**ResLife listens to alleged rape case**

**By HELENA PAYNE**

The University held a closed disciplinary hearing Thursday for the 20-year-old female student who alleged she was raped March 28 in an off-campus house by four male students associated with the Notre Dame football team. The alleged victim and the four suspects, one former and three current football players, were previously scheduled for an April 17 hearing with the Office of Residence Life and Housing that was postponed until Thursday.

The hearing began around 9 a.m. and lasted through most of the afternoon, television statement WSBT reported.

Because of the hearing, the three suspects were not present at Thursday’s football practice, the last one before Saturday’s Blue and Gold game.

Head coach Tyrone Willingham told reporters Thursday that the players had not been removed from the team.

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**Leprechauns entertain the crowd**

**By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS**

Cheering on the crowds in a traditional green suit, the Notre Dame Leprechaun has become a legendary symbol of Irish spirit. This figure is the ambassador of the University's St. Patrick's celebration and off the field and can be seen at most varsity sporting events.

The Leprechaun can be seen in the national spotlight at parades and events. To honor, those visits are my favorite part of the job,” said Bisanzo, “because it’s the time when I get to really interact with different people.

The selection process to become the Leprechaun is long and detailed. The first facet includes writing a one-page essay and involve three weeks of practicing with the cheerleading squad in early April.

Outgoing varsity Leprechaun Adam Urra worked with the group and exposed them to situations that arise, such as interviews with the media and interaction with opposing fans.

“We also did a lot of physical training to get used to the rigors of being the Leprechaun,” said Bisanzo.

The selection panel consists of an athletic department member, an alumni, a member of the university administration, a staff member, a former Leprechaun and the cheer coach.

The culmination of the three-week tryout process ends with a mock pep rally for the Leprechaun hopefuls and a formal interview with a panel of judges to answer questions about the University.

Once two Leprechauns are selected, they will have access to Go Irish all summer and for 30 days after graduation, seniors will be able to access Irish Online, the online alumni directory that contains nearly 100,000 alumni contacts. Students can add their names to a list and receive job opportunities available in the area.

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Senior Catherine Sanders is among the group who is still waiting to hear from a partner in Andersen if her position will still be available.

"Everything is uncertain right now, a lot of us are just waiting for things to shake out," she said. Sanders is among a group of athletes who still hasn’t heard for sure if her offer has been rescinded. She is on an e-mail list at the Career Center that notifies her of possible alternatives or strategies to make it through this unpredictable time.

"It’s hard to look for a position now because a lot of jobs have been snapped up at this point of the year," Sanders said. But there has been a lot of late recruiting this year as the economy begins a slow recovery. Just this week, Face Global Energy Services and Hewitt Associates called the Career Center about job positions.

Hewitt is hiring 50-60 business analyst. Svete also reports that the government is hiring like crazy because anywhere between 25 to 30 percent of the government workforce is retiring, many of them baby boomers.

A new service available at the Career Center this spring is the City Tour informational meet-

ings that highlight job opportunities 12 major metropolitan cities including:

- "We collected the best info we could find on each city," said Svete.
- Students can visit the website and find a short description of the city life and connect to links to major employers in the public and private sectors, the fastest growing companies in the city and sample companies by industry.

Career center doesn't end for students after graduating.

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The sweetest Cupcake

When my friends and I moved into our off-cam-
pu house last August, we made the hardest thing:
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While being a student isn’t always easy,
the hardest thing is making it a home. I
and my roommates, we work hard every day to
make our home feel like a home.

The Observer+ Staff

TUCSON, Ariz.

An attempted sexual assault allegedly took place in a residence hall shower Tuesday evening.
The incident happened at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, when a man was
in the shower. The man then fled the hall.

The incident is under investigation by the University of Arizona Police Department.

R.D. Seastone, a residence hall attendant, said in an interview that
the man fled the hall.

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Alleged rape April 6. Prosecutor

Ohio recalls hot dogs

Associated Press

CINCINNATI A Cincinnatian meat processor is recalling 140,000 pounds of frankfurters and hot dogs that may be contaminated with a germ that can cause a potentially fatal illness.

The elderly, chronic disease sufferers and those with weak immune systems are at greatest risk, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food safety service.

The service said the rare but potentially fatal germ that can cause a serious disease, listeriosis, is being traced to meat products from LaFortune, a meat processor based in Delphi, Ind.

The product, which has been shipped to retail outlets nationwide, was sold under the brand name Peter Lopes.

Although the meat is safe for those with normal immune systems, it could be dangerous for people who have had organ transplants or who are taking certain medications.

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An explosion that may have been caused by chemicals stored in a basement rocked a 10-story commercial building Thursday, hurling glass and rubble across a city block and injuring 42 people, at least 10 of them critically.

Authorities quickly ruled out terrorism, though the blast conjured up memories of Sept. 11 for some in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan.

"It was a giant boom — a real giant boom," said Bill Beek, who lives a half-block away. "It sounded like an airplane crashing."

"At first we thought it was a bomb," said Alex Vargas, 28, a student at Apex Technical School next door. "We all had to leave by the back stairs. People were yelling and screaming."

"Hurry up!" Victims were taken to the hospital with burns, severe head injuries, broken bones and cuts after the 11:30 a.m. blast.

Chemicals stored in the basement by a sign company were being investigated as a possible factor, said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. Plumbers had been working on the boiler in the building at the time, but that did not appear to be the cause, investigators said.

Kaltech sign company's general manager Phil Morgan said he felt two consecutive blasts in the company's ground-floor offices.

"One pushed me up from my chair, the second one had me out of my chair," he said. When it was over, the ceiling and a wall had come down. "Everything moved. The air was filled with dust."

Windows along the block of West 19th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues were blown out, and all people were injured by flying glass.

The facade of the building was damaged and several walls were blown out, but it appeared to be structurally sound, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Police and more than 100 firefighters poured into the area. Some victims, dazed and bloody, sat on the curb awaiting medical attention.

The building housed the sign company and other commercial tenants, said Sid Ginsay, a spokesman for the Office of Emergency Management. Neighbors said the building was also used for storage by the Apex school, which teaches welding, automotive repair and other trades.

Property records show that the sign company is owned by 19th Street Associates LLC. The office of Steven Kaufman, a principal in the firm, said he had no immediate comment.

A monogram for playing only one year or even one play. Monograms are a distinguished honor for Notre Dame athletes, requires three years of hard work.

Even though students must participate in countless hours of practice, the downsides to being the Leprechaun has not deterred Macaluso and Bisanz.

"I've always loved this University and its athletic program and I thought becoming the Leprechaun was the best opportunity to share that love with others," said Bisanz.

Macaluso remembers when he first wanted to be the Leprechaun.

"Watching Mike Brown and the cheerleaders as a fresh­man, I thought it looked like so much fun and something that would be very worthwhile and an amazing experience," he said. "I was just looking to have fun with [my] time here at Notre Dame."

Last year, Macaluso served as the Olympic Leprechaun, which he said greatly prepared him for the Varsity position.

"The most important part about this job, though, is being willing and able to show your love and enthusiasm for Notre Dame," he said. "There's a ton of Notre Dame nuts out there, and I'm just another one of them."

"I know that I'll have the support and help of the cheerleaders and my coaches whenever I find myself in a tough situation," said Macaluso.

Bisanz added, "I can't wait for next year to get started and begin what looks to be another successful year in Notre Dame athletics."

"Every time I'm in that suit, on a court or field, I know I'm not out there just for me," Macaluso said. "I'm there for the fans — to make them have a good time and to represent Notre Dame and all it stands for. Over a century of fans, alumni, teams, faculty, students, service, and Catholic faith, the Leprechauns are the foremost collegiate icon in the country, and not only that, we represent the best university in the country."

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**World News Briefs**

Mexico accuses Cuba of blackmail: Mexican President Vicente Fox apologized to those who believe he lied about rushing Cuban President Fidel Castro out of Mexico, but Mexico's foreign secretary on Thursday accused the Cuban leader of trying to black­mail Fox. Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda accused Castro of trying to blackmail Mexico into voting against a U.N. resolution targeting Cuba's human rights record — and then, after Mexico voted for it, trying to embarrass Fox by a private conversation between the two leaders.

Chechenya warlord killed by Russia: Russia claimed on Thursday its forces killed one of Chechnya's most elusive warlords, a Jordanian said to have connections with the al-Qaida terrorist network.

**National News Briefs**

Blake won't face the death penalty: Prosecutors won't seek the death penalty against actor Robert Blake if he is convicted of murdering his wife, the district attorney's office said. Blake was charged Monday with fatally shooting his wife, Bonnie Lee Bakley, 44, after a dinner outing last May. Prosecutors said the 68-year-old actor and his bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, plotted the slaying for months.

Man convicted of killing co-workers: A man who shot to death seven co-workers at a software company was convicted of murder today after failing to convince a jury that he was so delusional he thought he was killing Holocaust. The defendant, Michael McDermott, 43, stood impassively as he heard the verdict in a courtroom full of relatives of the victims.

**Indian News Briefs**

Fisherman prevent suicide attempt: Three fishermen rescued a man who jumped from a bridge into the White River in an apparent suicide attempt. "He said he had gotten to the bridge and didn't feel like living any more," a professional fishing guide, "He said the only thing he thought about before he jumped was his daughter and granddaughter. I told him it wasn't his time to go." The man, whose name was not released, was sent to Methodist Hospital for treatment. Police said the man likely would have drowned had the fishermen not intervened.

**Market Watch April 25**

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**World Bank**

Nine Palestinian youths and two corpses were brought out of Bethlehem's besieged Church of the Nativity. A fresh round of talks started Thursday to resolve a three-week-old standoff at the shrine.

3-week church siege continues

Associated Press

In a day punctuated by exchanges of gunfire and the evacuation of a small number of Palestinian men at the Church of the Nativity, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators failed today to reach terms to end a three-week-long siege but agreed to interim steps toward a settlement.

The two sides committed to releasing about a dozen youths from the compound — including two who the Israeli military said were 10 years old — and to removing the remains of two gunmen killed in the first days of the fighting. But negotiators remained unable to agree on the central question of which people inside the basilica were to be considered terrorists, and how they would be handled upon their surrender.

Talks were scheduled to resume on Thursday. Salah Taamari, the chief Palestinian negotiator, struck a moderate tone late tonight. "The meeting was constructive," he said.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also expressed confidence that the issues could be resolved soon. "I believe that it will not take too long," Mr. Sharon said. Tonight's meeting, the third session in two days, began moments after a brief gun battle at the church had killed one Palestinian and slightly wounded an Israeli soldier and sent the Palestinian negotiators and their Israeli military escorts scrambling for cover.

