Sharon remembered in campus Mass

by TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Hundreds of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and South Bend community members attended a Mass held Tuesday at Sacred Heart Basilica in memory of Chad Sharon. Many Mass-goers came in advance of the service to offer condolences to Steve and Jane Sharon, Chad's parents.

The petition received over 600 signatures, some of which were made by students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's in collaboration with the Notre Dame Student Government. The petition calls for the students of Notre Dame to object to the war in Iraq.

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The petition has been signed by hundreds of students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The petition is being circulated on campus and is also available online at the Notre Dame Student Government website. The petition is available for downloading and signature from the website.

The petition states that the students of Notre Dame are opposed to the war in Iraq and are calling for an end to the conflict. The petition states that the war in Iraq is not just, as defined by international law, and that the United States should be working to end the conflict through peaceful means.

The petition also calls for the Notre Dame community to support students who are opposed to the war in Iraq. The petition states that students who are opposed to the war should be supported and that the Notre Dame community should work to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

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Hey, don't you all want to go ... where nobody knows your name but they're always glad you came? No, I don't mean the Bcker, Patins, Heartland, Corby's or even the sinking Boat. Oh, and I apologize for the shameless rip-off of one of the great- est TV shows ever. Anyway, there's a place well, thousand of places all across America that strikes a chord in the hearts of those who know it. After all, where else can you get awesome brownies in the wee hours of the morning except at Waflle House?

Waffle Houses across the country have a share of antics that would do any local bar or campus dorm proud. Well, maybe not exactly, but I think there's some similarities there. For instance, one proud Doner once walked confidently into a Waflle House "store," placed his order, and then asked for a pitcher of syrup. The waitress gave him an odd look, but produced the goods. Evidently taste-challenged, our young man promptly picked up the pitcher, cocked it back, and downed it in one swig, provoking both an apologist and a hearty tip, presumably to avoid being run off the premises.

While this may be one person's "Once upon a Waflle House" story, another took it far too literally. Following the consumption of a glass of hot water, our completely sober subject presumably to avoid being run off the premises.

And the group of people will begin to end up inside a Waflle House, myself. I've ended up in three or four of them in one night, driving all over southern Ohio in one car, right? He looks at the bartender and says, "One piece of bread." Proceed to laugh like crazy, at which point, the waitress and the group of people will begin to laugh too, acting like they got your jokes that wasn't really a joke. If you play this one right, it will get you far - maybe even a free Waflle House.

I prefer to start out on the street and end up at a Waflle House, myself. I've ended up in three or four of them in one night, driving all over southern Ohio for the hash browns. It's all about the hash browns, if you're a diehard Waflle House. Beware of ending up getting lost and ending up in the parking lot of a Lions Den, though. It's been known to happen to a few unfortunate souls who only wanted to find Magic Mountain and then get a double order of hash browns. You will realize that you're in the wrong place before you order your second, covered, chunked, topped, diced and peppered.

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- Today Lunch: Buffalo chicken lasagna, Hawaiian pizza, roast top round, champ-agne rice pilaf, turkey gravy, crispy, baked cajun jalapeno polloce, cheese and vegetable pie, broccoli cut, sliced car- rrots, winter-blend vegetables, oatmeal, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, hash browns, crispy fries, snow peas and noodles with soy dressing, black beans with tomato and cilantro

**South Dining Hall**
- Today Lunch: Pasta shells primav- era, focaccia, french bread pizza, turkey turnovers, London broll with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pol­ loce, shrimp creole, grilled chicken sandwich, crispy fries, soft pretzel, chicken teriyaki, portobello fajita, chicken cacciatore

**WHAT'S GOING DOWN**

**Harrassment complaint filed**
- NDSP is investigating a harassment complaint that was reported Friday at WNDU.

**Employee loses decals**
- A University employee reported losing two parking decals at an off-campus location Friday.

**Student loses decals**
- A student reported losing her wallet outside DeBartolo Hall Thursday at approximately 2 p.m.

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- The prosecution's office charged the suspect who trespassed in Nieuwland Science Hall on Feb. 13 with a Class A Misdemeanor Criminal Trespass Thursday.

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Activist Victor Lewis shares stories of inequality

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Speaking to a standing-room only crowd at Saint Mary’s in Stapleton Lounge, activist and educator Victor Lewis shared his thoughts on a variety of topics with a standing-room only crowd at Saint Mary's Tuesday. Activist Victor Lewis shared his thoughts on a variety of topics with a standing-room only crowd at Saint Mary's Tuesday.

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Having established that all humans are on the same boat and intrinsically connected, Lewis added the problem of a hole in the bottom of that boat.

"If there is a hole anywhere, especially in the bottom of the boat, there is a problem for everyone," Lewis said. "It is just the people closest to the hole have a more urgent problem." "Holes," or problems, in society that he discussed included white privilege and male supremacy. Lewis shared his own personal encounters with both instances. Lewis, who grew up in Cleveland, said he did not have any direct encounters with prejudice until he was 11, when he said he changed schools and was one of a few African-American children in his class. According to Lewis, his new teachers assumed he was dumb, which pushed him to achieve more.

"I became intellectually deficient," Lewis said. "Whereby it became a process of me being praised for being so articulate." "I became intellectually deficient," Lewis said. "Whereby it became a process of me being praised for being so articulate." Once in college, Lewis, who considered himself an intelligent person, discovered feminism and the existence of a male privilege.

"My ignorance of the condition of women's lives made me ignorant of my own life," Lewis said. To change this, Lewis began to read and learn about the struggles of women's lives. According to Lewis, women do 70 percent of the world's work but only earn 10 percent of the world's wages. Lewis also added that the No. 1 reason in America that women visit the emergency room is because they are victims of domestic violence.

"There has been a breach on the U.S.S. Gender," Lewis said. "The more comfortable your seat on the boat than the more likely you are to think the boat is fine." On Lewis' boat, the people on the bottom deck have the most intimate knowledge of the hole, but that does not mean that the people on the top deck are not in danger.

"Diversity is important to you, whether you know it or not. Because everything and everybody you love is threatened," Lewis said.

Lewis points to a hierarchical system of education that perpetuates prejudices and slows change. According to Lewis, knowledge flows from the top to the bottom, but not vice versa. This hierarchy flows from those who have a Ph.D. to those who have a master's degree, to those who have a bachelor's degree, etc. Those with the most education are the most likely to make decisions, not listening to those with the least amount of education.

"We live in a culture that assumes that knowledge comes from the top down," Lewis said. "Instead, Lewis pointed again to the boat analogy, where the people at the top of the boat and the captain have the most authority but the people at the bottom and next to the hole have most intimate knowledge of the hole.

