Dietary habits pose ongoing struggle

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Although the "freshman 15" is notorious for causing freshmen and college students across the nation to gain unwanted pounds, there may be other repercussions to the phenomenon that spur an unsafe hyperconscientiousness of nutrition and exercise.

Freshman 15

Living in a college setting, combined with the pressures of managing demanding classes, exercise, and the limited availability of food on campus, can often lead to quick weight gain during a student's first year at a university. Over time, freshmen may begin to see the effects of these factors in the form of "the freshman 15." Notre Dame manager of nutrition and safety Jodie Antonelli said the root of the freshman 15 is hardly mysterious.

"It is generally easy to understand the causes," she said. "It boils down to three things — students eating late at night, alcohol consumption and excitement at the initial array of [food] options available." Despite media attention given to the freshman 15 via outlets like Internet health Web sites like WebMD.com, broadcast news channels like CNN and magazine publications like Newsweek, incoming freshmen may not worry about weight gain a great deal prior to arriving on campus.

"I think that people definitely know about the freshman 15 and most people hope not to gain an extra 15 pounds their freshman year, but I don't think it's one of the primary concerns for a new freshman," said Notre Dame freshman Tiffany Tavares.

Though students may not show signs of apprehension before enrolling on their first semester and the issue is brought to the forefront upon arrival to campus. "The concept of the freshman 15 exists here just the same as it exists on every college campus," Antonelli said.

ND faces eating disorders

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

Notre Dame will be holding Eating Disorders Awareness Week in an attempt to create an environment that is accepting of diversity and less focused on issues like weight. Valarie Staples, coordinator of Eating Disorder Services in the University Counseling Center, has been planning activities and exhibits in conjunction with "The U 90 Wellness," a student-run wellness group, since October.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a national event from Feb. 27 to March 5. The dates, however, were shifted for Notre Dame due to spring break. In general, college students are particularly affected by eating disorders because college is a time of transition, which makes individuals more vulnerable to stress.

Despite its prevalence, people are hesitant to talk about disordered eating. Through Charlie Weis spoke at 6 a.m. last Monday to 207 students, beginning his first day on the job in the Joyce Center. Now, due to student initiative and compliance in the Notre Dame Athletic Office, the now Irish head football coach will make himself more visible on campus by visiting dormitories.

As part of an organized effort to have the new Irish head football coach acquainted himself with the Notre Dame community, Weis will visit campus dormitories from 10:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. each Monday through Thursday until he speaks to all of the brother and sister hall groups.

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Heininger announces General Board editors

The Observer has hired department editors for all but one General Board position, incoming Editor in Chief Claire Heininger announced Sunday. The appointments are effective March 14.

"Each person selected brings significant talent and experience to their respective positions," Heininger said. "I am confident the staff assembled will build on the tradition of excellence The Observer has established."

There will be a restructuring of leadership in the Assistant Managing Editor role, Heininger said. Three people will hold the title of Assistant Managing Editor, with each focusing on her area of expertise. Heather Van Hoogwegen will serve as the Assistant Managing Editor for News and Advertising, overseeing a news department of approximately 30 people and supervising news and advertising content. Van Hoogwegen, a junior from Pasquerilla West, is an accounting major and journalism minor from Burr Ridge. He served as the Observer's Viewpoint Editor since January 2004 after previously working as the Scene Editor.

Charlie Weis addresses a group of students on his first day of work Monday. The incoming coach will make a series of dorm visits to acquaint himself with the Notre Dame community.

Weis scheduled to visit dorms

BY PAT LEONARD
News Writer

On Monday at 6 a.m., Notre Dame incoming head football coach Charlie Weis will begin his first day on campus by visiting dormitories. Weis is following the lead of former Irish coaches Frank Leahy and Lou Holtz, who made the first move on campus before taking the field.

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The Alleged harasser caught

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Notre Dame Security Police is investigating charges against a man who allegedly sexually harassed a female student in separate on-campus incidents last week, NDP director Rex Bakow said Sunday.

The man, a South Bend resident who is not affiliated with the University, was riding his bike near the Hollis Sports Recreation Center at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday when he approached the student from behind and grabbed her buttocks, Bakow said.

Bakow declined to release names of those involved.

The staffer, who is in his mid-twenties, called NDP when she returned to her office, but the alleged suspect escaped, Bakow said.

The man repeated his actions the next day, allegedly harassing an off-campus female at approximately 11:15 a.m. near the Ekh Tennis Pavilion, Bakow said. After the student called NDP from her cell phone, nearby officers were able to apprehend the man and bring him in for questioning, when he admitted to both incidents, Bakow said.

The man was arrested, Bakow said, because the alleged crime was not a felony and NDP did not witness either incident. NDP did issue a trespass warning against the man, which means he will be arrested immediately if any crimes come to campus again, Bakow said.

Bakow said the alleged suspect did not know either the staffer or the student, Bakow said, calling the man's actions a...
Everyman bowls

A champion's death came and went last week with palpable coverage and little fanfare. A native son of Indiana, Dick Weber (pronounced "webber") passed away at the age of 75. Dick Weber was a bowler. Please don't stop reading, I promise this is going somewhere. I agree that "bowler" and "athlete" are not synonymous. Any competition which derives its competitive advantage from alcohol consumption (see billiards, Beirut or golf), while making for an helluva game, should not qualify as a sport. But the distinction of "athlete" in no way removes the honor associated with successful gamesmanship in any of those contests. Thus, it is with the same deep respect that Weber should receive his due.

Granted, a few short weeks ago, my only reasons for knowing or caring about Weber's life and legacy would be for the perfect game for Everyman. Increasingly addictive hobby was to spend the last semester of our senior year there as old lady with the 12-inch forearm catch the fat guy with the mullet whose low-slung jean shorts leave very little to the imagination. I do not profess to be a "good bowler" by any stretch, and thanks to the legacy of Dick Weber, I don't have to be. Who knows, with any luck, by the end of the season, I just might have hit the score that some twerp fifth grader hustled off me last week.

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

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IN BRIEF

As part of Haiti Awareness Week, a dinner and lecture event, entitled "A Taste of the Caribbean: Eyes on Haiti," will be held today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. Father Tom Streit will be speaking.

Professor John Shinnors will give the lecture "The Da Vinci Code: Cracked or Crackpot?" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's. The talk is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Humanistic Studies Department.

A performance of "The Laramie Project" will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show, performed by the department of film, television and theatre studies, is running until Mar. 3.

A blood drive will be held in Rolfs Recreational Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. To sign up for a convenient time, call RecSports at (574) 631-6100.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Jazz Combo will be performing at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. The event is free and sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Karen Richman will give the lecture "Haitian Vodou: Arts, Culture and Religion" at 3 p.m. Friday in the Snite Museum of Art.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Variety of food choices offered

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

The latest Princeton Review rankings placed Notre Dame at No. 17 for first one-campus food, partly because of the variety in the two dining halls' feedback-based menu.

Notre Dame meals tend to be communal and social events. While engaged in dinner-time conversation, students sometimes forget — or even disregard — the nutritional content of their chosen foods.

"We tend to be a market-driven organization, and as our students are asking for more nutritious foods we are ready and willing to provide them," director of Notre Dame Food Services David Prenktowski said.

The wide range of food options at the dining halls provides students with wholesome options, despite the availability of less than healthy foods such as French fries, pizza and Belgian waffles.

"We believe that our menus include a wide variety of food choices prepared by various cooking methods to provide variety for all types of eating patterns," Prenktowski said. "Ultimately the choice is up to the consumer — we can only make it available."

Many students praise the availability of diverse foods, which incorporates both healthy and unhealthy options.

"The dining hall is good about making nutritious food available," senior Amitha Allen said.

"I am a vegan and I find that I am still able to find plenty of healthy things to eat in the dining hall." At times, however, some foods are deceiving and thus make selecting the more healthful item a difficult choice. For example, a blueberry muffin served at South Dining Hall contains 540 calories and 25 grams of fat, whereas an iced chocolate cake donut has just 115 calories and 10 grams of fat, according to the Notre Dame Food Services Web site.

