Senate to decide junior class officers

Scott, Flynn, Raaf, Boyd ticket elected officers for the 2005 senior class council

By CLAIRE HEININGER Assistant News Editor

It felt like déjà vu all over again — one candidate received just over 48 percent, and the other received just under 44.

The election will be decided by a dorm vote in the Student Senate. But unlike the initial announcement loss of a shock. “The worst thing is when you don’t know what’s going to happen, and you kind of know what’s going to happen now,” he said. “It could go either way, but I don’t think I’ll spend time worrying.”

Miller said after a tightly contested primary race Monday, he and his running mates had been prepared for the Senate scenario. “In the back of my mind, I was afraid something like this would happen,” he said. “It wasn’t a pleasant surprise, but after the Ebersol-Istvan situation, it didn’t catch me completely off guard.”

Mass forges friendships, community in halls

Editor’s Note: This is the second of a two-part series exploring Mass at Notre Dame.

By AMANDA MICHAELS New Writer

Father Paul Doyle likes milkshakes. He’s so fond of them, in fact, that when he became rector of Dillon Hall in 1997, he bought a one-beater commercial “drink mixer” and began serving milkshakes to students who attended Father Mike Baxter’s Thursday night mass in Dillon Chapel. Six years later, he’s serving up 13 gallons of milk and ice cream to crowds that sometimes grow to 190 strong — almost unheard of for a weekday dinner.

Dillon’s famous “Milkshake Mass” is just one of many stories in the long tradition that surrounds Notre Dame’s unique dorm-worship system. While priests-in-residence at other Catholic institutions, such as Boston College and Georgetown, occasionally hold Masses in their rooms, the concept of having an active chapel in each individual residence hall is distinctively Notre Dame’s.

“Dorm Masses are a very special Notre Dame phenomenon,” said Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry.

ND students observe leap year birthdays

20-year old sophomores Kathryn Lindsey, Mike Doversberger celebrate fifth birthday

By LAURA VILIM News Writer

For people born on Feb. 29, yearly birthday celebrations are far from an easy annual routine.

Notre Dame sophomores Kathryn Lindsey and Mike Doversberger are two such leap year babies. They will both be celebrating their 20th birthday (or 5th in Leap Years) this Feb. 29. Despite the unorthodox nature of their birthdays, however, they do not feel as though they have missed out on years of celebrations. They said they consider themselves lucky to be among the estimated one out of 1,500 people around the world — approximately 200,000 in the United States — who were born on such a special day.

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Sophomore Mike Doversberger, one of several leap year birthdays on campus, will celebrate his fifth actual birthday Sunday.

Fiestang celebrates Filipino culture

By DUSTIN VON HAN DORF News Writer

The Filipino American Student Organization (FASO) will be sponsoring Fiestang Saturday, showcasing Filipino culture, and including traditional dancing and dinner in Stepazo Center.

Charlene Vinalon, co-president of FASO, said the event will include elements of both traditional and modern Filipino culture. “Fiestang will share Filipino culture, traditional food and dance, with a modern twist,” Vinalon said.

The evening will start with an authentic Filipino dinner, serving dishes such as adobo, a chicken dish, lumpia, which is a traditional wrap similar to an egg roll, pancit, a noodle dish and a pork dish called lechon.

“Filipinos are very big on food, and it’s a great time to share what we love,” Vinalon said.

The evening will continue with a presentation of various traditional dance numbers. Eileen Magno, also a FASO co-president, said the event will include numerous types of dances influenced by a variety of cultural groups. “It will include Pinkling, our national dance, Maglalatik, an all-guys coconut dance, and the Binansuan, a candle dance,” Magno said.

FASO has asked other universities to participate in the event, including Notre Dame’s student artists to apply for positions with the United States Mint to design some of the state quarters.

Quill to design commemorative coins

By JOE TROMBELLO Assistant News Editor

Senior marketing and art studio major Pat Quill picked the right day to read The Washington Post.

One day before the Jan. 9 deadline, Quill said he noticed an advertisement calling for student artists to apply for positions with the United States Mint to design some of the state quarters.

Quill joined five other student artists from around the nation as Associate Designers, who, along with Master Designers — all professional — will develop future coin designs.

“I read the article, and it was emphasizing people who were focused on detailed work, and that’s what I love to do,” he said. “Drawing is my first love.”

Senior Pat Quill has been selected as one of six student artists to design future state commemorative quarters.
INSIDE COLUMN

End of the road

I've been asked, over and over again, how The Observer comes out five days a week when we all have classes. It's also been asked why it takes me most of my social life for endless hours in the basement of South Dining Hall. Each time, I give the same answer. I don't know.

Somehow, every day a newspaper appears in bins across campus. The last 140 issues have happened to have my name at the top of the masthead (today will be the last one), but The Observer is a product of over 100 students who give up some portion of their day to ensure that Notre Dame has a campus newspaper. Why do they do it, I don't know, but I'm grateful that they do it nonetheless.

Directing The Observer over the last year has been a tremendous challenge. And I've been blessed to work with an incredibly talented staff, just as devoted to their jobs as I am to mine.

But when I'm rounding out a printer who won't print at 5 a.m. or responding to deranged e-mails from angry readers, I sometimes scratch my head and wonder if it's worth it.

Then I walk into the dining hall to go to work, and I see the stacks of papers almost depleted. I sit down for lunch at the dining hall and see everyone reading the story that took three hours to edit. I walk down the halls in dorms and see articles taped up outside the doors. I listen to professors in class start discussions by holding up a copy of The Observer.

And that's when I remember why I love this job. And why I'm going to have a tough time saying goodbye.

Today is officially my last day at The Observer, but I've never been more proud of the product we put out every day. I've had the pleasure of leading a talented staff that poured their hearts and souls into their jobs, of watching them mature, of seeing them grudgingly admit that the late nights in the office aren't that bad. And I've had one heck of a fun working with them in the process.

When I was named editor in chief 13 months ago, one of my predecessors sent me an e-mail saying my final day on the job would be my toughest. I didn't know what he was trying to tell me, not on the days when I dealt with irate phone calls or fought losing battles with faulty campus systems. But tomorrow, somebody else gets the honor of leading The Observer's staff.

That's why, today, I understand what he meant.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu.

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EXTRA COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What do you think about the dining halls not serving meat on Fridays?

Chase Gund
Freshman O'Neill

"Only if they have corn dogs."

Chelsea Rush
Junior Lyons

"People should be able to choose whatever they like."

Megan Buller
Junior Lewis

"If people have a problem, they can go to Subway."

Mike Kalman
Sophomore O'Neill

"Uh, the chicken patties probably aren't real meat anyways."

Jason Bogovic
Sophomore O'Neill

"Whatever, there are still quarter dogs, right?"

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, featuring Rebecca Paul as soprano and Ricky Leal on oboe, performs its Winter Concert Thursday in Washington Hall. The program featured music by Mozart, Wagner and Brahms.

OFFBEAT

Trash truck stopped with 2 tons of marijuana

SIEBA VISTA, Ariz. — A garbage truck was stopped carrying more than two tons of marijuana north of Huachuca City, a Department of Public Safety official said.

The truck had been driving erratically late Tuesday, said DPS Sgt. Steve Fritz.

"It got my attention," Fritz said. "He was driving slow and failing to signal."

The driver, who identified himself as 28-year-old Brian Rivera Martinez, said he didn't know how to drive the truck.

When a drug-sniffing dog arrived, it alerted authorities to possible narcotics. DPS officers found 4,112 pounds of marijuana bundled in the area where trash would be carried, Martinez and passenger, Michael Trejo Duran Sr., were arrested on suspicion of transporting and possessing marijuana for sale.

Driver calls 911 as cops chase him

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — It may be right to call 911 to report someone's chasing you on the highway — but not if it's a sheriff's deputy in pursuit.

Kevin Richard Vowell, 31, of Maryville placed such a call to emergency dispatchers during a high-speed chase on U.S. 411 early Sunday morning. Blount County, sheriff's spokeswoman Marian O'Briant said.

The incident began when a deputy noticed Vowell driving erratically and signaled for him to stop. Vowell pulled over but then spun his pickup truck around and fled down the highway, with three patrol cars in pursuit.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Guthrie Theatre of Minneapolis will perform its national touring production of Shakespeare's Othello from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight. The play will be held in the O'Laughlin Auditorium in Saint Mary's Moreau Center for the Performing Arts.

The first annual Shakespeare Scene Festival will occur in the LaFortune Ballroom tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door.

Siegfried Hall is sponsoring an all-day, nine-hole putt-putt golf tournament with food, music and prizes, to benefit those suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.

Student Government will sponsor a free performance of the comedy Sex Signals tonight in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Flipside is sponsoring a Simpsons trivia contest from 10 to 11:30 p.m. tonight in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

Lace up your dancing shoes and join free dance lessons sponsored by Saint Mary's Student Activities Board. Hawaiian Dance lessons will occur 10:00 to 7 p.m., while Afro-Brazilian lessons will take place Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Regina Dance Studio.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Dining halls go meatless for Lenten season

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, and the end of meat on Fridays, as the University’s dining halls replaced sausaged meat, stir-fry and rotisserie chicken with items such as eggs, fish and grilled vegetables.

Notre Dame’s staff began preparation for the Lenten Season in October. Tony Williams, South Dining Hall unit chef, attended a culinary academy in New York, where he learned preparation for various vegetable medleys, breads and tofu. These new platters are being prepared and will be served in the dining halls to replace meat dishes.

Williams said the meals being served will include cheese dishes, fish, vegetables, grilled pizzas and breakfast items such as eggs and buns. In addition, the popular mozzarella breadsticks will be seen more often.

Williams said students should be creative with their food selections, suggesting stir-fry, a collection of vegetables or tofu and saying that chefs are willing to try or help with any new platter creations.

“By the third meal, you’re grumpy,” he said. “People will go off campus.”

Williams suggested that students give the dining hall staff feedback on meals they enjoyed by filling out surveys. He said student input is valued and shared at weekly food Services meetings.

While students will face a more limited food selection during Lenten Fridays, Williams said they can look forward to Easter dinner at South Dining Hall, which will feature lamb, chicken, fish, baked ham, rice pilaf and vegetable medley.

While the dining halls will be meatless, Reckers and LaFortune will continue to carry their regular products. Notre Dame’s close adherence to the Catholic Church policies has created divergent viewpoints within the student body.

“If you are Catholic, you can choose not to eat meat; they can at least put smaller portions of meat out for those who do not choose to fast,” sophomore Kate Lorenz said.

