Four ND students break into Stadium

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Four students could face disciplinary action from the University after they allegedly entered the Stadium Wednesday morning before being caught by Notre Dame Security and St. Joseph County Police, a NDSP spokesman said.

St. Joseph County police arrested freshman seniors Matthew Englehardt and Daniel Parziale early Wednesday morning after they, and two other students who escaped from the stadium, were later identified by N D P.

NDSP did not release the names of the other two suspects. Phil Johnson, assistant director of NDSP, said no arrests were made in the incident but added that the suspects were handcuffed for officer safety.

"The officers were investigating a serious incident," Johnson said. "It's not uncommon for people until you can take control of the situation."

Police found no one was injured in the incident and he was unaware of any damage or vandalism inside the stadium.

After NDSP discovered the students had illegally entered the stadium, a county police K-9 unit was brought in to assist in the superintension of the burglary suspects — a practice Johnson called standard when a large area needs to be searched.

According to the county police report, county officer Mike Bunick found Englehardt and Parziale hiding behind an ice machine in the northeast section of the stadium and arrested the pair without incident.

Meanwhile, the police report said NDSP officer Paul Becker spotted a third suspect who jumped from the 2nd floor of the north wall of the stadium. Officers chased the suspect and lost him.

It was not immediately clear how the fourth suspect left the stadium. But Johnson said the two suspects, who were not caught in the stadium, were later identified through an NDSP investigation.

Johnson said NDSP had fortified the Office of Residence Life, adding that the case will not be referred to the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's office.

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Macaluso continues as leprechaun

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

University officials announced Tuesday that Mike Macaluso will continue to serve as the leprechaun for football and mens basketball games for the 2003-04 school year.

Macaluso, who has served as the varsity leprechaun for the last year, was chosen over Olympic leprechaun John Bisanz.

The two leprechaun positions, formerly named varsity and Olympic leprechauns, are now called blue and gold leprechauns.

Though the names have been changed, the respective responsibilities for the two positions will remain basically the same, said Bisanz. Macaluso, the gold leprechaun, will work at football and mens basketball games. Bisanz, the blue leprechaun, will continue working at the rest of the University's sports.

"Essentially nothing has changed," he said.

The leprechaun name changes were a part of larger changes made to the cheerleading program itself, of which the leprechauns are a part, said Macaluso.

Because of those changes, officials offered Macaluso and Bisanz, who will both be seniors in the fall, the opportunity to switch responsibilities.

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ROTC holds annual Pass in Review

• Army, Navy and Air Force groups conduct honorary ceremony despite small protest

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Students from the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units at Notre Dame conducted their annual Pass in Review Wednesday afternoon in Loftus Sports Center.

Over 300 cadets and midshipmen paraded in formation before University President Father Edward Malloy.

Speaking to the cadets and over 100 spectators, Malloy talked about war, peace and the role of ROTC students in the U.S. military.

He called on the future officers to serve as examples of Christian leadership in the armed forces.

"We have tried to prepare you well here ... to be able to think about the big picture," Malloy said. "Peace does not come easily in a world that knows too much violence."

He also offered a prayer for the students, who will be commissioned as officers upon graduation.

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SMC may punish for illegal music downloads

By NATALIE BAILEY
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Saint Mary's students may face disciplinary action from the College as well as the Recording Industry of America as a result of illegal MP3 downloading, according to College officials.

Awareness of the illegal activity came from several cease-and-desist letters from the RIAA that said multiple Saint Mary's students were illegally downloading or sharing MP3s. Students became aware of the action in an April 10 letter from Keith Fowkes, director of Information Technology.

The letter stated that "the College is required to contact the students that are offering copyrighted sound recordings for download, notify the students of the legal order, confirm that the students have ceased sharing copyrighted files, and report back to the RIAA that the students are now in compliance with the RIAA's request."

"So far, students the RIAA contacted Saint Mary's about have as few as 102 songs available for download and as many as 976," Hausmann said.

According to Hausmann, the RIAA cited multiple IP addresses. All students the technology department has met with so far have been using Kazaa.

The letter also warned students using their network...
What's your passion?

With Holy Week in full swing and the Passion story of Jesus echoing through churches across the world, I cannot help but reflect on the word "passion." What is passion? Passion is a strong emotion and deepest desire. Without passion, what is left in the world? Without passion, nothing.

"Passion." It is the source of all that I do or don't do. It fuels my life. It makes everyday events meaningful and worthwhile. Passion fuels our thoughts, actions and deepest desires. What is passion? Passion is a necessity of life.

I believe passion is my faith — my Catholicism. For me, passion is my faith. After all, it is the reason I left the amazing South for South Bend to explore the wonders of God with high schoolers. They are awe­inspiring and I simply don't care. I love teens — especially Web design. My computer dominates most of my life, and I am the proud owner of a dotcom address and undeniably a geek. I've accepted and embraced my geektude and even shared my skills with folks who wish they were as "cool" as me.

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James Bond films — in particular, when Sean Connery plays 007, British accents are the best and coupled with "cool" (Provolone or Swiss!), sleazy Bond girl names and high tech gadgets and gimmicks — not to mention beautiful cars — make me wish you wore a spy: who can't love Bond 007? On a more serious note, my biggest passion is my faith — my Catholic faith. After all, it is the reason I left the amazing South for South Bend. No wait, scratch that. It was the awesome Indiana weather. My faith is the reason I wake up and live my day. It is the source of all that I do or don't do. And if my passion for my faith isn't enough, then my passion for youth ministry certainly should be. After I graduate in 2006, I hope to be a youth minister for a dynamic Catholic high school youth program called Life Teen.

Yes, I actually want to hang out with high schoolers. They are awesome people with a lot to offer. I want to explore the wonders of God with them, while undoubtedly causing a little, okay a lot, of trouble along the way. I believe passion is a necessity of human life. It fuels my life.

It is on that note then, that I ask you what are you passionate about?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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What's Going Down

Office produces trespassing letter

The Office of Residence Life issued a letter for trespassing in the Main Building Tuesday.

Employee's car towed for violation

An employee's car parked near the Post Office was towed Tuesday for a parking violation.

Student loses cellular phone

A student reported Tuesday the loss of his cellular phone at an off-campus location.

Police issue speeding citation

NDSP issued a ticket for excessive speed on Notre Dame Avenue on Tuesday.

Injured student transported

NDSP brought an injured student from Lafortune Student Center to St. Joseph's Medical Center for treatment Tuesday.