It was further undermined by the intractability of both sides on the central questions about identifying the terrorists and defining their fate.

Israel wants the Palestinians to provide a full roster of people within the compound's walls, from which it would select men it accuses of terrorism.

The Palestinians have refused, and instead have asked Israel to hand over a list of people whose arrest it seeks.

Virtually all the estimated 250 people in the church are thought to be civilians, clergy men or Palestinian Authority police officers or security officials.

But a senior Israeli official said today that about 30 gunmen are wanted for terrorism, including two men accused of killing an American-born architect, Avi Brom, in January.

**Troops seek al-Qaida in Pakistan**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON: U.S. government personnel are searching for al-Qaida fighters in the rugged tribal regions of northwest Pakistan, and the American military is set to send in troops to join the hunt, officials said Thursday.

The United States and Pakistan reached an agreement several weeks ago allowing American military operations on Pakistani soil, U.S. officials said. This will allow Americans to hunt in a suspected al-Qaida haven previously closed to them — tribal areas that are traditional rallying points for fighters fleeing Afghanistan.

The operations carry considerable risk, physically for the Americans and politically for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, who faces a referendum on Tuesday to extend his term as president for five years. He has defied strong anti-American sentiment to support President Bush in counter­terrorism.

Pakistan's tribal belt is ruled by deeply conservative and fiercely inde­pendent tribesmen who swear little allegiance to anyone but their tribal elders and to laws laid out by tradition and the tenets of Islam. Tribesmen who live in high-walled compounds have warned against U.S. soldiers on their territory. Publicly, Musharraf denied any knowledge of U.S. opera­tions. "No U.S. personnel are present in Pakistan's tribal areas searching for al-Qaida men," Aziz Ahmad Khan, spokesman for the Pakistani Foreign Ministry, told The Associated Press.

However, Pakistani intelligence and Interior Ministry sources confirmed that civilian U.S. officials, with the help of Pakistani authorities, are quiet­ly working in the areas to trace the remnants of al-Qaida.
Tenn. doctors sue over managed care program

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's largest physician's organization sued the state's four biggest health insurers Thursday, alleging their managed care practices threaten patients' health.

The Tennessee Medical Association's class-action lawsuits filed in state court name Aetna Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, CIGNA HealthCare and United HealthCare.

They allege that because of the "extraordinary unequal bargaining positions" between the medical association and the insurance companies, the association's 6,600 members are forced into entering one-sided contracts.

The association says the four companies comprise 70 percent of the HMO market in Tennessee and insure nearly 2.4 million people in managed care plans across the state.

The lawsuits seek to stop a number of business practices that TMA alleges delay, deny or reduce payments to physicians.

For example, they claim the insurance companies "bundle" several physician services together to lower reimbursements and deny higher reimbursements for complicated medical cases in which doctors spend extra time and resources.

Ron Herr, a spokesman for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment in detail, but he called it "shortsighted."

"We do everything we can do to keep health insurance affordable," he said.

Representatives of Aetna and CIGNA said they had not seen the lawsuits and declined comment.

Dr. Mickey McDoow, president elect of the TMA, said the association and its individual members have been bringing their concerns to the insurance companies almost daily, but to no avail.

In addition to the TMA lawsuits, four individual physician lawsuits were filed against the companies seeking monetary damages on the same grounds.

They cite claims not paid in full, interest due for untemptly or slow payments and payments never made but rightly due.

The TMA lawsuits do not seek monetary damages; they ask that the court stop "these wrongful and financially punitive practices."

Managed care has been under legal challenge in several states.

Physicians' groups in New York and South Carolina have filed similar lawsuits this year. A federal lawsuit against one of the state's largest health care companies is pending in Florida by 600,000 doctors who claim they are routinely shortchanged on reimbursement claims through "institutionalized underpayment."

Energy bill favors SUVs, farmers

WASHINGTON

Motorists can rest assured that their gas-guzzling SUVs won't be threatened by new energy legislation moving through Congress. And there's good news there too for farmers and wind turbine operators.

But environmentalists are in an uproar, and California lawmakers predict gasoline shortages and price spikes.

The impact of a broad energy bill passed by the Senate on Thursday can be expected to touch a wide array of people, industries and businesses — that is if it ever gets out of Congress. Although passed by a wide margin, 88-11, it must still be merged with a starkly different bill that the House passed last year.

After the Senate vote, President Bush appeared confident a compromise could be reached. Between the two bills, he said, there were "the elements of a comprehensive energy policy" that include "the major conservation and environmentally responsible production measures needed to reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy."

This legislation "should increase our energy independence," said Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., although he made clear there were differences with the House. He called the Senate-passed bill "a far more responsible, progres­ sive, consumer-friendly energy policy" than the House bill, which largely mirrored the president's priorities.

The Senate rejected Bush's top energy priority, drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. That is expected to trigger a fight with the House, which approved such drilling and has six Republican leaders have shown no signs of backing down.

The Senate bill calls for $14.1 billion in energy tax subsidies ranging from help to refiners to meet sulfur-control regulations and reduce the cost of power from wind turbines to a credit for homeowners who want to buy a solar panel or put more insulation into their attic. Overall, the tax benefits were about evenly divided between production and conservation and support for renewable energy sources, its supporters said.

The Senate's refusal to open the Alaska wildlife refuge to oil companies was one of the few victories for environmentalists over the six weeks that senators deliberated energy policy.

The disappointments ranged from rejection of even modest steps to improve automobile fuel efficiency to — in the final hours — stripping the bill of a provision that the Energy Department impose the more aggressive efficiency stan­ dards for auto air conditioners that had been proposed by the Clinton administration.

"Finding environmentally friendly provisions in this bill is like looking for a needle in a haystack," complained Elizabeth Thompson, legislative director of the Environmental Defense

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Catholics see child abuse as global

Associated Press
DUBLIN
Catholics worldwide on Thursday welcomed Pope John Paul II's unprecedented summit with U.S. cardinals as a good start to tackling child abuse within the Catholic church, but court cases kept surfacing to remind the Vatican that this is a global scandal.

In Ireland, 70-year-old Morris Tobin, a retired member of the Christian Brothers teaching order, appeared in court Thursday to face 173 charges of molesting 25 schoolboys in the 1960s. More than 30 Catholic priests and brothers in Ireland have been convicted of sexually abusing children in the past decade.

"You'd think based on recent headlines that the church only has problems in America," said John Kelly, director of Irish Survivors of Child Abuse, which represents about 800 people abused in church-run schools and orphanages. "But the need to take a long, hard look at what his church has tried to cover up in Ireland, in Canada, in Australia, in his own Polish homeland — probably everywhere, if the truth ever comes out."

In many countries, church officials and Roman Catholic faithful were weighing the U.S. cardinals' words versus the policies on sexual abuse being adopted by their own clergy. Some suggested the church's response looked too little, too late.

"The Catholic Church does not act unless the problem is already great proportion," said the Rev. Robert Reyes, a parish priest in the Philippines, where another priest has been jailed on suspicion of raping a 14-year-old girl. "We don't realize the defect until it is too big to stop."

The Vatican has not offered a blanket policy for Catholics worldwide on whether they should report alleged abuse to church officials or civil authorities. In Puerto Rico, Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves said anyone who had been sexually abused by church officials should go directly to police. But he refused to comment on at least six cases in Puerto Rican dioceses under the jurisdiction of other bishops, nor on a case he announced last week in his own diocese.

"It's better that complainants go straight to civil authorities because it creates an impression of impartiality in the church," Nieves said.

Newspaper editorials worldwide condemned the unprecendented nature of the Vatican summit. Many expressed hope that the church would build momentum toward wider reforms.

"This was a landmark occasion, which ... has broken through the atmosphere of silence and denial hitherto marking the Vatican's approach to this issue," declared the Irish Times, the paper of record in this predominantly Catholic nation.

"Dirty linen washed in public," read a headline in the La Stampa, a newspaper credited the U.S. media's "daily hammering" for forcing the pope and his visitors to behave with uncharacteristic openness.

In Britain, an officially Protestant nation, the conservative Daily Telegraph warned that some of the church's sternest critics had an anti-Catholic agenda.

"A minority wishes to destroy the church and will use pedophilia as a handy weapon to do so," said the Telegraph, Britain's top-circulation broadsheet. It said calls for the church to soften its policy of priestly celibacy represented a "gross fallacy."

"A man does not become a pedophile for want of a wife," the paper said.

In Austria, too, church officials dismissed any connection between the priestly celibacy and deviant sexual behavior among a minority of priests.

But the Irish Times questioned whether the church's policies on the priesthood could withstand a future wave of scandals.

It noted that ordinations had already fallen to unacceptable levels.

"The Vatican has clearly set its face against any move to change church laws or to open up the question of women priests," the Irish Times said. "In the longer term, it looks as if the sex issues cannot be held at bay and may come to be seen as the most rational way to renew the church."

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Twelve die in bomb explosion in Pakistan

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan
A bomb ripped through a Shiite Muslim market as deep as the interior of Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, killing 12 worshippers, all of them women, and wounding several others, hospital officials said Friday.

It's not known who planted the powerful device that exploded near midnight Thursday in Burkher, about 300 miles southwest of the federal capital of Islamabad.

The bomb was apparently planted near the section of the mosque where women pray, said Mohammed Nisar, a doctor at the only hospital in Burkher where the dead and wounded were taken. Mosques are segregated.

"The bomb was planted on the women's side and all the dead were women," Nisar said.

The bomb was also planted in Pakistan's provincial capital of Multan, killing two women and wounding several others, police said Friday.

Police have not made any arrests, but Pakistan, and eastern Punjab province in particular, has been wracked by religiously motivated violence in recent years.

Previous attacks against Shite Muslims have been carried out by members of the violent Sipah-e-Sahaba or Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet group, banned by Pakistan's military president Gen. Pervez Musharraf. The organization revives Shite Muslims.

Since January, dozens of Shite Muslims have been killed in Pakistan. Many of the deaths have been target killings and have occurred both in the Punjab province and in the country's southern Sind province, of which Karachi is the capital.

During the last week in Karachi a Shiite Muslim doctor was shot and killed as well as the Shiite Muslim owner of a pharmacy. No arrests have been made in the two drive-by shootings. It's not known if the killings were carried out by the same people or organization.

