**Accepted students visit SMC campus**

By EMILY BRAMMER  
Notre Dame News Writer

Many accepted students confirmed their decisions to attend Saint Mary's next fall as they toured campus and met with faculty and administrators Sunday on Accepted Student Day. After Mass in Angela Athletic Facility, Saint Mary's President Marilou Eller incorrectly welcomed the students along with Director of Admissions Mary Pat Nolan and Board of Governance President Kim Jensen.

"I'm excited to know that it will be available to them next year," said Nolan. "And they're very excited to see where they're going to be for the next four years." Saint Mary’s students gave the potential students a tour of campus which included a trip through the new Student Center and Noble Family Dining Hall.

"Students were really amiable with the new facility," said Jensen. "They’re excited to see that it will be available to them next year." Afternoon events included two sessions of open houses sponsored by Student Activities and Academic Affairs. Faculty and staff in the academic departments spoke with interested students, and all student life offices such as Campus Ministry, Residence Life and other clubs and organizations presented students with information. "This is the first year that we have expanded (Accepted Student Day) for more student involvement," said Nolan. "The sessions are now set up more like Student Activities Night, giving them the opportunity to actually go around and talk to representatives of academic departments and student life activities.

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"I think students are interested in doing it again. I think students are interested in doing it again. Friday built on the success of last year's Irish Belles Night Out, headed by the former sophomores to the class board and Saint Mary's student body president Elizabeth Schreck, regular performers at the Acoustic Cafe, and The Undertones, a male a cappella group also from Notre Dame. Tables were set up advertising various charity events in which students can participate. Jill Funnell, a Saint Mary’s freshman, sold pink breast cancer awareness ribbons for $1 each to raise money for her participation in May's Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

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**Irish Belles spend a night out at LaFortune**

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD  
Saint Mary's Edition

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame women found common ground Friday night at the second annual Irish Belles Night Out.

The freshman and sophomore class boards from both schools organized the event. "The purpose of the event was to bring the two groups of women together to work through stereotypes, because there's been animosity there in the past," said Sarah Brown, Saint Mary's student body vice president. "I think it's so important to show that we have a lot more similarities than differences." Over 100 students from both campuses attended this year's Irish Belles Night Out on the second floor of LaFortune.

In addition to complimentary hairstyling and facials, representatives from Mary Kay Cosmetics added to Friday's theme of "spa night" by allowing students to sample a variety of their products. Saint Mary's freshmen Anna Bauer and Anna Hickner won gift certificates for a free haircut at Atria and Michael and Co. hair salons. Included Friday were performances by Notre Dame seniors Zack Burkhardt and freshwoman Tom Schreck, regular performers at the Acoustic Cafe, and The Undertones, a male a cappella group also from Notre Dame. Tables were set up advertising various charity events in which students can participate. Jill Funnell, a Saint Mary’s freshman, sold pink breast cancer awareness ribbons for $1 each to raise money for her participation in May’s Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

Fun nell raised $64 Friday night. "Irish Belles Night Out went really well and we got some good feedback," Brown said. "I think students are interested in doing it again."

**Sr. Helen Prejean to lecture at ND**

Special to The Observer

Sister Helen Prejean, death penalty abolitionist and author of the book "Dead Man Walking," will deliver a talk and participate in a book signing beginning at 7:30 p.m. today in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative, the event is free and open to the public. A native of Baton Rouge, La., Prejean has lived and worked in Louisiana all her life. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille in 1957, when she was 18, and traces her involvement in the issue of capital punishment to her religious community's formal pledge, made public in 1980, to "stand on the side of the poor."

In 1981, Prejean moved with a small group of other sisters to the St. Thomas housing project in New Orleans, where she began teaching high school dropouts. The following year, at the request of a friend, she began a correspondence with Elmo Patrick Sonnier, a 27-year-old death row resident convicted in the brutal murder of a teenage couple. As the date for Sonnier's execution approached, she became his close friend and spiritual counselor, eventually witnessing his execution.

Since then she has accompanied other men to the electric chair as a counselor and witnessed their deaths. Prejean related her experiences with Sonnier in "Dead Man Walking," a

**Putting out fires**

Sophomore Zahm Hall resident Andrew Hoyt extinguishes a fire at the annual fireman barbeque held in front of LaFortune student center Sunday. It is this type of event that increases fire awareness and prevention on campus.
Superiority at all costs in order wars" declared their positions on the Web site of irrelevant fanatics. This group has defined test and build new nuclear weapons, win multiple, simultaneous major theatre nuclear weapons, "regime change," "cyberspace," and "libya for ringing, create a unfavorable to American prin­ ciples and interests." Sound like a conspiracy theory? It's not. The relevant interests have consistently declared their positions on the Web site of the think-tank, Project for the New American Century (www.newamerican­ century.org). Check it out. Nuclear power is the key to the ravings of irrelevant fanatics. This group has defined the ideology behind the current U.S. foreign policy. The powerful signatories to the Project's "Statement of Principles" include: President Bush's brother, Jeb, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz (Rumsfeld's deputy secretary) and Libby (Cheney's chief of staff) — none of whom was elected by the people of the United States. In fact, the true rationale for the war on Iraq has never been examined or disc­ ussed by the people, largely because it has been shrouded in secrecy and masked by absurd hints at a connection among Saddam and Osama bin Laden or by disingenuous justifications such as eliminating weapons of mass destruction (which, high-ranking American and British officials recently admitted, may not even exist). The real goal of our leaders has been American control of the Gulf all along, as evidenced by a 1993 report released by the Project entitled, "Rebuilding America's Defences: Strategies, Forces and Resources for a New Century." As this report makes clear, Bush's cable­ net planned the takeover of Iraq long before the attacks on the World Trade Center. They were not even motivated by the human rights abuses of Saddam's regime. On the contrary, they wrote, "The need for a substantial American military presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein. Why? The New American Century strategists want to promote "American principles and interests." It is not immedi­ ately clear what this phrase means, espe­ cially given the sometimes contradictory costs of maintaining a warlike posture through­ out the world and the diplomatic costs of alienating our key European and Asian allies. The presence of American forces in the Gulf as a "deterrent" is a form of "protection" which was recently re­ ceived, was awarded a lucrative contract to work in Iraq of fields just last week. Other companies that have been awarded contracts to the administration have been offered similar juries of key companies in the reconstruction" of Iraq. "American interests," for this adminis­ tration, means big business interests. There we have it: an ambitious plan for world domination in the service of the rich, paid for with our blood and tax dollars. And the whole thing is posted on the Web.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and do not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat McEwée at mcel­ wee.20@d. edu

Correction

The Observer regards itself as a professional publica­ tion and strives for the highest standards of journal­ istic accuracy. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 601-444-1414 so we can correct our error.
BRINGING DOWN THE CSC

Campus band Graboids, Including Ryan Rogers (left) and Nick Mainieri (right), performed at “Progressive Rock” at the Center for Social Concerns Friday.

NBC correspondent dies from blood clot

Associated Press
NEW YORK

NBC News correspondent David Bloom, one of the network’s most prominent young stars and a near constant television presence reporting from the Iraqi desert, died Sunday from an apparent blood clot, the network said.

The 39-year-old co-anchor of the weekend “Today” show was about 25 miles south of Baghdad and packing gear early in the morning when he suddenly collapsed.

He never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead from a pulmonary embolism after being airlifted to a nearby field medical unit, said Allison Gollust, a spokeswoman for NBC News. She said his death was not combat related.

Bloom was the second American journalist to die while covering the war. Michael Kelly, editor-at-large for The Atlantic Monthly and a columnist for The Washington Post, was killed Thursday night along with a U.S. soldier when their Humvee plunged into a canal.