Sophomore Craig Brede said he supports the Notre Dame food policy of not serving meat.

“People choose to come here, so when you choose this school, you’re pretty much choosing to accept some Catholic practices,” Brede said.

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SMC holds Sophomore Parents Weekend

By EMILIE DESJARDINES
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s campus will host 360 parents this weekend for Sophomore Parents Weekend.

The theme for this year’s event, “Like You Forever, Love You For Always,” was inspired by the children’s book with the same title.

“It appealed to us because the book is about the relationship between parents and children,” said Kristin Palombo, the event’s chairwoman.

Although most of the scheduled activities are similar to those of Notre Dame’s Junior Parents Weekend, the Saint Mary’s event is somewhat smaller, confined mostly to Saturday.

Saint Mary’s combines the Presidential Dinner with a dance and does not have a closing brunch on Sunday.

However, Saint Mary’s students “also have Junior Mom’s Weekend and Senior Dad’s Weekend, which are both three-day events,” said Kristin Palombo, the event’s chairwoman.

“I think this weekend will be fun,” Palombo said. “It’s a great way to involve families and an opportunity for parents to see what your life is like away from home.”

The three-member committee has been working hard since last fall to ensure a successful event. The activities will commence today, when students are encouraged to take their parents to Dalloway’s, an on-campus cafe, for dinner with the “Dalloway’s Dollars” they will receive.

Saturday morning will begin with an open academic house in the Noble Family Dining Hall where students will have the opportunity to introduce their parents to professors.

During the afternoon, the South Bend Chocolate Factory, which usually closes by 2 p.m., is staying open for tours.

“I think it will be fun,” Palombo said. “The assembly lines will be open, and there will be samples of chocolate.”

At 4:30 p.m., parents and their daughters can celebrate Mass in the Church of Loreto.

Saturday evening is the Dinner Dance, held at the Falai Royale. It will start with a presidential welcome followed by a slideshow. The slides, arranged by Maureen Zimmer, “include pictures of life at Saint Mary’s and pictures with parents,” Zimmer said. In order to show a little about their lives over the past two years and include their lives away Saint Mary’s students will be invited to the event.

The weekend will culminate with a night of dinner and dancing, an event about which Eaton said she is very enthusiastic.

“We picked out the menu, and I think it will be delicious,” she said. “I’m looking forward to spending time with my parents and letting them meet my friends.”

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ministry and rector of Fisher Hall. "To build a sense of worship into every residence hall is a strong concern about the nature of our community of faith."

Sixty-eight Masses are celebrated each week in the dorms alone - more during football season - with an average of five per week in the male residence halls and two in the female residence halls. The disparity is mainly due to the fact that men's dorms have up to three or four priests-in-residence, while only four women's dorms are set up as such, Warner said.

Voicing a sentiment common across campus, McGlinn rector Beth Maureen Skinner said having weekly liturgies in every residence hall strengthens the bonds within that small community.

"The fact that we have Mass in the dorm is a value that makes this living situation different than just sharing a dorm space," Skinner said. "That people praying together - that Mass can be a part of the total dorm experience - adds an element that is intangible and sacred."

Agreeing with Rozum, Skinner also said that even though only 25 to 40 percent of the girls in McGlinn go to the hall's Mass, a large number find their way to one of the liturgies on campus.

"The observed percent participation is unrealistic," she said. "Many of our girls are in one of the choirs and participate in the Mass in the Basilica, or someone doesn't want to go to Mass at 10 at night because it's their best study time, so they find a different place to go."

Basilica rector Father Peter Rocca supported the presence of dorm Masses, saying that while the Basilica plays a central role in the community worship within the residence halls fills a different yet equally essential place in students' lives. "I believe students should go wherever they believe that their faith will be best nourished," Rocca said. "The more informal style of liturgy in the dorms, obviously, is quite different from the more formal Basilica setting. Also, the music can be quite different, between what you hear in the Basilica and in a dorm."

"Many students also praise the residence hall Masses, especially the accessibility and variety of options they provide. It's a convenient, and everyone from my dorm goes," Knott freshman Chris Rainville said. "And if I miss my dorm's Mass, there's usually another one I can make it to." Radin senior Alice Bartek cited the intimacy of the dorm chapels and the sense of community they inspire. "When you go to the Basilica for Mass, you get all dressed up and the choir sings and it's just a huge deal," she said. "In dorm Masses, you can get personal, intimate level with those around you and with God." Though each dorm is autonomous in deciding when and how they celebrate Mass - milkshakes or no - all 27 dorms, obviously, is quite different from the more formal Basilica setting. Also, the music can be quite different, between what you hear in the Basilica and in a dorm."

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Quill, who is pursuing a painting concentration, said he remembers drawing on the walls of his room when he was less than two years old. He said he has always been drawn to art. "I've always loved art," he said.

"I think it's a great honor considering that the coins are going to be in circulation for over 50 years, and they'll be around for history." Pat Quill Illustrator

"I hope to find a business job and then turn to art as my main source of income. This is a stepping stone to that." Pat Quill Illustrator

Quill said he considers the position to be a stepping stone to a business job. "I'm excited about getting to be a part of history," he said. "I think it's a great honor considering that the coins are going to be in circulation for over 30 years, and then they'll be around for history," he said. "It's hard to believe that I'll be looking at a coin and it could be my design." Contact Joe Trombello at jtrombello@nd.edu
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Officials say Britain spied on U.N. Britain spied on U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's trip to Iraq, a former Cabinet minister said Thursday, triggering yet another row over crisis for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair refused to confirm or deny the accusation and branded his former international development secretary, Clare Short, "deeply irresponsible" for commenting on the issue. For Blair, the allegation is another potentially damaging blow to the Iraq invasion, following controversies over Britain's prewar intelligence dossiers, the death of a weapons inspector, the costs of mass destruction and the collapse of a court case on alleged U.S.-British bugging of the United Nations.

Macedonian president missing

BUTORIC, Macedonia - Macedonian state radio switched to classical music and the government declared a day of mourning after President Boris Trajkovski was missing and presumed dead in a plane crash Thursday.

Mourners lit candles in front of Trajkovski's office in the capital, Skopje, and condolences poured in from world leaders. Secretary of State Colin Powell called the moderate Trajkovski "a great friend of the United States" who helped put his ethnically divided nation on "a stable footing.

The president's party initially said he died in the crash, which happened in a remote, rocky area of mountainous southern Bosnia - Herzegovina-Macedonia, and heavily mined from Bosnia's 1992-1995 war.

Weekend storm hits Southeast

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - A storm brought snow, sleet and freezing rain to the Southeast on Thursday, shutting down schools and government offices and forcing the cancellation of a visit here by President Bush.

The unsettled weather in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky left up to 6 inches of snow in some places, with a second wave in the forecast that could add several inches overnight. In Georgia, which got up to 4 inches in northern counties, high winds brought down trees and power lines, knocking out electricity to as many as 40,000 homes.

Local News

No suspects in killing of mother

LAPEL - Madison County authorities conducted autopsies Thursday on the bodies of a mother and her 4-year-old daughter who were found dead with their throats cut.

Results of the autopsies were not yet available, Carolee Marian Durnichty said.

Investigators say the two were killed as Wednesday's slayings of Cory Clark, 26, and her daughter Jenna, sheriff's Capt. Rick Garrett said. However, detectives concluded the deaths were not the result of a homicide-suicide, he said.

Senate approves handgun safety lock

WASHINGTON - A Senate agreement reached Monday by child safety locks on newly purchased handguns would help reduce the number of accidental shootings in the country.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Barbara Boxer of California and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, would require that all new handguns sold in the United States to have child safety locks. The law would require that the lega- lization providing the gun industry immunity from suits when a legally sold gun is subsequently used in a crime.

Democratic Sens. Barbara Boxer of California and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin argued that requiring child safety locks on newly purchased handguns would help reduce the number of accidental shootings in the United States.

"If we were to pass this legislation and it became the law of the land, the number of children involved in accidental shootings would go way down," said Boxer.

Kohl said the bill "is not a panacea. It will not prevent every single avoid- able firearm-related accident. But the fact is that all parents want to protect their children. This legislation will ensure that people purchase child-safety locks when they buy guns. Those who buy locks are more likely to use them. That much we know is certain.

The Senate in 1999 passed similar legislation but the House refused to approve the measure.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the sponsor of the gunmaker immunity legislation, argued against the measure, saying gun manufacturers already are working on the problem. Craig said the amendment would be an intrusion of the federal govern- ment into people's private homes.

A street vendor passes as tires are set on fire as barricades by pro-Aristide sup- porters near the National Palace after troops stormed through the city about Aristide's resignation in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on Thursday.

A rebel leader Guy Philippe said the pro-Aristide militants, called chimeres or young men, were not his enemies.

"We are calling for everybody to stay home, not to fight against us because we are fighting for them," Philippe said in an interview with The Associated Press in the northern city of Cap-Haitien.

"All those chimeres, we have nothing against them," he said. "We know Mr. Aristide gave them some money and we know how poor they are.

Some 90 miles to the south, Port-au-Prince was a city on edge.

Military helicopters of the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, were ferrying people from the Dominican Embassy to the airport.
Debate team encourages support at weekend tournament

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT

The Notre Dame debate team is inviting all students to participate in the upcoming "Irish Invitational" this weekend.

Starting Saturday at noon and continuing into Sunday afternoon, the team is hosting the largest Midwest invitational of the spring semester, bringing 16 schools to engage in parliamentary-style debate at DeBartolo Hall.

"Crowds are definitely encouraged," team president Meghan Callahan-Peters said. "There's a heckling involved, and you can shame people.

"This is the second invitational in as many years Notre Dame has hosted. The number of schools attending has doubled, this year including such institutions as Indiana University, Purdue College, Purdue University and the University of South Carolina."

"[Hosting] elevates a school's prestige. The program as a whole gets a boost," Callahan said. "It brings more involvement from the Notre Dame community."

As tournament director, team coach Kate Huesteteman sent out invitations to each school, petitioned alumni to judge for the tournament and selected the "resolutions" for the debates.

Resolutions, or debate topics, come primarily from the political realign, ranging from international relations to domestic politics. Past topics include Bush's policy on Iraq both before and after the war.

"You usually have to be more up to date as well as just have a wider knowledge base, because you never know what the topic is going to be," Callahan said.

On the other hand, policy debate demands more facts and evidence to be successful.

"[Parliamentary debate] definitely teaches you how to think on your feet," Callahan said. "Even if you don't know an exact fact about a topic, you can come up with a logical problem with it."