For the past five years, the Food Services Web site has provided a thorough database called the Nutritional Accounting System (NAS) to help students differentiate between healthy and unhealthy foods. The NAS, which contains the nutritional content of almost every item of food served in both North and South Dining Halls, sees "significant" student use, Prenktowski said.

According to the Food Services Web site, the NAS is currently being expanded to include all campus restaurants, including the Bakeries, Waddle's and the Bookstore Cafe. Currently, these places do not supply nutritional information in their customers unless asked.

The proposed expansion will be useful to the more than 90 percent of all Notre Dame students on the Flex-14 meal plan, who are given 260 Flex Points to spend at campus eateries outside of the dining halls per semester.

According to Prenktowski, chain venues like Burger King, Sharo, Subway and Starbuck's, in addition to the Huddle Market and other non-retail food outlets, also present students with healthy and unhealthy meal options.

"One thing to consider is that the standard menus of Burger King, Sharo and Subway are not necessarily unhealthy — all food has nutritional qualities," Prenktowski said. "It is more important to look at food consumption over a period of time, so it's okay to eat a Whopper now and then but balance it with less-fat offerings too."

Notre Dame manager of nutrition and safety Joenic Antenelli said many stigmatized foods could have a place in a healthy diet as long as they are not eaten in excess.

"My philosophy has always been that no specific food is unhealthy and that any food as the potential to fit into a balanced diet, it just depends on the choices the person makes on a regular basis," Antenelli said.

Some food choices reflect the health-conscious nature of Notre Dame on the whole. Students frequently opt for a lunch turkey sandwich from Subway rather than a Double Whopper cheeseburger — 260 and 1860 calories, respectively, according to the restaurant's Web sites.

"When looking at our Huddle brand restaurants each of them have significant traffic, but Subway continues to serve more people each day than the others," Prenktowski said.

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Team places second at regional College Bowl

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Thanks to a trove of Keenan men, Notre Dame's accomplishments in intercollegiate team competitions this past weekend were not limited to athletics.

Chris Hamner, Troy Androlik, Derek Jay and Tommy Gleson traveled to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to compete in the ACUI Region 9 College Bowl Championships Friday and Saturday, placing second in a field of 11 teams from colleges throughout Indiana and Illinois.

First-place honors went to the University of Indiana, who answered best questions relating to topics such as science, current events and history. The Notre Dame finished 6-2 in the preliminary round and went 2-2 in the double-elimination bracket round, finishing runner-up and just ahead of Purdue.

The University of Indiana will travel to Seattle in late April for the College Bowl National Championships.

"We had been preparing for the tournament by practicing old questions, so we felt that we had a very good chance of doing well," Hamner said.

A College Bowl tournament consists of eight-minute halves with toss-up questions. The first team to buzz in gets to answer. Correct answers result in the chance to answer a bonus question.

"Most people were there smart enough to know most of the material, so the big thing was having the intuition to get it early from Little Clues," said Gleson.

Hamner, Androlik, Jay, Gleson and law student Tommy Curtin earned the right to represent Notre Dame at the regional tournament when they placed first in the campus wide team competition in January while competing under the name "Jack Pies Savages," Curtin did not attend the regional tournament in Indianapolis.

"Obviously I'm a little disappointed that we didn't win, but we lost to a team that was probably better than us," Androlik said.

Both Hamner and Androlik have College Bowl experience, being members of the regional tournament champion from two years ago. The two went on to compete in the national tournament that year, which was held in Philadelphia.

Although winning the regional tournament is the only sure way to secure a berth at nationals, regional winners account for only 15 of the 16 slots. The 16th team is selected at random from the 15 runner-up teams at the regional tournament.

"We might get lucky and go to nationals," Jay said. "We're hoping we can have that team." Contact Karen Langley at klanglel@nd.edu.

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passive awareness, planners hope there will be a talk and four fear surrounding eating disorders on the Notre Dame campus.

Throughout the week, table tents will be set up in the dining hall to give messages encouraging healthy eating. The 24-hour hotline will have information about eating disorders with Internet addresses so students can gain more information if desired.

Fitness affirmations will cover up the calorie counters on cardio machines at 24-hour fitness in the entryway of Rolfs. One of the messages displayed is to recognize beauty can be seen through many different filters, said Staples.

The Gender Relations department is hosting a public discussion and recovery from Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. "Do I Look Fat in This?" a lecture by Jessica Weiner, eating disorder activist and author of "A Very Hungry Girl," will take place Wednesday at 9 p.m. in DeBartolo 101. Weiner's lecture is considered the highlight of Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The film "Barbie Nation" will play on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall.

According to Staples, involvement with the University Counseling Center can range from a single visit to comprehensive treatment.

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Siegfried, Pasquerrilla West, Kregoh, Welch Family and tentatively Zahm and Cavanaugh.

Siegfried senator James Leito and Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni, who unsuccessfully ran for Student Body President and Vice-President this year, organized the schedule to promote the visit as part of their campaign platform.

Holden responded to an email to try to verify Weis' availability, Leito said. "Weis had come to us and indicated a big interest in doing something with Notre Dame," Holden said.

"So we've been communicating with him for the last week or ten days in terms of how this could get coordinated as best we could," Leito said.

The first part of Leito and Bongiovanni's plan proposed Weis meet with students in dorm so we can "come to their dorm, either like a regular academic speaker," Leito said he and his running mate originally planned to schedule the visit's closer to spring practice to gain support for the Blue/Gold game.

But athletic officials demanded a sooner date so Weis could not attend other matters eventually will decrease the coach's availability.

"The good thing for Weis right now is that without his family being here on a regular basis, he's got a lot of time," Heisler said.

Leito and Bongiovanni will attend Tuesday's I fall meeting to propose Weis' remaining schedule after this week's visits occur, Leito said.

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"We are committed to fully cooperating with NDSP's investigation," Rackow said, "but we are unsure if they would participate in filling charges. NDSP looks to file within the week, Rackow said.

The man is described as approximately 30 years old, double majoring in marketing and finance in Columbus, Ohio. Rackow worked as a retail advertising intern at his hometown newspaper, the Youngstown Vindicator, last summer.

Kennedy, a Mcglinn Hall junior, is majoring in graphic design and minor in journalism. The Principia, Mo. native joined The Observer staff during the fall of her sophomore year.

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Editors

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Landsberg will remain Co-editor-in-Chief, a position he attained in January when he first joined The Observer. A sophomore economics major from Farmington Hills, Mich., Landsberg lives off-campus.

Tricia Kelley has been hired as Photo Editor, a position she has held since May 2004. Kelley, a senior English and art history major from Columbus, Ohio who lives in Cavanaugh, will be staying at Notre Dame for a fifth year.

The six new General Board appointments are:

• Mike Gillion, Sports Editor
• Megan O'Neill, Saint Mary's Editor
• Rana Gotzumukka, Scenic Editor
• Graham Ebeling, Graphics Editor
• Nicholas Guerrieri, Ad Sales Manager
• Jennifer Kenning, Ad Design Manager

Gillon, a sophomore from Stanford majoring in English and minoring in journalism, started working with The Observer during the fall semester of her freshman year. The Omaha, Neb. native previously covered Notre Dame baseball, football, recruiting and men's track.

O'Neil is a junior majoring in English literature and Spanish. Originally from La Crescenta, Calif., O'Neil lives in Holy Cross Hall and is currently working with the South Bend Tribune as an academic intern. She joined The Observer during the fall semester of her freshman year.

Gottzumukka, an O'Neil freshman, is majoring in biology and film, television and theatre. The Chicago, Ill. native started joining The Observer staff during the fall of her sophomore year.

League City, Texas native began writing for the Scene section during the fall of his freshman year and has served as an assistant scene editor for the past two years. Ebetsch, a sophomore from Carroll, began working for The Observer during the fall of his freshman year. The graphic design major is a native of Wheaton, Ill.