Both Bloom and Kelly were traveling with the U.S. Army’s 3rd Infantry Division.

NBC News had built a special mobile, dubbed the “Bloom-mobile,” to send strikingly clear pictures of him riding atop a tank through the Iraqi desert. He reported memorably on the sandstorms that briefly delayed American forces.

“He was both a genuinely nice guy and an incredibly tenacious reporter,” NBC News President Neal Shapiro said. “He wouldn’t be beaten on a story. He always kept us in the game.”

From the Iraqi desert, Bloom reported on what the American forces were doing militarily, but he also took the time to convey what their lives were like there, including the meals they were eating and what it was like trying to work in the middle of a sand storm.

“He was a rising star here,” Shapiro said.


He became a White House correspondent for NBC in 1997, during the Clinton administration. He reported on presidential races, the O.J. Simpson trial, the Washington-area sniper shooting and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Former President Clinton said Sunday that Bloom’s “integrity and good humor will be missed.”

“David Bloom was a smart, energetic professional whose enthusiasm for the job was evident in every question he asked and every story he covered,” Clinton said.

Shaken NBC colleagues, including “Today” co-anchor Soledad O’Brien, paid tribute on the network’s broadcasts Sunday. “It’s a hard morning for all of us,” Katie Couric said.

Bloom, who had no apparent health problems, was killed in Iraq late Sunday, during the Gulf War. He reported at all hours for NBC, MSNBC, and also for the cable outlets MSNBC and CNBC.


“Given the fact that we’re filing at all hours of the day and night, you try to pace yourself and get a little sleep,” Bloom told the Post. “You’re sleeping with your knees propped up around you.”

That may have been a risk factor: Blood clots frequently form when you’ve been immobilized and travel through the body, said Dr. Harold Palevsky, chief of pulmonary critical care with the University of Pennsylvania health system.

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Mass graves discovered in Chechnya

Continental Press

TEHRAN, Iran

A university professor whose death sen­tence pro­

posed nationwide protests until it was lifted by the

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Hashem Aghajari, a histo­
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$125,000 bail, said his

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than in 1995, making her the most famous world peace campaigner in recent years.

Charlotte, who has a long track record of service on peace-related issues, was honored for her dedication to peace education, nonviolence, and her work to promote dialogue and understanding among people of all backgrounds. She has been a prominent advocate for peace and social justice, working tirelessly to promote peace education and conflict resolution.

Charlotte's involvement in the peace movement dates back to the 1960s, when she was a student at Saint Mary's College. Since then, she has been a vocal advocate for peace and social justice, working to build bridges between communities and to promote understanding and cooperation. She has been a consultant for several peace organizations and has spoken at conferences and events around the world. She has also been a frequent contributor to the media, using her platform to raise awareness about peace and social justice issues.

Charlotte's work has been widely recognized, and she has received numerous awards and honors for her contributions to the peace movement. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2012, becoming the first American woman to receive the award.

Continental Press

Seven mass graves have been discovered in Chechnya, Russia, the emergency situations ministry said on Sunday. The ministry has confirmed the existence of four graves filled with disfigured bodies, many of them with their heads and arms cut off, officials said.

Four additional graves, also found in the same area, have been confirmed. The heads and arms of the deceased were removed, the ministry said. They were discovered in the village of Sulayman Balka, next to the capital, Grozny.

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U.S. may rule Iraq for six months or more

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, April 7--Setting up a new Iraqi government likely will take more than six months, and coalition forces will take full control of the country, a Bush administration official said Sunday.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the interim government of the United States will work with coalition partners and Iraqi opposition leaders is designed to be a bridge to whatever government the Iraqi people choose and is not designed to dictate the country's future leadership.

"The goal is not to install some particular group as the new leaders of Iraq. That absolutely contradicts the whole notion of democracy," Wolfowitz said as focused attention on postwar Iraq while making the point that the Sunday talk shows.

As for a timetable, Wolfowitz noted six months is four times longer than it took in northern Iraq after the first Gulf War. "This is a more complicated situation," he told "Fox News Sunday." "It probably will take more time than that." Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no decision has been made on the size of the force that will be in Iraq during the transition. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki has suggested hundreds of thousands might be needed, but Pace noted only 10,000 are being used in Afghanistan, which is larger and more populated.

"What you need to determine is what missions need to be accomplished, and then how many forces you need to do that, to give the Iraqi people a chance to rebuild their own government," Pace said Sunday. "Get up, get your own government working, so we're in fact as quickly as possible," Pace said on NBC's "Meet the Press." British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon indicated the vast majority of the 40,000 British troops in Iraq could be home by the end of the year. When asked how many British troops should be in Iraq in six to nine months, Hoon said: "I would hope that it would be a very small number." Wolfowitz said the U.S.-led coalition will spearhead the effort to set up an interim government, but stressed the Bush administration is eager to see Iraqis rule themselves.

"You can't talk about democracy and say we're going to pick the leaders of this democratic country," Wolfowitz said on CBS's "Face the Nation." "And he was adament that while the United Nations should have a role in helping with the new government, the administration does not want to see the U.N. supervise and run the country.

"I think the right goal is to move as quickly as we can ... to a government that is -- if I could paraphrase Abraham Lincoln -- of the Iraqis, by the Iraqis, for the Iraqis," Wolfowitz said. "Not to make them a colonial administration or a U.N. administration, or run in any way by foreigners."

"This Week." "We learned a lot in the Balkan situation, where the U.N. suddenly moved in," he said. "And here we are 12 years later, still struggling to try and put those pieces back together."
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IN BRIEF

Treasury changes debt borrowing
Treasury Department debt managers intend to soon carry out an accounting maneuver that would free billions of dollars on paper to prevent the government from breaching the $5.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt.

The stop, announced Friday, is the latest in a series of moves Treasury has taken to prevent the government from defaulting on the national debt.

Treasury is maneuvering because it has run out of room in its statutory authority to bor­row. It has asked Congress to boost the gov­ernment borrowing authority, a matter still pending on Capitol Hill.

Mobil being investigated for bribes
Federal prosecutors said Friday they are looking at Mobil Oil Corp, as part of the inves­tigation into bribes paid by Americans to secure lucrative oil contracts in Kazakhstan.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Neiman made the disclosure as businessman James Giffin pleaded innocent to conspiracy, money laun­dering, and tax charges. He is accused of extending more than $78 million in bribes in the 1990s to two senior Kazakh officials.

Tom Cirigliano, a spokesman for Exxon Mobil said the company has no knowledge of any illegal payments made to Kazakh officials by any current or former Mobil employees.

GOP to abandon Alaskan oil plan
There will be no attempt to revive drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge as part of a Senate energy bill, says the Republican senator who will guide the legislation.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the Senate’s recent rejection of a proposal to develop oil in the refuge has made it clear that another such confrontation will only fail and, perhaps, jeopardize broader energy leg­islation.

This week the House signaled that it again will call for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil companies.

FBI to investigate Internet wiretaps

The FBI wants regulators to require phone companies to create technical standards to make wiretapping easier and cheaper.

But privacy advocates fear that because online eavesdropping tech­nology is crude, tapping into the data stream for voice means getting more than what a court ordered — including possibly e-mail and other digital communications.

Service operators also question who should pay.

The increasingly popular “Voice over Internet Protocol,” or VoIP, technology breaks phone conversations into data packets, sends them over the Internet and reassembles them at the destination.

Such calls, made on handsets or using computer microphones, are more efficient and cheaper than tra­ditional calls, which require that a dedicated circuit remain open.

The technology creates gray areas in applying the 1996 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. That law required that then-emerging digital phone technologies, which are more diffi­cult to wiretap than analog circuits, be designed so authorities could monitor them.