Already a formidable opponent in debate circles, the team finished eighth last year in the National Parliamentary Debate Association's season-long sweepstakes.

"Sweepstakes awards" are given only to the top schools at any particular tournament.

According to Callahan, the Notre Dame team is one of the best in the nation. This coming weekend still looms large, however, and "there's definitely more pressure" to perform well at home, Callahan said. "It should be a good tournament."

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when he realized his birthday was celebrated differently from his friends, he has been aware of the uniqueness of his leap year birthday for as long as he can remember. Rather than believing his birthday loses significance as he can only celebrate it on its exact day once every four years, Doversberger thinks that it becomes more special because of its rareness.

"Unlike a typical yearly birthday, when I explain to people when I was born and how I go about celebrating my birthday, they remember it. As a result, I think it gains significance because it is unique," he said.

Lindsey agreed with Doversberger, saying that leap year birthdays are more exciting to celebrate because they happen so infrequently. She first learned that her Feb. 29 birthday was special when she and her family celebrated her first "real" birthday when she turned four. Instead of being disappointed in what appeared to be a lack of actual birthdays, Lindsey found humor in her situation.

"I thought it was funny," Lindsey said. "Of all the years, months, days and times to be born, I was born on a leap year. It's the story of my life."

In non-leap years, both Doversberger and Lindsey celebrate their birthday on March 1, as they were born on the 60th day of the year. While neither one has specific traditions for the day, each one celebrates with a little more fanfare when Feb. 29 rolls around every four years.

"Someone usually gives me a 'you're turning three, four or five years old' card," Lindsey said. "They also jokingly tell me I'm tall or smart for my age."

Over the years, both students have also found other perks to being a birthday-celebrity of sorts. Doversberger has appeared in a local newspaper or on television every real birthday of his life and has received free $25 gift certificates from the University Park Mall in Mishawaka.

Although Lindsey has not received any special treatment as of late, when she was younger she often won extra prizes at fairs or in games. Recently, her birthday has been of more use to friends and family who have tried to utilize it to win free items of their own.

"Perhaps one of the greatest benefits Doversberger and Lindsey gained due to their leap year birthdays is the fact that it sets them apart from the multitude of other students at Notre Dame."

"Another great thing about being born on a leap year is that I will always be able to tell people I was a student at the University of Notre Dame before my fifth birthday," said Doversberger.

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dent clubs on campus to perform, including the First Class Steppers and the Ballet Folklorico.

"We are aiming to showcase Filipino culture and celebrate it with the Notre Dame community," Vinalo said.

Vinalo said PASO, a student organization that is dedicated to "sharing culture and building a Filipino community on campus," hopes to raise awareness of the Filipino culture by hosting the event.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the dance show will start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door, costing $5 for faculty and students, and $7 for general admission.

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Wall Street remains unchanged

NEW YORK — Wall Street stumbled through a mostly lifeless session Thursday as bargain hunters have technology stocks a moderate lift while struggling defense contractors kept blue chips under pressure. A Commerce Department report that orders for big-ticket items from factories fell by 1.8 percent in January after touching a low of 94.50 cents. The euro was quoted at $1.2439 cents, down from $1.2495 late Wednesday. The dollar was also quoted at 109.63, up from 109.02 Thursday in a speech to the European Central Bank. Mayer predicted April crude futures will test $36 a barrel again, perhaps Friday. "Definitely," he said, "the bull run is not over."
Panelists discuss Patriot Act at SMC

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The atmosphere was thick Thursday night at the panel discussion of the 2001 U.S. Patriot Act, held at the Stapleton Lounge in Saint Mary's Dining Hall.

That was just the way the four panelists wanted it to be. "It does affect normal, everyday people when the atmosphere [allows] for giving up civil liberties for safety," speaker Anita Morse said.

Panelist Doug Archer concurred. "It chills the air in which we exercise our first amendment rights," Archer said. "It's a chilling of the atmosphere that allows for mutual understanding."

Morse, a lawyer, librarian and research analyst for Saint Mary's and Archer, a reference and peace studies librarian at the Resburgh Library, were joined by South Bend lawyer William L. Wilson and Israeli Nusair, a Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership fellow.

Wilson, who is the previous president of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, gave an abbreviated history of the groundwork behind the Patriot Act. Be labeled it "a misnomer, if there ever was one."

The Patriot Act for Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (or Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism) was developed after Sept. 11 to enhance domestic security and surveillance, protect the borders and remove barriers to investigate terrorism, among other things. Now, however, it can be used to enter the lives of everyday Americans.

Under the act, government officials may search homes and obtain lists of purchases, communications, financial and medical records and even library records without informing the person they are investigating.

"It made all of your electronic communications available to the government on the same level that they can get a pen register or a track and trace," Morse said. "If I can track and trace all of your Internet information, I have access to everything that you have looked at."

This includes records for all foreign students, Nusair said. A Palestinian citizen of Israel, she gave an outside view of the act. "It's the step by step process that enroaches on your private and your public life," she said.

The panelists agreed that the act has positive attributes, in its ability to better protect against money laundering and the implemented information sharing between branches of investigation such as the FBI and CIA.

Also, Wilson said discussion of civil liberties is always positive. "We all ought to be talking about it, in the dining hall, around the dinner table," he said. "Where do we draw the line?"

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Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter, who informed the Miller-Ben Zerante-Patricia Adams-Erika D'Addabbo (48.3 percent) and the Ramanan-Lauren Mullins-Lauren Halleman-Emily Short (43.8 percent) tickets of the results Thursday night, agreed observing a similarly close race unfold just two weeks before was a definite advantage for the candidates. "Because a Senate decision already happened, I thought they handled themselves a lot more respectfully than Eberle and Istvan did," Poindexter said.

He said the winner would be decided at Wednesday's regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting, and declined to release dorm vote totals to The Observer.

Of a total of 966 votes, Miller's ticket received 466 and Ramanan's ticket received 423, with the remaining 77 accounting for abstentions. The decreased participation meant that every vote carried a greater weight, Poindexter said. "Traditionally the numbers go down from a primary to a runoff anyway, he said. "It's a lot closer because there are a lot fewer votes."

The class of 2005 race was nearly as close, with the Darrell Scott-Lauren Flynn-Todd-Raaf-Kristin Boyd ticket beating the Katie Boyle-Brian Aggasi-Sarah Bates-Stefanie Berger ticket by 50 votes, 515 to 465. The Scott ticket earned 59.9 percent in Boyd's 45.9 percent with 3.2 percent abstaining.

Scott praised his opposition, saying Boyle had been "great competition" and that he looked forward to working closely with her and running mates during the year ahead. Boyle could not be reached for comment.

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Abuse study concludes 4 percent of priests accused

Bush administration to end U.S. use of land mines

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration intends to end the U.S. military's use of land mines that are not timed to self-destruct but will not sign a 150-nation anti-land mine treaty, a senior administration official said Thursday.

The new policy, which will double, to $70 million, what the United States spends annually to locate and remove mines considered hazards to people and serving no deterrent purpose, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Lincoln Bloomfield, an assistant secretary of state who is President Bush's special advisor on land mines, was expected to announce the new policy at the State Department on Friday.

From now on, all new U.S. land mines will be detectable to U.S. authorities and geared to become inert. But those considered to be part of deterrent attacks, such as in Korea, will remain in use. Those mines will be timed to self-destruct, but they can be reset to remain operable.

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I do not personally know Charlie Ebersol, but from what I read in The Observer, it seems that many coordinated opposition to his bid for student body president despite his extensive experiences. His opponents claim that he drives a gas guzzler of an environment-choke vehicle and may even torture small animals in the back seat. In essence, they suggest that Ebersol lacks the Gusto to become student body president.

In the rough and tumble world of academia, election campaigns can become far worse than any national effort. I should know. Thirty-three years ago I ran for student body president, losing to a guy who drives a Hummer and may have caved to the administration's proposed ban of beer kegs on campus. The male voting block could not relate to Gore's character, and Gore could not identify with Ebersol. He could have better related by going duck hunting like Dick Cheney or at least publicly quoting Digger's basketball record when leading at half-time.

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Meat-free dining halls
not ‘fascist’

I am writing in response to the Feb. 26 article submitted by Chris Vierig. I was a student at Saint Mary’s from 1985 to 1997 and graduated from Notre Dame in 1999. In 2002, I received my J.D. from the law school. Each year over that span of time, someone lodged a complaint in some manner about not serving meat in the dining halls during Lent. Mr. Vierig suggests that this is the University’s “fascist” way of imposing Catholicism on non-Catholic students. He has, of course, also suggested some other ways in which the University is oppressing him because he is not Catholic. The last time I checked, Notre Dame is a private, Catholic institution; therefore, it is the school’s prerogative to follow the traditions of the Catholic faith in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

Mr. Vierig indicates that he was equally aware of Notre Dame’s Catholic affiliation when he accepted the University’s invitation to enter the class of 2007. The dining hall staff is not forcing students to pray before their meals; students are not directed to fast during Lent. Burger King is not shut down for 40 days; and the University does not require attendance at Sunday Masses. It has bothered me for some years to hear students complain about the religious values that Notre Dame has so wrongly thrust upon them. The University does not force students to do anything in contravention of their own religious beliefs. However, the University merely asks you to respect the traditions of the faith upon which Notre Dame was founded. Limiting the students’ selection of food one day a week for 40 days hardly seems like religious persecution. I would suggest that Mr. Vierig’s outrage might be better directed at something more meaningful than missing dining hall meatloaf.

Nicole Borda
alumni
Class of 1999, 2002
Feb. 26

Freshman determination commendable, but point is lost

According to Chris Vierig’s letter in yesterday’s Viewpoint, “the Notre Dame administration has crossed the line into fascism by forcing their views upon us.” You’re kidding? It took you a semester and a half of college to figure that out? I definitely applaud your freshman-like determination to speak out and express your differing opinions, but you are just wasting your time — I realize the irony in saying that you are “wasting your time” when, in fact, I am also wasting my time by responding to your letter. However, you probably should take some time and talk to an upperclassman and discover that the University has not just recently “been going down a slippery slope by foolishly exercising its iron fist more and more.”

During my freshman year, five years ago, hundreds of dorm parties used to radiate through campus every weekend. Dorms hummed with bass as strobe lights from cleared-out rooms flashed into the quad. If you even talk to someone that went here 15 years ago, he or she will tell you crazy keg-tossing stories on North Quad during AnTostal. Granted, the annihilation of the O’Neill Mardi Gras is unfortunate, but it was only a tiny obstacle in the way of the administration, as are you and I.

