**Fighting on the financial front**

*Undersecretary of Treasury talks about Bush's economic anti-terrorism policy*

**By MEGHANNE DOWNES**
Assistant News Editor

Undersecretary of the Treasury Jimmy Gurule, a former law professor at the University, returned Tuesday to Notre Dame to speak about President Bush's administration anti-terrorism measures.

As the Undersecretary for Enforcement, Gurule is responsible for all federal law enforcement agencies, including the Secret Service. Gurule said that as an effect of the events of Sept. 11, his responsibilities took on a "dramatic new meaning."

Gurule was in his office on Sept. 11 conducting an interview with a reporter from the Washington Times when his secretary interrupted three separate occasions to tell him that planes had crashed into the two towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He recalled hearing the explosion and the windows rattling and seeing a dark plume of smoke across the Potomac River, engulfing the Pentagon.

After the second plane struck the World Trade Center, Gurule immediately thought the attacks were an act of terrorism. He immediately called Brian Stafford, director of the Secret Service, to ensure that measures were being taken to secure the President. He then went to the Secret Service headquarters to oversee the safety of the president's and vice-president's families and cabinet members.

In response to the criticism about the president moving about the country instead of immediately returning to Washington, he said, "Because there was so much uncertainty as to who was responsible ... and concerns about unaccounted flights, our direction was to keep the President out of the District until it was secured."

In the following days and weeks, Gurule was responsible for ensuring that members of the Secret Service were being extra careful while protecting high-ranking government officials. In addition, he visited Ground Zero to assess the extent of the damage to World Trade Center Buildings Six and Seven, which formerly housed federal law enforcement offices.

When Bush declared war on terrorism he said that his war would be fought on several fronts, specifically under covert operations and financial investigations. Bush intended for the government to track the money that terror has changed his job responsibilities.

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**Physics prof Cushing dies in home**

**By HELENA PAYNE**
News Editor

The Notre Dame Physics Department recently lost a teacher, colleague and friend when Professor James Cushing died in his South Bend home Friday. The cause of his death was not immediately known.

Cushing, who joined the University faculty in 1966, taught in both the Philosophy and Physics departments during his career.

"He was an extremely intellectual man," said physics professor Gerald Jones, Cushing's friend of more than 40 years.

Cushing, born Feb. 4, 1937, in Long Beach Calif., received degrees at the universities of Loyola (bachelor's degree), Northwestern (master's) and Iowa State (doctorate) before coming to Notre Dame. Cushing worked with both undergraduates and postgraduate students during his tenure, specializing in the history and philosophy of modern physics and the foundations of quantum mechanics in Australia, Germany, Russia, Spain and England, where he taught in the University's London Program.

"He has a widespread international reputation in the history and philosophy of science," said Jones.

Cushing was involved in many national and international professional organizations.

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**School of Architecture plans Sept. 11 memorial**

*Organizers seek design plans for South Quad structure*

**By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER**
Assistant News Editor

In collaboration with the administration, the School of Architecture recently organized a design competition for a Sept. 11 memorial that it hopes to have built by September 11, 2002. The proposed location for the memorial is the flagpole on South Quad in memory of all victims, but especially the four Notre Dame alumni who were killed.

"The impromptu Mass on September 11th on South Quad became a focal point for the campus' response to the attacks. Behind the platform where the presiders were standing, the flagpole is rusting and the concrete is cracked. The idea is to [revitalize] that area," said Kara Kelly, director of communications for the School of Architecture.

The contest has been advertised for the last two weeks and entries to the contest are due by 4 p.m. today at the School of Architecture. Any student may submit a 20-inch by 30-inch entry of any medium. However, Kelly said she is concerned that the contest will not have enough entries to warrant holding the scheduled design jury on Friday. The design jury is scheduled to include five jurors, including Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, a former mayor of South Bend and a 1968 Notre Dame graduate.

"I'm afraid that not enough people have heard of the competition because we have not yet received any entries [as of 2 p.m. Tuesday]. But everyone does things at the last minute, so I'm not sure what to expect - I'm afraid that if we don't get six entries, we won't be able to hold the design jury on Friday," said Kelly.

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**NOTICE**

Students, faculty and staff gathered on South Quad Sept. 11 for Mass. A memorial to honor the victims is planned for construction in the same area.
April Fools

I make these lists for my away messages on my Instant Messenger. Five reasons to be happy every day. I ripped off the idea from a desk calendar my grandma gave me two Christmases ago. Call me a cornball, but they've developed something of a cult following.

One day a few weeks ago, I just didn't feel like putting ice cream or coffee on the shelf there for like the 700th time. So reason No. 5 to be happy on March 21 was "I've been chosen to be on the next 'Real World,' in Ontario."

Bills! Right!

Not everyone from Central Regional High School caught the sarcasm. I was inundated with excited, frantic IM messages that night, from the kid who sat behind me in calculus and only talked to me when he wanted to copy my homework to the girl who narrowed me out in the "Best All-Around Girl" category for class favorites though I am not at all bitter about that and have moved on with my life, more or less, to the girl from my gym class who never really took the hint that I didn't want to be squirted with massive amounts of kiwi body spray every day. I didn't even know if these people still existed, no less read my away messages.

"OHMIGOD, KATIE, IT'S MONICA!! REMEMBER ME??!! I HEARD YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON THE REAL WORLD, AND ME AND HEATHER AND I WERE LIKE, WHAT?! AND SHE'S GOING TO BE IN SOOOOOOOO COOL, TYTLY, MUHAL!!"

I guess I could have stopped the rumor then, but one of them called me, and before I knew it, I was going into details about how it had been such a close decision, and how Mary Ellis whatever her name is, the producer, was really the deciding factor. I went on about how my parents had taken some convincing, going to a foreign country and all, but Marty and Kathy had come around.

Yes, of course Lauren and Heather and Monica could go and I would even let them into the first-rate confessional booth. No, I would not put those ugly blurry blots on their faces. Great talking to you, too.

I thought that would be the end of it, but then my younger sister called me a few days later. "Katie, juniors and seniors are cornering me in the hallway asking me if you're going to be on the 'Real World in Ontario.' What did you DO?"

My mom called me. "Katie. The boy that's building our roof, I think you went to high school with him, was so excited today. What's this 'Real World' business? You cannot go around making up rumors like that!"

"It's true! It's true! I'm going to Connecticut!"

I was running through campus at Indiana University. Students dashed through Dunn Meadow with their hands to their faces, covering their eyes at about 12:25 a.m. Two state troopers were hit with bottles, one with such force it cracked his gas mask. Another trooper, Matt Dillon, was hit with a bottle on his left leg after the tear gas was dispersed; the Bloomington Fire Department wrapped the wound, which was bleeding considerably.

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Beyond Campus

Indiana U. police unleash tear gas on unruly crowds

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

After the Hoosiers' loss to the Maryland Terrapins, crowds on Kirkwood Avenue set T-shirts and trees on fire and tore down street lights. Students dispersed the unruly crowd with the release of tear gas, sending students running through campus at Indiana University.

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Smyth to receive Laetare medal

Special to The Observer

Father John P. Smyth, executive director of Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Ill., has been awarded the University of Notre Dame’s Laetare Medal for 2002. Smyth will receive the medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, during the University’s Commencement exercises on May 19.

“The Notre Dame family has been proud of Father John Smyth since his days as a student here nearly fifty years ago,” said University President Father Edward Malloy. “His multifaceted ministry certainly deserves the University’s highest honor, but this year we particularly wish to celebrate the exemplary manner in which he has served Christ in the children who are victims of neglect, prostitution, sexual abuse and family violence.”

A Chicago native, Smyth was graduated from DePaul Academy in 1953 and from Notre Dame in 1957. While at Notre Dame, he was captain of the basketball team and an honorable mention All-American player. In 1958, his selection by the NBA’s St. Louis Hawks as a third-round draft choice, he decided to forgo a professional basketball career in order to pursue a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. Ordained a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese in 1962, he was assigned to Maryville Academy, a residence for orphaned and homeless children which had been founded in 1883. He has worked there as a priest, teacher, coach, counselor, administrator, manager and fundraiser ever since.

Appointed Maryville’s executive director in 1970, Father Smyth oversaw a massive and thorough renovation of an aging physical plant, the development of several new educational, counseling and personal growth programs, the establishment of a diagnostic unit, and the opening of an emergency shelter.

During the 1970’s, as Maryville became increasingly independent of Archdiocesan funding, Father Smyth developed a year-long calendar of fundraising events, culminating in Chuckwagon Day, an annual family picnic which has become the most successful single-day charitable fundraising event in the State of Illinois. The funds thus generated have made possible the establishment of a number of programs for homeless youth, including the Maryville Parenting-Teen Center, the Maryville Post Partum Chemical Dependency Program, Herrick House, Maryville-St. John of God, Maryville Residential Treatment Center, the Maryville Center for Medically Complex Children’s Programs and the Haymarket-Maryville Career Development Center. Maryville has become the largest residential child care facility in the State of Illinois and one of the largest in the nation. More than 18,000 children are served each year by its network of childcare facilities on 23 campuses.

