Police give forensic evidence to lab

- Investigation of rape allegation due to wrap up this week

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

St. Joseph County police are handing over evidence from the alleged rape of a Notre Dame 20-year-old female student to a state crime lab. Sheriff Richard Seniff said Friday morning at a press conference.

The sheriff said the suspects in the alleged rape are one former and three current Notre Dame football players. On April 10, police searched the house of one of the suspects, located about one mile east of the University.

"The fact that the suspects are Notre Dame football players will have little effect on how we aggressively pursue the investigation," said Seniff.

Police have been investigating the rape accusation since April 6, when the alleged victim filed a report with the South Bend Police Department claiming the four men raped her early March 28. The woman also filed a separate report with University authorities on April 10 and will have a hearing with Notre Dame's Office of Residence Life and Housing on Wednesday.

So far, Seniff said police have interviewed one of the suspects but the remaining three have hired attorneys and would not speak to police about the case.

"It's a very sensitive case, and we're certainly sensitive to the plaintiff and the suspects," said Seniff.

No criminal charges have been filed, but Maj. Bob Finn, the public information officer of the St. Joseph County police, said the investigation would be passed on to the county prosecutor this week.

Seniff said there was no indication of heavy drinking or use of date rape drugs.

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The jig is up. I've had my last fling as a junior and I've realized that I am a senior and graduation is in a month. Each year, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame plan parent weekends, and in me these are rights of passage that signify growth and maturity. I went to Rome last spring, so I missed Sophomore Parent's weekend. But I wasn't really a sophomore by then, I missed Senior Dan's weekend while I studied in Washington, D.C. last fall. I was a senior by then, but there was nothing I could do.

So, a couple weeks ago, I asked my mom if she wanted to come up for Junior Mom's Weekend. She said yes, although she reminded me that I wasn't really a junior. We had a great time, and after she left Saturday night, I cried. I cried because she'd been there and then she was gone, but I also cried because I knew that there was no chance or time for me to lie to myself anymore. And I had to tell myself the truth.

The truth is, I'm not even 21 yet and I will graduate in May. I was one of the "lucky" ones who took a lot of advanced placement tests in high school, and came into college with a lot of credit from them, but even if you have tons of AP credit, it's a process.

It's so hard to do activities with your graduating class when the class of your youth and your heart has another year to go through the hard stuff. It is so hard to grow up and graduate and go to law school when you are so much younger than everyone else.

What I have learned is that if you have friends, family, and a school or two behind you, pulling for you, no matter how hard things get, you'll be fine. You will graduate, and it will be worth it.

Thank you to my family, my friends, my professors, and my school for Le Mans to Rome to Washington D.C. to Regina, I have had three wonderful years as a Saint Mary's woman. I know now that I will always be a Saint Mary's woman, just not always on campus.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Berkeley students file lawsuit over alleged gang rape

BERKELEY, Calif. Two female University of California-Berkeley students who allege they were gang raped by a group of San Diego State University rugby players filed a lawsuit against the team and the Southside bar where they met their alleged attackers.

Ralph's American Pub & Grill, San Diego State University and its rugby team all were named in the suit that was filed earlier this week at Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland, Calif.

The suit alleges the defendants behaved negligently, and their behavior resulted in the rape.

The suit, which seeks an unspecified amount of damages, alleges the plaintiffs were gang raped April 20, 2001, by six members of the rugby team at the Ramada Inn in Berkeley, Calif., after meeting two other players at Ralph's.

Berkeley police investigated the allegations, but Alameda County District Attorney's office declined to pursue the case because of insufficient evidence, said Berkeley Police Sgt. Kay Lustow, supervisor of the sex crimes unit.

The suit claims the two women, both younger than 21 at the time, were served alcoholic drinks at the bar even though bar staff knew they were underage. The plaintiffs became very intoxicated, which played a direct role in their rape, according to papers filed in court.

At the bar, the plaintiffs met two of the rugby players and agreed to go to their hotel room, where they had sex, the suit alleges.

During the sexual acts six other rugby team members entered the hotel room and also engaged in sexual acts with the plaintiffs, the suit alleges.

The suit charges the two UC-Berkeley students did not consent to the activities because of their intoxication. It also states the two women tried to escape but were restrained.

The suit claims the rugby coaches were aware of the gang rape at the time.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Admissions rates hit record low

HANOVER, N.H. Students applying to Ivy League institutions faced formidable challenges this year as admission rates at several schools dip to record-low levels in the face of growing numbers of applicants. Dartmouth experienced a sharp drop in its admittance rate which fell to 10.8 percent of those applied.

Dartmouth, the Ivy League institution with the greatest such increase among its peer institutions. Dartmouth, a member of the Ivy League, experienced a drop in its overall acceptance rate of 24.4 percent this year, down from 25.7 percent last year. The drop occurred despite the university also admitting a smaller proportion of applicants than in the past few years.

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**Student organizes bone marrow drive**

- **Junior tries to find match to save father's life**

By HELENA PAYNE  
News Editor

When Junior Ann Gurucharri discovered that her father, Vincent Gurucharri of Columbia, Mo., was diagnosed with a life-threatening blood disease in January, she decided to seek help through the Notre Dame community. Along with several Notre Dame students, she organized a bone marrow drive that will be in the LaFortune Ballroom Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in hopes of finding a match for her father.

In light of recent struggles of Notre Dame students due to cancer and other diseases, Ann Gurucharri said she was optimistic that students would be sympathetic.

"I know that I would get good support," said Gurucharri recalling the March 2000 bone marrow drive for Conor Murphy, a student who died from leukemia last year.

Gurucharri's father, a Notre Dame '67 graduate, currently has a rare disease called myelodysplasia. In a letter to the University's student body, Gurucharri told students, "You could be the match that saves my father's life. Today, there are over three thousand patients waiting for someone like you to have the grace to commit to sharing your marrow."

She said she is encouraging people of all ethnicities to come to the drive because her father's mixed ethnic background could have a variety of matches.

"We don't know what will be his match," said Gurucharri. Gurucharri started her process of organizing the drive soon after discovering her father's illness by searching articles online from The Observer about University-sponsored blood drives. She contacted former Zahn Hall resident Father Jim Lies, who is currently at the University of Minnesota. Lies helped her by giving her more information about the drive for Murphy, who had a Zahn Hall resident.

Gurucharri talked to Nick Fellers, a friend and Notre Dame graduate who eventually led her to student government. Coincidentally, both the senior class and the Minority Pre-Med Society wanted to do a bone marrow drive.

"It was pretty impressive that all of this was happening at the same time," said Gurucharri. "We all coordinated the efforts and got it going." Howard Hall. Gurucharri's dorm, also supported her as a co-sponsor with the other two groups. The money came from "The Shirt" fund to pay for Life Source blood services, a Chicago-based company, to come to campus for the drive.

"When you talk about a Notre Dame family, this is the perfect example," said Senior Class President Pete Rosenau. The senior class lost three people to cancer — Murphy, Brionne Clary and Miranda Thomas. Both Rossman and Lisa Sestile, the senior class secretary, said they remembered the drive for Murphy, who drew hundreds of supporters, and were looking forward to the same turnout.

"We'd love to see the same results this time around," said Sestile, adding that she wanted to do "the last thing in memory of our classmates."

All potential donors at Tuesday's drive will give about a teaspoon of blood to the National Bone Marrow Donor Program. In the case that a potential donor would be a match for a patient, the donor would receive a call and would undergo additional testing to guarantee a match.