You expressed your “right to choose” in your article as well, but you chose to come to Notre Dame, and consequently relinquished said rights. However, I will give you some real choices. If you want to eat meat on Fridays, walk to McDonald’s. If you want to get away from the administration’s “iron fist,” move off campus. If you want hard liquor and excitement in South Bend, go to Boat Club. While the administration holds all the cards at Notre Dame, you still do have choices. Before you can be happy here, you have to understand that and respect it.

My suggestion to you, Mr. Vierig, is to try and understand that some things at Notre Dame are always changing while others never will, but either way there isn’t a thing you can do about it — unless you have a lot of money.

Michael Kinder
senior
off-campus
Feb. 26

Stop being offended by Catholic traditions

After nearly four years of dining hall meat food, I am often disappointed at what I see when I enter the food lines. I must, however, give the dining hall credit for not serving meat on Lenten Fridays and Ash Wednesday. As a practicing Catholic, I am also a practicing student who keeps quite busy and has a lot of work to do on a daily basis. Often the first thing on my mind is not “Oh! shoot! I cannot have meat today.” I’d like to thank the dining hall for reminding me that it is, in fact, the season of Lent. Yes, I know that eating meat on a Friday will not kill me or condemn me to eternal damnation, but I do remember that Lent is a time in which we remember Christ’s sacrifice. For the majority of students here who practice the faith that this University builds itself on, I see the dining hall’s no meat policy as helpful, and I extend my gratitude to food services for upholding the beliefs our university is founded upon.

Another student wrote on Feb. 26 that he was “offended and angry” at the dining hall for not serving meat. He accused our administration of fascism for not offering meat in the dining hall. To him, I say, if you are offended by a religion that preaches salvation and forgiveness for all — which is the very definition of a fascist — then perhaps you should be more accepting of the environment that you are in.

Next time my Jewish friends at home invite me to a Seder meal, I won’t get offended that I have to eat bitter herbs and unleavened bread rather than prime rib and a baked potato. I will be mindful of the sacrifices that their ancestors made thousands of years ago and the traditions that their religion carries today.

Stop being an “offended” by Catholic traditions. If you must eat meat, go to Burger King. A cheeseburger costs less than $1 there, so it won’t destroy your flex points either.

Chris Baughman
alumni
Keenan Hall
Feb. 25

Lent equals sacrifice, not fascism

They even took the bacon bits?

Those fascist pigs. How dare they try to impose a belief system that only 85 percent of the student population believes in? The rule that only 15 percent of the students deny their Akipsy happy charges of all that protein in favor of promoting the very values upon which the University was founded? It’s forced religion, oppression and the beginning of a neo-fascist movement spearheaded by the Pope himself — or maybe just Bill Kirck.

Or maybe it’s Lent and another freshman class got the surprise of their college careers when they walked into the dining halls on Wednesday. First of all, Notre Dame didn’t continue down any slippery slope or even any line by removing meat from the dining halls in observance of the Lenten season — this isn’t a new tactic built upon to ruin the best four years of your life. And secondly, they’re not forcing anyone to practice Catholicism — if they wanted to do that they would drag you to Mass, kicking and screaming, and shove the Eucharist down your throat.

The Lenten season was not created to promote a vegetarian lifestyle. Nor was it conceivably to force Catholic beliefs upon unsuspecting freshmen. Most people associate the words reflection, penance, prayer, preparation, humility and sacrifice with Lent, not fascism. Notre Dame is a highly spiritual community. Over 150 Magis have come away from the dorm and a tradition rooted in the Christian faith. You know that coming in. Accepting the invitation to attend Notre Dame is accepting an education that stems from that faith. And that doesn’t stay in the classroom.

Chris Vierig was “offended and angry” when he walked into the dining hall on Ash Wednesday. I was offended and angry when I read his letter on Thursday because I don’t know if he appreciates where he is. Whether you’re a Catholic who doesn’t like sacrificing your chicken patties or a non-Catholic student, please realize that the University does what it does to promote its values and teachings, and in this case, try and remind you what sacrifice truly means. If you’re not up for that, fine. No one’s forcing you to love you. Go over to LaFortune and partake of the many fine eateries that will gladly serve you all the meat you want on any given Friday between now and Easter. But don’t write letters criticizing Notre Dame administrators.

Instead of complaining about what the University does, maybe you should come from this Lenten season, look around and realize what they’re giving you.

Jeremy Sonny
alumni
Class of 2001
Feb. 25
Tragedy showing Saint Mary's Othello, presented by the Guthrie Theater, is the story of a love story torn by deceit and revenge.

Shakespeare's Othello is brought to O'Laughlin Auditorium.

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

The tragic story of “Othello” comes to Saint Mary’s this weekend as the Guthrie Theater presents one of Shakespeare’s most well-known plays. “Othello” tells the story of a Venetian general who has just wed the daughter of a wealthy senator, Barbantio. Barbantio strongly objects to his daughter Desdemona’s marriage to a minority. War calls Othello away to the island of Cyprus to battle the Turks forcing Othello and Desdemona leave. One of Othello’s soldiers, Iago, is bitterly angry with Othello for naming another soldier, Cassio, to the position of lieutenant instead of him. He devises a plan to get Cassio fired and to have Desdemona plead for his job. In the process, Iago plants the seed of jealousy in Othello’s mind and the Moor being a vengeful tirade to uncover the truth.

The feature role of the play is obviously that of Othello, the general who is driven mad with jealousy. The role of Othello probably boasts the largest record of A-list actors in all of Shakespeare. Acting greats such as Laurence Fishburne, Patrick Stewart and Laurence Olivier have left their mark on the role throughout the decades, and Lester Purry does not disappoint in the Guthrie production.

Purry brings a fury and frailty that is often missed by actors in the role. Many actors simply play the Moor as stout and angry throughout the play, but Purry offers just the right touch of emotional weakness to show that Othello’s seemingly over-the-top rage is simply a cover for his weak emotional state.

At the center of the play, he is completely smitten by his love, and Desdemona’s will often cloud his judgment. Shakespeare wrote the character of Othello in a similar fashion to the character of Hamlet. Both contemplate and drive themselves to uncover the truth.

The difference with Othello is that he has less control over his emotions, and acts much more rashly on them. This lack of control stems primarily from the fact that he has already received such hostility all his life due to being a minority. Purry truly breaks down under the weight of his wife’s supposed infidelity, and his anger comes more out of desperation than pride.

It would be easy to identify Purry’s timing and delivery as being derived from the acting of Samuel L. Jackson, but most likely it is the case that Jackson has taken a few tips from Shakespeare in his approach to his movie roles. Bill McCallum plays Iago, the evil conspirator who seeks revenge on Othello for denying him his position as Lieutenant. McCallum has a large task in bringing to life Iago’s several long soliloquies. He adds great depth to his asides and monologues that not only clearly inform the audience of what Iago is thinking, but also keep their attention throughout.

McCallum uses timing to clearly identify both the humorous and the ironic lines that are so prevalent in “Othello.” He is evil to the audience but sympathy to the characters, and he does not fall into the trap of

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Fine dining for the Oscars

Be the host of a memorable themed Oscar party with these fun recipes

What better way to celebrate the glitz and glamour of the Academy Awards than with a themed cocktail party? Toss aside the unfinished homework, dress yourself up and gather all your movie-loving friends for a night of celebrities and these fun hors d’oeuvres that celebrate this year’s best movie nominees.

Lord of the Pineapple Rings Mini Pizzas

Layered English muffins with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, ham slices and pineapple rings. Add spices to your taste and bake on 350°F for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and slightly browned.

Master and Commander – Salmon Spread

Make this yummy appetizer to pay homage to this Russell Crowe sea adventure.

Pair with toasted pita chips or crackers.

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
2 ounces flaked or chopped smoked salmon (try to snag some from the dining hall!)
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon seafood seasoning
1 dash ground black pepper

In a medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, salmon, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, onion powder, seafood seasoning and ground black pepper. Chill in the refrigerator until serving.

ChocoLate Cinnamon “Sea” Biscuit Bites

Separate can Pillsbury® Golden Layers® Refrigerated cinnamon and sugar biscuits dough into eight biscuits and then further separate each biscuit into quarters. Place halved English muffins with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, ham slices and pineapple rings on top and serve warm.

Lost in Translation

Serve some sushi (you can get it at the Huddle now!) to celebrate this Bill Murray drama set in Tokyo.

Mystic River – Boston Creme Cupcakes

Whip up these tasty treats named after the setting of this thriller featuring Sandra Bullock and Kevin Bacon.

1 1/4 cups cold whole milk
1 3/4 cups sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1 (12-ounce) package semisweet chocolate morsels
1 (3.4-ounce) box vanilla instant pudding and pie filling mix
1/4 cup powdered sugar, sifted

Combine milk, instant pudding mix and vanilla extract in a large bowl. Beat mixture with a hand mixer for two minutes, or until it thickens. Place mixture in refrigerator for 15 minutes. Spoon filling into a pastry bag fitted with a medium-size plain tip. Fill cupcakes with vanilla pudding filling by inserting tip into top of cupcake and squeezing a couple of tablespoons of filling into each cupcake. Heat cream in a small heavy saucepan over medium heat until bubbles appear around the edges. Remove from heat. Add chocolate morsels to pan, and whisk until smooth. Spoon or drizzle glaze over cupcakes, or dunk the tops into the glaze. Refrigerate until set, at least 1 hour, before serving. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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Events This Weekend

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Hosted by Billy Crystal

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Desdemona, the virtuous wife of Othello, played by Cheyenne Casebeer, is comforted by the deceitful villain, Iago.

Othello, played by Lester Purry, confides in McCallum, unaware that Iago has
Jazz Festival returns to Notre Dame
46th annual event held on campus this weekend

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

Those of you looking to for a treat this weekend should not miss the yearly opportunity to hear sounds and melodies that unfortunately suffer from a lack of exposure on campus.

The Notre Dame Music Department presents the 46th annual Collegiate Jazz Festival, that started Wednesday and runs through the weekend. The weekend's concerts feature not only Notre Dame but also groups from Michigan State, Western Michigan, Indiana, Marshall and Texas State. All events are free and open to the public.

"Each group will perform its very best music," said Larry Dwyer, the director of jazz bands at Notre Dame. "Most of the groups will include a variety of jazz styles in their programs, to demonstrate to the judges their mastery of both old and new music, and to give the audience an interesting sample of the best of both old and new music, with different tempos and easy-to-listen-to music alternating with challenging pieces."

