ND Habitat members spring into action

By KATIE WAGNER
News Writer

Whether they're slamming a volleyball into the mud, sleeping in a cardboard box or painting a house, Notre Dame students are living out Habitat for Humanity's "Act! Speak! Build!" advocacy week.

The highlight of this week is "Shack City," a gathering of over 100 students on South Quad Saturday night. The event involves students spending the night sleeping in large cardboard boxes in order to increase awareness of the issue of substandard housing, as well as to raise money for the Notre Dame chapter of Habitat for Humanity's house. Also, 10 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Puebla, Mexico chapter of Habitat.

"We're recognizing that some people in America really do live this way," said senior Collin Bowdell, a co-president of Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat. "We're not trying to imitate or mock them."

Students will be writing facts about poverty and substandard housing on the boxes to further contribute to this visual "reminder that there's a larger need in the world," sophomore and Shack City planning team representative Joel Kipper said.

"Shack City," was first brought to the Quad in 1993 by the Notre Dame Housing Advocates (NDHA). Habitat for Humanity is one of NDHA's five main causes.

"Shack City," was in fact the original. "Originally, the class officers, not the bookstore like we do now. This has become part of the Saint Mary's tradition," Charles Weis, Notre Dame's athletic director, said.

SAINT MARY'S CLASS RING

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College's ring has rich tradition

By ANGELA SAOUD
Senior Staff Writer

Class of 2003 graduate Shannon Brewer still feels connected to the Saint Mary's campus when she looks at her right hand. On her middle finger she wears her class ring — the one familiar to Saint Mary's graduates for more than half a century.

"There is such a tradition, such meaning behind this ring for anyone who wears it," Brewer said. "It sets Saint Mary's women apart from others, and that's something I haven't really seen anywhere else. I just feel connected to the campus when I wear it."

And she is not alone. Balfour company salesmen for Saint Mary's Jim Bell estimates that nearly 150 to 200 rings have been sold yearly for the 37 years he has been the Saint Mary's representative. Rings are also sold by the Josbins company, but the Balfour company's design was in fact the original.

"The first class I sold rings to was the class of 1968," Bell said. "Back then we used to sell through the class officers, not through the bookstore like we do now. This has become part of the Saint Mary's tradition."

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Interest in SUB events varies

By JARRETT LANTZ
News Writer

South Bend has long lacked a venue for pop stars, a multitude of activities for students, and the essence of a true college town, but Notre Dame's Student Union Board and Legends nightclub are working hard to show students that a good time can be had right here on campus. Students, however, differ over how well these events cater to their needs and tastes.

This past year, Legends and Student Union Board have each had record-breaking attendance, stemming from their inclusion of more on-campus events. Both SUB and Legends provide students with several activities on various nights of the week.

2005 football Shirt will be unveiled with Weis

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

It's only spring, but the beginning of a new football era is already in the air. The 2005 season is full of promise with new head coach Charlie Weis, and to start off the season for fans, it is almost time for the release of the new Shirt.

The process for selection began in November with the submission of between 15 and 20 shirt designs. The president of this year's Shirt Project, Katie Fox, narrowed these entries down to a few finalists and asked them to resubmit modified designs.

"One of the things most people don't know about The Shirt is how it begins and the beginning of a new era," Fox said. We don't select a design. We select a designer." Junior David Redenbaugh was chosen as thirty-year's new head, and he and Fox have worked and reworked The Shirt before submitting the finished shirt design to the vendor.

While The Shirt was unable to release any details about this year's Shirt design, it will be unveiled at a ceremony at noon on April 22 at the Hickey Center. Fox did say, though, that Coach Weis will be speaking...
INSIDE COLUMN

Wherever
life takes you...

My experience in life has taught me several life lessons to live by. With the new arrival of spring, and season of change and beginning of new life, we all realize the imminence of new situations and change in our own lives. I urge you to reflect on these lessons.

The people around you, whether it's friends, family or classmates, are what give life and its journey meaning. They make the journey easier, teaching us how to navigate through life. If it wasn't for these people, I would have never learned the life lessons that I have learned so far.

Enjoy the simple pleasures of life, the smell of freshly cut grass, the sound of children's laughter, the feel of a soft breeze on your face. These are the moments that make life worth living.

Life could take you on a smooth ride or a rough one, across the sea, close to home or six feet under. You just don't know where it will take you. Just work hard on what you can control and don't worry about what you can't. The fact that you don't know where you will be down the road is why you need to enjoy everything you can now, no regrets.

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**GRADUATE STUDENT UNION**

**Group approves chairperson**

By PAUL SPADAFORA

In the final Graduate Student Union meeting of the 2004-2005 academic year, the GSU approved a constitutional amendment and proposed new graduate student benefits, in addition to reviewing the year's big events.

The GSU voted 9-2 to approve a constitutional amendment that adds a new committee chair to the GSU. Outgoing GSU president John Young said the External Affairs chair will represent the GSU in two distinct ways.

"It's a two-pronged office," Young said. "One is to attend to external issues that are important to us... the office will be a liaison to the National Association for Graduate and Professional Students (NAGS). The second part is community outreach: it's very vaguely described for a purpose. It's up to the discretion of the chair." The GSU president also talked about upcoming legislation in Congress that will impact graduate student interests. Young was especially focused on the Higher Education Act, under title IV, states that students that take out loans can consolidate them at a fixed interest rate. "This legislation needs to be renewed periodically by Congress," Young said. "The current political climate is such that there is strong motivation in Congress to not renew the act." Young said the GSU will continue to aid the NAGS in the group's lobbying efforts in Congress.

The outgoing GSU administration also reviewed the year's significant events, and evaluated the union's goals for the future. Among the major events of the year mentioned were the GUS parking survey and health insurance vote. The GUS parking survey was conducted for two months in the 2004 fall semester. "According to the students, approximately 75 percent of graduate students are dissatisfied or extremely dissatisfied with parking," Young said.

The GSU will be working with the ad hoc parking committee in the next year to arrange a parking situation that meets the needs of the graduate students.

The GSU also reviewed the health insurance issue of the year. Outgoing health insurance chair Erica Pirnie cautioned that while the current health insurance policy for the upcoming year will retain all benefits with an added increase in premiums, the University may soon be unwilling to continue without cutting benefits.

"Next year during negotiations, we may have to start reducing some benefits to keep the premium increases below 18 percent annually," Pirnie said.

In closing, the outgoing GSU president and vice presidents outlined their hopes for next year's administration.

Amanda Matthews, co-vice president, said she would like to see more graduate student representation on the Faculty Senate.

"We need to represent the function of graduate students as teachers," Matthews said.

Young said the goals of the GSU have changed.

"Not only are we a social organization, but we are now a service organization," he said. "On the whole, the outlook for the GSU is extremely positive."

After the formal end of the school year, the current GSU administration's term will end. President-elect Misty Schleibers and co-vice president-elect Amanda Matthews and Tim Schoenhart will take office after May 6.

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**Junior moms will spend weekend at Saint Mary’s**

By ERICA RANGEL

An another year comes to an end and the stress of finals week wears, Saint Mary’s juniors will spend this weekend with someone they love.

A tradition since the early 1990s, the College’s annual Junior Moms’ Weekend is an opportunity for junior women to spend quality time with their mothers on campus and around South Bend.

The four members of the Junior Moms’ committee began planning the event last April and have stuffed the two days chuck-full of activities.

On Friday night, the new Student Center will serve as the backdrop for a wine and cheese reception for which 335 people have signed up. The event will feature a silent auction with many items from local businesses to gift baskets made by the juniors and their moms.

Junior Mom’s Weekend chair Angela Rizzo said she is thrilled to have the reception in the new facility.

"I was very excited that we had the option of having an event in the new Student Center," Rizzo said. "The room is beautifully equipped with new furniture and a fireplace. It's a great chance to show our moms the new Student Center."

A dinner reception will be held Saturday night at the Century Center in South Bend. At the reception, 350 guests will view a slide show of pictures submitted by juniors of themselves with their moms and friends.

"I think the slide show will be so much fun to watch," junior Elizabeth Voss said. "I love looking at old pictures and guessing who it is." The event will feature five finalists who will read their essays at the dinner.

All of the mothers will receive a book of the essays submitted. The mothers will also receive a disposable camera and refrigerator magnet picture frame as souvenirs from the weekend.