No one has claimed responsibility for any of the killings. Previously, Hasan Turabi, the head of a banned Shiite Muslim group, Tehrik-e-Jafria, blamed the upsurge in killings of Shite Muslims on the return to Pakistan of militant Sunni Muslims from neighboring Afghanistan following the collapse of the hardline Taliban.

Turabi said the Taliban, a movement dominated by Sunni Muslims, espoused the same philosophy as Pakistan's radical Sunni Muslims, and harbored those who had killed Shiite Muslims in Pakistan. With the fall of the Taliban these radical elements returned home, he said.
U.S. government won't meet with Moussaoui

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. Zacarias Moussaoui, the man indicted as a Sept. 11 accomplice, tried to speak with prosecutors about the death penalty and classified information but they refused, the government said Thursday.

Prosecutors said they were informed of the request Tuesday by a jail official, an indication that Moussaoui— who wants to represent himself in the case — already is trying to do so.

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Malaysia installs king

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR

In an elaborate ceremony broadcast to millions nationwide, Malaysia's new king was installed Thursday under a unique system where monarchs are chosen by their peers and take turns at the throne.

Syed Sirajuddin, Syed Putra Jamalullail, 59, underwent formal rites at the national palace, watched by government leaders and foreign dignitaries in the chandeliered throne room.

During the ceremony, Syed Sirajuddin, wearing a regal black suit embroidered with golden thread, raised a traditional Malay warrior's dagger and kissed its hilt, symbolizing grandeur and power in his hands.

A trumpet blared as palace officials repeatedly shouted, "Daulat Tuanku," which is Malay for "Long Live His Majesty," to the rifle-crack of a 21-gun salute, followed by a police band playing the national anthem.

Syed Sirajuddin is Malaysia's 12th king under a rotational system created after independence from Britain in 1957 to spread the power among the sultans and rajas who had ruled over fiefdoms for hundreds of years.

Malaysia's kings do not inherit the throne. Instead, hereditary rulers from nine of Malaysia's 13 states meet every five years — earlier if a reigning monarch dies — and appoint a successor by secret ballot.

But political power resides with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who has led Malaysia for 21 years, and a parliament elected every five years.

Under changes instituted in 1990, the king can reject a parliamentary decision and lawmakers have to reconsider it. But if they pass it again, the bill becomes law.

French continue rally against Le Pen

PARIS

Hundreds of thousands of people marched in French cities Thursday in opposition to far-right presidential candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen, who blamed rival incumbent Jacques Chirac for encouraging protests.

The marches were part of the continuing rise in street protests following Sunday's first round of the presidential election, when Le Pen qualified to face the conservative Chirac in a May 5 runoff election.

Like anti-immigrant platform has been criticized by British Prime Minister Tony Blair and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, among others.

If elected president, Le Pen says he will move to cut France's ties with the European Union, restore borders to limit immigration and phase out income taxes. He opposes abortion rights but says he has been accused of being anti-Semitic.

In an interview published Thursday in the British magazine the Spectator, Le Pen denied being an extremist rightist.

"It's not me who has become extreme right. It's the whole of society which has become extreme left," Le Pen was quoted as saying.

He also said Chirac has been "formally crowned as the uncontested leader of the French Left."

But I am the candidate of France — against euro-glob-alization," Le Pen was quoted as saying.


Jewish and Muslim leaders in southern Marseille also united behind Chirac, saying Le Pen was the "candidate of hatred and xenophobia."

Until last Sunday, France was preparing for a sleepy presidential race, with all polls predicting a runoff between Chirac and Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

Bored with the top contenders, a record 28 percent of voters abstained. Chirac received nearly 20 percent of votes. Le Pen nearly 17 percent and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin about 16 percent.

At a campaign stop Thursday, Chirac said voters delivered their message clearly.

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Church can’t tolerate sexual abuse

The Catholic Church took a commendable step forward on Tuesday when Pope John Paul II acknowledged that sexual abuse by priests is not only an American scandal but also a global issue that the entire Catholic Church needs to address. While the pope recommended a strong zero-tolerance policy for cases of sexual abuse in the Church, American cardinals issued a vague proposal Wednesday that failed to establish a clear strategy for handling sexual offenders, leaving victims unsatisfied and the Church at risk for future problems.

The cardinals presented a proposal not as severe as the plan the pope recommended. The cardinals’ plan only addressed priests who have a history of sexual abuse and called a one-time offense a mere “fall from grace.” This response is insufficient and irresponsible because it allows sexual offenders to go unpunished. The cardinals’ statement suggested the abandonment of Cardinal Bernard Law’s teaching that caused the sexual abuse scandal, but they need to go further. When the cardinals reconvene in Dallas in June, they must determine what motivates some priests to commit acts of sexual abuse and find a way to prevent them from occurring.

While applauding the cardinals’ efforts, the roots of the problem are imperative, Church leaders should also invest effort in eliminating sexual offenders from the priesthood. Any priest accused of sexual abuse in the past, present or future must face an internal investigation by the Church. The Church needs to dismiss any priest it deems responsible for sexual offenses, whether the accused is a repeat or first-time offender.

Furthemore, Church officials should recognize their moral and ethical obligation to turn over materials pertaining to sexual abuse allegations to the proper legal authorities. The Church cannot shirk its responsibility to disregard information and thus hinders a decision to press charges, regardless of whether or not legal institutions decide to prosecute accused priests. Only when the Church has the authority to dismiss or retain priests, but it is not in a position to determine legal guilt or innocence.

A zero-tolerance policy is the only way to enforce unambiguous and stringent guidelines for penalizing offenders if the Church intends to stop sexual abuse by priests. The Church cannot allow any room for mistakes in this issue. It’s time for American cardinals to urge the Church to set an international example and establish a firm, universal position that announces the Church does not, under any circumstances, tolerate sexual abuse by its priests.

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EDITOR

Protecting constitutional freedoms

Freedom of speech was in short supply in the southeastern United States. From 1865 to 1879, the United States and practically nonexistent elsewhere in the world. By 1789, freedom of speech was comfortably enshrined in the highest law in America and was being enforced. We might wonder if Michael Flannery is familiar with the events that transpired between 1777 and 1789.

His letter yesterday casts doubt on his familiarity with the history of the subject he has taken upon himself. Flannery’s anecdote, illogical assertions about the military as an institution, in regard to defer­ence to the soldiers of the United States, is left to wonder why, if he respects them so much, he has apparently opted not to familiarize himself with their historical role in our free society before condemning that role. It was no coincidence that freedom of speech went from suppression to constitution­ally protected in the space of 14 years. Our forefathers happened to have found a War of Revolution which resulted in the establishment of an independent, constitu­tionally governed federation of colonial states.

When it came to establishing an independent government, the reasons why that may or may not have been true.

The Constitution would not have been passed on our military had ever failed in its mission of national defense. Sometimes wars are fought that should not be; that is at the discretion of the elected civilians. In every case where our national security has been threatened, it has not been the protest­ers but the United States military that has poured out its blood in defense of the enemies of freedom. This nation of ours is the child and steward of our con­stitutional liberties.

Do not be so naive as to consider that our enemies would now, or ever, allow our freedoms to erode. Our military is the last line of defense for the guaran­tee of our nation. God bless the United States of America.

Padric McDermott

EDITORIAL

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"History is bunk." — Henry Ford

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ND Today/Observer Poll Question

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"Poll courtesy of ND Today.com and based on 261 votes."
As inevitable as seasonal changes, classes of students march through educational institutions. With spring comes the graduation season for seniors. This year's seniors will be known as the first to graduate since Pearl Harbor and the last hard-working, many families on campus. Their seniors prepare for the show's aesthetic, as though it was a negative space to explain why here. But while I don't comprehend the true sense of community, one of selectivity and limitations. Those who think their god is the only god are examples of why Northern Ireland or Israel are such killing fields. Pope John Paul II.

A truly pure community is not one based on the Nazi pure-blood theory. Rather, a true community is one of inclusion. To achieve community everyone must embrace acceptance and reject explanation. While we, as students, are required to take two theology classes, these classes do not necessarily have to address morality or even Christianity. (Try taking Chinese Ways of Thought.) Why not make it mandatory for every student to attend Mass? Why not make every student memorize the Catechism? The truth is that, as students, we are given the choice to learn about morality in the method that we feel best approaches our needs. A student that is an atheist can attend this school, meet every requirement, and leave with a high GPA. I was very frustrated by both the review of Christianity and the accompanying editorial charging People that it was a ridiculous proposal. Having the class available to the students is appropriate, I agree with the portrayal of Virginia (in the script) as weak, or actually, as a theater artist, that is precisely the decision one must make. The text does not dictate its meaning clearly in black and white — it is a susceptible choice. The review and the editorial call for a genuine appreciation of the campus setting. If nothing else, the review and editorial call for a genuine appreciation of the campus setting.

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By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Some remember their first time on stage as being paralyzed in a spotlight while playing a tree in a third-grade production of "The Wizard of Oz." Some never made it to the auditions.

Tonight, a group of students will get to put whatever theatre experiences they've had behind them and take the stage at Notre Dame for the first time.

"The Freshmen Four" or "The Fresh 4," consists of four short one-act plays where all the acting, directing and technical work is done by freshmen. Sophomores Justin Williams, Meg Ryan and Cheryl Turski serve as producers and resource persons for the show. Williams and Ryan each directed a play in the show last year and Turski starred in another.

"It was one of the best experiences of my freshman year and we felt if we didn't put it up nobody would," Turski said.

Though some members of the production have had previous theatre experience, the production is a unique opportunity for first-year students who are curious about campus theatre or were unsuccessful in getting a part in other campus productions to take a little bit of the campus spotlight in a learning and supportive environment.

"I tried out for these plays because I hadn't done theatre in months and it felt really strange," freshman Shantha Ready said.

This year's plays are all comedies. "Slop Culture," which is directed by freshman Steve Hoepfner, is a humorous commentary on the shared experience of the children of the '90s: hours upon hours of bad television. "Naomi in the Living Room," a comedy by Christopher Durang, is directed by Hallie Taylor. The show is a manic evening in the life of Naomi, an insatiable woman whose son, John, and his new fiancée have come to visit.

"Date with a Stranger," directed by Paul Sifuentes, is a candid peek into a date where a man and woman attempt to get to know each other through sexual innuendo and back-and-forth statements, counter-statements and retractions. "Time Flies," directed by Molly Topper, is the life of two mayflies that live for only 14 hours.