"By its nature, jazz includes a lot of improvisation, and each group will feature its best improvising soloists." Lauren Fowler, who, along with Greg Salazar, directs the festival, also notes the importance of holding the event without charge. "Thus there's no reason to see one of the best musical shows on campus this year," Fowler said.

Besides great music, the Collegiate Jazz Festival will be judged by a world-class group of musicians, including saxophonist Jeff Clayton, trumpeter Jon Faddis, pianist Alan Pasqua, bassist Dave Carpenter and drummer Peter Erskine. The judges will give awards to individual soloists for their outstanding merit over the weekend. It is also not uncommon for these soloists to go on and have outstanding careers in music, sometimes based upon the recommendations of the judges.

Mr. Dwyer remarks how the judges jam tonight is truly a sight to behold. "It's always a spectacular moment at CIF," he said. "These internationally acclaimed musicians get on stage, with no rehearsal, and jam for about 45 minutes. The result is always incredible.

Students attending the festival should expect a wide variety of style in jazz as well, ranging from more traditional, big band-type arrangements, to the avant-garde works, to the heavily Latin-influenced beats produced by Salsa del Rio, one of the two groups representing Texas State.

Regardless of whatever showcase students may choose to attend, the event should already prove a winner due to its exclusivity in the music world at Notre Dame. We all know how much fun it is to sing along with the club, and we've all experienced the rush of the marching band.

But jazz — what an opportunity to learn something new.

The concerts tonight and Saturday night will be held in Washington Hall and start at 6:45 p.m.

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NHL

Lightning continue hot streak, beat Leafs 4-3

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-3 Monday night, and with the win, the Lightning have enjoyed one of the most successful stretches of any NHL team.

The Lightning have won 11 of their last 14 games and have a four-game winning streak. They have also swept the New York Islanders in their last two meetings, and they have not lost a game since Nov. 10.

In the first period, Richards scored on a power play to give the Lightning an early lead. In the second period, Richards scored again, this time on a penalty shot, and the Lightning went on to win 4-3.

Bowman said the team has been playing well during this winning streak.

"We've been playing well as a team," he said. "We've been moving the puck well and generating a lot of scoring chances."
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- New Jersey: 35-21, 67.5%
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- Miami: 25-33, 43.1%
- Philadelphia: 23-35, 39.7%
- Boston: 24-34, 40.0%
- Washington: 17-38, 31.4%
- Orlando: 16-43, 22.8%

Eastern Conference, Central Division

- Indiana: 42-15, 74.1%
- Detroit: 36-24, 60.0%
- New Orleans: 23-34, 40.9%
- Milwaukee: 30-27, 50.0%
- Toronto: 23-35, 39.2%
- Atlanta: 19-36, 33.3%
- Chicago: 16-41, 27.3%

Western Conference, Midwest Division

- Minnesota: 42-16, 72.7%
- San Antonio: 38-19, 67.9%
- Dallas: 36-29, 55.0%
- Memphis: 34-23, 60.0%
- Houston: 33-24, 56.9%
- Denver: 32-27, 54.1%
- Utah: 25-30, 44.6%

Western Conference, Pacific Division

- Sacramento: 41-19, 68.9%
- L.A. Lakers: 36-18, 68.9%
- Portland: 29-29, 50.0%
- Seattle: 26-31, 41.5%
- Golden State: 24-34, 39.4%
- L.A. Clippers: 24-32, 42.9%
- Phoenix: 19-40, 32.2%

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**MLB**

The baseball capped by Steve Bartman in October’s playoff game between the Chicago Cubs and the Florida Marlins was destroyed Thursday night in a process using heat, pressure and flame.

**Bartman ball destroyed at Harry Caray’s**

Associated Press

The ball, captured on video by Steve Bartman in last October’s 6-3 loss to the Florida Marlins, was destroyed Thursday night in a process using heat, pressure and flame.

**In Brief**

Owens misses deadline to void rest of contract

SAN FRANCISCO — Terrell Owens is still under contract to the San Francisco 49ers after the star receiver apparently missed a deadline for voiding the rest of his contract.

Owens, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, didn’t file the necessary papers quickly enough this week to become an unrestricted free agent, according to the NFL Management Council. Owens’ agent, David Joseph, will file a grievance.

“Even voided the contract. There’s an issue now as to whether or not he voided it effective,” Joseph said.

Owens was among several players required to file a new deadline, which recently was moved up 10 days for players who signed their contracts before the league’s 2001 collective bargaining agreement went into effect.

Cleveland receiver Dennis Northcutt made a similar mistake. The Browns announced Thursday that Northcutt’s agent failed to void the final three years of his contract.

Arizona guard Salim Stoudamire suspended

TUCSON, Ariz. — Salim Stoudamire, the leading scorer for No. 17 Arizona, was suspended indefinitely by coach Lute Olson “for failure to meet team responsibilities.”

The school announced the suspension before Thursday night’s game against Washington.

Stoudamire, fifth in the Pac-10 in scoring at 16.8 points per game, was on the Arizona bench in street clothes for the game.

Whether the ball was possessed by the curse that legend says afflicts the Cubs or not, fans were happy to see it go. To some, the destruction is a sign of the good things to come this season.

“I think it’s very appropriate. It’s symbolic of a new beginning,” Rachel Cannon said.

Claudette Dockery agreed.

“The can cremate the ball for all I care or send it over Lake Michigan, the best I believe is yet to come,” she said.

Cubs fans are ready to move on from the infamous moment.

With the Cubs leading the Florida Marlins 3-0 in Game 6 of the NL championship series and just five outs from their first World Series appearance since 1945, Bartman reacted for the ball hit by Luis Castillo.

From his front-row seat at Wrigley Field, Bartman deflected the ball away from left fielder Moises Alou. The ball then gave up eight runs to the Marlins, and squandered another lead in Game 7 the next night.

**Men’s Basketball**

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

- Stanford (25): 23-0, 77.0
- Saint Joseph’s (5): 24-5, 76.2
- Pittsburgh: 24-2, 67.7
- Duke: 23-2, 66.7
- Creighton: 23-2, 65.0
- Michigan State: 22-1, 64.8
- Wisconsin: 21-2, 64.2
- Cincinnati: 21-3, 63.9
- Louisville: 19-4, 48.9
- Arizona: 17-5, 54.1
- Connecticut: 17-7, 52.9
- Kansas State: 14-8, 45.9
- Wisconsin-Green Bay: 14-6, 44.4
- Oregon State: 13-9, 42.9
- Creighton: 12-11, 40.0
- Providence: 11-16, 33.3
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- Wofford: 10-17, 29.4
- Mississippi State: 10-18, 28.6
- San Diego: 23-2, 26.2
- Kansas: 17-8, 24.0
- N.C. State: 17-8, 22.8
- Georgia Tech: 10-17, 17.6
- TCU: 13-7, 19.3
- Memphis: 19-4, 15.5
- Utah State: 22-2, 15.3
- Illinois: 16-8, 16.6
- Texas Tech: 19-7, 9.3

**Golf**

WGC: Accenture Match Play Championships 3 p.m., ABC
Softball has tough weekend lineup

By HEATHER VAN HOEGERDEN
Sports Writer

In arguably the most prestigious tournament in college softball, the Irish hope that they can avoid the one thing that has plagued them early this season - rain.

Last weekend's Palm Springs Classic saw the Irish endure three days of rain. Their final game against No. 11 Tennessee was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Notre Dame travels to Columbus, Ga., today to face some of the top teams in the nation in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Leadoff Classic. In a tournament that features five of the top seven teams in the NCFA top 25, the Irish hope to gain some quality wins, as they face two ranked opponents in the same number of days.

The tournament, which is being held at South Commons Softball Complex, a former Olympic site, kicks off today with pool play. The Irish (5-3) start things off with Northwestern State (8-5) today at 2:30 p.m. In the nightcap, Notre Dame is set to square off with No. 6 Georgia (9-2) at 5 p.m. Pool play concludes Saturday at 12:30 p.m., when the Irish face No. 24 Cal State Fullerton (3-6).

The matchup with Georgia marks the first time these two teams have met. After pool play, the teams are split up into bracket play, guaranteeing each team at least two more games during the weekend. The 24-team tournament features the top two teams from each NFCA region. This is Notre Dame's sixth overall appearance in the tournament, and third consecutive year. This year's field contains 13 top-25 teams along with the U.S. Olympic team.

Notre Dame hopes that its early season experience will begin to pay dividends for a roster that only includes one senior, Nicole deFau. However, the young Irish have had some early season success. Just last weekend, the Irish defeated Utah 4-3 before losing to Pacific 12-1 and No. 8 Stanford 4-2. They ended the Palm Springs Classic with a 10-0 loss to the U.S. Olympic team, but held them to one run over four innings.

The Irish have been led this early season by sophomore shortstop Sara Schoonart. She posted the Irish's only hits of the game against the Olympic team and was perfect defensively. She will start both this weekend - a jump from her nine spot last weekend. Megan Ciolli, named to the USA Softball Player of the Year to Watch List, added two hits against Utah to lead the Irish to their lone victory last weekend.

Notre Dame has also received strong pitching performances from sophomore Heather Booth. Booth, last year's Big East Rookie of the Year, posted two consecutive complete game victories, her second coming against Utah.

Defensively, the Irish outfield has been outstanding, especially against Stanford last weekend. deFau made a home run-robbing catch to keep the Irish within striking distance.

Following this weekend, the Irish have three more road tournaments. After this stretch, they will have played eight ranked teams.

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

**Season kicks off against Penn State**

By PAT LEONARD

Lions-versus-Irish has become a season-opening tradition.

The lacrosse team opens its 2004 season against Penn State Sunday afternoon at Loftus Sports Center at 1 p.m.

The match marks the eighth consecutive season opener played between the two squads.

No. 11 Notre Dame has won six of its ten all-time meetings with No. 16 Penn State, including a 10-9 victory last year at State College, Penn., to open a 9-5 season.

Attackman Dan Berger scored four goals, and attackman Matt Howell had a goal and an assist in the game. Goalie Stuart Crosland made 18 saves.

The teams have developed a rivalry with the consecutive early-season matches. The games have become solid tests on schedules that have increased in difficulty for the Irish.

"Every year this has been a great game, often the most exciting each year," head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We've both got indoor facilities. This is an early weekend for either team to play unless we have indoor facilities, and both of us do. So we've developed a sort of tradition.