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What's Happening @ ND

- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
  5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Basilica
- Baseball Doubleheader vs. Pittsburgh
  12 and 3 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium
- "War: Terrorism, and China's Place in the Global Picture: Students and Faculty Discussion
  2-3 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- Softball vs. Indiana University-Fort Wayne
  4-6 p.m. at Ivy Field

What's Happening @ SMC

- World Trade Council Meeting
  8 a.m. at Stantopen Lounge
- Intercultural Floor Meeting
  6 p.m. at Noble Family Dining Hall

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What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, Southern­fried chicken, asin potatoeis, cherry crisp, baked Cajun Pollock, Italian rice pilaf, Italian-blend vegetables, Swiss oatmeal, bacon, scrambled eggs, buttermilk pancakes, home fries, sea nuggets, steakhouse fries, hashuppies, vegetable lo mein

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, roasted pretzel sticks, pasta primaveria, steamed spinach, chicken and dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, teriyaki lo mein, mashed red­skin garlic potatoes, Philly steak sandwich, steakhouse fries, onion rings, sweet and sour chicken, chicken and cheese chimichanga

No dinner will be served.

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University creates Chad Sharon memorial fund

By TERESA FRAILISH
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To honor the memory of freshman Chad Sharon, the University has helped to organize the Chad Sharon Memorial Fund which aims to provide partial support for a Notre Dame undergraduate student.

"I talked with the Sharons last week. The hope is that we can make it an endowed scholarship," said Bill Kirk, assistant director of Student Affairs.

Kirk said that depending on how much the scholarship fund raises, it would either support an endowed scholarship or provide a set amount of funds to a specific member of North Dame students.

Throughout the process, officials have worked closely with Steve and Jane Sharon, Chad Sharon’s parents, in making plans for the memorial fund. While exact plans for the fund are still being worked out, the University has received about $20,000 for the fund so far, said Kirk.

As part of an effort to support the memorial fund, the Computer Science Club raised funds for the memorial at their yearly spring computer programming contest, said Joe Lammersfeld, one of the event’s organizers. Because Sharon was a member of the club and had a strong interest in computers, the club wanted to support the fund.

"We decided that it would be good to have a fundraiser," Lammersfeld said.

After the programming contest, in which 15 teams of students competed to solve C++ problems the fastest, the club held a barbeque and collected money for the memorial fund. To date, the club has collected about $70 for the fund and hopes to raise more.

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Women’s Week promotes diversity

By SARAH NESTOR
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Saint Mary’s celebrated women from around the world this week through sponsoring the International Women’s Week. The week, which was sponsored by the Student Diversity Board and the Inter­cultural Living Community, included international dance lessons, international films, a presentation about Uganda and female genital mutilation. It concluded with an international women’s celebration Wednesday evening.

"(The organizers) worked very hard to educate women on the adversities that face women around the world," said Anmarrie Marquez, vice president of the SDB.

English professor Alexis Brooks DeVita gave a presenta­tion Wednesday about Uganda and focused on the importance of the new Sister School/God­sisters student organization at the College. The Godsisters Pro­gram was formed earlier this year to aid women in Uganda threatened by female genital mutilation.

Money raised by the Saint Mary’s Sisterhood at a fundraiser, held a barbeque and collected money for the memorial fund. It concluded with an International Women’s Day celebration.

"We would like to continue educating women on international issues and would like to take this week to expand celebrating our differences," Marquez said.

Along with International Women’s Week, SDB is also sponsoring a writing contest with the theme “Women and differences,” Marquez said.

Entries are due on April 24 and can include poetry, short stories or essays. The first place winner will receive $100 and the second prize winners will receive $50 each.

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STUDENT SENATE

Members back topic on student leadership

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

The Student Senate unanimously approved “Student Leadership” as the topic for former Student Body President Jillby Bishop's May report to the Board of Trustees.

“This report will give an update on hall dances this semester as requested by the Board of Trustees,” Bishop wrote in her letter to the Senate. “The theme of the dances is ‘Leadership,’ as requested by the Board of Trustees.”

Bishop wrote her report in advance of the Senate meeting in person. Senators also asked what information would be included in the report regarding in-hall dances. Jeremy Lao, student body vice president, said that Bishop would focus on statistical information, such as how many dances were held, how many students were in attendance, and how many students did not attend.

The report will also include a list of problems residents face and the solutions. Seniors expressed concern about whether or not they would face this year because of the finding of the Leadership Board of Trusts.

Bishop is the acting director of the Student Senate. She was appointed by the Student Senate to present her report in person.

In other Senate news:
• The Senate unanimously approved McCullin senator Rebecca Saunders and Farley senator Meghan Hanzlik as the Student Senate Representatives. The Financial Management Board oversees financial issues such as supervision of club budgets.
• Members approved the plan for Ryan Finn as Senate Representative to the Advisory Council on Academic and Student Life. This council was created to improve intellectual life outside of the classroom. Through the ACA, students and administrators work together to improve student life.
• Seniors also unanimously approved three new positions on the Student Union Board: Rob Tenniswood was appointed director of publicity, Jimmy Fishbear was named assistant and Janie McKeown-Torrence was appointed acting director.
• The Student Senate is responsible for student activities and preservation of the Student Union. This council was created to improve intellectual life outside of the classroom. Through the ACA, students and administrators work together to improve student life.

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Tryouts
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Tryouts for some events "Initially we thought that we could rotate that position. They're both really good and they're going to be seniors," said Jo Minton, head cheerleading coach at the University.

"It came down from the higher level of the University that there needed to be some changes in the cheerleading program. This is their way of solving it," said Minton.

"We're rotating those areas that give us the biggest bang for the buck," he said.

Laitmer said that some academic

OIT implements wireless network

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

In response to new developments in technology, Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technologies has been installing wireless networking across campus over the past couple of years. The wireless fidelity system, abbreviated as “Wi-Fi,” uses radio waves to establish network connections without users having to plug their computers into a wall jack.

Dewit Laitmer, chief technology officer, said that “Wi-Fi” or wireless fidelity—allows areas on campus to be networked quickly and cost-effectively.

"It's definitely not expensive," Laitmer said. "It's one of those high-yield investments."

Laitmer said that the networking initiative has been targeted at high-traffic areas on campus, including the Hesburgh Library, Beekers and LaFortune, which offer connections to hundreds of users simultaneously.

"We're picking those areas that give us the biggest bang for the buck," he said.

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Happy Easter from The Observer!
American raid uncovers terrorist training camp

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

American troops raided the home of the mastermind of Saddam Hussein's biological weapons lab on Wednesday and discovered a sprawling, remote terrorist training camp south of Baghdad as they dug for secrets from a dead regime.

With major combat over, the Bush administration lowered the terrorist threat at home to yellow, down a notch from its wartime level of orange.

"Terrorists and tyrants have now been put on notice, they can no longer feel safe hiding behind innocent lives," said President Bush.

Inside Iraq, Army forces exchanged fire with a small number of die-hard paramilitary fighters north of Baghdad, then captured a key bridge, took out two surface-to-air missile systems and three anti-aircraft guns left over from Saddam's military. And Iraqis in Mosul said three people were killed and at least 11 wounded by gunfire, but the circumstances were murky.