According to Lewis, there are four antidotes to the barriers of diversity: service, sacrifice, struggle and solidarity.

Lewis sees the solidarity of humanity as being threatened if a war with Iraq was to occur. He pointed to the solidarity of humans that occurred when widespread demonstrations were recently organized.

"I'm very heartened by the focus group that came out and marched before Washington," Lewis said. "It is unprecedented, spontaneous, internationally, uniformly, unified people.

Lewis was involved and led the race relations documentary "The Color of Fear* and is also the co-author with Hugh Vasquez of "Beyond the Color of Fear: Dismantling Racism.* He is currently the Director of the Center for Diversity Leadership. The Saint Mary’s Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored Lewis’ talk. He also presented a lecture sponsored by the Notre Dame Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services earlier in the day at the University.

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Thursday, Feb. 27th

Experiences with Special Needs Panel Discussion

Listen to a panel of expert students and parents discuss their experiences working with children and adults with special needs.

7 p.m. Center for Social Concerns
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frightening words." At the end of the Mass, Notre Dame sophomore Danita Altfillisch, who attended high school with Sharon in Merrill, Wis., read a letter that Sharon's parents had written to their only child. The Sharons addressed the letter "to the best son a parent could ever hope for" and said that they hoped they would make their son proud.

Cedric Alvarez, Sharon's resident assistant in Fisher Hall, also spoke at the end of the Mass about his memories of Sharon.

"[His] smile earned him the nickname on the third floor of Fisher Hall as Smiling Chad," said Alvarez.

Malloy also noted that Sharon would receive his diploma posthumously at graduation ceremonies for the class of 2006, continuing in the tradition of awarding degrees to Notre Dame students who died. Sharon was attending the University on a full-ride scholarship and, at the time of his disappearance, was receiving all A's in his classes.

Funeral services for the Fisher freshman were held Feb. 22 at Bible Presbyterian Church near Sharon's hometown.

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Rakow said it would be difficult to tell how an alcohol level like the one reported in Sharon's body might impair a person. "It just depends on the person," said Rakow. "I don't think you can make any generalizations."

Sharon's body was discovered Feb. 12 under the Angela Bridge in the St. Joseph River. Sharon had been missing since Dec. 12 and was last seen by friends at an off-campus party on Corby Street at 2 a.m. on Dec. 12.

A Madison Center Hospital employee later reported speaking with Sharon around 4 a.m. The Madison Center is located farther away from campus than the party Sharon had attended. Throughout the investigation, police felt that foul play was not involved in Sharon's disappearance or death.

Magdalinski said the involvement of the coroner's office in the case is over unless there are major developments, but the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Police will continue their investigation into the circumstances of Sharon's death.

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Rex Rakow
director of NDSP, on how much alcohol might have affected Chad Sharon

Magdalinski said without specifying what the information was.

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**NEW YORK**

Iraq is providing new information about its weapons and has reported the discovery of two bombs, including one possibly filled with a biological agent — moves that the chief U.N. weapons inspector said Tuesday signal real cooperation.

But British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar face strong opposition at home to a new resolution.

The vote, expected in mid-March, could well be influenced by whether Iraq complies with an order last week from U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix to begin destroying its Scud missiles by Saturday because they exceed the 93-mile limit in U.N. resolutions.

Saddam apparently hinted in an interview with CBS' Dan Rather that he might not destroy the missiles. But Iraq's Prime Minister Tariq Aziz insisted Tuesday that no decision had been reached.

Iraq maintains the missiles don't exceed the limit and has asked for technical talks. But Blix said the issue was not open for debate.

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**KUWAIT**

**4 U.S. troops die in chopper crash over Kuwaiti desert**

A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter on night training crashed Tuesday in the Kuwaiti desert, killing all four crew members. All the bodies have been recovered except for one that belonged to the Army's V Corps, part of the force that has kept the western Gulf emirate free of a possible invasion of Iraq.

The Pentagon identified those killed Tuesday as: Spec. Imed Thabet, 26, of Texas; Chief Warrant Officer Timothy W. Mehlberg, 35, of Florida; Chief Warrant Officer John D. Williams, 32, of Idaho; and Spec. William J. Tracy, 27, of New Hampshire.

The other returned safely.

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

N. Korea warns of possible U.S. attack: North Korea urged its military and people to be ready for a U.S. attack, a South Korean news agency reported Wednesday, quoting a statement from the communist government. The North's Foreign Ministry issued a statement late Tuesday accusing the United States of planning massive war games in the Korean Peninsula in preparation to attack North Korea, Yonhap news agency said. "The United States can launch a pre-emptive attack on us any time," the North's statement said, according to Yonhap.

Aftershocks claim more lives in China: Hundreds of aftershocks rocked western China on Tuesday, claiming more lives a day after a major earthquake plunged thousands of homes and schools. The death toll rose to at least 206 people, with another 2,000 injured, state media reported. The latest deaths included rescue workers who were struck by debris as they pulled victims from the rubble during aftershocks.

Great White subpoenaed in club case: Members of the rock group Great White have been subpoenaed by prosecutors and said Tuesday they will appear before a grand jury investigating whether criminal charges should be filed in the nightclub inferno that killed 97 people. The grand jury is expected to convene today, law enforcement officials said. But it was unclear how soon it would begin. The group's lawyer, Byron Horne said the musicians are cooperating with authorities and expect to testify early next week.

**National News Briefs**

Jews, as Spc. Hodrigo Gonzalez-Garza, 26, of Texas, chopper went down.

The bodies are expected to be brought back to Germany. Roche said.

**Hans Blix, chief UN weapons inspector, presides over a meeting at U.N. headquarters in New York Monday. Blix said that Iraq has informed arms inspectors of 100 documents concerning weapons of mass destruction.**

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Malvo implicates partner in shootings

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo implicated his alleged accomplice as an equal partner in their shooting spree, with John Allen Muhammad acting as a spotter and calling out shots, prosecutors said.

In a legal brief made public Tuesday, Fairfax County prosecutor Raymond Morrogh also said Malvo made multiple confessions to the Oct. 14 shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, the case that is expected to be his first to go to trial.

The brief was the first official confirmation of reports from anonymous sources that Malvo had confessed to taking part in the multistate shooting spree last year that left 13 people dead and six wounded. It also was prosecutors' first substantial description of the relationship between Muhammad, 42, and Malvo, 18.

The pair "acted as a unit," Morrogh said. "One would be the spotter, while the other would do the shooting."

Malvo also "claimed both were equals and either could call a particular shot on or off," Morrogh wrote.