Guerreri, a St. Edward Hall junior, is double majoring in marketing and finance. The Canfield, Ohio native worked as a retail advertising intern at his hometown newspaper, the Youngstown Vindicator, last summer.

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$4 TURKEY FRESH

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A half foot of pastrami, smoked ham, provolone, lettuce, tomato, and mayo. (Real foot)

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Turkey, roast beef, deli meat, lettuce, tomato, and mayo. (Queso del Billy who invented this great combo)

$9 ITALIAN NIGHT CLUB

The turkey, roast beef, provolone, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and mayo with special sauce on extra grilled bread. (Hey ya' like the pepper, just ask)

$10 HUNTER'S CLUB

A half foot of fresh sourdough bread rumble beef, provolone, lettuce, tomato, and mayo. (Rumble beef)

$11 COUNTRY CLUB

Fresh sliced turkey breast, smoked ham, provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion, and mayo with grilled Spanish rice on Texas toast. (Try it on a jumbo whole wheat bread. This veggie sandwich is world class)

$12 BEACH CLUB

A half foot of fresh sourdough bread, provolone cheese, avocado spread, fresh tomato, lettuce, onion, tomato, and mayo, with fresh grilled Spanish rice. (To go with an over size sub)

$13 GOURMET VEGGIE CLUB

Double provolone, real avocado spread, sliced vegetables, provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion and mayo. (Try it on a jumbo whole wheat bread. This veggie sandwich is world class)

$14 BOOTLEGGER CLUB

A half foot of fresh sourdough bread, provolone cheese, avocado spread, fresh tomato, lettuce, onion, tomato, and mayo, with fresh grilled Spanish rice on Texas toast. (To go with an over size sub)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Charting Israel's borders begins JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet began charting Israel's future borders in a historic Sunday session, giving final approval to a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and a revised route for the West Bank separation barrier that would move Israel's border closer to that of its original frontier.

With the vote, an Israeli government agreed for the first time since capturing the West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 Mideast war to dismantle some of the dozens of Jewish settlements it has built there. However, approving the route of the barrier, Israel acted unilaterally on what was to be a key issue in peace talks with the Palestinians and signaled it will keep a chunk of prime West Bank land close to Jewish settlements, including large Jewish settlement blocs.

Former president promises aid LAMPURU, Indonesia — Former presidents Bush and Clinton traveled Sunday to ground zero of the tsunami. The two former leaders flew in U.S. military helicopters from the provincial capital, Ramban, where the barren landscape was that once was a patchwork of rice paddies, to the village of Lampauk, where the sole structure left standing is a large white mosque. The village had 6,500 inhabitants before the tsunami, now 700 remain.

"I've never seen anything like this in my entire life. Ever," Bush said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Actress Sandra Lee dead at age 63 LOS ANGELES — Actress Sandra Lee, the blond beauty who attracted a large teen audience with films such as "Gidget" and "Tammy and the Doctor" and who had a headlining marriage to pop singer Bobby Darin, died Sunday. She was 63.

Died at 5:57 a.m. at the Los Angeles Hospital & Medical Center in Thousand Oaks, Calif., said Cynthia Mead, nursing supervisor. She had complications from kidney disease after nearly two weeks in the hospital, said Steve Blauner, a longtime family friend who was at Darin's estate. Blauner said Fred had been on dialysis for about four years.

"She didn't have a bad bone in her body," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

CNN Headline News alters network NEW YORK — For a network that has built its reputation on predictability, CNN Headline News is undergoing some dramatic changes Monday. The network will debut a new prime-time lineup that dispenses with its usual continuity "wheel" of news. Like all-news radio stations, Headline News has run half-hour newscasts throughout the day and evening for its entire 23-year history.

The new lineup includes an hour-long entertainment program, a legal talk show with Nancy Grace as host and an hour-long newscast at 9 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Meth devastating lives and families VINELAND — When Troy McChre hit bottom, his life was out of control. He was arrested with his wife and two children. He had lost his home, his license to drive and many of his friends.

But he still had his meth cooker and was accomplished at manufacturing "poor man's crack" out of meth.

"I used to work so hard at getting high," said Fromen, who turned to re-entry after serving three years in state prison for crimes related to his methamphetamine habit. "And I had nothing. I was losing everything."

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush leave the White House for a trip to Europe in attempt to strengthen ties with allies after sharp disagreements over the war in Iraq.

Bush aims to mend ties in Europe SEEKING TO repair relations, Bush tells Europe 'no power on earth will ever divide us'

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — President Bush sought to repair rocky relations with Europe on Sunday, saying "no power on earth will ever divide us." He urged allies to move beyond differences over Iraq in the interest of Mideast peace.

"As past debates fade and great duties become clear, let us unite and stand as a trans-Atlantic unity," Bush will say in a speech on Monday. "Applying for aid for Iraq, he urges the world's democracies "to give tangible political, economic and security assistance to the world's newest democracy."

Excerpts of his address were released on his arrival here.

"Hoping to see a more conciliatory tone for this second term, Bush will meet over five days with some of his toughest critics: French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, both of whom fiercely opposed the U.S.-led invasion.

Bush also will see Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has alarmed the West with Moscow's retreat from democracy.

Monday's speech, the main address of his trip, is a conciliatory message aimed at a citizens across Europe, where Bush is widely disliked.

"Today, America and Europe face a moment of consequence and critical importance," the president will say. "Together we can once again set history on a hopeful course — away from poverty and despair and toward development and the dignity of self-rule... away from recent brutality, violence and toward justice and the peaceful settlement of differences."

Bush's visit was intended to soothe allies frustrated that their views on issues from Iraq to global warming were often ignored by the White House. Bush said that the European-American alliance is essential for security and global trade and offers of model of freedom for the rest of the world.

"In all these ways, our strong friendship is essential to peace and prosperity across the globe — and no temporary debate, no passing disagreement of governments, no power on earth will ever divide us," Bush will say.

"Our greatest opportunity and our immediate goal is peace in the Middle East" the president will say. "An alliance of 88 environmental, human rights, peace and other groups planned two days of protests in Brussels, beginning Monday, to demand "no European complicity in a U.S.-designed world order."

Brussels police raided 2,500 officers — 1,000 more than the usual number for the three or four summit meetings that bring European Union leaders to the Belgian capital every year.

While seeking to move past old divisions, Bush and European leaders still face major differences.

Washington opposes Europe's plans to lift a 15-year-old arms embargo against China. Bush has been cool toward Europe's negotiations to ban Iran from abandoning its suspect­ed nuclear weapons program. The White House prefers asking the U.N. Nations Security Council to punish Tehran.

Hard feelings linger from Bush's opposition to the Kyoto climate change treaty and the International Criminal Court.

Bush expresses support for Europe's democratic unity in his speech and says Washington supports a strong Europe. He also says Washington shares Europe's concern about global poverty.

"By bringing progress and hope to nations in need, we can improve many lives, and lift up failing states and remove the specter of terror," the president will say.

New effort to preserve Malcolm X legacy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — He was one of the most charismatic figures in the civil rights movement and also one of its most feared, a former convict who adopted the "Black Messiah" name, energized the Nation of Islam and met the civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Four decades after his death, Malcolm X has inspired another movement — artists around the country examining and preserving his legacy.

Leading the way are Malcolm X's daughters, who want to convince people he was a champion of human rights and is converting the Audubon Ballroom in upper Manhattan — the scene of his assassination on Feb. 21, 1965 — into a history center that would catalog his life and work.

"It's our responsibility to make sure that we do preserve and document our history to empower future generations," said Ilyasah Shabazz, the third of six daughters born to Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz. "On Monday, the Audubon will be the site of a commemorative event on the anniversary of Malcolm X's death.

The official opening of the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Education Center at the Audubon is slated for May 19, on what would have been his 80th birthday.

His life has defied easy definition. The son of a preacher who was killed after being threatened by the Ku Klux Klan, Malcolm Little was arrested for robbery in 1946 and spent six years in prison.

He emerged as a fiery Nation of Islam minister with a new name and a message that blacks should cast off white oppression "by any means necessary."

