Hallahan delivers State of the Student Union

* Speech focuses in part on aiding student life

By MAURENE REYNOLDS
News Writer

Pat Hallahan, student body president, delivered his State of the Student Union address following the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night and elaborated in an interview Thursday on his plans for the following year.

At the top of his list are ways to improve student life academically and socially.

"We need to work to give every student the best academic experience," Hallahan said in his speech. In order to do this, he said, he would like to implement a process of publishing TCEs by the end of next year. By reviewing TCEs, students would be able to better choose their classes and professors.

The next way to improve student life, Hallahan said, is to "provide students with the best chance to succeed once they graduate." He proposed to give graduates the opportunity to have an alumni mentor to aid them in networking and job searches for "postgraduate life."

Finally, Hallahan said, Student Government "must also find ways to better the social life on- and off-campus." He wants to sponsor concerts and events which would interest students and also find ways to ensure the safety of students when they travel off campus.

In addition to improving student life at Notre Dame, Hallahan believes that the government must work to improve the student body itself. The government is mainly focused on the new alcohol policy. "There has been much debate over the alcohol policy of last spring. We are the only ones responsible for our behavior, and that behavior has been far from what is acceptable," he said. "We must work to change the abusive drinking culture that has developed and move in a direction of more responsible alcohol use."

McNeill said in an interview after the address that the government will effect this change primarily through work with the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and through simple communication with the student body to let students know that more responsible behavior is expected.

"We lost some of our privileges, but we need to work to keep the...

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Another bar busted

* About 300 students inside The Library during Friday morning raid

Observer Staff Report

Police entered The Library Irish Pub early Friday morning and issued citations to students under 21, an employee of the pub, and a few others.

Student eyewitnesses said approximately 300 students were in the bar around 1 a.m. when police entered. Eyewitnesses said police told those over 21 to show identification and leave while the rest were ordered to stay in the building.

Police officials would not confirm the raid and it was not immediately clear how many students were cited.

The bar was also raided in August. Although the new owners changed the name from Flannigan's Irish Pub, many students still refer to the bar by its old name.

The bust is the second major raid of a popular student bar in four months. Police issued 213 citations in a Jan. 24 sting at The Boat Club.

The Shirt 2003 unveiled

* Sophomore Rozann Carter submits winning design

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Saturday's annual Blue and Gold game signals a new season of football that gives Irish fans the chance to see what Tyrone Willingham has planned for the following season, learn the new starters and new cheers. But before the game begins, today in the Bookstore at noon, fans will be able to see for the first time the brand new version of The Shirt 2003.

Dave Brenner, president of The Shirt committee, said that the design of The Shirt for this season has been kept "pretty tightly under wraps," and was unable to reveal any specifics about The Shirt's appearance in advance. However, Brenner did affirm that, like last year, The Shirt is the right color to create "Sea of Green."

Each year, the design for The Shirt is carefully selected from amongst a contest open to all Notre Dame students.

Sophomores Dave Brenner and Rozann Carter put the final touches on The Shirt for next year.

Sophomore Rozann Carter submitted the winning design for this year's Shirt.

"She did a great job working with the design and we are very pleased with the outcome," Brenner said.

While the design was tweaked several times to get the best-looking final result, Brenner said that such revisions are "prettiest standard procedure" and that "every one working with the project has been very helpful and very dedicated towards this project's success."

The Shirt project encountered tremendous success last year, as a record number of shirts were sold, and new shipments beyond the original number of 44,000 had to be reordered several times. Brenner said he hopes for a similar positive response this year.

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Females seek fair salaries

Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series looking into the issues that face female faculty members at Notre Dame.

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Assistant News Editor

As many female professors at Notre Dame face obstacles within their departments to gain tenure, another sensitive issue is salary equity.

Because Notre Dame has a non-disclosure policy where publishing salaries are concerned, many faculty members have expressed doubt as to how equitable the University's salary-based pay system really is. Although the Office of Institutional Research publishes salaries across the University, these numbers are not particularly useful to individuals within specific departments.

The differences between...

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Student government to help students in lawsuits

By TERRA FRAULIS
Assoc. News Editor

In response to over 200 court summons students received yesterday, student government plans to provide advice to those who face lawsuits after citations incurred on campus.

Hallahan said that if a large enough number of the students involved respond, he and Jeremy Lao, student body vice president, want to organize a meeting and offer resources and legal advice to the students. Additionally, Hallahan said he would like to see some feedback from students about the type of resources the students would like to see student government provide.

Over the next few days, Hallahan said he and Lao would continue to develop resources for those students being sued.

"We hope to find ways to address their concerns," he said.

Hallahan said students would benefit most by cooperating on any future action.

"We think — based on the people we've talked to — that this can be solved without a lot of trouble but we really need students to work together," said Hallahan.

Students began receiving their summons Tuesday from Notre Dame Security/Police officers, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of NDSP. Hurley said it is normal for NDSP to deliver this type of notification and said that some students were alerted by telephone and asked to pick up their summons.

The suits are being brought individually by the Millennium Club, Inc., which is listed as the owner of the property at 106 North Hill Street, The Boat Club's address. Each individual suit requires a $42 legal fee to be filed with the St. Joseph Small Claims Court.

In a copy of the articles of incorporation for the Millennium Club obtained by The Observer, Mike McNeill was listed as the president, incorporator and secretary of the corporation. No other names are listed on the document.

According to information obtained from the Indiana Secretary of State's office, however, there are no other names.

According to information...

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Blue and Gold game Insider

Matt Bramanti contributed to this report.

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http://observer.nd.edu
Notre Dame is really our mother?

I am graduating from Notre Dame in just a few short weeks, and so I am continuing research back on my time here. For the most part, it has been incredible. I have very few complaints about my time here. Not even the oblig­atory lossing for part­ials, dining hall food or gen­der relations on campus. In fact, I have only one major criticism of Notre Dame, and that is the University’s extremely paternalistic method of decision­making.

Time and again I have seen Notre Dame’s administration and the Board of Trustees make decisions with very little regard for the opinions of stu­dents. Perhaps they know better — certainly they have more experience and possibly more knowledge. Still, most students go to colleges like Notre Dame to gain experience as leaders and broaden their perspectives. What sort of leaders can be cre­ated if students are not involved in Notre Dame’s decision-making process?

It is clear that the administration and Board of Trustees are not infalli­ble. In doing research for a senior seminar paper, I examined the topic of divestment in the apartheid state of South Africa during the 1980s and Notre Dame’s stance on the important issue. Notre Dame insisted on a policy of continued investment that was estab­lished by a director at General Motors. As both student and faculty both votedwhelmingly against this continued investment, the administration and Board of Trustees continued with limited investment in South Africa. Finally, even the policy’s writer, Sullivan, denounced his plan as a failure. Yet Notre Dame, always with its hand on its pocketbook, continued to invest against the wishes of South African activists, students and faculty.

The issues facing Notre Dame now are not nearly as prolific as the fight against apartheid, yet the University continues to take a unilateral approach to decision making. Students were not integrally involved in the establishment of new alcohol policies and new dance policies. Just last week, in a poll of 329 students, 89 percent of those polled did not agree with the decision to hold the ROTC Pass Review indoors again this year, but the administration was not hear­ing petitions from earlier in the month to move the event outdoors.

This method of decision making is not likely to change quickly. However, for those students leaving Notre Dame this year, and those that will remain, please continue to try to influence the decision-making process by voicing your opinion to the administration. I am not Notre Dame. We are Notre Dame.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kurt Bogaard at kbogaard@nd.edu.

Correction

The byline for Thursday’s article, “Archaeologists need to go green,” should read, “Archaeologists need to go green.”
Notre Dame releases new icon for usage

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Wise

Notre Dame has a new identity — at least in print. University Communications Design, Notre Dame’s in-house graphic design department, has announced that the new University mark is available for use in print, video and Internet-based media. The mark will adorn all stationery, business cards, brochures and other official Notre Dame documents. It was adapted from the 1931 University seal, designed by Harvard artist Pierre de Champaigne in Rose.

Laura Moran, interim general manager of UCD, said the mark aims to provide a consistent, positive design to represent Notre Dame.

"A lot of people were excited about having a mark with academic excellence as its focus," Moran said.

Moran said that the success of the mark depends on its acceptance by its users — academic departments, administrators, faculty and staff. She added that the design has gained widespread use since its approval in the spring of 2002.

"Overall it’s been very well received," Moran said.

Over one million pieces of stationery, 300 brochures and booklets of Web sites already feature the new mark.

The project began in the fall of 2001, when vice president for university relations Lou Nanni, then vice president for public affairs and communication, identified the need for a unified symbol to represent Notre Dame’s academic identity. At the time, different departments used a variety of inconsistent symbols, including the interlocking ND and differing versions of the university seal.

Moran said departments will use their previous letterhead, brochures, and other materials until supplies run out, at which time they will switch to paper featuring the new mark.

With a $50,000 budget, a team of nine UCD graphic designers created the mark. A member of that committee, Tom Walker, said the mark faithfully represents Notre Dame’s fundamental character.

"It speaks to the foundations of the University as well as its academic excellence," Walker said.

The development of the mark also involved gaining a new printing contract to produce the new stationery and other printed materials.

Impressions, an Elkhart-based printing company, was awarded the contract. Moran said the use of the new mark has been accompanied by the creation of a streamlined, Web-based system that allows Notre Dame users and external printing vendors to customize and order materials online. The system provides for "better speed and ease of use." Moran said. The mark features an open book, representing the University’s academic mission, inscribed with the Latin phrase "Vita Dulcedo Spes," or "our life, our sweetness, our hope" — a reference to an ancient prayer to Mary. By September, all academic and administrative documents will feature the new mark, according to UCD’s Web site.

"We’ve already seen a significant turnover," Moran said.

The mark, including variations for use by Notre Dame’s eight schools and colleges, is available at http://mark.nd.edu to anyone with an AFS user-name and password. The site also gives information about the history and appropriate usage of the mark.

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Student Trustee selected

• Mahoney to serve as student representative to Board of Trustees

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Wise

Sara Mahoney will serve as the Most-Excellence student trustee for the 2003–2004 academic year.

Mahoney, a rising senior biology and chemistry major, acted as the 2002-03 Student Diversity Board President and was also a member of Sophomore Board, Friends with Sisters, Christmas in April and Urban Plunge.

Kristen Matha, 2002-03 academic year student trustee, says the selection committee values communication skills as well as experience with student government.

"The student trustee must be knowledgeable of and able to articulate student concerns," Matha said. "I think a woman who is knowledgeable about the Student Government Association and the College administration is also a valuable quality."

From her experience, Matha learned that it pays to have a voice as the student trustee.

"I will advise her to listen carefully and contribute to the discussions," Matha said.

The selection process began with an e-mail to the senior class describing the position and asking for applicants. Interested students submitted a letter to the selection committee, comprised of students, faculty and administrators as well as letters of recommendation from one student, one faculty member and one additional letter. The selection committee narrowed down the applicants into a group of candidates that are given to President Marriott Eldred to make the final decision.

Today the Board will meet primarily to formulate and approve a presidential search process, due to Eldred’s recent retirement announcement.

