State senate passes resolution to improve US 31

By MEIGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

A concurrent resolution to recommend federal funding for a proposal that a corridor of U.S. Route 31 be revamped and upgraded to expressway status passed unanimously through the Indiana state legislature March 26.

The resolution, authored by Republican state senator and Notre Dame alumn Joe Zakas from Granger, proposes that the Indiana state legislature urge federal funding for U.S. 31 from TEA-21, an upcoming package of bills that distributes funding to highway projects around the nation.

U.S. 31 runs directly through the cities of South Bend and nearby Niles, Mich., and provides a direct link between northern Indiana and Indianapolis, the state capital. At present, it is little more than a four-lane road that bears traffic load much larger than it can realistically handle, Zakas said.

"There's a strong feeling in Saint Joseph County and Elkhart County that this project is long overdue," Zakas said, citing the fact that the road provides the primary link between the state's two largest economic markets.

"The roadway in its current condition, Zakas said, is notorious for its inefficiency and traffic problems. Plans for improvement include model it into a limited-access, interstate-quality highway, a proposal that he said has garnered a great deal of support.

"The main thing about this resolution is that it was intended to show Congress that there's a lot of support in the state of Indiana," he said.

"Twelve state senators, representing each of the districts along the proposed corridor, co-authored Zakas' resolution, which was then sponsored by Speaker Pat Bauer, from South Bend, in the state's House of Representatives."

Such support is significant, Zakas said, because it shows the state's federal representatives—Congressmen, senators and Governor Frank O'Bannon—that the proposed improvements to U.S. 31 are a top priority among state legislators and the citizens they represent.

"There's a lot of competition for road-building dollars," he said.

In an Indiana Department of Transportation study conducted on the impact of the U.S. 31 proposal, it was projected that an improved roadway would create an economic boom along its corridor and create new job opportunities for the community.

"The economic impact of a U.S. 31 freeway has been projected to create over 5000 jobs, save billions of dollars in travel time reductions and return $3.20 in benefits for each $1.00 spent to build it," the resolution says.

A March 25 news release announcing the passage of Zakas' resolution in the state senate said that the population along the corridor is growing at a rate that is 50 percent higher than that of the rest of the state.

Travel on U.S. 31 is projected to increase by 59 percent in 20 years, with traffic in some segments growing by 100 percent.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Riding in the fast lane

A blue 1989 Buick and three younger cars pulled out of campus in a caravan to Ball State University for the Indiana Collegiate Press Association Conference Friday afternoon.

Myself and three other Saint Mary's women's basketball players, the Buick and Donors drove the other three cars. With the four drivers playing yoyo on the two-lane road, the caravan did not last long. Soon on the road alone, we kept in contact through cell phone calls.

"Umm, we're on 69. Where are you?"

"Pause.

"Ah, ok, well we had to stop for gas," the driver explained, as she raised her eyebrows and accelerat-ed to catch up.

Entering Muncie, we were coming in second, until a shiny black car passed us on our right, three boys waving their hands in delight at their accomplishment.

The two-lane road merged into one and we were stuck in no passing zone. As soon as the solid yellow line became dotted, my driver pulled into the oncoming lane and passed the shiny black car, going 30 over the speed limit. We waved our hands in celebration.

Strapped into the backseat, my mother said, "Make sure the person you ride with drives safely," went through my head.

As the road became two lanes again and a light stopped us, the three Donors pulled along side our car; we shot them intimidating glances and revved up the engine. The light turned green and the Buick picked up, leaving the shiny black car putting behind.

Zooming through the green light, we crossed more than a white line, we crossed into the territory of the age old relationship boys have with cars and driving and it did not serve us well.

That night we went out to eat and got directions to the restaurant from the hotel clerk. I told the lead driver, "Turn left at the first stop light and then right at the next and it should be about two miles down the road."

This time the 1989 Buick was bringing up the rear of the caravan. Following the cars in the lead, we did not turn at the first stoplight and turned right at a light several miles down the road. We thought they could find a better way than us.

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- Lecture with Andrea Dunay "The Post-Suburban Region" 6:30 p.m. at Bond Hall, room 104
- Documentary screening with director Des Bell "The Last Storyteller" 7 p.m. at Deltaro Hall, room 119

What's Happening @ SMC

- Board of Governance meeting 4:30 p.m. at the Student Government Office
- Saint Mary's Ecology Fair 5 p.m. on the library green
- Civil, Film Festival 6:30 p.m. at Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Boiled linguine, shells, tri-color rotini, meat sauce, marinara sauce, breaded cheesesticks, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, tomato soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, whipped potatoes, corn, oriental vegetables, baked potato, hamburger, chicken patty, chicken breast

Today's Dinner: Thin spaghetti, alfredo, served with sticky rice, pork cutlet, gypsy schnitzel, buttered noodles, melted cheese, marinara sauce, gorgonzola sauce, French bread pizza, whipping potatoes, corn, turkey gravy, baked potato, roasted vegetables, spinach, hamburger, chicken nuggets, krinkle cut fries, chicken taco, taco, meat, spanish rice, mexican bar, porkbello fajita, cheese noodles, fried rice

South Dining Hall
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Saint Mary's Dining Hall
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What's Going Down

Employee loses Kontrol Kard
On April 11, a University employee reported misplacing her Kontrol Kard at an unknown location.

Car towed for parking violations
Two student vehicles were towed for parking violations on April 11.

Missing bike found
A bike that was reported missing from outside the Stadium was recovered by the bike's owner.

Employee injured
NISD reported an employee from South Dining Hall to the University Medical Center on April 11 for treatment of an injury.

Two car accident reported
NISD responded to a two-car accident on Angela Boulevard on April 11. There were no injuries reported.

Compiled from the NISD crime blatter

Correction

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Alumnae discuss job options

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Saint Mary's alumnae visited campus Saturday morning to speak with students about life after college.

Pat Pierce, chair of the Political Science department, organized the Political Science Power Lunch to give students the opportunity to hear about the experiences of notable alumnae, as well as to discuss potential career paths.

Della Garcia, a 1993 alum, attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is the former Executive Director of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Laura Boeckman, a 1996 alum, is a law clerk to the Honorable Harvey Schnegler, a U.S. federal district judge in Florida. Ann Hucker and Laura Boeckman, a 1996 alum, is the former Executive Director of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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Maura Kahn, manager of the Arzosifene Global Product Team, part of Eli Lilly and Company, said, "While the four alumnae were all Political Science majors, each pursued different career paths, ranging from law to business. Kahn spoke of key skills acquired in the major, such as critical thinking, communication, and the ability to distill information. "As a Political Science major, you are learning transferable skills," Garcia said. "Wherever you have people, you have politics."

Each of the four women spoke about their experiences after graduating. A common thread was the emphasis on the value of a Saint Mary's education. The alumnae did say that they did not realize the value of a Political Science degree until after they actually had the opportunity to use it.

"I think the reason I thought I would be successful was because my professors believed in me and I didn't know any better," Kahn said.

Another common link was the importance of taking time off before getting a job or going to graduate school or law school. Boeckman took advantage of an opportunity to teach English in Japan for a year before attending law school and earning her Masters in public administration at Indiana University. "Having life experience and then going back to school makes it a much richer experience," Boeckman said. "So to pursue opportunities that make you a more well-rounded person."

During a question and answer session that followed the presentations, the panel underscored the willingness of alumnae networks to assist Saint Mary's graduates in searching for a job.

One message that the panel highlighted is that experience is more important than your major or your GPA. Experience is particularly important in the interview process to make connections with possible employers and to present a more comprehensive picture of yourself. "You are more than your resume, more than your academic credentials and more than your personal and family relations," O'Connor said. "You are what you do and what you do it." The Power Lunch was the culmination of a week of alumnae visits to the College. Ann Hucker and Annie Kiperman, 1992 alum, returned to campus last Wednesday to talk with students about business jobs and the difficulties of the economy, as well as the importance of alumnae networking.

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U-WIRE

College paper claims victory with district court ruling

By MARK BIEGANSKI
Northern Star

In a victory for public college and university newspapers, the U.S. Court of Appeals decided that administrators cannot censor student-run newspapers. The case arose in 2001 when editors of the Innovator, Governors State University's student newspaper, decided to publish an opinion piece of student affairs Patricia Carter for censoring the newspaper. The decision, which wasn't expected until mid-summer, doesn't support the state of Illinois' request to apply a ruling in a similar case involving high school publications.

In 1988, the United States Supreme Court granted administrators in the Hazelwood School District authority to review and censor high school-sponsored newspaper papers. The state of Illinois was unsuccessful so far. "It's a wonderful victory," said Mike Hiestand, attorney for the Student Press Law Center. "It could have been a devastating defeat, but luckily it went the other way."

He said throughout the case, there was a feeling that the law would be on students' side. Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said in a press release he hopes this decision reaffirms the last 30 years of college censorship cases.

"We hope that this ruling will make visible once and for all what college officials are inclined to censor from engaging in that unconstitutional behavior," Goodman said.

In its ruling, the Court said, "Hazelwood's rationale for limiting the First Amendment rights of high school journalism students is not a good fit or students at colleges or universities."

The decision went on to state that the differences between college and high school newspapers are far greater than differences in curriculum and extracurriculars. Carter, who looked for qualified immunity in the case, was denied. The court denied her request on the notion that if her action to censor the Innovator is true, then "she violated clear rights of which she should have been aware."

"I think the decision reflects that there was no uncertainty in their mind and what school officials at Governors State did was wrong," Hiestand said.

He said that the case is not over because it could carry on in trial courts if it continues to be pursued. "Other courts that are faced with this question are going to look at this decision," Hiestand said.
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the saw a varied and different dance
form which they tried to learn
and they were happy to see a
different side of celebration,”
Malik said.

Holl was much different as it
was celebrated outdoors and
even though the event coincided
with the Fisher Regatta, “there
were still a considerable number
of non-Indian participants,
which is also one of our goals,”
said Kohli.

Danielle Noujaim a freshman
said, “I thought Holl was just
total chaos and total fun and I
thought it was incredible how
different cultures celebrate
events.