He propagated the Nation of Islam from a 500-member sect into a political and religious organization with 30,000 members by 1963.
Freshman Regina Gesicki agrees that a freshman year weight gain is not exclusive to Notre Dame.

"I think the freshman 15 is an issue anywhere," Gesicki said. "Grapping with weight gain is almost inevitable when one is introduced to a completely new environment, routine or group of people."

But while weight gain is something that remains salient on the minds of freshmen, the majority of students do not allow it to consume their lives.

"Most people want to be healthy and in shape, especially when breaks roll around, but the freshman 15 doesn't seem to make people really weight-obsessed as far as I can tell," Tavezard said.

Disordered eating

While social and educational pressures may subject some students to the freshman 15, others are able to adjust to the collegiate lifestyle and alter their nutrition and exercise regimes accordingly.

"ND is very health-conscious, however sometimes I feel students become obsessed with healthy eating and exercising," Gesicki said.

The Notre Dame community tends to embrace its athletic nature — 75 percent of this year's freshman class participated in a varsity athletic sport. Indeed, a much smaller proportion of these students continue playing at this level for Notre Dame. The displacement of an athletic source presents incoming freshmen with a struggle to become more self-motivated in regards to diet and exercise.

"I was used to being forced to exercise because of the stress in high school, and it's tough to make myself get out and run or something here, so I joined Bengal Bouts," freshman John Bees said."

Not all students agree with Gesicki. While junior Ian Grant, the president of the Notre Dame running club, said, "I don't think there are too many places one could find with a knife fight more likely to break out over a lifelong machine than at a party."

According to Gesicki, the struggle of some students to evade the freshman 15 translates into a unhealthy fear of weight gain, which may lead to disordered eating habits.

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Students order pizza at North Dining Hall Thursday. Nutritional information for all dining hall food can be found on the Notre Dame Food Services Web site.
Calls for federal regulation grow

Data retailer scandals widen making half a million vulnerable to identity theft

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When word first emerged this week that scammers had illegally obtained detailed dossiers on 33,000 people by posing as legitimate customers of ChoicePoint Inc., the data-brokering company was at first portrayed as a relatively minor criminal case, limited to California.

But by week’s end, it was shaping up to be a full-blown scandal with as many as a half million people nationwide potentially vulnerable to identity theft.

The Coeur d’Alene, Idaho-based company acknowledged it scammed a stent company, Guidant Corp., and its patients.

Guidant spokesman did not immediately look forward to reporters, but he said in a comment that his company didn’t act alone.

“Investigations, job applications, DNA analysis lab, facilitates drug testing for employers and sells background-checking software at Sam’s Club,” he said.

But ChoicePoint said it discovered the breach in October, when the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department began investigating one case of identity theft.

James Lee is the chief marketing officer and vice president of ChoicePoint Inc. ChoicePoint customers have recently been the victims of a nationwide identity theft.

Former Qwest executive indicted

DENVER — Federal prosecutors on Friday accused a former Qwest Communications International executive of illegally collecting $2.9 million by secretly cashing in investment opportunities at the expense of the company’s stockholders.

The indictment also said former senior vice president Marie R. Weisberg kept Qwest from offering shareholders the chance to invest in initial public offerings and concealed the extent of his personal investments.

Weisberg, 47, surrendered to the FBI last Friday and was arraigned to court in handcuffs.

He was released on $1 million bond and has no comment for reporters, but he said in a written statement that he believed he was "singularly targeted by the government."

"I look forward to clearing my good name when facts of this case come out in court," he said.

He planned to enter a plea next week.

United targets fall bankruptcy exit

Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines has pushed back its targeted exit from bankruptcy this summer until fall, saying that its complex restructuring will take at least three years — twice as long as anticipated.

The latest delay was formally acknowledged Friday when a U.S. bankruptcy court approved an agreement between United and its leaders, which extends its temporary financing by three months until Sept. 30.

The new loan from J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Citigroup Inc., CIT Group Inc. and GE Capital eased some terms for UAL Corp.’s United, including reducing interest rates, waiving the January monthly earnings benchmark that it missed and lowering its minimum cash requirement to $600 million from $750 million.

"The improved terms represent a vote of confidence for United even though it continues to be unprofitable after 26 months in bankruptcy, reporting a widened fourth-quarter loss of $664 million and a $1.6 billion deficit for 2004.

"The changes to the financing agreement reflect our belief that United has made significant progress to date in lowering its costs and executing on its business plan,” said Bill Rebozo, managing director at J.P. Morgan Chase.

But United still is confronted with daunting challenges in order to emerge from Chapter 11, which it entered in December 2002 with expectations of an 18-month restructuring.

The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based carrier has so far been able to get two of its biggest unions to agree to long-term, lower-cost contracts and risks labor turmoil if it has its own terms imposed in court. The ground workers’ contract expires on April 11 and the mechanics’ on May 31.

A May 11 trial looms on its plan to eliminate traditional pensions unless consensual deals are worked out.

Monsoon, who runs a research firm in Tucson, Ariz., dedicated to privacy management in business and government.

"People ought to be standing in lines processing this."

Word of the identity theft case got out after ChoicePoint sent warning letters to people in California — the only state with a law requiring disclosure of such security breaches to people whose identities are threatened.

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The new bill will divert the largest, multi-class actions from states to courts at the federal level, where judges typically dispense greater impartiality and less knee-jerk anti-business populism. Presumably, the social cost of winning so low, businesses settle early when the cost of such assured losses is high. When the cost of winning so low, businesses settle early, the country benefits from the country’s welfare state as merely reactionary and devoid of scholarly concern, though, a joint survey by the Library of Congress and the Book of the Month Club is "Atlas Shrugged" and "The second most influential book for Americans today." After the Bible, Rand's "Living History" was not yet published at the time of the survey.

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Challenge militarized society

The role of the university within society — if nothing else — is to raise questions. As such, the issues of a quality university education is a student who is capable of both seeing and challenging the structures and assumptions that underlie and shape us. Scholars from Aristotle to Huntington have had ideas about human nature and the ordering of our social relations, and have juxtaposed these ideas with their respective contexts to provide prescriptions for change.

This mandate holds especially true for a Catholic University such as Notre Dame, which is — at least, in theory — ordained with a mission to spread the counter-cultural values of the Gospels. But this responsibility of the university is being sacrificed by its unwillingness to boldly challenge the most root evils in our world. The clearest example of this is its lack of support for the institution of the military.

Even though the Catholic Church endorses only two approaches to violent conflict (the just war and pacifist tradition), neither of which is followed in our country, the contradictions between Notre Dame and the military remain largely unquestioned. We are home to the largest Naval ROTC program in the United States. Our department of engineering receives millions of dollars to conduct research for the United States Department of Defense. The CIA and corporations such as Raytheon and Lockheed Martin, whose factories pump out the most lethal weapons of human history on our world, recruit freely on campus. Through these actions, the University is not only sanctioning and reinforcing the centrality of unquestioned militarism in our society, but also sacrificing its integrity as a place of objective debate. Students with a vested interest in these foundations are not free to question them without sacrificing their own success as soldiers, corporate prospects or even Notre Dame students.

Histroric to justify these connections is based on the idea that the United States military does not spread Catholic values around the world, and that the Catholic Church is a pacifist — a curious and inspiriting concept — is a misleading moniker that is blinding us to reality. Our country has demonstrated that it is not sovereign by any means just since the conclusion of World War II, and either completely or severely invaded 46. We are the only country to have ever used an atomic bomb, the most extreme example of civilian nondestruction. We support terrorist regimes, such as Israel and Saudi Arabia. Our militarism extends to the marketplace, in which we export more than 50 percent of the global arms trade, fueling and profiting from violence everywhere in the world from civil wars in West Africa to turf wars in the Bronx. So much spin and constructed ideology has been invented to justify these realities that it has become difficult to hold one's head above water enough to see the needlessness of the resulting human suffering. Don't get me wrong, I'm not a determinist, or anti-militarist or anti-American, whatever that means. But I'm calling the bluff. We are not pursuing a just global order. We are pursuing self-interest. And unless the pursuit of self-interest and the preservation of a hegemonic global order at the expense of others is a Catholic value, then we should be witnessing true progress toward peace and the common good. In contrast, continuing to build up our military only guarantees that we will continue to rely on it.