Lawmakers exempted information services like the Internet, but didn’t anticipate Net-based voice calls.

Because VoIP is so new, standards don’t exist for setting up networks, let alone for eavesdropping.

Mixed results on stockmarket

Investors wary as war in Iraq continues

NEW YORK

Stocks closed mixed Friday as investor enthusi­asm about U.S. advances in Iraq was muted by a weak employment report and speculation that Saddam Hussein was still alive.

Tech shares sagged on an earnings warning from PeopleSoft.

Analysts said trading was choppy as investors made quick bets about the war’s prospects. But most were choosing to sit on the sidelines, wary of making major purchases before the weekend.

“An conflicting news day is leading to a conflicting market,” said Stephen Massocca, president of Pacific Growth Equities.

“We have continuing good news coming out of Iraq. But on the other side, we have disappointing employment numbers cou­pled with other negative economic news.”

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 36.77, or 0.5 percent, at 8,277.15, having declined 44 points Thursday.

The broader market fin­ished mixed. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 13.07, or 0.9 percent, to 1,383.51. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 2.40, or 0.3 percent, to 878.85.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.6 percent, the Nasdaq gained 1 percent, and the S&P 500 advanced 1.8 percent.

On Friday, U.S.-led forces edged closer to Baghdad after seizing control of Saddam International Airport, located nine miles away.

U.S. Central Command said about 2,500 Iraqi Republican Guards sur­rendered between Kut and Baghdad.

Stocks, however, trimmed early gains after Iraqi television showed Saddam calling on his peo­ple to fight back, dampen­ing rumors the leader might be wounded or dead.

His remarks included a reference to the Downing of an Apache helicopter that occurred after the March 19 strike aimed at killing him.

An Iraqi official also promised an “unconven­tional” retaliation, refer­ring to commando and sui­cide attacks.

“People are a little more fearful about what might bit over the weekend,” said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

“There is con­cern that when we start to ferret out the last of the Republican Guard, we may be confronted with some­thing that is not very taste­ful.”

Analysts say investors have been largely optim­istic about a short and successful war, leading them to drive stocks most­ly higher in recent weeks. But they add that trading will likely be uneven in the coming days as investors respond to the latest war headlines.

Meanwhile, a Labor Department report showed U.S. companies slashed 183,000 jobs in March, more than analysts’ esti­mates of about 40,000 cuts. The overall civilian unemployment rate held steady at 5.8 percent.

PeopleSoft dropped $1.48, or 9 percent, to $15.02 after the software company lowered its first-quarter revenue fore­cast.

Traders and specialists crawl the floor as they anticipate the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.
A new era for corporate America is upon us. New standards in financial reporting and new obligations to investors are being created. The effect these new standards will have on the future of business remains to be seen. What is certain is that everyone, in every field, will be affected. But let us not forget that the integrity of business lies on the shoulders of individuals. Beyond laws, beyond rules, regulations and processes, integrity is and always has been a personal responsibility and obligation. Integrity is about asking the tough questions, making the right decisions, and simply doing the right thing when the consequences are great and even when they are small. Over the past few months, PricewaterhouseCoopers has been working to help rebuild public trust from the inside out. By beginning a much needed conversation, internally and externally, by helping to create new standards and accepting new responsibilities. By not only embracing the letter of the law but the spirit, as well. In the months and years to come, you too will have the opportunity to stand up and be an example of integrity. To make decisions that will have a profound impact on the future. We urge you to proudly accept this responsibility. We urge you to stand and be counted, alongside those who have already begun. www.pwcglobal.com/lookhere

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Dwight D. Eisenhower
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THE MOMENTS OF GREATEST FAITH OFTEN COME IN THE DEEPEST DESPAIR.

By Mike Marchand

While a majority of them concerned Viewpoint columns and editorials who desired to be insured therein, some of them were more personal. We kicked around the idea of meeting somewhere for a few drinks, but I wasn’t 21 at the time and we could never seem to get our ducks in a row. He sent me correspondence (and praise for my Viewpoint pieces) even as late as last May when he was still a second lieutenant. He said he was "doing the USMC thing" and that he "spent some time in Bahrain but I’m getting ready to head home from Japan right now." According to The Observer last week, he wound up being deployed overseas again in January.

His orders were to "East Asia," eventually serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to reports, he was injured when a Humvee he was riding in overturned on March 22. I make it clear, however, that it was not a "Humvee accident" since their vehicle was being chased by RPGs (rocket-propelled grenade) fire.

This is a sticking point for me because my grandfather was injured in the Italian campaign during World War II. His motorcycle hit a land mine and went speed ing into an apple cart, which nearly severed his left leg. No, while he was technically injured in a "motorcycle accident," I credit the land mine for his wound and not the apple cart. Similarly, I assign the RPGs the blame for Dustin’s crash because it wasn’t anything like the "accident" that happens when a Ford Explorer rolls over.

When the Humvee flipped, the impact killed the driver, but it crushed Dustin’s windpipe. His life was saved by the incision to allow air in and out. The medic who was brave and swift enough to accomplish that has the gratitude of those who are closer to him, so I assume he’s still there. But since he is a fan of my columns, I know sometime soon he’ll read this, wherever he might be: If you still want to get some drinks, Lieutenant Ferrell, they’re on me. Semper fi.

Mike Marchand ’01 joins the entire Notre Dame community in prayer for Dustin’s speedy recovery. Mike’s e-mail address is Marchand.9@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Mike Marchand

Undistinguished Alumnus

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Anticipating and worrying over the trip back home

In June of my senior year at Tenafly High School, during our class’s final hurrah together on our senior trip, my track coach approached me and asked, “So Ed, where are you going in two years?” I told him that I’d be attending the University of Notre Dame. He replied that “that’s wonderful! But Ed, I know that people in your area haven’t been exposed to many Asians, so if anyone gives you a hard time, just get out.”

What really irked me was that I thought I was being paranoid, pessimistic and too defensive about my premonitions of Notre Dame not being as accepting of Asians, but to hear this from a history teacher and track coach, no less. I thought that my friends would be a bonding experience of diverse people, and if not, at least we would have the opportunity to contact each other. But once again, I knew of Notre Dame’s adamant Catholic tradition, its overwhelming homogeneity and its conservatism. I don’t think these characteristics are negative per se; it was just that they could prevent Notre Dame from having a more open and broader perspective. I am not sure if colored my outlook coming into the school or if I was simply seeing the institution as an Asian-American experience.

I came to campus in hopes that things weren’t what I assumed. But during my first term, I felt that the diversity on campus was no different than what I felt if the world was going in one direction, and I was going against the grain.

I know this is cliché by now, but it still has an impact to see just how many articles of clothing are from Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, American Eagle, etc. It sent me the message that either I should conform or feel alienated. So I chose the latter. Then I thought to myself, “You know what? Clothing, music, race, gender, I am all of the above. I am a product of my preferences that shouldn’t really matter.” So I tried to talk, to explore and to experience new people.

But somehow I would feel this constant sense of inferiority among a crowd that was quite different from me in terms of appearances, likes and dislikes and overall outlook on life. Sometimes, I would be treated differently, either subtly or overtly. When conversing in a crowd, it is as if people don’t even address or acknowledge you, that you don’t exist in the conversation. Or I hear about other experiences in which an Asian is the butt of a joke. It’s funny to everyone else, but it immediately singles the Asian kid out, creating self-consciousness and a feeling of inferiority to those who are Asian. I seriously wonder if I am being overly sensitive or defensive, but I talk to other Asians on this campus, and the subtleties and the lines drawn between races is clearly evident in listening to other Asian-American experiences.

People can hate and discriminate, consciously or unconsciously in their words and actions. Nevertheless, Asians on this campus are trying to educate rather than reciprocate. We want to create understanding and broaden perspectives despite the struggles we encounter along the way. We want that experience, and hopefully you all do too.