The Laetare (pronounced Lay-tah-ray) Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year on celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent in the Church calendar. “Laetare,” the Latin word for “rejoice,” is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritualistically anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription, “Magna est veritas et praevalebit” — “Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail.”

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entries, we won’t be able to hold the design jury on Friday,” said Kelly.

Even if the jury meets to select a winning entry, the University has not committed to building the memorial. The decision to build a memorial would be made in collaboration between the School of Architecture, the administration and the University Architect’s office.

“The University is being kind of vague, saying a memorial may or may not be built — if someone went to all the trouble to submit a winning entry, I hope the University will construct it,” said Kelly.

According to Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information, any monument that is built would be small in nature, nowhere near the scale of the Clarke Memorial Fountain in front of LaFortune Student Center.

The memorial would commemorate the lives of the four Notre Dame alumni who died in the Sept. 11 attacks: Robert Ferris, class of 1962, who worked on the 102nd floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center; Army Lieutenant Colonel S. Neil Hyland Jr., class of 1977, who worked at the Pentagon; and Peter Batacan, class of 1983, and Dora Marie Menchaca, class of 1977, who were killed on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

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U.S. criticized for backing Israel: The United States’ strong support for Israel is driving little backing from other nations and could hurt the coalition against terrorism. Egypt and Jordan have distanced themselves from President Bush, worried that anger against Israel could spill over into new protests in their countries. Europeans are pressing for a faster Israeli pullout. Jordan’s prime minister urged America, in a telephone call with Powell on Tuesday, to intercede to force Israel to withdraw from the West Bank.

Rwandan genocide trial begins: The trial of four former Rwandan army officials charged with masterminding the 1994 massacre of more than 500,000 people opened Tuesday with U.N. prosecutors accusing them of " unleashing a legion of ferocious demons" on the victims.

Los Angeles missing evidence: Hair, blood and semen gathered in as many as 6,000 unsolved rape and murder cases in Los Angeles are missing and presumably destroyed, according to a county forensic specialist. The cases were not under active investigation, but the statute of limitations for bringing charges in many of the cases had not run out.

Police tear gas Indiana sport fans: Police fired tear gas into a crowd of Indiana fans early Tuesday when students began throwing bottles at officers after Maryland defeated Indiana in the NCAA Tournament. After the tear gas was fired, hundreds of students fled from the area near the edge of campus. Police were seen making scattered arrests. Police shut down intersections in downtown Bloomington at about 11:15 p.m., before fans spilled out of bars, houses and dorms to share their disappointment.

Violence escalates in Middle East

Jordanian protesters burn an Israeli flag at a massive pro-Palestinian demonstration which brought together 80,000 people. In an unprecedented move, six high-ranking cabinet ministers attended the march.

WEST BANK

Israel seized control of Bethlehem

In the seventh such attack in as many days, a Palestinian man blew himself up Tuesday night when security forces stopped him at a checkpoint in Baka al-Sharkiyeh, a Palestinian village along the line between Israel and the West Bank. The man detonated explosives strapped around his body, killing himself but not injuring others, the military said. In a dramatic gesture that underscored hardships caused by the Israeli incursion, Palestinians buried 15 of their dead in a hospital parking lot in Ramallah.
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tions, such as the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Philosophical Society, Phi Beta Kappa, the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, the Philosophy of Science Association and the Royal Society of Arts in London.

In addition to his academic contributions to Notre Dame and the world, Cushing, a 1960s civil rights activist, once served on the South Bend-area chapter of the Urban League as a board member.

The memorial service for Cushing will be held today at South Bend's Clay United Methodist Church, 17646 Cleveland Rd., at 10:30 a.m. Cushing's family, including his wife, Nimbalsasha, and his two daughters, Christine and Patricia, will be at the church to greet attendees from 10 a.m. until the start of the service.

Jones said plans are being made for a campus memorial service on April 21.

Cushing's body will be donated to research in order to fulfill his will and remain faithful to the professor's commitment to science.

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Student changes plea in professor's murder

18-year-old also plans to testify at friend's trial

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, VT.

A teenager who pleaded innocent by reason of insanity in the stabbing deaths of two Dartmouth College professors plans to change his plea this week — apparently to guilty or no contest.

The Superior Court in Haverhill announced that Robert Tulloch would change his plea at a hearing on Thursday, a few hours before Tulloch's alleged accomplice is to be sentenced.

The court did not say how Tulloch planned to plead.

Neither prosecutors nor Tulloch's lawyer would say.

But Tulloch's only options under the law are to plead guilty or no contest, and the punishment is the same either way, said John Kissinger, a former assistant New Hampshire attorney general. First-degree murder carries a mandatory life sentence.

Prosecutors say Tulloch, 18, and James Parker, 17, both of Chelsea, Vt., killed Half and Susanne Zantop in the couple's home last year while posing as students conducting an environmental survey.

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Priest arrested on abuse charges

Boston priest charged in New York more than 20 years after alleged abuse occurred

Associated Press

BOSTON A Roman Catholic priest charged with raping a young boy in Massachusetts more than two decades ago was arrested in New York this week, a prosecutor said.

Father Romano Ferraro, 67, of the Jamaica section of New York, was charged Monday with raping and sexually assaulting a boy in a Billerica residence between 1973 and 1980, when the victim was between 7 and 13 years old.

A telephone message left at the public information office of the Diocese of Brooklyn, which serves 1.6 million Catholics in Brooklyn and Queens, was not immediately returned Monday.

Ferraro was never assigned to any parish in Massachusetts, said Middlesex County district attorney spokesman Seth Flom.

Ferraro is set to be arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court after he is extradited from New York.

He is charged with rape of a child and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

The statute of limitations for the alleged abuse would be 10 years from the time of the alleged assault or 10 years since the alleged victim turned 16, both of which would have expired in this case.

But prosecutors said they expect to prove their case.

The complaints were initiated last fall before a sexual abuse inquiry by the Rome-based Archdiocese of Boston, following revelations church officials moved a priest from parish to parish following allegations of sexual abuse.

Following those revelations the archdiocese turned over to prosecutors the names of more than 80 priests accused of sexual abuse over four decades.

In other developments relating to the church scandal, a seminary priest in Florida resigned after allegations that he sexually abused a teen-ager in New York in the 1970s.

 Monsignor William White, 69, resigned after the president of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach discovered the Archdiocese of New York had settled a case in 1997 for $100,000 involving alleged abuse by White.

White did not admit to the abuse, but said his actions were misinterpreted, seminary president Stephen Bosso said Monday.

Kevin Mahony, 42, of Salem, Ore., said White abused him for three years, beginning when he was a senior at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, N.Y. Mahony said White became a friend of his family and inappropriately touched him as a teen about 20 times during overnight stays.

And in New Jersey, a family is trying to convince a court that it should be able to sue the Catholic Diocese of Camden over alleged sexual abuse that occurred almost 20 years ago.

Under New Jersey law, civil claims in child sex-abuse cases generally must be filed by the time the victim reaches age 20, but the law allows exceptions when the victim can show that duress or mental instability delayed the filing of a claim.

Family members were in Atlantic County Superior Court on Monday for the first in a series of hearings on the suit.

Kennedy cousin’s trial starts in Conn.

NORTHWALL, Conn.

For decades, the family of two attorneys, investigators and resi­dents who specialized in the murder of Martha Moxley in 1975.

Now the only group that mat­ters will be to resolve the intrigue.

Attorneys were to begin ques­tion­ing prospective jurors Tuesday at the start of the trial of Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel, who is accused of beat­ing Moxley to death with a golf club in their wealthy Greenwich neighborhood. Both were 15 at the time.

"Our sights are higher than merely creating reasonable doubt," said defense attorney Michael Sherman. "I would like the jury to go away feeling that Michael Skakel is truly inno­cent."

Moxley’s body was found on Halloween under a tree in her yard. She had been out the night before with other teens, including Skakel and his older brother, Thomas.

Skakel, a nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was arrested in January 2000 after a one-judge grand jury investi­t gated the murder.

He was arraigned as a juvenile because of his age when the crime was committed, but the case was later transferred to adult court.

If convicted, Skakel could face life in prison. Selecting a jury is expected to take a month or more, while the rest of the trial may take up to two months.

Authorities say Skakel, now 41, confessed to the crime in the late 1970s while he attended Elan School, a substance abuse facili­ ty in Poland Spring, Maine.

Attention focused on Skakel in the 1990s after he changed his alibi when interviewed by a pri­ vate investigative firm hired by his family.

A day before jury selection was due to start in Norwalk Superior Court, Sherman appeared on several morning television shows.