Other optional events for mothers and daughters include a Yoga/Pilates class, Student Center and Opus Hall tours, spa treatments, the on-campus production of "Cinderella" and "Mamma Mia" at the Morris Performing Arts Center.

"My mom and I are really looking forward to going to the spa together," junior Megan Martin said. "It's one of our favorite activities."

The weekend will close with a mass Sunday morning at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

"Forever my mother, always my friend" will serve as the theme for the weekend. For many Saint Mary’s students, this will be a chance to introduce their college friends to the friend they’ve had since birth.

"I'm excited for my mom to finally meet the friends I've made over the past few years and to just have a good time with everybody," junior Talia Matury-Vacaro said.

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**Monk’s Farewell Mass**

Sunday, April 17th
9:00 p.m. at the JACC

All students are invited to attend “Monk’s Farewell Mass.” Mass will be followed by a reception in honor of Fr. Malloy in the JACC Monogram Room, featuring:

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Come celebrate with Monk and thank him for 18 years of service to the Student Body of the University of Notre Dame.
The Shirt Project is and always has been a firm supporter of Notre Dame football, and I personally am looking forward to an upcoming season of new leadership and new opportunity," Fox said.

Even though last year marked the 15th anniversary of The Shirt, Fox said she is hoping for an even bigger event this year. The unveiling ceremony will be the first opportunity for students, alumni and supporters to see and purchase next year's Shirt. The ceremony will be followed by entertainment including a band, inflatables, giveaways and concessions available for sale. The shirt will also go on sale at this time at a special price of $11 for students.

"We're hoping for another big year of sales to provide more support for the Notre Dame community," said Fox.

Proceeds from the sales go to student government as well as several scholarships and charities.

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at the ceremony to share some thoughts about the upcoming season.

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President's Office, the Men's Basketball Office, Student Development, a "super-fan" from campus and a past leprechaun — as well as the cheerleading coaching staff — will observe the try-outs.

Each candidate individually performs an opening to a pep rally, reacts to one game situation, simulates one personality. For the finale of the situation and then is drilled with questions by a local media personality. For the finale of the physical tests, the six candidates will come to the floor to do push-ups and the Irish jig.

After these tests, the contestants will be subjected to individual interviews by the panel in a conference room above Gate 3.

Minton said the results of the process will be posted Friday night and that there is still hope for those that do not make leprechaun — tryouts for cheerleaders are Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Once selections are made, the leprechaun is treated much like any student athlete.

"The leprechaun and cheerleaders are regarded as athletes and are subject to the same, if not higher, standards of conduct and academics as varsity athletes," Minton said.

However, along with this responsibility come the perks Notre Dame athletes enjoy, including great seats at sporting events and the Adidas practice clothes and shoes the cheerleadingers receive. After one full year, the leprechaun receives a custom-made suit and after two, he is eligible to receive a monogram. Of course, along with the material gains comes the prestige, exposure and community and public interaction that comes with the job, Minton added.

The leprechaun is and will remain a figure in the public eye. He travels with the cheer squad to competitions for men's and women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball and football.

According to Minton, the leprechaun — and especially the leprechaun — are the embodiment of the Notre Dame spirit. As ambassadors of our great University, the cheerleaders and leprechaun bring Notre Dame closer to the places we visit — we go to schools, community centers, hospitals and also do pep rallies and of course the games," she said. "The leprechaun, wearing the 'green suit,' becomes the spokesperson for the cheer team in front of crowds when we put on rallies or events — starting cheers and leading the way."

The coach also said that more than anything, enthusiasm and excitement are essential to a Notre Dame leprechaun.

"I look for someone that has a genuine passion for Notre Dame and its sports teams."

Jo Minton
cheerleading coach

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russian shuttle begins space flight

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — A Soyuz-FG rocket lifted off Thursday from Russia's base at the Baikonur Cosmodrome at sunrise Friday, launching two astronauts and a cosmonaut strapped into a cramped capsule space on a two-day journey to the international space station.

Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev and American John Phillips were headed for a six-month stay on the ISS, while their colleague from the European Space Agency, Italy's Umberto Guidoni, was due to return to Earth in 10 days with the current station's crew.

Jets of fire and billows of smoke accompanied the liftoff, which was being monitored by Russian Mission Control outside Moscow. The three-stage rocket system was to bring the Soyuz to a speed of 13,420 mph within 7 1/2 minutes of the launch.

A main task for the new crew will be welcoming a U.S. space shuttle to the station after a two-year absence.

China court bans torture as evidence

SHANGHAI — A provincial court in China has issued what it says is China's first ruling that confessions or evidence obtained by torture, trickery and coercion can't be used in court, a government Web site reported Sunday.

Defense lawyers welcomed the ruling as a sign that Chinese courts might be trying to put an end to police torture. But they said it will be merely symbolic without legal changes, which would have to remain silent and be told to be entitled to lawyers.

NATIONAL NEWS

Teens convicted of killing couple

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. — A 15-year-old girl and her ex-girlfriend pleaded guilty Thursday to stabbing her grandparents to death last summer so the young couple could be together, a Georgia sheriff told the judge that while she was killing her 73-year-old grandparents, "my eyes were closed the whole time."

Harvey pleaded guilty to two counts of malice murder and was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences. She will not be eligible for parole until she is 71 years old. Sandy Ketchum, 16, was sentenced to three life terms, to be served concurrently.

Police search for missing girl

USTA SHERIFF'S David Gee said Thursday that teenagers who said they had a relationship with her mother, questioned a convicted sex offender who once had a relationship with her mother, and expressed concern about her welfare. The teen was last seen leaving her home on Feb. 13, and officials don't believe this is a "typical runaway," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Bennett to headline Jazz festival

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Bennett, whose voice is as smooth as a kitten's fur, will headline the Indy Jazz Fest June 17-19, festival officials said Thursday.

Bennett, 78, will be joined at the festival by the legendary Motown Group The Temptations, the vocal group Manhattan Transfer, saxophonist Pee Wee Johnson and others.

Bennett has rebelled from previous ones because the artists will perform one at a time, and all performances will take place on two stages at the White River State Park's Military Park. Past events, the lawn of IUPIU's library was also used.

10,000 federal fugitives caught

U.S. Marshals Service leads largest coordinated government crackdown in history

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 10,000 fugitives wanted for murder, rape, child abuse and other crimes have been arrested in the largest coordinated crackdown by federal, state and local law enforcement officials in history.

The number of arrests during the weeklong effort was 10 times the average for such a period, according to the U.S. Marshals Service, which led the nationwide dragnet timed to coincide with National Victims Rights Week.

At the same time, however, those arrests represent just one percent of the one million fugitives in the FBI's national database, according to the Marshals Service.

More than 150 of those nabbed April 4-10 were wanted for murder, 550 were sought on rape or sexual assault charges and more than 600 had outstanding arrest warrants for armed robbery. Federal officials said Thursday.

Among those captured were 156 gang members and 100 unregistered sex offenders, said Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who held a news conference with U.S. Marshals Service Director Ben Reyna to announce the results of "Operation Falcon." — an acronym for Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally.

Jose Rivera-Sanchez was among the fugitives who had been on the run for years, living in Waterbury, Conn., until his arrest last week, 11 years after tunneling out of a prison in Bayamoun, Puerto Rico. He had been serving a 37-year sentence for attempted murder, assault and robbery when he and nine other inmates escaped. One large, Marshals Service spokesman Manuel Varela said.

Others arrested included: Eddie Kelly, 24, wanted by Dallas police for allegedly killing a man by shooting him five times after leaving a drug house on Feb. 13. and Mared Baldwin, 21, of Atlanta, who was found beneath a trap door in his kitchen. He was wanted on charges of assault and sexual offense against a child. T.Nathaniel Speltes, 28, of Syracuse, N.Y., was picked up in Baltimore on Sunday an hour after a warrant was issued for him in connection with the April 3 killing of Mark Sardella, 26, outside a private motorcycle club in Syracuse.

Gonzales said more than 70 percent of those picked up had prior arrests for violent crimes. "We know from history — and from the bitter experiences of far too many victims — that a fugitive with a rap sheet is more desperate, more predatory, and more likely to commit the crimes that plague citizens and communities," Gonzales said at the news conference.