Maite Uranga
Life in Africa

In defense of Moore’s documentary

In his Viewpoint column last Thursday entitled, “Michael Moore’s gutterball,” Peter Wicks claims that Michael Moore’s Oscar-winning documentary “Bowling for Columbine” uses lies and deception to further Moore’s own political agenda.

Mr. Wicks further criticizes Moore for his overabundance of explanations for the problem of violence in the United States. In fact, Moore attributes American gun violence to one thing: a climate of fear. Moore mocks political activists who claim one party is culpable for the violence at Columbine. “Bowling for Columbine” highlights the various factors which create this climate of fear which distinguishes America from other nations.

Mr. Wicks attacks one such example, “the implied parallel between the NATO campaign in Kosovo and the Columbine massacre.” Mr. Wicks terms this deception and idiocy. However, I cannot imagine the parallel was intended to suggest that NATO is analogous to Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Moore simply uses this coincidentally simultaneous events to demonstrate the depth of the fear problem in our society. This ironic coincidence illustrates how fear influences our military as well as domestic affairs.

Mr. Wicks also labels the South Park cartoon burqa/ISIS “American history ‘propaganda.’” Mr. Wicks himself notes that, by their very nature, cartoons are not intended to depict reality. This cartoon grotesquely identifies two historically controversial themes.

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April 4
Bookstore Basketball: A tradition at Notre Dame

Bookstore Basketball is a campus phenomenon unlike any other. Where else could a typical Joe Business Major square off against varsity athletes and other campus icons? The fact that Bookstore, which began its 32nd edition on Saturday, just recently gained national prominence in the pages of Sports Illustrated last year illustrates not only the staying power of such a popular event but also the magnitude to which it has grown since 1972.

And every aspect of the tournament has contributed to its popularity and success. For starters, the fact that each and every game is conducted entirely outdoors is a unique aspect of Bookstore Basketball. This year’s opening round — assuming today’s games go according to schedule — will likely feature not one, but two days in which players will have to endure snowfall.

In addition, in every year that I can remember, games have been won or lost by shots that are definitely affected by South Bend’s biting wind. Driving rainstorms are not all that uncommon, sometimes causing the tournament to be canceled, or even thrive, in what can only be explained as less-than-ideal playing conditions.

Then there are the players. From Joe Montana and Tony Rice, to those guys a couple years ago who covered themselves in sandwich condiments, the players bring a great amount of appeal to the tournament, and not necessarily for their athleticism.

Sometimes, most often in the earlier rounds, it is in fact the teams’ lack of athleticism — most often as a result of drunkenness — that brings out a crowd ready to laugh and enjoy themselves.

There is an aspect of Bookstore that appeals to everybody. Whether it is watching your friends shoot airball after airball, or watching Notre Dame’s best go all the way to winning the championship, the competition works on every possible level.

Also, Bookstore Basketball is a quintessential springtime activity. Hypothetically speaking, the weather’s nice — which is a rarity for South Bend — so why not take advantage of it while it’s here? Soaking up some rays, while often just a byproduct of attending a Bookstore game, is a great way to spend a lazy weekend afternoon in the midst of spring.

Everyone on this campus knows that it has been deemed the world’s largest five-on-five basketball tournament, but how it got there is a mystery to most. The first edition of Bookstore featured 53 teams. This year’s tournament boasts 10 times as many, with that number peaking above 700 teams 11 years ago.

The number of teams has exceeded 500 every year since Bookstore Basketball XI, 20 years ago in 1983, which broke the 500-team level for the first time, boasting 511 teams.

Fast-forward to this year. 539 teams. Five players per team. That adds up to almost 2,700 students — roughly a quarter of the combined Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross communities taking part in one of the most popular of many Notre Dame legacies.

And about the players. Combine that with the average turnout for a bookstore game — which can vary widely from team to team and round to round — and you’ve got a solid majority of these three campuses turning out to support a worthwhile cause.

That’s right, not only do these hardcore players play for free, but they also donate a registration fee to charity. Just another Notre Dame trademark on a campus tradition that has never — and likely will never — be duplicated anywhere else in the world.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Bryan Kronk lives in Knott Hall and is an accounting major. He writes at the bookstore games.

By EMILY HOWARD

Bookstore Basketball is back once again, and with it comes not only laughter at the strange and unique names, but heavy competition among the top teams for the coveted title of bookstore champion.

The tournament unites the Notre Dame community in one event that seems fit for everyone. “Where else can you find drunken idiots, unathletic Notre Dame engineers and superstar athletes all competing in one tournament against each other?” Fisher sophomore Lee Gettler said.

The Bookstore Basketball Tournament is the largest 5-on-5 tournament in the world and has grown with each year. It began in 1972 with 53 teams, and reached a peak in Bookstore XXI with 705 teams. This year there are 539 teams participating comprised of faculty, staff and students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross College.

The tournament is held for the duration of the month of April and began this Saturday and the finals will be played on Sunday, April 27.

In recent years, Bookstore Basketball has gained national attention with their increased number of teams participating in the event. Additionally, former players have gained national recognition such as Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown in 1987 and both Adrian Dantley and Bill Hanzlik were chosen for Olympic basketball teams. Dantley participated in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and won a gold medal, while Hanzlik was supposed participate in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, but the US team boycotted the games.

Bookstore Basketball has become a known tradition on the Notre Dame campus.

Alumni from all over the country show interest in the event and are always eager to learn about the tournament’s growth and development.

“The rivalry, the competition, the camaraderie — they are all things that will stay with me for the rest of my life,” Notre Dame graduate and former Dillon resident all Walsh said.

Other graduates have been very inquisitive about the upcoming events at the bookstore games.

Bookstore Basketball has become a part of the Notre Dame community just as much as any other time honored tradition at the University, with an added twist of humor. Not only do students dress up with themes and interesting costumes, some show up merely to make fools of themselves. It is an added comic relief to the University before things start to wrap up during finals week.

“Bookstore Basketball is the best thing to happen to this University since the time Wolman Jock ran through Stonehenge,” Dillon sopho-
Bookstore Basketball is commencing, with tradition to Notre Dame's campus.

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Matt Walsh
class of 2001

Although some of the teams appear as though they may not have mastered the art of basketball in their earlier days, generally, the teams appear to have an enjoyable time on the court. There are usually screams of laughter coming from all the areas of the games, and cheers can be heard at all areas on campus.

Bookstore Basketball has become an integral part of the Notre Dame community. It not only serves the purpose of enhancing the Notre Dame tradition, but it is an enjoyable event that gives students a chance to relax and have fun.

"Bookstore basketball is great. It gives the engineers a chance to see the sun, and the rest of us just have a great time."

Gottler said.

For more information on Bookstore Basketball or updated schedules or ranking go to www.nd.edu/BBB.

Check out the games at any of the regulation bookstore courts on campus, such as Stepan or Lyons, but especially at the central location of the bookstore courts. Games will be running through all of April.

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A girls team dressed in all pink with pink bows in their hair took the court Sunday afternoon. This team, among many, had creative uniforms to set them apart.
Everclear satisfies students

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

It was a cold and very rainy night last Friday when the Portland, Ore.-based band Everclear came to the Epcot Center of Notre Dame, otherwise known as the Stepan Center. Despite the weather, the lead singer, Art Alexakis, displayed the semi-blatant profanity"="f*@%"ing college show we've ever had."

This is quite a complement, especially considering the restrictions placed on the band's content by the university and the venue of the Stepan Center in which they had to perform.

Throughout the show there was even a steady dripping of water directly onto the back area of the stage. Everclear put on a great performance throughout their set and the crowd loved them.