Prosecutors kept a lower pro­ file.

"We're not going to discuss the case in the media. We're going to try the case in court," said Frank Garr, the state’s lead investigator.

Garr, who has investigated the case for years, said he's happy the trial has finally arrived. "We're ready to go," Garr said.

Sherman said his defense would involve more than poking holes in the prosecutor’s case.

"We don’t plan to sit there and be reactive," he said.

Sherman would not provide any details of his strategy, including whether Skakel will take the stand.

"He's anxious but looking for­ward to being exonerated," Sherman said.

John Moxley, Martha’s broth­er, said Sherman should put Skakel on the stand if he wants to prove his innocence.

He said his family is glad to finally have their day in court.

"I think it’s kind of like Easter," Moxley said.

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Israel seizes control of West Bank towns

Associated Press

RAMALLAH
Israelis rolled into two West Bank towns before dawn Wednesday, exchanging fire with Palestinian fighters, witnesses said. The incursions followed a day of wild fighting as Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born.

The Israeli moves into Salfeet and Jenin, a northern town that has been home to some of the suicide bombers who have been terrorizing Israelis, came a day after Israel seized control of Bethlehem and another West Bank town.

At least 30 tanks rumbled into Jenin from all sides, opening the sixth day of a crushing offensive designed to root out Palestinian terrorists. They exchanged heavy machine gun fire with Palestinians in the city and at the entrance of a refugee camp, witnesses said. Tanks were taking up positions in Salfeet. Witness said the Israelis did not appear to be meeting with armed resistance there.

On Tuesday, Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born, and Israeli tanks and helicopters pounded the headquarters of a Palestinian security chief.

Amid the fiercest Israeli offensive in 18 months of conflict, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat angrily rejected an Israeli offer to free him from confinement in his compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah — provided he goes into exile. Arafat was spending a sixth straight day pinned down by Israeli troops and tanks, his compound now ringed by barbed wire.

Israelis troops pressed ahead with house-to-house searches for Palestinian militants and weapons as part of what Israel calls 'Operation Protective Wall' — aimed at halting terror attacks targeting Israelis.

In the seventh such attack in as many days, a Palestinian suicide bomber was blown up when Israeli soldiers shot and detonated explosives he had strapped to his body. The incident occurred at a checkpoint in Baka al-Sharkiyeh, a Palestinian village along the line between Israel and the West Bank. The man died but no one else was injured, the military said.

In a dramatic gesture that underscored hardships caused by the Israeli incursion, Palestinians buried 15 of their dead in a hospital parking lot in Ramallah. Families of the dead had been unable to claim the bodies, which were decomposing in a hospital morgue because power cuts made refrigeration impossible. Relatives wailed and gunfire from fighting echoed as the bodies were placed in common graves carved out by a bulldozer — one for 13 men, one for two women.

Ramallah residents, though, got a respite of a few hours from the onslaught, with gaping holes punched in rooftops.
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Andersen appoints transition team

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Paul Volcker is getting some help in his efforts to pull Arthur Andersen back from the brink.

The former Federal Reserve chairman, who is in charge of trying to rescue the troubled accounting firm, announced Friday that management had hired former finance czar C.E. Andrews and Larry Rieger to lead the company's transition to a new structure.

The announcement came a day after Andersen said it would embrace Volcker's plans for shaking up the firm, which has been under scrutiny for copying documents related to its audits of failed energy giant Enron.

The plans include separating the auditing and consulting practices to prevent conflicts of interest. No decision has been made on what to do with the consulting business, where 60 percent of the firm's partners and employees work.

The top ranks of the struggling company were jolted earlier this week when Joseph Berardino resigned as Andersen's global chief executive Tuesday. He has not been replaced.

The U.S. firm is currently being led by managing partner Larry Gorrell and a group within the firm called the Justice Department, which is overseeing Andersen in talks with the Justice Department.

Volcker has said the firm will try to rescue the exodus of clients if its plans for reform are met — including the Justice Department dropping its indictment of Andersen for something the department has indicated it would consider doing.

Volcker also said progress has been made in talks to settle class-action lawsuits against the firm. But shortly after he made those remarks, a court-appointed mediator in talks between Andersen, Enron and lawyers for employees and shareholders sui­bit­ually entities released a statement saying that "serious issues" remained.

The mediator, Eric D. Green, said he spoke out "in part to correct any other releases that may have been made by any­body else.

In its remarks, Volcker also hinted that there might be other changes in senior manage­ment. He has wide author­ity to mandate changes after Andersen under an agreement he reached with the firm in February.

The plan also calls for Volcker to take over the firm and lead a seven-member governing board. That step will still occur if the other condi­tions remain in place, including the end of the legal actions against Andersen by the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Whatever changes happen, clearly a new Andersen would be considerably smaller than today's firm, which employs 25,000 people in the United States.

Andersen employee questioned accounts

• Worker raised protests about company's financial practices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

An Arthur Andersen LLP partner was removed from monitoring Enron after he raised repeated objections about some of the energy trading company's financial practices that eventually sent it into bankruptcy, according to documents released Tuesday.

Internal Andersen e-mails detail the strenuous objections of a partner named Larry Block to charges, while handwritten notes by an Andersen executive reveal Enron's unhappiness with him.

"Client seeks need to replace Carl," said one of the notes, which were released by the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

According to the documents, Block questioned the account­ing for Enron Corp. financial practices in 2000, when Enron wanted to show a $50 million gain on a transaction with Blockbuster Inc.

"Both you and I had expressed some concern about this deal," Bass recounted in a e-mail to a supplier in Chicago last year. "The client's proposed accounting none­theless made 'no sense.'"

Some of Bass's most serious objections dealt with special­purpose entities known as the Raptors, which kept hundreds of millions of dollars in debentures off Enron's books.

"I will honestly admit that I have had a hard time understanding these transactions involving the Raptors, Bass wrote.

"I understood that there was a $100 million loss on an Internet investment that otherwise should have been reported," wrote Bass.

He also wrote: "There appears to be some sort of assertion that I have a 'prob­lem' with Rick Causey or someone at Enron that results in me having some caustic and inappropriate plant in dealing with their questions." Causey was Enron's chief accounting officer. He was fired in February.

Some of the memos falsely stated that Bass supported aspects of the Raptors, when in fact he didn't. The team of Houston auditors that wrote the incorrect memos amended the last fall with corrected versions that contained Bass's objections.

Recalling his objections about Enron in an e-mail, Bass said he didn't complain about Enron to the Boxing firm.

"I am perplexed as to how the client even knows I was consulted about the Raptors and "how they believe I am too caustic and cynical with respect to them," Bass wrote.

Of another transaction in December 1999, Bass wrote to his superior in Chicago, "I do not know of the client from whom we must use the client very much this support."

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ANTHROPOLOGY

IHR 301 Folklore, National Culture and Irish Identity The notion of folklore emerged in the late C19th and C20th, closely associated with ideas of cultural nationalism, from the romantic period on as it became an important resource to national movements in search of cultural authenticity. This course will focus on the role of folklore within ethnicity as a means of asserting national identity and as a means of expressing cultural and modern identity. It looks at the Irish case in detail, from the beginnings of scholarly interest in popular culture to the modernization of folklore study in the southern state.

IHR 402 Archaeology of Ireland This course examines the archaeology of Ireland through a series of richly illustrated lectures, organized chronologically, that trace cultural, social, and technological developments from the Neolithic through Viking periods. Integrated with this lecture series, and running concurrently on alternate days, will be a series of seminars and workshops on the interaction between the troubles of particular cultural and gender and exploring Ireland's national identity with a focus on comparing Irish with that of India and Africa.

See Dart Registration Book for other Irish Studies courses, instructors and class times.

Graduate courses to be announced shortly; for additional information contact Brendan MacSwinney, macswinney@helsinki.fi

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Sept. 11 leaves indelible mark on American foreign policy

has anything really changed in the last six months? If asked, all of us will say that Sept. 11 had a profound effect on our lives. But, if we are honest, I also believe the world is sliding back to "normalcy." The economy is getting stronger. Republicans and Democrats are back to partisan sniping. Urbanites and Israelis-Palestinians situation is again dominating our foreign policy. People are returning to their favorite leisure pursuits—like March Madness, protesting decisions of college administrators and demanding to know how Halle Berry won an Oscar. Has anything really fundamentally changed?