Nothing in the brief indicates that prosecutors have any evidence that Muhammad fired any shots. But if the pair acted as a team, Muhammad could get the death penalty under Virginia's new anti-terrorism law, passed in the wake of Sept. 11.

Malvo's confessions are unusually detailed and are corroborated by other evidence, Morrogh wrote. He added that Malvo has expressed no remorse.

Morrogh wrote that the confession made by Malvo "was uncoerced and completely voluntary. In fact, the defendant was calm and rather boastful of his doings in this case."

The two men have been accused of shooting 19 people, killing 13 and wounding six in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. No one was hit in another incident, in which a bullet went through a craft store window.

Malvo is set for trial in November in the slaying of Franklin. Muhammad is scheduled for an October trial in another slaying in neighboring Prince William County. Both face the death penalty.

Morrogh's brief was a response to a request from Malvo's lawyer, Michael Arif. "The Commonwealth does not have evidence that casts doubt upon the defendant's guilt," Morrogh wrote.

Efforts to reach Arif Tuesday evening were not immediately successful. Peter Greenough, who represents Muhammad, was out of town Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

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Kmart may sue former CEO

**Corporation claims possession of evidence**

Associated Press

**Detroit**

Tuesday it has found evidence supporting possible irregularities by former chief executive Charles Conaway in connection with the retailer’s deteriorating finances from the board in the months before the company filed for bankruptcy.

The conclusion was part of a handful of pages of documents related to its internal probe and reorganization plan, which were released at federal bankruptcy court in Chicago where Kmart representatives appeared for a hearing Tuesday.

"Conaway failed ... to adequately supervise and direct other company executives who reported directly or indirectly to him," the company said in a summary of its investigation into the events leading up to its bankruptcy filing in January 2002.

Conaway denied the claims, a statement issued by his lawyer said Conaway "poured his heart and soul into trying to turn around the giant retailer."

"At times he acted honorably and in the best interests of Kmart's employees and shareholders," the statement said. The retailer deposited Conaway last month. Then Kmart's law firm and Conaway’s counsel made presentations Feb. 11 to Kmart’s board, which concluded that there is "credible and persuasive evidence" to support legal action, according to the summary.

Kmart, which posted a loss of 16 cents per share in the final quarter of fiscal 2001, announced it will no longer give quarterly forecasts.

The nation’s largest home improvement store chain also reported it will no longer give quarterly forecasts, after it had the consensus of industry analysts at 27 cents per share for the most recent quarter.

Alstom calls of EDS outsourcing talks

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Former Kmart CEO Chuck Conaway appears at a promotional event April 2001. Conaway may face legal action by Kmart for covering up the corporation's finances.

Conaway was the best for Kmart and its employees, but he will not be the scapegoat for problems not his doing," the statement said.

Conaway, who blames the economic downturn and fierce competition in the retail industry for Kmart’s difficulties, joined the company in May 2000. He left last March amid sweeping management changes.

Troy-based Kmart is under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the FBI, and the company is looking into the way it was managed under Conaway.

Crossover cars gain popularity

The so-called "crossover" vehicle, which has characteristics of a car, minivan, SUV, seems to be the happy medium for drivers who like the stylishness and on-road command of an SUV but who recognize they don't need the off-road ruggedness.

The crossover, for instance, traded in her Ford Explorer last month for the tamer Honda Element.

"The minivan just isn't my style ... I'm not even 32," the Baton Rouge, La., resident said.

Crossovers were the fastest growing category of U.S. autos last year and the pace is certain to continue this year as several automakers — including Cadillac, Chrysler, Mitsubishi, Infiniti, Porsche and Volkswagen — introduce models.

Crossovers accounted for 7.4 percent of the U.S. light vehicle market last year, up from 1.8 percent in 1999, according to Ward’s Automotive Reports. Some analysts predict they'll surpass vans and luxury cars to become the industry's fourth-largest segment this year.

They're ideal for mid-size cars, pickups and SUVs.

"The Element, which went on sale in December, is shaped like an SUV, but the hard plastic floor inside is like the bed of a pickup truck. Starting at $16,100, the Element has removable seats and is designed to make loading and unloading through the side doors easy — a strong selling point for Syperok, the mother of a 1-year-old."

"It has a smooth ride and what seems to be a solid base, so I feel safe with my daughter," she said. "But we also like to ride bikes and go surfing, and we have a 115-pound dog that fits in just fine."
Am message from the source of evil

Where does all this evil come from? Bomb threats, terrorist attacks, biological weapons and warfare against other peoples have become commonplace in today’s world. The question is, does this evil that produces these things is unknown. You can hardly imagine that a day without facing hardship and devastation in the news. So, I’ll ask the question again. How is this evil fabricated? Where does it come from? I’ll tell you.

The evil comes from many, especially when I affect large groups or nations. Everyone knows who I am, but I don’t know. My existence is sickening and paralyzing you when something unexpected happens. I am the reason your heart races at night when there’s tapping on the window or your car travels through a bad neighborhood. But you cannot stop me because I have no limitations. I can consume millions of lives without much effort and can cause a confident man to become a mere shell of himself. But my existence, though seeming and incomprehensible to most, serves a purpose. Those who choose to ignore me or to have used them to their advantage. I am and have been the driving force of many of the world’s most important movements. Hitler used me as his personal puppet to form a movement that killed countless lives. He used me to manipulate his people into believing that race matters because God had predestined one to be superior to others. Joseph Stalin used me through Marxist ideals to intimidate and frighten his countrymen into believing in a political system that was doomed to fail from the start and then proceeded to campaign and push for its spread across the world. These two men were fools, but they knew how to use me to get what they wanted.

I am also the backbone of any smaller country’s quest to become recognized as a world power. I am present in their lives only because they long to be forgotten in the world. Right now, I am Saddam Hussein’s minion because he exploits my talents, allowing me to grow even larger and more powerful. And because of me, Hussein grabs your attention like a bear trap even though he is a leader of a relatively small country halfway around the world. I cause you to meddle in his and others’ business so that you can sleep soundly at night and not worry about danger from beyond the horizon.

I only tell you this now because I’m beginning to tear the world apart again. Like I did during World War I, World War II and the Cold War. I brought the world to the brink of nuclear holocaust during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and I could possibly do it again in the next few years. It’s so easy for me to do that I will warn you. You, ahead of time, that I’m coming. But I’ll also let you in on a little secret. I don’t think that you can stop me.

I do have one weakness, though, and it’s love. You may say that it is love that informs others of your weaknesses, but I’ll tell you anyway. Love cuts through me like a sword through the prairie and kryptonite through Superman. Love binds people together so tightly that even I can’t pry them apart. But even certain types of love can be manipulated. That’s where I come in.