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Ghilarducci said, anecdotal evidence of salary discrepancies to tell whether some of our raises run rampant and have led a notice.

People to figure out how to get a raise.

Sayers said that her own recent standards are, it's really hard for our colleagues, particularly professors that their pay might not be equal to those of their male counterparts.

In the early '90s, many women got huge increases in pay when their male colleagues did not," she said. "That is indicative of salary inequity if we had to all of a sudden 'catch up' to what they were making."

"It's really knowing what the standards in business and especially to everyone involved. It rules people up. People do feel sensitive about their salaries and that it's a measure of their worth, which I think is arbitrary," Sayers said.

"There's a 'men-versus-women' issue. Indeed, WATCH members have found considerable support among the ranks of their male counterparts.

"It's an issue that a lot of people talk about," said English professor Glenn Hendler. "I'm certainly not the only man who has been unequivocally supportive of WATCH and other such groups." Hendler said that the bulk of the issue lies in the traditional-conservative character of the University.

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IRAQ
Coalition forces capture top Iraqi leader Aziz

Associated Press
WASHINGTON. U.S. forces in Iraq have taken custody of Tariq Aziz, the former deputy prime minister and one of the most visible Iraqi leaders other than Saddam Hussein.

CIA sources at Central Command headquarters in Qatar said Thursday that Saddam Hussein's son-in-law, Odai, was captured or whether he turned himself in.

On the U.S. list of the 55 most-wanted members of the former government, Aziz was No. 43, the eight of spades in the military's card deck of top Iraqi leaders.

His prominence in the regime could make Aziz a source for the best information yet on the fate of Saddam and his two sons, as well as the location of any hidden weapons of mass destruction.

"We can confirm Tariq Aziz is now under coalition control," said Central Command spokesman Capt. Dari Hurwitz.

Saddam Hussein's son-in-law and former chairman of the Central Command:

On condition of anonymity.

"I am carrying my pistol to confirm to you that we are ready to fight the aggressors," Aziz said then. "American soldiers are nothing but mercenaries and they will be defeated."

Although he was one of Saddam's most loyal aides, the 67-year-old non-English speaking, power base, he posed no threat.

In recent years Aziz did not have the international standing he had in the 1990-91 Gulf crisis when, as Iraqi foreign minister, he was virtually "Mr. Iraq" to the world's media.

Saddam promoted him after the Gulf War to deputy prime minister, forcing him to relinquish the foreign ministry portfolio. Some believe this reflects Saddam's desire to be in Baghdad himself as a symbolic gesture of his leadership.

He had to do with Saddam's not liking a cabinet minister to become too well known.

Observers point to the fact that Saddam's son Odai did not like Aziz's openness about his family's wealth, a trait often criticized foreign policy.

In 1996, Aziz's son Ziad was arrested for corruption in what he called a turf battle between Ziad and Odai, who was equally known for his greed.

However, Tariq Aziz retained weight within the government. He serves as Saddam's deputy on the military's card deck of top Iraqi leaders - with his jump to deputy prime minister, he was virtually "Mr. Azaz" to the world's media.

Aziz's son-in-law and former chairman of the Central Command:

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CHINA
Officials isolate thousands as SARS worries increase

Associated Press

Authorities closed a major hospital on Thursday and put patients and 2,000 workers under observation for the SARS virus, while across the city, anxious residents emptied grocery stores of rice, oil and frozen food in a bout of panic buying.

The People's Hospital of Peking University was the second medical facility to close because of severe acute respiratory syndrome, which killed four more people, raising Beijing's death toll to 39. Nationwide, 110 people have died from the disease, the Health Ministry said.

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N. Korean envoy threatens to use nukes

North Korea's lead official at nuclear weapons talks in China told a U.S. envoy that his country has nuclear weapons and would use them if provoked by the United States and United Nations.

He was the only Christian in Saddam's inner circle, most of whom were Sunni Muslims like Saddam. He served as deputy minister during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and was a frequent spokesman at that time.

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Jackson to testify regarding song rights

Jackson could be making a return trip to his native Indiana soon, though not to perform.

He is expected to be in Indiana, possibly as early as this week, for a deposition, according to Steeltown Records Inc. founder William Adams, also known as Gordon Keith, one of the plaintiffs suing Jackson.

Jackson is a defendant in a 1997 federal lawsuit that also accuses some of his brothers and two record companies of copyright infringement.

The lawsuit contends the Jackson Five were improperly credited for two songs done by another group, Ripples & Waves, that was based in Gary in northwest Indiana.

A weeklong jury trial was scheduled for April 28 at the federal courthouse in Hammond, but it could be rescheduled.
Hacked server changes registration

By KATE NAGENGAST
Senior Staff Writer

Senior Week registration will not be held online this year as originally planned, because during Easter Weekend, a source outside the University hacked into the server that supported Senior Week’s registration Web site and compromised the site’s security, said Matt Smith, senior class president.

Registration for Notre Dame’s Senior Week activities will now be held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stepan Center.

Although the server was restored Thursday, Smith and the Senior Class Council felt it was necessary to provide seniors with a definitive registration plan by Wednesday, the day online registration was to have started, and at that time it seemed unlikely the Web registration server would be repaired.

"Given the circumstances, we did the best we could," Smith said. "Registering online would have been innovative and nice, but we did what was most practical at the time."

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Six of the Senior Week activities require registration at Stepan on Thursday and three events have a limited number of tickets available.

Events that require registration are: "Margaretville" on May 10 for $5, the Chicago Cubs game on May 11 for $35, the golf outing on May 12 for $10; the volleyball tournament also on May 12 for no charge; the Senior Formal on May 13 for $15 and tailgates at the Notre Dame baseball game on May 14 for no charge.

Events which do not require registration include: Senior Class Mass on May 11; the class service project May 15; and the last trip to the Lourdes and class ring blessing on May 15.

"Margaretville" is limited to 1,000 students, the Chicago Cubs game to 575 and the golf outing to 90.

"If seniors really want to get to these events, they should take it upon themselves to get their registration early," Smith said. He said he did not expect mass lines before registration begins at 10 a.m.

"We’re going to try to get people in and out as quickly as possible," said Browder. "We know it’s a study day and the day after the last day of class, so the last thing people want to do is stand in line."

Seniors who cannot make it to Stepan on Thursday can have a friend register on their behalf if the friend has the absent student’s ID card, and a signed waiver, which will be available via e-mail by Tuesday.

"Only cash and checks made payable to the University of Notre Dame will be accepted as payment for Senior Week events."

Additional information about Senior Week activities can be found at www.nd.edu/~msmith15/srweek.htm.

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Snacks courtesy of Student Union Board

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and that we hope to strengthen the message that this shirt is a great way to show fun unity while also generating funds for worthy causes.

The spirit of supportive foodraising behind The Shirt has existed since the tradition began in 1989, when Sister Jean Lenz encouraged students to purchase them in support of former Notre Dame graduate student Zheng de Wang, a hit-and-run victim.

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"If seniors really want to get to these events, they should take it upon themselves to get their registration early," Smith said. He said he did not expect mass lines before registration begins at 10 a.m.

"We’re going to try to get people in and out as quickly as possible," said Browder. "We know it’s a study day and the day after the last day of class, so the last thing people want to do is stand in line.

Seniors who cannot make it to Stepan on Thursday can have a friend register on their behalf if the friend has the absent student’s ID card, and a signed waiver, which will be available via e-mail by Tuesday.

"Only cash and checks made payable to the University of Notre Dame will be accepted as payment for Senior Week events."

Additional information about Senior Week activities can be found at www.nd.edu/~msmith15/srweek.htm.

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American CEO calls it quits

Arpey to take over troubled airline company

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas - The soon-to-be retired chairman and chief executive of American Airlines resigned Thursday as the flight attendants union split bitterly over the original package that was the last hope for avoiding bankruptcy.

Two other unions representing pilots and ground workers agreed to the company's sweetened offer, but leaders of the flight attendants union were left to fight with a restructured company embroiled in a " holy war" over whether to go along. The union board rejected the deal, but the executive committee was seeking to overturn the decision, a source familiar with the situation said on condition of anonymity.

The company has said it would file Chapter 11 bankruptcy unless all three labor groups accept the $1.8 billion in annual wage and benefit concessions.

With the airline's fate uncertain, Donald J. Carty resigned as chairman and CEO. Arpey, the company's president, will replace him as CEO, while board member Edward A. Brennan will take over as chairman.

It was not clear, however, whether the combination of Carty's resignation and the sweetened labor deal would be enough to prevent a bankruptcy filing.

The new deal improves potential bonuses for employees and shortens the length of concessions by one year to five years. The deal would also provide " alternate cash compensation," said John Darrah, president of the pilots union.

The original package unraveled last week after employees learned of pre- undisclosed extraive perks, including bank- account pensions and huge bonuses.

Carty apologized for not telling workers sooner about the executive bene- fits.

The company eventu- ally canceled bonuses for the top six executives that were worth twice their annual salary, but left in place $41 million in pension funding for 45 executives.

Arpey, who will remain as president, said he would work to " restore the confidence of all employees in their great company."

In a letter Arpey late Thursday invited four offi- cers from the flight attendants union to his office to discuss the impasse, union sources said. George Price said the union's board would likely reconvene on Friday.

Adding to the pressure on Carty was Wednesday's release of financial report from American's first quarter, which posted a worse-than-expected $1.04 billion loss.

American Airlines' new CEO, Gerald Arpey, speaks in this file photo. Arpey was named to the troubled post following the resignation of Donald Carty.

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After details of the exec- utive perks were made public last week called for new elec- tions, which threatened American's plans to cut spending by imposing the concessions May 1. Some AMI board members were angered, and one, University of Oklahoma President David Boren, said he would call for Carty's replacement. The new management

Gigot Center hosts entrepreneurs

By MATT BRAMANTI

The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies will announce a winner today in its Dorothy Dolphin Family Business Plan Competition.

The competition joins two other similar events, the McCluskey Business Plan Competition and the Social Venture Plan Competition, hosted by the Gigot Center.

Major universities commonly host business-plan competitions in which participants submit business proposals in the hope of winning funds, but the Dolphin Competition is unique in its focus on family-owned enterprises.

"It's the first time a family business plan competition has been done anywhere," said David Hayes, director in family business enter- prise at the Gigot Center, which was established in 1998.

Hayes said the initial stage of the competition featured plans from alumni as well as graduate and undergraduate students. All the entries who made it to the next rounds at least the second generation of family members, while some enter- prises went back three or four genera- tions. Participants submitted brief descriptions of their plans, and semi-finalists were invited to submit detailed business plans, which typically include information about the company's operations, financial structure and future prospects.

Hayes was enthusiastic about the six-member panel, which will judge the final round. The fields of law, business consulting and academia are represented on the panel, which Hayes praised as very quali- fied.

"These are all family business professionals," Hayes said.

After a morning of closed-session judging, the Gigot Center will pre- sent the winning team with a $7,000 grand prize to aid in imple- menting its business plan.

Promotional materials described the four final teams' ambitions for the contest.

One said, "El Fenix Bakery's plan aims to "specialize and consolidate in order to experience growth and stability.""

According to the team's written description.