To answer that question I draw on my knowledge of 20th century American history. I can safety say that the United States was profoundly changed by every violent national trauma. World War II brought an end to Progressive era politics. World War II quelled the activism of the New Deal. Vietnam destroyed the nation’s Cold War foreign policy consensus and made the United States wary of using its military power. The Iran hostage crisis, on the other hand, made the United States more receptive to Ronald Reagan's promise of a more assertive foreign policy. And the Oklahoma City bombing by an anti-government radical was profoundly changed by every violent national trauma. World War II brought an end to Progressive era politics. World War II quelled the activism of the New Deal. Vietnam destroyed the nation’s Cold War foreign policy consensus and made the United States wary of using its military power. The Iran hostage crisis, on the other hand, made the United States more receptive to Ronald Reagan's promise of a more assertive foreign policy. And the Oklahoma City bombing by an anti-government radical was

Global Hegemony, American Style

International relation theorists thought that any challenge to America's global power would come from Russia, China or a coalition of nations anchored by one or both nations. But no country or coalition confronts America now. Instead our enemy is radical Islam, eager to drive America from "Muslim" lands and eventually to destroy Western civilization. The diplomatic fallout has been immediate. Russia joined with the West to battle terrorism—its energy is seen as crucial to reduce America's dependence on Middle Eastern oil and its military is now coordinating with NATO. China has been more cooperative than competitive recently and India has suddenly become a fast friend. The makings of a new world order are apparent.

Americans and the World

It is hard to believe that only a couple years ago, the neo-isolationism of Pat Buchanan and of Ralph Nader was taken seriously by the public and pundits. America cannot afford to remain aloof from global events. Islamic terrorists will not be deterred by only a strong military and two broad oceans. Americans now realize that the world is a hostile place, where millions of people "hate" us. Our interests and safety are tied closely with our history and the future of the "civilized world."

Fracturing of the Left

The last six months have been difficult for the American left. At first Susan Sontag, among others, argued that Sept. 11 was the fruit of American hegemony. In essence, America deserved it. But failure to condemn the terrorism caused a public backlash. Prominent leftists such as Christopher Hitchens, Richard Falk and Todd Gitlin counseled their compatriots against knee-jerk anti-Americanism. Nonetheless, the criticism from the left continued unabated. Their fear is that an open-ended war on terrorism will cripple the politics of multiculturalism at home and anti-globalization abroad. Their political clout will be stripped if national security and defense dominate domestic politics. One bright spot has been the self-examination process that has begun. Michael Walzer’s piece "Can There Be a Decent Left?" in Dissent magazine is a clarion call for the left to re-examine its world-view and political agenda. It deserves to be read by serious people across the political spectrum.

A Republican Majority

Since Sept. 11 President Bush has had astronomical approval ratings. Most political experts thought these numbers would eventually decrease, but they have not. The trickle-down effect is helping all Republicans. Recent polls by the Los Angeles Times and the National Journal show that the GOP is gaining swing voters who voted Democrat in 2000. Democrats hoped the Enron mess and a slow economic recovery would buoy their numbers, but the Bush administration has never been on the defensive. The President signed popular education and campaign finance reform bills. And the economy is slowly improving. While I don’t predict future elections, at this moment it looks like the Republicans will survive or gain in mid-term elections and serious challengers to Bush in 2004 will have to think twice.

The Condolezza

The chorus of voices plumping for Condeleeza Rice as the possible vice presidential choice is becoming deafening. Though the last vice president to be replaced was Henry Wallace in 1944, the possibility of a young, articulate African-American woman on the ticket would be a monumental moment and the Democrats' worst nightmare. Let me say in advance that it won't happen, as rumors of Dick Cheney's demise are greatly exaggerated. Also, Rice's political inexperience, her "mild pro-choice" position and life-long focus on international affairs will be handicaps on the stump. But one can hope.

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Changing routines into entertaining stories

My parents are hooked on Survivor. At first, I thought they were being ironic, because no one could possibly care about a group of whiny outdoor amateurs vying for a million dollars, unless they appreciate the camp (bad pun intended) well. Usually the contestants aren’t even interesting people—the time slot could be aptly filled by reruns of “Moonlighting” or any solid courtroom drama. But my parents eagerly await their cherished reality game show, even when the action involves contestants getting hit in the testicles with a tennis ball or of the just-married couple falling down on the dance floor. These people were anonymous, uninteresting and just like us. Watching them made us believe we could be on television some day and thus extended to our own voyeuristic fantasies. People would watch us if given the opportunity.

Talk shows fall under the same category as meeting people is never easy. And it feels good to struggle through awful dates.

Sometimes these real people seem more real. But the camera’s invisible eye adds the entire viewing audience, prompting the show’s participants into employing stronger than usual personas and into wearing thicker than usual masks. Instead of watching professional actors perform pre-written lines, we watch ostensibly “normal” people improvise. Instead of watching aspiring actors, we watch characters, which only increases the irony.

The disturbing post-ironic irony culminates in the reality drama. MTV’s “Real World” series pioneered and perhaps exemplifies real drama as genre. Real people are selected on the basis of audition tapes and placed in an unfamiliar environment to live and work together for about a year. They live in a nicer-than-average house stuffed to the gills with cameras, and they are taped continuously 24 hours a day. This footage reduces to a weekly half-hour episode that presents a portrait of the drama or the opportunity. The appeal of dating shows, such as MTV’s “Dismissed” and company is pretty self-explanatory. Dating is often awkward, and meeting people is never easy. And it feels good to struggle through awful dates.

Eric Long
Bands, booze and the Tao of Dave

Many starry-eyed and pimple-faced 15-year-old boys sitting alone on Friday nights get the idea that maybe the way to get to the ladies would be to learn the guitar. I was one of those boys. I can’t even count how many nights I spent in high-school practicing guitar and watching “Sabrina: the Teenage Witch,” thinking that that my work would one day pay off.

Flash forward to the college years: I find myself playing in several campus bands. Although the payoff for all my practicing was not what I thought it would be, it certainly ended up being as good as I had hoped. I can still remember the words I heard as I set up my band Red Dragon Tattoo desperately searched for alternate practice spaces in which to practice.

A typical Notre Dame campus band will run into several problems. The first of which is the total lack of any sort of practice space on campus. Keenan had a woefully inadequate practice room that was available for a whopping two hours a day. This year, however, even the tiny weight room/band room that was previously available is no longer in existence. With the shutting down of the Keenan band room just days before NAZZ last year, my band Red Dragon Tattoo desperately searched for alternate space in which to practice. Our only refuge was the storage room in the basement of Fisher Hall.

As it turns out, this particular room has no power outlets, lights, heating or even a floor to speak of. But, we made due. With no rehearsal space on campus available, the only option for bands is to have a member of the band who lives off campus and has a place big enough to set up the required equipment.

Another problem encountered by Notre Dame campus bands is the stubborn desire by most students to put their studies first. When it comes to people such as me, this is typically not an issue. In a band of four or five people, however, getting everyone to agree on a time to rehearse generally ends up being exceptionally difficult; for example, one of my bands, Rex LaDado has not practiced for about a month and we are scheduled to perform at the battle of the bands on north quad Friday evening. The likelihood of a late Thursday night practice is increasing rapidly as time progresses.

Furthermore, if the style of your band isn’t all that popular, filling out the proper instrumentation can be a pain in the neck. There are too many fans of rockabilly and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Dave Lodewyck

Scene Columnist

File for Us

Dave Lodewyck is the best musician on campus and offers music lessons to those of the female persuasion. Interested parties can contact him at dlo@nd.edu.

Notre Dame's own Station One recently sat down with members of the group and talked about the band’s past, future, imploding ceilings and their Taco Bell tradition.

Lawrence Santiago

Station One lead singer

Lawrence Santiago: A lot of people compare us to Sublime or 311. We pull from Ben Folds a lot, a lot of the guys like Ben Folds. There are a lot of punk rhythms. Back in the day we were pretty much pop.

Mike Miller: Our first song was “BB Mac.” We started playing some at College Park. We played a lot of parties and jam out for two hours, three hours, just on bongos and like five songs.

Lawrence Santiago: We were called “The Island Boys” and then changed to “House Bound,” then Station One. Jeff left the band and I joined this year.

Lawrence Santiago: What are your musical influences and style of music?

Mike Miller: I grew up listening to a lot of reggae, lots of blues; I’m really into BB King, Stevie Ray Vaughan, I like the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, basically everything.

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Dave Lodewyck: Is your musical background a lot of reggae, lots of blues?

Mike Miller: My influences back in high school were pretty much punk and ska. My brother and I played in a punk band. My main influences were like the Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana, Radiohead, but then I got more into reggae like Sublime and Marley.

Lawrence Santiago: I kind of listen to everything. I liked rap when I was a little kid, but when I got to high school I started listening to Zeppelin, Dave
Matthews, stuff like the Counting Crows. I'll pretty much listen to everything though.

LE: My influences are mainly Sublime, Marley, Led Zeppelin. In high school I only listened to Pennywise, Less Than Jake, Mustard Plug, Nirvana or any other ska or punk bands.

Observer: How did it feel to win battle of the bands (NAZZ)?

LS: (sighing) We didn't believe it at first. Last year it was such a big deal. This year there weren't any prizes, but it meant a lot. It really didn't sink in until we left the place and went to Taco Bell. That's like the ceiling collapsed. My first reaction was there could have been no way we placed. When they said we won it, we were just amazed. LE: Between us, there are two archetypes, one pre-mad major and one bio-chem major.