I look for severe nationalism to grow. I look for hatred to grow. I look for a sense of national superiority to grow. But even certain types of love can be manipulated.
Back from politics

Joe Muto is a junior FTN and English double major who reminds the student body to yell "Happy 21st, Joe!" if they happen to see a movie star coming out of the Illuminated Bar. Joe has a particularly soft spot for the efforts of campus publications who are seemingly endorsing candidates by picking names out of hats. We got almost 20 percent of the total votes to our candidate, the runoff candidate by a mere 50 votes. We hardly won the vote in several dorms. In addition to winning the Illumnated Bar, the office of the campus paper and the alreadu voted. Considering that one candidate got a mere 18 votes, I consider this our 786 votes an accomplishment.

I think one problem is strategy. Jared... naw. The teaser posters generated a lot of buzz, and then the payoff was somewhat confusing. Three-fourths of students didn't get to go on their trip to Washington. That's not the reason. I never get to go on their trip to Washington because they weren't bright enough to apply for funding. The handful of girls that went to the pro-choice meeting applied for the funding and rationalized it enough to sound like they were really trying. Instead of inducing ror alerts, the only thing this new impromptu campus newspaper had made was one piece after an internationally viewed murdered. I tend to look at it as good Karma. It co-ops this mess up as a positive thing. Indeed, instead of inducing terror alerts, the only thing this new "Old" is inducing is trips to Washington. If I ever buy a similar piece, I'm naming it Sa­bog Hussein.

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10/24 = Well, so much for political aspirations. The dream is over. The other candidates had the nerd vote locked up — I wasn't getting any of those votes. I needed the coveted stoner-slash-vote. Those votes, of course, proved elusive. The stoner/slash-vote demographic isn't really that big, and they'll vote in the merry month of November. This column was on "Cartesian" for the duration of the election. I thought I'd do a brief recap just to get caught up on the previous things I've happened to have made me say. "Himm, I should write an article about that." So, a warning is in order in this case. I'm playing it a lot more unfocused and rambling than usual. That's saying a lot.

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23/4 = A con­trary for the Greens to ponder. Presently, the type of missile was launched, preemptively and, against the United States, then the U.S. could do absolutely nothing about it. An effective missile defense system, using hard, air, space-based sensors and bat­tery management control systems, would use an interceptor rocket to destroy an offensive missile head­ ing towards the United States.

Critics of this idea constantly try to remind us that a missile defense system cannot and will not work because the technology required to implement such a plan is too expensive and far-dated. The critics are wrong. Five out of the last eight tests conducted by the United States Military were suc­ cessful. In addition, the Navy has conducted several successful tests on short-range ballistic missiles, excluding the Standard Missile-3.

Critics also complain that a mis­sile defense system would pres­ent the United States' foreign policy is becoming too aggres­sive. Wrong again. The interceptors are of a defensive nature only. Each nation has an inherent right to self-defense, and the United States should exercise its right to develop a missile defense system. We have the technology to make this plan happen. We have the technology to defend the American people from potential terror­ist attacks. We have the opportuni­ty to save millions of lives.

Mike Koprowski
Institute for Policy Studies
Feb. 25

Letters to the Editor

America needs missile defense

Once again, the Iraq debate has raised some very important questions about the Bush administration's case for war. One in particular is worth some extended discussion, mostly because such discussion will show what else must motivate the Bush adminis­tration, not to mention Congress which in various ways has endorsed the President's design, oil is not the reason for war.

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Probably one of the most conspicuous groups of dancers on campus is the Notre Dame Pom Squad. Founded in 1988, this club has been entertaining spectators at sporting and other campus events for nearly 15 years now with their sleek dance moves choreographed to popular music. Every year, the Pom Squad performs at football pep rallies, basketball games and at other signature events around campus, such as the Keough Chariot Race.

The time and effort required of the members of the Pom Squad is as intense as any varsity sport on campus. During the fall semester, the 14 members of the group meet early as often as any sports team on campus, with practices five times a week for two hours each. At practices, the women run through their routines, which they choreograph themselves.

"All the members are involved with the choreography," said senior co-captain Michelle DeLay. "Every member takes a turn choreographing a specific dance that we perform.

Competition is fierce to be a member of the Pom Squad, with over 50 women trying out every year for only 14 spots on the team. The try-outs include a learning clinic where the captains teach a routine, usually to a well-known piece of music like the Victory March. The girls trying out get one day to work on the routine before first cuts take place. During second cuts, the squad also holds a practice clinic and then tryouts until the team is pared down to its 14 members.

Nearly everyone who survives the try-outs become a member of the squad has had some sort of dancing experience in the past. Tryouts are still open to anyone including men, although DeLay said "male interest in the Pom Squad, beyond being a spectator, has never been very high.

Another dancing group on campus that is gaining more and more popularity is the First Class Steppers. Unlike most dancing groups, the Steppers rarely use music in their routines. Members use their hands, feet and whatever else is around to create fast-paced beats and rhythms. "It's kind of like a cappella dancing," said Linda Hu, a junior who has been a member of the Steppers for two years. "There's no music or a beat in the background. We create the beat with our bodies."

The club is fairly new, only having become official in 1999, but their reputation is growing fast. The Steppers have performed at a number of popular multicultural campus events, including Black Images, Asian Allure, Latin Expressions, Freshmen Orientation and most recently last Saturday at Fiestastang.

The Notre Dame Pom Squad performs at pep rallies, basketball games and signature Keough Chariot Race. Over 50 girls audition for 14 spots on the squad each year.

Similarly to the Pom Squad, the time and effort the Steppers put into their club is quite impressive. The group meets two times a week for two-hour practice sessions. Before a show, the practices are more intense, with the group meeting four times a week to perfect the performance.

Another similarity the Steppers have with the Pom Squad is that they choreograph their own routines. Some of the dance moves and rhythms are influenced by other groups, but many are created by the First Class Steppers themselves.

Currently, the group has just over 10 members, including five women and six or seven men. People try out each semester and cuts are made based on the performance of a routine learned in a prior workshop session. Most members don't have experience with dancing in the stepper style before trying out, so there is an opportunity for anyone to make the group.

"It's a lot of fun," said Stepper vice-president Kameron Chappell. "The attention from the crowd is great, it's really neat to watch the audience react to a performance."

Hu agreed, saying, "It brings a lot of diversity to the campus. Without Step, there would be something missing at Notre Dame.

Most people are familiar with Irish step dance in the form of Riverdance and Michael Flatley. The home of the Fighting Irish also has its own devoted group of Irish step dancers who perform throughout the year around campus and the community.