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**State crime labs backlogged with cases**

- **Technicians estimate years before all evidence can be tested**

Associated Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Technicians at the state's crime labs say they will likely need years to analyze a mounting backlog of evidence, despite lawmakers' attempts to ease the problem with an additional $12.2 million.

"The state earmarking money will help tremendously," said 1st Sgt. John VanderKolk, manager of the crime lab in Fort Wayne, which serves about 30 counties in northern Indiana. "It will take time to see the impact."

All four of the state lab locations -- Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Lowell and Evansville -- are wrestling with backlogs of evidence awaiting testing.

Some of that evidence is from the rape allegation by a 20-year-old female Notre Dame student. Police said in a press conference Friday forensic evidence from the allegation was being handed over to state crime labs.

Fort Wayne has handled the highest volume of evidence annually since 1998, but it has the lowest number of backlogged cases, according to numbers provided by Indiana State Police.

The Fort Wayne lab is currently working on evidence submitted in June 2001. As of April 1, the lab is backlogged by 779 cases.

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State lawmakers agreed to spend additional money on the problem before they adjourned in mid-March. Some of the funding will be used to hire new technicians which can take six months to two years.

In the meantime, state law enforcement officials said they hope to eventually catch up so that new evidence will be tested as a higher priority.

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Constant juggling of backlogged cases is nothing new for the state police technicians. The lab is competing with other local labs, while also trying to catch up so that everything submitted for analysis is returned within 30 days.

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Indiana job losses are worst in nation

Associated Press

Indiana has lost more jobs in the past two years than any other state.
The 95,000 jobs — about 3 percent of Indiana’s work force, which is seven times worse than the national average — were shed from retailing, services and the state’s core industry of manufacturing, an analysis of recent government statistics shows.

Economists say prospects for a rebound are uncertain.

More than in past recessions, competitive pressures to cut costs will force some manufacturers to buy machines or move work out of the country instead of hire back laid-off employees.

"Everything depends on the future of manufacturing," Hudson Institute economist Graham Toft told The Indianapolis Star for a story published Sunday. "I am not sanguine about the upick."

Declining employment, with its fallout of crimping state tax revenue, is only the latest symptom in a decades-long trend of Hoosiers losing well-paying management positions.

Low unemployment rates are deceptive because they do not track people who drop out of the labor market. As the number of available jobs shrink, so does the number of people looking for work.

There’s nothing new about a recession pounding Indiana. In the eight recessions since World War II, only in 1990-91 did Indiana do better than the country as a whole.

The current recession began in March 2001, and many experts think it ended late last year or early this year. As a barometer of economic health, employment shows the total number of jobs available. Shrinking job opportunities usually mean people earn less money.

The two-year period beginning in January 2000 dates to a couple of months before the technology bubble burst and more than a year before the recession began, said Indiana University economist James C. Smith, who analyzed the Bureau of Labor statistics.

"Indiana just fared pretty poorly across the board," Smith said. Yet, Hudson Institute’s Toft, who formerly headed the state’s economic development think tank, said the 3.16 percent loss is better than average for the state during recessions.

Indiana’s job-creation woes stretch back further than two years. Few jobs have been created since the mid-90s leaving total employment stubbornly entrenched at just below 3 million, Toft said.

Potential Saint Mary’s students and parents talk to sophomore Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, left, at Accepted Day on Campus Sunday. The fair in Alumni Athletic Facility featured stations where accepted students could find out more about academics and activities at the College.

Ebersol speaks about changing Olympics

By JESSICA DALSING

Executive Producer of NBC Sports Dick Ebersol spoke on Saturday about changing the face of the Olympics. As one of the lecturers featured at the Student International Business Council Forum held this weekend, Ebersol embodied the "peace through commerce" motto of the Council.

In light of the tragedy of Sept. 11, Ebersol noted that the 2002 Winter Olympics fulfilled "a need for many people to feel closer together."

Ebersol said the Olympics is an image of, as the promotional segment said, "a world as we wish it could be." According to Ebersol, the 2002 Olympics needed a personal appeal.

NBC highlighted individual stories making each young man or woman come to life for the viewing public. For the participants, an Olympic event is the culmination of a life’s work. When an audience can empathize with an athlete’s struggle it provides viewers with adrenaline for the race, said Ebersol.

Ebersol was present at the inception of such personalized athlete coverage when he worked with legendary sports producer Boone Arledge. His first job with NBC in the early 1970s consisted of being given a credit card without a limit and a mission to learn the stories of Olympic hopefuls.

Ebersol has fine-tuned the skill of no longer allowing foreign and domestic athletes to be strangers to the viewing public. To continue making this possible, Ebersol had to turn sports casters known for their play-by-play announcing of informed narrations into prize-winning storytellers. The announcers had to build emotional attachment of the audience to the athletes participating.

For Ebersol this approach was logical. "The beauty of sport is that it is unscripted; it’s real," Ebersol said.

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Arabs reject Arafat's peace appeals: Even Arabs who supported Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's decision to speak out against violence called it a painful choice Sunday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and many accused Secretary of State Colin Powell of siding with Israel in his Middle East mission. "Once again, President Arafat yields to pressure, especially American pressure," said an unsigned column in the Saudi Al Watan daily.

Court wants bodies returned: Israel's Supreme Court told the army Sunday that it must give the Palestinians the bodies of those killed in Jenin's refugee camp, a move that could help clear up the escalating dispute over how many Palestinians died in the fierce fighting. Also, the army gave journalists a limited tour of the devastated camp.

National News Briefs

People want dressy doctors: Despite the casual appearance of their TV counterparts, patients want doctors to dress formally and not show up in blue jeans and sandals, a new study suggests. Name badges, while coats and dress shoes are preferable for both male and female doctors, the patients in the study said. "A carefully dressed provider might convey the image that he or she is meticulous and careful," said the researchers, Dr. Matthew Kanzler and David Gorsulowsky, two northern California dermatologists.

Florida Dems still support Gore: Florida Democrats' hearts were with Al Gore this weekend, but many delegates said they're keeping an open mind about their preferences for the race. Gore's speech electrified their state convention in Lake Buena Vista Saturday as the Florida delegates recalled his narrow and disputed loss.

Indiana News Briefs

Court keeps silent on judge's case: Indiana has lost more jobs in the past two years than any other state. The approximately 3 percent setback -- seven times worse than the national average -- is so severe that neighboring industrial states look prosperous in comparison, an analysis of recent government statistics shows. Among sectors shedding the 95,000 workers were retailing, services and the state's core industries of manufacturing. Economists say prospects for a rebound are uncertain. "Even if the GNP growth rate stays at 2 percent, which is the minimum needed, it will take until the middle of next year for the state's unemployment rate to begin going down," said Richard Anderson, an economist with Indiana University.

Presidential candidate survives bomb

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Powell presses Arafat to end violence

Sharon already abandoned idea of making peace with Palestinian leader

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Struggling to get a cease-fire in place and peacemaking started, Secretary of State Colin Powell is pressing Yasser Arafat in his mostly destroyed Ramallah headquarters Sunday to take "effective action" to end Palestinian attacks against Israel.

The heavily guarded visit where Arafat is confined by Israeli troops is bound to boost Arafat's standing as the leader of the Palestinian people and the one Israel must deal with to seek a peace accord.

Powell also is calling for restraint by Israeli forces on the West Bank and for "unimpeded access to humanitarian organizations" for the Palestinian people caught up in the 16-day Israeli siege.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has already dismissed any notion of making peace with Arafat, whom he accuses of being responsible for a deadly rash of suicide bombings.

But Powell is determined to begin a process that would culminate in Palestinian statehood on land Israel captured from the Arabs in the 1967 Mideast war.