After days of looting and mayhem in Baghdad, America's armed newly-recruited Iraqi police, with handguns to help keep order. And citizens sought to pick up their normal lives.

"The market is open and products are available," said Tadamoun Abdel-Aziz as she shopped with her sons for eggs, bread and vegetables in the downtown Irkikta Market. But with power only partially restored and temperatures in the 90s, Baghdad residents bought three-foot blocks of ice.

American commands backed by about 40 Marines staged the raid on the residence of Raifil Talib, described "Dr. Germ" by United Nations weapons inspectors. Taha, a microbiologist, was in charge of Iraq's secret biological laboratory, suspected of weaponizing anthrax.

Three men emerged from the raid on her home with their hands up, and American troops removed several boxes of documents, her whereabouts unknown.

The administration officials said the desire to eliminate weapons of mass destruction was one key reason for the raid, although none has yet been found.

"We're really just in the early stages of that stage," Brig. Vincent Brooks told reporters at a briefing at Central Command headquarters.

The United Nations weapons inspectors also failed to find any banned weapons in searches.

Bush, the chief inspector, is expected to appear before the U.N. Security Council next week to discuss a possible resumption of the effort — even though the United States has not invited the international team back into Iraq.

A Marine spokesman, Cpl. John Rozelis, said the terrorist training camp consisted of about 20 permanent buildings on 25 acres south of Baghdad, and was operated by the Palestine Liberation Front and the Iraqi government.

WHO scientists confirm virus as the cause of SARS

Associated Press

London

Experiments in monkeys have confirmed the identity of the virus that causes severe acute respiratory syndrome, the World Health Organization announced Wednesday, an important step toward developing new drugs to combat the disease.

It will also help scientists trace the evolution of the virus and could help them determine whether such pathogens jump from animals to humans, and if so, from which animals. Tests are under way in pigs and poultry to see how susceptible those animals are to SARS.

SARS, which emerged in China in November, has sickened 3,293 people in 22 countries and killed 161.

Scientists have now determined it is caused by a new member of the coronavirus family, so named because a crown shape is seen when the viruses are inspected under a microscope.

Scientists had almost certain the new form of coronavirus first isolated from sick patients March 21 by the University of Hong Kong was the cause of SARS. But they could not say for sure until they had satisfied what is known as Koch's postulates — four scientific tests that verify whether a virus causes a certain disease.

"The Koch's postulates have been fulfilled, so we can now say for certain that the new coronavirus in the cause of SARS," said Dr. Klaus Stohr, a World Health Organization virologist who is coordinating the scientists' work.

The first test requires that the virus be found in all the sick people, but not healthy people. The second isolates the virus from a sick patient and shows that it multiplies in a lab dish.

The third step uses the virus from the petri dish to make a lab animal sick with the same disease as that seen in humans. The final step requires isolating the SARS virus from the sick lab animal and showing it can grow in a petri dish.

A team led by Dr. Albert Osterhaus, the director of virology at Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam, Netherlands, carried out the final two verifying steps.

Early in the hunt for the cause of SARS, scientists found a virus belonging to the paramyxovirus family in some patients. It was later determined that this was the human metapneumovirus, which is known to cause respiratory problems in children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems.

National News Briefs

Oregor murder gets death penalty:

A man described by prosecutors as a sad artist with a taste for the good life was sentenced to death Wednesday for killing his wife and three young children. Jurors, who began the penalty phase last Tuesday, deliberated for about five hours. The same jury earlier convicted Christian Longo, 29, for the murder of his son, 4-year-old Zachery, and 3-year-old daughter Sadie. Longo had previously pleaded guilty to killing his wife, MaryJane, 34, and 2-year-old daughter Madison.

Priest apologized to accuser on tape:

A former Roman Catholic priest on trial for allegedly raping a teenager in 1985 apologized to his accuser during a secretly recorded conversation, saying he was drinking at the time. The tape was played during the second day of testimony in the trial of the Rev. George Roehlacht, accused last year.

Colorado enacts school voucher plan:

Surrounded by hundreds of cheering children, Gov. Bill Owens signed a law Wednesday establishing the first state school voucher program since the U.S. Supreme Court declared such programs unconstitutional last year. "We’re going to literally open the door of opportunity to thousands of our children," the Republican governor told the crowd gathered on the Capitol steps. Beginning next year, Colorado’s law will apply to children in kindergarten through 12th grade who are eligible for free or reduced-cost school lunches.

Buseh urges U.S. to end Iraq sanctions:

President Bush urged the United Nations Wednesday to lift sanctions that have shackled Iraq’s economy for nearly 13 years as he toured a fighter jet factory that he said helped defeat "a ruthless enemy." Bush was careful not to declare the war over, and he cautioned that coalition forces still face serious risks.
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Music

access to share unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials that they are at risk of being sued for copyright infringement.

"The problem is significant enough that the RIAA is asking $150,000 in damages per illegally downloaded copyrighted song as an 'atk,'" Hausmann said.

While officials said this activity does not amount to a surprise to IT, it cannot track students in violation of the Saint Mary's network usage policy.

However, the RIAA can track any download to an IP address and then report the address to the college network it operates under. It can then trace the IP address to an individual and take action accordingly.

While the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act does not allow the College to release name without a court order, students acting illegally can be contacted by IT.

IT policy involves disabling the network connection in violation and notifying the student through e-mail. The student then must attend a meeting with the the Network and System Administrator, Hausmann and Fowkles. Once all illegal sources are removed or disabled from the student's computer, the IT will contact the RIAA and restore the student's network access.

The RIAA has said is working under the precedent set by Napster, a file sharing and downloading system that was forced to shutdown.

According to the RIAA's Web site, the No Electronic Theft Law sets forth that sound recording infringe­ments (including by digital means) can be criminally prosecuted even where no monetary profit or commer­cial gain is derived from the infringing activity.

Punishment in such instances include up to three years in prison and/or $250,000 fines. The New Act also extends the criminal statute of limitations for copy­right infringement from 3 to 5 years.

Additionally, the New Act amended the definition of "commercial advantage or private financial gain" to include receipt of anything of value, including receipt of other copyrighted works (as in MP3 trading).

Punishment in such instances include up to 5 years in prison and/or $250,000 fines. Individuals may also be civilly liable, regardless of whether the activity is for profit, for actual damages or lost profits, or for statutory damages up to $150,000 per work infringed, and each violation penalty is $750 per song.

So far, the RIAA has sued downloaders, Polytechnic Institute, Princeton University and Michigan Technological University, who have students operating Napster-like sys­tems on their networks. The RIAA also sent letters to col­leges and universities warn­ing them to halt smaller-scale activity under their networks.