Notre Dame's Irish Dance Team, a student-run University club, has been part of Notre Dame's dance scene for about seven years. While many people might think picking up Irish dance at a college level would be too difficult, the group of 30 dancers is equally split between experienced Irish steppers and students who joined the club as novices.

"The beginners pick it up fast, it's incredible," said club co-president Kristy Hernandez, who had never danced Irish step before starting at Notre Dame. "The advanced dancers are very helpful."

The Irish Dance Team also lost one of its own with the death of Chad Sharon, who danced with the team during his time at Notre Dame.

"There's been an amazing group camaraderie," said Hernandez. "The team has really banded together during a hard time."

The members of the Irish Dance Team practice together twice a week, with two-hour meetings for the advanced novices of the group on Monday nights and rehearsals for the beginning dancers on Thursdays. The group performs at a wide variety of events, including performances at a tap dance exhibition organized by club adviser and professor of anthropolo­gy James McKenna, at the Notre Dame cultural fair and at nursing homes around the community. An upcoming performance at Latin Expressions will also put Irish step dance to Latin music.

"People hear about us and ask us to dance," said Hernandez. "We never say no."

To pick up the style of Irish dance,
的学生们表演基本舞蹈步法，这将随着学期的进展而增加。例如，三月到四月期间可能会有东海岸摇摆舞和小步舞的表演。希望通过这种不断的练习和合作，学生们能够掌握更复杂的爱尔兰舞蹈。

爱尔兰舞步表演

爱尔兰舞步是一门旨在提高学生们的社交和娱乐技能的课程。学生们将学习基本的爱尔兰舞步，以及各种复杂的节奏性踢踏动作。学生可以通过组合表演和练习这些动作来提高自己的舞蹈技巧。

爱尔兰舞步的组成部分

爱尔兰舞步主要包括两种风格：慢舞和快舞。慢舞通常在正式的场合表演，快舞则在非正式的场合表演。

慢舞

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BENGAL BOUTS — 125 POUNDS-165 POUNDS

Senior Newburg begins defense of 125-pound crown

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Todays semfinal action will begin with senior captain Shawn Newburg. Newburgs appearance in the 2003 Bengal Bouts. As returning champion of this seven-fighter weight class, Newburg received two byes and his first opponent tonight in freshman Brian Faiust, who won a split decision victory over Michael Feduska in Sundays quarterfinals.

Jen Valenza, coming off an impressive unanimous decision over Robert Musiala, will face who advances to Sundays finals. Kims fight was stopped in the first round after he sent his opponent Gerardo Rojas to the mat. Both fighters are extremely quick and used multiple punch combinations in the semifinals victories.

140-pound Junior captain Tony Hallowell will attempt to earn his second trip to the finals in the last three years in his match against Joe Shmillin. Both Hallowell and Shmillin had first-round byes and both boxers quarterfinal round fights called early as they dominated their opponents.

Senior and returning champion Christopher Hoffman in tonight's second match in the 140-pound weight class. Hoffman long jab won him a unanimous decision victory against Edward Lira Sunday. Hoffman won an evenly matched brawli against Mark Pilzmemayer and may have trouble with Wustus long reach tonight.

145-pound Luke Dillon withheld a serious challenge from Andriy Stylling to earn his spot in tomorrows semifinals. He will meet law student Paul Harris, who earned a spot in the semifinals with a forfeit quarterfinal victory because Paul Robinson was unable to fight because of medical reasons.

Jeffrey Ham won a unanimous decision victory Sunday over Joe Streit and will face Ryan Duffey tonight. Duffey, the No. 2 seed in the 145-pound class, won a close fight over Dave DeBoer on Sunday.

150-pound Sorin sophomore Ryan Rogers has a tough fight ahead of him tonight against Juan Diego Vargas. This is Rogers second Bengal Bout and Vargas first, yet the advantage still lies with Vargas, who looked strong in both of his wins this year.

No. 3 seed Brandon Gasser will meet the No. 2 seed Nathan Lohmeyer in the other 150-pound semifinal. Each boxer looked strong in the early rounds and both have experience behind them. Tonight is the first time Gasser has been to the semifinals, but the second for Lohmeyer, who lost to Jemar Tisby last year in the semis.

160-pound Mark DeSplinter will exercise his technical style and straight left jabs tonight as he tries to earn his second trip to the finals. DeSplinter faces John Enteline and the two fighters should match up well. Enteline is more of a brawler than DeSplinter, but boxes well when he settles down.

Senior captain Tim Pierce will meet Bill Phillips in the second match of the 160-pound class. Phillips has a reach advantage over Pierce, but this season Phillips has not been able to find a problem in the past for the hard-hitting boxer who seeks his second trip to the finals.

165-pound Junior captain Pat Dillon meets freshman Charlie Gough tonight.

Bryant's streak ends in Lakers 109-98 win over Clippers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
Kobe Bryants remarkable scoring streak ended. But he still helped the Los Angeles Lakers win for the 12th time in 14 games.

Shadows closed by Corey Maggiete and often double-teamed, Bryant scored 32 points as the Lakers beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Bryant thus failed in his attempt to extend his streak of scoring at least 40 points in 10 games, which would have tied Wilt Chamberlains second-longest streak in NBA his- tory.

Chamberlain scored 40 or more in 14 straight games from Dec. 10, 1961 through Jan. 22, 1962. Bryant averaged an NBA-record 28.1 points per game. He has 10-game streak the following season.

Bryants streak of straight was the longest since Michael Jordan scored 40 straight games on Dec. 9, 2002 through Jan. 11, 2003, in the same number of games in the 1986-87 season.

Bryant had also scored at least 35 points in 13 consecutive games. Only Chamberlain has longer streaks, having accomplished that feat in 33, 23 and 20 straight games.

The Lakers played without Phil Jackson, who missed his first game as an NBA head coach recuperating from hav­ ing a kidney stone removed a day earlier. Assistant Jim Cleamons served as acting head coach.

Bryant shot 11-of-26 and made 9-of-10 free throws. He also had six rebounds and three assists.

Bryant wore a wide grin as he stepped on the court for the first game as an NBA head coach. His face was illuminated by the bright spotlighting. But he left to register his final point on a foul shot with 2:32 to play.

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Bryant scored off an assist from Rick Fox with 5:07 remaining for his first points of the fourth quarter, giving him 52 overall and handing the Clippers a 94-87 lead.

Baskets by Bryant and Odom and a dunk by Bryant made it 100-89 with 3:04 to play, and at that stage, with the Staples Center crowd roaring its approval, the Lakers made every effort to help Bryant get to 40.

But the Clippers were too tough on defense, surrounding him at every turn. He scored his final point on a foul shot with 2:32 to play.