Another difference was that
Holl was celebrated with color
dyes which raised a dilemma for
the officials. “initially there was a
lot of objection towards hold-
ning this event but with the sup-
port of other organizations on
the campus we were able to obtain
permission for it, the universities
try to promote diversity and
they want cultural events on
campus but because of these events have traditions that
do not apply to the rules already
created, the authorities are often
hesitant but they try to accom-
modate as much as possible,”
said Kohli.

The Indian Association was
also responsible for a free tele-
cast of the cricket world cup and
for organizing events such as
Indian Dance Nights.

“The attempt is to make
Indians feel as close to home as
possible while, giving back to the
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ting people know what we hold
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workers and residents who live
and work along the corridor,
said that the implementation of
the roadway proposal would
increase economic activity in the
cities and towns between South
Bend and Indianapolis.

“The businesses are very con-
cerned about the economic life-
line that U.S. 31 provides to the
total Indiana region,” he said.

People are finding themselves
stuck in traffic and stoplights be-
more and more… they start to bypass 31 and therefore lose those
towns and businesses along the way.”

With scores of travelers mak-
ing a concerted effort to avoid
U.S. 31, the businesses whose
well-being depends on the
patronage of travelers are begin-
ing to suffer. Local com-
munities, too, are feeling the
effects of the roadway’s short-
falls, he said, as workers wish-
ing to avoid traffic on U.S. 31
search for industrial jobs closer
to home.

In Kokomo, for instance,
factories draw their work forces
from all around. [U.S. 31] allows
them to bring their workforce
from a wider radius. As the
frailty of U.S. 31 begins to
deteriorate, the workforce
available begins to dwindle,”
Faulkenberg said.

It is the inconveniences, such
as frequent traffic stops, ineffi-
cient intersections and bad road
conditions that cause motorists
to think twice about utilizing
U.S. 31, but they also raise a
number of safety concerns, in
Faulkenberg said cannot be
ignored.

He cited numerous railroad
crossings and dangerous inter-
sections that dot the road as the
primary among the hazards that
U.S. 31 presents. The same
INDOT study that projected an
increase in the economic devel-
lopment of the corridor within 20
years of the proposal’s imple-
mentation also predicted a
twelve-person decrease of traffic
fatalities.

“I can talk about economic
development all I want, but sav-
ing twelve lives is really the
greatest part,” Faulkenberg said.

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ificant impact on the Notre
Dame/Saint Mary’s communi-
ties, Faulkenberg said.

The proposed freeway, which
Faulkenberg said he hopes to see
started within the next ten
years, is expected to reduce
travel time between South Bend
and Indianapolis by more than
twenty minutes.

“It will definitely give to your
students a better, quicker, safer,
route to drive — particularly at
sporting events — but more im-
portant… is the overall eco-
conomic health of Michiana,” he
said. “It’s going to really make
for a strong community that
folks are going to want to go to
school in and maybe even stay
and work here.”

Vivienne Peck, a resident of
in the Road Safety Coalition
to Senator Zakas, said that a better
U.S. 31 might cause southern
Indians to be more inclined to
travel north on a more frequent
basis.

“If it shortens travel time and
increases safety, I would think it
would definitely have an impact
on people who might want to
travel up here,” she said.

Zakas has “ever larger plans
on the table.

“We’re hoping this will
become I-67,” he said, “maybe
even eventually connecting
Grand Rapids to Indianapolis.”

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Members of the Indian community celebrate the Festival of Colors on South Quad Saturday.

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World Bank outlines fix to world poverty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Global poverty can be cut in half by 2015 if rich countries stop spending aid abroad to increase foreign aid, the World Bank said Sunday.

Poor countries can help themselves by investing more in health and education, the bank said.

But a new bank report said even if worldwide economic growth stays on track, poverty will remain worse in Africa, where the number of poor is likely to climb from 315 million in 1999 to 404 million in 2015.

Poverty also is on the rise in the Middle East, the bank said.

"Growth alone will not be enough to halve poverty by 2015," said Nicholas Stern, the bank's chief economist.

"Developing countries need to ensure that all people, especially the poor, have access to education, health care and protection to make real improvements in peoples lives."

In a sign wealthy nations were offering more aid, Treasury Secretary John Snow said the United States would give the World Bank $100 million in the budget year starting Oct. 1 for low-interest, long-term loans to poor countries.

Snow, who made the announcement at the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, said the United States and the International Financial Institution should provide an additional $1.16 billion in 2005 if developing countries show progress in education, health and private sector development.

Mr. Stern said the bank hoped "rich countries will follow through on their aid commitments and will take action on trade, particularly on agricultural subsidies at the World Trade Organization meeting in Mexico in September."

Developing countries maintain that the $300 billion a year that wealthy nations pay their farmers in subsidies drives down the price of commodities produced by poor nations. That makes it hard for them to sell goods at a profit and improves their economies.

The bank report outlines the sharp differences between poor and rich countries.

It shows that during the 1990s there was rapid progress in reducing the number of poor people who were on less than $1 a day. The bank's definition of poverty.

The report said the numbers dropped from 1.3 billion in 1990 to 1.16 billion in 1999 but these gains occurred largely in India and China, whose economies made strong progress during the decade.

The number of poor rose in Eastern Europe and Central Asia from 6 to 24 million, from 48 million to 57 million in Latin America, from 5 to 6 million in the Middle East and North Africa, and from 241 million to 315 million in Africa.

The bank said lower trade barriers by well-off countries could boost annual growth in developing countries by an extra 0.5 percent over the long run and lift an additional 300 million out of poverty by 2015.

"Trade can spur development by expanding markets for developing countries exports," Stern said.

"Poor countries are facing huge rich country barriers in exporting those products that play the best to their comparative advantage — namely, agricul­
tural goods and textiles."

Bush warns Syria about aid to Iraq, chemical weapons

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush warned Syria on Sunday not to help Iraqis fight U.S. leaders and charged that Damascus has chemical weapons, but was careful not to threaten military action.

"They just need to cooperate," Bush said.

Bush sought to strike the kind of mea­ured tone he has used when discussing Iraq since the war began.

"We expect cooperation, and I'm hope­ful we'll receive cooperation," he told reporters after returning to the White House from Camp David.

Syria's foreign ministry spokeswoman, Buthayna Shaaban, seemed to strike a conciliatory tone in a telephone interview with All-Ja­зер­ei radio.

She said Syrian's borders with Iraq are new closed and reiterated that none of the local leaders had asked to come to Syria.

"As you know Syria's history with the Iraqis regime has never been cordial, but we have always been keen about the Iraqi people," she said.

Shaaban said Syria had opposed the war against Iraq because of potential harm to the Iraqi people.

"I believe we are conducting continuous dialogue with the American officials," she said. "The problem is all the accusations against Syria come from Israel. Israel is the primary instigator to undermine Syrian-American relations, but I don't believe Israeli will succeed in its attempts."

"Syria knows best how peace and stabil­ity may be secured in the region, and I believe that there is an advantage in con­sulting with Syria and that Syria play a role in achieving peace and stability in the region," she said.

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Bush warned Syria about aid to Iraq, chemical weapons

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush warned Syria on Sunday not to help Iraqis fight U.S. leaders and charged that Damascus has chemical weapons, but was careful not to threaten military action.

"They just need to cooperate," Bush said.

Bush sought to strike the kind of mea­ured tone he has used when discussing Iraq since the war began.

"We expect cooperation, and I'm hope­ful we'll receive cooperation," he told reporters after returning to the White House from Camp David.

Syria's foreign ministry spokeswoman, Buthayna Shaaban, seemed to strike a conciliatory tone in a telephone interview with All-Ja­зер­ei radio.

She said Syrian's borders with Iraq are new closed and reiterated that none of the local leaders had asked to come to Syria.

"As you know Syria's history with the Iraqis regime has never been cordial, but we have always been keen about the Iraqi people," she said.

Shaaban said Syria had opposed the war against Iraq because of potential harm to the Iraqi people.

"I believe we are conducting continuous dialogue with the American officials," she said. "The problem is all the accusations against Syria come from Israel. Israel is the primary instigator to undermine Syrian-American relations, but I don't believe Israeli will succeed in its attempts."

"Syria knows best how peace and stabil­ity may be secured in the region, and I believe that there is an advantage in con­sulting with Syria and that Syria play a role in achieving peace and stability in the region," she said.

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World Bank outlines fix to world poverty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Global poverty can be cut in half by 2015 if rich countries stop spending aid abroad to increase foreign aid, the World Bank said Sunday.

Poor countries can help themselves by investing more in health and education, the bank said.

But a new bank report said even if worldwide economic growth stays on track, poverty will remain worse in Africa, where the number of poor is likely to climb from 315 million in 1999 to 404 million in 2015.

Poverty also is on the rise in the Middle East, the bank said.

"Growth alone will not be enough to halve poverty by 2015," said Nicholas Stern, the bank's chief economist.

"Developing countries need to ensure that all people, especially the poor, have access to education, health care and protection to make real improvements in peoples lives."

In a sign wealthy nations were offering more aid, Treasury Secretary John Snow said the United States would give the World Bank $100 million in the budget year starting Oct. 1 for low-interest, long-term loans to poor countries.

Snow, who made the announcement at the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, said the United States and the International Financial Institution should provide an additional $1.16 billion in 2005 if developing countries show progress in education, health and private sector development.

Mr. Stern said the bank hoped "rich countries will follow through on their aid commitments and will take action on trade, particularly on agricultural subsidies at the World Trade Organization meeting in Mexico in September."

Developing countries maintain that the $300 billion a year that wealthy nations pay their farmers in subsidies drives down the price of commodities produced by poor nations. That makes it hard for them to sell goods at a profit and improves their economies.

The bank report outlines the sharp differences between poor and rich countries.

It shows that during the 1990s there was rapid progress in reducing the number of poor people who were on less than $1 a day. The bank's definition of poverty.

The report said the numbers dropped from 1.3 billion in 1990 to 1.16 billion in 1999 but these gains occurred largely in India and China, whose economies made strong progress during the decade.

The number of poor rose in Eastern Europe and Central Asia from 6 to 24 million, from 48 million to 57 million in Latin America, from 5 to 6 million in the Middle East and North Africa, and from 241 million to 315 million in Africa.

The bank said lower trade barriers by well-off countries could boost annual growth in developing countries by an extra 0.5 percent over the long run and lift an additional 300 million out of poverty by 2015.

"Trade can spur development by expanding markets for developing countries exports," Stern said.