Hausmann said the RIAA is most likely targeting college and university networks because students are always signed on to the network, making them easier to track, and the connections tend to be faster, making download­ing and file sharing from these servers easier.

While students are required to agree to the Acceptable Use Policy which includes a statement prohibiting the use of applications such as Napster, Gnutella, iMesh and others designed for down­loading and sharing multimedia files, Hausmann said students are often caught surfeing the net out of remorseful by the conse­quences of their actions.

"This is an education issue. People don't know that there is something wrong with doing this and we need to let them know," Hausmann said.

Saint Mary's junior Erin McGinty was alarmed by the e-mail.

"The prospect of being sued makes you really nervous," McGinty said. "I can see the RIAA taking measures to pre­vent individuals from down­loading and sharing files, but they need to focus on future prevention, not on punish­ment of past actions. Downloading is so easy to do and I think most of the time students don't think that what they are doing is illegal."

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Stadium

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Englehardt, a member of the mens swim team, declined comment. Parziale said he has not yet met ResLife, adding, "We've been asked not to publicize the [incident]."

Laurie Muller, associate director of Residence Life and Housing, said once ResLife receives the case it will be reviewed and a decision will be made whether a confer­ence or a disciplinary hearing is necessary. A disciplinary hearing is usually used for more serious circumstances.

Muller said the punishment for trespassing in the Stadium included a wide range of possibilities and depends on the circum­stances and whether the sus­pects had previous ResLife records.

Johnson said trespassing offenses in the Stadium were not common, but added that they do occur on occasion.

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**U.S. has spent $20 billion on war**

**Pentagon predicts post-war costs may total $20 billion more**

Associated Press

The Iraq war has cost at least $20 billion and probably more than that much or more in the next five months, the Pentagon's top budget officer said Wednesday. An additional $5 billion to $7 billion will be needed to pay for getting U.S. troops from the Persian Gulf region to their home bases, officials said. That process is just now beginning.

These totals do not include the yet to be calculated sums for postwar reconstruction of Iraq, the Defense Department's comptroller said at a news conference. The United States is counting on contribution from other countries to pay part of the rebuilding cost.

Donald Rumsfeld said military operations in Iraq to date have cost about $10 billion to $12 billion. Personnel costs have been about $6 billion and the cost of munitions has been more than $3 billion. The figures include what it costs to move 250,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area.

Between now and the end of the federal budget year on Sept. 30, the Pentagon expects to spend about $20 billion more on military operations inside Iraq, officials said.

In human costs, the Pentagon said the war's official death toll rose to 125, including a Marine corporal killed in a March 23 firefight near Nasiriyah, Iraq. The Pentagon said it had identified the remains of 19,000 personnel across the Persian Gulf, 22, of Warrior, Conn., who had been listed as missing in action. There are now three Americans listed as missing in action.

**WASHINGTON**

At a separate news conference, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said that although major combat was ended, there are still some Iraqi towns that U.S. forces have not reached, including an area north of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

McChrystal said the war's overall commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, is sending some U.S. forces home. He did not mention any that had not been reported this week, including the USS Kitty Hawk carrier battle group, which left the Persian Gulf Wednesday en route to Japan.

The U.S. Constellation battle group is due to leave the Gulf this week.

Franks probably will move some sort of head-quarters operation into Iraq soon, McChrystal said.

"Whether it will be located in Baghdad proper, I can't say," McChrystal said.

"But at some point, I think as he transitions to the next phase, he would probably recommend and stand up that kind of headquarters and put it right within Iraq."

The military's top officer, Gen. Richard Myers, said in a speech Wednesday that U.S. forces in Iraq are now beginning to focus more on hunting for weapons of mass destruction rather than fighting.

"Weapons of mass destruction, while important, weren't as important as winning the war. We had a priority to win a war," Myers told the Navy League of America. "I have every confidence that we will find them. We're going to need some help from the Iraqi people. That is being worked very hard right now."

Myers said he is not surprised that such weapons have not been found.

"I don't know how long it will take. They have been hiding that stuff from inspectors now for 12 years," he said.

At his news conference, Zalmay Khalilzad explained how the Pentagon will use the $62.6 billion Congress has approved in supplemental spending over the past year to pay for the war in Iraq and the global fight against terrorism.

**Glitch affects 800,000 student loans**

Associated Press

A computer programming error has forced Sallie Mae, the nation's largest provider of student loans, to increase the amount owed by 800,000 borrowers.

Letters informing the borrowers of the miscalculation went out this week from company headquarters in Reston, Va.

Sallie Mae spokeswoman Kathleen delAldo said Wednesday the company expects 90 percent of the monthly increases to be $40 or less. The average increase, she added, should be $25 per month.

"It is our error and we're sending out letters apologizing for it," said delAldo.

The readjustment will affect borrowers with consolidated, or 10-year loans with variable rates -- similar to adjustable rate mortgages.

Two million student loans owned or managed by Sallie Mae, delAldo said. She attributed the problem to an "installation error" that resulted in the entry of improper interest tables into company computers.

The mistake resulted in a payment schedule that didn't match the total amount of principal and interest owed by the borrowers.

"The people who noticed it on the borrower's side were near the end of the term and realized that there was a mismatch between how much they had to pay and how much time was left to pay," delAldo said.

The spokeswoman said borrowers who are unable to pay the extra amount added to their monthly payments may apply for a loan extension.

"As a good will gesture," delAldo said, "we will notify borrowers who receive credit from Sallie Mae for any extra interest charged in their accounts. They estimated the cost of the credit will be $8 million.

The problem did not result in borrowers paying amounts that exceed the terms of their original loan and interest agreements, she said.
Leprechauns should not have choice

If the committee responsible for choosing the Notre Dame leprechaun ran the world, Kansas and Syracuse never would have needed to step on a court to determine who was going to be standing on the Notre Dame turf Saturday.

This fall, following the rigorous tryout process, Macaluso, the current varsity leprechaun, and Bisanz, the current Olympic leprechaun, learned the results of the point system used to evaluate leprechaun candidates. The margin, according to the cheerleading coach, wasn’t close — Macaluso had won easily. But the committee, both men are seniors and because Bisanz could have spent two years as an Olympic leprechaun without ever getting to don the green uniform for a football game, gave the two a chance to work out some kind of deal.

The leprechaun is seen on national television at football and basketball games. He is more recognizable at events from pep rallies to bowl games. He is more than an ambassador for Notre Dame — he represents its very essence.

Yet had Bisanz and Macaluso decided to split duties, that single identifiable face would have been split in two. This prompted questions like who would have played the role of the leprechaun on SportsCenter spots? Or at the pep rally before the biggest game of the season? Or stood on the sidelines at a bowl game or an NCAA Tournament site?

Because the selection committee didn’t decide, Macaluso and Bisanz had to. And because Macaluso had the job a year before and had left tryouts as the leader, he got the job.