The number of fugitives caught was at 10,472 Thursday, but officials said that could change as local police finish processing the fugitives.

The Marshals Service spent $900,000 on the weeklong exercise, most of it to pay overtime to local and state police. More than 3,000 officers from 960 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies took part.

"Our goal was to find out what impact we'd have in a nationwide effort," Reyna said.

TURKEY

Turkish troops kill Kurdish rebels

ANKARA — Turkish forces backed by attack helicopters killed 21 Kurdish rebels near the Iraqi border overnight in the biggest clash since the rebels declared a unilateral truce more than five years ago, officials said Thursday.

The Turkish military has intensified anti-rebel operations following intelligence reports that hundreds of rebels had infiltrated Turkey from Iraq, a local military official said on condition of anonymity.

Three Turkish soldiers and a village guard were also killed in the clash 25 miles from the Iraq border between the town of Pervari in Sirt province and Erbil in Sirkak province, the governor's office in Sirnak said in a statement. The area is in southeast Turkey.

Several dozen rebels crossed the border from Iraq on Tuesday, an intelligence official said on condition of anonymity.

On Thursday, some 600 Turkish soldiers and hundreds of village guards battled the rebel group. The soldiers were backed by U.S.-made Cobra attack helicopters, military officials said.

The governor's office said the operation was still going on and Turkish troops had captured 19 armed and AK-47 assault rifles, 54 grenades, two machine guns, mines, plastic explosives and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Turkey is home to an estimated 12 million Kurds, with half of them living in the southeast. Turkish intelligence sources estimate that some 4,500 Kurdish rebels are held up in northern Iraq, while a few hundred reportedly operate in southeastern Turkey.

The rebels declared an end to a five-year unilateral truce in June, saying Turkey had not reciprocated to the cease-fire.
Ring
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we changed the logo to Saint Mary's. "Note how to show its independence from the University.
the current ring presentation was created by Bell. While the seal had always been a part of it, added to the preset-
entation pending what students and faculty wanted to see. While the ring has varied over the years, the designs of the ring have remained the same for the past 30-plus years. And as the campus and the people on it have changed, Bell said the sizes, the styles of the rings have changed with the needs and wants of the Saint Mary's community.
"We used to only sell the two sizes: the small and the large," he said. "But in the early 1980s, women started wearing the ring on their pinkie finger; so they asked if we could sell a smaller version as well.""This is a ring that is recognized wherever people go."
Jim Bell ring representative

Symbols
This ring is individually crafted with a variety of components, making it unique to Saint Mary's, Bell said. The top of the ring consists of the College Seal, which was adopted from the seal of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The center of the ring, and by far the largest image of the surface, is the French Cross. Crosses are two anchors, which meet to form the Greek letter Chi — the monogram of Christ, which stands for virtue of hope. In the top quarters of the ring sit two fleurs-de-lis, representing the French origin of the Sisters.
The words "Spes Unica," embellished on the bottom of the ring stand for "One Hope," again referring to the Cross of Christ. The rings also come with the option of having a small diamond or an open book in the center of the ring.
The Tradition
Alumna Jennifer Jermaine Miller, class of 1993, said her ring has simply become a part of who she is.
"I never take off my Saint Mary's ring. Just like I never take off my wedding rings," Miller said. "I truly loved every moment I spent at Saint Mary's — the education was invaluable; the friendships I made were lasting. I hold Saint Mary's very close to my heart and I wear my ring as a symbol of lasting friendships, the wonder-
ful education and the rich tradition to which only a Saint Mary's woman can relate."
Class of 1979 alumna Vickie Richardson said even though she no longer wears her ring, she believes it is special because her memories of Saint Mary's are so special.
"The ring is a symbol of the wonderful time I had there," Richardson said. "My ring sits in my jewelry box, but I do not wear it. I don't even remember when I stopped wearing it, but I know I would never part with it. It's part of my tradition, and every woman who wears the rings tradition." As far as Brewer and her ring, she says she will wear it for the rest of her life.
"It signifies important accomplishments in my life so that I know belong to the great sorority of alumns and I remember my years here with pride and a lot of nostalgia whenever I look at it," Brewer said. "There are a lot of people who have so much passion about this ring and some people think the College is just a small liberal arts school, but it's so much more than that. This ring simply reminds them."
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leader Ryan Ialifiola said.
"This year we have a lot more depth to the actual activity," he said. "We have a larger planning team and bet-
ter organization." Registration and setup for the night will occur between 5 p.m. and 8, followed by an opening prayer and guest speakers. "At Saint Mary's, Notre Dame's Habitat population is so small that even if you're not staying out, you see people in the shack," Brewer said. "When you see people in boxes, maybe it will make you think back to the actual sub-standard living, the actual shacks of the world," Ialifiola said. "We want people to notice it and maybe stop by... even if you're not staying out, to come out for the speaker. Ialifiola proposed the idea of having "Shack City" at Notre Dame last year to Habitat's board after attending Valparaiso University's version of the event. Although it took Ialifiola several months to convince the board to carry it out, "Shack City" has now become a major event for Notre Dame's Habitat.
"Last year we were surprised about how successful it was," said Knott senior Pete Mahoney, a co-president of Habitat at Notre Dame. "Obviously, we'd like to do better than last year.
One of the differences is that this year we are trying to expand it into a weeklong thing," Ialifiola said.
While last year's "Shack City" was an independent event, this year's organizers made it part of the Habitat for Humanity week of advocacy called "Act! Speak! Build! Week."
The week began this Monday, with a Wednesday session for students to write letters to U.S. senators and will conclude on Saturday with a mud volleyball tournament.
Another big event set for this weekend is the completion of the landscaping on Notre Dame students' Habitat house on Lynden Street and Meade Street, the group's 11th house.
Notre Dame's group is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity for St. Joseph County. Dowdell said that his chapter gets some funding from the University and some from the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Assistance Grants.
The chapter's other money comes from the fundraising that it does throughout the year. "Mud volleyball is a huge fundraiser for us," Dowdell said of the tournament, which has raised $7,500 this year. "Next year I think that we are going to see a lot smaller fundraisers on campus."
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In Brief

Comcast users face service problems

PHILADELPHIA — Comcast’s high-speed Internet customers nationwide have suffered Web and e-mail problems since last week, the company said Thursday.

The intermittent nature of the problem made it difficult to pinpoint how many of the Comcast’s nearly seven million broadband customers have been affected, Comcast spokesman Jeanne Russo said.

Some Web pages took a long time to load or were inaccessible altogether. E-mail was fined to the evening hours.

IBM misses Wall Street estimates after midnight.

The latest service disruption started about 8:30 p.m. in after-hours trading, IBM shares fell $3.18, or 3.3 percent, to close at $37.18 in Thursday trading on the New York Stock Exchange, where they have traded in a 52-week range of $31.01 to $42.83.

It was unclear how many other cards might be at risk, but both Visa USA Inc. and MasterCard — the nation’s largest credit card associations — were reported to be dealing with Polo Ralph Lauren on the matter.

MasterCard said in a statement that it was informed of a possible security breach of transaction data associated with a “U.S.-based retailer” in January 2005 and had launched an investigation immediately. The statement said banks that are members of the card association were notified.

"Inquiries into this incident by MasterCard, law enforcement and other par­ties are ongoing," the state­ment said.

Visa USA issued a similar statement, saying it was noti­fied "by a U.S. merchant" of a possible data security breach.

Visa said it was working with the merchant, law enforcement agencies and its bank members "to monitor and prevent card­ related fraud.

In response to a reporter’s query, Citigroup Inc., the nation’s largest financial institution, confirmed that it was currently "notifying some customers who we think may be at risk.

The New York-based bank said it takes “appropriate action” when notified by Visa or MasterCard of potential security breaches, but gave no other details.

It was the latest in a series of data thefts that have increased public concern about the security of their personal

In the first three months of this year, customers of a shoe-store chain likely were affected by a cyber break-in of the compa­ny’s database.

Earlier this week, London-based Reed Elsevier, which owns LexisNexis, revealed that criminals may have breached computer files con­taining the personal infor­mation of 310,000 people since January 2003.

HSBC’s Cohen said the bank did not yet know if the thieves had used any of the data they got.