The Lakers outscored the Clippers 22-11 for a 78-72 lead, and the Clippers werent closer than five points after that.
**Around The Nation**

**Collegiate Basketball**

- Duke at Georgia Tech (7 p.m., ESPN)
- Western Kentucky at Louisiana-Lafayette (7 p.m., ESPN2)
- Texas at Colorado (7 p.m., ESPN2)
- North Carolina State at Wake Forest (7 p.m., ESPN2)
- Kansas at Nebraska (9 p.m., ESPNU)
- Arkansas at Texas A&M (9 p.m., ESPN2)

**MLB**

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**Women's College Basketball**

- Big East Conference

**IN BRIEF**

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- Hoffman sidelined until All-Star break

- Associated Press

- PEORIA, Ariz.

- Trevor Hoffman already is focusing on his comeback — and not the shoulder operation that will make him miss half of the season.

- "We're going to take care of this," the San Diego Padres' closer said Tuesday after deciding to have surgery. "The ball will be in my court. I'll do the things in rehab that I need to do to get on the field and pitch. Hopefully we'll write a better ending, the way I want it done."

- In 10 major league seasons, the San Diego Padres right-hander never has been on the disabled list.

- "To lose his ability to close games, which is basically automatic, is going to be tough," first baseman Ryan Klesko said.

- Manager Bruce Bochy said the length of rehabilitation won't be known until the surgery. It will be performed at the end of the week in Los Angeles by Anaheim Angels medical director Dr. Lewis Yocum.

- "It's a blow when you lose your closer, especially when your closer is one of the best of all time," Bochy said.

- The 35-year-old Hoffman ranks fifth with 352 career saves. He's never gone on the disabled list in 10 major league seasons, and since Bochy took over the Padres in 1995, Hoffman has 327 of the team's 359 saves — 91 percent.

- There is no timetable for Hoffman's return, though general manager Kevin Towers was optimistic Hoffman could pitch sometime after the All-Star break.

- "An MRI last week revealed no additional damage to the rotator cuff but showed arthritic degeneration of the clavicle. Donors will shave the edge of the clavicle — the collarbone — to reduce irritation and give tendons more room.

- "It's not a 25-year-old shoulder anymore, but I feel confident with the procedure we're going in to do," Hoffman said.

- Hoffman was 7-5 with a 2.73 ERA in 61 games last season, converting 38 of 41 save opportunities.

- Last fall's operation was the first time doctors saw problems with Hoffman's AC joint, where the clavicle meets the shoulder blade. The coarse edge of the collarbone didn't show on an earlier MRI.

- "If this procedure is able to relieve some of the discomfort, then he'll be back," Towers said.

- **Bechler's widow to sue**

- The lawyer for the widow of Steve Bechler plans to sue the manufacturer of a dietary supplement the Baltimore Orioles pitcher was believed to be taking before his death.

- Bechler, 23, died Feb. 17 from heatstroke after collapsing during a workout at training camp. In his preliminary autopsy report, Broward County chief medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper linked Bechler's death to a diet supplement that contains ephedra.

- "The way we see it, Steve Bechler is dead and ephedra is the primary cause of death," David Meiselman, the attorney for Kiley Bechler, said Tuesday.

- "We will wait for the toxicology report to come back, do our homework, then go hunting for the company that distributes this drug," Meiselman said. "This drug is a killer. Our real concern is to get this poison off the shelves."

- Cytodyne Technologies of Manassas, N.J., the supplement's manufacturer, responded with a statement that read, in part: "We feel that it is reckless and irresponsible for an attorney to prematurely place blame or deflect responsibility to others for the events leading up to Mr. Bechler's death. At this point in time, it is clear that this attorney is making these statements without the benefit of any toxicology results ... It's unfortunate that this attorney has chosen to ignore the fact that Mr. Bechler had a number of serious medical conditions including liver disease, hypertension, an enlarged heart and history of heat-related illnesses."

- "The arrogance of this company is beyond belief," he said. "It's never their fault, and in the meantime, people are dying. It's important to note that three days before his death, Steve Bechler passed a physical exam to play baseball."

- **Broncos release 3 starters**

- The Denver Broncos cut starters Chester McGlockton, Kavika Pittman and Denard Walker and four other players Tuesday as the team trims payroll before the free-agent signing period.

- Denver also released guard Lennie Friedman, tackle Blake Brockermeyer, cornerback Jimmy Spencer and defensive end Keith Washington. The Broncos tendered offers to restricted free agent receiver Chris Cole, running back Reuben Droughn and quarterback Jarvis Jackson.

- The Broncos were about $20 million over the salary cap heading into the free agency period, which begins Friday. Denver general manager Ted Sundquist said Tuesday's moves should clear about two-thirds of that amount.
As citizens of the United States and the global community, we feel compelled to evaluate the decision to invade Iraq.

Having done so, it is our duty to speak out against this act which is being undertaken on our behalf.

From diverse backgrounds and for the undersigned students, faculty, staff and affiliates of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College stand unified in opposition to the impending war against the nation of Iraq and in our desire to pursue alternatives to this course of action.

Let your voice be heard.
BENGAL BOUTS — 170 POUNDS-HEAVYWEIGHT

Ccos takes on Knust and looks to return to finals

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

On the heels of a split-decision victory over Patrick McGarry, No. 1 seed Clay Cosse will take on junior Matt Knust. Cosse, a senior, serves as this year's 170-pound captain.

Knust defeated James Gaffey in the first round and earned a victory by unanimous decision over Brian Michalek in the quarterfinals.

Two seniors face off in the second semifinal, Jason Voss going against Rob Joyce. Joyce is the No. 2 seed, while Voss is participating in the semifinals after winning one bout last year.

"The night before you just kind of relax. You just try not to think about the fight until the day comes," Tommy Demko junior boater.

"I look at it as we all get to know each other and help each other," he said. "You don't really think about what year you are. Some sophomores are really good boaters." Pearsall hopes to use his seniority to defeat the younger Demko. Pearsall defeated Michael Ryan in the first round and earned a unanimous victory over Denis Sullivan in the quarterfinals.

Junior Larty Rooney and senior Andrew Groebner face off in the second semifinal match. Rooney defeated Chris Oroschuck and Eric Callahan en route to the semifinals. Groebner defeated Christopher Cavanagh in the first round and earned unanimous decision over junior James Christofforetti in the quarterfinals.

180-pounds

The first semifinal in the 180-pound division features an intriguing matchup between No. 1 seed Tommy Demko and the second round, and easily defeated No. 2 seed junior Clay Joyce. Joyce is the No. 1 seed Clay Joyce. Joyce.

