule appoints."

But along came a man named Jones, followed by a guy called "Joye G."

And of all of a sudden the game was tied.
The air overflowing with chants of "We are ND."

Of course that game went to overtime, and the Irish took a three point lead.

Until that future NFL special teamer Crouch whizzed by, and scored the winning TD.

I sat in my seat for 20 minutes after that final gun.
My eyes welling, on the verge of tears.

Wishing we had stopped that run.
The last four years haven’t shown the ND greatness that we’ve all come to crave.
A 27-18 mark and a bowl win drought stretching back to our eighth grade.

However, in that place we all call home, the Irish have won 20 of 25.

But trust me, you don’t want to do the math.

To figure out that record on the road side.
Especially at night.

But whether 3-5 or 8-0, I knew my last game at home might be a little hard.

So I showed up an hour early.

Flashing an usher my soon-to-expire ID card.

I tried to explain to my junior roommate just how strange it felt to be at the end.

Sitting on a wooden bench and talking about a brick stadium.

Knowing I was saying goodbye to a friend.

My words trailed off a lot, building emotions coming close to turning to water.

They were just doing drills on the field, how would I get through the Alma Mater?

But then the game started, and despite the less than riveting drama that would ensue, I was more than grateful that ever this was the school, and the team.

That I did so long ago choose.

And just an aside, a small postscript to my thanks:

When the game ended, to my surprise, I did not shed a tear.

I think those tears are on hold, my friends.

Waiting to see if Davie will be our coach next year.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving

Bright and beautiful God,
thank you for our world,
a place full of beauty and variety.
Thank you for the wind and the waves,
the stars in the sky, the changing of the seasons,
the animals in all their splendor.

Thank you, God, for the gift of people,
men, women and children,
of many colors and creeds,
in different shapes and sizes,
with many gifts and talents,
all made and loved by you.

Thank you, God, for the variety of life;
everything points to your love and glory.

Francis Brienen
from “Prayers Encircling the World”

We thank you, gracious God,
that we are the guests at your table.

As we have been fed by your gifts of life;
so we will share with the world
all that you give to us in love.

Dorothy McRae-McMahon
from “Prayers Encircling the World”
Men's Cross Country

Shay, Watson finish careers together

By KATIE HUGHES
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Three miles into the 10,000 meter NCAA Championships Monday, Lake Watson was running behind the front pack, maintaining a pace that put him around 10th place. Then he felt a tug on his shirt. It was Ryan Shay, who had worked his way up from the crowded congestion of the pack and was ready to take on the next one in the last race of both their college cross country careers.

"I was like, "Locus, let's go," said Shay.

And they went. Together.

"That just woke me up in the middle of the race," said Watson.

"It's really easy to get into a groove and just roll there, but we started to move up at that point. We almost got into a no-man's land between two packs, but working together we were able to bridge the gap. We stayed in there, we exchanged leads, it was awesome."

Both had earned All-American finishes in the NCAA meet before, but neither could have finished where they did without the other on Monday.

"Neither of us did the majority of the work," said Shay. "We just consistently kept changing positions, working off of each other. It took me three miles to find Luke, but once I did. I was like, 'I have to stick with him.'"

The two have found a balance in their training as well, filling in one another's few weaknesses.

"I think we complement each other in training," said Watson. "Ryan is more of a strength runner and I'm more of a speed runner. And the mental attitudes of us combined. The whole is more than the sum of its parts. You put two great runners together and combine it with the rest of the team and that's what you need to have outstanding performances. I wouldn't have finished fifth (today) without Ryan there. It provided the mental strength to get up there and bridge the gap."

Watson and Shay, who are also roommates, have both had impressive cross country careers at Notre Dame. Shay's accomplishments include a 12th place finish in the 1999 NCAA championships and a Big East Championship in 1999. Watson was second in this year's Big East Championships, and finished 6th in last year's NCAA Championships.

"We're very similar in that we're both blue-collar, hard-working people. We use that to work off each other in practice every day, and that's how we got better," said Shay.

It was good to have someone there for training, and it was good for Shay to have someone there when he passed the all-too-familiar spot on the Furman cross country course where he had dropped out of the Pre-National meet due to illness.