One might also question how much impact a tryout could have when there was a full year of games available for evaluation. Macaluso, for example, was often booted when he walked on the court and even dodged bounce-ball students sent to get him if at one of the last football pep rallies of the season. Bisanz, meanwhile, had real energy that energized sparse crowds at some of the lowest-attended sporting events and didn’t need T-shirts to get fans to make happy.

Irish fans may blast Macaluso for lacking the energy of previous leprechauns. They should criticize the selection process that gave Macaluso a second straight year as the varsity leprechaun. Macaluso and Bisanz shouldn’t have had to work out some arrangement that would determine who was going to serve as Notre Dame’s mascot. After all, the NCAA never gave the Irish a shot to play in the Final Four because it took pity on senior Matt Carroll.

If the committee truly believed Macaluso was the best candidate, they should have made it clear without leaving any room for discussion. But when the selection committee couldn’t make a choice, they erred by giving the pair the choice.

15 things I hate about Notre Dame

So this is my last column. In the words of the man from Nazareth, “It is finished.”

I’ve been thinking a lot about what to say in my final column. I’ve decided that, rather than blathering about the things I’m going to miss if I leave, I thought I’d talk about the things I am not going to miss. So I present here, for your edification, my top 15 list of things I am not going to miss about Notre Dame.

1) December
2) Each and every member of the Notre Dame Security/Policie, particularly the ones that are mean to me when I try to get on campus.
3) The seven hundred handicapped spots in the JAC parking lot. You’d think that we have frequent wheelchair conventions over there with the sheer number of handicap spots.
4) January
5) The brother-sister McFadden news anchor team on Channel 16.
6) Meeting people who pronounce my home state as “O-e-GONE.” Particularly the people who then argue with me when I tell them how it is actually pronounced.
7) February
8) The local commercials. The South Bend area has definitely spawned the worst commercials I have ever seen. The 1-800- Safe-Auto commercials spring to mind.
9) The genre and swans on the lakes. I am terrified of all birds larger than ducks. I just don’t feel that birds should be that large. I also don’t feel that they should have free reign.
10) March.

11) Good-hearted people who write me serious responses to facetious columns. Allow me to take this moment to clarify — I never plan on getting to know these people in these pages has been sacrilegious. (It’ll give you a hint — I’m not even serious right now.) I appreciate people’s willingness to let me know what they think, but it’s sort of depressing to receive e-mails from people that utterly miss the point.
12) Speaking of people who miss the point — I won’t miss my parents’ weekly responses to my columns either, which I now plan to sort the words out and respond to them.
13) That time after Easter every year when it snows.
14) The fact that the humidity is frequently higher than the temperature in Indiana.
15) Hesburgh library. There is something about Hesburgh that sucks all the moisture out of me. Every time I go the library to do research, after about ten minutes of looking for journals, I am tired, confused, frustrated and nearly always thirsty in a way that no amount of drinking fountain water can solve. The only way to solve the problem is to leave Hesburgh, at which point I magically become hydrated again.

I’ve been trying to come up with some parting advice for everyone. So far the best advice I can come up with is that if you’re not terribly happy on campus, try moving off. It’s the best thing I ever did.

I don’t want to give you the sappy, high-school yearbook advice about preserving every moment and living it all. I think that if we all took the time to appreciate every moment of our collegiate time, we’d probably get about half as much done as we do. The rest of the time would have to be spent appreciating.

So here are my four pieces of advice. 1) Be nice to the people who work in the dining hall, especially the students, that they handle your food before you see it.

2) Do things that make you happy. Try avoiding things that do not make you happy.

3) Don’t be afraid to admit that sometimes Notre Dame does not make you happy.

If you’re a gang ho Notre Dame person, that’s great. But if you aren’t, remember that it’s okay not to be. Notre Dame isn’t the real world and when you get to the real world, you’ll find people like that. In the meantime, you’ll have benefitted by learning more about who you are and by learning how to sur vive in a place where you are surrounded by people who aren’t like you.

4) Trust your food. Trust the squirrels — they will follow you.

So that, with that, I leave the pages of The Observer for good. Thanks to all the folks at The Observer who have put my column into print for six of the last seven semesters. Also, thanks for never putting in a picture of me, or in any way identifying me. I appreciate that I can still walk into The Observer’s office and no one there knows who I am.

So, as a departing senior, I leave the Observer Viewpoint pages to Joe Muto, the only one who I ever read. Take good care of them, Joe. Maybe the people who didn’t get my columns can now start writing to you.

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**You’ve got (junk) mail**

Peter Wicks

**Englishman Aboard**

Although John Lile's April 11 column was not well-delivered, I find it disturbing that the responses it has garnered thus far have not focused on the flaws of thesystem, and, worse, even criticized The Observer for publishing it. There is validity in the argument that the responses it has garnered thus far have not focused on the flaws of the system, and, worse, even criticized The Observer for publishing it.

Yet, mostly, I mean the common people of the Middle East and not the small percentage of the educated upper-class who completely control the resources, education and opportunities of these countries. It is this small percentage that is to blame, for they have used religion, fear and censorship to satisfy their greed and deprive the population of education and the opportunity for a better life. In doing so, not only have they betrayed their own people, they have also increased the progress of technology and civilization in these countries, something a member of academia such as Dr. Bashaun knows.

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MOVIE REVIEW

"Journey" is inspirational but incomplete

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

After Frederick Douglass, it was all downhill for the chauvinists.

Nevertheless, amateur filmmaker Eric Saperston gives it the old college try. "Sometimes you take a trip, sometimes the trip takes you." What a wildly novel insight. Give us a break — a Deadhead who decides on a whim to endow his little vanity project (following the Grateful Dead, working in Aspen, filming it all) with some weight, that elusive element that might elevate it from little-vanity-project to serious-documentary?

This is stale inspirational drivel in the vein of Lifetime movies and Deepak Chopra books. It lacks the focus that might have imbued the film with poignancy and, at least, pertinence. Instead it's a run-of-the-mill superficial musing on the meaning of life — oh, and with the truly original "journey" metaphor. Attempting to lend this hoary metaphor big-name credibility, Saperston invokes the sunny, all-American execs, insipid musicians and so on.

Hendrik Herzberg was right: Jimmy Carter is "a far better ex-President than he was a President." Let's not forget that the Nobel laureate toasted the Shah of Iran, hugged Brezhnev, was identified with the KGB, held human rights views, dismissed Martin Luther King Jr. and penned speeches with impurity. Thank God that at least the Dead escaped Saperston's corrupting directorial hand.

It might be charitable to describe Saperston's personality as grating, over-bearing and just plain cheesy. And there is a sense that he is not only conscious of the movie's inspirational aim, but certain that it will succeed and change people's lives.