"You always set a goal to go farther each year," Demko said. "You're always trying to do better. That's what this fight tomorrow means to me." Demko is one of three junior captains this year; the others are four seniors.

"I look at it as we all get to know each other and help each other," he said. "You don't really think about what year you are. Some sophomores are really good boaters." Pearsall hopes to use his seniority to defeat the younger Demko. Pearsall defeated Michael Ryan in the first round and earned a unanimous victory over Denis Sullivan in the quarterfinals.

Junior Larty Rooney and senior Andrew Groebner face off in the second semifinal match. Rooney defeated Chris Oroschuck and Eric Callahan en route to the semifinals. Groebner defeated Christopher Cavanagh in the first round and earned unanimous decision over junior James Christofforetti in the quarterfinals.

190-pounds

No. 1 seed John Lynk takes on Mwangi Gathinjhi in the first of two semifinal matches. Lynk is defending champion and serves as this year's captain. He'll face a formidable opponent in Gathinjhi. Gathinjhi, a senior from Alumni Hall, defeated dorm rival Erik Roosa of Dillon in the quarterfinals and serves as this year's captain. Last year, he advanced to the semifinals only to lose to eventual runner-up Matthew Sarb.

"You always set a goal to go out in less than two minutes. The defending champion is rather composed before the second round. "The night before you just kind of relax," Lynk said. "You just try not to think about the fight until the day comes."

The senior said that the Bengal Bout is a unique tournament in the way that friends become rivals.

"We practice as a team, so you're working with the people you'll be fighting," Lynk said. "It's kind of weird because you could use skills they help you learn and vice versa. It's different from any other tournament in that way."

In the second semifinal, senior Patrick Otelewski faces off against No. 2 seed junior William Zielz. Last year, Zielz lost to Lynk in the semifinals.

To advance to the third round, Otelewski defeated Jeff Golen in the first round and upset No. 3 seed John Caver in the quarterfinals. Zielz defeated Nadhan Schroeder by unanimous decision to earn the right to face Otelewski.

Heavyweight

Third-year law student Carlos Olneya and sophomore Darryl Burton face off in what might be the bout with the greatest age differential in the first of two semifinal matches. Olneya, the No. 1 seed, advanced to the semifinals with a knockout of Nick Morrison just a little less than one minute into the third round.

Burton defeated second-seeded Timothy Peranko by a unanimous decision. The heavyweight division only included eight participants, so all competitors had first round byes.

In the second semifinal, Ben O'Connor takes on Stefan Borovits. O'Connor defeated Brian Farkas in the first round, while Borovits easily took care of Donovan McFerron, advancing with a knockout.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish looking to make a run at NCAA Tournament

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Both Pittsburgh and Notre Dame head into tonight's game at the Joyce Center with much to play for in terms of making tournaments. The difference in the two teams lies in the tournament each is aiming for at the end of the regular season. Pittsburgh (11-11 overall, 3-10 in the Big East) is fighting with West Virginia and St. John’s for 12th place in the Big East standings. The top 12 teams from the conference participate in the Big East postseason tournament, which Pittsburgh hasn’t made in three years.

The Irish (15-9, 7-6) are looking towards a possible NCAA Tournament bid. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said two weeks ago in a press conference that 18 wins would likely get the Irish into the tournament.

"Last year we were 18-9 and we got a (seventh seed), and our RPI wasn’t nearly as good as it is now," McGraw said. "So if we can go into the Big East Tournament and win a game or two and get to 19 wins — although I think that 18 wins will get us in — but if we get to 19 or 20 wins, we’ll get a better seed."

With three games left, all against teams with worse league records than themselves, Notre Dame has the opportunity to get at least 18 wins, if not more, by the end of the season. But they’ll need to get the first of those three tonight against the Panthers. Pittsburgh is looking for their first win ever against Notre Dame, which has won all 11 contests of the series. The two teams last met Feb. 5, 2002, when the Irish beat the Panthers 68-56 in Pittsburgh.

The Panthers have been in a slump, dropping seven of their last nine games and their last game was a 78-52 loss to No. 20 Boston College Saturday. Laine Selwyn and Haley Haraluth led the Panthers, scoring 18 and 15 points, respectively.

The Irish lost their last game to No. 1 Connecticut in Storrs 77-59. However, Notre Dame did have some positive performances in the game, especially their rebounding. Led by Jacqueline Batteast’s career-high 18 boards, the Irish outrebounded the Huskies 43-40.

It marked only the third time a Connecticut opponent had accomplished such a feat.

But poor shooting ruined any chance of an upset for Notre Dame. They could only manage to hit just over 33 percent of their field goal attempts.

Irish looking to make a run at NCAA Tournament

"So now I'll be fighting even harder because I know [my grandfather] is watching." 

Clay Cosse boxing captain

Cosse emerged victorious. "I came into my first fight this year knowing that I might never box competitively again," Cosse said. "So I fought as hard as I could, and left it all in the ring. That's been my philosophy every year, but it seemed more urgent this year with graduation coming on the horizon."

Tonight, the top-seeded Cosse faces fourth seed Matt Knust in the semifinals. He knows that, just like every other fight he’s taken part in, he is going to leave the ring knowing he put everything he has into the fight.

As a senior, Cosse would enjoy a victory in the finals in his swan song in Bengal Bouts. However, a phone call he received Tuesday means he has a whole lot more to fight for.

"Tuesday morning, my mother called me to tell me that my grandfather had passed away," Cosse said.

"I was very close to him, and he always supported my boxing. So now I’ll be fighting even harder because I know he’s watching."
SMC Basketball

Belles season ends after 77-50 first-round loss at Hope

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s couldn’t over­come a 24-point halftime deficit and lost its season with a 77-50 loss to Hope in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

For the Flying Dutch, Bria Ebels scored 18 points in only 14 minutes of action. Amanda Kerkstra, the MIAA Player of the Week, added 12 points along with four assists and was the second of three Hope play­ers to score double digits. Meanwhile, the Belles were led once again by senior Shaun Russell, who scored in double digits for the third time in as many games, as she finished with 11 points. Maureen Bush also scored 11 points. However, the efforts of these two players were not enough for the Belles to overcome poor shooting that in­cluded going 2-for­20 from beyond the arc. Saint Mary’s finished shooting 29 percent from the field for the game. Hope, on the other hand, shot 51 percent from the field, and was 5-for­11 in 3-point shots. However, the Flying Dutch only outscored the Belles 33-30 in the second half.

Though the Belles were the obvious under­dog in the matchup with the No. 2 team in the country, the loss was still disap­pointing, as another season came to a close on Tuesday night.