Glidden Implement Company is a "farm store" whose dealer hop- ing to effect "the transition of the Dome family's business to the next generation."

Wyss Farms, an agricultural pro- duction concern, looks to run its business with "clearly defined goals and responsibilities, including a genuine enthusiasm for the future."

Martin Whalen Office Solutions, the only alumni team represented in the undergraduate-dominated field, is planning to "change the company from an entrepreneurial one to one (with an organizational focus)."

Hayes said that family business fits in with the values of the University.

"With family business initiatives, we're very consistent with what we stand for as a University, as the Notre Dame family," he said.

He went on to express hope for the future of the Gigot Center's competitions.

"From what I've seen in the last couple of days, .. I'd say with a lot of confidence that we're doing something very meaningful," Hayes said. "We operate in the spirit of Notre Dame."

The competition is named for Dorothy Dolphin, who founded Dolphin Staffing, an employee ser- vices company, in 1968. Her $1,500 investment grew dramatically, and Dolphin Staffing is now the largest company of its kind in Minnesota, serving many Fortune 500 compa- nies. Dolphin's family funds the business plan competition in honor of their mother.
Senate
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ones we have, we have all the
faith in the world that students
can do anything," he said.
In the final part of his address, Hallahan focused on
the University's commitment to
service and using service as a
way to better the world as a
whole.
"We can do more and must
work to get to the point where
every student can more easily
give back to the community," he said.
Hallahan also said that his
administration has begun the
effort to raise awareness of ser­
vice opportunities by offering
whole.
"We cannot shy away from
the opportunity to lead and
make a difference both here
and throughout the rest of the
world," he said. "No longer are
we the generation of the future,
but instead, we are the genera­
tion of the present. and we must
accept the responsibility to fully
realize the potential we have as
leaders in this world."
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BC approves gay/straight group

By JESSICA DALSING
Senior Staff Writer

Boston College has approved its
first gay/straight alliance. The
alliance was granted official
recognition on April 15, following
a 28-year struggle for a homosex­
ual support group on campus.
Princeton Review had ranked
the Catholic institution as the sec­
ond most unwelcoming college to
alternative lifestyles. Now, Boston
College is ranked among 21 other
Jesuit colleges that recognize a
gay/straight alliance on campus.
Paul Brienes, faculty advisor of
the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual
Community of Boston College
commended about the recognition
in an April 22 article in the col­
lege's student newspaper, The
Heights.
"This is a great day for Boston
College. I feel immensely proud of
our students," Brienes said.
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Facing page:
Gude, chair of the Standing
Committee, said Wednesday,
the club has paid special atten­
ction to the Catholic component of
Boston College. In the club consti­
tution, the group promises to
"consider issues concerning sexu­
ality and sexual orientation in the
context of the University's Jesuit,
Catholic tradition."
The Notre Dame Standing
Committee is directed toward the
needs of the gay, lesbian or bisex­
ual student. Gude said the com­
mittee offers coffee hours,
retreats and other opportunities
for students to "discuss sexual
orientation in the context of the
Catholic tradition."
Allies must work within a
number of different limits in order to
keep their club status. It is strictly
a support group and not allowed
to be involved in any protests or
advocacy.
The Notre Dame Standing
Committee must also work within
the limits allowed by the
University.
The student members of the
Standing Committee have been
adept at understanding how to
walk the fine line," Gude said.

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Alabama executes man convicted of 1986 killing

Gary Leon Brown, 44, was executed after Gov. Bob Riley denied him clemency on Wednesday.

He made no final statement, but appeared to mouth the words "go with God" and "forgive them" to his wife, Elizabeth Anne Brown, who was in the witness room with Brown's friend.

None of the victim's family attended the execution.

Brown told investigators that he and his cohorts went to the home of Jack David McGraw on Memorial Day 1986 to drink with him, hoping that McGraw would pass out so they could rob him. But McGraw said he had to work the next day and couldn't party with them.

He was tackled and dragged back inside the residence, and Brown said he repeatedly stabbed McGraw with a pocketknife.

McGraw's body was left in the mobile home, where he lived alone, until it was found by neighborhood children. He had been robbed of $67 and several appliances.

At the time of the murder, Brown was out of jail on bond in an unrelated robbery.

The trial judge noted that fact in upholding the jury's recommendation for death. McGraw, described in trial testimony as a homosexual, was stabbed 78 times.

Prosecutors said the savagery of the attack indicated the killing may not have been simply a robbery, but it was not prosecuted as a hate crime.

Archie Bankhead, accused in court of cutting McGraw's throat with a butcher knife, is now serving life without parole. Also convicted in the murder was James Lynn Bynum, who was paroled from a life sentence in 1997.
University can't turn a blind eye to suits

When underage students entered The Boat Club on Jan. 24, they did so knowing their actions were illegal. But no one could have imagined the chain of events that could have been trig-
gered by a bar bust. Students have faced disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and criminal action from St. Joseph County, this week they
discovered they are being sued for $3,000 each.

The lawsuit alleges that underage students misrepresented their age and falsely signed an affidavit stating they were 21. It stems from the undergraduate students to help
defray damages, expenses and other losses. In short, the suit implies that the undergraduate individuals who entered The Boat Club should be held account-
ably for the repercussions the bar has faced since the bust. The suit would believe students took advantage of a bar that did its best to keep out underage patrons.

Any student, Notre Dame or Saint Mary's, knows that was far from the
thrust. The Boat Club was the hangout for underage students for two years, the popular place for 19th and 20th birthday
day parties and the bar where bouncers
often turned a blind eye to ques-
tionable identification. Most of the peo-
ple in the bar on any given night were under-
age, and the night of the Jan. 24
case was no different. Police cited 213 under-
age patrons and esti-
mated that at most 300 people were in the bar—
meaning at least two-thirds of those in the
bar were there illegally.

This lawsuit, if successful, would
allow a bar that relied on underage
clientele to prosper. Clearly, underage
students were wrong to use fake iden-
tification to enter the bar. But they
have already paid the price for their
actions — both in ResLife and in court.

A successful civil lawsuit means stu-
dents will have to pay fines to a club
that claimed ignorance but had a rep-
utation for letting underage patrons in.

Instead of suggesting that the
University cannot be responsible for
students’ actions off campus, school
officials who already punished stu-
dents should intervene and assis-
tants in fighting the lawsuit. By pun-
ishing students for drinking underage
while at the same time protecting them from frivolous lawsuits, the
University would send a two-fold mes-
age: students will be punished for
breaking the law, and bars cannot benefit by court-said underage

Even leaving students to face lawsuits on
their own creates the possibility that
The Boat Club could receive a pay-
check of over $600,000. Because of the
owners’ dubious claim they didn’t know underage students patron-
ized the club, and by seeking payment
now from the underage clients it wel-
come before the bust, Boat Club is
trying to profit further from its lax ad-
missions practices. The University
should step in on behalf of the stu-
dents to ensure that the club faces its
share of the consequences for what
happened on Jan. 24. The students
who have already paid their fines, per-
formed their community service and
made their court appearances have
certainly faced theirs.

Letter to the Editor

Pariatels disrupt social life

Let’s face it: Partiels are about one thing and one thing
only: sex. I mean try to figure it out. Why else would such a
rule be in place? Sure, the University will spout out some
dull about it being a “natural end to the night” or a way to
“quiet the dorm down.” But if that were true, why are partiels pushed back on breaks, when no one has any class the next day and there are
relatively few people in the dorm to bother? This Friday partiel partichtals have been pushed back to midnight in
my dorm because people taking the MCAT need to sleep. I respect that, but why don’t they just make quiet hours at midnight and then enforce
them? It’s time the University stops treating us like we’re still in junior high.

We can have girls over and not be loud. No, partiel are not in place to quiet the
Dorm. Partiel are in place because the University has a ridiculous no-sex policy, a policy that the administration knows it can’t enforce without the aid of partiels.

What the University doesn’t seem to understand is that there already is a “natural end to the night.” It’s the time when everyone gets tired and goes home. Men
and women can be friends and they can stay out past 2 a.m., without having sex. It has happened before. But partiels discourage members of the opposite sex from being just
friends. When a group of friends is hanging out, the girls are not going to stay past partiel because eventually they’ll want to go home and going home puts people at risk of getting
coupled. Couples on the other hand, usually have few

problems with breaking partiel rules because they don’t mind
staying the whole night. It happens almost every day, and I’d bet that a large percentage of the people on this campus have broken partiel at some point. In this way, partiel
only hinder gender relations on this campus and do nothing to limit sexual contact.

Partiels may have some benefits.

Many people have expressed that they like partiels because that means their roommate’s girlfriend or boyfriend has
left at a certain time. Many responses is that you should
be able to talk to your roommate. Everyone who is supposed to be your
friend, about their significant other being over too
much. In real life, you can’t just ignore problems until they go away. Yet another way that partiels disrupt the
social lives of Notre Dame students.

I realize that not everyone shares my views. I would love to hear what you, stu-
dents, faculty, alumni and parents, have to say.

This is an issue that affects all of us. I hope to receive adequate discussion. Many people believe that there is nothing
we can do to change the status quo. I say that talking about the issue is a great starting point.

Ramin Saghafi
St. Edward’s Hall
April 24
Choosing between the destination or journey of life

For most Notre Dame seniors, the remaining months of their final semester are hectic, emotional and unsettling. At this time 30 years ago, it was no different for me. It was a time when I was approaching the destination of my three decades of education and beginning the journey of my life. It was not a time for me to reflect on what I might value more—my life’s journey or my life’s destination.

Today, with three decades of social interaction and experience behind me, I can better debate the value of both. Few among us can foresee at an early age what our life may hold. During tragic times in our lives, like the death of a loved one, we scrutinize every aspect of life. Yet it is at the milestones of our lives, like college graduation, that we should take the opportunity to routinely appreciate the journey from where we have come and contemplate where we are going.

Upon graduation from college, most of us do not know what lies ahead on our journey of life. Each of us would relish the opportunity to relate with others in such a way that positively influences their lives. Both the Pope or other well-known figures, are role models for millions across the world. Most of us have a family, focused their attention on less important than others. The secret for making a difference in another’s life is knowing your personal journey with an eye on your destination. Elton John expressed it best when he wrote, “How wonderful life is while you’re in the world.”

May is a special month at Notre Dame. For me, it conjures memories of opening dormitory windows to invite a fresh smelling evening breeze that tingles with the immaturity warmth of spring. In this dream, the excessive chatting of ducks on the lakes prevents solitary silence. Everything on campus seems to awaken from the long, gray, overcast winter. It begins at age 11 with my standing two feet from President John Kennedy. His charm and influence lasted thousands of his time to seek professional services. I am as the look of the people who sought to follow Kennedy’s call. But where has he led? Since my experience with President Kennedy, I either attended events with presidents or shook hands with Presidents Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Clinton and both Bushes. My political journey has been particularly gratifying with presidential meetings, something I could never have fathomed at age 11.

Since the age of seven, one of my Notre Dame classmates, along with his friends, had taken the time to correct Litle’s misstatements about Arabs and the Middle East, not violent but rather due to the impression that the United States is fomenting terrorism and creating weapons intended to harm us and our allies. Disagree with the current administration over whether this was actually the case, including myself.