As if that was not enough, Everclear took the status of their show from good to excellent in their encore, a moment when the audience rose to its feet in applause and the band responded with a standing ovation.

The performances of some of the students on stage were more memorable than much of the concert; the power of Everclear was on that stage, in every sense of the word. Some boys even tried to live their rock 'n roll dreams by jumping off the stage onto the crowd, one was successful, the others met bitter defeat in the form of a cold and hard concrete floor.

When the concert did end, most walked away very much satisfied and for the most part surprised that the show had been so excellent. Everclear's songs aren't all amazing musically, but despite all the weaknesses, the band may possess as a whole, they put on a terrific live performance.

It was cold and wet that night, even inside the leaking Stepan Center, but Everclear came through as a truly professional and talented band and made what could have been a good show a truly excellent performance.
MENS TENNIS
Bright moments for Irish can’t Mustangs at bay
By JOE LINDSLEY
Sport Writer
It was a great day for two Irish singles players and one doubles duo, but a tough day for the team as No. 49 Southern Methodist defeated No. 55 Notre Dame in a closely-contested 4-3 match Sunday.
Junior tri-captain Luis D’Amico and sophomore Brett Chingoka, both with personal pronouns mentioned, as they each triumphed over players ranked in the top 60 nationally.
Both teams splitting the singles matches, the Mustangs, who moved to 10-7 on the season, were able to secure the doubles point.
Notre Dame, 6-11 on the season, has become familiar with close matches this season. Sunday’s loss was the fifth 4-3 defeat for the Irish this season. Those losses were all to challenging teams – No. 10 Oklahoma, No. 37 Florida State, No. 47 Northwestern, No. 56 Tulsa and now SMU. Michigan State and No. 50 Purdue are the only teams Notre Dame has defeated in 4-3 matches.
The match culminated with four matches that extended to three sets, and with the top two matches finishing in decisive breakers.
D’Amico, playing at No. 1, finished off No. 52 Gwinl Chingoka, 6-4, 6-2, to obtain the first Notre Dame singles win. The Irish sophomore had never toppled a player rated that highly before.
After SMU’s Peter Ourednik defeated Irish junior Patrick Buchanan 6-2, 6-4, Irish junior Nicolas Lopez-Acerovedo defeated the Mustangs’ free-swing firefighter with Lukas Soderberg, 2-6, 6-3, 1-6, to tie the match. With the Sunday win, Lopez back to rest a three-match losing streak.
After the Irish had tied the event, the Mustangs’ Alexus Ruldszini put his team on the verge of victory with his defeat of senior tri-captain Brian Farrell. Ruldszini outlasted his opponent, 6-3, 6-4.
The Mustangs began strong by winning the first two doubles matches to have the court. Eric Cohn and Ryan Mauck won 8-6 over Farrell and D’Amico at No. 2 position and Chingoka and Senczyszyn topped the duo of junior Ben Hatten and sophomore Paul McNaughton, 8-4.
The Irish did enjoy an upset at the No. 1 flight. D’Amico and Scott, who were on a three-match losing streak together, claimed their second double of the season this weekend Sunday. The Irish pair defeated the 55th-ranked partnership of Ryan Lysaw and Dustin Taylor, 9-8.
D’Amico was in now preparing for his penultimate home contest of the season, when No. 30 Asian State came calling against Eck Pavlikove. After that, the Irish will go on the road with hopes of improving their NCAA Tournament chances by upsetting No. 13 Kent State. Then the Irish will complete the regular season back home against No. 67 Indiana State.
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WOMENS FINAL FOUR
Huskies, Vols will duel in final
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer
St. John’s University is doing five things to qualify for the NCAA women’s basketball tournament. The first four all need confidential support or personal counseling, living expenses and childcare responsibilities. Counseling, living expenses and childcare responsibilities. Counseling, living expenses and childcare responsibilities. Counseling, living expenses and childcare responsibilities.
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TRACK AND FIELD
Irish cancel spring opener
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer
Snow was falling and the wind was blowing Saturday morning at 9 a.m. As a result, the Notre Dame Spring Opener was cancelled. The only home meet of the season for Irish track and field squad was called off by the coaches over concerns about the well-being of the student-athletes.
Notre Dame and Western Michigan were the only teams on site, as Central Michigan pulled out of the meet Friday afternoon and didn’t even make the trip to South Bend.

However, Friday night’s 10,000 meter race was run and the Irish qualified three runners for the Big East Championships. Brian Kerwin, Marc Buchanan and freshman Kaleb Van Ort all qualified with times under 31:40. For the qualifications, Neill finished fifth in the first 10,000 meter race of his career.

The Irish return to the track this weekend at the University of Missouri for the Tom Botta Invitational where they hope to encounter some warmer weather.
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MENS LACROSSE

Scoring streak helps Buckeyes topple Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Matt Howell didn’t play. That could have been one excuse.

The Notre Dame mens lacrosse team had won nine of its previous ten meetings with Ohio State and simply took it for granted. That could have been another.

But regardless of distractions or statistics, coach Kevin Corrigan saw no excuse for his team’s 11-5 loss to the No. 19 Ohio State Buckeyes on Sunday at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium and seriously jeopardizing its chances at postseason play.

“We weren’t good in any phase of the game,” Corrigan said. “You’re not going to beat a good team when you don’t have something to hang your hat on. You want to play well offensively, and you want to play well defensively, but you can’t get beat in every phase and expect to win a game.”

The Irish fell to 5-4 on the season and 1-1 in GWLL play. With a close call against unranked Denver last weekend and now a blowout loss to a league opponent, Notre Dame feels it has to get its act together down the home stretch of its schedule.

“We’ve got to decide what we’re going to be,” Corrigan said. “We’re nine games into the season and we haven’t established what kind of team we want to be.”

In the opening moments of the game Sunday, Notre Dame was doing more than simply holding its own. They were establishing themselves offensively.

After the Buckeyes opened scoring, Irish leading scorer Dan Berger netted a goal at the 8:23 mark of the first quarter. Freshman attackman Brian Hubschmann scored his third goal of the season with 7:27 remaining, and Berger scored again at the 1:07 mark to give Notre Dame the lead after one quarter. Freshman attacker Pat Walsh assisted on all three goals.

From that point, Ohio State began to crawl back. The Buckeyes tied the game with goals at 11:52 and 11:41 of the second quarter. Walsh answered to put the Irish up 4-3. Ohio State scored two more goals, however, to go up 5-4 going into halftime.

An early third-quarter goal by sophomore midfielder Brian Giordano tied the game at 5-5. But the Buckeyes rallied off six unanswered goals and took the GWLL game in what appeared on paper, and in Corrigan’s mind, as a blowout.

Starting goalie Stewart Crossland made 18 saves in addition to letting up 11 goals. That amounts to 29 shots on goal for Ohio State and a whole bunch of questions for the Irish defense.

Corrigan was almost at a loss for words.

“We are playing poor fundamental team defense right now,” he said.

More than just a defensive breakdown and an overall defeat, the loss to Ohio State means Notre Dame has some serious thinking and playing to do as they only have five games, and three league matches, remaining.

“I think it means we need to win the rest of our games to go to the postseason,” Corrigan said. “We don’t know what’s going to happen in the league. We can’t worry about what other people will do, but we have to worry about what we want to do. We have to win the rest of our games because we control our own destiny.”

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to Beckstrom's grasp.

A week into spring practice, the quest is well under way to find the player who can fill the void left by Shane Walton. Notre Dame's most decorated departing senior. Two-year starter Vontez Duff is firmly entrenched at one cornerback slot, and while Beckstrom figures his experience gives him the inside track to the other opening, he knows he is going to be pushed by players like rising junior Preston Jackson and rising sophomore Garron Bilbo.