For the most part, the rehearsal process for the shows is laid back. The casts get very close because it is a learning experience for all of them. Hoepfner thinks the rehearsal process has allowed him to apply and understand many of the techniques he learned in his "Acting: Process" class this semester, but he credits his cast with making the process a positive experience.

"It's been really easy because I tell my actors to do something and they usually do something better than I asked ... it's been a blast, and it's what I look forward to every night," Hoepfner said.

The Freshmen Plays will be performed tonight in the Hesburgh Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m. General admission is $3. Tickets will be available only at the door.

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By MIKE SCHMUHL
Assistant Scene Editor

After a 42-year haul, the longest-running musical on Broadway, "The Fantasticks," recently closed its doors on Jan. 13. However, the famous love story that has become so memorable in American society lives on. This weekend on campus, the Farley Hall Players will perform their own version of "The Fantasticks."

The musical itself is relatively simple and small. This is not "Les Miserables" with swarming crowds and intricate subplots. "The Fantasticks" is a clever and charming story filled with love, deception and eventually, renewal. In the words of Lizzie Bracken, the show's director, the production "is a great size musical for Farley Hall Players and is told in a simply beautiful way. The characters are interesting and provide a great opportunity for the actors."

The set is very plain, consisting of two chairs, an imaginary wall, a curtain backdrop that changes throughout the performance and a few props. This humble setting works well with the basic storyline and cast of eight characters. "There aren't many boundaries so every person involved in the production can be as creative as they want," Bracken said.

The musical starts off with an overture presented by the pianist, Lauren Prieto. Throughout the show, Prieto skillfully plays each melody. Her timing and rhythm keep the show going at a consistent rate.

The short intro segues into "Try to Remember," perhaps the
The Will To Win
Expectations raised high one more time

It's spring and the usual signs that spring is here have hit campus — Pig Tostal, Disbee on the quad, snow and the Blue-Gold game.

This year, like every year, expectations are high as spring practice ends and fans look ahead to the fall. They're thinking that, maybe, just maybe, this will be the year Irish come home with a national championship.

Fans, coaches and players this year sound a lot like the they did last year.

Bob Davie had high expectations of his team last year. "Things look pretty good and I think we have a good chance to be successful," he said at the start of spring.

He wanted to take his program to the next level.

Wide receiver David Givens also had high expectations last year. "I think it's possible that we could win a national championship this coming year," he said. "... It's an attainable goal."

Unfortunately for last year's Irish, those expectations fell a little flat. So it's something of a surprise that the fans are back on the bandwagon this year, talking about how many games the Irish will win and mulling over opinions about the new Irish head coach.

Despite the 5-6 record last season, that little black rain cloud that followed the football team last year seems to be disappearing.

"There has been this cloud, I think I labeled it the Eeyore cloud, there is this sense that something is wrong, that something is not right, that we lost something," said Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham.

Willingham as his team began practice this year. "... That's the first thing we've got to create is a positive feel, a positive nature about this program."

That seems to have happened, at least for the fans. And they have a lot to expect this year.

There are expectations of the new head coach who is so different than head coach Bob Davie, the silent coach who is going to return Notre Dame to national prominence.

There are expectations about the new West Coast-style offense that promises to be more explosive and more exciting than the usual play up the middle. Expectations that have kept fans on the edge of their seat waiting to see who will line up behind center come fall.

There are expectations that Notre Dame will stun the nation in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 31 and that maybe, just maybe, the Hail Mary pass will really work this year.

The coaches have high expectations as well.

Willingham will accept nothing less than the pursuit of perfection. Wide receivers coach Trent Miles expects his players, who are adjusting to a totally new offensive scheme, to give up the excuse that they're learning and be successful today.

"I personally expect us to be good now," he said. "... I don't expect them to settle for [a bad practice], to just put it off as if it 'I'm only learning.' That's bullcrap. Let's go out there and expect to be good right now."

So that's where things stand.

Coaches, fans, players expect to go out there and be good right now. Saturday they'll see how realistic those expectations are.

As the Irish take the field on Saturday in front of somewhere around 20,000 fans, avid Irish watchers from all over the country will get their first taste of 2002 Irish football. They expect to see a preview of next season, from offensive plays to defensive schemes and special teams line-ups.

They expect to be able to spend the next four months talking about what the Blue-Gold game says about the fall season. Maybe if Carlyle Holiday or Matt LaVecchia takes more snaps, they can talk about who they expect to be the quarterback. Maybe they can talk about who they expect to be the go-to receiver for those third-and-15 plays.

But there's something we all must keep in mind.

Our expectations may not be met. The 2002 season could end and they could be unfulfilled or they could exceed. Expectations are high. Now it's just a matter of time to see if those expectations are placed on a team that can meet them.

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Players to watch

Quarterbacks
Which player will be taking the snap come fall is still up in the air. Cornerback Tony Fisher and Terrence Howard, the main running backs responsibility will probably fall on rising senior Julius Jones (top left). Fifth-year senior fullback Tom Lopieniak should see more playing time.

Running backs
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Offensive line
The Irish offensive line is probably the most experienced part of the team. Despite the graduation of Kurt Vollers, the Irish return five linemen with loads of experience — Jordan Black, Jeff Faine, Sean Milligan, Sean Mahan and Brennan Curtin. The line has two years of experience and looked great as if it was really beginning to gel at the end of last season. Black, Milligan and Mahan bounced between positions but seem to have settled into place in spring practice. Rising sophomore Mark LeVoir could step in if one of those five gets injured.

Wide receivers
With the new West Coast-style offense, the wide receivers should receive some new national attention. After graduation, David Givens and Javion Hunter, the wide receiver position wide open. Armaiz Battle, who did nothing extraordinary in his first year, will step up. Fisher, who spent most of spring practice on the sidelines nursing an injury. Rising senior Omar Jenkins leads the returning receivers in receptions with seven. Ronnie Rodman (top right), Lorenzo Crawford and rising sophomore Carlos Campbell have one each.

Defensive line
The loss of Tony Weaver and Grant Irons will be a blow to the Irish defensive line. Returning starters fifth-year senior Ryan Roberts and rising seniors Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard will have to lead the defensive line, which suffers from a lack of depth. Rising junior Kyle Budinock will probably step in as starters.

Linebackers
With the exit of Rocky Boiman and Tyree Harrison, Courtney Watson is the lone returning starter. The linebackers will have some adjusting to do, but the Irish have the numbers to fill the holes. Fifth-year senior Carlos Pierre-Antoine, rising junior Mike Goolsby and rising sophomores Corey Mays and Brandon Ilobe will be key to the starting line-up.

Secondary
The secondary is Notre Dame's strongest unit. With only Ron Israel graduating, the Irish have plenty of depth. Fifth-year seniors Donald Dykes and Shane Walton, rising seniors Glenn Earl, Gerome Sapp and Jason Beckstrom, rising juniors VonTasDuff, Abram Elam and Preston Jackson and rising sophomore Dwight Elikic can all make solid contributions. The leading safeties, who provide a combination of talent and experience, should begin to emerge on Saturday.

Special teams
Nicholas Setta will return for the Irish after being the leading scorer on more than one occasion last season, but will have to find a new holder with the graduation of Adam Tibble. Setta will be joined by graduate student Joey Hidbold, who was the Irish punter last season. Who will return kickoff and punt remains questionable but Jones and VonTasDuff, along with Walton and Everson Wilder receiver Matt Shelton, have seen action in practice.

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A few days after Notre Dame hired Kevin White, the new athletic director received a lunch at which he was introduced to Jerome Willingham, former chairman of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees. During that first meeting with one of the most powerful men at Notre Dame, Keough told White something he would never forget.

"Here's what you have to do to be successful," White remembered Keough saying. "You don't do what you've done; you've got to learn to be able to hear the music."

White learned how to listen to Notre Dame's complex symphony of history, tradition and lore that echoed from the racks of books, the walls, the ivy, and from the rooms inside Notre Dame Stadium. High academic standards didn't stop Notre Dame from winning national titles in the past, and White saw no reason why they shouldn't win them in the present. Athletic expectations weren't lowered in the past, and White didn't drop the standards when he took over.

When you're at Notre Dame, you act in a certain way, and with the way White conducted himself, he made sure everyone understood that very clearly. If one instrument was off, White didn't hesitate to replace it.

That's why, less than 12 hours after the 2001 season ended, White fired former head coach Bob Davie and went looking for someone who could do the job better than Notre Dame's expectations. Someone who could restore credibility and respectability to a program accustomed to national championships, not sub-.500 seasons.

White wanted someone who could hear the music.

So he called Tyrone Willingham.

Crossing paths
Willingham and White first crossed paths at Central Michigan University in 1978. At the time, Willingham was a graduate assistant for the Chippewas' football coach. White was coach of the team.

White said he always expected the best from his players. He established a reputation as one of the best athletic directors in the nation. Willingham emerged as one of the best coaches in the nation because he demanded so much out of himself and his players.

"Nothing is acceptable outside of the pursuit of perfection," Willingham said. "Very few will be perfect, master of fact, or a star. There is no player, no person, that I've been around that will be perfect. I know in most cases, I will probably fall short, but that doesn't diminish my desire, my enthusiasm for that goal."

The pair reunited in 1996 when both worked for rival Pac-10 schools. By the time the White joined Arizona State as athletic director, Willingham had a year of head coaching experience at Stanford, where several of White's former track athletes at Central Michigan worked as coaches.

"There were always these tentacles between us," Willingham said. "When White left Arizona State as athletic director, Willingham had a year of head coaching experience at Stanford, where several of White's former track athletes at Central Michigan worked as coaches."

Willingham first learned to listen to the music.

Segregation
Lewел Tyrone Willingham grew up as one of four siblings in segregated Jackson­ville, N.C., the son of a landlord who built his own rental houses and a schoolteacher who served as the first black woman on the local Board of Education. From them, Willingham learned that his father's work was not easy.

"I think there's some work ethic instilled in him from the time he was very young that when there's a job to do, you make sure the job gets done," said Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy, who worked with Willingham at Stanford.

And that becomes the most important thing at that time.

Striving for perfection
In his room at Michigan State, Willingham usually kept a list of songs that he'd listen to when he had to go to sleep. And he used to use his car stereo to listen to music in the car.

"He expected the best," Baggett said. "He wasn't the fastest guy in the world, but he used to beat us in wind sprints. We wanted to run them at 50 percent, but he wouldn't do it, he wouldn't go along with
he never slacked off.