LS: From our perspective, we have to cover up the equipment. If we're not into what we're playing, the crowd will notice.

LE: So I dropped my mic and I ran.

MM: We were covering up the equipment. That was all we were worried about.

Observer: What is the key to a good live performance?

MM: We're playing at a big party for like 200 or 300 people. We were in the basement and the ceiling collapsed.

LS: So I dropped my mic and I ran. MM: We were covering up the equipment. That was all we were worried about.

LS: That was the first night we got Taco Bell together (laughing). Our best performance was probably NAZZ. It was our most energetic. It was short and we played fast, but it was good. That was the first time we went to Taco Bell.

Observer: Do you have any advice for students who want to start a band?

MM: I'm a business major and I always want to practice, but they can't.

LE: Between us, there are two archetypes, one pre-mad major and one bio-chem major.

MM: Definitely get people who share the same type of schedule that you do. You'll be able to talk to each other all the time.

LS: Make sure you're friends with the other people. It's not going to work.

Observer: Where can Notre Dame students find you guys performing?

LE: It's hard at Acousticafe because everyone is studying and talking. We play best at small parties on the same floor, where it's dark, everybody's drinking and everybody's standing less than 10 feet away from us.

LS: And girls dancing on us.

LE: Yeah.

Observer: Where can Notre Dame students find you guys performing?

LS: We're going to Rome next year for architecture. I'm going to London in the fall.

LE: We'll be able to develop our own sound you want to have. Otherwise, the music will go off into different directions.

Observer: Describe the band's greatest moment.

LE: The audience. If the crowd's not into it, it's really hard to play.

LS: We're going to try, with the stuff we're recording now, maybe compile a demo CD, possibly sign to something small. Do something with that.

LE: We'll be able to develop our original ideas over a year too.

LS: We're planning on meeting over the summer to practice. Maybe play some bars or something.

Observer: Is there anything else Notre Dame students should know about Station One?

LS: We have a Web site up now: www.station-one.net. We have T-shirts on sale for $10 and CDs for $5. Some of the band's music can be found online, like the catchy song "Rebel Children." The laid-back reggae vibe intertwines with Santiago's lyrical ease and leads to a crunchy-rock chorus: "Listen up can you give me your attention?/Administration it needs correction/ I'm Everybody stand up for your right/Everybody get up and fight."

LS: Station One is not an act to miss. Many people may think the on campus music scene is dry and there's not much to see. Someone who's looking for a new, energetic and lively performance in a band should take the opportunity to see Station One at one of their upcoming shows. For booking information contact Peter Miller at pmiller6@nd.edu.

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The sound of Station One combines the styles of each of their band members. Vocalist Lawrence Santiago (right) adds funk, soul and freestyle hip hop on top of bassist Lee Elsey's (left) reggae-influenced sound.
NCAA Men's Basketball

Christian Christened at Kent State

Associated Press

Kent, Ohio
Kent State decided it was time for a change and the results were unexpected. Less than two weeks after its improbable March tournament run concluded and just four days after its NCAA first-round loss, Kent State found its replacement sitting right on its bench.

Christian, a camp counselor and when this season with the Golden Flashes advanced to the NCAA tournament, the round of eight, on Tuesday was the sort of player who was expected to stay for three years.

"It happened very fast," Christian said. "We want to continue what’s been started here.

Christian takes over for Heath, who in this first season led the Golden Flashes to a 30-6 record, the Mid-American Conference title and victory over Oklahoma State, Alabama and Pittsburgh in this year’s NCAA tournament, before taking the job at Arkansas.

Who has already responded to Christian received a five-year contract from the University of Kentucky, whose priority in finding Heath’s successor was Heath’s ability and continuity to the program.

"The person we wanted to continue at the championship level," Kennedy said. "If we were conducting a national search, we would look at Elite Eight-type programs, and we have one right here. Jim is the right man at the right time for Kent State.

"He is part of the family," Kennedy said. "He is the same deal to the one Heath got a year ago when he replaced Gary Waters, who left for Rutgers. Kennedy said Christian will make $120,000 per season with incentives.

"But unlike Christian, Heath won’t have the luxury of inheriting a group of seniors like Trevor Huffman, Andrew Mitchell or Demetrius Shaw, who led Kent State to 100 wins and three NCAA tournament appearances the past four years.

"We’re going to find some guys just like them then," Christian joked. "But they were a very special group and laid a foundation here that we want to build on.

We have to continue the standard and the expectations that they set.

Kent State’s returning trio of junior guards - were thrilled with the decision to hire Christian.

"I thought coach Christian was the best person," Gates said.

Gates knows that because in the days of Kent State - or any other MAC school - sneaking up on anyone are over.

"Now we’ve got to try and stay at the top," Gates said. "That might be the hardest thing to do."

Christian believes the Golden Flashes can remain competitive in the Big Ten by focusing on realistic expectations. He knows the newfound national respect and heightened profile Kent State is enjoying can be fleeting.

"We’ve got some work to do," he said. "But I think we have a strong program here, the right man at the right time for Kent State."

Laing Kennedy
Kent State athletic director

NCAA puts Tampa on 1-year probation

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The University of Tampa has been placed on one-year probation and its women’s soccer team banned from postseason play because its founding coach improperly paid players’ tuition and violated recruiting rules, the NCAA said Tuesday.

Florida’s women’s soccer coach George Zaykoski, now the coach at Lousiana State University, used his own money and his foundation to pay for tuition for six players and provided two Swedish recruits with im proper housing and transportation, the NCAA said.

Zaykoski, a Tampa graduate and former professional player with the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the New York/New Jersey Riverboat Gamblers, was placed on probation until 2003.

His wife, professional soccer player Danielle Fotopoulos of the Carolina Courage and a member of the 1999 women’s World Cup team, was banned from involvement with her teams under the NCAA’s sanctions.

Fotopoulos declined comment Monday through LBSU’s sports information office.

In addition to being placed on probation, Tampa’s women’s soccer team is banned from the NCAA tournament for a year. The team also had to stop its recruitment of international students.

The university crafted a series of reforms for itself and has been implementing them since the investigation began in 1999. It has recently heightened its compliance monitoring and is regularly conducting training for coaches.

"It hurts our reputation, which I think is very much a pretty spotless," said Gil Swails, Tampa’s athletic director. "We hope we can get through that by making this a better institution."

Gail Swalls
Tampa associate athletic director

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MLB

Bonds drives in 5 runs to lead Giants over Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

After getting off to a great beginning, Barry Bonds said he's more concerned about the Bonds drives in not himself.

Bonds hit a two-out, three-run homer off Kevin Brown on his second swing of the season, a drive that capped a five-run second inning. Bonds had an RBI single off Brown in the fourth, then sent a 1-1 pitch from Omar Daal just inside the right-field foul pole in the seventh, becoming the 10th player to reach the 400 level at Dodger Stadium.

The home runs gave Bonds five on opening day and 569 overall, moving him four behind Harmon Killebrew, who ranks sixth on baseball's career list. Bonds has 57 multihomer games, including 10 last season, and is fifth in the category. He became the 25th player to homer twice on opening day.

Livan Hernandez, making his third straight opening-day start for the Giants, won by allowing both Los Angeles runs and four hits in eight innings.

Montreal 7, Florida 6

The Montreal Expos made their fans forget about extinction and feel some excitement.

Down to their last out in what might've been their final season opener, the Expos rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning and beat the Florida Marlins on Orlando Cabrera's single.

A crowd of 34,351 cheered when Bonds hit a grand slam in the seventh, putting the Marlins ahead 6-1. Mike Lowell's RBI double off Javier Vazquez broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Wilson connected off Ben Sheets for his third career grand slam.

Ryan Dempster held Montreal to one run on Guerrero's RBI single through seven innings. Barett led off the eighth with a home run, and Dempster left after allowing an one-out walk to Guerrero. Reliever Vladimir Nunez gave up an RBI double to Cabrera and Cabrera's run-scoring single.

Marlins first baseman Derek Lee ended Montreal's threat with a fine play, picking Lowell's throw from third base out of the dirt.

Milwaukee 9, Houston 3

The same Enron was gone from the ballpark. As far as the Houston Astros were concerned, hitting and pitching were missing, too.

Ben Sheets struck out a career-high eight, and Richie Sexson, Tyler Houston and Jose Hernandez drove in two runs each to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a season-opening win over the Houston Astros.

"Ben was overpowering," Brewers manager Davey Lopes said. "His fastball was clocked at 97. He came out firing in the first inning. He was pumped tonight. It usually takes three or four innings to get going."

Sheets, a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team two years ago, allowed two runs and nine hits in his six innings and walked none. Last April 5, Sheets lost to Houston in his major league debut.