"Poor countries are facing huge rich country barriers in exporting those products that play the best to their comparative advantage — namely, agricul­
tural goods and textiles."
Penn State: guilty of discrimination

By ABBY HEISEY
The Daily Collegian


Title VII ensures that job applicants cannot be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sex.

The determination was made because of a discrimination claim filed against the university by Christopher D. Fernando. Fernando worked part-time as a computer operator in the computer science and engineering department from August 1999 to June 2002. He requested full-time employment starting in summer 2000 and left the department when he was unable to secure full-time status.

In August 2002, a former co-worker informed Fernando of the availability of a full-time position in the department, which included job duties exactly the same as those he performed during his employment.

Fernando applied for the position, but was not granted an interview. He said he did not receive an interview because he is Asian. A white man later got the job.

Fernando then filed a complaint with the EEOC. Bill Mahon, Penn State spokesman, said in an e-mail yesterday that the university disagrees with the ruling and will move to the next level of conciliation.

The Penn State Office of Affirmative Action and the department of computer science and engineering would not comment on the case. "I had the feeling that something had happened to me, and I didn't know what," Fernando said.

"It was something that needed to be done because, if it happens to someone else, nothing will change." The EEOC investigated the claim and decided "the evidence obtained during the investigation establishes a violation of the statute," according to the determination sent to both Fernando and the university. The document also says both parties must work together to resolve the matter.

Professor indicted on 15 counts

By HEIDI TOOTH
University Daily

LUBBOCK, Texas The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center professor arrested in conjunction with a plague scare in January was Thomas Butler covers a variety of science and engineering department from August 1999 to April 2002.

Butler is accused of smuggle goods using his personal vehicle, Federal Express. Butler allegedly imported the Yersinia pestis bacteria from Tanzania in September, using Federal Express.

Butler declined to comment on the charges because the investigation is ongoing. The first count alleges Butler imported the Yersinia pestis bacteria from Tanzania by commercial airlines in April 2002. He did not have a permit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are two counts of smuggling merchandise into the United States, also on commercial airlines in April, that should have been invoiced. There are three counts of transporting smuggled goods using his personal vehicle, Federal Express and commercial airlines. There are also three counts of illegal transportation of hazardous materials, as well as one count of unauthorized export to Tanzania in September, using Federal Express.

Observer takes third in contest

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at Saturday's annual Indiana College Press Association award banquet.

Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well, led by former editor-in-chief Jason McFarley.

McFarley's story on ResLife won Best Investigative Story, his Jan. 1 reporting on Tyrone Willingham's hiring won Best Online Breaking News Reporting and his story on students protesting the alcohol policy was third in the category of Best Breaking News Reporting.

McFarley, along with Helena Payne, Lauren Beck, Meghan Martin and Jessica Daling, also contributed to a third-place series on 30 years of co-education at Notre Dame.

Other Notre Dame media groups represented at the ICPA convention included the Juggler, named best literary magazine; Scholastic, named the top news magazine; and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.

WANT TO DRAW A COMIC? Do you open up the back page of the Observer and say, "I can do better than this!"? Well, you'd be surprised how hard a good crossword puzzle is to make, believe me. But if you know you'd like to do a comic for next year's Observer, here's what to do:

Submit 5 example strips and a description of your comic to editor Andrew Soukup no later than TUESDAY, APRIL 15th.
Instant oil revival not likely

U.S. may have to cut deals to restore Iraq's oil

WASHINGTON U.S. troops are within striking distance of Iraq's last big oil field, and sabotage at oil wells and facilities elsewhere appears minimal. But even in this good news won't lessen the challenge ahead for oil experts planning to revive the country's most important industry.

Political disputes, legal issues and the need for billions of dollars in investment are among the hurdles Iraq must pass before it can restore crude output even to 1990 levels — much less increase it beyond that.

Iraq has the world's second-largest proven crude reserves, at 112 billion barrels, but its pipelines, pumping stations and oil reservoirs have suffered for years from a dearth of funds and lack of maintenance. U.N. economic sanctions imposed after the 1990 Gulf War forced engineers of the Iraqi National Oil Co. to cannibalize ports and equipment and use outdated technologies to keep the crude flowing.

Some people, including many in the Bush administration, suggest that Iraq's oil reserves make it a potentially rich country and that it should be able to pay for its own reconstruction by selling crude.

"The reality is that to get the oil out of the ground is going to require a significant upfront investment, and companies aren't going to do that as an act of charity," said Baad Alkadiri, an analyst at The Petroleum Finance Co., a Washington consulting firm.

Alkadiri estimates that Iraq will need to invest $3 billion to $6 billion over two years just to refurbish its facilities and nudge output up to 3 million barrels a day higher. Hampered by economic sanctions imposed after the last Gulf War, Iraq's capacity has fallen from 3.5 million barrels a day to 2.6 million barrels a day. Output essentially stopped with the start of the war.

With the collapse of the Iraqi government, U.S. officials are moving swiftly to install a transitional authority to manage the oil industry before eventually turning the business over to the Iraqis themselves. Military planners and oil analysts estimate it could take one to three months before Iraq can resume exporting large quantities of crude.

Small amounts of oil flowed from Iraq's northern fields even during fighting around the regional oil center of Kirkuk. That city's seizure by Kurdish fighters on Thursday brought Kurds and Americans to the edge of Iraq's giant Kirkuk oil field, and the facilities there appeared to be intact. Kirkuk pumps as much as 900,000 barrels a day.

In southern Iraq, the immediate task for American and British forces is to ensure that oil fields are cleared of any booby-traps and made safe.

Engineers will need to repair well heads damaged by retreating Iraqis and "shut in" non-producing oil wells and restore wells that never got started. Oil sales are largely intact, and the limited damage to southern pipelines can be easily repaired, said Jim Placke, an Iraq specialist at Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Washington.

The main export terminal in southern Iraq — the Persian Gulf port of Mina El-Bakr — was captured in good condition early in the war.

Yet anyone wishing to buy Iraqi oil must first get legal title to it, and U.S. officials have so far been unable to unilaterally transfer ownership of Iraq's oil.

With Iraq in desperate need of oil income, Washington may find it has no practical alternative but to ask the U.N. Security Council to help craft an internationally acceptable method of transferring title to Iraq's crude to buyers.

In brief

Consumer spending bounces back

Consumers snapped out of a funk in March and splurged on cars, garden supplies and furniture. The biggest increase in retail sales in 17 months occurred even as energy prices soared.

After a string of mostly dismal economic reports, analysts were encouraged by Friday's sales figures and another report showing that consumers' confidence improved in April. Still, they weren't ready to declare the economy's trouble days over.

Profit-ground businesses and battered manufacturers remain reluctant to make big investments in capital projects or in hiring, major forces holding back the economic recovery.

House approves drilling in Alaska

The House passed sweeping incentives Friday for oil and gas production, including approval of drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge, despite complaints that the legislation gives too much to energy companies and does little to promote conservation. The bill, approved 247-175, now awaits action by the Senate, which is expected to consider a less industry-friendly energy bill next month. President Bush called the House-passed legislation "a major step forward in the effort to secure our nation's energy future" and said in a statement he looked forward to prompt Senate action.

Congress completes budget work

Congress wound up work on a $2.27 trillion federal budget Friday with enough room to give President Bush three-quarters of the tax cuts he wants but without enough support in the Senate to enact them. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley secured the last vote for the budget by promising not to permit new tax cuts passed this year to exceed $350 billion through 2013, less than half what the president wanted. Congress also held a weekend session to break a stalemate over millions of dollars in projects attached to $80 billion for war and domestic security.

Investors taking cautious approach

NEW YORK Investors took a cautious approach Friday ahead of next week's rush of earnings reports, sending stocks lower for the third time in four sessions. Mixed economic and earnings news contributed to the sluggish performance.

"The market is nervous that in the near term, with earnings coming out in the next couple of weeks, it will be a bumpy ride," said Robert Harrington, co-head of listed block trading at UBS Warburg.

The market's major gauges all finished lower on Friday and posted weekly losses as well. Investors are paying close attention to the economy and first-quarter earnings results, the bulk of which will be released during the next two weeks. Analysts say investors are less concerned about the war with Iraq now that allied success seems assured.

Analysts expect the next few weeks to bring choppy trading but no steep declines as investors already anticipated that earnings would be weak.

"There are concerns about earnings, because oil prices were high and consumer spending was generally pretty weak," in the first three months of 2003, said Jeff Klein, chief investment strategist for PNC Financial Services Group in Philadelphia. "But we're braced, at this point, for a fairly soft earnings season, and it's not going to be dismal."

Friday's economic news was mixed, adding to the market's lackluster tone.

The Commerce Department said retail sales increased by 2.1 percent in March, much better than the 0.6 percent rise economists predicted and an improvement from the 1.3 percent drop in February. Much of the strength was owed to automobile sales, getting a boost from positive financing and other incentives.
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Look beyond the numbers.
Abbas picks reformers for new Cabinet

* Palestinian prime minister appoints himself as security czar

**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM**

The incoming Palestinian prime minister completed a new Cabinet on Sunday in line with a leadership overhaul the United States sought, keeping the key post of security czar for himself and appointing several professionals and reformers.

Once the Cabinet of Mahmoud Abbas is approved by the Palestinian parliament, possibly later this week, President Bush is expected to unveil a "road map" to Palestinian statehood, starting the clock ticking on the three-year plan.


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"I do not think we have to rule over another people and run their lives. I do not think that we have the strength for that." - Ariel Sharon

Israeli prime minister

The incoming Cabinet, presented Sunday to The Associated Press by three senior Palestinian officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, has extensive contacts with foreign leaders and for years acted doing what they think can’t do. It was breaking all the boundaries," said Riley Woods, 28, of Waco, Texas, who was paralyzed from the chest down in a 1996 ski accident.

The group started at an airstrip in Lukla, a town at 9,100 feet.

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Once upon a time, in a village away, people lived happily in ignorant bliss. They didn’t think about their choices because they were never worried that their routine decisions might come back to haunt them in the future. They lived, often without any care in the world. They ate when hungry, including a wide array of meats and cheeses and never contemplated cholesterol, calorie counting or whether it was moral to eat other animals. Many of them smoked cigarettes (or pipes), never realizing that other people may not enjoy the same, relaxing ride to flavor country as much as they did.