Historical confrontations over this reality on campus have been resisted by our administrations. The 10 students who blocked the entrance to a recruitment presentation by Dow Chemical during the Vietnam War — the corporation responsible for producing chemical weapons that have left many, including my own father, with Agent Orange cancer and worse — were expelled from the University. Similarly, a recent protest of Raytheon's presence at a career fair at Boston College left five students on academic probation. What would the response on our campus be like if we invited a corporation who produces antibacterial needles and instruments to recruit from our student body? Why are Catholic values being marginalized, and in what ways?

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THEATER REVIEW

'Laramie' addresses hate crimes

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Taking a step inside Laramie, Wyo., in real life isn’t something you’ll necessarily remember. The town, which claims a population of just over 27,000, might seem like just another stopping point in the long trip across the plains of Wyoming.

Taking a step inside “The Laramie Project,” though, is certainly unforgettable.

The play, written by Moises Kaufman, focuses on the aftermath of the murder of Matthew Shepherd, a 21-year-old homosexual student killed by two young Laramie residents in 1998. The murder was one of the most brutal anti-gay hate crimes to come to light in the United States, and it became a national symbol of intolerance.

“The Laramie Project” explores the thoughts and feelings of Laramie residents, showing a picture of a town trying to cope with a hideously shocking incident and the sudden dark fame that came with it.

Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project traveled to Laramie to conduct over 200 interviews that were incorporated into the play. The final version contains statements and the stage and lighting cues.

The result is a play that makes a coherent whole out of a series of seemingly isolated speeches. The characters mostly address the audience and rarely each other, which makes the individual voices in the monologues often seem isolated and confused.

However, the actors who perform the monologues drift in and out of a chorus that is the overwhelming voice of the play. The community of Laramie as a whole, represented by the entire cast, expresses incomprehensible pain and anger through its attempt to understand how it could have bred the perpetrators of such a crime and how it can deal with these alienated members of its own family.

The script requires little explicit interaction between characters, but as a result it requires exact coordination of the movements of the chorus and the stage and lighting cues.

“Everyone is sort of dependent on each other,” said Louis Jordan, a local actor who auditioned for the play on the recommendation of a Notre Dame professor. “The energies are so interconnected that it’s almost like we are relating to each other.”

Director Anton Juan, a professor in the department of film, television and theater, began work on the play three days after starting his job at Notre Dame in January.

Juan only had five weeks to work with the cast members but was impressed by their ability to work so closely together.

“It’s rare to find that with pick-up actors,” Juan said. “I think they could become a company now.”

“The Laramie Project” may focus on the death of a young homosexual, but the performance by the department of film, television and theater emphasizes the theme of general hate crimes that runs through it. The murder of Shepherd is a symbol of a variety of hate crimes that are either explicit or implied throughout the show.

The music behind the action onstage emphasizes the way the incident ties into larger themes of hate and humanity. Francisco Feliciano’s Miss Mysterium and Mozart’s Requiem, among other pieces, serve as a universal backdrop for a comparatively small incident.

The set design oddly seems to reflect the state in which the play is set. Skeletal trees, fences and open sky that dominate much of Wyoming. The versatility allows many scenes to blend together in the same space.

The costumes also help the chorus blend together, as silver or black pants and shirts are dressed up when the actors move into different roles. Set and costumes both make use of eye-catching materials that seem to abstract the actors from the words that they speak.

“I think guaze works with memory,” Juan said. “It’s lined, it reminds you of what is inside. It’s very cococon-like, and wind-like at the same time.”

The performance unquestionably benefits from the facilities in the Decio Mainstage Theater, which has recently been drawing attention, risks moving into a controversial sphere by addressing the issue of homosexuality. A scene in which a male character appears dressed like a dominatrix sporting the Nazi insignia might raise hackles, but it also provides a striking statement that would be difficult to achieve through subtler means.

“It serves a couple of different purposes,” said Jordan, who performs the scene in the FTT performance of “Laramie.” Theatrical performance of “Laramie” at the Decio Mainstage Theater, which has recently been drawing attention, risks running into a controversial sphere by addressing the issue of homosexuality. A scene in which a male character appears dressed like a dominatrix sporting the Nazi insignia might raise hackles, but it also provides a striking statement that would be difficult to achieve through subtler means.

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This scene from “The Laramie Project” depicts a group of protesters, led by the Rev. Shepherd’s funeral.

Left, “The Laramie Project” depicts an emergency room after a bar fight. Right, a surgeon explains to audience members Matthew Shepherd’s condition after he arrived at the hospital.

Shepherd’s murder, while also addressing the overall theme of hate crimes.
BOSS TRIBUTE BAND ROCKS CLUB 23

By CLAIRE KELLEY
Scene Writer

After drawing a massive crowd earlier this month at Legends, the Bruce Springsteen tribute band, otherwise known as The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be, played for an equally enthusiastic and energetic audience Saturday at Club 23.

It was not difficult to see why the band draws such devoted fans. Each band member played with incredible passion — from the talented lead vocalist to the animated percussion duo. The band’s dynamic demonstrated its devotion to the Boss and created an environment that made dancing easy.

The band formed last fall with original members Paul Appleby, Reid Rector and Dan Bloek. However, it has recently expanded to a nine-piece band with a wide range of instruments. The band consists of Appleby on keyboard and lead vocals, Mark Coughlan on saxophone, Rector on guitar, Erling Wu-Bower on drums, Greg Ujda on bass, Megan Hackish on violin, Michael McNamara on tambourine and backup vocals, Block on maracas and Dan Watson on trumpet.

The founding members of The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be paused to answer a few questions in between sets Saturday. Thoroughly engrossed in their performance, these band members seemed to walk a contentious line between their true selves and their alter egos.

Q: Why do you love Bruce Springsteen?
A: Paul: Because he is the most significant recording artist in the last 76 years.
Mark: I’m the Clarence Clemons he thought he had to be.

Q: Why are you named “The Heroes We Thought We Had to Be”?
A: Paul: It’s a line from the song “Backstreets.”
Reid: But we don’t actually play that song.
Paul: Shh … don’t say that. We’re working on it.

Q: What sort of musical backgrounds do you have?
A: Dan: We have a limited amount of talent, particularly the backup vocalists.
Reid: But Paul is amazing. He is probably the number one tenor in the school. He is a music major, and he’ll be appearing in the Opera Les Mammelles de Tiresias.

Q: What challenges has your band faced?
A: Reid: We’ve had some technical difficulties. Our equipment is cheap because we’re poor.
Mark: Also some academic difficulties.
Paul: We had some trouble at Legends with the sound system. Our favorite place we played was Boat Club.

Q: You seem to play the lesser-known Springsteen songs. Why don’t you play the really popular hits?
A: Paul: Most of them are swill. We don’t go by the charts …
Dan: … we go by what gets us in the heart.

Q: Do you identify with Springsteen’s working class New Jersey background that inspired so many of his songs?
A: Reid: I think most of us in the band share many of his political views, and we support the ideals that have driven his music.

Q: What do you do to get ready to play the tambourine and maracas?
A: Mike: I do some wrist and grip exercises. I practice tapping my toes. You just really need quick wrist action.

Q: Which Springsteen album is your favorite and why?
A: Reid: I don’t think we can decide that as a group. I think the best is Born to Run.
Paul: I’d say Tunnel of Love.

Q: Were you born to run?
A: Mike: I do have bad hips actually.

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Michigan's potent offense scores against will against Irish

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

FOHTE WAYNE — Not even a change of venue could change Notre Dame's lack of success this brutal season.

Notre Dame dropped a 9-2 contest to the sixth-ranked Wolverines Friday at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, then followed up that loss with a 6-3 defeat against Michigan in Ann Arbor.