So apparently it was not these altruistic actions which were the reasons that Murray-Nolan decided to use anger at the tragedy which occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. I worry about several things which she wrote in her letter, the first of which is her support of generalizations as statements which are “partly inflammatory and partly true.” I think that it is important to realize that nearly every statement contains some element of truth—even lies. The fact that there are some—perhaps many—Arabs who are ignorant is not useful in determining the fate of an entire region. There are also some—perhaps many—white Americans who are ignorant, yet that does not give us sufficient grounds to “fight” their ignorance with bombs and guns.

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Dollars reward bias

This is in response to Vincent Laufer’s April 24 letter. I commend him for trying to get an objective perspective on world affairs. But, as I am sure most of you know, the media is paid to be biased. Laufer states that the First Amendment does not give us sufficient grounds to “fight” our ignorance with bombs and guns. Most Americans who are ignorant are not useful in determining the fate of an entire region. There are also some—perhaps many—white Americans who are ignorant, yet that does not give us sufficient grounds to “fight” their ignorance with bombs and guns.

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Use anger to battle ignorance

I write because I am compelled to respond to Michaela Murray-Nolan’s April 24 letter to the editor which supported John Little’s column as a healthy dose of anger at the tragedy which occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. I worry about several things which she wrote in her letter, the first of which is her support of generalizations as statements which are “partly inflammatory and partly true.” I think that it is important to realize that nearly every statement contains some element of truth—even lies. The fact that there are some—perhaps many—Arabs who are ignorant is not useful in determining the fate of an entire region. There are also some—perhaps many—white Americans who are ignorant, yet that does not give us sufficient grounds to “fight” their ignorance with bombs and guns.

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Love culminates in operas

Notre Dame opera reminds audiences of the transforming power of love

By LAUREN PRICE

At first glance, the Notre Dame Opera seems to be a little confused this year. After all, the bottom half of the posters advertising Malcolm Williamson's "The Happy Prince" and Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" are upside down.

And initially Williamson's 1965 opera adaptation of Oscar Wilde's play seems to have little in common with Purcell's 1689 mythological baroque masterpiece. But the two one-act operas, directed by John Riley-Schofield, are connected by a deep and moving theme: the power of self-sacrificing love to overwhelm all else. They both star strong-voiced women facing cruel realities and dashing men whose duty brings pain to those around them. Silva Schuster's fantastic costumes and make-up design bring the characters to life.

In "Dido and Aeneas," evil appears personified, whereas in "The Happy Prince," evil is the looming specter of miserable poverty.

Their three centuries separate musical styles, under the fine baton of John Apeitos, no doubt differ. However, regardless of stylistic divergences, the parallel portrayals of Love's power make this theatrical double-header a not-to-miss production.

The characters of "Dido and Aeneas" come from ancient mythology, telling a story of the Queen of Carthage, played by sophomore tenor Brandon Hollihan, and the Trojan prince, played by senior Michael Apeitos.

Aeneas, played by an impressive Juan Pablo Albair, discovers her body under the weatherworn and undignified statue of the Prince. They insist the statue and Aeneas' dark, warm bass voice declares his love for Dido. At first, she cannot accept his affection, even though she loves him too. Her sister Belinda, played by charming Danielle Svonevec, and her emotionally honest "alter ego," played by Kate Daugherty's Second Woman, convinces Dido to accept Aeneas' love.

The sorceress, played by sophomore tenor Brandon Hollihan, sends a playful spirit messenger, played by Jeff Golden to Aeneas, demanding that he leave Carthage.

"The Happy Prince," played by golden-voiced freshman Nicholas Tomoz, tells a story of the Queen of Carthage and the constant battle between Love and Evil.

The two stories, as different in plot as in harmonics, both beautifully remind the audience of the transforming power of Love. These days, that's always a welcome message.

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The delightful, bickering witches are partners with the Sorceress.

The supernatural does run the show. Aeneas is torn between his desire to stay and his duty to the gods; Dido refuses to let him stay. As he leaves, Dido realizes her love for him is too great for this earth. Zawada's heartfelt delivery of the famous aria "When I am laid in earth" only becomes more haunting by the Sorceress' sinister figure triumphing over her. Dido's still body is surrounded by her loving citizens, obeying her last command to "Remember me! but forget my fate..."

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"The Happy Prince" opens with another still figure center stage: the statue of the Prince, played by golden-voiced freshman Nicholas Tomoz. The townspeople come and go around him, singing知识在 complicated chorus. Only the partying and hallucinating woman Swallow, played by senior soprano Kristen Moskow, pays him much attention. In fact, under Riley-Schofield's direction and interpretation, the entire opera almost consists of Swallow's psychedelic fantasies.

Complete with disco ball and bazaar orchestration like Gilligan's dream sequence music, this opera makes quite a beautiful fantasy!

On her way to Egypt, a new nightclub in this production, Swallow stops for a rest and warmth under the statue of the Prince, who comes to life in her hallucinations. From his place above the town, he can see a Seamstress' sick Son, a poor Author and a penniless match girl. Three times he begs her to take the riches from his statue and give them to the town's poor. It hurts her to pluck them from his body, but she gives his ruby, sapphires and gold to the needy townspeople who can see him from his pedestal.

Swallow begins to love this selfless and beautiful Prince, but the winter is settling in. Because she has been delayed in her departure for warmer climate — here the new production demands an allegorical interpretation of dialogue — she dies on the cold, frozen ground at his feet.

The townspeople and the Mayor, played by an impressive Juan Pablo Albair, discover her body under the weatherworn and undignified statue of the Prince. They insist the statue and body be thrown into a furnace, but the lighting changes and an angelic choir declares that Swallow and the Prince's broken lead heart are the city's most precious possessions.

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Senior Sean Milligan leads an inexperienced offensive line into 2003 football season
Irish search for chemistry

Perusing the Notre Dame football media guide from last year, one can't help but notice the relative variety of majors.

There's psychology majors, sociology majors, political science majors and two losing seasons.

Tyrone Willingham ended his team meeting with a PowerPoint slide that said, "Win." It permeated the leaders of the Irish win game.

By the time Notre Dame stormed onto a field against a higher-ranked Maryland squad, most expected a blowout game. Few expected the Irish would deliver the smackdown.

The 2002 Irish didn't know how to lose because the word had never crept into their vocabulary. A senior class fed up with three years of mediocrity refused to allow that to happen.

But unlike teams in the Bob Davie era, the Irish seemed more about action and less about talking. Jeff Faine reserved his leadership by setting an impressive example on the field. The diminutive Shane Walton earned the respect of his teammates at the point where he was voted team MVP. And two years of inconsistency couldn't keep Arna Bat Battle from becoming Notre Dame's offensive go-to guy.

Behind the seniors, behind the leaders, the Irish won games based on a sheer force of will. And if they want to duplicate their 2002 success, the leaders of the 2003 Irish need to begin making their presence heard — and seen — immediately.

Each team is unquestionably unique, and developing solid team chemistry is about as difficult as riding a unicycle blindfolded. But every great team has great chemistry — and great leaders who help bind the team together.

The leaders are already starting to emerge. VonTez Duff, Darrell Campbell and Courtney Watson will play in their final spring game Saturday, and each has significant goals for the Irish before the next Notre Dame team plays in a Blue and Gold game. Carlyle Holiday already demonstrates a confidence — with his arm and with his mouth — that he rarely showed last season.

Countless others will emerge in the summer months to help shape Notre Dame's season.

They'll have huge shoes to fill, too. The departing seniors made up arguably one of the best leadership classes in recent Irish history. Through words or examples, each member left an indelible impact on the Irish football program.

Now, those successors will try to make a bigger one. And their success won't be evaluated in degrees — it will be judged by trophies in the case at the end of the year.

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Leading his troops

Milligan only returning starter on inexperienced offensive line

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Sean Milligan looked to his left, then to his right during the first practice day of spring football and saw nobody he recognized.
The freshman had seen all of last season as a starter on the Irish offensive line was now the only experienced lineman in the place were an array of new faces, inexperience and potential. A bunch of Irish that had the talent, but surely lacked game day experience.

So Milligan knew what his role would be as a fifth-year senior for Notre Dame’s 2003 football team.

“It really was a shock looking around and not seeing any faces from last year’s practices,” said Milligan. “It’s been quite a shock to me that I had to step up and become a leader, which is what they told me to do at the beginning of the summer.”

In his three years as a starter at guard, Milligan never had to be the main leader. He had teammates like Jeff Faine and Jeff Mitchell who would take charge of the group and had a vocal presence. But now it’s Milligan’s turn to be the general at the offensive line.

It’s that, arguably, presents more questions marks than any other problem the Irish when they head into the fall season.

From old to young

Of last year’s regular starting offensive line, only Milligan remains.

Guards Brian Mahan and Sean Mapham who would take charge of his position and have a vocal presence. But now it’s Milligan’s turn to be the general at the offensive line, a leader with a vocal type of guy.

“I’m trying to lead by example and be there for the other guys,” Milligan said. “If you have any questions, I encourage them to come and talk to me. They’re going to be the guys in there playing with me so I want guys in there that know what they’re doing.”

As a three-year starter for the Irish, Milligan’s play at the guard position has done a lot of talking. He’s played in over 400 minutes during his career, including 26-27 last season. The Norcross, Ga. native started 17 games in his first three years and came off the bench in seven others. Last season, Milligan started 12 of 13 games.

As a sophomore, he started five games before succumbing to an injury that limited his action in several other contests throughout that season.

Denbrock said that Milligan’s work ethic has been a good example for his teammates to follow throughout the spring practice sessions and in the weight room.

“As a player he’s making strides on his own accord,” Denbrock said. “You could see that he would get to a certain point, second, third, fourth or whatever you feel like you’ve got it licked, but you’ve not got it fully figured out. Sean’s never struck me as a guy that feels that way and he’s always worked hard at getting better and it’s beyond the other guys follow his example.”

While Milligan might not be the type to stand out, Denbrock believes the senior has done a more than adequate job helping his younger teammates.

“Sean certainly has a lot to offer these younger guys in terms of experience and being out there and doing it.”

Mike Denbrock

offensive line coach

Notre Dame guard Sean Milligan crouches during a recent spring practice. Milligan is the only returning starter from last season’s offensive line and will help lead the younger, less experienced linemen into the 2003 football season.

A new role

Milligan admits he’s not a vocal leader. He’d much rather let his play, than his words. So instead of getting in his teammates faces this spring, Milligan simply resorted to executing his blocks to perfection and showing others the way to carry themselves on and off the field.

“I’m not really much of a vocal type of guy. I’m trying to lead by example and be there for the other guys.”

With those four are the returning starter from last year’s Gator bowl loss to North Carolina State.

Stevenson recorded 82 starts during his first two seasons at Notre Dame and started in the Irish’s six games during his junior year. He’s a sort of senior leader.

Denbrock said. “He certainly has a lot to offer these younger guys in terms of experience and being out there and doing it.”

Sean Milligan

guard

A vocal leader is known for his ability to lead by example and be there for the other guys. Milligan is that guy.

“A vocal leader because he doesn’t have experience more than anyone else. He has been through it more than we have and we have to look up to him with respect,” Mitchell said.