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Po Polo customers face data theft

Thousands of Ralph Lauren shoppers left vulnerable in credit card information theft

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Data appar­ently stolen from the clothing retailer Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. is forcing banks and credit card issuers to notify thousands of consumers that their data card information may have been exposed.

HSBC North America, a division of London-based HSBC Holdings PLC, said Thursday that it "began doing it last week and we are continuing.

He said that about 180,000 GM-branded credit card holders are affected.

Neither Cohen nor spokes­men for MasterCard International would identify the retailer by name.

The security breach was reported in Thursday’s edi­tions of The Wall Street Journal, which quoted “per­son with knowledge of the matter” as saying the data was stolen at Polo Ralph Lauren.

A spokeswoman at Polo Ralph Lauren, which is headquartered in New York, said “we have no comment at this time” on the report. She asked that her name not be used.

Polo Ralph Lauren shares dropped $1.28, or 3.3 percent, to close at $37.18 in Thursday trading on the New York Stock Exchange, where they have traded in a 52-week range of $31.01 to $42.83.

It was unclear how many other cards might be at risk, but both Visa USA Inc. and MasterCard — the nation’s largest credit card associations — were reported to be dealing with Polo Ralph Lauren on the matter.

MasterCard said in a state­ment that it was informed of a possible security breach of transaction data associated with a “U.S.-based retailer” in January 2005 and had launched an investigation immediately. The statement said banks that are members of the card association were notified.

"Inquiries into this incident by MasterCard, law enforcement and other par­ties are ongoing," the state­ment said.

Visa USA issued a similar statement, saying it was noti­fied "by a U.S. merchant" of a possible data security breach. Visa USA said it was working with the merchant, law enforcement agencies and its bank members “to monitor and prevent card­ related fraud.

"Congress enacts tougher debt laws

WASHINGTON — Bankruptcy lawyers expect thousands of debt-bur­dened people to rush to courthouses to file for bankruptcy before then.

The bill passed by the House Thursday on a 302-126 vote marks the second major change in law to benefit businesses since law­makers increased their House and Senate majorities in last fall’s elections. The Senate passed the bill last month, 74-25.

The measure requires people with incomes above a certain level to pay credit-card charges, medical bills and other obligations under a court­ ordered bankruptcy plan.

Opponents say the change would fall especially hard on low-income working people, single mothers, minorities and the elderly and would remove a safety net for those who have lost their jobs or face crushing medical bills.

The legislation “protects the credit industry at the expense of the con­sumer,” Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., declared in House debate. "It will drive more Americans deeper into financial crisis and weaken the nation’s econom­y and social structure."

But backers in Congress and the financial services industry argue that bankruptcy frequently is the last refuge of gamblers, impulsive shoppers, divorced or separated fathers avoiding child support, and multimillionaires who buy mansions in states with liber­al homestead exemptions to shelter assets from creditors.
President of the Student Union Board, said. “Honestly, I’m not really like Thursday from now, maybe maybe to give off-campus events instead of on,” Gibeau said.

“On campus there isn’t enough variety of bars,” agreed Marx. “Legends is a good bar, but anything gets monotonous after a while. However, despite some older students being distracted by campus events, lately Legends has brought in upwards of 4,000 people each month, with April poised to be the club’s busiest ever. Still, Perri sees a lot of room for growth.

“The potential for this place is amazing,” Perri said. “Sometimes I think students don’t realize what they have in Legends, and other groups, many students feel like there are enough things to do on-campus for weekend nights.”

“I think they have going on is great,” said Cavanaugh. “Some of our internal processes and public relations,” Flaherty added, “I’m very excited to bring in up and more, along with a bar for two or three, we’d like to do something for interest.”

“I think to spend their weekends, many students prefer to go off-campus. It’s a lot of fun, they were amazing — a lot of room for growth. Sometimes I think students don’t realize what they have in Legends,” Perri said. “Everything we do here is free and we have a night-time club, live entertainment venue right on campus. Not many schools have that.”

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Flu virus debacle reveals flaws
Criticals call for greater precaution in transfer of deadly germs to labs
Associated Press

Every day, deadly germs are shipped across the country and around the globe, right through FedEx Corp. and similar couriers.

Often their journeys can be circuitous, too. Follow, for instance, a single vial of the potentially deadly flu virus causing a world health scare because it was included in test kits sent to more than 4,000 laboratories. It was grown in a Virginia lab, spent time in a Cincinnati freezer and passed through a small medical company on the Mexican border before it finally arrived at a Milwaukee lab.

Health experts, government officials and the couriers insist the transportation of these germs is tightly regulated, and that the samples are heavily packaged and labeled to ensure safety. A catastrophic outbreak has never occurred as a result of such shipments.

"The safety level of the transport of biological material is incredibly high," said Dr. Jared Schwart, a microbiologist and professor with the College of American Pathologists, which is in charge of the flu testing program. "I have no concerns about the safety of the transport."

But accidents do occur — and some scientists feel they've been too close for comfort.

Last month, a FedEx truck carrying five boxes of samples of anthrax, flu, tuberculosis, salmonella and E. coli collided with a car in Winnipeg, None of the dangerous germs escaped.

In 2003, a FedEx package containing West Nile virus was delivered as the Port Columbus International Airport in Ohio. Firefighters suspected dry ice caused it to burst open. No one was injured, but 50 workers had to be evacuated.

"This has been a big concern for us," said Sajitha Byravan of the Council for Responsible Genetics, a Boston nonprofit fighting the U.S. expansion of high-containment labs that will be home to the world's deadliest germs.

At least 18 such "hot labs" are being planned or built in the United States in the coming years, and a growing number of scientists are being trained in the darker aspects of microbiology as part of a huge federal effort to combat bioterrorism.

"The more FedEx's exchanges of biological material you have between labs, the more opportunities there are for accidents," Byravan said.

The thousands of deadly flu samples that labs were hastily destroying at the urging of global health officials originated at American Type Culture Collection, according to the college of pathologists.

"The ATCC has been too close for comfort."

Associated Press

Government seeks umbilical cord blood

WASHINGTON — Blood saved from newborns' umbilical cords could help treat about 11,700 Americans a year with leukemia and other devastating diseases, yet most is routinely thrown away, a panel of influential scientists said Thursday in calling for a tripling of the nation's supply.

Cord blood is rich in stem cells, the building blocks that produce blood — the same stem cells that make up the bone-marrow transplants that help many people survive certain cancers and other diseases. When frozen from cord blood shortly after a baby's birth, stem cells are ready to be thawed and transplanted at a moment's notice, much easier than traditional bone-marrow donation.

Now the government is preparing to open a national cord blood bank in hopes of providing an adequate supply to find a match for every patient who needs this kind of stem-cell transplant.

Private cord blood banking — in which pregnant women arrange to store their child's cord blood, for a hefty fee, in case a family member ever needs it — is a booming industry.

Women also can donate, for free, a baby's cord blood so that anyone can use it.

Many medical groups caution that odds are slim that privately stored cord blood will be used unless certain genetic diseases are common to a family. But because stem cells from cord blood are more easily transplanted into unrelated people than is bone marrow, specialists have long urged a bigger and better national stockpile.

But public donation is hard for women to learn about: It's seldom advertised and is offered only at hospitals affiliated with 22 public cord blood banks around the country.

About 100,000 donations from pregnant women in the next few years would be required to set up the bank, on top of the roughly 50,000 cord-blood donations already in stock at different public banks around the country, the Institute of Medicine said Thursday, in a report request­ed by Congress on how a better national banking system should be established.

Those donations shouldn't be hard to get, said Kristine Gebbie of Columbia University, a nursing professor and health policy specialist who led the institute's study. 4 million U.S. babies are born every year, and most of the umbilical cord blood is simply thrown away.
The Internet is a fascinating tool. Within minutes, it can whisk you away from checking your fantasy baseball standings to making your bookstore basketball team is properly paid for and registered. Gone are the days of fleeing out to the JCC to confirm registration for classes. In the place of pen and paper are a mouse and a keyboard, leaving the hassles of registration to simply wak­
ing up in time for online deadlines.

But the transition hasn't been smooth. The trend to put all manner of registration forms online has been met with a mix of successes and disappoint­ments. For every freshman who successfully fills out his online housing contract, there's a senior who wakes up to reserve his Cuba ticket only to find a disappointing senior week site-wide lock­down.