Powell decided to meet with Arafat after the Palestinian leader denounced terrorism on Saturday in a statement the White House demanded.

"We are condemning strongly all the attacks which are targeting civilians from both sides and especially the attack that took place against Israeli citizens yesterday in Jerusalem," Arafat said Saturday.

"Arafat's statement, in Arabic, was distributed by the Palestinian news service WAF and was read several times on Palestinian television and radio, giving it the circulation the Bush administration sought," said Powell.

Arafat also lashed out at Israel's West Bank operation: "We also condemn very strongly the massacre that was committed by the Israeli occupation troops against our refugees in Jenin and against our people in Ramallah, Nablus and Tulkarem and also the brutal aggression against the church in Bethlehem during the last two weeks.

"Israel forces moved into more West Bank villages Saturday, and sporadic fighting continued, especially in Nablus where seven Israeli tanks began shelling the main local government complex.

The Israeli government dismissed the Palestinian leader's statement and noted that the suicide bomber who struck Friday was sent by Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement.

"We want deeds, not words," said Danny Ayalon, foreign policy adviser to Sharon. "We cannot be impressed by any condemnation of their doings and their own strategies, which continue.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined to make a judgment on Powell's chances of securing a cease-fire and steering the two sides to peacemaking and a Palestinian state.

Boucher said Arafat's statement contained "a number of interesting and positive elements," including condemnation of terror and a reaffirmation of a Palestinian commitment to a negotiated peace with Israel.

Also, the statement called for immediate implementation of a shelved cease-fire plan prepared by CIA Director George Tenet, Boucher said.

"The secretary will work with Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian leadership to show leadership and to help make these statements a reality, with effective action to bring an end to terror and violence and an early resumption of a political process," Boucher said.

It was disclosed Saturday that U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni had met Friday in Jericho with Palestinian officials.

Powell consulted by tele­phone with King Abdullah II of Jordan, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and European officials before deciding to meet Arafat.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell speaks at a press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Powell is attempting to negotiate a cease-fire in the Middle East, but Sharon dismissed the idea of peace with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Powell met with Arafat Sunday.

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Study finds federal doctors convicted of crimes

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WASHINGTON

More than 100 federal government doctors have been convicted of crimes or disciplined by state medical boards, including one physician now treating veterans who was convicted 21 years ago in a bombing and assassinations.

Dr. Suzy Melkonian, who is paid $48 an hour as a blood cancer specialist at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Los Angeles, was convicted five years ago by the Los Angeles VA hospital.

"How many times do we have to get screwed over? Nobody seems to care at all that much." Sherry Slegel, Chochtaw nurse

Federal officials acknowledge what they see as medical malpractice, neglect, and federal prisoners.

"If this is true — and these are some serious allegations — I assume the secretary will do something about it," said Dick Siegle, the GAO's special assistant coordinator for the VA's Oversight and Investigation.

"These events have nothing whatsoever to do with my practice of medicine," Siegle said.

The VA's disciplinary records and medical license.

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Lindbergh flies grandfather's journey again

◆ 75 years later, decendant recreates aviator's historic flight

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO The grandson of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh took off from San Diego under cloudy skies Sunday on the first leg of an attempt to duplicate his grandfather's historic 1927 solo crossing of the Atlantic.

Erik Lindbergh's flight recreation is part of the 75th anniversary celebration of Charles Lindbergh's cross-Atlantic flight, which began in San Diego, where the original Spirit of St. Louis was built.

Wearing a blue flight suit, the young Lindbergh, 36, left San Diego's airport, Lindbergh Field, at 9:32 a.m. without speaking to reporters.

He expected to make the trip to St. Louis in nine hours. From there, he plans to fly on April 20 to Farmingdale, N.Y., where he will begin his crossing of the Atlantic on May 1.

The cross-Atlantic trip took Charles Lindbergh 33 1/2 hours; his grandson expects to make it in less than 21 hours.

Erik Lindbergh's New Spirit of St. Louis, made of a glass and epoxy composite and outfitted with modern communications technology and safety gear, was built in Bend, Ore., for $289,000. Its average cruise speed is 184 mph, compared to the 108 mph of the original Spirit of St. Louis, which was built for $50,580.

"Each time one person does it, it's a personal challenge and inherently risky," said Gregg Maryniak, flight director for the New Spirit of St. Louis.

The risks of crossing the Atlantic are now less than what the elder Lindbergh faced in 1927, event organizers acknowledge, but the challenge is still considerable.

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The adventure also is intended to raise awareness of rheumatoid arthritis, which Erik Lindbergh has struggled with for years.

Organizers also hope the journey will promote the X Prize Foundation, a nonprofit group based in St. Louis that is offering $10 million to the first private group that can build and launch a manned spacecraft into space, then repeat the feat within two weeks.

The competition is modeled after the Orteig Prize, the $25,000 bounty won by Charles Lindbergh for making the New York-to-Paris trip.

World Bank faces critics

◆ Financial insitution faces "tough talk" in harsh economy

WASHINGTON The World Bank's attempt to promote a manned spacecraft to shift World Bank loans to grants "crazy." Clare Short, Britain's outspoken international development secretary, termed a U.S. proposal to shift World Bank loans to grants "crazy." Not to be outdone, the equally blunt Paul O'Neill, President Bush's Treasury secretary, issued Short's retort as "just stupid."

Much disagreement remains over just how these goals will be put into practice by organizations such as the World Bank, the world's biggest source of development assistance, and the IMF, which specializes in helping countries deal with financial crises.

At the meetings in Washington, anti-globalization protesters will be joined by anti-war demonstrators who plan to press their opposition to an expanded U.S. war on terrorism and the violence in the Middle East.

From within, the lending institutions are facing uncustomed criticism.

William Easterly, an economist on leave from the World Bank, has written a searing indictment that the bank over its 57-year history has wasted billions in failed efforts to boost economic growth in many parts of the world.

A former chief economist at the IMF said this month in a study that the IMF had butched its handed of the economic crisis in Argentina.

Michael Mussa, who left his IMF post last year, said the IMF did little to avert what became a disastrous default.

The Bush administration, led by O'Neill, often cites the various critics in the U.S. push for major changes at both institutions.

For the World Bank, the administration wants to see half of the loans to the poorest nations switched to grants that do not have to be repaid.

Short and other Europeans contend that change would deplete World Bank funds in the future unless rich nations make a greater commitment to increase their support.

While touring Europe last week to build support for greater efforts to choke off terrorist financing, O'Neill said he believed both the terrorism financing issue and the grants versus loans battle would be resolved during the IMF spring meetings.

Likewise, the administration is hoping for increased support for a U.S. proposal to make it easier for countries facing economic difficulty to default on their loans, through new clauses in future bond contracts.

Critics say few countries would likely adopt such clauses because they would drive up borrowing costs.

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Even in the Middle East, the ends do not justify the means

The recent violence in the Middle East has polarized many people in the world. The Israelis' decision to declare a nationwide home generates a visceral, gut reaction. As does a people attempting to protect itself from terrorism. As does the death of so many people in a land three major religions consider holy. So it generates strong feelings: either one way or the other, or on neither side, just war or not.

Essentially, there are two major problems: Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory and the use of terrorism against Israeli citizens. So many people who've expressed their opinions use only consider one problem and completely ignore the other. Or, they pronounce a moral equivalence between the two. But in this case, the problems are not morally equivalent. They are also not conjoined problems; they can be solved separately. In fact, they must be considered separately, because while the Palestinians' claims have merit, their actions do not.