It took the walk-on just one season to make good on his promise to his parents to earn a football scholarship. And the two-credit course also distinguished himself on the baseball team and stored a spot on the All-Big Ten team his senior year. But football was his first love, and he always took the walk-on just one season to

Every Saturday, Willingham would rouse up early, he agreed to play. The second meeting had been nearly three weeks since O'Leary resigned and Willingham was still walking on the side.

Willingham never complained about the lack of playing time he got in college. At one point, he was sixth on the quarterback depth chart. And he impressed his teammates and coaches with his hard work and his no-nonsense attitude.

"He would do anything to help us win," said Darryl Rogers, who coached Willingham during his final year at Stanford, and offered him a grad assistant position at the South Carolina State. "The players respect him, he wasn't kidding and he wasn't jacking around. He was solid and quiet." Willingham's hard work paid off when Baggett got injured. Willingham drove his friend to the hospital and then promptly took his spot on the depth chart, starting the final six games of the season at quarterback. He lost the starting job next season, but his teammates had seen enough — they voted him most inspirational player.

"I'm constantly in the pursuit of perfection, and I want to be the best he can be and want to be perfect today," Willingham said. "But he wants perfection, not just a football machine. He evaluates success based on the physical, mental and spiritual development of players. The poster boy for micro-managers, Willingham instructs his players on everything from how to read a blitz to how to hold a fork at the dinner table.

The result is a leadership for the head coach.

I think he demands a lot whole, but every time he demands, he can do," said former Stanford receiver Troy Walters, who now coaches Willingham, "He's a guy you want to go with to war. He's been in the same situatons, he's had to do the same things, and he's had to work hard in life. You believe what he says and the things he's saying because he's coming from the same situation."

"Just because he's not vocal with screaming and yelling doesn't mean he's not intense," Notre Dame receivers coach Trent Walters said. "He knows exactly what he wants, and he doesn't have to scream and yell to get it out of people all the time."

With respect came success. Willingham led the Cardinals to a 44-36-1 record over six years, a Rose Bowl berth and a top 10 ranking. He was selected Pac-10 Coach of the Year twice. Coaches worked long hours with the same staff with the man who had a reputation for getting involved in every facet of the team without stepping on assistants' toes. But Willingham will have none of the praise.

"I don't see myself as being any different from anybody else," he said. "In the greater scheme of things, I'm just another coach."

The second meeting

White didn't agree. It had been nearly three weeks since O'Leary resigned and Willingham came reluctant to select another coach until Stanford's season was over. He wanted to talk to Willingham again.

Willingham was going to stand in the music. He had been forced to

"Until the day I die," Willingham said. "I have very similar minds."

The second meeting had been mutual acquaintances for several years. But Green, who worked with Willingham's coaches, didn't drink, ran at the front of the track and he's very similar to Denny in the way he approaches the program, his attitude. He talked about the increased pressure with Notre Dame with his brother. He talked about the thrill of a new challenge with Dungy. And he talked with Leeland.

"He was sort of, to me, casual about his interest in the job," the Stanford athletic director said. "Until he took it."

Suddenly, the two-year-old joke between Leeland and White didn't seem all that funny anymore — at least to Leeland. White, on the other hand, was giddy. It took nearly a month, but finally he found the man who could hear the music.

Facing the music

Notre Dame welcomed the new Irish football coach just as quickly as he left Stanford. The mayor of South Bend sent him with a key to the city. Fans praised the hire. Players welcomed him with open arms. "He's got his hands in everything," Notre Dame center Jeff Faine said. "Offensive line, running backs, defensive backs, you feel like he's coaching everybody, I love it."

"The way he came across and the things he said, it was easy to speak to him," said Irish kicker Nicholas Setta. "There was no hesitation. You knew the guy was going to have great respect for you and you weren't going to be a great challenge for him."

"The pope died down, Willingham looked a Notre Dame community starved for football glory in the eye and promised he would win.

Pressure didn't matter to Willingham. He saw a challenge. He took the job to be Notre Dame. Instead, he believes he will win.

"His whole thing is that he's got to win there because that's the best college job in the country," Willingham said. "He's in weekly contact with his former college roommates. "It's a big challenge for him, but he's fired up about it."

Willingham is nearly settled into his new job as Notre Dame's american football coach. He still sleeps in a hotel room, but he already has his prized stereo system set up in his office. Sometimes, during the day, sounds of the Notre Dame marching band faintly resonate from Willingham's office.

"Other days, I might listen to gospel, rhythm and blues. But today," the head coach said with a grin, "today is my fight song day."

Willingham has heard the music. He knows what he's saying is solid and quiet. Willingham may have a big influence because of his personality, or his work ethic, to be perfect, to be the best I can be."

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Mattiison finds stability after riding coaching roller coaster

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No roller coaster had more peaks and valleys than the one Greg Mattison found in December.

First, Bob Davie’s firing left Mattison unmoored, where he’d been coaching in 2002.

Then, Greg O’Leary was hired, who in turn re-hired Mattison.

But just five days later Mattison was again thrown into limbo when O’Leary resigned.

Finally, about a month after Davie was fired, Tyrone Willingham offered Mattison a spot on his defensive staff — not as coordinator but as a defensive assistant.

That’s part of the profession,” said Mattison, the lone assistant coach on Willingham’s staff to be retained from Davie’s staff. “You take what’s given to you, you don’t have a choice, you don’t have to choose. When you decided to be a coach you take the big schools and the big arenas, things like that happen. It happens all the time.

Having a familiar face on the staff also made the transition easier for both the players and the new coaches.

During the winter months, Mattison helped the new staff become acquainted with Notre Dame. He provided a link for the recruiting efforts from the school to Irish Tide.

And the transition was easier for the players because Mattison knew their names.

But more importantly, Mattison wanted to stay at Notre Dame so he could keep coaching the players he’d spent time recruiting.

“I’ve put a lot of time into these kids, and I’ve recruited a lot of them,” he said. “I’m just thankful I get to work with a lot of them. You get real close to kids when you recruit them. You put a lot of work into them, you see them grow, and you want to be part of their successes.”

While he doesn’t want to compare what he’s about to do to his current job under Willingham, he said it has been easy to work with the new staff.

And without any specific coordinating responsibilities, Mattison can focus solely on coaching.

“Coordinating is something I’ve had the opportunity to do, and I like doing it, but I really like coaching,” said Mattison, who served as defensive coordinator at Michigan in 1995-96 before coming to Notre Dame.

“I really love coaching right now,” Mattison said. “I’ve been in the trenches for so long, you really start to think about how the players are doing every day, because that’s all I’m doing. I’m here and to be a part of what’s happening.”

Walters finally finds himself at Notre Dame

By KATIE MCVoy
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Life has a funny way of working out. That’s something to which Notre Dame secondary coach Trent Walters can attest.

Nine years ago Walters was fired as the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M before Dave Leitner came to Notre Dame. When he arrived in South Bend, Daviduri fired defensive coordinator Ed Waters to come with him and coach the secondary.

And that left Walters in a tough position.

“I always wanted to coach here and was hoping it would be at the A&M, Bob Davie (who had just started his first year as Notre Dame’s defensive coordinator) was calling me for a position here and I thought about it, thought about it,” Walters said.

“I’ve been in South Bend,” he said. “I’ve been in the state and, for the first time, at Notre Dame.”

“Never you know how things are going to work out,” Walters said. “Every experience, I’ve been in, every job I’ve had, I’ve learned something different.

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McDonnell brings lifelong offensive line mentality to Irish

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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It didn’t take much coercion to get offensive line coach Mike McDonnell to leave his position at Stanford and follow head coach Tyrone Willingham to Notre Dame.

Even though he had only coached with Willingham for that one year with the Cardinal, McDonnell already had reason enough to be on the move to South Bend.

The main reason is the type of person (Willingham) is, and the type of thing he brings as a head coach, Dan McDonnell said.

“It’s something that’s hard to find out there. He’s a guy that has the ability to focus a football program in the direction that he finds to go. He’s just a unique individual — period.”

So, it made the transition easy when he asked him to come along.

While with the Irish, McDonnell will focus on working with the tackles and tight ends, while fellow offensive line coach John McDonnell will mostly work with centers and guards.

Even though teams in recent history at Notre Dame have trouble putting together a dominant offensive line, McDonnell chooses not to dwell on that but to focus on the future and the resources at hand.

Denbrock makes the move to stay with quality coach

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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It was at Grand Valley State University that Mike Denbrock was able to turn his high school coaching dreams to reality.

It was there that he got his first coaching experience as a graduate assistant in 1994-95, but then switched to the other side of the ball from 1996-98 when he was defensive coordinator at Michigan in 1995-96 before coming to Notre Dame.

“Because I always thought that’s what I’ll do, I really like coaching,” said Denbrock, who was fired, Tyrone Willingham was also made the transition remarkably easy for both the players and the new coaches.

He’s back in the state, leaving in 2018 after coaching the Hoosier secondary for eight years. He began his coaching career with Indiana overlooking the freshmen and junior varsity team in 1988.

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McDonnell comes to Notre Dame after spending one year coaching under head coach Tyrone Willingham at Stanford.

“I feel very fortunate that Coach Wally asked me to join him here,” McDonnell said. “I think that this is an outstanding university, and I feel very honored to be coaching here and to be a part of what we’re hoping to get.”

In his years in the Cardinal ranked 23rd nationally in rushing, while averaging over 200 yards per game.

With the Irish, McDonnell will concentrate on centers and guards in the state, leaving in 2018 after coaching the Hoosier offensive line coach Mike Denbrock, who will handle tackles and tight ends.

McDonnell spent the majority of his coaching years at Washington State. From 1989-93, he served as the offensive line/tight end coach and then took over as offensive coordinator duties in addition to coaching the offensive line.

McDonnell’s experience also includes a one-year stint as the offensive coordinator at Weber State and alma mater Carroll College.

Denbrock was hired as head coach of St. Louis High School in Montana for two years.

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Diedrick returns from Canada to family

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most well-known song from the musical. With deep and powerful vocals, The Narrator (played by Zack Linnert) establishes one of the central themes of the play — to remember the good times, even through times of sorrow or depression. He sings, "Try to remember when life was so tender. That no one wept except the wil-low."

Next, the Narrator presents the primary characters. Luisa, played by Devon Candura, is a beautiful, young, self-absorbed and self-proclaimed "princess." She desperately wants to try new things and discover the outside world. Matt, played by Matthew Curtin, is a little more experienced through age and education, and believes he knows everything there is to know. Ironically, the two hopeless romantics live right next door to one another.