Among the new online systems this spring, the registration for housing contracts and Bookstore Basketball teams was quick and efficient. However, the InsideND course sign-up system was daunting, and thanks to a site malfunction, the Web-based senior registration was worthless.

The online housing contracts and Bookstore Basketball forms succeeded in streamlining their respective processes because they were simple and straightforward. Both of these online registration forms could be filled out in minutes, cutting down a lot of the extra burden (and paperwork out a paper copy of tedious enrollment forms). The revamped course registration system, InsideND, clearly faced a much more complicated agenda. Changes were not made out of convenience, but out of necessity, as Hewlett-Packard could no longer support the University's old IrisLink technology. That hasn't made the transition any easier, as many students accustomed to IrisLink have balked at the volume and complexity of information available on InsideND. But while it is far from simple,

Online trend has potential

InsideND does have potential to streamline registration once students become accustomed to online ventures are properly planned, monitored and refined, online registration could become an integral part of student life.

The television commercial promot­ing tourism for Las Vegas hints that everything in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas. Translated, it means keep your past in the past. Unfortunately, that is the out­

ward thrust of the prevailing attitude in this world.

With commencement­

ment addresses and the wisdom of many elders about to bombard the Class of 2005, I add my advice. First, seniors should know that the time to be slowed to further appreciate current events. With a month remaining before graduation, seniors can stretch these precious remaining moments price­

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Gary Caruso, Capital Comments

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outlook. Throughout the past year, Death has continued to camp on my doorstep. Having lost a parent, two, an uncle and a great cousin, I better real­

Comparing the Class of 2005 is anyone's guess. But I can predict one

thing will be certain. Each will face a unique set of life's hardships. How your life progresses depends on if you think of others more often than of yourself.

Notre Dame graduates are attracted to a higher call of community, public and family service. Many waste their opportunities through closed-minded resolutions.

On the Class of 2005 is endless

opportunities ahead of them. Tuck the unconditional love of Potamus in your back pocket and remember that the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. If you can make time for others who are different from you, the meaning of life will be yours, as well.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy."—Abraham Lincoln, former U.S. president
In a recent class discussion, I was saddened to learn more about my fellow students' political and moral outlook for the future. The class' principle sentiment was one of disillusionment. There was no hope for a better, more human, economic or governmental system. Recently, I have been thinking a lot about the source of this outlook. More and more, I am getting the impression that we live in a depressed, postmodern age of moral relativism. I do not sense a vital hope for the future. Instead, we, as a generation, are forfeiting our historical roles. We feel that, "Yeah, while the status quo is pretty messed up, it's the best that we can do." Thus, there are no radical or sweeping changes that we can make to improve our society.

What, then, is this source of this ambivalence regarding the future? What happened to idealism? What happened to activism, and when did "liberalism" become a dirty word that (to some) connotes subversion and evil? Perhaps it was the fall of communist Russia that dealt a death blow to our world's hope for a better, more human political system. Maybe it was the terrorist attacks on our country that showed us the chaos and inhumanity that exist in our world.

Regardless of the source, the most harmful sentiment that we have, as a generation, is our lack of hope for the future and for mankind. Our generation sees a world where humans are too deeply flawed to attempt any type of undertaking that relies on an inherent goodness existing in humanity. Now, only starry-eyed idealists believe in the workability of things like a socialist political system. As a result of this lack of hope in humanity, we are complacent. For the past part, we are not a generation of activists. We do not think that forward progress can be made on any great scale. We are largely individualistic, and our concern for others does not extend much past our own tight-knit communities. Therefore, I wonder how history will judge us.

Still, I want to make clear that I do appreciate the impressive efforts that many of my fellow students are making to improve our country and the world. I simply feel that, compared with previous generations, the changes that we hope to affect are not comprehensive enough. Lacking is a faith in inherent human goodness necessary for the implementation of comprehensive and widespread changes in our society. However, I believe that this lack of faith is based on flawed assumptions that hard work and cooperation will allow us to overcome.

Kevin Winnike
junior
off-campus
April 14

Different majors offer different opportunities
Accountancy not for the apes

In Thursday's Viewpoint, math major Eric Staron made the profound insight that business majors "learn to take numbers and put them into the correct 'debit' or 'credit' columns." He then went on to argue that all students would essentially train a monkey to do this. If this be the case, I suggest that they start admitting monkeys to the University — because those would be some pretty brilliant monkeys. Human nature has grossly underestimated the intelligence of monkeys and underestimated the academic prowess of the accountancy students who learn to "debit" and "credit." If Staron went through the accountancy program, he'd learn that only the first two classes of Principles of Accounting 241 are devoted to learning to make the correct "debits" and "credits." The rest of the accountancy program is more like upper-level law and less like bean counting. If he wants proof, I will be more than happy to lend to him my DB-ROM of Financial Accounting Standards, which includes thousands of minute regulations for obscure transactions in specific industries. I'd also like to see how Mr. Staron's monkeys could handle the details of compliance with Congress 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Incidentally, a plethora of business periodicals name accountancy as one of the most sought-after backgrounds in America, not to mention one of the most highly compensated professions. If it was so easy, as Staron claims, everyone would major in accounting, but the truth is that there is a vast shortage of accountants in society.

In closing, I cordially invite Staron to sit in on one of my accounting classes before the end of the semester — I know that he'd finally realize that the subject and profession isn't "monkey business."

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McGlinn Hall
April 14

ND founded in many majors

This letter is in response to Kate Gales' April 11 column. Though she clearly states, "I'm not trying to bring down the engineers or the archys or the pre-meds," her article does just that.

Let's look at the implications that Gales makes in her article. She states, "the vast majority of engineers, scientists and doctors are going to end up working for a business major." If that's not putting down the aforementioned groups, I'm not sure what it is. And not only is Gales making ad-hominem arguments, she is making false claims. CEOs of hospitals, for example, tend to be physicians but may even have undergraduate degrees in many other areas. For example, Gary A. Mecklenburg, CEO of Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, is an Anthropology major who later earned a M.B.A. I'll go out on a limb and say that most of the big research hospitals have presidents and CEOs with a scientific background.

Furthermore, the Fortune 500 has many CEOs who have engineering degrees; according to U.S. News and World Report, 20 percent of the Fortune 500 CEOs have engineering degrees. Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Jack Welch all have engineering backgrounds. Jack Welch, a chemical engineer, who knows?

The fact of the matter is technical backgrounds are often a necessity for running a company in an engineering or scientific field. So no, the vast majority of engineers, architects and doctors are going to end up working for a business major.

There is an implication that other majors do not learn these skills, though I feel Gales is again mistaken. As an undergraduate here at Notre Dame, my senior design class required us to maintain a Web page to provide information to the engineers at Sears Corporation who were overseeing our projects. Additionally, we had to prepare detailed budgets, as our designs were candidates for real world products. Perhaps there exists some confusion on both sides as to what the "other majors" do and learn in their four years at this University.

And Gales, perhaps you should step back and get a good look at reality, because you never know who your boss might be some day.

Lastly, I took particular offense to the statement: "Without business majors, this school would crumble." Is it true that the University of Notre Dame has grown in large part due to the College of Business? Yes.

Is the foundation of this University financing, marketing and business administration? No.

This University is rooted in Catholic tradition upon which our liberal arts, science and business educations are built.

Kevin Winnike
junior
off-campus
April 14

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Want to be a columnist, copy editor or illustrator for Viewpoint?
Fisher president Jake Benedict showed his dedication to his dorm at Section Wars, allowing sophomore Patrick O'Toole to shave an F in his head.

A dunk tank was set up on South Quad along with games, live music and food for Fisher’s Spring Binge on Thursday afternoon.

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Senior Staff Writer

Just like cross-dressing Bookstore Basketball teams and rampant procrastination, the Fisher Regatta can always be counted on to storm campus with enthusiasm each spring.

The spirited competition began modestly in 1987 and has since evolved into one of the premier signature dorm events as handcrafted boats race across Saint Mary’s lake in pursuit of the prestigious Fisher Hall Regatta Cup. Rivalry and dorm pride abound as teams prepare for the aquatic battle. While many seem to train seriously, other watercrafts focus more on flaunting creative features like kegs and bicycles for flotation and paddling purposes.