"I wanted to finish higher for the team. But going into this season, making All-American was one of my main objectives. For my parents, for my family, for everyone else, I want to carry it into next year and continue to improve. It's not going to be a hard task to lead. Everyone has a great work ethic.

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Women's Cross Country

King earns All-American as a freshman

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On Monday, Lauren King finished first for the Irish. She took 23rd place overall in the National Cross Country Championships. King was named an All-American.

And she's only a freshman.

"Lauren was good," head coach Tim Connelly said of the freshman's performance on Monday. "I mean, All-American as a freshman is a good performance."

King took home Notre Dame's top spot with her 21:17 race time at Furman University.

"She's talented, but she's not strong. As a high school senior, King was a Canadian national champion. But despite her individual success, she's still looking for her team to be the big story."

"I have some great teammates," she said. "Our team's going to do some great things. So watch out (for ND)."

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Irish freshman Lauren King crosses in on the finish during Monday's National Championship meet. King lead the Irish and finished as an All-American.
Men's Cross Country

Piane named National Coach of the Year

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame track and cross country coach Joe Piane has named the National Cross Country Coach of the Year for 2001 by the United States Track and Field Coaches Association.

The award was announced Saturday night in Greenville, S.C., at a banquet preceding the 2001 NCAA Cross Country Championships to be run Monday at Furman.

Piane's 2001 Irish men's squad currently is ranked fifth nationally coming off victories at both the Big East Championships and the NCAA Great Lakes Region meet Nov. 10 at Indiana State.

Piane last weekend was named the 2001 MONDO Men's Cross Country Top 25 for most of the fall, marking the highest position the team has ever been ranked during the regular season.

The longest tenured coach at Notre Dame with 26 full seasons behind him, Piane has developed one of the most talented and deep cross country rosters in the nation this season. The Irish earned team titles at the Valparaiso Invitational and Central Collegiate Championships with its "B" team, and defeated two ranked teams en route to the 2001 BIG EAST Championship. Piane and volunteer assistant coach Matt Althoff earned the BIG EAST Cross Country Staff of the Year award after the conference meet.

Piane has now earned five regional cross country coach of the year awards including this season's honor and was named the NCAA Division I Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1987.

Happy 21st Masse!

Arrgghhh!

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Macura steps up as ND tops Cornell, 78-48

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Confidence is key for Jeff Macura.

Last season, the forward spent most of the time on the bench while Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan got most of the playing time. He didn’t get in the game much, and when he did, he wasn’t very productive.

But with Humphrey serving the final game of his suspension and Swanagan hampered by a knee injury, Macura was the dominant inside force Monday night. He scored 16 points as Notre Dame rolled to a 78-48 win over Cornell.

“I think his attitude is great because he’s playing, Kids need to play,” Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. “It was tough last year to get him into the mix. It was tough to get him in there as a fourth big man … this year, we need him to give us some minutes.”

Macura scored nine points during a 15-2 Irish run in the first half that blew the game wide open, including a three-pointer from the top of the key and a thunderous dunk that drew a foul. He finished the game 7-of-9 from the field and recorded eight rebounds.

“I’m more confident. Way more,” he said. “Coach has more confidence in me, and I’ve got more confidence in myself.”

Although Swanagan didn’t practice Sunday after his knee capsule slipped out of place during Friday night’s game, he entered the game just three and a half minutes into the first half. He recorded nine points and right rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

Jordan Cornette started in Swanagan’s absence and played 29 minutes in just his second career game.

“I felt good [Sunday] and last night, and today felt pretty good,” Swanagan said. “They just wanted to know what I felt before the let me go out and play.”

Notre Dame didn’t have much trouble against an undersized and inexperienced Big Red squad. The Irish defense, which forced 22 Cornell turnovers, kept the Big Red out of sync all night long. Each time Cornwell seemed to gain any offensive momentum, the Irish switched from their traditional man-to-man defense into a 2-3 zone.

“I thought there were times where we got in a rhythm, and then Mike went right to the zone and said, ‘We’re not going to mess around with this, chasing these guys around,’” Cornell head coach Steve Donahue said. “It was a great call. We didn’t feel comfortable against it, and we hadn’t really practiced against it.”

“Our defense in the first half was real solid, especially when we went to the zone,” Notre Dame’s Chris Thomas said. “We were able to rest a little bit but at the same time get out in the passing lane and disrupt their flow of the game and their style of play.”