What a wildly novel insight. Give us a break, Eric Saperston does something far more heinous: using Kesey's "Are you on the bus?" motto to close a sales talk. It really is excruciating to watch this director pervert the Merry Prankster's words with impunity.

In the end, "The Journey" feels incomplete. Not only is it relentlessly predictable and trite, but it's sunny and preachy to a fault. After all, subtlety has no place in the self-help genre, which seems a better fit here than the documentary genre. Real documentaries have grit and hold onto journalistic detachment by varying angles on the issue at hand — assuming there are issues at hand, which is debatable in this meandering rat's nest of a documentary. Saperston's decision to sip coffee with and interview "some of the most powerful people in the world" leaves viewers with a pretty one-dimensional view of the world. A cross-country trip from Atlanta to Seattle, and all the viewer really hears from are, to varying degrees, the rich and famous? These people are neither insightful nor appealing, but Saperston's own personal quest, which ultimately becomes co-opted by the corporate machine, never larks about with the proletariat.

And without doing that, this wannabe-documentary sidesteps what it ought to aim for: documenting reality.

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Saperston meets the Godfather of Soul, James Brown. Other musicians are also in the film, including Edwin McCain and a few of the Blowfish.

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The movie theater is a scary place. They turn down the lights, put up the pretty pictures and for at least 90 minutes of your life you agree to go pretty much where the director wants to take you. It's an emotional experience, and sometimes it ends up being just disappointing. With "Laurel Canyon" such disappointment turns to anger when the lights come up and you realize just how you have been manipulated.

The film on the surface is very engaging and seems to be deep and meaningful. But, when all is said and done, it becomes apparent that the whole premise of the film is exhausted a few minutes into it, and, in reality, most of the major themes are just standard clichés on which we did not need to waste our time, money or emotions.

The film centers on Sam (Christian Bale) and his new fiancée Alex (Kate Beckinsale) who move to Los Angeles for Sam to do his residency at a psychiatric hospital and for Alex to finish her doctoral dissertation. They plan to stay at the supposedly empty Laurel Canyon home of Sam's mom, Jane. (Frances McDormand), who is one of the few redeeming aspects in the film. Jane is an aging hippie record producer who still hangs out with rock stars half her age, drinks and smokes pot constantly. McDormand seems to inhabit the weathered rocker with such depth that viewers cannot help but be drawn to her character. She is the free spirit that represents everything that the upright Sam and Alex are not. All three get stuck together because, when Alex and Sam arrive, Jane is still at the house trying to finish the overdue record of the band, Dozed by her current young boy-toy, Ian (Alessandro Nivola).

Once these basic introductions are out of the way, the film pretty much sets its sights on playing out what is really a banal scenario. Of course, for much of the movie the audience feels like it is going to get anything but the standard cinema fare. The movie feels like it is artistic as the camera wanders over the landscapes and its rock soundtrack, and the sexy characters mope their way from one emotional disaster to the next. But really, this is just the same "uplift-academic-hippie-lost-up-by-free-spirit" trope that has been played out ad nauseam. If you insert Queen Latifah for the rock stars you have "Bringing Down the House." If you make the film with teenagers you have "She's All That." If you make Hugh Grant the sexual predator rock star you can have "Bridget Jones' Diary Part II." Really, why do all upright people have to come from the east coast, Ivy League schools and rock stars you feel like it is other people's lives or just standard cinema fare. It's a banal scenario.

Regardless of how rocking or cool she is, the whole thing begins to smack of ridiculousness. Meanwhile, Sam gets into his own dubious relationship with an attractive fellow resident. If Alex's wanderings tend towards absurdity, Sam's relationship is just all too predictable with his infidelity borne out of too many intimate conversations in the car outside the house after getting dropped off from work. While it seems obvious upon reflection that the film is treading old paths, it is obviously essentially convinced of its own import and manages to almost trick the audience into thinking it has a statement. It's worth examining why this is the case. It seems that this falls into the category of a number of new artistic pretenders who substitute meaning for some frigged poetic sense of chaos and meaninglessness. It is the artistic disease of our generation. We live with such a sense of subjectivism and "I'm OK, you're OK" propaganda that many contemporary artists take up the vagabonding behind these mantras and try to pass it off as postmodern art.

Laurel Canyon," after trudging through the emotional patterns with the captive audience, does not so much conclude as runs out of gas. It feels like they had used up all the characters and situations. So, they throw in a couple awkward stabs at reconciliation, an ambiguous line about not having control and a symbolic moment in the pool ripped from "The Graduate" and tell us it's a meaningful ending. Because in the end the world, it's not about concrete messages, it's all about loosening up and seeing everything from different perspectives, right?

"Wrong!" The problem is too many smart people have been duped into thinking that this is art. In our society, no one wants to take stands on anything concrete. So, we think our art shouldn't fall into those hard stereotypes and take a stand. Supposedly good art won't tie itself down to anything meaningful. But, in reality, art is precisely about meaning. If you don't have anything to say or actually consider don't waste my time. Postmodernity and notions of things having multiple meanings was never meant as license for people with no real point to pass their work as important.

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The Clippers led by 18 points in the first quarter when Portland shot 33 percent. The Lakers improved to start the second quarter, a 9-3 run to close within one. They tied the game three times, but the Lakers couldn't take the lead and trailed 52-47 at halftime.

Lakers 17, Warriors 11

Los Angeles had 13 points as the Los Angeles Lakers earned the fifth seed in the conference.

Shaqulille O'Neal recorded his 46th double-double of the season with 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Lakers, who will face fourth-seeded Minnesota in the first round of the playoffs. The Lakers have won 11 of their last 13.

Gilbert Arenas scored 33 points for the Warriors. Mike Dunleavy added a career-high 21 points and Jason Richardson finished with 19. Antawn Jamison had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Sonics 84, Suns 70

Barkley scored 19 as the Seattle SuperSonics topped the Phoenix Suns for the second time in the last 12 minutes.

The Suns, looking ahead to the postseason, rested most of their starting lineup for a second straight night. Only Amare Stoudamire saw significant playing time, finishing with 16 points and nine rebounds. Joe Johnson led Phoenix with 21 points.

Allen, who had scored more than 10,000 points in three of the four games, made 7-of-17 from the field. Brevn Barry scored 17, Vince Carter added 12 and Calvin Bouth added 10 for the Sonics.

Rings 95, Jazz 84

Chris Webber scored 15 points, and Bobby Jackson had nine points in the fourth quarter, as the Sacramento Kings beat the Utah Jazz in a low-key farewell by the Jazz to their upcoming yield.

The Jazz and the Kings will begin their third playoff series in five years this weekend. Both teams played the regular-season finale observably, with reserves getting ample minutes into the tight fourth quarter. The game was meaningless by halftime, when Dallas' victory over Phoenix cost Sacramento any chance at a home-court advantage in a potential second-round meeting with the Mavericks.