Proving doubters wrong

The expectations aren’t very high for Notre Dame’s offensive line next season, but Milligan isn’t worried. He’s heard the questions surrounding the line, “Well, he knows people think they’re too young and that their inexperience will be costly.”

He understands people’s concerns about the loss of four starting offensive linemen from the 2002 football squad.

But the linemen has stayed calm and focused on the upcoming season.

“I think we’ve made big strides on the offensive line, Milligan said. “...Now we have the whole offense pretty much in and we know what we’re doing, and we feel more comfortable with the guys around us.”

Now it’s only a matter of time for the line to mesh together and gain the game experience they’re desperately lacking. But how long it will take is unknown to anyone, including Milligan.

“You can go through all the practice you want, but you don’t know what it’s like to be there until you’re actually in the fire,” Milligan said. “When the bullets are flying and you’ve got 300-pound guys running and linebackers blizzing that’s when you know whether or not you can hang in there.

“We hope [the linemen] are good to go by the first game,” he continued. “And once they get their feet wet, there shouldn’t be many problems.”

If the line can come together and be the force the Notre Dame coaches believe they can be, the future will be very bright for the Irish — and Milligan — next season.

“I’m glad to be on this team,” he said. “I’m here where I want to be. I want to be the best I can be and be a leader ... I’m looking to have great season because we have a solid core of returning players on offense and defense. Basically it comes down to the O-line — we have to decide whether we’re going to be (butt)kickers or not.”

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Four starters are leaving from last year's offensive line and, of the players currently practicing on the first team, only two of their 2002 combined game experience is 121 minutes, 58 seconds.

But those new starters know they are being looked up to. Open up large holes for the running game and keeping quarterback back Carlyle Holiday's jersey clean.

When we came in, we weren't really in any competition for spots, now we have four guys battling for five spots, it's really good for the NFL Draft. There's a decided philosophy that the depth chart is a movable object. We have a chance to play, if someone gets hurt, there are opportunities available to us. Now, they are expecting a lot of us to step up and become starters, I think everyone is ready. "That is a big difference from before."

When the Gator Bowl loss to North Carolina State, the Irish offensive line mainly featured five senior starters. A University issue kept tackles Jordan Black and Brennan Curtin from playing in the post-season contest. Black's eligibility was used up and Curtin was in doubt for the NFL Draft. Three of the starting lineup was Jim Molinaro and Stevenson to take the place of those seniors with less than a month of practice time under their belt. Mitchell had added task of learning a new position having practiced at guard prior to last December. Two-year starter Sean Mahan graduated and Jeff Faine left Notre Dame a year early and to likely be a first or second-round pick in this weekend's NFL Draft.

Over the past 14 practices, the Irish coaches have been working on finding the right combination of players to replace the four departed starters. While progress has been made, there is still obviously work to be done. It has been a very positive improvement but yet there is still a lot of room for us all."

"We wouldn't have gotten anywhere now. We have a lot of competition for spots now."

Mark LeVoir

Jim Molinaro

Mark LeVoir

Zach

It took a while, but Mark LeVoir's slide across the offensive line appears to have finally ended.

As one of the most highly-recruited and important players on the roster, the coaches noticed a relative lack of development and a lack of dedication to the game. He looked into moving away from his position of center and play guard - a change he knew he would have to make to play in the starting lineup. LeVoir was thought of as a defensive lineman, not an offensive lineman. LeVoir's development was stunted by the Notre Dame coaches, who refused to give him a chance to prove himself on the field. LeVoir had his doubts, but he trusted the coaches and worked hard to improve his game. Despite the challenges, LeVoir persevered and eventually found his place on the Irish defense. His hard work paid off, and he became one of the team's most productive players at the center position.

Zach

"I've been a lot more comfortable in the offensive line, the guys have bought into the system," he said.

"I'm ready to go."
step it up

Defensive line has shuffled around throughout spring practice action to take the field in the fall.

"continue on"

The film room has not been a place for watching. Ryan from getting a lot of time on the field for Notre Dame's offensive line returning only one offensive line starter last season forced the coaching staff to move him to right tackle. The adjustment from being a defensive end to being an offensive tackle is quite a transition, and Ryan is working hard to adapt.

"I knew that it could be your last year or so if you want to do it in your time. I know what it feels like from the inside."

Like most of the offensive linemen, Ryan is part of the large group of players sitting at the film room and absorbing the playbook. The Spring practices have given the coaching staff an opportunity to take snaps and learn through repetition.

"I'm just trying to learn what I have to do," Ryan said.

Being on the defense, Thompson had more opportunities to work on the offensive line. He has spent more time blocking and shooting, and he has been more active in terms of playing time. Thompson is working hard to improve his footwork and his ability to read the game.

"I'm just trying to get better at playing four quarters," Thompson said.

With the chance to move to the offense, the loss of four starters puts Thompson in a position to start at tackle in the Gator Bowl.

"It is a big difference with the footwork. The guards work on the inside helping the center sometimes. Thompson has more footwork and properties that are ready to go out and create their own personality.

"We've got a long way to go but we have a lot of upside," LeVoir said.

"I think a lot of people are looking at that we don't have a lot of experience but that's because we had four great players ahead of us last year who are all leaving to play on Sundays now."

Even with the youthfulness giving the Irish energy and determination to not let the opposition dictate them, the numbers don't lie.

The current starters have minimal game time experience, and their backups have even less, with 4 minutes, 29 seconds of playing time in 2002. But they're ready to answer the bell.

"We wouldn't be here if we weren't good enough," LeVoir said.

"Now we have to step up and answer the challenge."

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Photos by Chip Marks
Irish fans are still waiting for quarterback Carlyle Holiday to have his breakout season. The rising senior has one year of coach Tyrone Willingham's West Coast offense under his belt and should be primed for a big year.

Holiday's play will be a key for how well Notre Dame performs next season. If he can throw the ball with consistency and find ways to scramble when under pressure, the Irish offense may finally produce, after several seasons of struggling performances.

Garron Bible looks to fill the void left by graduating senior Gerome Sapp. The rising senior recorded 32 tackles, a sack, a tackle fo a loss and 19 special team appearances in '02 for the Irish.

Sapp is arguably the biggest loss for Notre Dame's defense, so Bible must play well to fill the gaping hole in the secondary. Bible will be pushed by rising juniors Lionel Bolen and Quentin Burwell. But the competition should help Bible become a better player.

If Bible can play well, the Irish defense will have, perhaps, it's biggest question answered and make them that much better.

These four Irish players could determine the success of the 2003 team.

QB: Carlyle Holiday
Pat Dillingham

HB: Jeff Jenkins

FB: Cole Laux
Josh Schmidt

WR: Omar Jenkins
Rhema McKnight
Mike O'Hara
Adam Ricek
Nate Schomax

OL: Zachary Giles
David Kowalski
Brian Mattes
Sean Milligan
Darin Mitchell
Scott Banion
Dan Stevenson

DB: Jason Beckstrom
David Bemenderer
Lionel Bolen
Jake Carney
Vonteal Duff

TE: Marcus Freeman
Billy Palmer

K/R: Nicholas Satta
LS: Casey Dunn

DL: Brian Beidatsch
Kyle Budiasnak
Chris Freme
Cedric Hilliard
Derek Landri

LB: Jerome Collins
Anthony Salvador
Courtney Watson

Qb Matt Kroeger
Chris Goles
Shay Bevall

HB: Matt Holton

FB: Tom Sorensen
Nick Tebo

WR: Ronnie Reams
Matt Sksea
Anna Stevall
Bob Woods

DB: Darrell Campbell
Matthew Hasbrook
Travis Lehto

OL: Jared Clark
Anthony Basano
Patrick Kiel

OL: James Bell
Mark Etzioni
Jim McHale

OL: John Ryan
Jeff Thompson

DB: Garon Bible
Quantum Burwell
Preston Jackson

OL: Greg Faryl
Pat Santucci

OL: James Camp
Jason Sapp
Justin Stee

OL: Jason Hurst

DB: Deek Chier
Brandon Hayte
Chris Headman
Raymond Webber

OL: Paul Jarema

Injuries

Players may switch teams before/during the game.

James Bonelli
Carlos Campbell
Daniel Chervanick
Glenn Earl
Dwight Ellick
Gary Godsey
Mike Goolsby
Ryan Grant
Corey Mays

Blue/Gold Spring Football Festival
Returning starters

FB
Tom Lopienski
Graduating

QB
Carlyle Holiday
Senior

RB
Ryan Grant
Junior

WR
Arnaz Battle
Graduating

Omar Jenkins
Senior
Grabbed 37 receptions for 633 yards in '02. Could be the go-to receiver for the Irish next season.

CB
Shane Walton
Graduating

Graduating
Fifth-year senior Lopienski and Schiccatano are theaying candidates for fullback in '03.

Graduating
Powers-Neal and Holiday are the leading candidates for fullback in '03.

Graduating
Continues to search for his breakout year after throwing for 1788 yards and 10 TDs in '02.

Graduating
Rushed for 1160 yards in 2002 season but hasn't participated in spring practice this year.

McK knight and Stovall will look to replace the playmaker Battle and his 58 catches in '02.

LT
Jordan Black
Senior

LG
Sean Mahan
Graduating

C
Jeff Faine
Graduating

RG
Sean Milligan
Senior

RT
Brennan Curtin
Graduating

TE
Gary Godsey
Senior

Graduating
Fifth-year senior Black, who started in 42 games.

Graduating
Fifth-year senior Mahan, who started all 13 games for the Irish last season.

Graduating
LeVoir must replace Mahan, who started all 13 games for the Irish last season.

Graduating
Giles and Morton must try to replace All-American Faine. The two have little experience in games.

Graduating
Only returning regular from last year's offensive line. Has started 17 games for Notre Dame.

Graduating
Stevenson played in 11 contests last season and replaced Curtin in the Gator Bowl loss.

Graduating
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Graduating

OLB
Shane Walton
Graduating

CB
Derek Curry
Senior

SS
Gerome Sapp
Graduating

ILB
Courtney Watson
Senior

ILB
Mike Goolsby
Senior

CB
Vontez Duff
Senior

Fifth-year senior Black returns from injury to take over Walton's spot.

Graduating
Butkus Award candidate last season. Returns as arguably the best linebacker in the country.

Senior
Known for his hard hitting; he was second on team with 81 tackles last season.

Dangerous punt/kick returner who played a large role for the Irish defense in '02.

OLB
Derek Curry
Senior

Had breakout year in '02 with seven tackles for a loss and four sacks.

Graduating
Had 33 tackles and six sacks last year. Also credited with eight tackles for a loss.

Graduating
Mainstay at nose tackle for much of last two seasons. Talled two sacks and 31 tackles in '02.

Graduating
Campbell may move to end, but if he doesn’t Landri or incoming freshman Abiamiri will play.
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This weekend, the Saint Mary's Music Department presents Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Le Nozze Di Figaro" or "The Marriage of Figaro," a comedic opera of sorts.

The plot begins when Figaro, an actors' costume, designed by Maggie Baker, imitates the clothing trends from the '50s, adding flare and character to the actors' voices.