One light bulb clicked on right above the head of a particularly socially conscious village. “Eureeka!” He yelled. “Might it be that some of our choices have consequences? Will we have to answer for our decisions in the future?”

Research was done. To everyone’s dismay, this kid was correct. Smoking, it seemed, led to lung cancer, heart disease and a host of other health problems. Overeating led to obesity, circumsion and diabetes. Eating meat led to, well, dead animals. “What should we do?” asked the people. “Should we allow these activities, or ban them forever from our world?”

A vote was taken, and it was decided that because many of the residents still enjoyed these activities, they should be permitted to continue. Several of the villagers believed that they would take personal responsibility for the consequences of smoking, overeating or eating meat, decided that these things would no longer be part of their lifestyles and promptly gave them up for good. They made this noble choice for themselves because they believed it was the right thing to do. The others all condemned them for taking the moral high road, even while the majority of the villagers were unwilling to do the same.

For a time, things returned to normal. Initially positive and noble lifestyle choices can be dangerously seductive and find themselves easily twisted into a notion that one is obliged to drag the rest of society along with them whether they like it or not.

New York and California, places that have declared wars of not willing citizens smoke, have now passed laws making it illegal to smoke in bars or on public streets. Certain municipalities have even debated making it illegal to smoke in your own home. Here at Notre Dame, a club named “ND for Animals” has embarked on a campaign to eliminate veal from the dining halls because they don’t want to eat it themselves. I love veal and think that they have no more of a right to take away my pleasure than they have to put it on theirs. I respect their choice to abstain from veal, but I am deeply saddened by their choice not to respect mine.

Carolyn Tampa, president of ND for Animals, I am sorry that you are offended by my choice to eat veal. However, if you are so cavalier in your beliefs, why don’t you have a right to choose what I eat for myself, I would please ask you why you wish to subject others deprived of their ability to make completely legal lifestyle choices that would be time to help them to quit, whatever they wanted to do. They held a conference, organized petitions and decided that the best thing to do would be to force their choices upon everyone else. Maybe when everyone tried their lifestyle choices, they would see how much better they were.

This story should sound familiar to every one of us, because it plays out every day our country, our cities and even on our college campus. Initially positive and noble lifestyle choices can be dangerously seductive and find themselves easily twisted into a notion that one is obliged to drag the rest of society along with them whether they like it or not.

The American flag, like any cultural symbol, is an intriguing object because it can mean so many different things to different people. For example, to the American, it can immediately relate the abolitionist movement before the Civil War, the anti-smoking movement, the labor movement, the Civil Rights movement and anti-war movement. But from my perspective, these movements are when America has shined most brightly. It was and is still through these movements that individuals, in the tradition of those who dumped tea off a boat on the cold night of Dec. 16, 1773 in Boston, have truly lived up to the American call to ask their beautiful country to be even more beautiful.

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Confronting a columnist's statements about Arabs

Anti-Arab racism runs deep in modern-day American society

John Litle thinks Friday's column, "Middle East Communities Ignorant," is going to get him in trouble. But the only enemy he has in the world is the \textit{Observer}. It is safe to rub them, subjugate them, kill them and ultimately take from what they're rightfully ours. Have no qualms my blue-eyed soldier, just pull the trigger. It is not humanity, it is sick. These are not "functioning member[s] of human civilization." They are the lowest form of living organisms. They are A-rabs.

Don't underestimate the role of racism in international affairs. Don't underestimate how easily one accepts belligerence after that, to see the other point of view, to understand why we need to invade countries and "smoke-out" designated criminals. One learns to adopt that viewpoint as one's own.

The point of writing this letter to the editor is not to respond to Litle's column, but to point out how deep anti-Arab racism is in America and the links that this racism has with racializing the Middle East. In America and the links that this has racism with rationalizing violence against Arabs here is deep. As Noam Chomsky puts it so eloquently, it is in the air you breath. What response from the Notre Dame community will an article such as this provoke? Nothing, even a small stir although I would hope otherwise. Have you ever thought of replacing some of the comments made about Arabs by another ethnicity or race? Take your pick: Jews, Blacks, Hispanics. And these are ones that suffer despicable racism themselves, there is a line that one cannot cross when talking about them or else face outrage.

This line clearly does not exist when it comes to Arabs. Or the line does exist, but one can cross it at will and the only thing it will evoke is a nervous laugh, or at best a "we-know-what-you're-saying-it's-true-but-you-didn't-have-to-say-it-out-loud" reprimand. But how can the ordinary American think otherwise when facing a barrage of constant propaganda from us Be it the corporate media, the "newspapers of record" or the trusted leadership. How can they when the kingdom of fear is constantly creating enemies. Why should anyone think differently. But yes, why should anyone dare to act differently, and dare to Dostoevsky, and try to see this great nation from the dispassionate path it is heading into? No, best keep with the crowd and wave those flags. Just stay fit, happier, more productive. Comfortable. I hope that you, dear reader, will have a different reaction. I hope that Americans wake up from a 300-year old delusion and bring back "America of old: one that never was, yet and must be." Or else this whole planet is going to go straight to hell.

Oppose these kinds of hatreds. Oppose them in your school, and in the world. Oppose the militarization of your mind, soul, of your school and community. of your country and the world. In the words of my friend Aaron Kristof, who, unlike Litle, used the pages of The Observer to spread love rather than hate: Think, question, resist.

Omar Dabri
graduate student
South Bend
April 11

\textbf{The Observer staff failed to exercise discernment}

As a representative of the students at Notre Dame, The Observer has failed in its twofold responsibility of journalistic integrity and commitment to social activism. We believe that The Observer has failed in both of these responsibilities. We believe that recent columns—in particular, "Middle East communities ignorant," by columnist John Litle on Friday—are poor reflections upon our community and The Observer. Such columns offer little, if any, redeeming value for the readers of The Observer.

To support this claim, we would like to analyze briefly John Litle's article. Litle's article is a typical example of a column that The Observer should not publish. First, in Litle's piece there is an apparent confusion of argument and opinion. He often intermixes these in such a way that the reader is not sure whether this piece is to be taken as merely the opinions of the writer or as a broader social criticism.

Secondly, even if there is some redeeming value of this piece as a criticism of the values of the Middle East, such merit is lost because of the language that Litle adopts for his column. We also object to generalizations—ones that cross the line from generalization into stereotype. Moreover, there is misrepresentation of the facts and insults upon the intelligence of Middle-Eastern people—both Arab and Jew.

This column contributes nothing whatsoever to a discussion of the present condition of the Middle East. In fact, it seems that this column's main goal is rather to stir up and influence the intentions and anger of those on both sides of the issue, with the consequence of placating these people at odds with one another. Thus, not only does this column have no value, but it actually damages any hopes for constructive debate of the socio-political realities of the Middle East.

As this piece has no clear intention and it does not contribute anything of worth to the discussion at hand, we believe that this is a prime example of the type of column that The Observer should not publish. The Observer, dedicated to its goals of journalistic integrity and social realities of the Middle East, nor is Afghanistan, nor Turkey. But of course, the entire region is just not Arab. The Observer to spread love rather than hate: Think, question, resist.

Michael Sefa, Geoffrey Johnson and Divish Ranjan students
Zden Hadd
April 12

\textbf{Apology from an 'ignorant' professor}

What an interesting surprise it was to open The Observer on Friday and to read a column by my former student John Litle who basically labeled me and all those of us who are Arab ignorant. No, the column was not about me, but Litle does state that "Arabs are ignorant. Plain and simple," so the implication is quite clear. I do hide behind a fake political argumentation in order to conceal his main theme, a racist insult. With this letter, I don't care about the politics. It's the latter that I'm addressing. I realize that Litle's main intent is to bait people into "repaying so many favors" he has build his portfolio to become the next William Safire. I'll do him a favor, and I'll give him some advice. What is it the little professor feels the need to add a disclaimer that he's not racist, just "regionist." I have no clue about the university or the country, but then again, I'm an Ignorant Arab. His self-proclaimed knowledge of an entire race is quite impressive, given that he has never lived in an Arab country. Watching TV and reading newspapers must have done wonders to develop his extensive erudition. I should try that. And all those of us who are Arab can do that with knowledge coming from both education and experience. With one stroke of a massive paint brush, Litle states that he just means those who live in the Middle East," thereby increasing the level of insult by clearly implying that all Arabs in the Middle East are the same (reminds me of the "All blacks are alike" or similarly racist "Chinese, Japanese, Korean, what's the difference"") and that Arabs who live in the United States are better than those in the Middle East. Of course we must be better, we have all been in contact with non-Arabs, and they have enlightened us.

But, we apparently contribute absolutely nothing to the world. Well, except oil it seems. The thing is, there's not a single drop of oil in Lebanon. Fewer books translated from Arabic in one year! Everyone in the Middle East blames Israel for their problems! How easy it is to reduce the benefits of 300 million into a few lies. Easy, but also very convenient for the American people. Now it is safe to fear Arabs, and hate is safe to rub them, subjugate them, kill them and ultimately take from what's rightfully ours. Have no qualms my blue-eyed soldier, just pull the trigger. It is not humanity, it is sick. These are not "functioning member[s] of human civilization." They are the lowest form of living organisms. They are A-rabs.

Chomsky

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\textbf{LETTERS TO THE EDITOR}

Omar Dabri
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What's the source of frustration it must be for Little to have had Arabs as professors. Let's hope that he learned the subject on his own, because he obviously could not have learned it from an Ignorant Arab like me. Chomsky is an example of a person who was my field of study. I am so sorry to break up his secure bubble of pseudo-knowledge, but let me shock him even further by pointing out that Iran is not Arab either (which he indirectly infers with his generalization on the Middle East), nor is Afghanistan. nor Turkey. But of course, the entire region is just not made of non-contributing individuals. So to Little and to any other former student with similar racist views (yes, racist — not "regionist" or any other pathetic cop-out of a neologism), I suppose I must now apologize for having being taught by an ignorant Arab (and, ironically, that his major's director is also an Arab). The University must. I guess, find a way to compensate him for that constant propaganda from the corporate media, the "newspapers of record" or the trusted leadership. How can they when the kingdom of fear is constantly creating enemies. Why should anyone think differently. Better yet, why should anyone dare to act differently, and dare to Dostoevsky, and try to see this great nation from the
Notre Dame and Nalgene: A winning combination

During my two years here at Notre Dame, I have noticed an astounding number of students jumping on the Nalgene bandwagon. These plastic colored bottles are nearly the coolest thing invented since the sleeveless shirt, can be seen swinging freely from a myriad of North Face packs across campus. It appears that several students even have different colors to coordinate with their outfits. After all, what better accessory is there than a stout, indestructible, fluorescent water bottle. This feat of engineering genius that pushes not only glassware, but also plastic, flimsy cups into extinction is arguably the greatest and most widely received virtue of your personal marvel mug. Well you're in luck, I have developed a Nalgene bottle rating system that can help you obtain maximum coolness through your plastic wonder-cup.