People who support the Palestinians inherently disassociate themselves with the bombings that have killed Israeli citizens or claim that the terrorists are freedom fighters. For worthy cause of the ending of Israeli occupation and the creation of a Palestinian homeland. For example, Palestinian representative to the United States Hassan Abdul Rahman said on "Meet The Press" last week that the occupation is "a systematic, constant terror directed against [the Palestinians] and their livelihoods because it steals from them their dignity, their livelihood." Does he have a point? Of course. But however noble the means, nothing justifies the use of terror against innocent civilians.

This has been official U.S. policy since Sept. 11, echoed by all the responsible nations of the world. The organizational responsibility for the suicide attacks - Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and others - should be familiar to all of us. Consider the war on terror started on for associating with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda group.

The most recent intifada began shortly after Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat pulled out of the conference with President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak at Camp David in late 2000. Arafat was given very generous concessions, but the point was that the terrorism must stop. He walked away. This has been the stumbling block of every major peace negotiation. Arafat and his cronies simply refuse to end the violence, hoping that civilian death will force the Israelis into giving away more land.

For once, the Israelis are fighting fire with fire instead of negotiations. When Arafat did not call off the intifada, the Israelis moved in. Let's deal with some empty rhetoric right here. First, Palestinian sympathizers argue that there is no way that Arafat can stop the terrorists while under virtual house arrest in Ramallah. However, this may be, he has not even tried. In fact, he recently encouraged more Palestinians to become suicide bombers and "sacrifice themselves as martyrs in jihad for Palestine." Second, the moral equivalency crowd counters that in the recent military action, Israeli soldiers have killed as many as 250 Palestinians, many of them innocent. However, deliberate terroristic targeting of civilians may not be confused with the accidental collateral damage that is a tragic yet unavoidable consequence of legitimate warfare. As an act of self-defense, Israel has the right to move into Palestinian land to root out the terrorists whose only goal is the destruction of the Jewish state, just as the United States attacked Afghanistan following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Third, pro-Palestinians claim that the Israelis are violating Palestinians' human rights by rounding them up into refugee camps and not allowing such things as emergency vehicles in. That is indeed lamentable, but it's a result of terrorism. The terrorists have so effectively blurred the lines between themselves and the innocent that the Israelis can't trust anyone. Is that an abundance going to pick up the Palestinians, or will it be driven into a crowded Israeli village? That is the young mother really going to get food for her child, or to blow herself up in a busy town square? The current plight of the Palestinians is in the hands of Yasser Arafat, not the Israelis.

The Israelis also have responsibilities. Once they have destroyed the terrorist cells and once Palestine is ready to be ruled by a stable, peace-loving government, nothing would justify them further occupying Palestinian territory. So, they should pull out as instructed by President Bush and the U.N. Security Council, as well as the much-vaunted Saudi peace initiative. While this would leave them in a precarious defensive position, being as narrow as nine miles wide in the middle and therefore vulnerable to an attack which would cut them in two, in the Israel and the rest of the Arab world hold to their agreements, there may finally be a lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Mike Marchand, class of 2001, an analyst for RealClearPolitics and a contributor to The Politic Group, thinks "Artist Sharon" isn't nearly as cool a name as "Benjamin Netanyahu." His e-mail address is Marchand.3@nd.edu. The final "Undistinguished Alums" appears April 29.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

Letter to the Editor

Petition confirms student voice

Thank you to all who have signed the petition calling for an increased student voice and a continuation of in-hall dances. The approximately 4,000 signatures we received in just three days shows the importance of these issues to students and the necessity of involving everyone in both identifying the problem and creating solutions.

We are also encouraged by the recently released report co-authored by University President Edward Edward Malloy entitled "A Call to Action: Changing the Culture of Drunkinking at U.S. Colleges." We believe this report provides an important framework for establishing student participation in the creation of programs to address alcohol abuse. As the report notes, "student participation not only improved a school's policy, but also increased campus-wide 'owner-ship' of the prevention efforts emanating from it."

One important recommendation to achieve this level of participation is through direct student-led "reviews of proposed policies before they are finalized." It is this level of active student involvement that we are calling for in this petition.

The strong support we have received demonstrates the power of a unified student voice. We are committed to ensuring this voice is heard.

Libby Bishop student body president
Top Foley student body vice president

April 15, 2002
Israelis fight for survival

No one ever thought that the Oslo Accord in 1993 would ever take place, and yet it happened. After the signing of the peace agreement, Israel supplied the Palestinian Authority with police weaponry in order to help govern its people. At the time, given its governing role, it started an intensive incitement process and taught many children to hate ferociously the Israelis and hope for the total destruction of Israel. These children have grown up surrounded by propaganda that has become so deep and rooted in their minds that has made possible for them to go and blow themselves up indiscriminately. It did not and still does not matter if theitized humans are elderly, young men and women or even babies, as long as they are Israelis. This exhaustive and deadly encouragement is the true reason the suicide bombers blow themselves up, out of the alleged glorification of the Oslo Accord was just one step of Yasser Arafat's strategic mission in getting closer to his and his terrorist militiamen's vision — eliminating Israel and its people. In the last 9 years, Yasser Arafat has been the only Palestinian prime minister in the region while four Israeli prime ministers have come and gone, practicing true democracy. Not one of them was good enough for Arafat to lead his people to the "peace of the braves" as he always put it. The sad reality is that the entire world claims that Arafat is the free elected president of the Palestinian people and the fact that we must negotiate peace only with him is questionable. Well, what the world calls free elections I call fictitious and so Palestinian official dared to run for presidency against Arafat; most likely he or she would have been shot. Furthermore, the international observers who supervised these elections politicized how people voted but failed to see that the results were already set. It is also worth mentioning that there have not been any elections in the Palestinian territories since 1996. During the last couple of weeks, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have been cleaning up the so-called "mess" that Arafat left all over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Its mission is to root out all terrorist infrastructures which Arafat has been supporting all along right after the Oslo Accord. The amount of illegal weapons and documentation uncovered by the IDF directly prove how Arafat supports attacks against Israelis while talking about peace. The IDF found documents that lead not only to the financing of weapons, such as the ship carrying 53 tons intercepted by Israeli Commandos, but also to the financing of suicide bombers so that they can blow themselves up in public areas in Israel. Had Arafat used these funds to improve the economic conditions for his people, the Palestinians would have been better off today and many lives would have been spared.

Just 18 months ago, Arafat had an agreement to put to the test the true peace which had promised over 95 percent of the West Bank, 100 percent of Gaza Strip, a foothold in East Jerusalem and the chances of declaring it as their capital. Arafat blew the deal by saying he could not sign this agreement because the Hashimite king of Jordan had told him that if the agreement would not include the return of the refugees to their initial houses, he would leave all over Israel. He knew that by bringing in this demand, it would be like asking the American government to allow all Native Americans to go back to their past houses before the first English settlers, now Americans, arrived.

Since 1993, Arafat has had all the time in the world to truly prepare his people for making peace with the Israelis. Instead, he resorted to what he knows best: the use of terrorism for his personal agenda — not the use of wisdom to make his people prosper. Arafat and his militiamen brought a disaster to the Palestinian people instead of freedom and self-determination. They encouraged innocent Palestinian youths to confront the IDF and risk their lives instead of sending them to schools and teaching them peace.

As an Israeli, I can assure you that Arafat, with his terror campaign, is responsible for Ariel Sharon's election as prime minister. The Israelis panicked with massive bombings and voted for the man who just happens to know Arafat's terror tactics best. Sharon was elected only to combat terrorism, nothing else. The IDF is fighting to achieve peace in the region for the long run and not for letting another Arafat or his terror militants arise once again.