These playful entries do provide entertainment for the crowds watching from shore, but water safety personnel have raised concerns that an increasing number of participants have been mixing alcohol with water in recent years.

Due to controversy last year stemming from close heats, the finish line officiating will be upgraded.

"We are happy that our boat is still in working condition," said Chris "The Boat Guy" Tilton, Fisher’s master craftsman who built the Green Wave’s current vessel for the 2003 contest. "With some skilled rowers, we’ll have a good chance to win the race."

"In years past, the races have not been that close, and usually someone runs away with it," Regatta co-chair Mike Bufalino said. "And last year, there were a couple really good boats. O’Neill, Siegfried and Carroll all had really good boats, and it all came down to the last second."

"Last year, we didn’t really have an official at the finish line, so this year we’re going to make a bigger effort to do a better job to declare winners."

Bufalino and co-chair Mike Coogan encouraged all dorm presidents to rally support within their respective halls for the tradition. As usual, free food and drinks will be available all day so rowers and their fans can enjoy burgers, hot dogs, pizza and snacks. Sponsors include Coca-Cola, which agreed to supply soft drinks for the duration of the event, and all proceeds go to charity.

The Green Wave’s annual Fishe...
The Fisher Regatta will directly benefit Andre House, a ministry to the poor and homeless in the Phoenix area.

"The residents of Fisher Hall are enthusiastic about this event, knowing that the Regatta provides a day of campus-wide entertainment and an atmosphere of healthy dorm competition," Bufalino and Coogan said in a letter to all hall presidents.

Tilton echoed this sentiment that it was an all-inclusive fun time, not only for Fisher.

"The Regatta is a great event for both Fisher and the rest of campus," Tilton said. "It's just what always seems to happen."

A few brave Fishermen did sacrifice their hair for the sake of their sections, including hall president Jake Benedict, now sporting an F on the back of his head.

Next up was Traditions night on Tuesday, with guest speaker Patricia O'Hara, dean of the law school. Wednesday night the notorious Red Mock Awards took place, where honors were handed out for questionable distinctions like being smelly or lazy, or for antics from throughout the year. There were also contests running throughout the week, like a photo contest of random subjects, where the pictures were shown at the awards ceremony creates some friendly rivalries between the dorms."

Part of Fisher's excitement is generated in the week leading up to the actual Regatta. Events each night amplify dorm unity for the main event and began last weekend with a dorm poker tournament at a former Fisher resident's Lafayette apartment.

Monday was Section Wars night in the basement, which included tests of physical and mental prowess; such as the Roommate Game. Reminiscent of the Newlywed Game, it reveals how much roommates know — or don't know — about each other. There were also heavyweight and lightweight arm wrestling contests, no-hands pie eating contests and the opportunity to get an unflattering haircut. "I'm not sure how many people are going to be willing to do that though," Bufalino said before Section Wars night. "I'm sure we'll get a few freshmen to do it. That's an F on the back of his head."

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Fisher vice president Jeremy Moreno arm wrestles Tom Bufalino at Section Wars night on Monday.

Section Wars night also involved heavyweight and lightweight pie eating contests, where Fishermen went at it with no hands.
Iverson spoils Shaq's return as Sixers keep on winning

LeBron James and the Cavaliers fall as playoff hopes quickly fade for a struggling Cleveland team

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LeBron fames and the Cavaliers fall to the Knicks as playoff hopes quickly fade for a struggling Cleveland team

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Sixers spoil the return of

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson again is leading Philadelphia into the Eastern Conference standins. Iverson scored 38 points and had nine assists, helping the Sixers spoil the return of Shaq that was expected to liven up the Miami Heat on Thursday night.

It's like a do or die situation," Iverson said. "A loss here means it and we could be out of the playoffs. We understand that. It just says a lot about our team."

Marc Jackson scored 26 and Kyle Korver 20 for the Sixers, who won for the fifth time in six games. With Cleveland's 91-82 loss to the Sixers (40-38) moved into a tie for seventh in the East standings. Philadelphia, though, holds the tiebreaker with three wins over the Cavaliers.

The next two games will go a long way in determining Philadelphia's fate. They play at Indiana on Friday and at New York, who are looking to lock up their playoff berth before ending the season with games against Cleveland on Monday and Atlanta on Wednesday.

"Playing a lot of games in a few nights, that comes with the territory," Jackson said. "You're looking to make a run."

Wade's career-high in points and 10 rebounds couldn't keep the Heat from falling to a down-in-their-final-quarter Cleveland, 93-86.

Iverson scored 38 points and eight assists. While the Heat have already wrapped up the No. 1 seed and the NBA record, it was a bad loss for the defending champions. Iverson tied the game 104-all with 20.6 seconds left. Wade answered with a 3-pointer to give Cleveland the win.

"When you approach the game mentally the right way, these are the results," Iverson said.

The Sixers made 33 of 34 free throws and the Heat went 22-for-24. O'Neal missed eight of 11 attempts.

"I looked like Shaq to me," Iverson said, smiling.

O'Neal was a non-factor in the frantic final 1:50 of regulation, going 1-for-5 from the field and 0-for-3 from the free-throw line.

"I've been doing a driving layup and a jumper around Webber's 18-toaster, and Iverson tied the game 104-all with 20.6 seconds left. Wade was 6-for-9 in the fourth and had a chance to win it in regulation, but his jumper over Iverson was too high and short.

"I hit some shots, but missed the one that cost us the regulation," Wade said. "I got some good looks at the basket tonight."

Wade made 18 of 33 field goals and was 10-for-12 from the line. Everywhere Wade was on the floor, he found a way to score.

He showed he's a different kind of player by shooting the ball the way he did," Wade said. "He obviously scouting report said let him shoot jumpers. But it didn't work. He just played his game."

New York 95, Cleveland 89

A promising season has turned into something else for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Panic. Not long ago, the playoffs looked like a sure thing. Now, nothing about the Cavs' future is certain.

Iverson goes past Miami's Shaq O'Neal on Friday for a revenge game during the Sixers' 126-119 overtime win on Thursday night.

Iverson voted the ball the way he

Down by 12 points midway through the third quarter, James and the Cavaliers finally began playing as if their season was on the line. He hit a 3-pointer and scored on a dunk during an 11-2 run that brought Cleveland within 67-64.

James made two free throws to give the Cavs a 70-69 lead and then pulled down another rebound, his ninth of the period, before Eric Snow's layup put Cleveland up 72-70 going into the fourth.

With filmmaker Spike Lee fantasizing about him in a Knicks uniform and daily rumors swirling that he'll demand a trade, James said he's only focused on getting the Cavs to the playoffs.

"He's a good dude," James said of Lee, whom he filmed a commercial with last year. "I don't want to get into that. I'm more worried about wearing the Cavaliers uniform every night."
Women's Golf

Youth key in weekend tee-off

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's golf team travels to Columbus, Ohio this weekend for the Lady Buckeye Invitational, its third of four tournaments in the month of April.

Despite the rough stretch that includes a tournament away from South Bend every week this month, Irish coach Debbie King is not worried about her team tiring.

"They're all drive trips so it's not too bad," King said. "Plus, I've been going light on practice during the week."

The tournament features 15 teams, all of whom the Irish have faced already this season. Of those 15, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Kent State, Purdue, Michigan State and Northwestern — are ranked in the top 50 in the nation by golffast.com. Ohio State leads the field with a No. 13 ranking. Unfortunately for Notre Dame, the Irish come into the tournament a woeful 1-10-1 against those opponents.

The good news is the Irish are 22-0 against the remainder of the field — Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Marshall, Ohio University, Penn State, Toledo and Western Michigan.

King is not worried by the disparity between the top and bottom of the field. "We don't really look at stats like that," King said. "Golf is so much day to day, any team can beat any other on any day."

Taking the course this week for the Irish will be junior Katie Brophy, sophomore Stacy Brown, senior Karen Lotia, sophomore Noriko Nakazaki, freshman Jane Lee and junior Suzie Hayes. The young lineup is not new for the Irish.

Getting the youth experience will also help the Irish in coming years. "Our goal is to get into the top 25," King said. "We seem to be improving each year."

The Lady Buckeye Invitational is played every year at Ohio State's Scarlet Course, one of the most difficult courses the Irish will play this year.

"Ohio State's Scarlet Course is known to be one of the toughest in the country," King said. "However, if you look at some of the past events we've played in, our team plays well in tough conditions, like bad weather or a hard course."