Tom Raaf
Scene columnist

I know [Nalgene] has no spout and that it splashes me in the face every time I drink, but it just looks so gaudy, radical and tubular at the same time.

Mike Roaldi
Sophomore

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

The Midwest may not be famous for its excellent sushi, its succulent Mexican fare or its fine French cuisine, but Indiana also has food specialties to its name. For truly excellent barbeque ribs, the Midwest can beat anyone.

Bill's Barbeque is a home kitchen gone commercial. Bill won't wait your table, he doesn't bring you napkins and he won't offer you nearly as extensive a menu, but he will give you good ribs fast. Bill's Barbeque near University Park Mall in the Indiana Mall and Bill's Barbeque on US 31 both offer slow-cooked beef and tangy flavor. Picking a restaurant, however, can go to a vital debate — can commercialized barbeque ever be quite the same as small restaurants and family recipes? Barbeque is a traditional outdoor holiday kind of food, and it may just taste better the closer to home.

As an established chain, Famous Dave's has a lot of advantages. The menu naturally has greater variety, with rotisserie chicken, corn on the cob and drunken apples available in addition to ribs. The home-style side dishes are great as an appetizer or addition to ribs. The home styled side dishes are great as an appetizer or along with the food. Famous Dave's Caesar salad, not soggy like the stuff at South Dining Hall, is also a good starter if you've got a big appetite. Even better than the side dishes is the selection of barbeque sauces. Famous Dave's offers a variety of sauces including rich and sassy, devil spit, sweet and zesty, and Georgia mustard to add flavor to their ribs, and sampling the different flavors is one of the best parts of the meal.

If you're looking for a more traditional dinner date, Famous Dave's is the way to go. It has the table service and atmosphere of chains like Chili's or TGI Friday's, but the more specialized menu means good food instead of a compromise variety menu. Like all chains, however, Famous Dave's charger table service prices, and a meal is likely to cost you $12-15.

Bill's Barbeque and Famous Dave's are popular spots to try during your next visit to Nappanee and South Bend, respectively.
Fondue! a great time and an excellent meal for all

Fondue! is located in the upper level of the Brewery at 100 Center in Mishawaka and is special for numerous occasions.

By KC KENNEY
Scene Critic

What is one of the few places in town that you can go, singe yourself and your date, and still say that you had a great time?

Fondue!, the restaurant, is located in the upper level of the Brewery at 100 Center in Mishawaka and is special for numerous occasions.

The menu offers you an entree platter with a choice of raw meat, including seafood, chicken or beef tenderloins and an array of different vegetables. There were also six different dips and a small bowl of batter. This is when it got surprising to me. The reason that there aren't any ovens or stoves in this restaurant is because you pick the arrangement of food and cook it yourself right at your table.

There were two ways to cook your food. The first is to simply put the food on a skewer and put it in the boiling oil, though this doesn't do much for the state of the vegetables besides heat them up and simply cook the meat past raw. The second is much more fun. By dipping the meat or the vegetables in the batter and placing them in the oil. Out comes a well-cooked fried morsel with a really fun crispy covering. It might seem a little strange to cook the meal yourself at a restaurant, but it was a really fun experience, offering a lot of diversity and choice as you develop an understanding of what dips go well with what food.

The highlight of the meal was definitely the dessert. The presentation alone was fantastic. A dish of fresh fruit and pound cake is presented with a pot of thin chocolate. Orange liquor is poured on the chocolate, lit on fire, and you are given a pre-skewered marshmallow to roast before you get into the actual platter. It was like eating a piece of heaven, warm chocolate-coated strawberries and other great pieces. I would go back just to order another helping of the desert. This was a great time, relaxed and at your own pace. The food was very good and the service was excellent, very helpful in instructing fondue first-timers like myself. It's the kind of place that would be great for a date or a group of friends, a fun experience with a nice atmosphere and great food.

If you're looking for something new to do this weekend, get out and give dipping a try. Just be careful not to splash the oil and you'll have a great time.

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Fondue! allows visitors to enjoy their dinner by having a hands-on experience at the restaurant. Fondue! creates an exciting dining experience for all who choose to participate.
NBA

Davis gets 16 in first back to top 76ers 94-89

Philadelphia 76ers center Allen Iverson scored six straight points in the second quarter. The Sixers led 82-80.

Wanted

The Timberwolves defeated Chicago 119-95 on Sunday to retain the fourth seed, which was tied for the last playoff spot for the fifth straight season.

The Sixers scored 20 points in the first half after missing only three of 11 shots, and they started to take advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The Sixers have two games left, while Minnesota has one remaining.

The Timberwolves played another 3-point winner for the Lakers, led by Shaquille O'Neal's 36 points and 11 rebounds. Kobe Bryant also had 36 points and 11 assists for the Lakers, which was coming off key wins against Sacramento and Dallas.

The Lakers play Denver and Golden State to wrap up the season.

Allen Iverson moves toward the basket in the 76ers loss to the New Orleans Hornets 94-89 on Sunday.

Celebs, Heat 86

Paul Pierce scored 32 points and the Boston Celtics took sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with a win over the Miami Heat.

The Celtics' victory moved them a half-game ahead of idle Orlando. The Magic have two regular-season games remaining, while the Celtics close the regular season at home against Detroit on Wednesday.

Antoine Walker added 24 points for the Celtics, who never trailed and withstood a late rally by the Heat.

Caron Butler led Miami with 20 points. Pierce's two free throws with 3:32 left in the third quarter gave Boston its biggest lead, 73-29, before Miami went on a 24-10 run to the game at 83 on Travis Best's free throw with 3:33 remaining in the game.

The Heat continued their 7-0 spurt on 3-pointers by Walter McCarty and Walker and a free throw by Pierce.

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PHILADELPHIA

Jamaal Mashburn scored 27 points, including 18 in the third, with 32.1 remaining, as the New Orleans Hornets beat the Philadelphia 76ers 94-89 on Sunday night.

Baron Davis scored 16 points in his first game back after missing 11 straight games with knee, and Jamaal Magloire had 14 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans.

Iverson scored 30 points, including 22 in the first half for the Sixers — who missed an opportunity to clinch home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The Sixers led 78-71 with 7:12 to play, but Stacey Augmon scored six straight points as the Hornets went on an 11-2 run to take their first lead of the game, 82-80.

Philadelphia tied it on an 18-footer from Eric Snow, but Davis answered with a 3-pointer to put the Hornets up by three.

After Mashburn's jumper gave the Hornets an 89-84 lead, Snow made a 3-pointer with 20 seconds remaining.

Carl Landry also had a 3-point attempt to tie it with 5 seconds left, but the shot fell short of the rim.

Davis was held scoreless in 11 first-quarter minutes before leading to the bench to ice his knees. His injury came on the first full field goal until 7:52 of the second quarter.

The game opened with a 9-2 run and led the field for the entire first half. Iverson hit nine of 12 shots and half free throws and a 3-pointer with 3.6 seconds left in the second quarter to put the Sixers up 53-41 at the half.

Bucks 107, Pacers 98

The Milwaukee Bucks matched the Indiana Pacers push for push, shove for shove, taunt for taunt and a 3-pointer almost to technical for technical.

Sam Cassell's 33 points led the Pacers in an unexpected game marred by 11 technical fouls, six of them on Indiana.

The Celtics responded with a 7-0 spurt on 3-pointers by Walter McCarty and Walker and a free throw by Pierce.

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Phillies notch 13-run inning, destroy Reds
Warmer weather pays dividends for Irish

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish enjoyed their trip to Missouri this weekend, qualifying 58 athletes for the Big East meet and eight more for the NCAA Regional meet at the Tom Botts Invitational.

Out of those 58 athletes, 37 were first-time qualifiers this season, while nine others improved their qualifying efforts from earlier this season.

Leading the way for the women was Tamesha King, who won both the 100-meter hurdles (11.85 seconds) and the long jump (6.37 meters), to claim her spot in the NCAA Regional Qualifying Meet in Columbus, Ohio, May 30.

Saturday also saw Kymia Love sprint to second in the 100-meter dash in 11.85 seconds, and win the 200-meter dash in 23.77 seconds. Both were season-best times for the Irish.

Meanwhile, Ayresha Boyd was right behind Love in the 100-meter run, placing third (11.85 seconds), as well as taking fifth in the 200-meters. Tanya Cheatham also qualified for the Big East meet in the 100-meter sprint with her time of 12.26 seconds.

Finally, in the 400-meter run, Kristen Dodd won in a qualifying time of 54.63 seconds.

On the men's side, Ryan Postel led the way in the 400-meters, winning in a time of 47.97 seconds, toying with the NCAA qualifying time of 47.45. Trevor McClain-Duer and James Cheatham also qualified for the Big East meet in the 100-meter run, winning the 5000-meter run in 15:15.42. The race also saw Stephanie Mada qualify for the conference meet as well with her third-place time of 17:26.79.

Also on the women's side, freshman Jean Marinageli experienced the thrill of her first collegiate victory, winning the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:51:18. In the men's 1,500-meters, four Irish runners qualified for the Big East meet as well. Vinnie Ambrico led the way (3:54.64), followed by John Keane (3:54.64), Terry Lennon (3:54.76), and Sean O'Donnell (3:54.81).

Finally, the Tom Botts Invitational saw the Notre Dame throwers qualify their fair share of athletes. Juan Alba joined by third place finisher Chip Roberts (50.46 meters), who also qualified in the discus (45.23 meters). Other qualifiers in the hammer throw were Jason Davis (45.10 meters), and Brian Thornburg (47.62 meters).