Penn State is 1-0 after beating Ohio State 5-4. Notre Dame has seen the Nittany Lions play that one match, though in the early season the Irish will not concentrate on containing a specific aspect of the Penn State attack.

"We've got to match up with their athleticism," Corrigan said. "Still, in any first game, you're really concentrating on yourself. You can't worry about anyone else. Having seen them play once, that's still only one game. Without a tremendous amount of scouting, we have to rely on our own team's play."

"Every year this has been a great game, often the most exciting of the year." - Kevin Corrigan

**Irish prepare to host rival IU**

By ANN LOUGHERY

Coach Jay Louderback predicts a tough match at every position when the Irish host No. 36 Indiana Sunday.

"We always have a good rivalry with Indiana," Louderback said. "Even if one team is ranked a lot higher than the other, it's still a close, tight match."

Traditionally, the Hoosiers have won past matches against the Irish, leading the series 12-7. However, Indiana has not won a match against Notre Dame since the 2001-02 season. Last year's bout between the two resulted in a 6-1 Irish victory.

The No. 26 Irish (6-1) are on a five-match winning streak after a 6-1 win over No. 20 Brigham Young University 6-1. The Hoosiers (5-2) are coming off an upset of No. 12 Kentucky 5-2, nearly sweeping the singles. Kentucky claimed the doubles point, despite Indiana having what Louderback calls "an off year."

"Indiana probably could have won the doubles point last weekend," Louderback said. "Their doubles play last week isn't an accurate depiction of how good they really are."

"I'd be surprised if the doubles matches aren't close this weekend."

The Irish are set to face several ranked players on Indiana's team, including the No. 24 nationally ranked doubles team of Karle Schukebrect and Linda Tran and No. 50 Grim and Sarah Ratty. In addition, No. 40 Dora Vastag and No. 82 Tran will present a challenge for the Irish in singles. Assistant coach Michelle Dasso is confident the Irish will be ready this challenge.

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Irish elect to skip U.S. Championships

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame indoor track and field team will be able to go outside and enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend. After both teams finished second in last week’s Big East Conference Championships, they will take this weekend off to rest.

The USA Track and Field Indoor Championships are being held today and Saturday in Boston, but Irish assistant coach Tom Connelly said Notre Dame will not be sending any participants.

“Things are just lining up and running and don’t about everything they could,” he said.

The Alex Wilson Invitational will be held at Notre Dame next weekend. Connelly wants to use that meet to get some more team members qualified for the NCAA Championships, to be held March 12-13 in Fayetteville, Ark.

“There are a lot of kids on our team who we want to get qualified next week,” Connelly said. “We also want to fine tune the rest of the people who are already set to go to nationals.”

Connelly believes the team is still confident as it heads into the indoor season.

“The only way for runners to gain confidence in themselves is to run fast,” he said. “Our kids ran very fast last weekend.”

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Irish hope for success on California road trip

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Irish look to start the season on the right foot when they head west to look hors with a pair of California squads this weekend.

After facing the University of California at Berkeley today at 3:30 p.m., the Irish head some 50 miles south to Stanford to take on the No. 14 Cardinal at 12 p.m. Sunday.

Due to a number of factors, coach Tracy Coyne isn’t exactly sure what to expect from the Cardinal.

“We’ve never played them before, and because it’s so early and all their games have been in conference, it’s difficult to get a scouting report,” Coyne said.

“I’m expecting them to be pretty good, but in all honestly I’m expecting to win.”

The Irish, on the other hand, are more than familiar with the Cardinal. After a number of squandered opportunities led to a 14-13 double overtime heartbreaker against Stanford’s last season, Notre Dame is eager for a little payback.

“I definitely think this is one of the games on our schedule that we’re really looking forward to playing,” Coyne said. “We know they’re going to be a good team, and we’re looking forward to [the game]. It’s a revenge type of situation.”

In addition to the level of competition, the Irish will be forced to battle the fatigue involved with both playing and traveling. Nevertheless, Coyne believes the team can successfully weather the storm.

“We’re going to do the best we can to balance everything out,” Coyne said. “It will be a challenge, but I feel confident in our ability to face that challenge head on and perform well.”

Following a 17-9 thrashing of Team Canada in exhibition play Feb. 14, the Irish finished up a short preseason at the prestigious Princeton Invitational Saturday.

The team competed in a unique arrangement that allowed the Irish to compete against defending champion and No. 1 Princeton, No. 7 Dartmouth and No. 9 Ohio State — the Irish sandwiched half-games with the Buckeyes and Tigers around a full-length match with the Big Green.

Notre Dame kicked off the Invitational by recording a 10-0 shutout of Ohio State. However, the Irish ran into trouble with the pair of Ivy League squads. Dartmouth held off Notre Dame for a 12-8 victory, and Princeton made short work of the Irish in the tune of a 7-0 shut out.

Despite the setbacks, Coyne is content with the squad’s status heading into regular season play.

“I’m really pleased with where we are right now,” Tracy Coyne Irish coach

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BASEBALL

Irish travel to Florida to face 3 top 25 teams

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

After a successful opening weekend, the Irish travel to Boca Raton, Fla., for the Florida Atlantic University Classic. The Irish have their work cut out for them as they will play four games in three days and face three teams — Winthrop, Florida Atlantic and Minnesota — ranked in the top 25 in various national polls.

"We’re really excited about going down to Florida," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I think a lot of people underestimate the teams we’ll be playing down there this weekend. Teams like Winthrop and Florida Atlantic — people don’t recognize them because they don’t have big foot­ball programs — but these are some very excellent baseball teams we’ll be playing." Notre Dame will also play an extra game with Florida Memorial Saturday afternoon to make up for last weekend’s rained-out contest with Louisville. Mainieri was excited about the opportunity that saw Notre Dame get a game with the Lions over the weekend because it gives him a chance to test the depth of his pitching staff.

"I’m happy we got a chance to schedule Florida Memorial this weekend, because we’re very upset about the rainout against Louisville last Sunday," Mainieri said. "But now with this game, we’ll have to use a bunch of pitchers this weekend in the four games. The younger guys really need to get some experience on the mound in a real game situa­tion, and these games should provide that." The Irish begin play today at 1 p.m. against Winthrop (4-1), who moved into the latest National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll this week at No. 25.

The Eagles are led offensively by second baseman Matt Matkovich, who boasts a .450 batting average and seven RBI. As a team, the Eagles are hitting .314 this season, while holding opponents to just a .209 batting average.

Junior right hander Chris Niesel, who opened the season for the Irish last weekend with a nine-strikeout performance in a 7-1 win over San Diego State, will likely get the start for Notre Dame. His counterpart on the mound for Winthrop should be lefty Chase Edwards, who is 1-0 on the year and did not allow a run in 5.2 innings pitched.

After a 2 p.m. meeting with Florida Memorial Saturday, the Irish turn around quickly for a 7 p.m. matchup with host Florida Atlantic. The Owls are 10-0 this year and are coming off a 2-0 win over South Florida.

"We’re really excited about the rainout against Minnesota both for the Big Ten. We were very encouraged by second baseman Matt Matkovich, who boasts a .450 batting average and seven RBI. As a team, the Eagles are hitting .314 this season, while holding opponents to just a .209 batting average. You expect some of the older guys to come through, but those younger guys really need to get that experience," Mainieri said.

After the two good wins against the Aztecs and Trojans last weekend, Mainieri is hoping his team can carry that momentum into the Florida Atlantic Tournament.

"To see how we played in our first game on the field was really encouraging," Mainieri said. "We hit the ball well, our pitchers pitched well, and we never mis­handled balls in the field or made bad throws. The opening weekend provided two really good out­ings for us to get a springboard into the season."

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Rutgers next test for Irish after victory over Miami

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

How do you improve after beating a top 20 team by 35 points?

That is the question Notre Dame will try to answer when they face Rutgers this weekend in New Jersey.

The Irish (18-8, 11-3) are fresh off a 93-58 victory against Miami at the Joyce Center Wednesday night. Jacqueline Battezzat scored 23 points to lead the Irish. All 12 Notre Dame players scored in the Irish highest-scoring game of the season.

But coach Muffet McGraw knows her team better be ready for a battle against Rutgers (16-10, 8-6). "Rutgers is playing really well at home," McGraw said. "They’re in a position now where they’re in must-win game situations. They really need to beat a team with an RPI as high as ours this big East tournament, for their conference and the NCAA Tournament." It’s a must-win game for the nation’s best player.

Besides Peddecker, Notre Dame must deal with another road environment. The Irish are 5-8 on the road this year and have struggled in many of those wins. Notre Dame nearly lost its last road game, to conference doormat Pittsburgh Feb. 21, slipping by the Panthers 72-68. The Scarlet Knights have lost just to Connecticut on their home court. The Fighting Irish are 7-1 in conference play so far. The Irish are 7-1 in conference play so far. The Irish are 7-1 in conference play so far. The Irish are 7-1 in conference play so far.

"It’s a tough place to play," McGraw said. "But we’re playing our best basketball right now." With its win over Miami, Notre Dame locked one of the four first round byes in the Big East Tournament. They are now trying to secure a second-place finish in the conference. The Irish are a game in front of Villanova and West Virginia. The Irish finish the regular season against Syracuse March 2.

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more Pat Brown. Frisch had several key headshots to give him the advantage in the fight. Frisch will fight junior Jim Cristoforetti in the quarterfinals.

Senior Dennis Sullivan defeated freshman Nick Curcio in a unanimous decision. Sullivan will face senior front "Total Eclipse of the Heart" Purish in the quarterfinals. Burish defeated sophomore Nick "Brooklyn" Klein in a split decision after a relentless sec-

ond round.

Graduate student Josh "The Garden" Noem and Patrick "Me Wants Honeycombs" Merril. Noem defeated Merril in a split decision. Merrill began the fight with a strong start, and was unable to main- tain balance throughout most of the fight. Despite a slow start, Noem picked up the tempo of the fight in the sec-

ond round and continued until the finish. Noem will fight senior Eric Callahan in the quarterfinals who received a first round bye.

The final fight in the 180-pound weight division was between sophomore Robert

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NFL

Lewis indicted on drug charges

Associated Press

ATLANTA — One of Jamal Lewis' lawyers believes the evidence prosecutors used to obtain an indictment may actually clear the Baltimore Ravens running back of drug charges.

Lewis was released Thursday on $500,000 bond after he pleaded innocent to charges that

he tried to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the sum-

mer of 2000.

After a brief hearing, defense attorney Ed Garland said that a recorded telephone conversation cited in federal prosecutors is open to interpretation.