"There were Opening Day jitters, but our guys came out and showed Bonds early," Sheets said. "I'm pleased with the way things went. I went six innings and I still felt strong. I didn't want to burn up the bullpen in the first week."

The game was the first one at the stadium since it was renamed.

Following the collapse of Enron, the NL Central champions bought back naming rights to their ballpark from the bankrupt energy company.

Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 5

Tampa Bay's "Heart & Hustle" campaign is off to a successful start.

Greg Vaughn's two-out RBI single in the ninth inning-setting tie and the young Devil Rays went on to beat the Detroit Tigers before a season-opening crowd of 38,142 at Tropicana Field. Vaughn drove in a 5-5 tie after Juan Acevedo walked Steve Cox intentionally to get to the Devil Rays' cleanup hitter.

Ben Greive drew a bases-loaded walk to drive in another run and Bobby Smith added a two-run double that glanced off Detroit's ace.

Ben Greive drove in the two-run double that glanced off Detroit's ace. While Tears列入 the bullpen in the first inning, the Devil Rays overmatched Detroit's ace.

Cox's two-run single in the sixth wiped out a 5-3 lead the Tigers took when they scored four times off starter Casey Farnsworth in the sixth. Mike Rivera and Jose Macias delivered RBI singles off Zerillo before Bobby Higginson finished the rally with a two-run double off Jesus Colome.
Back problems force Nicklaus to withdraw from Masters

Associated Press

Jack Nicklaus, the most dominant player at Augusta National with six green jackets won over 23 years, withdrew from this year’s Masters because of lingering back problems.

It will be only the second time since 1959 that Nicklaus has missed The Masters. He also skipped in 1999 when he was recovering from hip replacement surgery.

While Nicklaus, 62, has expressed concerns about competing against players half his age that has added nearly 300 yards, it was a back injury that has plagued him for nearly a year that forced him to withdraw.

Nicklaus also withdrew from this week’s Legends of Golf on the Senior Tour.

“I have tried over the last couple of months to get my body and my golf game in shape to play at the legends and possibly The Masters,” Nicklaus said. “And while encouraged, I made a decision today that neither is at the point I hoped they’d be at this stage.”

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Irish grab academic honors

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team keeps its tradition of academic excellence alive in 2001-02, finishing sixth in the nation according to the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) All-Academic list with a 3.195 grade-point average.

To qualify for this honor, the grade-point average of the entire swimming and diving team, including all team members on the eligibility list, must average at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale. In all, 30 men’s swimming and diving teams met the criteria for the 2001-02 academic year.

The Notre Dame team earned a spot on the CSCAA all-academic list for the first time in the program’s history for the 2001-02 winter/spring semester with a 3.184 grade-point average. In all, 53 women’s swimming and diving teams met the criteria for the 2001-02 winter/spring semester.

The Irish finished the 2001-02 dual-meet season with a perfect 10-0 record, giving the squad a 30-1 dual meet mark over the last three seasons. Notre Dame was also ranked as high as 14th in the CSCAA Top 25.

PGA

Men’s Basketball

Play earns Thomas spot on Sporting News team

Special to The Observer

The honors continue for Notre Dame point guard Chris Thomas. On Tuesday, the Irish freshman and the 2002 Big East Rookie of the Year was named to the Sporting News All-Freshman Team.

Joining Thomas on the squad were Alabama guard Maurice Williams, Texas guard T.J. Ford, Memphis guard Dajuan Wagner and Connecticut center Emeka Okafor.

Thomas was recently named the national freshman of the year by Basketball Times. A third-team all-Big East selection, he was the team’s second-leading scorer this season as he averaged 15.6 points per game. He set Notre Dame single-season marks for assists (252), steals (72) and steals per game (2.18). He also tied the single-season assist average record (7.64), sharing that honor with Jackie Meehan.

Thomas recorded the first triple double in Notre Dame basketball history when he scored 24 points, dished off 11 assists and made 11 steals in his first collegiate outing on Nov. 16 against New Hampshire. He scored in double figures in 24 games during the season and finished seven games with double doubles. The six-time Big East rookie-of-the-week honoree also scored 20-plus points in nine games and led the Irish in scoring in nine occasions.

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

**No. 4 Irish rebound with win against Sycamores**

By JOE LINDSEY

Spent Writer

Fueled by an embarrassing and anger-inspiring loss to No. 46 Michigan last week, the Notre Dame men's tennis team soundly defeated Indiana State 5-2 on Saturday.

The No. 4 Irish, after losing the doubles point, were able to change the tide of the match as they defeated the No. 29 Sycamores by posting victories in five of the six singles matches.

"I'm pleased with the way we fought," said senior Casey Smith, who defeated 56th ranked Vedran Vidovic, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. "We fought a lot better than the way we did against Michigan. Technically we still have a lot of stuff we have to work on, but as far as the effort everyone gave, I was really pleased."

Throughout the season, Notre Dame often has trouble gaining the momentum and confidence needed to win its singles matches after it loses the doubles point. On Saturday, though, the Irish did not let the loss of the doubles point disturb them.

"We expected them to be a tough team to beat at our home courts," senior James Malhame said. "We stepped up to the level we needed to in order to dominate the match."

In addition to Smith's victory, which was his sixth win over a ranked opponent this season, the Irish earned points from seniors Javier Taborga, Aaron Talarico and Andrew LaFeo and sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales. LaFeo, after defeating Dalibor Mihaljlovic in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1, improved to 17-1 in dual matches for the season.

While the singles was strong on Saturday, the Irish continued to have trouble with doubles play.

"Doubles is a big concern for us right now," Smith said. "At the beginning of the year that was one of our strengths. Right now, moving to outdoors, we've decided to change up some of the combinations."

After the loss at Michigan last week, Irish coach Bob Bayliss changed the bond of the doubles lineup for the contest at Indiana State in an effort to find the best possible combinations of players.

While the fifth-ranked duo of Taborga and Smith won, the new pairs lost to their Sycamore opponents, both by scores of 8-5. Malhame and Luis Haddock-Morales fell to Henry Choi and Vidovic, while freshman Brent D'Amico and senior Ashok Raju lost to Mihaljovic and Love Brjakovic.

According to D'Amico, the doubles results were somewhat surprising but also not cause for alarm.

"I don't think we expected them to push us as much in doubles," he said. "I don't think we're really concerned. We're just trying to find out what's going to work out. It was good to mix things up. Obviously things hadn't been working."

Besides doubles, the Irish had also been concerned about making the transition from indoor to outdoor play, but at Indiana State — their first outdoor dual match of the season, Notre Dame was able to show that it can have prowess both inside and out.

"I liked going outdoors," Smith said. "As a whole our team should be better outdoors. Indoors you get in the mindset where you want to end the points very quickly, and we've been so used to that."

The Irish changed that mindset, though, as they took on the Sycamores in Terre Haute, Ind.

"We realized that we need to sustain the points longer and take a more workmanlike attitude," Smith said. "By doing that, we played a lot better. This really is a good sign for the rest of the season."

With three more regular-season matches left, the Irish feel confident about their prospects and progress, even as they will continue to juggle their doubles lineup.

"We went through a little stretch were anything that could go wrong did," Smith said. "Some of it was just bad luck. We finally started getting a few breaks and played with a lot more confidence. Hopefully we have turned the corner and are ready to play our best tennis at the end of the year."

The Irish hope to complete that turn away from poor play as they host No. 43 Southern Methodist at the Courtney Tennis Center on Sunday.

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**BASEBALL**

O'Toole earns Big East honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior catcher Paul O'Toole has been named the Big East Conference baseball player of the week, after leading the Irish to a 3-1 record during the week of March 25-31 in road games against West Virginia and Georgetown.

O'Toole paced the Irish offense during the week in batting average (.500, 6-for-12), on-base percentage (.875), and slugging percentage (.875), and runs scored (7). He also ranked second on the team with seven RBIs for the week and added his team-leading fifth home run of the season in clutch fashion, launching a three-run shot for a 6-6 tie as the Irish rallied for a 10-6 win at West Virginia.

The .205-pound left-handed hitter also stole a base during the week and played error-free in the field.

A second-time Big East player of the week — his first honor coming as a sophomore on March 13, 2000 — O'Toole showed his versatility as a hitter during the four-game stretch, batting fifth, second and in the cleanup spot.

He hit 4-for-8 with runners in scoring position and reached on 3-of-4 leadoff plate appearances.

O'Toole currently ranks seventh on the squad with a .277 season batting average while leading the Irish in RBI (20), runs scored (18), home runs (5) and two-out RBI (6).

He also ranks second on the team in walks (9) and stolen bases (5), third in hits (23) and slugging pct. (.534) and has yet to ground into a double play.

O'Toole owns a .310 career batting average while appearing in 176 career games, with 106 starts.