For the women, Kate Duman won the javelin with a toss of 40.34 meters, and was followed by Lauren DellaVolpe (39.15 meters) and Andre Duplechain (34.23 meters). Duman broke her own school record with her effort.

Meanwhile, school record-holder Jaime Völkner took second in the pole vault (3.81 meters), and third in the triple jump (11.87 meters). Laura Huarte and Doobie Bryan also qualified in the pole vault, with efforts of 3.51 meters and 3.36 meters, respectively. Petra Dankova took second in the triple jump (11.99 meters). Finally, freshman Meghan Horn, the only Irish women's thrower, took fourth in both the shot put (12.90 meters) and discus (41.85 meters). Both were good to qualify her for the Big East meet.

Dan Porter qualified for the Big East Championships in the javelin with a throw of 54.97 meters.

The Irish travel to Walnut, Calif., over Easter Break, where they will compete in the Mt. SAC Relays. The Irish look to continue to boost their performances heading into the Big East Championships May 2-4 in Connecticut.

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Weir beats odds to win Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA Ga. Lefty finally won a major.

Weir refused to buckle, making clutch putts down the stretch and watching Len Mattace self-destruct on the first extra hole.

"It was an incredible day," Weir said. "To go bogey-free at Augusta National on Sunday, I can't ask for anything more."

Mattace brought drama back to the final nine holes with phenominal shots that took him to the edge of a stunning victory with a 7-under 65.

Weir refused to buckle, making a 15-foot birdie on the 11th, a surprising wedge to 5 feet on the 15th and making key pars along the way, none bigger than the 6-footer he had on the 18th to force the playoff.

Mattace could have used a mulligan. He pulled his approach into the trees on No. 10 in the playoff, clipped 30 feet, near ran his par putt off the green and choked back tears when he realized what he had lost.

Tiger Woods made it to the green jacket ceremony for the third straight year, only this time he slipped the coveted prize around Weir's shoulders.

Weir had to make a 6-footer on the 18th for bogey, was signing his card when he looked up and saw that Weir had pulled even on the 15th.

The final round ultimately belonged to Weir, who flashed a call from Jean Creton, Canada's prime minister.

The only other time Weir was in the final group at a major, he was tied with Woods in the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah. Weir shot 80, but it wasn't a wasted effort.

Weir won for the third time this year, and all six of his PGA Tour victories have been comebackers - none more special than this.

IN BRIEF

Henin-Hardenne stuns Williams

Williams is capable of losing, and everyone on the WTA Tour can thank Justine Henin-Hardenne for reminding them.

The Belgian emphatically ended Williams' 21-0 start to the season by beating the world's No. 1 player 6-3, 6-4 Sunday for the Family Circle Cup title.

"This doesn't change anything about the great champion that Serena is. But it means that today we could see that we can do these things against her, and she can be frustrated, too," Henin-Hardenne said.

Williams' loss came against another Belgian, Kim Clijsters, in the 2002 season-ending Tour Championship in November.

She issued a bit of a warning to future opponents.

"I'm so motivated now, I can just feel it coming on again. So you've got to watch out," said Williams.

The Belgian entered the match with a 1-4 career mark against Williams, who won a so-called Serena Slam by winning the last four major tournaments in a row: the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open last year, and the Australian Open in January.

Henin-Hardenne made Williams pay for errors, running down shots into the corners and forcing the American to go deeper into points than she wanted.

It's Henin-Hardenne's second title of the year and improved her match record to 21-4.

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Yanks fail to break record

History took a hit at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, shoved aside by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The perennial pasties capitalized on a pair of New York bloopers for a 2-1 victory that prevented the Yankees from achieving the best start in the 100-year history of the franchise.

At 9-1, the Yankees had tied the best start ever, set by the 1938 team. No Yankees team has ever gone 10-1 at the start and Tampa Bay made sure it stayed that way.

In a rally fueled by an error by catcher Jorge Posada and a wild pitch by Juan Acevedo, Troy Hall hit a sacrifice fly that delivered the winning run in the ninth inning.

"You're just looking to hit it hard somewhere," Hall said. "You're trying to make contact against a guy who's throwing 90- plus miles per hour."

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**SMC TENNIS**

Belles win 1 of 3 at Midwest Invitational

- **Saint Mary's plays tough in field of strong teams**

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team competed in the prestigious Midwest Invitational on April 11 and 12 in Madison, Wis. The tournament featured the top 12 teams in the region and included several teams ranked in the top 20 nationally for Division III.

The teams invited to the regional included Denison University, Albion College, Carthage College, Carleton College, St. Catherine's, DePauw, Washington (St. Louis), Kenyon College, Luther College, Gustavus Adolphus College, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Saint Mary's.

The Belles had a tough opening day, losing to No. 29 Kenyon College, the 7th seed in the tournament by a 6-3 score. Saint Mary's was barely edged out by Luther College in their next match, falling 5-4. "The matches were really close," No. 1 singles player Jeanne Kuhl said. "The competition was just fantastic and we got a lot of great hitting in.

On the second day of competition, the Belles faced Carleton College and earned a 5-4 victory. No. 2 Kristen Palumbo, No. 3 Katie Gutter, No. 4 Kris Spriggle and No. 6 Angel Sandner all picked up victories for the Belles. In doubles play, Saint Mary's team of Kuhl and Palumbo fell to Carleton's Diane Danforth and Genevieve Philp at the No. 1 spot. Carleton's No. 2 duo of Erin Roch and Russell defeated the Belles' pairing of Catlier and Elisa Ryan. Freshman Lindsay Cook and Spriggle salvaged a win for the Belles with their victory at No. 3 doubles.

"We were definitely happy that the weekend ended on a good note," Kuhl said. "We had tough matches when we got here, and we played well, it was just that the competition was so good.

Top-seeded DePauw won the Invitational with a 6-3 victory over third-seeded Gustavus Aldous College. DePauw's title win was an upset, as the Tigers were ranked 12th nationally and Gustavus' squad was ranked 5th.

The Belles are now 11-5 for the spring season. The results of the Invitational are used to determine qualifiers for the NCAA tournament. With their loss in Madison, the Belles are a step closer to their postseason goals.

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Hurricanes blow by Irish

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Saturday a Hurricane knocked down the Irish, who formerly had a rising on one five-match win streak.

Playing in Coral Gables, Fla., No. 25 Miami upset No. 24 Notre Dame 6-1 in what was both teams' final regular season match. It was just the third loss in 12 matches for the Irish, who moved to 13-8-1 on the season.

Irish junior Caylan Leslie obtained her team's only point with her 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 effort over Megan Bradley at the No. 1 flight. Leslie, who is ranked 39th nationally, improved to 17-8 this season with her victory. Bradley, ranked 121st in the nation, is the Irish's second ranked opponent to fall to Leslie.

Other than Leslie's win, it was a challenging and blocked day for the Irish.

Miami claimed each of the three doubles matches to go ahead 1-0. Then, not allowing Notre Dame a single win, the Hurricanes stormed ahead to take the next three singles matches, thus sealing their victory.

Nevertheless, given the success the team has had recently, the Irish are taking Saturday's match as a learning opportunity. They hope that the lessons learned during the weekend will make them a more formidable team come the Big East Championships and the NCAA tournament.

"It didn't exactly go the way we wanted it to go," freshman Lauren Connely said. "I think it was a good learning experience. We all learned a lot from it. Hopefully we'll go back and beat them [in two weeks]."

Because of the team's big wins over Big Ten opponents recently, one loss - even in Miami - is not enough to damage their confidence, according to Connely.

"I think our recent successes have given us a lot more confidence," she said.

In doubles, the 22nd-ranked pair of Melissa Applebaum and Megan Bradley defeated senior Katie Canton and freshman Jennifer Smith, 8-2. Then Igna deVilliers and Abby Smith secured the doubles point for the Hurricanes with their 8-5 triumph over Lauren Connely and junior Alicia Salas.

After Miami clinched the point, Stacie Stevens and Mari Toro added to what would turn out to be a dominating match with their 8-5 topping of sophomore Sarah Jane Connolly and freshman Kristina Stasina.

Applebaum, ranked 91st individually, continued the momentum for the Hurricanes when she defeated No. 87 Salas, 6-4, 6-2 Saturday.

After a tough first set, Stevens survived Staton, 7-5, 6-1, at the No. 4 flight to put Miami within a point of the win. Toro, playing at the No. 3 flight, clinched the victory for her team with her 7-6, 6-1, 6-4 defeat of Cunha.

After Miami claimed the win, the Irish still had an opportunity to put some points on the board with 3 singles matches remaining.

Leslie prevented a Miami shutout with her win, however Sarah Jane Connolly's attempt to rally against Sibem Bennacer was not successful. The sophomore fell 6-2, 6-2, 6-1, as her nine-match winning streak was snapped.

Lauren Connely, could not survive Sara Robbins at the No. 6 flight, and was defeated 6-4, 5-7, 1-0 (10-4).

Note: Miami now has two weeks off before they return to Coral Gables April 25 for the Big East Championships. Because of Saturday's victory, Miami has earned the top seed for the tournament.

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China's Future Fates:
ECONOMIC MIRACLE OR POLITICAL COLLAPSE?

In the last decade, China has been both a model of rapid economic development and a paradigm of entrenched social and political tensions and contradictions. As China continues to develop, which of these two dynamics will prevail, or will determine China's future in the context of its course of reform? Simply put, the question is:

Will China continue to evolve peacefully and steadily, or will it face major and insurmountable obstacles that will plunge it into disorder?

What makes China such a compelling and controversial issue is that such opposite and alternative scenarios for its future have equal and opposite probabilities.

Orville Schell

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Mmm ... Cheese has “easy” time in 2nd round win

By MATT LOZAR and HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Associate Sports Editor and Sports Writer

Of all the cheese types on the backs of their shirts, the one that described No. 6 Mmm ... Cheese’s victory the best was “easy.”

Dominating on both ends of the court, Mmm ... Cheese cruised into the third round with a 21-2 win over Press X to Exit the System.

Mmm ... Cheese allowed only one shot on the defensive end and then got out in transition. On the break, Mmm ... Cheese used its height and behind the back passes to score their points.

Ahead 11-1 at the half, Mmm ... Cheese slowed down the game to work on playing against Press X’s zone, something Mmm ... Cheese expects to see in later rounds.