Now the Israeli mental state is in a stage were its own survival is at stake and the only time when true peace can be realized will be when the true mission of those who seek to eliminate Israel are gone for good. Yes, innocent people, both Israelis and Palestinians, suffer because of this. But as Golda Mears, a former Israeli prime minister, once said, "The only time when the Arab World would recognize Israel's right to exist is when the children are older than they hate us." Now think about that.
Copperfield teaching rope tricks to children in a Croatian hospital. The "Project Magic" program includes over 1,000 hospitals worldwide. Copperfield visits patients in person whenever he can.

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

South Bend will witness a bit of the impossible today. And, no, the University has not changed its mind on the alcohol policy. Tonight, world famous magician David Copperfield will perform his latest stage show, "The Portal," at the Morris Performing Arts Center. And while many recognize the magician from his many television appearances, few know the fascinating life that he leads off camera.

The man now known as David Copperfield was born on Sept. 16, 1956, in Metuchen, N.J., as David Seth Kotkin. When Copperfield was seven, he learned his first magic trick to be a ventriloquist; but when he was 16, he was teaching classes on his art at New York University; his title: Professor of Magic.

At 18, Copperfield enrolled at Fordham University in New York, but was cast in the lead role of the Chicago-based musical "The Magic Man" three weeks into his freshman year. Adopting the stage name of David Copperfield from Charles Dickens' novel of the same name just because he liked the sound of it, the young magician left Fordham to work on the show. Copperfield was the show: he sang, he danced and he created most of the original illusions it used. "The Magic Man" put Copperfield's name on the map; in fact, the show became the longest running musical in Chicago's history.

Though Copperfield had made a name for himself with "The Magic Man," he had not yet become the celebrity that he is today. Copperfield returned to New York at 19 after leaving "The Magic Man" and spent an impoverished year in an apartment creating magic and sending resumes to agents. After a year of barley being able to pay his heating bills, Copperfield received an opportunity of a lifetime: ABC wanted him to host its upcoming magic special "The Magic of ABC, Starring David Copperfield." The success of the special landed Copperfield a contract with CBS to produce "The Magic of David Copperfield" series. It was Copperfield's fifth installment of the series that rocketed him to stardom when he vanished the Statue of Liberty in front of a live audience.

1984's "The Magic of David Copperfield VI" topped the ratings for its time slot and won two Emmys. Out of the 16 specials, the series has won a total of 19 Emmys. The specials have been the cutting edge of illusion technology. Some of Copperfield's most memorable feats are: vanishing a Lear jet, levitating over the Grand Canyon, walking through the Great Wall of China, riding over Niagara Falls, levitating and vanishing the Orient Express, escaping from Alcatraz, capturing and blowing up a building in an tornado of fire and his signature stage effect, flying.

While Copperfield is best known for his television appearances, which have aired in over 40 countries and reached and been seen by an estimated 3 billion people, his live stage shows are a phenomenon unto themselves. In a year, Copperfield performs about 350 shows a year.

His latest production, "The Portal," has been touring for almost two years and features the famous illusion of the same name. In the illusion, Copperfield selects 12 members from the audience, vanishes them and has them reappear in impossible places like across the country or even the globe. The rest of Copperfield's show varies at each venue at which he performs. He even claims to have multiple methods to perform some of his illusions so the audience will not be able to figure out the tricks.

Of course, figuring out the trick is not the purpose of going to see a magic show. Copperfield and other professional magicians ask their audiences to suspend their disbelief to witness the impossible, not create an "I know how to do this and you don't" kind of atmosphere. Even so, audiences can't help but scratch their heads when Copperfield completes and illusion.
a lesson in the impossible with “The Portal”

But performance isn’t all Copperfield is interested in. Copperfield heads a program called “Project Magic,” which teaches magic to patients who need motivation. Teams of magicians and occupational therapists use various magic tricks to help patients regain some or all of their dexterity, coordination, special perception or cognitive processing. Copperfield started “Project Magic” in 1982 after receiving a press clipping of a young magician with whom he had been correspond­
ing. Copperfield was astounded to discover that his acquaintance was in a wheelchair. He realized that magic had helped shape the young man’s self-image. Copperfield could relate: As a boy, he had used magic to help him feel more confident in social settings. He began to wonder whether magic could be used to help other disabled people gain the same type of self-image.

Copperfield pitched the idea to Memorial Hospital in Inglewood, Calif. The staff was receptive to the idea and had positive results; the American Occupational Therapists Association has even approved “Project Magic” as an authentic therapeutic treatment.

Today, “Project Magic” is used in over 1,000 hospitals worldwide. But, Copperfield wants to extend the program with other performing arts, including dance, music, photography and puppetry. Furthermore, Copperfield participates in the program whenever he has time between tours. Copperfield also has an interest in giving back to the magic community.
Masters

Woods proves to be unstoppable in Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Not the best players in the world, the torch was passed one toughened up. Augusta National could stop Tiger Woods' march to masters history. An early burst of birdies gave Woods control of the redesigned course Sunday, and he never let anyone closer than two strokes the rest of the way. He closed with a 1-under 71 to claim a three-stroke victory. For second. It is obviously diffi­

Woods walking up the 18th fairway in a victory parade, tugging on the brim of his cap to acknowledge the applause. Give him the lead at Augusta - or just about any major - and just wait for everyone else to fall.

Three-time U.S. Open champion Ernie Els tried to make a charge, and wound up with an 8 by hitting into the trees and into the creek.

Former Masters and PGA champion Vijay Singh went into the creek, into the crowd, into the trees and then took a 9 on No. 15. Goosen, who started the day with six strokes behind Woods, shot a 1-under 70 and now stands three strokes behind after three holes.

Woods accepted his green jacket from Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson — usually, that's the job of the defending champion.

"I think we're going to wear this jacket out putting on it before your career is over," Johnson told Woods as he slipped it over his shoulders.

Johnson is the one who ordered the changes at Augusta, adding 245 yards, stretching the bunkers and shifting the tees, all designed to make the Masters a tougher test.

Rain softened the course and allowed for lower scoring. Perhaps it was Woods' pre­

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nice shooting touch.

At halftime, the All-Stars treated the crowd to a Last Supper of white bread and potato chips. One of the female fans also washed the feet of the players.

Throughout the game, the All-Stars' coach tried to intimidate The Outsiders with The Word Of God. The Word Of God chastised The Outsiders frequently for breaking the Seventh Commandment: thou shall not steal (the ball), but The Outsiders kept sinning and cruised to an easy victory.

Youth was served in another game Sunday as Pasty Moe And The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat defeated Dootin The Vitamin G 21-14. The all-freshman squad pulled away in the second half from the all-senior Vitamin G. Pasty Moe took a 12-7 lead early in the second half and held on to win.

"They had the height advantage, and they were better shooters. They were also faster," Vitamin G's Kyle Eller said.

Three members of the Saint Mary's basketball team bowed out of the tournament early this year as With Ourselves defeated Hardcore Strokers 21-10.

With Ourselves used its height and athletic advantage to jump out to a 10-4 lead and never looked back. The first-round Bookstore loss was the earliest of Saint Mary's senior Anne Blair's career.

"Usually we play really easy or funny guys in the first round who don't take it very seriously," Blair said. "These guys didn't take it easy on us. I think they will go pretty far."

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Minnesota faces NCAA infractions

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. Minnesota administrators spent nearly 11 hours before an NCAA infractions committee Saturday arguing against sanctions for alleged rule violations in six women's basketball programs.