He ranks sixth in Notre Dame history with 49 career stolen bases — most ever by a Notre Dame catcher, with his other career statistics including 209 hits, 133 RBIs, 25 home runs, eight triples, 41 doubles, 162 runs scored, 71 walks and 23 times hit-by-pitch.

His 1,073 career putouts rank fourth in Notre Dame history and are the most ever by a Notre Dame catcher.

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Irish break records as they set tone for strong season

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Records continued to fall for the Notre Dame women's track and field team as it completed its second weekend of the outdoor season.

Sending three relay squads to Stanford, Florida and Purdue, the team carried its indoor season success into the outdoor season as more personal records and school records were broken.

Setting the tone for the weekend were Jen Fibuch, Jen Handley, Megan Johnson and Lauren King, who traveled to Stanford to compete against some of the best distance runners in the nation. For all four girls, it was their first meet of the outdoor season, and three of them came away with personal records.

"It was a really good race for all of them," said Tim Connelly, the women's distance coach. "They all did a great job ... They ran really well against great competition."

Racing in the 5000-meter run were juniors Fibuch and Handley. Both girls set new personal records in the 5000, with Handley breaking her old record by 12 seconds and completing the race in a time of 16 minutes, 28.55 seconds.

Johnson and King competed in the 1500-meter run, where King broke her old personal record. King also broke the school record in the 1500, previously held by Johnson who set the record in 2001, a freshman. Her ninth-place time of 4:22.89 provisionally qualifies King for the NCAA outdoor championships in May.

"It was a good provisional," Connelly said. "She'll run faster than that later this year, but it was a good provisional."

Johnson finished the race in 4:28.40 and took 15th. Six girlsmong the trip to Gainesville, Fla., for the Florida Relays to survey the best sprinting competition in the nation. Liz Grow, Kymia Lend, Kristen Dodd, Ayeshia Boyd, Betsy Lazzieri and Tameisha King each competed in four events.

The 4x100-meter relay team had the most impressive race of the meet, finishing in third place. The relay team consisted of Grow, King, Dodd and Boyd. It was the first time the four raced this year.

"Our team did really well," said John Millar, the sprinting coach. "We beat a lot of good schools like Florida State and Georgia Tech who have been running outdoors year-round. I think from that I felt really good about where we were. We're only two tenths of a second off of where we were last year."

King also had a strong start to her outdoor season in the long jump, jumping more than 20 feet in her three jumps for a strong finish.

"This gives her a place to start as she continues to improve," Millar said. "She's way ahead of where she was indoors, and for the first time outdoors she's in good position. It shows she's capable of jumping a lot further."

Rounding out the Florida squad were the mile relay team and Lazzieri in the heptathlon. Lazzieri left for the meet early to compete in the heptathlon, where she set a new school record of 4,463 points, good enough for a 10th-place finish.

With those girls traveling to Stanford and Florida, most of the team was at the Purdue Invitational where about 70 Notre Dame male and female athletes went to compete. Unfortunately for the Irish, the 13 teams there was not the only adversity they faced. Violent storms on Friday resulted in postponement of the events and chaotic races Saturday.

"It was a really poorly run meet," Connelly said. "The kids who were affected most were the field event kids. The Friday events were cancelled, so they combined everything into Saturday, and they had to compete every three to four hours."

In her inaugural collegiate meet, freshman Kate Duman set a school record in the javelin with a throw of 126 feet, 7 inches. She broke teammate Andre Duplach's record set last year en route to a second-place finish. Duman, Duplach and freshman Lauren DellaValpe all had big last qualifying throws at the invitational.

Fellow freshman Katie Wales also had an impressive meet. Her 5000-meter time of 17:45.81 was good enough for a personal record and a fifth-place finish for the women at Purdue.

In her first steeplechase run of the year, junior Emily Showman qualified for the Big East meet. Due to snow opener. The whole team will be competing at the Invitational, which takes place Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

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**Irish finish 14th at Invite with sub-300 outing**

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

At this weekend's Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington, Ky., the Notre Dame men's golf team did something they haven't done this season — post a cumulative round score under 300. They accomplished that feat twice and finished 14th with a three-round total score of 893. Purdue won the tournament with a score of 857.

Although his team was 14th, Irish coach John Jasinski was optimistic about his team's play.

"I think this is a move in the right direction," Jasinski said. "We got more consistent play from the bottom part of the team, and that was something that had been lacking in recent weeks."

For the first part of the season, Notre Dame's highlight reel included Steve Ratay. The senior shot well once again posting two rounds of par or better in finishing tied for 16th. His teammates supported him for the first time this season.

The squad's three freshmen — K.C. Wiseman, Steve Colinas, and Ryan Marshall — all improved on their previous week's play led by Wiseman's 55th-place finish. Wiseman's improvement is a sign to Jasinski that the team's future appears bright.

"K.C. Wiseman has really started to be more consistent as a freshman and that is important," he said. "For a while it was only Steve who was playing at a championship level. No one else was even coming close to doing that."

Adding to the improved play of the first year players was junior Brandon Lunke — sparked by a switch to a different driver — who split fairway after fairway in finishing 29th.

"Brandon Lunke stepped up," Jasinski said. "We needed him to do that."

While the scores have moved lower as the weeks have passed, Notre Dame's first-year head coach is by no means satisfied with his team's play.

"We're young and inexperienced, and we know that. We have enough talent, but with so many freshmen making up the core of the team it's a steep learning curve. We have a ways to go."

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Irish head coach

While improvement is a sign to exposure and not letting some of the poor play get to him," he said. "He's been our star."

While any improvement is cause for optimism, Jasinski admitted the team still has a long way to go if wants to seriously contend at the Big East Championships to be contested at the Warren Course later this month.

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While improvement is needed, Jasinski believes his team can hit on all cylinders in a tournament this year.

"We definitely have not had a weekend where everything has clicked," he said. "But I think it's coming. I'm sensing we can put it together on a given weekend."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish blast Pitt for 2 wins, 6 homers

By AARON RONSEM
Sports Writer

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the third-base line that scored two.

Two pitchers later, Paul O'Toole smashed a line drive down the right field line that cleared the fence for a two-run home run of the season, and tied the score at 6.

Javier Sanchez broke the tie in the 10th when he hit a West Virginia pitch to left-center, driving in two more runs and giving the Irish the insurance they would need.

Irish relievers Drew Duff, Matt Buchmeier and Martin Vergara were able to hold the Mountaineers to just one unearned run on five hits in the final nine innings of the game.

Due to Tuesday's rainout, the Irish will make up the game by playing a doubleheader against Valparaiso today at 4:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Probable starters for the Irish will be Vergara and Peter Ogilvie.

Notes:

Junior Brian Statvisky was hit in the key by a pitch thrown by West Virginia's Billy Biggs in the third inning of the opening game of Thursday's doubleheader. He suffered a facial fracture and has not played since Thursday. He has missed a total of 13 starts this season.

O'Toole was named Big East Player of the Week on Tuesday following his contributions to Notre Dame's 3-1 record last week.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles crush Comets, 9-0

By KATIE M'VOY
American Sports Editor

Despite playing on a court built for volleyball, the Saint Mary's tennis team drilled Olivet 9-0 and held the Comets to just seven games during the course of the match.

"The problem was the court," said sophomore Kris Spriggel. "They were at a [YMCA]. They were very loud and a different surface so it was difficult switching to the different setting and trying to adjust our strokes."

But the Belles managed to adjust very well. The Belles took six singles wins and wrapped up the match before the two teams even stepped on the court in pairs. Senior No. 1 singles player Annie Knish had the closest match, winning 6-2, 6-2. With a weak Olivet team, the Belles had to focus on playing their game at their level.

"I think the biggest difficulty was getting over the difference in their ability, their skill level and being able to still play our game and maintain our patience," Spriggel said.

The rest of the singles players in line for singles into doubles. Senior Annie Knish was the only other Belles player to allow a singles point — losing one game in the first set of her 6-1, 6-0 victory against Olivet's Heather Reinhart.

Jeanie Knish took home a win in No. 2 singles, defeating Anna Hasselberg 6-0, 6-0. KaiLin Cutter defeated Jamila Vergara 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3. Spriggel wrapped up singles play with a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Mary Shannon.

"I think we all just, it was a different kind of surface...none of us have practiced for awhile. It was different for us to get out there," said Jeanie Knish.

"After we warmed up, after we started our first set everyone got back into their groove. The doubles teams did just as well. After the No. 1 singles team of Knish and Knish allowed Exell and Faraj to take two games, the Belles shut down the Comets and finished their sets without losing a single game.

"Unl doubles, our first set took us a little to get into a groove," Knish said. "Then we were able to get the hang of it and were able to put both balls of it and were able to put both in a groove."

Cutler and Ryan closed down Shannon and Timmer 6-0, 6-0 and Spriggel and Sandner wrapped up doubles play at No. 1 with a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Jennifer Dick and Ericka Hayes.