They played zone like a lot of other teams might,” Steve Burns said. “With the hard rims, it is hard to make shots out here.”

After the game was over, Mmm ... Cheese worked on their free throws, knowing full well how important they are after last year.

“One of our players missed a big free throw last year,” Burns said. “When we play some smaller teams, they are just going to hang on our big guys so we need to be ready.”

Popcorn Plurs 21, Intercourts 17

The experience of the Intercourts wasn’t enough.

The group of MBA students couldn’t get out of a first-half hole and lost to the Popcorn Plurs in a second round game Sunday afternoon at the Bookstore courts.

Popcorn Plurs built a 8-4 lead and held off an Intercourts’ charge, which got their game on up to be up 11-7 at the half.

In the second half, Popcorn Plurs continued to keep the comfortable lead and never let the Intercourts get close enough to make them worry.

Baska Loves Molly 21, Hoop Warriors 6

The jerseys didn’t help them.

Hoop Warriors came out in an assortment of jerseys but were outmatched by Baska Loves Molly in the second round.

Baska Loves Molly simply did not have an answer for the Warriors’ play. On offense, they repeatedly got the rebound and scored on easy fast-breaks. Off steals on the defensive end, Baska Loves Molly ran the fast break using hesitations, head fakes and good passing to score some easy baskets and move into the round of 128.

We’re Not as Good as LeBron James

The bright green shirts matched the headband of the high school senior to whom they are dedicating this team name. We’re Not as Good as LeBron James moved the ball extremely well in their victory over Team 44.

“These are new courts that are not friendly to the shoot- ers,” Chad Kohorst said. “We also wanted to use our height advantage.”

Their sharp interior passing throughout the whole game gave We’re Not as Good as LeBron James easy transition baskets. Getting numerous two-out-of-rebounds, We’re Not as Good as LeBron James used the bounce pass to perfection resulting in a bunch of lay-ups.

“We played really well but we could play better,” Kohorst said. “We have the potential to go places.”

Bye 21, Bye Into the Next Round 8

Despite similar names, these two teams were nothing alike, as Bye waved Bye Into the Next Round right off the court. Wearing Hawaiian shirts, perhaps wishfully thinking the weather would be warm, Bye Into the Next Round was unable to overcome their lack of offense to give Bye a game.

Meanwhile, freshman Paul Pogge was Bye Into the Next Round’s worst nightmare. Nailing jumper after jumper, the Hawaiian-clad team guarded him closer, only to watch him blow by them, time and time again. Pogge seemed inspired by the large box that was brought by a fellow Morrissey resident. However, Pogge didn’t rest on his laurels after his unpredictable performance.

“My teammates Saar Saar, Tim Fiorta and Paul Swiatl all played huge. The crowd was awesome,” Pogge said.

Saari, on the other hand, had other ideas after the victory, as no one could stop Pogge, they could only try to contain him.

“Paul is a playground leg-end.”

However, Pogge was just having a good time, scoring more than half his team’s points.

“You can’t beat bookstore basketball,” he said.

上述, Laurie Priatera shoots a layup during her bookstore basketball game. Her team “He’s Freakish, He’s Small ... and He Shoots the Three” defeated “Cowboys and Indian” 21-6. Right, Pat Kurz of “Hoop Warriors” shoots while a member of “Baska Loves Molly” try to block.

Photos by LISA VELTE

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Roc Sports 21, Stop Me If You Can 7

Despite their name, Stop Me If You Can was stopped dead in its tracks Saturday afternoon at the Bookstore Courts.

Roc Sports was simply too big and too strong for the undersized, coed team. Despite playing hard, Roc Sports dominated the entire game. Stop Me If You Can was never able to get going, as their outside shooters were affected by the strong wind, and they were simply too small to go inside the paint.

One play summed up the rough day for Stop Me If You Can, as a Roc Sports guard went to save the ball from going out of bounds, and instead the ball went over the backboard and in the hoop.

Michael Jackson’s Little Buddies 21, Strippers 8

Alumni’s pre-quake events on Friday night took a toll on the Strippers, as they were dominated by Michael Jackson’s Little Buddies. Despite their best efforts to distract the other team with their stripping antics, the shirtless boys from Alumni could not come through with a win.

Michael Jackson’s Little Buddies continually fast-breaked, as they got every defensive rebound and ran with it. By the end of the game, the Strippers were just too tired to compete. However, they had their share of good plays, despite their tiredness at 12:30 in the afternoon, as players hit some good shots on the drive. In the end, Michael Jackson’s Little Buddies were just the better team that afternoon.

Rail Splitters 21, Wouldn’t You Like to Know 7

After this game, everyone just wanted to know the secret of the dominating Rail Splitters. They dominated the entire game, as Wouldn’t You Like to Know had trouble getting into the flow of the game.

The Rail Splitters went inside almost every play, and with a strong wind blowing, no outside shots would drop for either team.

Team 81, Renegade Angels 12

The Renegade Angels were anything but angelic on the court Saturday afternoon. Sporting purple shirts, the team of all females aggressively competed with Team 81. The Renegade Angels were all over the court, grabbing rebounds and screaming at Team 81 every time they shot. When Team 81 stole the ball and took it coast to coast for a lay up, the crowd boosed. The Renegade Angels were the obvious crowd favorite, but despite the support, the ladies in purple couldn’t come away with the victory.

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Bledsoe's game-winning RBI single.

Notre Dame could have defeated St. John's by a larger margin, but clutch hitting fal­tered as the Irish left a total of 14 runners on base in the 12 innings Friday.

Timely hitting prevailed on Sunday's thir­d game, as the Irish managed to smack a total of four runs, which com­bined for 10 RBIs, off of Seton Hall pitchers.

"They were all capable of doing that every at bat," Gumpf said of her team and their ability to hit a long ball. "We have a nice group of hitters with some power."

Third baseman Andrea Loman paced the Irish home run derby with a long ball in each game.

"The Seton Hall pitchers had been throwing all the hitters the same pitch," Loman said. "I just focused in and waited on my pitches."

Even Loman that shot off the scoring in the third inning of the game. In the third, Loman took a Christian Shanko off­ering over the left field wall. The Irish then placed a loaded jam in both both Bledsoe and shortstop Andrea Bledsoe connected with singles.

Bledsoe stole second before Bledsoe's hit, and was replaced by freshman Kellie Middletten, who scammed home off of Bledsoe's RBI single. After left fielder Liz Harrington grounded out, first baseman Lisa Mattison reached with another RBI single that brought Bledsoe home.

Bledsoe added a little more offense in the fourth, when center fielder Megan Cecchini reached base off of an error by Pirate pitcher Casey McDevitt.

McDevitt then walked Bledsoe, and both runners scored off of a two-out double by Bledsoe.

The Irish starter Booth pitched an amazing game, giv­ing up only one hit and allowing three walks while striking out seven.

The one hit came with two outs in the seventh inning, ruining Booth's chances at a no­hitter in her heartbreak victory.

"I had no idea I was pitching a no­hitter," Booth said afterward. "The defense was really key. We've really started to come together and play as a team."

Booth's win improved her record to 12-5 on the season.

Stenglein had a tough act to follow when he game two, but pitched an impressive game in her own right, allowing only one unearned run in four innings pitched.

"The pitching staff is realizing their strengths and also learning what they need to work on," Gumpf said. "They're learning to use the batter's weaknesses to their advantage."

But pitching wasn't the domi­nating factor in the game as the Irish put up a 13-run out­board against Pirate starter Megan Moyer, resulting in the Irish being called off five live innings.

Loman and Cecchini each batted three-run homer, and Bledsoe added a solo shot to the Irish offense, which had nine hits and left only five runners on base.

"These games were definitely a momentum-builder," Loman said. "Each game is a memory to the Big East that we're a game away from calling off live innings."

The Irish travel to Rhode Island Tuesday to take on the Rams in a Big East dou­ble­header.

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MENS TENNIS

Wildcats claw their way past Irish 5-2

By JOE LINDSEY

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Playing in their last road match of the season, No. 60 Notre Dame fell to No. 12 Kentucky 5-2 Sunday.

With the fifth loss in their past seven matches, the Irish move to 7-12 on the season, while the Wildcats improved to 17-10.

Notre Dame won the first match of the day to leave the court. Sophomore Brent D’Amico and junior tri-captain Matt Scott topped Karim Bennamoun and Matt Emery 6-4.

But Kentucky rebounded when Evan Austin and Alex Hurd won 6-8 over Irish junior Ben Hatten and暑假保罗 McNaughton. The 15th-year team of Rahim Emami and Jesse Witon took the dou­ble to give the Wildcats and the momentum in their favor when they defeated the Irish for the last year's big trip of senior Brian Farrell and junior Luis Haddad 6-4.

In singles, the Wildcats quick­ly won the requisite three matches to claim the victory. At the No. 2 flight, Evan Austin defeated Matt Scott, 6-2, 6-0.

Then Notre Dame's Haddad, ranked 97th, fell 7-5, 6-1 to No. 16 Witten. Witten was the 2002 NCAA runner-up as a freshman last season.

With Wildcats on the verge of victory, the battle at No. 4 between Esmail and Farrell was in its third set. The Irish senior had claimed the first set, 6-2, but Esmail rallied to win the next set, 6-3. In the end, Farrell could not hold on, and Esmail won the final set 6-2 to 2-5. This is the Irish before the Irish could earn a point.

After the victory was clinched, sophomore Filip Reichman 99th, defeated D’Amico in 6-4, 6-4 straight sets.

Notre Dame finally won some matches with the aide of junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo and freshman Patrick Buchanan.

Lopez-Acevedo defeated Esmail, 7-4, 6-3, while Buchanan topped Hurd 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 to snap the Irish 20-match win streak.

Notre Dame will have its last regular season competition Tuesday when Indiana State comes to the Eck Pavilion. Then the Irish will have nearly two weeks off before the Big East Championships in Coral Gables, Fla., April 25.

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six innings of work. He pitched out of the bases loaded jam in the fourth inning by retiring two straight batters after allowing an HBI single.

"Nineteen is so steady. Every time he goes there, he seems as six or seven solid innings," Mainieri said. "Quite frankly, he didn’t have his best stuff, but he pitched with a lot of courage."