The music department significantly edited the piece, resulting in a two-hour performance rather than the four-hour version Mozart intended. There is a short intermission following the first act.

In an e-mail sent by the opera's musical director Dr. Laurel Thomas, a Saint Mary's faculty member, she describes "The Marriage of Figaro" as a tale of mistaken identities, disguises, deceptions, double crosses and blunders that create total and delightful confusion set against a musical tapestry that demonstrates Mozart's artistic genius at its greatest.

The opera involves many twists and turns characteristic of a Mozart opera. The plot begins when Figaro, an architect living in Count Almaviva's house while working for him played by Darren Kemble, suspects that the Count desires his fiancée Susanna, the Countess' live-in maid played by Andjela Subotic. Count Almaviva, played by Jeremy Stayton, is a rich and powerful architect himself, who, despite his best efforts, cannot win over Susanna's heart.

Cherubino, played by Kristina Schliesman, hides from the Count when he interrupts his conversation with Susanna so that he may win over her heart.

The Count (Jeremy Stayton) hands Figaro (Darren Kemble) a document from Marcellina and her lawyer against the Countess's affections, and persuades Figaro and Susanna to help her catch the Count in the act.

The tales of love and lust continue as Marcellina, a wealthy woman played by Kathleen Douglass, falls in love with Figaro and hires a lawyer to keep Figaro and Susanna from wedding. She hopes to break them up on the morning of their wedding. Marcellina despises Susanna since Figaro loves her only. The young man Cherubino, a trouser role or a male role written to be acted by a female is played by Kristina Schliesman, falls in love with the Countess. The Count discovers this passion and becomes jealous and full of rage.

"The Marriage of Figaro" is playing in Little Theatre at Saint Mary's on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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The Countess Almaviva, played by Shannon Nelson, sings about the Count.
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exempt from Friday matches during Big East weekends in Coral Gables, but today the Irish will have to contend with St. John's in the first round. If the Irish top St. John's—something Bayliss and his team expect—they will then face off against Virginia Tech Saturday.

"What is important is not to be overconfident going into the first round," Irish junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "Take it like any other match. Just go in and get the job done."

While the Irish did defeat the Hoyas earlier in the season, the matchups will be different this weekend, with the exception of the number one singles flight.

Though they fell to the Irish, the Hoyas did defeat Miami a heartening fact for the Irish who fell to the Hurricanes 6-1 a week after their victory over Virginia Tech, which was arguably their best moment of the season. "We've had a good two weeks of practice," Scott said. "We've really been looking forward to this. It'll give us some extra confidence, but at the same time we're going to give him a little extra something to pump themselves up, since we beat them pretty handily."

Looking back on the season so far, Bayliss want his team to be angry about their close matches, and he wants that energy to carry over into the Irish this weekend. "I'm mad. I'm just not disappointed. I'm mad that we didn't win some of those matches. You never know how a team is going to react at the end of the year. Everybody has a breaking point, whether it be against an athletic team. When you get hit in the head by a two-by-four 10 or 12 times, it starts to hurt. I hope we haven't reached that point."

Despite being frustrated with many aspects of the season, Bayliss is focusing on the near future and not the past. "I can say I wish we had done this, I wish we had done that, but I have a saying about the Irish, that if wishes were horses, beggars would ride. "So far we need to get a win this weekend. The best is going to be our weekend," Bayliss said. "We'll be in a position to win each match we play. That's pretty much how it's been all year."

"This is a time that's going to happen. We're going to use all of our battles against each other throughout the season."

Unlike the men, the Irish will have Friday off. Saturday, they will take on the winner of the Rochester College-Syracuse matchup.

The Eagles are likely to win, and the Irish have never fallen to their Catholic rival in seven matches.

Senior captain Katie Cunha is pleased with the circumstance. "I think it's a pretty good draw. Miami definitely has the harder bracket, having to play Virginia Tech. I think we got the better end of the deal."

While the women have had many close matches this season too, they have had relatively more success than their male counterparts on the courts.

"We've had a very solid season," Cunha said. "We didn't have any bad losses. However we struggled to pull off those 4-3 victories against top teams, but we're very young. No one really expected much out of us this season, losing so many of our starters. We "I think we've had a very good year, and it's encouraging to know that we went 4-3 with some top 15 schools. We're right in there."

The Irish are approaching the Big East Championships with this brand of confidence and the knowledge that there is relative parity among the three main contenders for the title. As usual in the Big East, Notre Dame is one of those contenders, despite having a very young team.

"If everyone goes out there and gives their best and plays well, we have a chance at anything," Cunha said. "The title is up for grabs — I don't think there's a question about that."

The women ended their regular season and are beginning their postseason — at the University of Miami. The Irish hope though that the weekend's result will not be a loss like it was a few weeks ago. Given the increased importance this time around, the Irish expect a challenge from Miami, as they are able to progress that far.

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According to Cunha though the team has its sights set on the Hurricanes. "They are definitely beatable," she said.

Freshman Kristina Stastny and the rest of the women will have Friday off and face the winner of Boston College and Syracuse.

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Black, Brennan Curtin and Mahan could either be first
day selections, slip all the way
to the second day, or remain
undrafted and subject to free
agency.

"It's nerve wracking to sit
there and wait for your
name," Mahan said. "It's
telling you your future, where
you're going to be living, and
how much money you're going
to be making."

Some Irish players are trying
to stay away from watching
the draft on television. Battle,
for example, plans to attend
his 14-year-old sister's musi­
cal in Chicago to get away
from the agonizing wait. But
he'll have his cell phone with
him if he hears his name
called.

Others, like Faine and Black,
will wait at home with the
the television on, but
won't stay
glued to the
draft.

"I'm going
to practice," Mahan said,
"so I don't
go insane."

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Coyne sets goals for weekend on the road

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

The overwhelming sentiment surrounding the Irish is that they play harder, faster and better than their record shows. That was apparent against Davidson, which would certainly agree as Notre Dame dominated them en route to an 18-6 victory. Notre Dame hopes to make believers out of both the Big East and region Saturday.

The Irish are looking to work toward two goals this weekend — finishing third in the Big East and finishing with a winning record. To finish third, the Irish need to beat the Wildcats on Satur­day, while they must also knock off Northwestern on Saturday to give them a chance to finish with a winning record. The Irish stand at 5-7 without a Big East win.

"Northernwestern is a regional rivalry for us, and Rutgers is in third place in the Big East," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's also important for us because we want to win our last Big East game.

Coyne was very pleased with the way her team responded against Davidson, which snapped a three-game losing streak.

"It was a good game and everyone got to play," said Coyne. "It was just a very positive game for us."

A number of players scored goals for the Irish against Davidson, led by Danielle Shearer and Crystal Foote, both of whom scored three first half goals. The game against Davidson was the first contest against a team not ranked in the top 10.

The Irish dominated the Stags on both ends and were up 5-2 at the half. In the second half, Travis Wells scored three goals and senior attackman Dan Berger netted three to increase his team-leading goals total to 31. The league win over Fairfield was big, but closing out the season with two wins over Harvard and Maryland would be even bigger.

Notre Dame has the advantage on paper this weekend. The Irish are 6-3 all-time versus the Crimson and 4-1 at home this season. In addition, Harvard has lost to both Fairfield (10-7) and St. John's (7-6), the Irish did well.

Junior attackman Dan Berger leads the Irish in goals with 31 on the season.

"It's kind of been an up and down year," said Berger. "We have three, and you lose three. You come back and win a couple. We have to show we've made some progress, to show we're getting better and developing more consistency."

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish seek postseason at-large bid

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Irish did their part. No. 19 Notre Dame (8-4, 4-1 GWLL) concluded league play last Saturday with a 14-4 victory at Fairfield, extend­ing its winning streak in three games.

Now, all the Irish can do is wait — and win.

In order to stay in the hunt for an at-large bid to the postseason NCAA tournament, Notre Dame must defeat Ivy League foe Harvard (4-8, 1-4) Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

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"It's an anomaly. We had a team that includes freshman attack man Sean Kane. Kane has been named Ivy League Rookie of the Week the previous two consecutive weeks. Harvard also boasts a 7-6 overtime victory over Notre Dame last season.

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TRACK

Chamney, Nurudeen to run Drake Relays

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Most of the Irish will take the weekend off to prepare for the Big East, but for others the Drake Relays this weekend give them the opportunity to shine.

Luke Watson will take a break, as he is recovering from a minor injury. He will return on May 18.

Samuel Huddleston will return for the Drake Relays. He will compete in the 800 meter run.

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Irish drop five of six races to Spartans in East Lansing

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

Notre Dame rowers contend­ed with strong winds as they fell to Michigan State in five of their six races Tuesday on Lake Ovid at Sleepy Hollow State Park in East Lansing, Mich. The Irish crew of Maureen Gibbons, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keffer, Kristen Henkel and Jacqueline Hlaen was the only exception, as they led the second varsity four to a win by 8.23.48. The Irish crew of Kacy McCaffrey, Katie McCalden, Christy Doonnelly, Katie O’Hara and Andrea Amoni finished in 8:33.32.

The Spartans won both the first and second novice eight races, posting times of 7:54.37 and 8:34.0. The Irish novice eight crew of Shannan Lettieri, Pamela Jefson, Julie Lewis, Morgan Ertle, Danielle Stealy, Jenna Redgate, Sarah French, Andrea Boud and Catherine Schmidt posted a time of 8:08.50, while the second novice crew of Nicole Barczak, Megan Sheehan, Meghan O’Neill, Nikki Karris, Fallon Shields, Laura Joyce, Marcia Luttio, Katie Hanafin and Rachel Kemp finished in 8:09.10.

The Irish are hoping to redeem themselves when they travel to Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass., for the 2003 Big East Rowing Challenge Sunday. Notre Dame hopes to prevent Syracuse from defend­ing its title. Nine Big East teams will compete in six races — second novice eight, novice four, first novice eight, varsity four, second varsity eight and varsity eight.

Last year, No. 10 Notre Dame placed second with 109 points at the 2002 Challenge behind No. 13 Syracuse, who scored 117 points. Boston College, Georgetown and Rutgers followed behind Notre Dame. “We are looking forward doing well at the Big East this weekend,” Gibbons said.

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Anthony to leave Syracuse for NBA

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — With tears in his eyes and his voice trembling, Carmelo Anthony delivered the news most Syracuse fans were expecting but none wanted to hear.

"I'm here in front of you today to announce that I will not be coming back next year," Syracuse's standout freshman forward said Thursday, just 17 days after he led the Orangemen to their first national championship. "I will be moving on, moving on to the pros." And just like that, all those dreams for Anthony to stay "One Year!" were forgotten.

"This is a very happy day for Syracuse basketball, and a sad one, too," head coach Jim Boeheim said, his voice cracking with emotion, too. "The guy sitting here has done more for Syracuse basketball than any player we've ever recruited or that's ever played here. To lead his team to a national championship as a freshman is truly a historic moment in college basketball. I'm very thankful that he was here with us.