With the losses, the Irish have now failed to win a game in their last 15 contests (they are 0-13-2 overall). Friday, early Michigan goals in the first two periods doomed the Irish. Notre Dame allowed the first goal of the game just a minute into the first period, and then allowed Michigan a goal on the first shift of the second period — just nine seconds into the frame — with the score 3-1 in favor of the Wolverines before that quick goal.

"Both of those goals were essentially goals where you have to have control of the puck," Irish coach Dave Poulin said Friday night. "On one we had two chances to clear the puck, and then the other was basically right off the initial face-off in the second period, so those were probably the two longest- ing goals of the game."

A crowd of 7,948 fans came to see the Irish and Wolverines in Fort Wayne, with the cheering sections seemingly even at the start. But as the game went on, Notre Dame slowly began to dominate the crowd noise, and for good reason.

Michigan displayed its offensive talent early in the game, with freshman forward Kevin Porter making a silky-difficult one-on-one move to get to the front of the net and短线 a shot past Cey just a minute into the game.

A little more than three minutes later, Michigan increased its lead to two goals on a power play with Matt Hanifin, Brandon Rogers and Milan Gajic making a nifty tic-tac-toe pass play that left Gajic with a wide-open net.

The Irish would answer back three minutes later on another Michigan power play, Notre Dame's second shorthanded goal of the season.

Jason Paigo won the face-off in the Michigan zone back to T.J. Jindra. Jindra then gave the puck right back to Paigo, who skated in toward Montoya. Montoya made the initial stop, but Paigo and Irish forward对公司 pressed it back to the puck and managed to slide it over the line before the Michigan defense could get back.

And good Irish vibes would be ruined by a defensive breakdown at the 13:16 mark. On another Michigan power play, Jeff Tambellini received a pass near the blue line, and three Irish players went for the puck.

Tambellini then made a simple shot past Joe Crimmins 574-229-3659 who was stationed wide-open near the left-post and didn't min from about 3 feet.

Despite the defensive breakdown, Notre Dame was able to press in the first period, and almost got another goal on a 2- on-1 but Montoya was able to sniff it out. The early goal in the second period kill any hopes of a comeback for the Irish.

"You can't give up one in the opening shift. That's a face-off play, and you just can't let that happen," Poulin said.

Michigan's Andrew Ebbett scored from the sideboards, and made a perfect crease pass to Eric Nystrom near the left post, who wristed a shot past Cey before the goalie could move. Ebbett would score a goal of his own later in the period, and Notre Dame's Matt Adamo answered to make the score 7-2, but that was as close as the Irish would get.

Goals in the third period by Michigan forward Woodford, T.J. Hensick (two) and Brandon Rogers kept the Irish at bay. It was the third straight year Michigan defeated Notre Dame in the 14-37 mark of the period, but Notre Dame bounced right back with a goal by freshman Vincent Derekoski.

It was the first goal of the season for Derekoski, who was drafted by the Colorado Avalanche in the second round of last year's NHL draft.

Michigan took over in the third period, with Ebbett and Tambellini scoring goals to make the 5-2 before Adamo knocked home a late tally for the Irish. Moss scored an empty-net goal to seal the win for the Wolverines, who will more likely than not face Notre Dame again in the first round of the CCHA playoffs in Ann Arbor.

The Irish are off this weekend, then close out their regular season with a home-and-home series against Michigan State March 5-6. Contact justin schuver at jschuver@nd.edu

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Team finishes 2nd at Big East for 3rd straight year

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

A disappointing trend continued for Notre Dame this weekend at the Big East Indoor Championships, as the Irish finished in second place for the third straight year.

With defending conference champion Miami moving to the ACC, the Irish figured to be in prime position to ascend to the top this year.

This was not to be, however, as the Irish were beaten by a deeper, well-rounded Pittsburgh team. Notre Dame finished with 140 team points, while the Panthers amassed 165.5 points. Georgetown was third with 90 points.

It was clear early on this would be a two-team meet. Both the Irish and the Panthers had successful qualifying heats, putting them in ideal position for Saturday's games. Pittsburgh came through on the final day with five individual events wins while the Irish managed only two.

Tiffany Gunn was the Big East champion in the 500 meters, and the Irish lost third place in the distance. Pittsburgh took first in both the distance and the field athletes with a second-place finish in the high jump and the first-place finish in the long jump.

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NASCAR

Gordon wins third Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Gordon grabbed the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr., then held off Kurt Busch and Earnhardt in extra laps to win his third Daytona 500 Sunday.

One of the widest finishes in the 47-year history of NASCAR's biggest race saw four lead changes in the last nine laps. Earnhardt, the defending champion, came from as far back as 20th to grab a late lead, only to watch four-time series champion Gordon pass him seconds before a caution flag waved with three laps to go.

The race went three laps beyond the scheduled 200-lap distance, with Gordon hanging on over two final laps of green-flag racing to beat Busch by two car-lengths. "Oh, my goodness, what an amazing day," a jubilant Gordon said. "Thren, beauty."

"He is the fifth driver to win three or more Daytona 500s, joining Richard Petty (1), Dale Earnhardt (6) and Bobby Allison and Dale Jarrett (3). Earnhardt, who struggled with handling through most of the race and had not led a lap, suddenly dove to the outside, just in front of Gordon and charged past Stewart to grab the top spot on the 197th lap.

"It was real, real fast," Earnhardt said. "I'm telling you, man, the car was way, way off. It was exciting the difference between the car (at the end) and maybe 30 laps before then. I mean, it was really fast."

Fast enough to scare Gordon, but not fast enough to beat him.

"Let's not say I gave up, but I thought it was over," Gordon said. "I mean, he hadn't been anywhere all day long and all the sudden he came out of nowhere.

Gordon finally pulled alongside Earnhardt and nosed ahead just moments before the 100th yellow flag of the race from the field.

Scott Riggs wound up fourth, followed by Jimmie Johnson, Mark Martin in his last Daytona 500 and the frustrated Stewart.

The victory was the 70th for Gordon, who barely missed his fifth series title last year.

"I didn't know what the week in store for us," Gordon said. "I knew we had a good car. We hadn't shown everything, I knew over 500 miles, with that pit crew, that team, that hopefully some patience would pay off there at the end."

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Irish knock off Wildcats

By RAYA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

In their last match of the season in the Eck Tennis Pavilion, the Irish closed down their season at home with authority.

No. 23 Notre Dame 9-2 posted a 5-2 victory over No. 40 Northwestern (5-4) Friday night. The team overcame an early 1-0 deficit after dropping the doubles point, rolling out to a quick 3-1 lead.

Sophomore clerkie Akhvediani, senior Bass and Barry King all won their singles matches in straight sets to give Notre Dame an early lead in the match. Junior Patrick Buchanan bested Northwestern's Matt Christian in three sets, 6-2, 6-4 and 6-3, clinching the match victory for the Irish.

"It was particularly rewarding match for Patrick," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "A couple of years ago, in the 1K, we played a similar type of match, and Patrick was the last match on and lost 7-6 in the third set to the same team. We had been up 3-1 in that match so it was a special reward for Patrick to have decided the match."

The victory gave Bayliss his 600th career victory and the Irish their third consecutive win over the Wildcats.

Senior captain Brent D'Amico, senior Torricolli and sophomore Ryan Keckley posted the sole doubles victory for the Irish at the No. 1 slot, but Northwestern clinched the other two matches to gain the upper hand early.

"In the doubles (Northwestern really was very aggressive)," Bayliss said. "I thought our second team played extremely well and as did their third team. I think that was a new combination for them at No. 3, and we weren't expecting that."

"They served well, and we didn't quite return well enough to negate some of the things they did.

The Irish struck back quickly in the singles matches. Akhvediani got the Irish on the board with a 6-4, 6-3 victory against Northwestern's Adam Nehrishitrov.

"Frakki played at an extremely high level," Bayliss said. "He was able to hit big enough to keep Schachtelie back in the court and open up opportunities to spread the match with shorter, wider balls. It was as if their second team played a while.