The Irish outlasted Creighton in Sunday’s game behind five RBI and four hits from Edwards and three RBI and four hits from Grogan, Irish starting pitcher Ryan Kuita and the rest of the Notre Dame pitching staff uncharacteristi­cally struggled, but were picked up by 18 hits and 13 runs from their offense.

Notre Dame took the early lead 2-0 in the second inning on an RBI triple from designat­ed hitter Craig Cooper and a RBI double by first baseman Joe Thaman. After Creighton scored in the bottom of the second to cut the lead to 2-1, Notre Dame responded with a four-run third. Edwards blast­ed a two-run home run and Illuzo and Cooper each had RBI doubles.

The Bluejays came right back with four runs of their own in the bottom of the inning off Kuita. The senior went 4 2/3 innings, giving up eight earned runs on nine hits.

Grogan’s triple with the bases loaded gave the Irish a 10-5 lead in the fifth inning, but once again, Creighton matched Notre Dame’s runs by scoring three of its own to get back within two runs. The Irish added runs in the seventh and ninth to hold off the Bluejays.

Irish reliever Matt Laird went 3 1/3 innings to gain his first win of the season. Senior closer J.P. Gagne came in to close out the game and earn the save, his second of the weekend.

Mainieri was pleased with the two victories and that his team had a chance to travel back to Huluablatt.

"We wanted to take the team back for all the freshman this year," Mainieri said. "I felt that if we got a taste of it, it will push them to work a little harder and listen to their coaches a little more. This was an invitation to Omaha, in June we have to earn our right to Omaha."

Notre Dame returns home to face Central Michigan in a make-up game Monday at 3:05 p.m.

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stepped up again. Steps on one end of the field gave way to scor­ ing chances on offense, and the Irish dominated in the second half, securing the Falcons 9-1.

"That's something we've been hoping would be a hallmark for our team, that the defense could keep us in games and give the offense opportunities to make plays," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "I'd like to see us be more consistent offensively. But I was happy to see us be aggressive.

Herger, the team's leading goal­ scorer, with 28, began the offen­ sive explosion with three goals in the third quarter. Senior Kyle Frigon tallied one goal and Giordano scored his third and fourth goals. When Giordano then scored his fourth goal of the day with 11:03 remaining in the game, senior midfielder Travis Wells scored back-to-back goals off assists from Karweck and defender Mickey Klak. All of a sudden, the game had gone from a tight 4-3 game to a 12-3 blowout.

Air Force scored one goal to haul the consecutive Irish goals at eight, but Giordano answered with a goal off an assist from freshman Brian Huberbach at the 3:50 mark.

Irish goaltender Stewart Crandall made ten saves on 13 shots in 51 minutes. Senior back­ up Nick Antol played nine minutes and made one save on two shots.

Even with the win, however, Corrigan believes the automatic bid may be out of reach after Ohio State's 11-9 win over Fairfield Sunday.

"Ohio State is 2-0 and we are 3­ 1 in the league," Corrigan said. "They have three games to play, and I can see them struggling with Duke possibly, but I don't see them losing in league at this point.

Even if Ohio State lost one game, the Buckeyes would still win the tiebreaker with the Irish. Ohio State beat Notre Dame head-to-head 11-5. The GWLL regular season champion receives one of seven automatic bids to the 16-team postseason tournament.

"Hopefully we can take care of our business and win these last three games," Corrigan said. "Then, we will have wins over North Carolina and Penn State and hopefully Maryland, and we will be able to make a serious case for an at-large bid.

Fairfield is the only GWLL opponent remaining on the Irish schedule. That road game and upcoming home games against Harvard and No. 4 Maryland will decide Notre Dame's fate this season.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish fall hard against two ranked opponents

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Even after holding the lead at some point in both halves and the first overtime, it just wasn't meant to be for the women's lacrosse team when No. 16 Stanford battled back for a 14-13 win in double overtime over the No. 15 Irish at Moose Krause Stadium Sunday.

It was another frustrating end­ ing for the Irish who dropped to 4-6 on the season. They had opportunities to win in most of their losses, all of which have come to ranked teams.

Still, out of those six games, the team to Stanford might have been the most frustrating. The Irish held the lead most of the second half, before Stanford's Megan Bunker tied the game at 11 with 1:32 left.

In the first overtime the Irish took a 13-12 lead on a goal from junior Abby Owen with only 1:23 remaining. After controlling the draw, the Irish turned it over with about 40 seconds to go. The Cardinal capitalized again, with Julie Gilcrest scoring the equalizer with 18 seconds remaining.

The lone goal of the second overtime came from Stanford's Kelsey Twist with 2:35 to go. The Cardinal was then able to stall through the final minute-­ end-a-half for the win.

Senior Danielle Shearer led the Irish with two goals and two assists. Angela Dixon had three goals, while Lauren Fischer, Crysti Foote and Meredith Simon each added two goals. Twist had six points on four goals and two assists for Stanford, while Bunker added four goals for the Cardinals.

The entire game was back and forth, with the score being tied 7-7 at halftime, 11-11 after reg­ ulation and 13-13 after the first overtime.

Stanford jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first six minutes, but Notre Dame surged back, scor­ ing three times in 31 seconds to tie the game. After Stanford jumped out to a 6-3 lead, the Irish scored four of the next five goals to take a 7-6 lead before Bunker tied the game going into halftime.

In the second half, Notre Dame scored the first two goals to take a 9-7 lead. The teams traded goals to make it 10-8 but Stanford tallied the game again at 10. Simon's second goal on a free position shot made it 11-10 before Bunker's final score sent the game into overtime.

The loss to Stanford was the second defeat of the weekend for the Irish, who also lost to No. 3 Duke 10-7 on Friday. Is that game, the Irish also lost a tough game to No. 3 Duke on Friday, while Fischer and Foote each scored a goal and an assist.

Next up for the Irish will be another game against a ranked opponent, as No. 6 Georgetown will head to Moose Krause Stadium to face the Irish at noon on April 19th. The Irish will be looking to give the Hoyas their first Big East loss and to stay in the race for the Big East Championship.

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Keeping the streak alive

Irish extend win streak to 16 with pair of 1-run victories

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame enjoyed revisiting Rosenblatt Stadium over the weekend. They enjoyed sweep­ping a two-game series with Creighton even more.

The Irish traveled to Omaha, Neb., and the annual site of the College World Series to face Creighton in a two-game series, winning both games, 2-1, 13-12. The Irish played the first game of the series at Rosenblatt before heading to the Creighton Sports Complex for the second contest.

In the process, the victories extended Notre Dame's win streak to 16 games.

The Irish participated in the 2002 College World Series in Rosenblatt Stadium, losing to Stanford twice and beating Rice. It was only the second time Notre Dame had played in the Series.

"There were a lot of emotions and most of them were very positive emotions," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "It was great being back out on that field. Next to Frank Eck Stadium, that's my favorite place to play in the entire world."

Notre Dame used two unearned runs in the first inning of game one to jump on top of the Bluejays early. Those runs were enough for right­hander Chris Niesel, who worked six innings and yielded only one run on four hits. Niesel improved to 4-1 on the season.

Notre Dame scored the first two runs in an interesting first inning. Second baseman Steve Sollmann singled to start the inning and outfielder Brennan Grogan attempted to sacrifice Sollmann to second. However, Creighton starting pitcher Tom Oldham threw the ball off Grogan's back, allowing him to reach first and Sollmann to go to third. First baseman Matt Edwards then grounded to the Creighton shortstop to drive in Sollmann and give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

After Grogan was thrown out on a double steal, Cody Rizzo — playing catcher for junior Javy Sanchez who has sat out the past three games with back spasms — was plunked by a pitch before shortstop Matt Marri came through with an RBI single up the middle.

Staked to a two-run edge, Niesel fought his way through six innings of work. He pitched out of two jams to stretch his scoreless innings streak to 20 and improved to 4-1 on the season. Niesel allowed just one run on six hits, three walks, and one strikeout in seven innings. Ralph Rizzo — Notre Dame's closer — closed the game with a perfect ninth for his third save of the season.

Notre Dame allowed only one run in the final six innings of the game and the offense stretched their hitting streak to 10 games.

Irish catcher Javi Sanchez takes a swing in a game against Valparaiso. Notre Dame won both games against Creighton this weekend in Nebraska, 2-1 and 13-12.

MENS LACROSSE

Giordano makes it two in a row for Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Behind a career-high five goals from midfielder Brian Giordano and solid defense, the Notre Dame mens lacrosse team (7-4, 3-1 in the GWLL) swept a two­game home stand by defeating Great Western Lacrosse League opponent Air Force (2-7, 0-2) 13-4 Saturday afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium.

The No. 20 Irish were heavy favorites over Butler on Thursday and over Air Force Saturday. Still, Notre Dame needed both wins to stay in the hunt for a league title and an automatic birth into the postseason.

Air Force began strong and held a 2-1 lead at the end of the first quarter. For the second straight game the Notre Dame defense held its own until a slow offense could find a rhythm. Freshman attacker Pat Walsh scored the lone goal of the first quarter at the 9:24 mark off an assist from sophomore midfielder Chris Niesel. Walsh fin­ished with a goal and three assists.

Notre Dame added two more goals in the second quarter but still went into halftime trailing 4-3. Walsh assisted on goals by Giordano and junior Dan Berger, and freshman Matt Karwack net­ted an unassisted goal at the 4:23 mark.

With the offense on the board but struggling, the defense held the Irish to one goal in the third quarter before the Irish scored four unanswered to make it 13-4.

Irish senior attack Tim Carroll scored the final marker of the game with 21 seconds remaining, making it 13-4, his third goal of the evening.

The Irish outscored Air Force 11-1 in the second half, which could be taken as a sign of things to come if the Irish can carry this consistency into the final month of the regular season.

Giordano scored two goals in the second half to give him six goals in the final two games. Giordano leads the Irish with 24 goals on the season and has scored at least one in 12 of 15 games.

Other Notre Dame scorers included senior midfielder Greg Healy with two goals and two assists, and senior attacking midfielder Mark Loew with five assists.

Notre Dame improves to 4-0 in the GWLL and sits atop the conference standings with 12 points — currently tied with Seton Hall. The Irish are currently second — and a record of 5-2 overall.

Giordano leads the team with 24 goals and 13 assists, good for 37 points.