Donahue was impressed with the play of Thomas, Matt Carroll and David Graves. A game after recording Notre Dame’s first-over triple-double, Thomas finished with a game-high 22 points, six assists and six rebounds. He shot 7-of-14 from the field, including 6-of-7 from three-point range. Carroll bounced back from a poor shooting performance against New Hampshire to finish with 13 points. Graves had trouble finding the basket Monday, hitting on only 3-of-11 field goals, but he still picked up 10 points.

“I was just real impressed with the three perimeter guys,” Donahue said. “They have as good as perimeter players as you’ll see in the country.”

Both teams stayed relatively close throughout the early part of the first half until Notre Dame took control with a 22-3 run that spanned 11:23. The Irish entered the locker room with a 39-21 lead at the half.

Cody Toppert — one of seven freshmen on Cornell’s roster — led the Big Red in scoring with 16 points.

Notre Dame next heads to Hawaii to compete in the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Classic. Their first round opponent is Hawaii Pacific. The Irish could potentially meet Hampton, who qualified for the NCAA tournament last season and upset No. 20 North Carolina 77-69 Friday night, in the third and final round.

“I’m excited to get going,” Brey said. “I think our guys are excited, and it’s a great trip for our seniors. I’m happy we can do something like this, especially for Graves and Swanagan.”

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Note Dame freshman point guard Chris Thomas drives to the hoop during Notre Dame’s win over New Hampshire Friday night. Thomas finished with 22 points Monday night.
FOURTH AND INCHES

BY TOM KEELEY

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FOXTROT

BY BILL AMEND

BEFUDDED AND BEMUSED

BY RYAN CUNNINGHAM

FOURTH AND INCHES

WHEN DURING HALL LOUDS GO UNDERCOVER...

VO, THIS FOOD IS BAD.

TREAT. YET IT'S SO GOOD. I MIGHT TAKE

SOME BACK TO MY OCB,

BUT THAT WOULD REQUIRE

ME TAKING TWO FAST PASTIES.

OUTSIDE. DURING HALL AND YOU BOYS

DON'T KNOW ANYTHINGS ABOUT

THAT, RIGHT?

I COULD BE PLAYING A

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WE CAN'T AFFORD ONE.

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WE CAN'T AFFORD ONE.

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DON'T HAVE TO

SPEND QUITE

SO MUCH MONEY ONE,

ON EARPLUGS.

ITD BE A

THIRD

LESS.

They should move Thanksgiving to the weekend when the traffic isn't so bad."
Irish finish sixth at Nationals

By KATIE HUGHES
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GREENVILLE, S.C.
They ended their most successful season in recent history that way they began: as a team committed to each other and to a common goal.

Their goal going in had been a National Championship, but as the race unfolded it became clear that the best team the Irish had ever had would come away from the strongest field the NCAA had ever had without a national title, but still leaving their indelible mark on college cross country, placing sixth at Monday’s NCAA meet.


"Having two finishers in the top 10 is an accomplishment for any team," said Watson, who was seventh in last year’s NCAA meet.

The Irish have become a team that has come to expect nothing less from itself than a National Championship. Their seven straight top-20 finishes has cemented their status as a Big East Championship. A Great Lakes Regional Championship. Second in the Pre-National meet.

 Ranked No. 4 going into the meet, the Irish had hoped the return of Shay, who had been suffering from an injured Achilles, and senior Pat Conroy, who had been battling a chest cold, would be enough to upset Colorado and Stanford.

Colorado won the team race with 90 points, followed by Stanford with 91 points. Though Notre Dame had finished second to Colorado in the Pre-National meet, the Buffaloes boasted three runners in the top 15 and a fifth man who finished 47th.

"As a team we’re probably a little disappointed," said Shay. "I don’t think we did as well as we wanted to. Our fifth man wasn’t where he should have been. Pat Conroy had been really sick, and that’s obviously going to have an effect."

Far from disappointing, though, was the support the team got from the least expected source at the meet. Seven carloads of teammates, friends, painted blue and gold, ran madly between vantage points on the course to cheering section at the meet.

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Irish seniors Luke Watson (left) and Ryan Shay (center) run together during Monday’s NCAA Cross Country Championships. Watson took fifth in the race while Shay finished sixth.

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