Yet, their love does not come easy. The lovers' fathers have constructed a wall between the two properties and have organized a fake feud between the families. Comically shadowing Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," the lovers secretly meet against their fathers' wishes. Hucklebee introduces the villain to appraise their futures of their children. They agree that the love does not come easy. The lovers' quirks live right next door to one another.

While love brings Luisa and Matt together, the strangeness of gardening allows the fathers to bond and talk of their own plans. Christopher Scott plays Luisa's father, Bellomy, and Tommy Curtin plays Matt's father, Hucklebee. Their quirility, physical comedy and hilarious interactions are some of the highlights of the musical. Bellomy is constantly watering his garden and proclaims, "Vegetables are dependable." While Hucklebee is wearing goofy suspenders and always trimming his bushy mustache, the two proud fathers meet to discuss the futures of their children. They agree that the plan has worked thus far, but Matt must rescue Luisa so he appears worthy of her hand.

Hucklebee tells Bellomy that he has propositioned a villain to appraise their situation and to abduct the innocent Luisa. El Gallo, also played by Zack Linnert, is a greedy and sneaky character whose world revolves around money and deceit. He bargains with the two fathers on what type of "rape" Luisa should receive in the dark number "Depends On What You Pay." In 1960, when the play was originally performed, there was much controversy over the subject matter and language in the song. Even in 2002, a viewer's initial reaction may be one of surprise or shock, but the carefree and confident performance of the song reassures the audience.

At this time, El Gallo introduces his partners in crime. Molly McShane plays the perpetrating poet, Henry, and Mary Beth Asmussen plays the ingenuo Indian sidekick, Mortimer. This criminal odd couple seems out of place at first, but their absurdity parallels the ridiculous deal made with El Gallo and the fathers. Eventually, the time comes for the pretend attack to occur. All of the three criminals fall and play dead as Matt emerges as the hero of the night. The fathers are elated and applaud Matt and Luisa to continue their relationship. The closing scene of the first act shows the two lovers embracing as their fathers observe affectionately. Still, the Narrator asks the question, "Will it last?"

In the beginning of the next act, the question is answered with the tune "This Plum Is Too Ripe."

The classic lesson of "things being too good to be true" is taught as the characters realize things have changed. Luisa and Matt each have different perceptions of one another in the sunlight. After the song "I Can See It," Matt believes he knows the secrets of the outside world and leaves home in a hurry. Meanwhile, Luisa falls into a miserable state, sadly daydreaming each day.

Just as things seem like they could only get worse, the two fathers run into each other and reconcile their differences by starting up a conversation on vegetables. "Plant a Radish" is an entertaining song and dance number, which has the fathers kicking their feet and tipping their hats. At the same time, El Gallo has taken Luisa to the city and is trying to seduce her as Henry and Mortimer are torturing Matt. Luisa and El Gallo next perform "Beyond That Road," a song that corresponds with "I Can See It." This time around, Luisa is trying to discover what the outside world holds. Zinnert's deep, serious and convincing voice belows with the beautiful and clear voice of Candura. Shortly after, Matt and Luisa meet again and rekindle their romance. They realize that the happiness they were looking for in other places was false, and that in reality, what they were really searching for was right next-door.

All in all, the production is a great success. The talent of the actors and their vocal skill is very impressive. At times, the show seems a little congested, with multiple things going on at once, but this is a result of the space limitations of the staging. Also, the ending is somewhat brisk, and the play seems to jump from confusion to instant happiness. However, the strong parts of the play, such as the amusing interactions between Luisa and Matt, and Bellomy and Hucklebee, make the production worthwhile.

Perhaps the element that makes the musical so enjoyable, however, is its comic and witty take on love. Everyone can relate to innocent love, goofy friends and the dorky parental figures found in the show. To Bracken, ""The Fantasticks"" is about letting go of youthful illusions and finding the joy in reality. It's about growing up and learning all the terrible and wonderful truths about the world particularly those truths about love. It's an interesting story because I think everyone in the audience will be able to relate, but which character they relate to and why will vary quite a bit.

The Farley Hall Players will perform "The Fantasticks" this Sunday, April 28 at 3 and 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is $5 and tickets will be available at the door. A special Farley Hall performance will be also take place on Saturday at 8 p.m.
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Blues advance, grab series from Blackhawks

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

For Brent Johnson, the end of his long shootout streak was no big deal.

He allowed three goals in the second period, but wore an easy-to-smile grin after the St. Louis Blues overcame a two-goal deficit to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs with a 5-3 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 5 on Thursday night.

Johnson, in his first season as the starter, blanked the Blackhawks in Games 2 and 3 and is one of only five goalies in NHL history with three shutouts in a playoff series. After 3 hours, 26 minutes and 45 seconds without allowing a goal, he gave up the three, the last two on consecutive shots, as the Blues won 5-3.

Sure enough, the Blues rallied to tie it at the end of the second period.

Jamal Mayers’ second goal of the playoffs at 6:23 of the third was the difference as the Blues totalled five goals in five games in the best-of-seven series.

Bruins 5, Canadiens 2

A high-scoring but relatively tame playoff series between the Boston Bruins and Montrealt Canadiens turned ugly Thursday night.

With 1:17 left in Boston’s 5-2 victory that evened the best-of series after four games, Bruins defenceman Kyle McLaren caught Richard Zednik, Montreuil’s leading scorer, with a vicious elbow that knocked out the forward. McLaren was given a five-minute match penalty.

Zednik was motionless as he was treated on the ice for about five minutes then was removed on a stretcher and taken to a local hospital with a suspected concussion and facial injuries.

Montreal coach Michel Therrien threatened retaliation when the hit on Zednik two minutes left to play and Therrien sent out his fighter, Gino Odjick. The two squared off and were sent off for fighting.

The Canadiens were also upset with Guerin, who brought down Andrei Markov with an open ice knee-check in the second period. Guerin got two minutes for clipping Markov finished the game, but is questionable for Saturday.

Both Therrien and Odjick compared McLaren’s hit on Zednik to the elbow thrown by Tie Domi on New Jersey enforcer, Ron Zednik.

Stock, Bill Guerin and Martin Lapointe, Brian Rolston added a key short-handed goal in the second and Sergei Samsonov got a goal in the third.

Zednik scored both Montreal goals on power plays and leads the teams with eight points in four games.

The last time the Red Wings played a tough series was a week ago.

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NHL spokesman Frank Brown declined comment, but said the league was aware of the incidents.

Therrien and Odjick had a shouting match at the benches and the game ended with more fighting in the final minute. A few fans among the jostling crowd at 21,273 threw beer and soda at the Bruins bench.

Zednik looked to have taunted Byron Darlow after scoring his second goal of the game, perhaps hoping to put the Bruins goal tender off his game.

In Game 3 on Tuesday night, Dallfo allowed three third-period goals in a 5-3 comeback win for Montreal.

There was no Boston collapse this time.

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**BOSTON**

Allen Iverson shook off the rust, but his Philadelphia 76ers couldn't shake off Paul Pierce. Pierce hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:36 left Thursday night to lead the Boston Celtics to a 93-85 victory over the 76ers and send the defending Eastern Conference champions to the brink of elimination.

"It's a whole different game in the fourth quarter because everything's on the line," said Pierce, who survived early foul trouble and 10 consecutive misses to score 11 of his 25 points in the final quarter. "That's when the pressure is on."

Boston took a 2-0 lead despite 29 points from Iverson, who missed the final 14 games of the regular season and struggled in the playoffs at the FleetCenter. The last time they made the playoffs was in 1995 - the final season of the Boston Garden and before Walker or Pierce entered the NBA.

The Sixers led 81-77 with 3:21 left to play when Tony Battie hit a basket and Pierce followed with a jumper - just his second basket of the half - to tie it. Pierce, who led the league in fourth-quarter points in the regular season, followed by a 3-pointer from the right side to give Boston an 84-81 lead it never relinquished.

**Lakers 103, Blazers 96**

Paul Pierce of the Boston Celtics responds to the crowd at the FleetCenter as Philadelphia's Allen Iverson looks on during the fourth quarter of the Celtics' 93-85 victory in Game 2 of the NBA playoff first-round matchup against the 76ers Thursday night. Pierce scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter.

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Celtics guard

Lakers, who are attempting to become the fifth team in NBA history to win three or more consecutive championships.

The Lakers are also trying to eliminate the Blazers from the playoffs for the fifth time in six years.

Before this game began, many fans in the capacity crowd of 18,997 began chanting "three-peat, three-peat" - just as they did in the final seconds of Game 1.

Two wins down, 13 to go.

Rick Fox scored 13 for the Lakers, who were 12-of-20 from the field and missed his last nine shots, but in the end, it didn't matter.

O'Neal, who was 12-of-20 from the field and 7-of-9 from the free throw line, seemed to seal the verdict by making consecutive baskets - the second a flying left-handed dunk with 8 1/2 minutes remaining that put the Lakers ahead 87-67.
Belles to play final 3 games

By NATALIE BAILEY
Sports Writer

Coming off two losses against Calvin Wednesday, the Belles enter their three final games of this season this weekend. The Belles will face Hope College today at 3 p.m. and Franklin Saturday at noon and Sunday at 1 p.m., all on their home field.

"Our coach had just told us about his resignation, and we were all kind of flat and not really there; we weren't into it," said Frigge. The Knights took the lead and set the tone for the games with a run in the first inning of the first game. The Belles showed some promise in the third when Erin Sullivan doubled to center field and made it around the bases, only to be thrown out at home. After a dry spell, with four hits, Calvin got two runs in the fourth inning and then wrapped up the game with two more runs in the sixth. In the second game, Calvin earned two runs in the second, two in the third, and a final two in the seventh.

Despite their two losses, the team plans on entering this weekend's games using the same starting lineup, perhaps with a little variation. Granell fielded the games against Calvin with Libby Wilhelmy or Kristin Martin as the pitcher, Marrie Walsh as the shortstop, Frigge in left field, Katrina Tebow in right field, Mandy Hayes at third base, Susan Kurt or Sandy Harmon as catcher, Lyn Lapshan at first base, Rebekah Soloms at second base and Sullivan in center field.

"Our biggest problem on Wednesday were the errors of not knowing where the play was at," said Harmon. "This weekend we have to get on the ball earlier and improve offensively. Just one inning makes the game." After a trying season due to the weather, new coaching staff and tough competitors, the Belles showed flashes of brilliance, holding a young Northwest team scoreless for the last 36 minutes of the game and spreading the ball around on the offensive end, however the Irish continue to be plagued by turnovers.