The NCAA could impose cuts in scholarships and recruiting or even shut down the program for two years if it rules Minnesota violated a four-year probation that began in October 2000. The school expects a decision in no more than six weeks.

Both the NCAA and the university have accused former women's basketball coach Cheryl Littlejohn of giving $200 to $300 to a player, buying clothes for others and encouraging players to lie in an investigation.

The alleged violations of NCAA rules were discovered after Minnesota went on probation for a messy academic fraud scandal in the men's basketball program that led to the dismissal of coach Clem Haskins.

University officials argued Littlejohn actually broke the rules before the probation began for the men's basketball affair.

"Our position is that there's a miscommunication — October of 2000," university president Mark Yudof said after the hearing.

Since Littlejohn's alleged violations occurred before then, administrators argue the university shouldn't be subject to the penalties in the NCAA's "repeat violator rule." They argue self-imposed sanctions, such as cutsbacks in recruiting visits, are enough punishment.

The hearing was closed to reporters, and Yudof declined to discuss specifically what happened.

"I thought they were very thorough," he said. "I thought they'd done their homework, but whether they were favorably or unfavorably disposed, I'm really not supposed to say. And it would be total speculation anyhow.

Littlejohn, who was fired last May and now coaches at Chicago State, attended Saturday's hearing but declined to comment.

The hearing Saturday capped two difficult weeks for the Minnesota athletics program.

On April 3, women's basketball coach Brenda Oldfield was hired away by Maryland after one season, in which she led Minnesota to its first NCAA tournament in 15 years.

And last week, Minnesota decided to merge its men's and women's athletic departments to reduce chronic budget deficits. Administrators also recommended cutting men's gymnastics and men's and women's golf.

"It's been a hectic week," Yudof said. "But I actually have not felt that worn down or discouraged. I think people overestimate that."
Lacrosse
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the Irish closed off defensive-
ly and started winning more
balls. Senior captain Alissa
Moser then took things into
her own hands.
Despite being double
 teamed, she spun off her
defenders, scored, and
brought the game back to
within two.
Then Moser
found teammate
Anne Riley
streaking
toward the net
for an easy put-
in to make the
score 4-3.

The Irish
defensive four,
Tina Fedarcyk,
Kathryn Lam,
Henwood and Kelly
McCardell, took control of
the game and lessoned some of
the pressure off Irish keeper
Jen White who had a career-
high 15 saves.
Henwood made an end-to-
end run to almost score a
third goal on the day, but the
Irish didn’t convert and
entered halftime trailing by
one.
Duke opened the half with
a quick goal, but Lufus and
Danielle Shearer both
responded to tie the game 5-5.

Eleanor Williams, trying to
even the game again at six
after another Duke goal, ran
over her defender and caught
a pass from Shearer which
she quickly dumped in the net
to tie the game again.
The scoring then slowed
down with the game tied, and
 neither team could find the
net.

Gallagher finally broke
through the Irish defense and
scored with eight minutes
left. Duke then needed again
to take an 8-6 lead with six
minutes left.
Shearer, the Irish leading
scorer, got a yellow card with
3:14 left. Duke controlled the
ball well after the penalty and
it appeared that its two-goal
lead was unbreakable. The
Irish finally forced a turnover
and with 1:40 to play,
Maureen Henwood got foiled
and scored on the free posi-
tion chance.

The Irish got the ball again
and with 27 seconds left,
Simon hustled for the loose
ball and circled around the
net to tie the game at eight.
Both teams scored one goal
in the second overtime to force
a second, and no one scored in
the second.

In the third sudden death
overtime, after Lufus’ near
game-winning shot rang off
the post, Megan Miller scored
the second goal of the game
to end the 72-minute contest,
10-9.

The hard-fought comeback
ate the Irish momentum
heading into their game with
No. 12 Yale as the Irish won
11-8.

“We came off the loss from
Duke, and we were pumped,”
said Irish assistant
coach Danielle
Gallagher.
“Somebody
had to have
for it — it
was Yale.”

“I knew we were going to
win against Yale. There
was no way we were
going to let that
happen to us twice.”

Meredith Simon
Irish player

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Belles finish 2nd at 1st tournament

By DONNA LUBBERS
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team finished a close second at a tournament at the Brookwood Golf Course Saturday just two strokes behind tournament winner DePauw. "It was our first tournament of the spring season, and with nerves and all, we just couldn't put it all together," Belles' coach Theresa Pekarik said.

The Belles shot a team total score of 363. Freshman Julia Adams led the way with the team low of 87, followed closely by freshman Stephanie Simmerman shooting 88 and senior captain Megan Keleher with 91.

"The consistency of our freshmen and sophomores was one of our biggest strengths right now," Pekarik said. "They'll definitely be leading the way over the next three years. "I feel like I could have shot four or five strokes better," said Adams. "I missed three or four two-foot putts that I probably could have made. It felt good to lead the team, but I still feel like I could improve."

**Women's Tennis**

Notre Dame upsets William & Mary

By Observer Staff Report

The 25th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team captured its second victory against a top-20 opponent this season, downing No. 14 William & Mary, 5-2, Saturday afternoon at the Busch Tennis Courts at Williamsburg, Va.

The win moved the team's record to 13-1 on the season, while the Tribe falls to 15-7.

"This is a huge win for us because it gives us two top-20 wins," Notre Dame head coach Jay Louderback said. "We've come so close to getting some other big wins, so for us to get this one, it definitely helps our confidence going into the [Big East] tournament."

For the third consecutive match, the Irish got off on the right foot, picking up the critical doubles point. On Saturday, Notre Dame took two of the three doubles matches, as Katie Czanard and Lindsey Green won 8-2 at the No. 1 Flight, and Sarah Jane Fessler and Alicia Salas relied from a 5-6 deficit to claim an 8-6 victory at the No. 3 Flight.

Notre Dame will wind up its two-match road swing today at 5:30 p.m. when it squares off with No. 10 Texas in the regular-season finale at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin. The Irish then will look ahead to the Big East Championships which begin Friday in Coral Gables, Fla.

Notre Dame is the defending champion after winning its third title in six years with a 4-1 victory over Miami last season.

"I was really excited about the men. Going into the meet we weren't really expecting to win the 100 and 200-meter. Our men's sprinters in the last couple weeks have really improved and are on a mission to do well and perform well."

The men's sprint team showed their depth this weekend, finishing with 16 top-five finishes in the seven sprint events. All losing three of their top sprinters at the conclusion of the indoor season, several runners, such as sophomore Ryan Hurd, senior Matt DeOcon and McClain Duer, stepped up.

The two sprinters combined for three victories on the weekend — Hurd in the 200-meter and 4x110 relay and McClain Duer in the 400-meter and 4x400 relay. Also having a strong weekend was Nick Saracco, who ran a personal-best 400-meter time in 49.56 seconds and was also part of the 4x400 relay team.

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The women's sprinting corps continued its record-breaking this season with a stellar performance of Liz Grow. Grow finished the meet with two wins — the 400-meter and the 4x100 relay — and a second-place effort in the 200-meter. Her times in the 400 and the 4x100 relay also provisionally qualified her for the NCAA championships in May.

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"It's a good gauge to see where we're at," Millar said. "We're healthy, and going into the next three weeks we have things we want to achieve."

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**Track and Field**

Irish men take 1st place

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Exactly one year ago, Ayesha Boyd won her first collegiate race — the 400-meter dash at the Tom Bob Invitational.