Karl Malone, the NBA's second-leading career scorer, said eight points in which he scored his final five points immediately. Malone has openly campaigned to join a future Hall of Fame.

Timberwolves 95, Grizzlies 87

The Minnesota Timberwolves clinched home-court advantage in the opening round of the playoffs for the first time in their history with a victory over Memphis.

Kevin Garnett had 19 points, 16 rebounds and eight assists to lead Minnesota, which ended the season 51-31 and took the No. 4 spot in the Western Conference.

Minnesota has never made it to the second round of the playoffs since it eliminated the Timberwolves in the first round of the NBA playoffs for the fourth straight year.

Memphis was led by Stromile Swift and Paul Gasol with 18 points each.

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Clippers 107, Blazers 93

Los Angeles forwards Lamar Odom and Elton Brand celebrate in their victory over the Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Harrington had 17 points and 12 rebounds and Jermaine O'Neal added 26 points and 11 rebounds, as the Indiana Pacers secured third place in the Eastern Conference with a 90-83 win over the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday night.

Jamil Tinsley had 19 points and 12 assists, Artest added 16 points and Reggie Miller added 14 for the Clippers (48-34).

The Nets clinched the Atlantic Division on Tuesday and rested their starters for most of the game. Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin each scored 11 points in 21 minutes. Neither Kidd, Martin, Jason Collins nor Kareem Keiths played in the second and fourth quarters.

Anthony Johnson led the Nets with 16 points and Aaron Williams added 14.

New Jersey's reserves gave the Pacers fits for most of the game.

Clips 112, Lakers 106

Lamar Odom led Clips to first victory over Blazers

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Mighty Ducks sweep Red Wings

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Steve Rucchin’s goal at 6:53 of overtime gave the Anaheim Mighty Ducks a 3-2 victory Wednesday night for a four-game opening-series sweep of defending champion Detroit Red Wings.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 32 saves in the stunning sweep of the opening-round Western Conference series.

The Red Wings, Stanley Cup champions three of the past six years, became just the second defending Cup winner to be swept the following season in a four-game opening series.

In 1952, Detroit upset the 1951 champion Toronto Maple Leafs and went on to win the Cup.

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Seau gets a fresh start with Dolphins

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla.

Linebacker Junior Seau joined the Miami Dolphins after passing a physical, completing a long-anticipated trade with the San Diego Chargers.

The Dolphins sent a conditional 2004 draft choice to San Diego in return for Seau, a 12-time Pro Bowl selection.

"The truth is Junior Seau needed the Miami Dolphins more than the Miami Dolphins needed Junior Seau," Seau said. "This organization is doing everything possible to commit itself to winning a ring.

Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt lauded Seau's talent and professionalism as he introduced the new linebacker at a news conference.

"It's a great day for the Dolphins, a very positive day for the Miami Dolphins," Wannstedt said.

Seau flew from California to Miami on Tuesday after agreeing to a restructuring of his contract, which runs through 2005. The contract maneuvering addressed a $2.7 million bonus Seau was due to receive Tuesday from the Chargers.

The Chargers last month gave the 34-year-old Seau permission to seek a trade.

Seau opened his remarks by paying tribute to former Chargers general manager John Butler, who died last week of lung cancer, and thanking the city of San Diego.

"I want them to know I wish them well, until Oct. 27," Seau said, referring to the date when San Diego will play host to Miami in a Monday night game.

Seau has spent his entire 13-year career with the Chargers, his hometown team. In Miami, he's expected to replace Derrick Rodgers at outside linebacker.

The trade, which had been in the works for several weeks, is the first major deal for the Dolphins since a dismal December collapse. The team had seven Pro Bowl players, including NFL rushing leader Ricky Williams and sack leader Jason Taylor, and still failed for the first time in six years to make the playoffs.

Seau hasn't led the Chargers in tackles since 1999, and he started a career-low 13 games last season because of an ankle injury that required post-season surgery. But he was attractive to the Dolphins because they're in the market for better veteran leadership following a succession of late-season failures.

Gardner named top player 6 feet or shorter

Arizona point guard and former Indiana Mr. Basketball Jaron Gardner has been honored as the top men's college basketball player 6 feet and under.

Gardner won the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award, which is given for basketball's inventor James Naismith's daughter-in-law and postgraduate from the basketball Hall of Fame.

The 5-foot-10 Gardner scored 1,984 points during his four-year career at Arizona, third in school history. The native of Indianapolis averaged 4.6 assists while starting 135 of 136 games.

Gardner, who played at Indianapolis North Central, was Mr. Basketball in 1999.

Kanaan released from hospital after arm surgery

Tony Kanaan was released from the hospital Wednesday after surgery on his broken left arm and could be back behind the wheel of his race car during the first week of practice for the Indianapolis 500.

A three-week recuperation would be in a race car in three weeks, and that's based on a couple of leads. If he can tolerate the pain, if he can tolerate the brace when driving the go-kart, then I'd go," Wilkins said.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles postpone game due to forecast

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s softball team would like to get back to their winning ways of the early season. It would help if they could get a game in.

The Belles (14-10-1, 4-4 MIAA) were scheduled to play Calvin College Tuesday. Calvin (14-9, 3-3 MIAA), the visiting team, decided to postpone Tuesday’s game due to forecasted rain. The game was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Saint Mary’s.

The game marks the fourth cancellation in the past six games for coach Anna Welch’s squad. Now, the Belles hope to play and win a doubleheader tomorrow against St. Mary’s of the Woods.

However, the Belles need clear weather to play and need consistent hitting and solid fielding to win. While the team has excelled in various aspects of the game in separate games, the Belles have not been able to put together an all-around quality performance in the last six games.

Welsh says her team needs to turn the season around right away before the playoffs or the team can become out of reach. From last weekend, as he competes in the 4x100-meter relay team.

The Relays, in their 45th year, will take place in Blue Mountain Stadium, which features a state-of-the-art track and field facility. The meet will feature only the best in order to compete, an athlete must meet qualifying standards for their event.

The Irish compete Thursday through Saturday, April 17, and University of California, the majority will compete in the Indy Invitational in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Walnut’s Mt. SAC Relays has been one of the premier meets during the outdoor season. It is well-known worldwide as it attracts athletes from top universities, independent organizations, and around the world.

The Irish will play L’Oreast tomorrow against the team.”

Eric Morrison leads the way for the Irish in an indoor meet earlier this season. dash for the Irish.

The women’s side, the Irish hope to get strong performances from Tim Moore and Indoor All-American Luke Watson in distance. Moore is seeded seventh in the 10,000 meters (29:40.23), while Watson is seeded 17th in the 5,000 meters (13:38.62).

Selim Nuruddin looks to build on his success from last weekend, as he competes in the 110-meter hurdles, seeded fourth in section 3 (13.84). Roberto Garcia will compete in the 400-meter hurdles, as he is seeded eighth in section 1 with a time of 51.97.