Anthony had delayed making the decision until after the season, preferring to focus on winning. He led the Orangemen during the regular season with 22 points and 10 rebounds per game and broke Lawrence Moten's freshman scoring records and Derrick Coleman's freshman rebounding mark. At the Final Four in New Orleans, Anthony had a career-best 23 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in Syracuse's semifinal win over Texas. He then put up 20 points in the championship game victory over Kansas and was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four — just the third freshman to earn that honor, and the first since Louisville's Pervis Ellison in 1986.

"I've got to move on," said Anthony, who will turn 19 in May. "We won the national championship, I brought Coach Boeheim what he was waiting for for 27 years. I don't want to make it sound bad, but there's really nothing more that I could get out of college. And I'm going to get my degree — you can quote me on that.

He said he made up his mind after discussing his situation with his mother, Mary, over Easter weekend, and his coaches.

Associated Press

BRIEF

Burroughs claims he was hit by cell phone at Wrigley

San Diego Padres third baseman Sean Burroughs said he was hit by a cell phone thrown from the stands at Wrigley Field during Thursday's game.

Burroughs said the phone hit him in the right foot shortly after the Cubs' Mark Grudzielanek grounded out in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"It shocked me," Burroughs said. "It could have been worse, it could have hit me in the head.

He blamed immature fans.

"They are going to rag you a little bit," Burroughs said. "But I was a little surprised to see an object come on top field. That's uncalled for.

The Cubs said no one was arrested but that a police report had been filed. The team said the report indicated no one was hit by the phone.

Chicago Police spokesman Carlos Herrera said a cell phone was thrown onto the field in the direction of an umpire, but he did not elaborate.

Burroughs said it "barely hit me." He said he then picked it up and handed it to one of the umpires.

He expressed hope the phone could be tracked back to the fan who threw it.

Five days earlier, Texas Rangers right fielder Carl Everett was beaten in the back of the head with a cell phone in Oakland.

On April 15, a fan ran on the field at U.S. Cellular Field and attempted to tackle an umpire during a game between the White Sox and visiting Kansas City. Last Sept. 19, Kansas City coach Tom Gamba was attacked by a father and son who came out of the stands at that stadium, then called Comiskey Park.

Malone's daughter expected to be selected in WNBA draft

Karl Malone will have a nice, divergent Friday from questions about his future and his team's 2-0 deficit to Sacramento.

Malone expects his daughter, Cheryl Ford, to be selected in the WNBA draft.

"I've got a list of the teams, so I've got a good feeling of where she's going to go. I don't want to tell her when," Malone said.

"The whole way to practice this morning, she wouldn't get off the phone unless I told her. I told her I'm sworn to secrecy right now.

Like Malone was nearly two decades ago, Ford is a Louisiana Tech star about to embark on a professional career.

The 6-foot-3 center averaged 15.7 points and 12.9 rebounds as a senior and helped lead the Lady Techsters within one win of reaching the Final Four.

The women's league tentatively scheduled its draft for Friday afternoon pending the approval of a collective bargaining agreement between the WNBA and its players.
Belles drop doubleheader to Knights in make-up game

By PAT LEONARD

The Belles knew they were ready to play Calvin a week ago. Calvin decided not to travel due to imposing weather and cancelled the game.

The Belles thought they would be prepared Wednesday for the make-up games. No umpires showed up.

By yesterday, the Saint Mary's softball team must have been unsure whether they could win the two biggest games of their season.

Whether it was extra time to think that bugged the Belles or just a bad day, Saint Mary's (15-15-1, 4-6 MIAA) lost both games of a doubleheader to Calvin (18-11, 6-4) yesterday, 11-2 and 5-3, to erase any hope of a trip to the postseason.

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By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

In probably the two most intense games of the Bookstore Basketball tournament this year, for the top 16 teams bashed heads in games that went down to the wire.

No. 13 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing 21, No. 4 Hoosier Racing Team 19

Forgot about half amazing. This team was completely amazing. The No. 13-seeded 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing squad fended off a bigger, balder Hoosier Racing Team for the day’s only upset.

The smaller 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing maintained a healthy lead throughout the first half, and was able to extend the lead even further in the second, leading at one point by seven at 16-9.

But the fourth-seeded Hoosier Racing Team battled back, fighting for boards and penetrating for inside layups. Thanks to an 8-1 run, Hoosier Racing Team was able to even the score at 17, setting the stage for a dramatic finish.

After the two teams exchanged baskets to draw even at 18-18, 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing drew level at 20-20 and kept the score at 20-20 for quite some time.

However, 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing was too much in the end, sinking a layup off an offensive rebound and prompting their fans to rush onto the court in a frenzy.

No. 7 S.P. Shockers 20, No. 12 Derelict 18

Though neither their uniforms nor their team names indicated so, this game was a battle of Knot versus Keenan.

In the most hard-fought match of the day, the teams emerged victorious over the Knights. This game had “extra time” written all over it from the beginning, as neither side ever led by more than a point.

After the No. 10 seeded Outh Biking battled to a 16-13 lead, S.P. Shockers rallied to tie the game at 16-16.

The game seemed perpetually tied, as the teams matched baskets at 17, 18, 19 and 20 points apiece before S.P. Shockers were able to put the game away with two strongly-contested baskets in a row.

No. 3 We Get Wet 21, No. 14 5 Jamonies 18

On paper heading into the night, this game seemed like a blowout.

On the court, the game was anything but.

After falling behind 7-3 early in the first half, 5 Jamonies responded, batting for rebounds and driving to the hoop to send the game to halftime at 11-9.

The lead grew smaller, to 11-10, with the first basket of the second half, but We Get Wet never cooled off, extending its lead back to four at 14-10 and maintaining that lead for the rest of the game, sealing its Elite Eight berth with a free throw.

No. 8 RBC 21, No. 9 Irvin Jones 14

If the rest of Thursday’s games were sprints, this game was four marathons back-to-back.

In the easiest long match of the night, in which both teams relied heavily on the jump shot, RBC crossed the finish line first with the win.

Both teams decided to air it out from long range rather than driving inside, as both teams stepped up their defenses to prevent most driving lay-ups.

Unfortunately for any impatient spectators, the shots were not falling much of the time, and the two teams plodded into halftime with RBC holding an 11-9 lead.

The second half featured much of the same, with both sides attempting penetration into the key, but unsuccessfully, and then resorting to the outside game.

In the end, RBC wore down the older Irvin Jones squad, eventually converting on some inside drives to put the game away.

No. 2 ndtoday.com 21, No. 15 Should our name be a question? 11

Should our name be a question? couldn’t find the answer for one thing: Was Lustig’s Boy team a huge run in the second half to halt any upset-minded members of Derelict.

No. 6 Michael Jackson’s Buddies 21, No. 11 Nunc Dimittis 9

In perhaps the most ironic match of the night, Michael Jackson’s Buddies, sporting T-shirts direct from the Kitty Kat Lounge, overwhelmed the semi-narians of Nunc Dimittis.

The win was aided in no small part to a dominating presence down low for Michael Jackson’s Buddies, as the team’s center converted some key drives and grabbed plenty of rebounds to spark a 6-0 run to put his team ahead 9-2. The teams then exchanged baskets to go into halftime at 11-4.

The game was delayed for a few minutes in the second half, with Michael Jackson’s Buddies ahead 13-5, when a member of Nunc Dimittis suffered an ankle injury and had to be treated before the game could continue.

However, the offense of Nunc Dimittis was just too inconsistent — relying heavily on the jump shot, which often didn’t fall for them — and in the end, even divine intervention would not have saved the seminarians from defeat in the round of 16.

No. 5 La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries 21, No. 12 Derelict 19

This game was a tale of two halves.

After trailing heading into halftime, 11-5, the fifth-seeded and much bigger — La-Z-Boy squad came storming back, wearing down the Derelict team with its strong inside presence.

Some strong offensive possessions, combined with some key defensive stops, guided the La-Z-Boy team to a huge run in the second half to halt any upset-minded members of Derelict.

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Edwards

Edwards to have this kind of season," Mainieri said. "I had a lot of faith that Matt was going to do, we just didn't see it yet because of injuries." Few were as confident as Mainieri that Edwards would perform the way he did before the numerous injuries. The reasons for doubt were obvious: Edwards had only a limited number of at-bats in a year, had an injury that could have career-threatening and could hardly move for nine months while rehabilitating from it. The question marks surrounding Edwards were many more than the certainty.

The injury against USC; Edwards' lack of have Edwards lead the grandest presented the greatest unanswerable thing to return to the field. The subject is one of Edwards doesn't like to talk about. "That was one of the saddest days I've ever experienced on the baseball field," Mainieri said. Edwards, playing shortstop, had allowed a pop up to drop between him and Irish leftfielder Matt Rink in the ninth. So when a similarly hit pop fly was hit toward the space between Edwards and Rink in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Irish shortstop wasn't about to let another ball drop. Edwards raced hard after the ball, while Rink charged in to make the catch. The two collided, leaving Edwards with a grotesque injury and his baseball career in question. "The pain was much worse than anything I've ever felt before," Edwards said. "I didn't think about starting my career until last year, but I never thought I could come back, ever at any point." Edwards healed and entered winter practice ready to polish the skills that had been out of use for almost a year. But there were still more challenges awaiting Edwards. In the winter, Mainieri and Edwards and asked him to change positions from third base to first base so freshman infielder Greg Lopez could play on a more regular basis. The move would help the team, Mainieri told Edwards. Edwards agreed, simply understood, and quickly began to learn an entirely new position. He's held his own at first so far, touting a 79% fielding percentage with 16 regular season games remaining to the Irish.

This type of versatility that makes Edwards standout from being a good hitter to a good fielder. He's the complete baseball player. "I wasittle concerned about Matt's reaction to the switch but Matt has been so unselfish," Mainieri said. "He's made the move for Coach Lopez. I think his unselfiness is something that has really stood out." And the position change hasn't affected his hitting either. Through 40 games this season, Edwards is hitting .355 and app the Irish with seven home runs. His 48 RBIs lead the Big East conference, while his slugging percentage hovers around .600. "I haven't flinched a bit (since the injuries)," Mainieri said. "He stands right on top of the plate, he challenges pitchers to challenge him and he's fearless up there." But his excellent stats don't do Edwards justice. The injuries from Mechanicsville, Va., seem to always come through in the clutch for his team. Mainieri says that Edwards' biggest asset and the reason he's become one of the best players in the Big East.

"He's a clutch hitter that drives in the big runs for us. He does it with two strikes on him, which is especially tough," Mainieri said. "I think he's been a great leader for our team because of the way he performs in the clutch and in the wake of the adversity he had to go through." Notre Dame needed Edwards' pinch hit and run production after losing players like Steve Scharf, Brian Stavisky, Andy Bushby and Paul Toole after the 2002 season. Those absences left the middle of the Irish lineup with some gaping holes. "Clutch hitting is something I as a coach emphasis more than anything else," Mainieri said. "I think the greatest thing he does is just prepare in the clutch. He seems to always make a big play for us. His best asset form of leadership is how you can count on him in pressure situations." The starting guys have that ability to raise their game in pressure packed situations." Edwards is especially a coach emphasis more than anything else," Mainieri said. "I thought our execution was good and we hit in the clutch." The Mastadons might want to fire whoever made that decision. Notre Dame (31-9) batted around the first inning, scoring six times on six hits and blew out IPFW 13-3 at Frank Eck Stadium Thursday. I was really happy with the way we started the game," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "That one was just any good. We played great defense, execution was good and we hit the ball well.