Last weekend, Boyd returned to the Invitational not as an aspiring freshman but as an experienced veteran. She won all three races she competed in and earned Female Athlete of the Meet honors. Boyd led the Irish women to a second-place finish, while the men finished in first place among the four teams present at the meet.

"Ayesha has made tremendous improvements," sprinting coach John Millar said. "She's a lot more confident in what she's doing. It was just a matter of time with her."

Although Boyd continues to be strong in the 400, she has found her own niche as the top Irish runner in both the 100- and 200-meter dash. She won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the Invitational and concluded her impressive showing with a victory in the 4x110 relay. Boyd's 100-meter time of 11.73 seconds was also a personal-best for her.

Boyd set the pace in a meet dominated by Irish sprinters. The sprinting corps, in its most impressive performance of the year, won 12 of the 13 events. Its only loss came in the men's 400-meter hurdles where Napoleon Suarez came in second place, losing to winner Ryan Boyington of Missouri by only 1.2 seconds.

Irish women's relay teams had 26 top-five finishes with two Irish runners scoring in each of the 10 individual events.

"On the women's side, we had some people who we felt could go in there and win," Millar said.

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"You just have to keep playing hard and there's a lot of baseball still to be played and people are going to be watching each other in this league. If you just keep plugging away and keep battling, good things can happen."

In the first game, which was scheduled for seven innings, the Hokies scored first in the top of third inning after loading the bases against Irish starting pitcher Ryan Kalita. Kalita was a late decision after freshman pitcher Chris Niesel could not throw because of an illness.

With two outs, Kalita induced a ground ball to shortstop Javier Sanchez. Sanchez, however, bobbled the ball, allowing Virginia Tech to score an unearned run and take the early 1-0 lead. Kalita came back to strikeout the next batter to retire the side.

The Irish offense, on the other hand, had the unpleasant job of facing Hokie ace Joe Saunders. Saunders entered the game with a 5-0 record and an ERA of only 2.32. He baffled Notre Dame's hitters for most of the game by locating his pitches and using both sides of the plate. The Irish, however, finally got to him when center fielder Steve Stanley hit a bloop double down the left line to open the sixth inning. Two batters later, right fielder Kris Billmaier drilled a 3-2 pitch into the outfield, scoring Stanley and tying the game at 1-1.

Not until the bottom of the 11th did the score change, when Bok's triple and Thaman's infield single ended the game.

"The key to the whole night for us was the way Ryan Kalita went out there and just pitched so marvelously and gave us a chance to win that first game," Mainieri said. "We were going up against a kid that, I would say, in a lock to be a first-round draft-pick and be in the big leagues probably within a couple of years, and Ryan went out there and matched him pitch for pitch for six innings. He gave us a chance to win the ball game."

Right-hander J.P. Gagné also played a major role in keeping the score tied at 1-1 for several innings.

"What can you say about J.P. Gagné? He was just a gutty competitor, like he always is," Mainieri said. "He pitches five scoreless innings and holds (Virginia Tech) until finally were able to get a big hit from Matt Bok, and then in the 11th inning we're able to win that game."

In the nightcap, the Irish jumped out to the early lead when Stanley singled and was later knocked in by left fielder Brian Stovisky's sacrifice fly. Virginia Tech bounced back to take a 2-1 lead in the top of the third when center fielder Chris Winterfeldt singled and was followed by back-to-back doubles by Marc Tugwell and John West off Notre Dame starter Paul Ogilvie. Those would be the only runs the Hokies could score off Ogilvie, who went the distance for the victory and, more importantly, saved the Irish from using any pitchers in relief.

"We go out there in the second game knowing we have a very thin bullpen, and Pete Ogilvie goes out there and pitches a complete game for us," Mainieri said.

Despite not feeling his best when the game started, Ogilvie became stronger and more dominant as the game progressed.

"During the game I actually didn't feel all that great," Ogilvie said. "But as the game went, I started to settle in and I felt almost stronger as the game went on. We made some great plays in the field, and I think I just pitched well to do the job."

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LSU faces recruiting violations by coaches

Associated Press BATON ROUGE, La. LSU has disciplined head football coach Nick Saban and two assistants for three minor NCAA recruiting violations.

"All schools that self-report, schools like us, report 25 to 30 of these violations a year," athletic director Skip Bertman said. "They are benign rule violations that are so cumbersome because of the large amount of information in the NCAA manual."

LSU found that either Saban or the assistant coaches, whose names the university would not release, may have improperly contacted two potential recruits. It also found that a former assistant violated a rule about telephone contact with recruits.

As a result, the university reduced the number of days the three coaches can go on the road during the spring evaluation period from 24 to 18 and ordered the football staff to stop recruiting two players.

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FOOTBALL

Irish use 6th practice to play in game atmosphere

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

And on the sixth practice, the Irish scrimmaged.

For 30 minutes of Notre Dame's two-hour practice Saturday, the Irish drew on nearly four months of studying playbooks and a week's worth of practices as they practiced full-speed in a simulated game atmosphere.

"We had a very good session, but the session was probably focused more on good things coming from our energy level and not necessarily from our execution," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said about the scrimmage that included officials.

"There were some bright things, but overall we need a lot of work."

The Irish still have a long way to go before they completely understand the new systems that Willingham's staff is implementing. But the focus of Saturday's scrimmage was less on execution and more on intensity.

"You have to understand the process they're going through," Willingham said. "You understand that some things will not be as a coach would like it, but at the same time, there's still progress being made, even though the execution may not be flawless yet."

"The thing I was really interested in today was did we play hard?" said defensive coordinator Kent Baer. "...I know there's going to be mistakes, you just have to keep coaching and hope they don't make too many mistakes."

While the players are being asked to learn a lot of new things in a short period of time — something Willingham is more than well aware of — he says he can't forgive execution errors even at this early stage.

"You're always tough on all aspects. That's the only way we can get truly better and become the team we should become," he said. "The guys worked hard, but there's a lot of thought process in what they do right now, and that usually inhibits the execution, so we're about par for the course."

Note:

While the Irish were busy practicing Thursday, Tiger Woods shot a third-round 66 at The Masters to claim a share of the lead. Woods won the tournament Sunday.

Willingham, formerly Stanford's head football coach from 1995 to 2001, was pleased to learn after practice that Woods, who golfed for Stanford from 1994 to '96, had jumped into the lead.

"Tiger did some great things for us in terms of being a model student-athlete," Willingham said.

But the Irish coach added that he has yet to play a round with Woods.

"I would not put my game in the same foursome as Tiger," he said.

Woods, who is sponsored by Nike, has recently worn a hat with the letters "TW" embroidered on the front. After practice, a reporter wondered if Willingham would wear one of those hats.

"I don't think so," the coach laughed. "We have a conflict of sponsors."