The Irish compete Thursday through Saturday in Walnut, Calif. The Indo Relays start at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

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Sophomore Liz Hartmann takes a cut at a pitch during Softball.

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The Irish will take on the Mastodons in a doubleheader today at Ivy Field.

Softball

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Heather Booth's 6-0 record and .37 ERA in her last six appearances.

"I think that is why we are win-

ning ballgames, because we are

getting consistent production,"

Gumpf said. "Defensively, Alexa

Madrid and Andrea Loman have

been phenomenal. Offensively,

we are becoming a consistent

one through nine hitting team.

Heather Booth as really come

her own in seeing the college

game."

The Mastodons are 14-15 on

the season, as well as serving as a co-cap-

tain. This season, she holds a

10-1 record at No. 5 singles

and an 8-4 record with Cutler

at No. 2 doubles.

"It's been a different season for us," said Ryan. "I want to

win for the team and our

coach. But if we don't get first,

no one will think the season was a disappointment. My

freshman year we were third

in the MIAA, and we were

happier than the teams that were first and second because we

had more fun together.

In addition to her te-

mates, Ryan cites her relation-

ship with Stevenson as a part of

what has made her experi-

cence on the Saint Mary's team

special.

"Our coach gives us so much more than technical instruc-

tion," said Ryan. "He's like a grandfather to me and he is

such a gentleman. For Valentine's Day for the past

four years he has bought a rose for everybody. We see

other teams and their coach-

es, and he has a politeness

that is wonderful to see with a

group of girls.

Despite the recent defeats

and her nagging injury, Ryan

remains committed to the

team and relies on her love for

tennis to get her through the

rough days.

"Tennis is a high priority for me," Ryan said. "We all take

the time out of our day and our social lives to do

what we're doing. We all like

tennis, the tennis part is

wonderful and that's obvi-

ously why we're there, but

there is so much more to it."

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BREADSTICKS AND AN ND CUP!
Panthers, Pirates, rain await Irish over break

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

A winning streak must always start somewhere for the Irish baseball team, they'll have to potentially dodge quite a few raindrops to get there. With the forecast calling for quite a few April showers, this weekend's matches against Big East foes Pittsburgh and Seton Hall at Eck Stadium Thursday and Saturday, respectively, may wind up being a wet way for the Irish to spend a holiday weekend in the dugout. However, should the weather hold out for the weekend, the Panthers and Pirates present a pair of potential problems for the Irish.

Pittsburgh currently stands at 26-11 overall (7-6 in the Big East), representing by far the team with the best record that the Irish have faced in a long time, while Seton Hall sits at 12-16, 5-7 has won three of its last five games, including knocking off Big East powers Connecticut and Rutgers.

In a rainout Big East this year, anything is possible in terms of any team being able to beat any other team on a given day. For example, the Irish, who are currently 7-1 in the conference, suffered their only conference loss of the year to date at Villanova, which sports a 2-7 conference record, good for the next to last spot.

However, contrast that with Notre Dame's more recent sensational sweep of St. John's, which is tied for third place in the Big East with a 7-3 record. Given that the Panthers and Pirates are both situated between the Red Storm and Wildcats, anything can happen in a highly-competitive Big East conference.

Heading into the week, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh each owned a .315 team batting average, while Seton Hall sits at .262.

The Panthers and Pirates sit at fourth and fifth in the conference in pitching, with 4.17 and 5.20 ERAs, well below the Irish, who have a team average of 3.54.

Pittsburgh's Bryan Spamer leads the team — and is seventh in the Big East — with a .391 batting average as of Monday.

Contact Bryan Kronk at bkronk@nd.edu

Javi Sanchez takes a swing during Tuesday's Irish loss to Eastern Michigan. The Irish hope to get back on the winning track this weekend, weather permitting.
MENS GOLF

Notre Dame proves to be the best choice for Lunke

Lunke looks to lead Irish to Big East Championship

By ERIK POWERS

Senior captain Brandon Lunke plays in his final Big East Championship this weekend when second-seeded Notre Dame hosts Georgetown, St. John's, Rutgers, Seton Hall and tigers of Virginia Tech at the Way station Golf Course. A tournament victory would clinch a berth for the Irish in the NCAA Championships.

A Big East Championship would be a fitting end to Lunke's long and successful career.

"I began golfing at the age of three or four," Lunke said. "I would play at night with my dad and older brother. I started playing competitively at the age of eight. I was in summer tournaments at the age of 10."

Since then, golf has remained a game that Lunke excels at. During each of his four years in high school, Lunke was a member of the varsity golf team, selected as an all-city golfer in his hometown of San Antonio, and earned the state tournament. Lunke also played on fifth-place team at the AACA Justin Leonard Team Challenge. He shot a 64 in the final-round best ball, contributing to his team's first-round lead. As a reward, he and his team earned chance to play in the National High School Invitational.

"Being a captain in golf is not a sport where you can fire [the team] up with emotion, but [instead] you lead by example," Lunke said. "It's important that I be there for the guys. I help out the freshmen balance school, golf and social life.

Lunke is a finance and business major. "I've always been surrounded by the team's youth," he said. "I've always been with a different group of guys, so I feel good with one another."

"Brandon Lunke golf captain"

"They're a pretty mature, good group of guys. It's been fun to see the group developing," Lunke said. "I'm the only senior who's been competing all four years. I've always been with a different group of guys, so we feel good with one another."

"Lunke's period as a captain has given him time to reflect on his own maturity. Both he and his game have changed during his time in college."

"I'm pretty good ball-striker. I've always hit big, but in college everyone else is getting longer and longer [with their strokes]," Lunke said. "My game has matured. I've learned a lot about my swing and myself. I feel that I've gotten better."

After the golf season is over, it is an open future for Notre Dame. Lunke is a finance and history double major. But he might not enter the business world directly after graduation.

"I might take a little time off in order to work on my game," Lunke said. "I might play golf for a while and give in professional career a shot. This is the time that I can do it."

With the season almost over and graduation looming on the horizon, Lunke cannot believe that his time at Notre Dame is almost gone. He has mixed feelings over the end of his career.

"It's amazing how fast it goes," Lunke said. "It's been amazing at times. I've been upset with it at other times. Golf is interesting. It's not a team game, but in college it's a team sport.

"The 24th Big East Championship runs from April 21st to 22nd at the Warren Golf Course. The Irish begin the first of the four rounds of the 54-hole tournament Monday at 8:50 a.m.

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Irish look to continue April success over weekend

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The month of April has always been nice to the Irish, but for the third straight year, it has been really nice. Having won 12 straight games in April, Notre Dame looks to extend that streak today, hosting IUPU-Fort Wayne in a non-conference doubleheader.

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