Notre Dame added another run in the second straight contest due to a slight wrist sprain. Notre Dame added another run in the second straight contest due to a slight wrist sprain. The Irish raised their team batting average to .311 with the season-high 20 hit performance. "We're not going to hit a lot of home runs so we must get hitters on base early in the inning," Mainieri said. "I thought our execution was good and we hit in the clutch." The Mastadons fought back to score three runs, one earned, off Thoron in the fourth inning. Second baseman Brent Alwine opened the inning with a double over Billmaier's head, followed by Dustin Fremin's single that went to left, third baseman Alex Smith and allowed Fremin to reach sec- ond on a force by Mazur. IPFW rightfielder Brandon Armstrong singled in Alwine to cut the Irish lead to 7-1. Shortstop Tyler Fowler had an RBI base hit and designated hitter Jacob Abramson added his own RBI hit to make it 7-3 Irish after three and a half innings.

Righthander Tom Thornton went six innings, allowing one earned run on five hits and striking out four. The win improved Thornton's record to 3-0. Notre Dame, who had scored more than two runs in any first inning this season, pushed ahead early when designated hitter Alex Netzer singled to start the game, rightfielder Cody Rizzo walked and left fielder Brennan Grogan drilled an RBI double off Zachary Zachary allowed an incredible 17 hits in 6 2/3 innings of work, yielding 10 earned runs. First baseman Matt Edwards followed Grogan with a fielder's choice to score Rizzo. Centerfielder Ken Billmaier then knocked in Grogan with a single before catcher Javi Sanchez scorched a double down the left field line to plate Billmaier. Shortstop Matt Mazur singled before second baseman Tim Murray added a single to score Sanchez. Third baseman Greg Lopez ended the Notre Dame scoring with his own RBI single to make it 6-0 Irish.
ND SOFTBALL

Lowly Illinois-Chicago gives Notre Dame a scare

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was involved in a David vs. Goliath matchup at Illinois-Chicago Thursday night. Luckily for the Irish, the sling shot just fired wide.

After ousting Valparaiso by a combined score of 26-1 in its two previous games Wednesday, the Irish looked set to easily add to their winning streak against the Flames, who came into the game with a losing record.

Someone forgot to tell Illinois-Chicago, as the unsuspecting Horizon League members gave the Irish more than enough of a challenge.

Notre Dame (29-11) had to rally from an early 2-0 deficit against the Flames (16-32), but Irish starter Heather Booth had difficulty early in the game, allowing the Flames to also load the bases with one out in the bottom of the first. Unfortunately for the Irish, the Flames were replaced to get on the scoreboard.

After getting a groundout, Booth allowed a single and a double, then intentionally walked the next Flame batter to load the bases in hopes of a double play. Instead, Booth walked Alycia Creese to push ahead the first Flame run.

Booth settled down, getting the next batter to strike out and then inducing a popout to shortstop to get out of the inning with no further damage.

With the score still 1-0 going into the fifth inning, the Irish pulled Booth in favor of Stenglein. Stenglein received a rude greeting with a home run over the left field wall by freshman Joyce Cathey, giving the Flames a 2-0 lead.

Stenglein would allow two more singles before she was replaced with Wisen, who dosed the Flames by retiring the next three batters in order. The 3-0 score was advantageous for Wisen’s clutch pitching and tied the game back up in the sixth inning. After Mattison ground out to shortstop to start the inning, left fielder Liz Hartmann followed with a hard double to left field.

Catcher Mallorie Len then doubled off Aguilar, scoring Hartmann. Right fielder Nicole DeFeau hit an infield single and Lennadvanced to third with the Irish leading 3-1.

The Irish then loaded the bases on another infield hit by Kellie Middleton. Second base man Alexis Madrid bounced into a fielder’s choice scored Lenn to tie the game at 2-2.

Aguilar got the next two outs, including one off a tremendous throw from left field to get out DeFeau at the plate. Wisen allowed two hits in the bottom of the sixth, but no runs would score. With the game tied at 2-2 going into the final inning, the Irish led off the seventh with a walk by designated player Meghan Ruthrauff.

That walk would prove deadly for Aguilar, as Bledsoe followed with a single that moved Ruthrauff to third base. Bledsoe was thrown out at second trying to stretch the hit into a double. Another throw-in strikeout looked for the second out of the inning. Hartmann dribbled a weak grounder to second base, but emergency second baseman Michelle Miller bobbled the ball and allowed Ruthrauff to score the go-ahead run.

When got the first two outs of the bottom of the seventh easily and got out of a two-out jam to end the game.

The Irish travel to Massachusetts Saturday for a crucial doubleheader against Boston College, who sit in second place in the Big East. Notre Dame does not return home until May 5 against Villanova.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles travel to league tournament

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

After finishing in a tie for second in the conference standings, the Belles faced stiff competition in a conference tournament at Kalamazoo College.

The overall champion of the MIAA is determined by a point system using dual meet results and the outcome of the conference tournament. Saint Mary’s has been the overall winner for the past two seasons.

While the Belles feature a slightly different roster from last year, they are having lost former No. 1 singles player Annie Kuhl to graduation, the team is ready to make a statement. With last year’s success and experience, the team feels confident that they can compete again for the title.

“We’re still confident and have an incredible chance to win conference,” Elisa Ryan said. “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.”

This year the Belles (13-5, 5-2 in the MIAA) faced stiff competition in a conference tournament that saw improvement from many teams. Saint Mary’s lost to Albion and Kalamazoo in dual matches. Albion was undefeated in the MIAA at 7-0, while Kalamazoo finished 5-2.

Rounding out the MIAA is Calvin (8-6, 4-3), Hope (11-8, 4-3), Adrian (6-7, 2-5), Alma (1-9, 1-6) and Olivet (0-9, 0-7).

All teams will compete in the conference tournament in Kalamazoo.

Last year Saint Mary’s won the tournament and had several conference champions among its roster.

Last year’s conference tournament MVP, Kalamazoo sophomore Clark, returns this season as a nationally-ranked player. Several first-team All-MIAA players will be competing, including Saint Mary’s Jeannie and Annie Knish, Clark, Sally Skedinski of Calvin, Amiee Greene of Albion and Hoorn of Kalamazoo.

From the second team, Jennifer Coleman of Hope, Karen Dumas of Albion, and Cutler from Saint Mary’s return to the tournament.

The Belles compete all day April 25 and 26 in the MIAA conference tournament at Kalamazoo College.

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Happy Birthday: Separate your personal and professional lives this year if you want to get ahead. Deal quietly with any stress at work. As long as you can envision what it is you are trying to accomplish, you should be able to achieve your goals. Your numbers are 7, 18, 33, 36, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are in a winning mood today. Your actions will make a strong statement, so make sure that your motives are virtuous. This can be a momentous day. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Difficulties with someone you care about may lead to loneliness. You may have personal problems, but professional duties must be dealt with regardless of how you feel. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The connections you make today will lead to a better professional position or a situation that will help you in the future. Financial issues are likely if you insist on taking a risk. ******

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take the safe route today especially where work or partnerships are concerned. If you have been spending money unwisely, you will find the results. Focus on being caring and kind. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A business or emotional partner may be getting fed up if you’ve been refusing to make a commitment. If you are partnered with the wrong person, end it. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put your personal aspirations on the back burner today and focus on work, money, career, and advancement. A one-sided romantic attraction is likely to develop. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care of yourself and your needs. Relax and rejuvenate. You need the attention. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have probably been holding in your anger, which could lead to a blow-up. Put your efforts into making changes and improvements around your home. Keep busy today you minimize your anger. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Learn to what people with experience have to say and you’ll discover a whole lot about yourself. Minimize with pleasure and you will prosper. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not be totally happy with your position today but you did not opt to quit your job. Unless you have a deal on the table and in writing, go for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You’re likely to be a traditional direction if you take care of everyone’s demands all at once. Organize yourself and don’t get taken for granted. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Look out for your own interests today. This isn’t the day to trust anyone to do what’s best for you. Be precise and do the best job possible. **

Birthday Baby: You will impress everyone with your imagination and vision. You will be creative, determined and you’ll know what you must do to find peace of mind.

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Draft looms for Irish seniors

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The wait, for Sean Mahan, is nerve-wracking.
He has spent over four months training on his own, been put through rigorous physical fitness tests and met with countless football teams.
Everything has been devoted toward improving his draft stock so Mahan can fulfill his dream of playing professional football.
This weekend, the wait will be over — finally.
Over the weekend, Mahan and a handful of other former Irish football players will learn where they are headed next season in the NFL Draft. And finding out their fates can't come soon enough.
"I'm just ready to get this over with," Mahan said. "This is the worst part. There's nothing I can do but sit back and wait."
The draft's seven rounds are divided across two days, with the first three rounds being conducted yesterday and the final four rounds being held Sunday. Most draft analysts predict as many as eight graduating Irish athletes will be drafted over the weekend.
When they'll be drafted, and by which teams, remains anyone's guess.
Center Jeff Faine is generally seen as the Notre Dame player likely to be drafted first, but he has no idea where he'll be heading. According to a multitude of mock drafts, Faine — one of the top center prospects in the draft — could either be a first- or second-round selection.
After Faine, though, nobody knows who could go next.
Depending on who you asked, defensive back Shane Walton and Gerome Sapp, wide receiver Andre Rattler and offensive lineman Jordan McDaniels could go in the late rounds.

Edwards overcomes adversity for Irish

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

He pulled a hamstring four games into his senior season after high school graduation. Then he went down with a knee injury before fall ball started. And finally there was the gruesome compound fracture of his lower leg that happened during a game versus USC last season.
In all, Irish infielder Matt Edwards played in a grand total of 14 baseball games from the end of his high school career to the beginning of the 2003 Notre Dame season.
So why is Irish coach Paul Mainieri not surprised by the outstanding season Edwards has put together thus far for Notre Dame?
"I really did expect," see EDWARDS / page 21
Matt Edwards has been one of the most valuable players for the Irish, living up to the expectations of coach Paul Mainieri.

Young Irish have work cut out for Big East

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Coral Gables, Fla.
For both the men and women's tennis teams, this weekend's Big East Championships will serve as an opportunity for proving that despite inexperience and youth, pure mettle and hard work can make a team successful.
For the men, the tournament is crucial. Save for some act of God, they must emerge as the victors of the Big East if they wish to advance to their 12th straight NCAA tournament.
For the women, the burden is a little lighter — they will very likely reach the NCAA Tournament no matter how they finish this weekend. Nevertheless, a conference title is coveted, particularly in a strong conference like the Big East.
Both Irish squads will see their toughest opponents in Virginia Tech and Miami. Both Irish squads defeated the Hokies and both were topped by Miami.
Ever since they began the season with a 0-4 start — the worst in program history, the Irish have had trouble overcoming the mental barriers created by their initial losses.
A great deal of the Irish losses have been very close matches. "It's been disappointing to not have had a better season," Irish men's coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We did not win very many of the close matches we played. That's been a trait of our teams over the years — the ability to win the close ones."
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