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Team jumps out to best start with 6-1 record

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team put on a scoring clinic against Virginia Tech on Saturday. Eight different players scored for the Irish during their 15-4 rout of the Hokies.

With the win, the No. 11 Irish improve to 6-1 on the season, their best start ever, and their 15-4 rout of the Hokies matched Virginia Tech's outburst against Georgetown.

East puts the Irish in a first-place tie with Georgetown.

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"We were happy with our offensive." said Irish coach Tracy Coyne. "We really exploded offensively."

Senior captain Alissa Moser matched Virginia Tech's output with four goals and an assist as well. Senior Natalie Loftus and sophomore Meredith Simon added three goals each.

"During weekend practice, our defense was doing a bunch of different defenses on us so we were really unselfish for anything," said Loftus. "We were really unselfish with the ball and we took it to them."

The Irish expected a tougher game from the Hokies. Earlier in the season, Virginia Tech lost to top-ranked Georgetown 11-9.

"We really thought Tech was going to give us a good game," said Coyne. "The Irish scored eight minutes into the game on Moser's goal. That goal was the third time she scored Notre Dame's first goal in a game.

Simon started her breakout game by scoring two goals in a row.

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The defense, the most experi­
ex­enced unit on the field for the Irish, is led by senior captains Kathryn Lam and Tina Fedarcyk. Senior Maureen Henwood and junior Kelly McCordell have played on defense in every game since coming to Notre Dame.

"We are going for the win, and whatever that's going to take, we are going to do," said Lam about the defensive mindset for the game.

"We are going to play our game and be aggressive." You never want to look ahead to other games but, this Syracuse game, we've been looking forward to it since Day 1."

Alissa Moser senior captain

The attacking trio of Moser, Danielle Shearer, who scored a record six goals in last year's game, and Natalie Loftus will be expected to continue to lead the Irish offensively.

The game will be determined, however, by who controls the midfield. The Irish are going to focus on the transition game by extending passes on offensive transition and marking harder on the defensive end.

The rhythm of playing at home should be a significant advantage for the Irish. The game most likely will be played in Loftus making the turf surface familiar for the Orangewomen, but this doesn't bother head coach Tracy Coyne.

"Whatever surface it is, bring it on," said Coyne. "We are ready."

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Above, Midfielder Danielle Shearer looks to pass the ball in a contest earlier this season. The junior leads the Irish with 16 goals and nine assists.
When Ryan Shay and three other members of the Notre Dame distance team headed to Palo Alto, Calif., for the Stanford Invitational last weekend they had two goals in mind — competing well against an elite field of runners and posting qualifying times for the NCAA Championships.

Both missions were accomplished. Shay, last year’s NCAA Champion in the 10,000-meters, took second in his event but was the first collegiate runner to cross the line in an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 28 minutes, 39.1 seconds. Senior Lake Watson broke Shay’s school record in the 5,000-meters, finishing sixth — third among collegiate runners — in 13:44.92.

Sophomore Todd Mobley also posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 10,000-meters, finishing 21st with a time of 29:11.35.

Shay was happy with his performance, which was the best posted in the event nationally by a collegiate runner so far this season. But both Shay and Irish head coach Joe Piane stressed that if it were a more important meet, Shay would have pushed harder toward the top finisher, Chris Craft of the Nike Farm Team.

"I was contemplating whether or not to go with him," Shay said. "But my goal at that race was just to get qualified. I didn't really want to get into a highly competitive mode... He wasn’t a collegiate so I wasn’t really too worried about him. If he was a collegiate, I would have went after him."

"If you run that race again and it was the finals of the USA National, I'd put my money on Shay," Piane added. "He's just tough. He needed to be the first collegiate and he needed to get qualified for the NCAA's and the USA Nationals. He did that with-out a doubt."

Watson's automatic qualifying time in the 5,000-meters eclipsed the mark Shay set last year at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., when Shay finished in sixth place with a time of 13:52.45.

"I'm going to try to get it back from him at Mount Sac," Shay said of the record, indicating he plans to run the event at the California meet later this month. "But he has another year so I doubt even if I do get it I doubt I'll hold for very long."

Both Piane and Shay were impressed with Mobley's effort in the 10,000-meters, where he set a personal best by nearly one minute.

"Some years we'd have been jumping in the streets at 29:11, but when you've got a guy that's running 28.39, he's beating him by half a lap," Piane said. "Mobley's doing a great job, especially for a guy that's only a sophomore."

"It was the first race of that caliber he's ever really been in," Shay added. "He took a minute off of his time. It just shows that he's been working hard since last summer."

Also competing at Stanford were sophomore David Alber and junior John Keane in the 5,000-meters. Keane set a personal record by 24 seconds, placing 13th in the section three race with a time of 14:35.36.

While Alber didn’t match his best indoor time, he did cross the two-mile mark at 9:10.10 seconds better than his best high school time in the two-mile race.

The Irish also sent a group of runners to the Purdues Invitational on Saturday, a meet senior high jumper Quill Millar said. "That's really what I looked at," Millar said. "The times sort of don't mean a lot. I looked at how they competed."

"I think Trevor's shown he's got some ability," Millar said. "He's the kind of guy that by the end of the year hopefully he'll be able to step in there and contribute. Long-term, he's going to be a guy we're going to see more of and count on more."

The Irish compete in their lone home outdoor meet this year on Saturday when they host the Spring Opener at Moose Krause Stadium.

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**Men’s Track and Field**

**Irish make successful run at Stanford Invitational**

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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Irish improve record over break with 4-1 stretch

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

The Irish went 4-1 during the weekend, extending their overall record to 15-4. Since Day 1, the No. 11 Irish have worked all season for the NCAA tournament hopes. Also, this Syracuse game, we've been looking forward to it since Day 1," said senior captain Alissa Moser.

Last year the Irish saw their hopes of advancing to the NCAA tournament slip away as Syracuse beat them 13-10 in the final game of the season. Today's game carries even more importance. Both teams are ranked the highest ever in the history of the programs. Both teams are fighting to show dominance in the Big East, while locking up their NCAA tournament bid.

The No. 11 Irish, off to their best season ever, 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Big East, still has memories of flying home from New York knowing they were done for the year. The eight seniors on this veteran squad face a Syracuse team that is coming to South Bend for the first time in four years. They all remember how close they came last year. They know this is their last chance and they will not hold anything back.

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Junior Jen White, the two-time Big East Defensive Player of the Week, and the Irish defense face their toughest challenge of the year. The Orangewomen are led by Big East Offensive Player of the Week, Kim Wayne. Wayne is also the leading scorer in the league with 36 points.

"They are going to be tough, but if we play our game like we have been, it's going to be a good game," said White. "We have worked all season for this. We want the big-time games." The Irish celebrate a victory earlier in the season. The No. 11 team hopes to celebrate an upset against the Syracuse Orangewomen today. Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse last season spoiled the team's NCAA tournament hopes.

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Right now, the only thing stopping the Notre Dame baseball team from winning is Mother Nature.

Monday's heavy rains cancelled the second game of Notre Dame's two-game series against Brigham Young and delayed the opportunity for the Irish to extend its longest winning streak of the season past four games. Over the long Easter weekend, the Irish played two doubleheaders and a fifth game against Brigham Young. In these five games, the Irish finished with a 4-1 record and improved their overall record to 13-10, and 3-4 in the Big East.

Monday's matchup with the Cougars opened the home season for the Irish. Junior J.P. Gagne pitched a complete game shutout and unlikely hero junior Mike Holba provided the lone run in a fast-paced 1-0 victory for the Irish. The only scoring in the one hour, 39 minute game came in the bottom of the third inning. Holba — who had not traveled to any of Notre Dame's 22 previous games this season — lined a one-out double to left-center field. He moved up to third on Joe Thaman's ground out to Brigham Young pitcher Jeff Stone and scored when Stone threw a wild pitch.

Meanwhile, Gagne recovered from a rough start in the bottom of the third inning against Virginia. After losing the first game 4-2, the Irish needed a huge comeback in the night­cap to win the second game 10-6 and split the series with the Mountaineers.

In the second game, the Mountaineers carried a 6-1 lead into the seventh inning. However, Steve Stanley lined a bases-loaded single down the left field line to score a run. The Irish entered Monday's game after sweeping Georgetown in a doubleheader on Saturday. This doubleheader marked an offensive explosion for the Irish, who compiled 35 hits in the two games, and finished the two-game series with an overall batting average of .461, on route to 10-6 and 12-3 victories over the Hoyas. Five Irish players finished the day with five hits and freshmen starters Chris Nies and John Axford pitched well enough to give the Irish the Saturday sweep.

Saturday's sweep came on the heels of nearly being swept at the hands of West Virginia. After losing the first game 4-2, the Irish needed a huge comeback in the nightcap to win the second game 10-6 and split the series with the Mountaineers.