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The Orangewomen jumped on the scoreboard early in the sec­ond game with a run in the first inning on an RBI double by Syracuse first baseman Cheryl Julicher that scored catcher Katie Kaempfer.
In the third inning, Kaempfer would give DiMaggio another run to work with as she sent a 2-2 pitch from Irish pitcher Stefany Stenglein over the left-field fence for a 2-0 lead.
The Irish bats, which had been on fire since the beginning of Big East play, cooled off as the Irish only squeezed out eight hits on Sunday.
"We didn't play well all day," Gumpf said. "We were able to fight a little bit harder in the first game and found a way to get it done. We didn't hit the ball all day."
The Orangewomen added an unearned run in the seventh as they improved their record to 17-11 and 5-1 in the Big East. In the first game of the double­header, the Irish were able to get to Syracuse pitcher Heather Brown in the fourth inning.
"We started swinging at strikes," said Gumpf. "We started laying off the rise ball and she had to bring it down."
Bledsoe set the first pitch of the fourth inning down the left-field line to tie the score at one. After Taylor Petersen relieved Brown, Irish center fielder Jenny Kriech hit a bloop double down the right-field line to score first base­man Lisa Mattison and designat­ed hitter Carrie Wason.
The three runs would hold up, as Stenglein would shut down the Orangewomen the rest of the way for the 3-1 victory.
On Friday against the Huskies the Irish relied on the arm of Stenglein (14-9) as she picked up her 12th and 13th victories of the year. Stenglein had been battling a groin injury over the past week.
"I felt really good," Stenglein said. "I was happy to be back on the mound throwing again."
In the first game against the Huskies Connecticut's catcher and Connecticut pitcher Barbara Cook squared off in a pitchers' duel as they matched zeros through the first seven innings.
"She [Cook] is a good little pitcher," Gumpf said. "We hit her so-so. We got seven hits off her, but we just didn't get the runs we needed."
After being frustrated all day by Cook, the Irish were finally able to push a run across the plate in the eighth inning. With two outs, right fielder Megan Mattison lined a single to the left field line, setting the stage for the Irish to tie the score. On the play, Bledsoe scored to give the Irish the 1-0 vic­tory.
"I was definitely looking for a fastball all the way, she just hap­pened to throw it right in there and I was looking to hit it hard somewhere," Loman said.
In the second game of the double­header, both teams started the same starting pitchers, hop­ing for a repeat performance. The Irish were the ones who received a repeat pitching perfor­mance as they defeated the Huskies 8-0.
Unfortunately for the Huskies, Cook was forced to leave the game in second inning when she was struck in the face by a Mattison line drive. On the play, Bledsoe scored to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.
The Irish scored three more runs, one of them unearned, in the fourth to take a commanding 4-0 lead.
In the sixth, the Irish would score four runs on only two hits. After consecutive walks to Bledsoe, Mattison and leftfielder Liz Hartmann, designated hitter Nicole defau singled through the left side of the infield to score Bledsoe. After a wild pitch allowed Mattison to score, pitch hitter Annie Dell'Aria knocked in Hartmann and defau as she dou­bled down the left field line.
Stenglein and Wison's pitching silenced the Husky bats Friday. The two combined to give up only eight hits and no runs in 14 innings.
"Stefany did a great job," Gumpf said. "She did exactly what I needed her to do; set the tone and keep them off balance a bit. Then Carrie comes in with her changeup and shuts the door."
The Irish will have a chance to start a new winning streak Wednesday as they take a break from Big East play and square off against Indiana State. The Irish will then play Bowling Green on Thursday and then resume Big East play on Saturday against Virginia Tech.
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An Irish player takes a swing as Notre Dame splits a doubleheader with Syracuse this weekend, losing the second game and ending a 14-game winning streak.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish end home winning streak with loss to Kentucky

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team entered the weekend looking to finish the season undefeated on the squad's home courts.

The Irish, 19-6, failed in that respect, but they still finished the weekend strong, closing with their best regular-season record since 1994, when they won 21-9.

Their home winning streak was halted as the No. 16 Kentucky Wildcats handed the seventh-ranked Irish a 4-1 loss at the Courtney Tennis Center. The Irish redeemed themselves on Sunday, though, defeating Ball State 4-3, without the services of three players, including No. 18 Javier Taborga.

"We got a little down [after the loss] on Saturday because it was our big match, but we all got fired up and fought well [on Sunday]," sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales said.

Both days began the same way, with the Irish posting wins in the first doubles matches. On Saturday against Kentucky, after that promising start, Notre Dame went on to lose the doubles point, as well as four of six singles matches. Against Ball State, though, the Irish earned the doubles point and won the first three singles matches, clinching victory.

Taborga could not play on Sunday because of NCAA playing-date restrictions. Notre was also without freshman Brent D'Amico, who was hurt while playing the Wildcats and junior Brian Farrell, who is out for the rest of the season due to injury.

Sunday's match, though, saw Casey Smith and Ashok Raja, replacing Smith's usual partner Taborga, defeat Ball State's Kevin Burnett and Jason Pressel, 8-5. It was the Irish duo's first time playing together.

After their victory and a loss by seniors James Malhame and Aaron Talarico, the sophomore duo of Haddock-Morales and Matt Scott gave the Irish the doubles point for the first time in four matches with their 8-4 triumph against Klint Knahe and Andrew Seni.

Although the duo of Taborga and Smith is ranked fourth nationally, the rest of the Irish doubles pairs, whose make-up has varied over the past weeks, continue to be a concern for the team, even after the win against unranked Ball State.

"We have the tools, but we need to put it together," Haddock-Morales said.

Sunday’s victory was secured for Notre Dame by the singles triumphs of Scott, ranked 79th nationally, senior Andrew Laflin and Haddock Morales.

All three defeated their opponents in straight sets.

"The score was four to three, but the four points we won, we won quickly," Haddock-Morales said.

After Notre Dame had secured victory against Ball State, the Irish suffered three post-clinch-losing losses by No. 87 Smith, Talarico and Malhame.

Bayliss called the loss to Kentucky a bad day, saying that he could not analyze what went wrong with his players, because everything theoretically should have gone well for the Irish.

"Every now and then, not often, we'll have a match where a number of plays don't have a good day," Bayliss said. "Andrew Laflin played exceptionally well [on Saturday], Matt Scott, after a slow start, really regrouped well. None of the other players really had a good day."

The Irish hope their win against the Cardinals on Sunday will help propel them into the Big East Championships, which begin on Friday. Notre Dame is expected to receive the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

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Irish lose in triple overtime

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

When down 8-6 with 1:40 left, the ninth-ranked Irish could have given up and gone home. The No. 7 Blue Devils would have been happy to take the win. But the Irish refused to give up and took the Blue Devils to triple overtime before falling 10-9.

The game was pushed into overtime by a free position score from Maureen Henwood, followed by Meredith Simon’s wrap around goal with 19 seconds left.

“The Duke game was unbelievable, unfortunately we didn’t come out with a win,” White said. “As a team we did the best we’ve ever done. Offensively, I’ve never been more proud of them.”

Duke scored the first goal in overtime but Shearer responded for the Irish and evened the game at nine. In the third overtime period — sudden death — Notre Dame’s Natalie Loftus beat the entire Duke team and the goalie, but her shot clanged off the post.

Duke marched downfield and found a seam to steal the game from the Irish, 10-9.

Duke had jumped out to an early lead, 3-0, by capitalizing on several turnovers by the Irish, especially on the offensive end.

Loftus, who was constantly running around Duke defenders, opened the Irish scoring to make the game 3-1.

When Duke scored again, the Irish were trailing 9-6.

Senior Maureen Henwood pushed the game into overtime by scoring in the last minutes of the Irish 10-9 loss to Duke.

Syacuse snaps Irish win streak

By AARON RONSELM
Sports Writer

For the Notre Dame softball team, the weekend opened with a bang but closed with a whimper.

On Sunday afternoon, the Irish (25-9, 9-3) saw numerous streaks snapped by Syracuse and Orange-vagin-woman pitcher Tara DiMagio in the second game of a doubleheader. The 3-0 loss ended Notre Dame’s 14-game win streak, its 26-game Ivy Field win streak and its Big East conference regular-season win streak at 36.

“The one thing we have to do is bring some energy to the field,” Irish coach Deanna Gaming said. “I think we were a little flat. We’re here playing and we have to give it our all and we didn’t”