"They may have omitted things that should have been in there," Garland said. "We believe it will show he is innocent."

Lewis stood outside the federal courthouse in the rain and made a brief statement.

"I just want to say it's extremely important to me that my family, my friends, my fans and the Ravens organization know that I am innocent and have nothing to be concerned about," Lewis said.
Rivalry
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and see where things will go," Notre Dame co-captain Torrian Jones said.
Mired in a two-game losing streak where a win in just one of those games would have solidified this team's claim for a NCAA Tournament berth, Jones knows as a captain he has to work with Irish coach Mike Brey to keep the team positive.
"We have to make sure everybody's mood is up as we have done for the whole season up until this point," Jones said.
With the injuries suffered by almost every Irish player making significant contributions this season, Brey's squad has had to deal with more adversity this year than any other season of his in South Bend. According to Brey, overcoming all of the injuries and getting into the national spotlight as a possible NCAA Tournament team is something more than anyone could have hoped for.
"Quite frankly it's amazing that we even got to the bubble at one point given the bodies available to us," Brey said.
After dropping a tough game to Pittsburgh and winning three straight to gain some momentum, the Irish stopped making their shots. Whether that's a credit to the opponents' defense or just going cold, Brey knows his team relies on the outside shot and it has to go in for the Irish to win.
"We've got to make some shots outside, whether it's against a zone or a man-to-man, because of who we are now with the personnel available," Brey said. "A couple of those things have to go in. When a couple go in, we are a little more confident."
"Hopefully a couple will go in [when we are] in Los Angeles because we are going to keep firing them."

The Bruins (11-13, 7-9 in the Pac-10) lost 78-77 to cross-town rival USC Wednesday in overtime. UCLA has now lost 10 of its last 12 games after starting the Pac-10 season 5-0.
Saturday's game is schedule for a 4 p.m. tip-off and will be shown on CBS.

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Bengal
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A third consecutive fight was stopped early after sophomore Daniel Morialty of Stanford Hall got knocked down twice a minute into the first round by junior Justin Alain of O'Neill Hall.
In the next match, sophomore Patrick Flaherty of Sorin Hall won in a unanimous decision over freshman Bryan Marek of Knott Hall.
In a bloody last fight in the 165-pound division, senior Peter Doldin was defeated by senior William Phillip. The fight was stopped late into the second round.

165 pounds
The first of six fights in the 165-pound weight division opened with a match between sophomore Andrew "Party Boy" Breslin of Alumni Hall and senior Jesus Bravo.
Bravo defeated Breslin in a split decision.
In the second fight, freshman Parfait "Powerhouse" Mwez of Zahm Hall won in a split decision over freshman Preston Carter of Carroll Hall.
Senior Ross "Pipe Cleaner Arms" Bartels defeated Billy "Killa Bee" Hederman in a unanimous decision in an emotionally charged fight.
Two juniors from Keenan Hall faced off in the next fight. Chase Heaston emerged with the victory over Craig Thompson.
Sophomore Tony Schlachter of Morrissey Hall won the next fight with a victory over sophomore Alex Borowicki of Keough Hall in a split decision.
In the final fight of the 165-pound division Daniel "Black Eye For The Straight Guy" Liam of Morrissey Hall gained the victory against junior Patrick McMorrow of O'Neill Hall in a unanimous decision.

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The irony of Lenten Friday's at ND...

Can you believe this? Shrimp, fish, crab, the D-hall has GREAT food today. What's the occasion?

Well...it's a festive Friday during Lent. so we don't eat meat as a personal fast. No complaints from me, I love seafood!

Put your answers in an e-mail. I don't want to be paying for the pauses between your words.

I've ruled out paranoia.

I mean, they vote for you in the elections, right? I'm not paranoid.

I've also read that legal matters are in your future. So set your mind on what it is you want most out of life.

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JUMBLE

Henri Arnold

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Henri Arnold's Horoscope for February 26:

Sharing your birthday: Elizabeth Taylor, Mary Frizz, Joanne Woodward, Ralph Nader, James Farrell, James Lee Huston, Adam Baldwin, Chelsea Clinton

Happy Birthday: You've got all the right moves this year. You're sure of yourself and your ideas. You'll be able to reach your goals. Set your course and don't deviate even if someone does try to sidetrack you. This is your time to forge ahead. If you don't make headway, you'll have no one to blame but yourself. So set your mind on what it is you want most out of life. Your numbers: 10, 17, 30, 24, 32, 38

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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January 23 - April 20
You must complete unfinished projects if you wish to keep everyone around you happy. Disruptions in your home will surface if you have not spent enough time with family. ****

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) You can expect to see fireworks at home if you have been spending too much time with your friends or on the road. Delays in projects are likely. Make your clients happy. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can be depressed and sad. You don't expect anyone to come to your rescue. You have to solve your problems alone. Financial changes will be favorable if you have budgeted wisely.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can be sensitive and told that you are sensitive. Don't overextend yourself. Be sure that you put some extra cash aside in case of an emergency.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can get involved in a highly creative project. Get busy and work on ideas or hobbies that you had put aside. You can really express yourself well when dealing with those close to your heart today.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your desire to work will lead you to your lover's work space. Don't hesitate to plan your vacation early. Just the thought of going away should improve your emotional well-being.****

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can get involved in a property matter. But you must not overextend yourself. Try to approach it from a business-like position. Your day is going well, you'll have no one to blame but yourself.****

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You should take care of your health. You've been spending too much time with your friends or on the road. Delays in projects are likely. Make your clients happy. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can ask co-workers to help you finish up your work. Don't allow anyone to get you spending more than you can afford. Children may be emotionally demanding.****

Birthday Baby: You know how to work within the confines of a group. Your ability to contribute worldwide ideas will enable you to gain recognition throughout your life. You are friendly, versatile and giving. Your success and satisfaction will come through your empathy for others.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Rivalry renewed against UCLA

Struggling Irish head to California, square off against Bruins after nine-year hiatus

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

It's been nine years since one of college basketball's top rivalries took place.

Saturday, the rivalry is renewed.

Notre Dame travels to the Pauley Pavilion to face UCLA Saturday. The last contest between these teams was an 81-58 UCLA win at the Joyce Center Dec. 20, 1995.

The Irish (13-11, 7-7 in the Big East) are coming off a difficult 73-59 loss to Providence and seeing their NCAA Tournament hopes greatly diminished. Saturday's game gives the Irish a different opportunity — to play a late-season non-conference game and try to get back in the win column looking to build momentum to close the season strong.

"The main thing we are looking to do now is play one game at a time, to finish above .500 in the league, with the things we've been through this year, injuries, guys in and out of the lineup, guys playing hurt, it would be a big accomplishment for this team to go into the Big East Tournament above .500," said...They are

Tom Timmermans looks to pass during a game against Providence Tuesday. The Irish travel to California on Saturday to renew their rivalry with UCLA.

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MEN’S TENNIS

No. 1 Illinois crushes Irish 7-0

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

"There were times," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said, "I thought I was in the middle of a bad dream.

The Irish were swept 7-0 yesterday by No. 1 Illinois, the defending NCAA champions and a team that Bayliss will always remember.

"This was the greatest display of offensive tennis I have ever been a witness to in a college setting," Bayliss said. "They are

An Irish tennis player prepares to rip a forehand in a match this year against SMU. Illinois beat Notre Dame 7-0 on Thursday.

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Bengal Bouts

170-pounds—Light Heavyweight

Sefton defeats Baker

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

During the second night of the 74th annual Bengal Bouts, the 170-pound weight division began its preliminary matches.

The weight class began with freshman Brian Sefton defeating junior John "The Undertaker" Baker. Sefton will go on to face No. 1, seeded Tommy Domko in the quarterfinals. Domko received a bye in the preliminaries.

The second fight was between Morrissey junior Jeff "Headshot" Schaal and Zahm senior Patrick "The Irish Curse" McGarry. McGarry won in a unanimous decision despite receiving a hard blow to the face that caused him to bleed. McGarry will face Matthew "Touch me, I'll sue" Smith in the quarterfinals. Smith, an off campus law student defeated St. Ed's sophomore Bill Bordogna.

The fourth fight in the divi-

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Irish take on first-place Michigan this weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sport Editor

In what has sounded like a broken record this season, the Irish again will take on a ranked team this weekend. The difference is that this series is at home, where the Irish have a 12-game unbeaten streak (10-0-2).
Notre Dame (15-11-4, 11-10-3 in the CCHA) will put that impressive streak on the line when they face the CCHA's first-place team No. 4 Michigan (21-8-1, 16-5-1) tonight and Saturday at the Joyce Center.

The Irish have played nine games so far this season against ranked teams, collecting a 4-4-1 record in those games— including a 1-0 win over then-No. 1 Boston College Oct. 24. That record is even more impressive considering that all nine of those games have come away from the Joyce Center.

"Our difficult schedule has really prepared us for games like this," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It really does prepare you to go out and play a game like this — there's nothing that can compare to playing a Boston College at Boston College or a game against Maine.

"Those kinds of games really prepare you for the big conference weekends like this one."

The Irish enter the weekend in sixth-place Western Michigan with 25 points. They trail sixth-place Michigan by one point and fifth-place Alaska Fairbanks by two points. One advantage Notre Dame has over these teams is that the Irish have games in hand (one game in hand on WMU and two games in hand on UAF).

"We've been in situations near the end of a season where you have to hope that another team loses games, and it's lousy," Poulin said. "It's terrible watching the scoreboard and hoping that somebody else does something. I would rather have Notre Dame play to decide where Notre Dame is going to go in the postseason."

Michigan has had a distinct advantage in the series (15-3-5), the record is much closer in games played at the Joyce Center (Michigan leads 18-17-2). The Irish have certainly taken advantage of their home ice and have not lost at the Joyce Center this season since a 5-3 loss to Bowling Green Oct. 17.

"I really think we've got a real advantage [at the Joyce Center]," Poulin said. "We've just created a great atmosphere here — the band's been tremendous, the students, the fans, the energy, the horn — every part of it has added to the atmosphere.

This weekend's matchup is a crossover between the No. 1 scoring defense in the CCHA in Notre Dame and the No. 2 scoring defense in the conference in Michigan. One big reason for each team's defensive game has been the play of its goalies—sophomore Alvaro Montoya for the Wolverines and junior Morgan Cey and freshman David Brown for the Irish.

In a recently-released NHL Central Scouting rankings, Montoya was ranked the No. 1 collegiate goaltender eligible for this year's NHL draft, with Brown ranked No. 2.