"Hope is such a good team," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We made a very good effort, and we did some good things in the game." Another positive for the Belles was sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum, who scored 10 points while grab­bing six rebounds. Despite these two shooting 4-for­17 Tuesday, Creachbaum has been a bright spot for Saint Mary’s all sea­son, as she has been her most consistent performer.

“Our posts played extremely well,” Bellina said. “We did a good job of getting the ball inside, and we were much more aggressive.”

Sophomore Katie Buyle added seven points for the Belles, while senior Kristen Matha scored four points with seven rebounds.

Saint Mary’s ends their sea­son with a record of 6-20 overall and 2-13 in the conference. The Belles only lose two seniors to graduation and had one junior on the team this season.

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Irish.

The Notre Dame was always a school that I really wanted to go to," said Krakowski. "It was a program on the up, so I fig­ured it was the right fit for me.”

Krakowski’s siblings are also swimmers. His sister Mary is a freshman on the women’s team at Bucknell. Younger brother Joe is a member of his high school swim and water polo teams, and seventh-grad­er George plays three sports.

Krakowski’s stellar perform­ance last weekend capped a strong year for the sophomore. He qualified and placed in three individual events at the Big East, setting new records.

Krakowski’s 50 free record by .7 of a second. Krakowski says that the meet was a turning point in his season and in his career.

"It was nice to have our per­formance at its best," Krakowski said. "I think I brought intensity and a lot of enthusiasm to get up for races," he said. "I want to get everyone motivated to do their best. I want the team to have an attitude about our­selves; a swagger. You have to have a positive attitude to suc­ceed.”

Coach Tim Welsh considered Krakowski’s performance a major boost to the team.

"If you look at the seven University records that we set this weekend, Frank Krakowski was a part of five of them. In terms of special per­formances, he’s contributed to five of the seven University records and he’s a sophomore. We know that we’re building a young team, so that’s pretty good.”

After his standout perform­ance at the Big East Championships, Krakowski will take time off to rest and heal his injuries. For the last two years he has suffered from shoulder problems. Recently, numbness following by shooting pains in his elbow has been a concern.

"Rest is the only way to get healed,” Krakowski said. “I want to avoid surgery. I’ve been going for MRIs and tests, and hopefully we’ll figure out what’s wrong.”

The Big East was the con­clusion to a very long season for the Irish. They began work in August, and will now take about a month-long break from the water before starting to train again.

“We made a lot of improve­ment this year and hopefully next year we’ll get people to the NCAAs,” said Krakowski. “Also, we just missed the 100 free record by .7 of a second. But you can’t do everything.”

Judging by his record-break­ing efforts in the pool for the Irish last weekend, it looks like Krakowski can.

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BENGAL BOUTS

The ‘Mouth of the South’
Senior captain Cosse hopes swan song will honor departed grandfather

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Clay Cosse leaves everything in the ring — especially some pretty aggressive talking.
So it’s only natural that the Chalmette, La. native earned the nickname “Mouth of the South” early in his brief boxing career.

“I talk a lot and I like to joke around a lot to lighten up the atmosphere,” Cosse said. “It was a difficult skill for me to learn, because I had never been aggressive or competitive. I definitely took my licks freshman year, and I lost my first fight in the Bengal Bouts tournament, but I loved the experience.”

Undeterred by the early loss, he loved the experience so much that he bulked up in the off-season and returned for his second turn at Bengal Bouts the next year. He moved up from the 155-pound weight class to the 165-pound class, and he even advanced to the second round before being defeated.

His junior year, he advanced to the finals of the 165-pound bracket before he dropped an exciting back-and-forth bout with then-senior Chris Matassa.

“Matazza was about 6-foot-3 and had a lot of reach on me,” Cosse said. “This was a truly great fight. I took the advantage early on, but it was back and forth for the rest of the fight. We won the award for best fight of the tournament.”

This time around, Cosse has more to prove. As a senior and a captain, he represents the best of what Bengal Bouts has to offer.

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MENS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Karkowski caps standout season with 5 school records

By LISA REIJULA
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At last weekend’s 2003 Big East Championships, if a new Notre Dame record was being set in the pool, it was a safe bet that sophomore Frank Krakowski was a part of it.

Seven previous school records were broken over the course of the three-day competition, and Krakowski was involved in five of them.

“Our team swam awesome,” said Krakowski. “It was an incredibly fast meet. We set seven records and everyone had season bests. People really stepped it up to get to the finals.”

Relays were an Irish strength in the course of the three-day competition, and Krakowski was involved in five of them.

The third-place 200-medley relay team of freshmen Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph, senior Jason Fitzpatrick and Krakowski set a new mark of 1:30.58. The old record was 1:32.23, set in 2000.

In the 400-medley relay, Krakowski was again part of a record-setting effort with Bauman, Randolph and Fitzpatrick. Their time in 3:19.45 established a new Notre Dame best.

A third relay team, Randolph, Fitzpatrick, Krakowski and junior Matt Obringer, set a new mark in the 200 freestyle final with their time of 1:22.02, easily eclipsing the old time of 1:23.09.

Krakowski shone individually as well. In the 50 freestyle preliminaries, he shattered the previous school record with a new time of 20.45. He finished seventh in the finals with a time of 20.53.

In the 100 butterfly, Krakowski placed seventh overall and set yet another new record for the Irish, touching in 48.92.

His time broke the oldest standing record in the Irish books, set back in 1994 by By Beville (50.02).

Krakowski nearly set a record in the 100 freestyle, missing the mark by only .7 seconds. He placed seventh in the final, finishing in 45.46.

“I was really happy with how I swam,” said Krakowski. “I would have liked to place higher in some of the really close races. I got touched out a couple times.”

As a freshman last season, Krakowski provided immediate help in the freestyle events. He qualified for the 50 free, 100 free, and 100 fly in the 2002 Big East Championships and had the fastest Irish times in those events. He finished 12th in the 100 fly at the Big East last year.

Krakowski began swimming in the fourth grade, eventually choosing it over basketball and soccer. During high school in Erie, Pa., Krakowski set 11 varsity swimming records. He won the 2001 state championship in the 100 fly, and was captain and MVP of his state championship team. He was also a standout in water polo, leading his team to second place in the state as a senior.

His accomplishments made him a prized recruit for the Irish, and the Irish look to get a win to improve their chances of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Hope 77
Saint Mary’s 50

Nationally-ranked No. 2 Hope defeated Saint Mary’s in the first round of the MIAA Tournament. The loss in the first round of the conference tournament ended the Belles season.

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BENGAL BOUTS
Senior captain and top seed Clay Cosse fights in the Bengal Bouts semifinals tonight against Matt Knust. Cosse has extra motivation due to the recent death of his grandfather.

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