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"Approaching the tournament, we need to play our best and up to the level we know we can," Sharer said. "There are only two games left. We need to step up. Sharer, who led the team in points against Northwestern with three goals and one assist, converted a pass from Eleanor Weille to open up the scoring.

"We held them scoreless for the whole second half, that's a good thing," said Fedarcyk who is one of the cornerstones on defense. Kristen Gustafson and Lisa Lombardi scored their first goals of the year during the second half of play. Sharer and Simon also added in to the all-Irish scoring party in the second half.

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The women travel to face Big East opponent Rutgers this Sunday. Rutgers is 7-8 overall and 2-3 in the division.

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Roses are red, Violets are blue, You're going abroad, But we still got you! Happy 20th Birthday Kristen!
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Lustig opened the game by scoring the first five points for Project Mayhem on a 2-5 1 early lead for the third seed. However, Robster Craws were able to capitalize on Project Mayhem fouls to bring themselves as close as 17-14 late in the first half.

Unfortunately for Robster Craws, hot shooting by Lustig, Luke Mueller, Jason Hayes, Doug Wilson and Brian Bush led Project Mayhem to a late run to seal the game.

No. 4 Lazy Boys beat a scrappy Irish Men squad, 21-17 in one of 16 round of action.

Irish Men, playing without Irish assistant basketball coach Lewis Lichon, looked to spark a win.

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the Irish Men.

We've seen all
tournaments” Sullivan said.

“Without

Mourning Wood today.

Knott Hall's Jason Mayes of Project Mayhem looks to pass the ball in his round of 16 Thursday. Project Mayhem defeated Robster Craws 21-16.

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“We knew they'd come out playing hard,” said J.A.C.K.S.' Kevin Muempfer. “They actually outplayed us and played really well. Our size helped us and got them in foul trouble.”

“They're a great team and would be favored on paper,” said Team 524's Matt Parsin. “But there's a reason they play the games. We wish them good luck the rest of the way.”

“They have the most rabid fans,” added 524's Dan O'Boyle. “We were well prepared but knew they key to our success.”

The only lower-seeded team to advance was No. 9 We Get Wet who defeated No. 8 seed 5 Degree 21-16. Down 14-12, Wet went on a 7-2 run to take a 19-16 lead before holding off a late Lucky effort.

“We stepped up our defense in the second half,” said Wet caption Justin Funk. “We thought we could run them early, but instead they ran on us. We were more successful once we took our press off.”

No. 5mm ... Cheese took an early lead then held on in the second half to advance over Lucky's late push.

“We've been able to do that the last couple games,” said Cheese's DJ Lipke in the 21-18 win.

Games continue in the elite eight beginning at 3:45 today on Stepan courts.

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Who's Getting Lucky Tonight? advances to final 4

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

No. 4 Who's Getting Lucky Tonight? finally met its match athletically in No. 5 Tanned Mullets Thursday afternoon, but still pulled out a 21-15 win.

Lucky, with four current or former Welsh Hall interhall foot-

ball players, were challenged by the height and athleticism of five members of the Notre Dame women's soccer team.

“They were obviously great athletes,” said Vanessa Lichon of Lucky. “Easily the most athletic team we have played in the tournament so far.”

Both teams played strong pressure defense and looked to run when they had openings. Lucky was a little more successful, in large part thanks to the great play of Lichon. With her team leading 7-6, Lichon went on a tear and scored the next five points for Lucky to build a 12-10 lead.

Kiley Tuisilac, Kate Morrell and Liz Wagner traded buckets with Alex Callan and Anna Benjamin of Lucky to get Tanned Mullets back within one at 14-13. Lichon then drove through the lane and hit a one-handed runner to spark a 5-0 run for Lucky. Lichon and Callan each scored two, while Benjamin chipped in one.

Benjamin finished off Tanned Mullets with a jump shot from just inside the foul line an few possessions later. The Tanned Mullets, named for women's soccer coach Randy Waldman's grandson, forced Lucky to shoot mostly from the outside. Mullets' tight 2-3 zone stopped Lucky's usually strong interior passing.

“We're not really strong shooters so we have to rely on defense,” Wagner said.

The Mullets' strategy was in part aided by Lucky's downgrad-

ed roster. Post player Mary Murphy missed her second game in a row while attending her grandmother's funeral. Benjamin has filled in well for Murphy, but Lucky's lineage is much smaller without Murphy.

"It's tough playing against those packed in zones without our post player,” Lichon said. "We are trying to play high-low with five guards.”

Lucky advances to the final four to play No. 1-seeded Sideshow's Strokers. The Divas defeated unranked Almost Famous, 21-6.

Almost Famous was playing its second game of the day with it lost to the Divas after surviving a 22-20 game against the Sharks earlier Thursday afternoon. Because of the thunderstorms Wednesday, the Sharks and Almost Famous suspended play with the game tied 8-8. They continued the game Thursday.

The Sharks jumped out to a 17-11 lead and seemed to be in control of the game before Almost Famous made a run. Scoring eight of the next 10 points, it knotted the game at 19.

With the score tied 20-20 and headed for overtime, Almost Famous point guard Christa Gray drove the lane twice and hit running one-handers to win the game.

Despite trailing for most of the game, Gray said her team never lost confidence. "All of our games have been close so we know we are never out of it,” she said.

The second-seeded Hardcore Strokers advanced to the final four by running Team 7 into the ground for a 21-14 win.

The Strokers, led by point guard Staci Miller's defense and passing score most of its points on fast breaks and off turnovers.

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Irish look to salvage some pride against Crimson

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will be looking to shake off the disappointment of its last two games when they travel to Cambridge, Mass., to take on the Harvard Crimson Saturday at 1 p.m.

Two weeks ago, Notre Dame's offense sputtered in an 11-8 road loss against Army. That loss ended a three-game winning streak for the Irish in which they played their best lacrosse of the year.

Sunday's one-goal loss to Fairfield was even worse. After struggling most of the contest and finding themselves down six goals with six minutes left in the game, the Irish finally woke up.

Notre Dame staged a furious comeback, scoring five goals in three minutes to pull within one goal of the Stags.

Unfortunately, a six-goal deficit proved to be just too much as the Irish fell just one goal short of tying the Stags and sending the game to overtime.

"I don't know if that last game revealed anything new or profound to us," said Corrigan. "Real simply, what we are doing in practice is going back to the fundamentals. You have to play hard and passionately every time you play."

Corrigan does not plan to make any drastic changes in these final two games. He plans to continue using the same lineups and player combinations that he has played all season. He is not looking toward next year yet.

"I don't have any major lineup changes planned," said Corrigan. "If I had somebody who could have helped us, they would have already been playing. I'm not looking at next year. I'm just looking for us to win these last two games."

If there is any team that can relate to Notre Dame's frustrating season, it is Harvard. The Crimson started the season on fire, opening their season with four straight wins. Since their initial success, the Crimson's season has been nothing short of a disaster. Harvard has lost seven straight games to fall to 4-7 on the season.

Just like the Irish, the Crimson are hoping to rebound from two narrow defeats at Harvard on Saturday.

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shambles. The team had gone 15-29 the previous year, had only four scholarship players and had failed to finish a season with a winning record for five consecutive years.

In just his first year, Murphy turned the Irish into a 39-22 team. The next year, the Irish won a school-record 48 games and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 19 years. In each of his next five seasons, the Irish would win at least 40 games, and made the NCAA tournament from 1992-94.

“I had taken over a program [at Notre Dame] that hadn’t won a lot,” Murphy said with a chuckle. “It was kind of fun being part of the rise, even though I wasn’t the reason we got good. The reason we got good is because we had great kids.”

But the Irish did so under his leadership, from a baseball nobody in a town to be contented with on a yearly basis. In 1992, at the height of his success as coach, national-power Miami offered him a lucrative head coaching job, but Murphy turned it down.

“I still believed I had more work to do at Notre Dame,” Murphy said. “The [new] stadium wasn’t built yet. There were things to still get done.”

Indeed, in 1993 Notre Dame built a 3,000-seat stadium for its baseball team. In each of those next two years, the Irish went 46-16, and fell just short of making the NCAA World Series in 1994.

After his third straight NCAA tournament bid in 1994, it was Arizona State that came knocking on Murphy’s door, and this time, he was willing to listen. He accepted the position.

“In leaving for Arizona State, the time was right in my life,” Murphy said. “I needed to do some different things and make some adjustments. But just because you leave Notre Dame, it doesn’t mean that it doesn’t have a lasting effect on you the rest of your life. It was a very special time in my life.”

With the departure of one of its most successful coaches, Notre Dame had some giant shoes to fill.

Enter current head coach Paul Mainieri.

Mainieri picked up right where Murphy had left off, leading his Irish squad to a 40-27 record, the most wins ever for a first-year coach at Notre Dame.

“I’m glad that Coach Murphy left because it gave me an opportunity to come here,” Mainieri said with a smile. “It was a big thing for me to get the opportunity to come to Notre Dame. I’ve worked very hard to try to continue the excellence that he had established and to try to improve upon it. I feel very proud of what we’ve accomplished in the seven-plus years at Notre Dame.”

In those years, Mainieri has made a significant contribution to the Irish legacy. From 1995-2001, Mainieri and the Irish have stretched Murphy’s string of 40-win seasons to 13, highlighted by appearances in the NCAA tournament the past three years and the program’s first No. 1 ranking, which occurred during its greatest season.

“I knew [the team] was very capable hands — those of the guy I recommended for the job and thought of as a tremendous coach and a friend,” Murphy said of his successor. “With the success they’ve had, I see that they’re always in there. I couldn’t tell you the names or the exact stuff sometimes, but I can tell you they continue to be very, very good.”

Now Mainieri is becoming a coaching commodity across the nation to teams hoping to lure him away from South Bend. Word was that several teams made some lucrative offers but were turned down by the Irish skipper.

“I can tell you this: I don’t have any deep aspirations that there’s a better job out there for me,” Mainieri said. “I don’t sit around and say, ‘Boy, if only I could go to that school.’ I don’t have any feelings about any other school out there.”

Although Mainieri was careful not to pull a Rick Pitino by guaranteeing that he would never leave, it seems safe to say that he feels very comfortable in his present position.