"Bass and King also posted straight-set wins for the Irish. After dropping to a 3-0 deficit in the first set against Chuck Perrin, Bass bounced back strongly, posting a 6-4, 6-2 victory. King, battling a minor back injury, defeated Christian Temple 6-3, 6-0.

"Bass didn't start well but he eventually did not lose his poise," Bayliss said. "You can't always play well. I have an expression that 'you can fake it until you make it.' You can at least pretend that you're under control and not let your opponent know that he's getting to you."

"Barry King has a back injury that isn't so serious but was painful that night. Barry fought off a lot of pain at the end and finished off a very good Christian Tempko in a match that seems easy, 6-3 and 6-0, but every point was contested and there were rolles of 10 and 12 balls each point."

Once again, it was Notre Dame's team depth that allowed the team to fight back and win five of the six singles matches. Freshman Shovia Parbu outlasted Northwestern's Willy Lock in a match tiebreaker, winning 6-7, 7-6, 1-0 at the No. 4 slot. D'Amico lost a close singles match 7-6, 7-6 to Tommy Ilnanus, ranked No. 114 in the country.

"I think our depth proved to be a pretty critical factor," Bayliss said. "That's bailed us out all year. We match up in the middle and bottom parts of our lineup favorably with any team in the country. The Northwestern match coach, Paul Torriell, told me that we were as solid a team as he had seen in a while.

The Irish must now look ahead to a tough stretch of matches on the road.

Notre Dame travels to East Lansing to take on Michigan State Tuesday, then faces No. 9 Virginia Sunday in Charlottesville, Va.

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By RYAN DUFFY
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SMC BASKETBALL
Belles edge Olivet in final home game

By CHRIS KHOEY
Sports Writer

For Emily Creachbaum, Katie Boyle, Deirdre Mangan and Maureen Bush, Saturday marked the last time they would step onto the floor of the Angela Athletic Center in a SMC basketball uniform.

The four seniors who were honored in a pro-game ceremony, celebrated their last hurrah by leading the Belles to a 69-67 victory over Olivet Saturday afternoon in the regular season finale for both teams.

Creachbaum, who is currently third on the Saint Mary's all-time scoring list, will go down as one of the best players in SMC history.

The Belles forward averaged 11.0 points per game during her career.

"She's the spitting image of consistency," coach Suzanne Hall said. "She's the type of player you can always count on, whether it's practice, or shoot-around or the game. You always know she's going to give her all."

Saint Mary's (11-14, 6-10 MIAA) finished sixth in the conference tournament.

The Belles scored a 76-69 road win at San Diego Thursday.

The victors were named the conference tournament champions. The Belles have now beaten the Comets four straight times. The Belles are currently the 7th seed in the country. The Belles will play the #2 seed, Piano Adrian in a playoff game for the conference tournament title.

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Irish win Big East Championship

By NATHAN DYER
Sports Writer

The Irish won the Big East Indoor Championship in Syracuse, N.Y., during the weekend, fending off tough competition from all of the other competitors, especially Rutgers, who fought the Irish to the very end.

The Irish saw much of the weekend's competition changed hands constantly over the weekend between the Irish and the Scarlet Knights, but it was a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter relay that clinched victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame held the lead going into Saturday's competitions, earning 57.50 points through the five events that took place during Saturday's competition and leading Rutgers by 20 points. The Scarlet Knights, who fought back on Sunday, however, at one point overtaking the Irish by nine points. After a strong showing in the 3,000 meters, the Irish rebounded, gaining 25 points and a 14-point lead on Rutgers.

The final team score for the two-day competition was Notre Dame 182, Rutgers 168.5, with Pittsburgh taking third place (98 points). Notre Dame last won the Big East title two years ago.

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Irish Women's Tennis

Team loses two close matches to ranked foes

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish don't plan to let this weekend's setbacks defeat them.

Despite a second-place finish in the Big East Championship, the Irish are determined to come back strong next weekend.

"These two meets showed our kids that they're as good as some of the top-ranked kids," coach Jay Louderback said. "They were right there with the best.

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 came early shooting troubles and survived a late Friars (11-15, 1-11) rally to escape the Dunkin Donuts Center Saturday with a 64-60 win.

 Corbett came off the bench to relieve a struggling Torin Francis (6-for-6 in eight minutes) and took full advantage of his 27 minutes and second-half start to finish with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

 Quinn continued to outshine the ball, making 5-of-8 three-pointers on route to scoring 17 points. Quinn added one of his last 17-point attempts.

 Ryan Gomes struggled for Providence, making 5-of-18 shots from the field, but scored 16 points. Randall Hanke came off the bench for the Friars and made all six of his shots to score 12 points.

 After forcing a jump ball with 4:1 seconds remaining, the Friars had the ball under their own basket. Gomes inbounded the ball to Donnie McGrath who gave the ball back to Gomes.

 Gomes got the ball near the right block and attempted a jumper. His shot went off the backboard and rolled off the rim.

 Providence got back into the game with a 6-0 run after Jordan Cornette's only 3-pointer of the game gave Notre Dame a 62-55 lead with 1:47 remaining.

 The Friars extended a 31-24 halftime lead to 40-26 early in the second half. Providence eventually climbed its way back into the game and tied the game at 53 with 7:07 left.

 Providence wasn't able to open up a big first-half lead as Notre Dame made only 3-of-25 to start the game. The Friars' biggest advantage came when they went up 14-5 on a hook shot from Hanke.

 The Friars finally got their shots to fall and used a 15-3 run to close the half and turn a 21-16 deficit into a seven-point lead going into the locker room.

 The Irish returned to their strengths from the free throw line, converting on 7-of-16 effort.

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 results out of their pressure defense.

 Guard Cherice Newton led the Scarlet Knights on defense, taking five of the team's 16 steals. Newton also helped her team on the offensive side of the court, as Rutgers jumped out to a 22-20 halftime lead as she got seven of her eight assists in the first half.

 The Irish struggled in virtually every offensive category in the first half, shooting only 5-20 from the field. The Irish kept in the ball game by capitalizing on Rutgers' 10 turnovers and putting half of their first-half points behind a 16-12 first half performance from free throw line.

 "We thought we competed well in the first half," McGraw said. "But it was really disappointing that our defense couldn't really stop them. So when we did get them in play in the half, that was the only thing we thought we did well.

 "We just didn't have shots fall for us.

 As the second half began, Notre Dame looked poised to come back by doing what it has specialized in all season — dominate the second half. The Irish took advantage of the 4:56 of the half by going on an 11-1 run to cut the deficit from 31-13 to 33-13. Junior forward Courtni Lavere scored four of the eight points during that run, and senior All-American Jackie Stiles, who finished with 14 points, complemented her with three points in that span as the Irish were able to score from inside.

 McGraw saw a chance of promise in her team's run.

 "I thought we showed a lot of bounce coming back early in the second half," she said. One of the reasons Notre Dame started so successfully was because they were able to finally shut down Scarlet Knights' guard Cappie Pondexter, who had only one of her 13 points in the second half. "Cappie shot the ball well in the first half, but he had a much better job stopping her in the second half," McGraw said.

 However, as Pondexter cooled off in the second half, Rutgers responded by going on a run of their own, outscoring Notre Dame 15-2 in a 7:06 stretch.

 In the last 8:54, the Scarlet Knights stopped the Irish every time they made a move and point building momentum, and Notre Dame was never able to cut the deficit to under 10.

 The Irish will have a full week off before facing West Virginia in the annual Scarlet and White game on the Satruday at the Joyce Center.

 Notes.

 McGrath left the team for Philadelphia after the game due to the death of her father, Joseph G. O'Brien, 79. McGrath found out about it early Saturday morning death before the game but did not tell the team until after the game.

 **NOTRE DAME 62 PROVIDENCE 57**

 The Irish return to the court tonight at 7 p.m. at Connecticut. The Big Monday matchup will be televised on ESPN and is Notre Dame's last road game of the season.

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 Saturday's win was Mike Brey's 200th overall in his career. Brey is 26-14-1 at Delaware in five seasons before coming to South Bend.