King explained the Scarlet Course challenges golfers in several ways. "It's fairly hilly and long," King said. "It's also tight on quite a few holes. You have to hit it long and straight at the same time."

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Women's Lacrosse

Hoyas to visit Irish in a Big East matchup

Foote expected to be impressive for Notre Dame in order to win

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

In what is becoming a pattern in Notre Dame's schedule, the Irish have another opportunity to slay a giant.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., Notre Dame will take on the No. 3-ranked Georgetown at Mouse Krause Stadium. Hoyas, who are entering the game with an impressive streak, Georgetown has never lost a Big East game since the Big East started sponsoring women's lacrosse," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's a huge Big East game for us."

Notre Dame has struggled this season, and wants to begin redeeming its campaign on Saturday.

"I think our goal is to hand them their first Big East loss," Coyne said.

To do so, Notre Dame will need stellar play from its offense, especially junior midfielder/attacker Caitlin McKinney to be on her game. McKinney missed the entire second half of last Sunday's game against Stanford after being ejected late in the first period.

Foote, who has been named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week twice already this year, leads the team in both goals and assists, with 23 and 13 respectively.

Notre Dame will also need freshman midfielder/attacker O'Connell, sophomore midfielder/attacker Cailla O'Connell to be on her game. McKinney missed the entire second half of last Sunday's game against Stanford after being ejected late in the first period.

Georgetown is second in all scoring categories, having tallied 20 goals and 11 assists.

Saturday's game will mark the end of Notre Dame's toughest home stand, a five-game stint that has included tough losses to Connecticut, Duke and Stanford.

Against Stanford, the team suffered a heartbreaking loss, as Stanford broke a 5-5 tie with just 14 seconds to play. With such a daunting schedule, the team has struggled to a 3-7 record, but its plan for winning has remained the same.

"Our strategy has continually been to improve our game and prove our game," Coyne said.

At the same time, the Irish know their opponent and understand their strengths and the challenges they are facing.

"Georgetown comes out and tends to be very patient on offense," Coyne said.

Ultimately, while the team has had its difficulties this season, the Irish are still excited about playing in such a big game.

"We want to prepare as if this is an NCAA tournament game, and we're pitching on every aspect," Coyne said.

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‘Apostles’ fall to Carlson-led ‘Best Hands’ 21-3

For much of the game the Apostles were at a 6-on-4 disadvantage

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Some teams in bookstore basketball like to get pumped up for their games by playing boom boxes and blasting music. The Apostles were no different, though their introduction music wasn’t exactly “Eye of the Tiger” or any other classic pre-game song. The Apostles began their game by playing chants and other choir music. This was only the beginning of their pre-tip ritual, as the large crowd that gathered soon observed the telega-clad Apostles on their knees at mid-court devoutly praying Our Father. They then rose from their circle revealing the names John, Peter, Thomas, and Judas painted on their forearms.

It was clear from the first possession that the actual game would take a back seat to the Apostles’ display. The Best Hands team used their size and speed to jump out to a quick 7-0 lead and never looked back. John jumped over a dunk from John Carlson, a tight end on Notre Dame’s football team, sealed the win in the second half.

Despite lacking somewhat in basketball ability, the Apostles were determined to put on a show for the fans. The second half began with a crowd member running on the court exclaiming, “Judas, I have your 30 silver pieces.”

“Judas” (Jeremy Truelove) promptly stuffed them in his pocket, and “betrayed” his team by shooting at the wrong basket. His betrayal continued throughout the half as he played if he was on the opposing team. Best Hands players even got to the point where they were comfortable passing the ball to Judas for a 6-on-4 advantage.

When asked where they got the inspiration for their team name and costumes, “John” (Josh Meyer) admitted they received help.

“Jeremy and a friend of ours, the Apostles’ James Schindler thought this up,” he said. The Apostles enjoyed the crowd support, but admitted their first-round game may have been more fun.

“Based on what we faced in our first game, we did this whole act and won playing four on six in the second half,” Meyer said.

Platinum FUBU 20 21, Team 461, 6

The 12th-seeded FUBU team asserted itself as one of the top teams in the tournament with a dominant performance. Overall quickness and smothering defense that extended to half court allowed FUBU to get numerous steals that led to fast break opportunities. FUBU just added up to an 8-3 lead and closed the game on a 13-3 run.

Paul Pegge led the effort in the second half scoring four points and starting a number of successful fast breaks. Bert Lennig’s slashing ability allowed him to earn his team easy points in the paint, and John Rompf’s size and rebounding ability gave FUBU a big advantage inside.

Team members agreed that this wasn’t their best performance, but that didn’t concern Pegge. He was more concerned about his teammate’s wardrobe.

“Honestly the most disappointing thing about the game for me was John Rompf’s lack of FUBU gear,” he said. Rompf will look to find some FUBU clothing before his team’s next game on Sunday.

STCC 21, MBA Ballers 19

In one of the closest games of the night, the STCC squad outlasted their MBA opponents. The game was an epic, lasting almost 90 minutes. It was clear from the outset that this game would be a war of attrition as both teams struggled to score. STCC, clad in black uniforms with a crab on the jersey breast to loosen halls on the back, came out in a 2-3 zone. This defense proved to be successful as the MBA Ballers couldn’t consistently hit the outside shot.

STCC was methodical on offense, looking to work the ball inside for a high-percent-age shot. They succeeded at the end of the first half scoring 8 of the last 11 baskets of the half to jump to an 11-6 lead. Jason Ryan established himself as an inside presence, scoring three baskets in a row to begin the first half. His performance was evident on the glass as he exclaimed “Get to your home!” as he made a shot on his third attempt of the possession.

The Ballers would not cut the gap to 12-11 in early in the half, stealing an inbound pass and scoring an easy layup. The see-saw battle would soon turn in favor of STCC, however, as they scored the next six to go up 18-11, led by Joe O’Brien’s three driving layups.

The game appeared decided with the score 19-13, but stingy defense and hot shooting allowed the Ballers to score six in a row to tie the score at 19. After enduring an almost 15-minute drought, Peter Wu and O’Brien scored on consecutive possessions to cap the victory for STCC.

STCC was pleased with its win, but puzzled at its second half cold streak.

“In the first half, everything went right, but in the second we couldn’t get anything to go our way,” O’Brien said.

When asked about the use of their zone defense, captain Jason Ryan was frank in his explanation.

“We can’t run because we can’t dribble. We have to slow it down, but we don’t want it to take two hours,” he said.

The Ligers 21, Johnny Appleseed and His Band of Thieves 11

In a game that featured a sloppy start, the Ligers cleaned up their play and hit their stride in the second half to pull away.

The Ligers displayed teamwork through the contest. Their unity was seen best in the second half as the lefty was able to connect on 8-of-15 overall from beyond the arc.

O’Brien’s 15 points were the difference in the game.

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In Brief

Utah federal judge lifts ban on epedra

NOW - LAGUNA VISTA - A federal judge Thursday struck down the FDA ban on supplements containing epedra, the once-popular weight-loss aid that was yanked from the market two years ago. The judge ruled in favor of a Utah supplement company that challenged the Food and Drug Administration's ban. Nutraceuticals claimed that epedra had been safely consumed for hundreds of years.

Research shows epedra - an amphetaminelike herb - can speed heart rate and constrict blood vessels even in seemingly healthy people, but it is particularly risky for those with heart disease or high blood pressure or who engage in strenuous exercise. Among the deaths linked to the substance was that of Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechter, who collapsed and died during spring training two years ago.

Bulls' Curry out for remainder of the season

CHICAGO - Bulls center Eddy Curry will miss the rest of the season because of an irregular heartbeat, but doctors are optimistic he'll be able to play again.

Curry will undergo further tests that will take another six weeks, meaning he'll miss the team's first playoff appearance since 1998. Doctors still aren't sure what caused the heart arrhythmia, which hasn't recurred in the last two weeks.

"We've been as diligent as we can to rule out anything possible that would put him at risk," Dr. Kathy Weber, a Bulls' team physician, said at a news conference Thursday. "We're going to continue to do that until we feel it's safe for him to play."

The 22-year-old has been sidelined since March 30. He was a late scratch from the Bulls' game in Charlotte that night with what was listed as flu-like symptoms, but the Chicago Tribune reported that he'd spent the game hooked up to a heart monitor.