But had Beckstrom been healthy last season, he figures he might have been the guy challenging, not trying to hold onto, a starting position.

"I could be a blessing in disguise for him," Irish secondary coach Trent Walters said.

A year ago, Beckstrom was slotted as the third defensive back behind Walton and Duff, likely to play only in situations where nickel and dime defensive packages were used.

It could have been a disappointing end for a player who dreamed about starting for as long as he could remember. It could have been the end of a otherwise unremarkable career for a player who had missed only three games since he arrived on campus in 1999.

But then Beckstrom charged down a kickoff drill, reached his arm around the ballcarrier and felt a twinge in his arm. He continued practice that day, and the next two days, thinking all he had was an arm cramp.

The doctors, however, told Beckstrom in the aftermath of his injury that he likely would never play football again.

"As the season went on and I got healed, I wanted to play even more," he said. "It was the worst thing I've ever done as far as my ego, to sit on the sidelines."

Despite the injury, Beckstrom refused to lose his trademark enthusiasm for football. While his teammates donned uniforms and pads on game day, Beckstrom's left arm rested in a sling while his right arm carried a clipboard. He watched some players from the field to the telephone so they could talk to coaches in the press box and helped his teammates.

"If you can't play, you have to do whatever you can to help out," he said, "and that was the way of helping out."

In the process, Beckstrom learned a lot about football. He never would have noticed had he been healthy.

Beckstrom said he got a real good deal of experience watching other players do things "if he has the right mindset," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I think Jason had that."

"I thought all he had was a broken arm," the doctors, however, told Beckstrom in the aftermath of his injury that he likely would never play football again.

"As the season went on and I got healed, I wanted to play even more," he said. "It was the worst thing I've ever done as far as my ego, to sit on the sidelines."

Despite the injury, Beckstrom refused to lose his trademark enthusiasm for football. While his teammates donned uniforms and pads on game day, Beckstrom's left arm rested in a sling while his right arm carried a clipboard. He watched some players from the field to the telephone so they could talk to coaches in the press box and helped his teammates.

"If you can't play, you have to do whatever you can to help out," he said, "and that was the way of helping out."

In the process, Beckstrom learned a lot about football. He never would have noticed had he been healthy.

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bombs on the day.

Meanwhile, Niesel shut down the Red Storm's offense all afternoon. The right-hander didn't have his best stuff but still went six innings, allowing two earned runs and striking out four, to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Matt Laird pitched the seventh and struck out two Storm batters.

"Today was just one of those days when we were feeling really comfortable in the batter's box," Edwards said.

Kalita continued his early season success by winning his fourth game.

Kalita went seven innings, yielding only one run and walk in the process. The senior recorded 14 ground ball outs and only gave up one solid hit all day long. He is now 4-0 this season and 10-1 during his Notre Dame career.

"There were a lot of ground balls and I was just letting our defense do their job behind me," Kalita said. "(But support) takes a little bit of the pressure off, but you have to focus on the injury was not serious.

Kalita was just one of the players who stepped up Friday.

Sollmann doubled to score Grogan. Grogan followed with a triple to center, scoring Sollmann and Thaman. Edwards, Billmaier and Sanchez then all singled in succession before Matt Macri walked to plate the Irish ninth run of the inning and give the Irish a 15-3 lead.

"Right now, everyone is bearing down. We're finding ways to get runners on base and then get his [Sollmann's] two outs," Edwards said.

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Kansas, Syracuse move to championship game

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS**

Kansas now becomes Syracuse's problem, and Carmelo Anthony becomes the Jayhawks' headache.

Kansas routed Marquette 94-61 with a jaw-dropping display of flawless basketball in the NCAA tournament semifinals Saturday night before Anthony's 33 points carried Syracuse past Texas 95-84.

That set up a Monday night championship game between Roy Williams of Kansas and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, two of college basketball's most successful coaches, each seeking his first national title.

Boeheim has coached Syracuse to 652 victories in 27 seasons, but lost title games to Indiana in 1987 and Kentucky in 1996. Williams is in his 15th season at Kansas and lost the 1991 championship game to Duke.

For Syracuse, Kansas will be the third straight Big 12 opponent following Oklahoma and Texas, both No. 1 seeds in the tournament and both distracted by the Grangemen's tenacious 2-3 zone defense.

The defense forced Texas to shoot from outside, and for a while, the Longhorns made that work. They hit 10 3-pointers, five by Brandon Mouton and three by Brian Bodicker.

But Anthony was impossible to contain. He made 12 of 19 shots from the field, grabbed 14 rebounds and had three steals. And when he wasn't hounding Texas, freshman sidekick Gerry McNamara was pestering the Longhorns with 19 points, four steals and four straight foul shots down the stretch that kept Syracuse comfortably in front.

Anthony (22.0) and McNamara (13.0) were the top freshmen scoring duo in the country this season, accounting for 44 percent of Syracuse's points.

Boeheim admires his team, which has just one senior on the roster.

Anthony said the team's confidence is high as it looks to cap the season with the ultimate prize.

"That's what players come to college for, to try and be in a situation like this, to play in a championship game," he said.

Kansas turned the first game into a rout early, scoring 59 first-half points, the second most in Final Four history. The 33-point margin made it the fourth most lopsided game ever in the event.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Injury sidelines Griffeys Jr.**

Ken Griffeys Jr. will be out for at least six weeks while he recovers from a dislocated right shoulder.

Griffey landed on the shoulder while diving for a fly ball on Saturday, the third straight season the Cincinnati Reds outfielder has suffered a major injury in March or April.

Dr. Timothy Kremchek popped the shoulder back into place at the ballpark on Saturday. X-rays and other tests found no fractures or major injury to the rotator cuff.

Griffey will try to rehabilitate the shoulder rather than have surgery and optimistically could be playing again in six to 10 weeks, Kremchek said. But there is a possibility that he might have to have surgery anyway.

The 33-year-old Griffeys been sidelined by injuries since he returned to his hometown team in a February 2000 trade with Seattle.

He got the first hit at the Reds' new ballpark and later hit a homer, the 469th of his career. He was hurt in the fifth game of the season -- one earlier than last year.

Griffey is the game's second superstar to dislocate a shoulder in the opening week. The Yankees' Derek Jeter hurt his left shoulder while sliding into third base in the season opener.

The Reds haven't made a roster move to replace Griffeys. Manager Bob Boone planned to start Larry Walker in center field on Sunday, but changed his mind after talking to him for a half-hour.

"At some point, you'll probably see him out there," Boone said. "It's really a matter of when and how to do it."

**Earnhardt Jr. triumphs**

**AARON'S 499**

About the only thing that went right for Dale Earnhardt Jr. on Sunday was winning the Aaron's 499.

Four laps into the 188-lap event, Earnhardt drove through the infield grass to avoid a wild 27-car crash. The bumpy ride tore up his front air dam, messing up the car's aerodynamics and forcing a series of pit stops for repairs.

Earnhardt charged back to become the first driver to win four straight Winston Cup events on the 2.66-mile Talladega oval, but afterward he spent more time explaining a disputed pass than talking about his eighth career victory.

The 28-year-old son of the late Dale Earnhardt, the career leader at Talladega with 10 Winston Cup victories, came up with his first win of the season and moved to second in the standings, 129 points behind Kenseth.

Earnhardt's victory Sunday broke the record of three in a row here, held by Buddy Baker, who won twice in 1975 and once in 1976.

"There ain't too many [drivers] ever won four races here, period," Earnhardt said. "I'm stepping into some awful big shoes."
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By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Despite only being able to play one game in the 2003 International Showcase, Notre Dame’s women’s soccer team came out of the weekend in strong fashion by defeating the Mexican national team 3-1 Saturday.