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would be remembered. Scoring a meet-record 902.5 points to claim the title, Notre Dame ended Pittsburgh's streak of eight consecutive Big East titles and capped off the most successful season in team history. Irish head coach Tim Welsh garnered Big East Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive year.

“This is one of the meets that we focused on for the entire season and this was the whole team's goal,” Welsh said. "With the kind of year we've had, it we've concentrated on all year long. To see it come through is really exciting and gratifying for all the hard work that the guys have put in.”

The team's performance was one for the ages. The results speak for themselves, as school records fell in both individual races and team relays. Eight Irish swimmers qualified for consideration to take part in the NCAA Championships next month. The team's singular goal has been to win the Big East title. Finally, the Irish defeated a nationally ranked foe, then-No. 17 Pittsburgh, and also clinched the national polls themselves — both first-time occurrences for the team. But throughout the season, the team's singular goal has been to win the Big East title. Finally, the Irish can cross that goal off their to-do list. "It is wonderful and exciting to see a long-range goal, work everyday to achieve it and then actually achieve it at the right time," Welsh said. "That's a hard thing to do and we'll always remember that this team did that. What characterized this team throughout the season was its team spirit, energy and support for one another, in addition to the hard work.

"Those things made the season just especially memorable and really special. This is a wonderful team."

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Weathers was named Big East Swimming Coach of the Year, taking the honor for the sixth time in 10 years.

"It demonstrates how hard the kids on the team worked," Weathers said. "I don't think it was something for me, but for the whole team." Ten Irish swimmers and divers were named All-Big East selections this weekend. Leading the pack was Katie Carroll, who won seven Big East titles, including those in the 200-yard individual medley, on the first day, and the 1,650-yard freestyle race on Saturday.

Seven of the 16 swimmers in the 200-yard IM were Irish that set an Irish record with a time in 1:49.20. Her time of 1:49.62 was the fifth fastest in the country.

Despite a competitive field, the Irish swim in the NCAA Championships this weekend. The team "is wonderful and exciting to see," Welsh said. "When you look at our team there's not a lot of difference between our fastest person and our third or fourth-fastest person. And when you can race like that 20 events in a row, it's a really powerful force."

All-Big East honors, we've ever had, including some relay cuts that we have not had before,” Welsh said. "Whether they equal or not, we know that as a program we take a giant step and we will be there at some point.”

The Big East title puts one more notch on the Irish belt and adds another accomplishment to the team's list of many. The Irish defeated a nationally ranked foe, then-No. 17 Pittsburgh, and also clinched the national polls themselves — both first-time occurrences for the team.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have the energy and drive to take on a new challenge. You can develop one of your creative hobbies or pick up new skills that will bring you in contact with some new acquaintances. This is a great time to make a move or change, positively affecting your life.

GEMIN (May 21-June 20) Not much will turn up in your future, so don’t even bother trying to make any sort of guideline. You will have to think on your feet and rely on your versatility to see you through whatever comes your way — should be a drag.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Tell it like it is. This isn’t the time to hold back. If you want something, you have to go after it. Don’t give up on what you want. You will help you receive any pending issues, clear the air and let you know where you stand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take the perfect time to take a day trip and play your new vacation. Visit some of the old familiar places you receive familiar to heading with old friends and homes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take it on the wild side. You are so steady and reserved, and it’s time you’re a little loose. You will enjoy someone who never knows when to stop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Not your style. You could a huge mistake today by not getting all the facts before making any important decisions. Don’t be afraid to show your true colors today. Don’t let your pride rule your head or you may end up feeling like a fool.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take the plunge and follow through with your plan. Someone out there is waiting for you to take a risk. You have to take action and do something that will reveal your true self to the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Not so fast. Your intuition is leading you down the wrong path. Remember, having and selling property, or simply pursuing your own goals should stop off. Someone you are close to will give you a hard time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will have lots of energy and plans to talk about today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are trying to make it to the next great opportunity or even your perfect spot, you can expect a great fight. Sharing will be just as much a part back and give others a chance to do the same.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) You may be feeling a little under the weather if you have been having a rough time. Make plans to relax or walk quietly on a beautiful day today.

If you are interested in learning more about a particular area of your life today, make sure to ask for the surprise answer, as you may not get what you want.


ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ND Swimming

No. 22 Irish men take home first ever Big East Championship

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

It was never a question of what. It became a matter of how the Irish men's swimming and diving team would leave its mark on the Big East Championships.

That question was answered emphatically on Saturday, as No. 22 Notre Dame won its first-ever Big East Championship, eclipsing the rest of the field by 275 points. After all 15 Irish swimmers performed strongly in the Saturday morning preliminaries and advanced to the evening's finals, it was a mathematical certainty the Big East title would be in the hands of the Irish by the day's end.

That didn't stop the team from making sure their performance see CHAMPS/page 18

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late surge gives Irish a victory

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The 1-0 conference record was deceiving. But a one-point win against a one-win conference team counts just like any other in the March toward the NCAA tournament.

Using a double-double from Rick Cornett and another hot-shooting game from Chris Quinn, the Irish (16-7, 8-5 Big East) overpowered the Knights a 39-31 lead.


BASEBALL

Team wins three in first weekend

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

En route to a 3-1 weekend, the Irish simply were "clutch," according to their skipper.

"It just seemed like all weekend we were getting clutch strikeouts and turning clutch double plays to end the inning," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

Mainieri's team was not only clutch on defense. It took all of one inning for the Notre Dame offense to warm up.

The No. 20 ranked Irish (3-1) exploded for back-to-back three-run innings starting in the second inning in a season-opening victory against Florida A&M (5-13) Friday.

The offense stalled a bit as Notre Dame dropped a 2-1 game to No. 30 Central Florida, but the team bounced back with consecutive victories over FAMU (4-3) and UCF (4-2) to close out the weekend.

On Saturday, the Irish faced a tough. No. 30 ranked Central Florida (7-2) squad in the opening game of a doubleheader.

Women dominate en route to winning 9th straight Big East Title

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

The Irish did it again. Notre Dame won its ninth straight Big East championship this weekend in East Meadow, N.Y.

The Irish won 11 of 20 events, including four on the final day, for a final tally of 191 points ahead of runner-up Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame also claimed three of the four major awards. On the diving end, breast Cauing Xie was named the league's diving coach of the year and fifth-year senior Meghan Perry Eaton was named the Big East Champion's Outstanding Diver for the third year in a row.

Men's swimming coach Bailey see DOMINANT/page 17

MEN'S TRACK

Irish win Big East Championship

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

With 12 minutes, 58 seconds left in the second half, Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy dribbled the ball up court, and guarded heavily, looked around and passed the ball.

Over the ball left her hands, it never touched a teammate, and Rutgers guard Matee Ajavon intercepted the ball and took it the length of the court for a layup, giving the Scarlet Knights a 39-31 lead.

The exchange typified how Saturday afternoon went for the No. 5 Irish, as the team tied a season high by turning the ball over 23 times in a 59-48 loss at No. 10 Rutgers.

Throughout the game, Rutgers swamped Notre Dame, not only forcing turnovers but holding the Irish to a 38 percent field goal percentage for the game.

"That's probably the best defensive effort that we've seen this year," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "They got a lot of gold Knights junior pitcher Mike Bilek and Irish junior hurler Tom Thornton each threw gems. Notre Dame's rally in the top of the seventh tied the game at one, but UCF answered in the bottom half of the inning to win 2-1. In five innings of work, junior Tom Thornton allowed one run and had no-decision, while sophomore reliever Derek Oliey took the loss.

In the second game of the doubleheader in a rematch against Florida A&M, the Irish needed a late rally to avoid the upset. With the game tied at three, junior outfielder Alex Netley crushed a double deep to center field. Freshman infielder Ross Brezovsky then drove Yetter home for the winning run in the bottom of the ninth as Notre Dame won 4-3.

Without three of its veteran starters in the batting order, Notre Dame capped the opening weekend with a 4-2 victory over UCF Sunday to earn a split with the Knights. The Irish used a solid outing from sophomore...