"I think these are probably three of the top goalies in the country, and there will be a lot of focus on them, but I also think their teams play great defense in front of them," Poulin said. "There's a lot of components that make up a good goalie, but it certainly helps to have defensively- sound players in front."

Michigan has one of the best offenses in the conference, with an average of 3.84 goals per game. A large percentage of that offense comes from the Wolverines' power play, which scores at a 21.9 percent rate and an average of 1.28 power play goals per game.

Notre Dame's penalty kill has been just as impressive. The Irish have killed 33 consecutive penalties and have killed 89 percent overall (121 of 136) to lead the CCHA and rank third in the nation.

"The special teams will be enormous," Poulin said. "You're getting the No. 1 penalty kill against the No. 1 power play this weekend, and it's huge. Part of our success on the kill has been because we've been taking fewer penalties — it's a lot easier to kill three or four penalties than six or seven."

Notre Dame faces Michigan at 8:05 p.m. tonight at the Joyce Center. That game will be broadcast nationally on College Sports Television. Face-off Saturday is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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Announcing the Year 2004 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2004 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of college credit by the start of the program.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

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The puck stops here

Notre Dame's senior defensemen have made a major impact this season

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
American Sports Editor

An offensive-minded defenseman. A player who plays at a level far above his stature. A tough guy on the ice but a good citizen off the ice. A player who is the definition of a hard-working student-athlete.

Like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, the four senior Irish defensemen — Brett Lebda, Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski and T.J. Mathieson — have each played a role in the team's impressive defense this year. Notre Dame is ranked first overall in the CCHA and ninth nationally in scoring defense, with a goals-against average of 2.37 goals per game. While part of that success has been due to the play of the team's goalies, having four defensemen on the backline has also paid great dividends for the Irish.

"It's the most critical position, when you have a sound defense," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "There's just so much experience back on our blue line, and you just can't find a replacement for that. "I think it also helps that they're all good friends. They play off each other and really help each other out there." The offensive-minded defensemen

Watching him on the ice, it's sometimes hard to believe that Lebda is a defensemen. He's played senior constant uses his skating ability to take the puck up the ice and does not shy away from contributing to the Irish offense.

"The offensive side is probably the biggest part of my game," Lebda said. "In the four years I've been here, it's become more of a game for me, and I'm becoming more of a forward."

Growing up in Buffalo Grove, Ill., Lebda fell in love with hockey at an early age and always tried to push himself to be the best player he could be.

"Hockey has always just been something I've loved to do, ever since I was too young to remember," he said.

As a 16-year-old, Lebda was extended an invitation to join the U.S. National Team Development Program (NTDP). During his two seasons with the U.S., NTDP, Lebda became friends with current Irish teammate Neil Komadoski.

"I think that hockey players are the best people you can know, and as I've gotten older, I've become more of a leader on the team," Lebda said.

Lebda leads all Irish defensemen so far this year with five goals and is second in overall scoring with 16 points. In addition to contributing on the offensive and defensive sides of the puck, he considers his physical play to be a major part of his overall game.

"I really just like to get in there and throw the body around every once and a while," Lebda said. "I'm not really the biggest guy ever, but I'm not afraid to shy away from anything."

The small guy with big game

Galvin, whose biography doesn't really leap out at you on first glance, is 5-foot-10, 190 pounds, the senior defensemen is one of the smallest players on the Irish roster — a far cry from giants like 6-foot-4 freshman defenseman Wes O'Neill.

"I guess I probably don't have the typical image of a defensemen, that 6-3 or 6-4 kind of guy," Galvin said. "I think I'm kind of different from most because I'm strong, small and can move the puck pretty well."

Growing up in Buffalo Grove, Ill., Galvin has blossomed this season on all sides of the puck, adding an offensive flair to his sound defensive game.

In Notre Dame's last home series against Ferris State, Galvin scored in a goal-three assists while also going +3 at the weekend for the Irish. Galvin was named the defensive player of the week in the CCHA.

"I like playing an offensive role a lot," he said. "I actually started playing forward when I started playing hockey, and then I moved back to defense because that's where I needed to be — so every time I score a point or get an assist, it's always a plus."

The Miller Place, N.Y., native has found a niche on the point with linemate Komadoski in the Irish power play. Special teams have been a large part of Notre Dame's success this year, and the power play unit is no exception with an 18.1 percent conversion rate so far this season.

The good citizen

Komadoski may be a hard-hitting defensemen on the ice, but once the final horn has sounded, he can be a great citizen. Komadoski was named a nominee for the College Hockey Humanitarian Award, one of only 14 nominees in the nation.

"I get a lot of credit for the leadership that I bring," Komadoski said. "A lot of people think that hockey players are the biggest mouthy tough guys, but off the ice I don't think you'll find a better person than a hockey player."

"I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates, too. We've all done a lot of community service through the year."

Komedoski has had hockey in his blood since as far back as he can remember, and a big reason for that is his father Neil, who played eight seasons as a defensemen for the Los Angeles Kings and the St. Louis Blues.

"He had a tremendous influence on me wanting to play hockey," Komadoski said. "He coached me all the way up until my freshman year in high school and really taught me a lot of the things that I know now."

"He still helps me to this day; he comes to all the games and really helps me out whenever I need it."

Following a two-year stint with the U.S. NTDP and current teammate Lebda, Komadoski made an immediate impact on the Irish as a freshman, collecting seven points (two goals, five assists) while also leading the team with 45 penalty infractions.

Komadoski's play attracted the eyes on NHL scouts, and the Ottawa Senators selected him in the third round of the 2001 NHL Entry League Draft. He is one of two Irish seniors who have been drafted by NHL teams, along with forward Rob Globke who was a second-round draft pick of the Florida Panthers.

The hard-working student-athlete

Mathieson has never had anything come easy. His hometown of Clarksville, Md., was certainly not one of the premier hockey hotbeds in the United States and it was difficult to get noticed by some of the major college hockey schools.

Following a visit to Notre Dame, Mathieson was told that the coaches couldn't guarantee him a position on the team, but would instead leave it up to the Mathieson to impress.

He improved the Irish coaching staff that they allowed him to walk on to the team, and he has played a role for the Irish ever since, collecting three points (one goal, two assists) in 43 career games so far in his career.

"The role that T.J. plays every single day for four years on this team has just been enormous," Poulin said.

In addition to being a full-time varsity athlete, Mathieson has also found a way to juggle an impressive academic schedule. He went into his senior season with a 3.812 grade point average in Aerospace Engineering and a candidate for the Rhodes, Mitchell and Marshall scholarships for undergraduate studies.

"He's tough at times [to stay on top of his studies]," he said. "I have to say that it's probably easier, though, because it keeps me on schedule."

"As it gets later in the semester it's tough, cause you have a lot of late nights and practices with little sleep, but you get used to it. I think it's been a rewarding experience."

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Irish have chance of a lifetime this weekend

Notre Dame and Michigan. At the Joyce Center. With home-ice advantage for the first time in 12 years and the chance to clinch the CCHA playoffs on the line. It just doesn’t get any bigger than this. Michigan is, and has always been, “the” team in the CCHA. They’ve won numerous national championships and conference championships, and have gone into each season expecting to win a national championship. This is a team that helped sell 74,534 seats at the Michigan State football stadium when they played the Spartans in college hockey’s first ever outdoor game in 2001. This is a team that has had a losing season since 1986-87. And this is the team that Irish will face at home for the last regular-season weekend of the season. I think the team is pretty pumped right now,” Irish senior defenseman Neil Komadoski said. “I’m going to get back to you and say that this is the biggest weekend of my college career.”

The Irish have never been to the Super Six Championship three of his last four years. He has made the most of his recruiting, with star players such as Wes O’Neill and David Brown already major contributors this year.

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4-4-2-0. Notre Dame has a depth of experience that will be key to this weekend. The Wolverines have had no time off this season and currently have a 12 game unbeaten streak. The Irish have only lost one game at home this season and currently have a 12 game unbeaten streak. Despite playing in a nest of home ice advantage, Notre Dame’s students and fans have helped create a true home-ice advantage.

COACHING

Offense

The Irish offense has been the team’s Achilles heel at times. The team has not had an offense outside of the trio of Rob Globke, Aaron Gill and Mike Walsh. Notre Dame scores a lot of its goals as the result of going hard to the net.

Defense

Defensively the Wolverines are strong, only giving up 2.37 goals per game. The defense can hold leads, with the team holding a 16-2-0 record leading after one period.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame’s power play is one of the best in the country, ranked ninth overall in scoring percentage and 29th in goals against average of 2.37. The Irish win a lot of games by close margins as a result of a defense that keeps the team in nearly every game.

Goalkeeping

The Wolverines have the top power play in the CCHA, collecting a 21.8 percent clip so far this season. Their penalty kill is not quite as impressive, at 84.7 percent. That can be a problem, as the team takes a lot of penalties.

INTANGIBLES

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Michigan is used to being one of the powerhouse hockey programs in the country, and this year is no exception. The Wolverines know they only need three points to clinch the CCHA regular season championship.

The Irish have a chance to make the top team in their conference and a chance to make a case for an NCAA tournament bid. It’s the last home weekend of the Irish this season, and the Joyce Center will be rocking.

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Associate Sports Editor

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Irish defenseman

"This off week allowed us to get healthy and rest up our minds going into this big series," Poulin said. "The energy’s been high all week in practice and hopefully that will carry over to this weekend."

With a successful outing against Michigan, and a few wins in postseason play, it would not be presumptuous to assume that the Irish would have quite an attractive resume for the NCAA Tournament selection committee.

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The Irish have certainly shown they are capable of beating the best teams in the country already this season. Notre Dame defeated then-No. 1 Boston College 1-0 on the road back on Oct. 24, ruining the Golden Eagles’ home opener.

The team has also defeated then-ranked teams No. 3 Ohio State, No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 15 Ohio State this season, with all those victories coming away from the Joyce Center. Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 17 in RPI and has three quality wins, tied for first overall.

Notre Dame's has been at a loss for many years. The Wolverines have had no time off this season and currently have a 12 game unbeaten streak. The Irish have only lost one game at home this season and currently have a 12 game unbeaten streak. Despite playing in a nest of home ice advantage, Notre Dame’s students and fans have helped create a true home-ice advantage.

"We’re a good hockey team, but the chance to be great is ahead of us. There are certain points along the way that are magnified, and this I think is one weekend."

When the puck drops tonight, Notre Dame will get that chance.

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