After a 2002 season that saw numerous Irish players miss time with injuries, the game against Mexico gave a glimpse into the 2003 season for the Irish, who were only missing starting defender Melissa Tancredi from the lineup.

The defense was especially affected by injuries last season, and Saturday’s unit was comprised of senior Vanessa Puzinski, sophomores Candace Chapman and Godrun Gunnarsdottir and freshman Annie Schofter, all of whom returned after having nursed injuries at some point last season.

Freshman Erli Bohn also played very strong in goal for the Irish.

"Erik has had a great spring," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "Also throwing Annie Schofter played very well, she is going to be very good for us. For Candace Chapman, it was her first game back and it was Vanessa’s first full game in almost a year. For all that, we were very good defensively."

"It was good to get everybody back. They really did a good job and they make us so much deeper," said junior Amy Warner. "They really did a good job and they make us so much deeper."

The Irish scored at the end of the first half off a set play. Junior Amandla Guertin’s free kick bounced off the crossbar. Mexican goalkeeper Jennifer Molina-Shia was out of position for the loose ball and Schofter put it into the net for a 1-0 lead.

Early in the second half the Irish scored on a similar play. Freshman Katie Thorlakson shot again hit the crossbar and Guertin scored off the rebound for a 2-0 lead.

Fifteen minutes later, Notre Dame put the game away. Thorlakson passed to Warner on the right flank. Warner bow pout the defender and scored off the left post to put the Irish up 3-0. Mexico scored on a goal from Enca Abodol in the 75th minute to avoid the shutout.

"Guertin, Thorlakson, and Warner are really starting to figure one out," said Waldrum. "All three had pretty solid games and it was good to see them on the same page. Maggie Manning didn’t see a lot of minutes in the fall but has probably made the biggest strides this spring."

In Saturday’s first game, Michigan defeated the Canadian Under-19 team 2-1 on a late goal by Colleen McAndrews. Canada had a 21-4 in total shots and a 6-4 advantage in shots on goal but were unable to capitalize.

Before the games Saturday, severe weather postponed Friday night’s games. The games originally scheduled for Friday were the ones played on Saturday, while Saturday’s scheduled games were cancelled.

Despite the weather, which included temperatures in the 20s when the Irish finally took to the field, Waldrum was pleased with the event.

"At least we got the two games in," Waldrum said. "We had a fairly decent crowd of about 800 for the Mexico-Notre Dame game and it was still a successful event. I was really pleased with how we’ve made a lot of strides this spring. The last two weeks we’ve played very well. Mexico was very complimentary. There were two very good teams out there.

The Irish spring schedule continues with a game April 12 against Purdue before concluding with home games against Missouri and Iowa State on April 26. The Irish are 4-0 this spring with a total scoring edge of 17-1.
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handlers into numerous sloppy
turnovers and capitalized on the fast
break with a weave offense
that would have made the
 Harlem Globetrotters jealous.

Steve Perry's head-court
leader, Matthew Cirenza, provid­
ed some highlight reel
entertainment late in the second
half. Bringing the ball up court,
Cire­nza started a "two
play, an intricate offensive
system that involved weakside
movement, numerous screens
and precision timing.

After missing a 3-point sky­
hook instead.

Attempsing the basket, Cirenza
held both arms high in the
and yelled out that it was
the "play of the game.

Down 20-3 after Cirenza's shot,
Capes was able to mount a con­
response and cut the deficit to 16
before finally falling by the final
score of 21-4.

"The score doesn't really
reflect our team's character,"
Capes forward Kristi Lundquist said after the game. "It
doesn't accurately represent our
ability.

Asked about where the idea for
the uniform came from, Cape
guard Katie Bell replied, "Just
cause they're fun and we had
them lying around."

A jubilant Cirenza talked about
his amazing shot after the con­
test.

"It was great," he said, "someone said, "What do you
take in your coffee,' and I said, "Kareem.' Get it? It's a joke,
see?"

All kidding aside, Steve Perry
was very proud of his team. "They
had three points in the first
half, 11-5."

"This was a classic battle
between good and evil," said
Steve Perry forward Ralph
Pantoni, who scored three points in the game. "It was a classic
David-and-Goliath matchup. And
strangely enough, Goliath
won."

Bunion Predators 21, PPP 13

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Belles blank Bulldogs 9-0

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s tennis team got back into the win column April 5 with a 9-0 shutout victory over host Adrian College. The Belles brought their MIAA conference record to 2-1 and are in 2nd overall for the season.

Saint Mary’s Jeannie Knish defeated Laura Kelley 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles play. Fellow Belle Kristen Palombo was victorious over Liz Filipiak 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 2 spot. No. 3 Kaitlin Cutler blanked Heather Fraser 6-0, 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 2 doubles position.

The Belles won at every spot. No. 6 singles. Elisa Ryan dispatched Fraser 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 5 slot. Kristen Belles’ team of freshman Lindsay Sears and Lindsey Davis, 6-1. The Saint Mary’s tennis team got their first set over the Bulldogs’ Sears and Lindsey Davis, 6-1. The Sears-Davis duo came back to take the second set 6-2. In the decisive third set, Cook and Mikulyuk secured the shutout for the Belles with a 6-1 win to take the match.

“We played really well on Saturday,” said Knish. “The court was kind of a weird surface, so that took awhile to get used to. But we had fun and overall it was not too difficult of a match.”

Jeannie Knish
junior

“Irish upset No. 15 Hawkeyes

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The women’s rowing team overcame rough weather conditions on Sunday to upset No. 15 Iowa. The Irish, ranked 21st in the nation, won four of its five races in Iowa City.

Because of the weather, the usual 2,000-meter course was broken down into two 1,000-meter stretches.

Coxswain Kathryn Long, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Meredith Thornburgh, Kati Sedun, Devon Hegeman, Katie Chenoweth and Melissa Feiker led Notre Dame’s second varsity eight to two wins, taking the first heat in 3:32.40. Iowa finished seconds later in 3:34.30. In the second piece, the Irish crossed the line in 3:33.7, followed by the Iowa in 3:35.16.

Iowa secured two wins in the first varsity eight. The Hawkeyes won the first race by over four seconds and the second by almost five seconds. The Irish upset No. 15 Hawkeyes in 4:21.0, while Notre Dame’s “B” crew of coxswain Maureen Gibbons, Ann Mulligan, Jacqueline Hazen, Antionette Duck and Megan Sanders was third with a 4:21.61 finish.

The Irish novice boats also had noteworthy performances in the novice eight races. Coxswain Shannon Lettieri, Pamela Jefson, Julie Lewis, Morgan Ertel, Danielle Stealy, Jenna Redgate, Catherine Schmidt, Andreaauction and Sarah French led the “A” crew to a 3:47.01 win. The Hawkeyes took a close second in 3:52.91, while Notre Dame’s “B” crew of coxswain Nicole Baczkak, Meghan O’Neill, Megan Sheehan, Fallon Shields, Nikki Karis, Marcia Lutito, Katie Hanafin, Rachel Kemp and Laura Joyce finished in third. In the second race, Notre Dame’s “A” boat of coxswain Nicole Baczkak, Meghan O’Neill, Megan Sheehan, Fallon Shields, Nikki Karis, Marcia Lutito, Katie Hanafin, Rachel Kemp and Laura Joyce finished in third. In the second race, Notre Dame’s “A” boat of coxswain Nicole Baczkak, Meghan O’Neill, Megan Sheehan, Fallon Shields, Nikki Karis, Marcia Lutito, Katie Hanafin, Rachel Kemp and Laura Joyce finished in third.

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SOFTBALL

More rain holds Irish back

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

As the Notre Dame softball team enters a new month of play, the last thing they want to hear is that old saying, "April showers bring May flowers." They have seen enough showers already this season.