“You never say ‘never’ to anything,” Mainieri said. “I were to say that absolutely, unequivocally there would never be anything else, and then something blew you away with the opportunity or if you just wanted a new challenge at some point in your life, you don’t want people to think you’re a liar. That’s why I never say ‘never’ to anything. But I can tell you that I don’t have any other aspirations of any other job out there. I think I’ve got the best job.”

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Junior pitcher P.J. Gagne hurls a pitch against Ball State earlier in the season. The Irish square off against No. 27 Arizona State in a doubleheader this weekend.

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California and a two-run victory at Oklahoma, the Sun Devils are 26-15 and 9-6 in their conference.

“We’re real young this year, real young,” Murphy said. “We are very inexperienced and very injured. It came at a bad time, but we’re still hanging in there.”

Arizona State is led at the plate by outfielders Andre Ethier and Jon Sheaffer, both hitting .367 on the year.

Even though the Sun Devils will prove a daunting opponent for the Irish, especially during a Big East break week, coach Paul Mainieri says his team relishes the opportunity to play such top competition.

“We are extremely excited about the opportunity to play Arizona State University because it’s a school that has represented excellence in college baseball through the years,” Mainieri said. “They represent greatness. That’s where Notre Dame wants to get in the sport of baseball. They are to college baseball what Notre Dame is to football. From that standpoint, I think our players are very excited about this challenge.”

Conditions around Eck Stadium Thursday were extremely helpful to hitters as a steady 20 mile-per-hour wind blew straight out to center field. With an Arizona State team that has been known for its power and the emergence of several long-ball hitters for the Irish, conditions could be difficult for pitchers during the two-game series.

“If this wind blows like it is today, it’s going to be a bizarre game,” Mainieri said Thursday afternoon. “There will be a lot of things happening, but I don’t know who it will be an advantage to. I know that we get the last at-bat, and that’s always important when the wind’s blowing out, because they’ll have to get us out in that last inning.”

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Senior Staff Writer

Both the Irish men's and women's 4x400-meter relay teams qualified to compete at this weekend's Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. But when they take the track, they face completely different odds.

The women's squad - comprised of sophomores Ayasha Boyd and Kristen Dodd, junior Kymia Love and senior Liz Grow - currently ranks near the top in the country.

While the team is confident it can come away from Drake with a gold medal, the focus is on running an NCAA championships automatic qualifying time of 3:33.

"We should run a 3:33 and hopefully automatically get into nationals," Grow said. "We know our team's capable of doing it, so we just now want to get this out of the way."

The same team competed at Drake last season, beating a highly ranked Baylor team in the prelims before finishing seventh in his heat, finishing in a time of 54.22, while Nurudeen finished eighth in his heat in 56.72. Nurudeen also competes in the prelims of the 110-meter hurdles today.

Irish head coach Joe Piane has been highly impressed with Nurudeen's progress this season, even comparing him to former Irish All-American Errol Williams.

"Selim's consistent," Piane said. "He's doing very well when you consider he's only a freshman. He's running probably as well or better than Errol Williams did at the same stage."

The Irish distance squad is fielding a 4x1-mile relay group, with senior Pat Conway, sophomore Kevin Somor, freshman Eamon Morrison and senior Luke Watson comprising the squad.

"It's a great field, and Drake is one of the most fun meets in the country," Watson said. "A victory would be great. Other than that, we just want to have a good time."

The Irish are also sending two field events athletes to Drake - junior javelin thrower Mike Madigan and senior discus thrower Derek Dyer.

Madigan, who sat out of competition last weekend to take the MCATs, is recovering from a sore elbow, so field events coach Scott Windsor thinks he took his tests at the right time.

"I think his elbow is better," Windsor said. "He got past the MCATs, he did okay. That weekend off actually turned out to be a blessing in disguise for him."

Dyer, who competed in California at the Mt. SAC and Pomona invitational last weekend, is looking for consistency to win in the discus.

"He had between a 170 and 175 foot discus warm-up (throw in California), and he gets to the competition and it's like he tightens up," Windsor said. "He just needs to learn how to relax and let his body do what it's trained to do, and it'll do it. He's getting way too tensed up."

The rest of the Irish athletes compete at the Boilermaker Open at Purdue on Saturday, with events beginning at 9 a.m.

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**WOMEN'S ROWING**

**Big East field up next for Irish rowers**

By MARK ZAVODNYIK  
Sports Writer

After a week off, the Notre Dame Women's rowing team returns to action this weekend at the Big East Rowing Challenge in Worcester, Mass.

Other than Miami and Villanova, the Irish have yet to face any Big East foes this year.

"This is a chance for our region to see others in the league," said head coach Martin Stone.

Over the past two weeks, the Irish have taken advantage of the opportunity to do some late-season training.

Head coach Martin Stone made sure that the Irish utilized the acryl weight room during some rigorous work.

"We used the last two weeks to gain speed. We went through some of our most difficult training cycles," said Stone.

The Irish will enter teams in five of the six events in the regatta.

Notre Dame will race the first varsity eight, the second varsity eight, two boats in twosome fours, the first novice eight and the second novice eight.

"We are very excited," said Stone. "We have the capability of winning," said sophomore Jayne Szefc.

Even though the Irish were ranked ninth nationally last week and are ranked 10th this week, they are not concerned about not getting more No. 1 seeds in this weekend's regatta.

"Seeding is an inexact science. Everybody gains speed over the course of the season," said Stone.

However, this acclaim on the national level has had some effect on the team's training.

"Coach expects us to train even harder now that we are in the top 10," said Szefc.

There is more at stake at the Big East Rowing Challenge than just bragging rights. This is the first in a number of races that determine which teams get to race in the NCAA Championships on June 1 and 2 in Indianapolis.

"If we win, it helps solidify our chance for the NCAA Championships," Stone said.

The location for this weekend's race is ideal for a big regatta. The teams will be racing at Lake Quinsigamond.

"It's a great traditional training course. They have had Olympic trials there in the past. It holds major races each year," said Stone.

With their earlier strong performances this year, coupled with intensive training, Stone and the Irish are feeling confident.

"I feel really positive. All of our boats have gained speed. In training, there is no indication that we have slowed down at all," said Stone.

As with any other regatta, the Irish expect to win this weekend.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish hope to avoid letdown**

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

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"Games like today are very tough to play, especially after a big win," said head coach Deanna Gumpf.

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Using Liz Hartmann's second game-winning home run in as many games and senior Jenny Kreich's first career home run at Ivy Field, the Irish defeated the Mastodons 5-1.

"Notre Dame didn't have their best stuff, but we did," Hartmann said.

With two wins in the last eight days coming on go-ahead hits by freshmen, the Irish are two-thirds of the way to being National Championship-caliber.

"IUPU-FW jumped on the board in the first with its only run of the game, off Notre Dame pitcher Carrie Wiesen. IUPU-FW third baseman Sonia Altenzo led off the game with a single. After Wiesen struck out pitcher Mindy Pomeroy, shortstop Angela Grabacz drove a triple to the gap in right center, scoring Antienzo and giving the Mastodons the early 1-0 lead.

"Off for our freshmen to come in and do what they've done is huge. And what that does, it just takes pressure off everybody else," said Gumpf.

Deanna Gumpf  
Irish coach

"Our freshmen to come in and do what they've done this year, is huge," Gumpf said. "And what that does, it just takes the pressure off everybody else. I think a big part of it is putting those freshmen into the fire like we did in the beginning of the year. So now, they have experienced everything. And it's really helped.

Kreich used her glove and bat to seal the game for Notre Dame. Her diving catch on Mandy Jaffe's fly ball prevented a run from scoring on the leadoff hitter on base in the fifth.

Then in the sixth, Kreich made IUPU-FW pay for their fourth error of the game. Second baseman Alexia Madrid reached the mound with a base hit and second error on the day for the Mastodons. Kreich hit the 2-0 pitch over the center-field fence. She would strike out pitcher Mindy Pomeroy over the left-field fence, giving the Irish a 3-1 lead.

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BASEBALL

Showdown at the Eck

Former Irish coach brings 17th-ranked Sun Devils

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

Today, the Notre Dame baseball team hosts Arizona State, led by former Irish coach Pat Murphy. The game marks the first time the former Irish coach returns to campus after taking the head baseball coach job with the Sun Devils in 1995.

"I don't want (the games) to be about me," Murphy said. "I want it to be about the players. I think the most special thing about Notre Dame is the people that go to school here. That's what I learned from being here seven years. The people that go to school here are really special, and I want our kids to experience what it's like."

The Irish have been playing some of their best ball of the season, winning 11 straight and 20 of their last 22.

The usually powerful Arizona State squad has experienced a lot of problems with its pitching, and baby fat was making itself known.

"Everyone keeps talking about the ankle," ainskilled Scott Little said. "We're tired of hearing about the ankle."

The Splitters opened a 12-3 lead before the Shockers finally started scoring. "They were a tough team," Little added. "They gave us a lot of credit but we just couldn't get any shots early on," the Shockers' Ben Wood said.

The second year in a row that the Splitters have eliminated the Shockers. Last year the Splitters beat the Shockers in the round of 32.

"We were hoping for some revenge but it just didn't happen. They are a senior team so that's all right. We are all just sophomores. We'll be back next year," Gilfillan said.

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The game was tied at 10 before Wood rolled to a 15-12 lead. Pieces tied the game again at 17, but again Wood rolled off consecutive hoops to regain the lead at 19-17. That lead was short-lived as Pieces quickly closed to tie the game again at 19.

With the game tied again at 20, both teams missed three opportunities to take the lead, including two missed free throws by Pieces. The tie was broken when Panzer hit a basket to give Wood a 21-20 lead. Pieces came back to tie it at 21 on their next possession before another Panzer basket gave Wood the lead for good. Lickus scored the final point in Wood's win.

"The game was fought hard to the end," said Pieces' Phillip Madonia. "We had a great game. They just ended up with more points than us."

"We were a little bigger," added Ganssen, "and our size helped us out in the end."

No. 1 seed black J.A.C.K.S. was challenged by Team 524 before advancing 21-17. Team 524 jumped to a 5-3 lead and tied the game at 11 before J.A.C.K.S. scored three straight to take the lead for good.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXI

No. 6 Splitters knock out SP Shockers again

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Van Giles inside game opened up the Splitters outside shooters as the No. 6 seed beat No. 11 SP Shockers II, 21-14.

Giles consistently scored on the inside, picking up six points and demanding double teams almost every possession.

"Usually if I can start hitting some baskets, they have to start putting two people on me; then I can kick it out for open shots," Giles said.

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