The Irish were scheduled to play two games in Providence Saturday, but that doubleheader had to be cancelled because of rain and snow in the Rhode Island area.

In a season that just gets stranger every day, the Irish missed their 11th game due to inclement weather. Six of those games have been Big East conference matchups.

"It's definitely not something we've been used to," said senior Andrea Loman. "It's never happened like this in the past three years I've been a member of the team. It's just one of those things where Mother Nature decides to take its course and you can't do anything about it.

The cancelled doubleheader versus the Friars is the third such Big East series that has been postponed the season.

Earlier in the year at the USF/Wilson Tournament in Tampa, Fla., the team's scheduled games were pushed back a day after rain. The Irish were easily beating Rhode Island 12-0 in the fourth inning, but the game had to be cancelled so the team could catch its flight back to South Bend.

At the NFCA Leadoff Classic, the Irish lost at least two games due to heavy rain in Columbus, Ga. Notre Dame also lost at least two games to rainy weather at the Kla Klassic in Fullerton, Calif.

"Losing these games could just make us that much stronger," Irish sophomore pitcher Stetany Stangler said. "Those teams that have been playing all year have a slight advantage, so we'll have to keep up our competitiveness even more.

The Irish have been on a tear as of late, winning four straight against Purdue and Loyola (Chicago) while outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 24-5 in the four contests.

"I think it just took us a while for us to straighten everything out," Loman said. "All three aspects of our game started clicking — hitting, defense, and pitching. I think we still will play fine whenever we get back on the field.

"That is still the main question for this year's Irish — when exactly they will get back on the field. With fewer weeks in the school year remaining, rescheduling the missed games could grow more difficult.

"The most difficult thing is that a lot of us will have to miss classes because of rescheduling," Loman said. "A lot of us have projects due, so it puts a little more pressure on us.

The Irish's next scheduled matchup is Wednesday in Pittsburgh, where they will attempt to make up the doubleheader against the Panthers that was originally scheduled for March 29.

Of course, that series is weather permitting.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish muzzle Huskies early

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After falling behind against No. 8 Syracuse last week, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team knew it needed to get off to a strong start in their critical game against No. 19 Connecticut.

The Irish got their strong start with a goal in the first minute as they rallied over the Huskies 15-7.

"We knew that we came out a little slow against Syracuse and we needed to turn it around," said McCaredd. "It was a big game for us, being a Big East game.

"Junior Meredith Simon got No. 15 Notre Dame rolling with a goal 55 seconds into the game. The Irish controlled the first 10 minutes and finally cashed in when senior attacker Kelly McCardell made a goal on a 4-0 lead at the 16:04 mark of the first half. Seniors Anne Riley and Danielle Shearer contributed the third and fourth goals, respectively.

"We got off to a very good start," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I thought our shooting was efficient and we capitalized on a lot of opportunities. We have some objectives that we set in the pre-game and I think we met those pretty well.

The Huskies finally got on the board with 13 minutes left in the half, but the Irish built their lead to 7-1 at halftime on a goal by senior Lauren Fischer sandwiched between two goals from freshman Crysti Fonte.

The Irish used a strong defensive game, headed by a strong effort from senior goalkeeper Jen White, to hold the Huskies to one first-half goal while building the big lead.

"I was really pleased with Jen's play," said Coyne. "She created a lot of turnovers; she had some interceptions and ground balls and some key saves. I also thought Kelly McCardell played very well. The defense really just had a solid game."

"We wanted to really come out strong," said McCaredd. "We knew if we left it off for the attack that they would finish it off for us.

Notre Dame jumped out to a strong start in the second half as well, as Fonte scored her third goal only 18 seconds in to make it 8-1. After a Connecticut score, junior Kristen Gaoureau scored on a free position goal and Simon added another score to push the lead to 10-2. Connecticut rallied to within five at 12-7, but the Irish added three more goals for the comfortable final margin.

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The schedule doesn't get any easier, as the Irish are in the midst of playing five consecutive games against ranked opponents. Next up for the Irish is a game at No. 3 Duke Friday, followed by home games against No. 16 Stanford and No. 6 Georgetown.

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**I'm like, whatever, whatever.**

**I just say hey.**

**Hey, whatever, whatever.**

**But then she's like, "uhh."**

**Yes, we all know. You're busy.**

**But she was being so difficult.**

**You know how Julie is.**

**It's not like it's a big surprise.**

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**Crossword**

**Across**

1 Office station
2 Arthur
39 "Harrumph," e.g.
43 School for princes William and Harry
15 Swing at a fly
16 Fool (around)
18 Bounce back
19 Judge's query
23 Fox’s father
24 League (5Down’s group)
25 Krazy____
26 Bureaucratic stuff
31 "___, hurlbug!"
34 Care topper
35 Little devil

**Down**

1 Lousy grade
2 Carve in stone
3 Old warehouse district in New York
4 Who...what evil..."Into the Shadows!"
5 On dry land
6 Moved to the music
7 Crown of light
8 With 59-Across, words before "then fall, Caretost."
9 Make ready for use, as library books
10 Warm and comfortable
11 SealWorld whale
12 Not new
13 Tiestest supporter
14 Sad song
15 Longdistance lover
16 Fuzzy fruits
18 Sneeze sound
19 Link with
20 Supermodel Cheryl
21 Turn red from embarrassment
22 Heart chambers
23 Today

**Clues**

**Birthday Baby:**

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Irish dismantle Red Storm

By JOE HETTLER
Sport Editor

Notre Dame played 16 innings of baseball Sunday, scored 29 runs, collected 25 hits, allowed only three earned runs and won two Big East games.

Not a bad way to end the weekend.

Notre Dame used two offensive explosions and solid pitching from Chris Niesl and Ryan Kaltia to sweep a doubleheader from St. John's, 11-3 and 18-3. The wins were the Irish 10th and 11th in a row, which is the fourth-longest winning streak in Irish baseball history.


Notre Dame jumped on St. John's early in game one by scoring 11 runs in the first three innings. Javier Sanchez tripled in teammates Kris Billmaier and Brennan Grogan to put Notre Dame up 2-0 in the first inning. Left fielder Cody Ruiz opened up the second inning with a solo homer. Steve Andres followed the homer with a walk and was driven in on a Steve Solmann two-run shot to right field.

The Irish put the game away in the third inning by scoring six runs, capped by an Edwards three-run home run. It was the first two of Edwards excitement of March Madness can indeed run into April.

The game featured a thrilling first half in which the Beasts seemed to be in total control after jumping out to a quick lead. It was Slushies head coach Sean McConnell and assistant coach Dubber Johnson who helped maintain his team's composure. "Shot," McConnell yelled at a player who had the ball five inches from the basket. Other times, he instructed his team to pass, dribble, or shoot at the correct hoop. The coach-player relationship was not monopolized by McConnell, however. His teammates provided input right back to him throughout the game, as well.

"My fingers, I can't feel them," said Slushies point guard Allison Perry. "I've had a strong game down low. Amy Heff played excellent 'D'." Kathrin Kimmer was our offensive powerhouse. Ivette Flores provided leadership as our team captain. Courtney Grattan ... well, she goes with the flow and hangs out.

"She's looking forward to the post-season party," he added.

Steve Perry 21, Capes and Cowboy Hats 4

Steve Perry scored 21 of the 23 points in Bookstore Basketball action at Hammes Courts.

"It was the green uniforms. The all-female Capes and Cowboy Hats were bannockized and discombobulated by the all-male Steve Perry 21-4 Saturday in Bookstore Baskeithility over the weekend.

The Irish softball matches at Providence, as well as the track team's home Spring Opener, were cancelled due to inclement weather over the weekend.