Lonard shoots 62 to lead MCI Heritage after first day

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. - Peter Lonard flirted with a 59 and finished with a two-stroke lead after Thursday's opening round of the MCI Heritage. The 9-under 62 was one shot off the tournament record and brought some life to an event that doesn't have Masters champion Tiger Woods and his Big Four buddies.

Lonard was two strokes ahead of Thomas Levet, who birdied six of his last eight holes to shoot a 64. Darren Clarke was at 65 with Patrick Sheahan another stroke back.

Lonard, a 37-year-old Australian in his fourth season on tour, didn't look like he'd be capable of a landmark round after opening with a bogey. But he made 11 birdies over the next 15 holes to take the lead and briefly flirt with golf's magic number.
SMC TENNIS

Belles to battle against Albion in MIAA game

Saint Mary's ready to see solid opponent with a tough lineup

By PATRICK MCCABE
Sports Writer

The Belles, seeking to recover from two crippling losses, play the Albion Britons at 1 p.m. Sunday in a critical conference match.

"This match is really important because our conference record isn't that good. We hope to make amends," co-captain Kristen Palombo said.

Belles' coach Dee Stevenson elaborated on her captain's feeling.

"We're trying to recover from Wednesday's loss to Kalamazoo," Stevenson said. Albion is 3-0 in conference play and 12-3 overall. The Britons finished fifth in the Wisconsin tournament that snubbed the Belles.

"They're good. They're favored to win the conference this year," Stevenson said. "They return most of last season's players.

Palombo also acknowledged the strength of Albion, especially in reference to the Britons' deep lineup.

"Most teams have only one or two premier players, but [Albion's players] are all good," Palombo said. "Preparation against them is tough." Stevenson explained the recent wrenching losses.

"We're playing good teams. The matches could have gone either way," Stevenson said. "The injuries, academic obligations, and graduation have leached our depth. There's nothing you can do." Palombo echoed her coach's sentiments regarding the tough losses this season.

"The losses are disappointing, but we somewhat expected them. We're a brand-new team in conference play and we have to improve," she said.

"We can't dwell on these losses. We have to suck it up and ask 'What did we do wrong'? Hopefully, we can figure it out by Sunday." Palombo said.

The Belles will receive extra motivation Sunday from cherished fans and friends.

"We're excited, too," Palombo said. "Last year's graduated players are returning to watch the match."

Meanwhile, Stevenson is focused on the technicalities of the matches.

"We change our game plan for each opponent," she said. "On Sunday, we have to play our best, and our players realize that." Contact Patrick McCabe at pmccabe@nd.edu

ND WOMEN'S CREW

Irish rowers to host Bearcats

Notre Dame's only home regatta of the season occurs Sunday

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The muddy waters of St. Joseph's River may not appear favorable to most onlookers, but the members of the Notre Dame women's crew team hope those waters prove conducive to speed.

The river that plays host to Notre Dame for all fall and spring water practices will now hold the shells of the Irish and their opponent, the Cincinnati Bearcats, this Sunday in Notre Dame's sole home regatta of the year.

"The familiarity of the team with the river will help," Martin Stone, Irish coach, said.

Despite beating a field of competitive teams, the time the Bearcats lost is far slower than the time often posted by the Irish women. Such a discrepancy shouldn't favor a lengthy Irish victory in the 2,000 meter race, but Stone is not taking the Bearcats lightly.

"I think that for us, we need to race well and execute our plan, and just win," Stone said of his German goals for the regatta. "I think it is critical to win [this weekend]. We have got to get this done.

The Irish are heading into the final 20 strokes of the season with the next two weekends' regattas. It is at this juncture that much less than a first place finish in any varsity eight race will make it tough for the NCAA selection committee to make a case for an Irish bid.

A clear victory over Cincinnati is key considering next weekend brings to bat the twin dangers of Harvard and Yale in the chilly confines of Boston, followed by the Big East Championships.

The Irish women were faced with a minor stumbling block early this week when their regatta with Michigan State had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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ND MEN'S TRACK
Irish to compete in Mt. SAC race
By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Five Notre Dame men will compete in one of the largest and most prestigious track meets in the world this weekend. The Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) Relays are the last relay meet of the season and will continue through Sunday night.

Adam Currie, Tim Moore, Eric Morrison, Selim Nurudeen and Sean O'Donnell will represent Notre Dame at the meet in Walnut, Calif. Currie will run in the 800-meters, and Moore and O'Donnell will both compete in the 4,000 meters. Morrison will run the 1,500 meters, while Nurudeen takes his normal place in the 1,100-meter hurdles. There are no field athletes making the trip to California.

The meet will feature student-athletes from colleges all across the country and many other competitors representing all over the globe.

The Irish will compete against runners from Air Force, Arkansas, Boston College, Duke, Florida, Florida State, Michigan, Michigan State, Stanford, USC and many others. There will also be competitors representing the nations of Canada, China, Japan and a host of others. In addition to those groups, there will also be a select group of Notre Dame athletes who will compete in the Mt. SAC Relays.

Notre Dame will also have a strong presence in the field competitions at Mt. SAC. Along with Derek Goguen in the javelin, the Irish will have a host of hammer throwers competing Chip Roberts, Kyle Anne, Garrett Koxlien, Michael Schubert and Kevin Moffitt will all participate in the event. Irish jumpers will include Dave Viken and Justin Opehl in the pole vault and Chris Jacques and Chris Staron in the high jump, with Jacques also competing in the long jump.

Hammer thrower Kevin Moffitt explains the reason behind the split.

"Mt. SAC is more of a national meet, and therefore has higher qualifying standards," Moffitt said. "Indy is a more local meet and is a good opportunity for us to get out there and work on improving our Big East or Regional qualifying times."

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK
Meagher to lead team in event at Mt. SAC
By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

California, here they come.

For the second time this season, a portion of the Notre Dame women's track team will be traveling west to compete in a meet in California. Much like the Stanford Invitational earlier this season, this weekend's Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif. will feature NCAA-level competition.

The Mt. SAC Relays is recognized as one of the premier events on the college track schedule, both for its size — more than 100 teams will be represented — and its level of competition. Many post-collegiates run in the meet along with some of the best athletes from colleges across the country.

Irish coach Tim Connelly spoke highly of the meet.

"Conditions are always perfect for fast times, and it is always a great environment out here," Connelly said. "They always get a lot of fans out — people who are really interested in track."

Connelly will bring his best athletes this weekend, as a select group of nine has been chosen take on the elite competition. While he spoke highly of all the athletes competing this weekend, Connelly was especially excited for Kerry Meagher.

"I'll be a big weekend for Kerry," Connelly said. "She'll get her first race of the season two weeks ago at Purdue and was victorious in the 1,500."
Huskies continued from page 24

World Series in Omaha, Neb. Turnarounds happen. They can be done. Notre Dame hopes to start its tear Saturday when it faces Big East foe the Connecticut Huskies (21-11, 4-4 Big East) in a pivotal weekend series at home.

"We really have to cultivate a sense of urgency about the rest of the season because it's time to light the fire and kick the tires about this thing," junior pitcher Tom Thornton said. "We still believe that we have a team that can do great things. We've got a lot of young guys on the team that are really coming into their own. Right now I think we're really kind of starting to hit our stride after last weekend taking two out of three from [Boston College]."

The Irish take the diamond Saturday at noon for a doubleheader and Sunday at noon for the final game. Thornton (3-4) will start the second Saturday game, while sophomore Dan Kapala takes the mound for the opener. Sophomore Jeff Manship will try to earn his first win in the Sunday game.

Connecticut is coming off a 6-2 victory over Central Connecticut State Thursday. The Huskies snapped a three-game losing streak with the win. The Huskies are led on offense by outfielder Tony Malouf who is batting .389. Infielder Jeff Hourigan is batting .325. Huskies ace lefty Rich Sirois holds a 5-2 record and a team-best 3.2 innings pitched. He has also run up 32 strikeouts.

In his last performance, Thornton hurled a complete-game outing against his home state team.

"After the game, there were about fifteen of my friends and family there. My dad and my mom, who can't come to a lot of baseball games, were there," he said. "It was great to be back home. It was a lot of fun to get some quality wins against a good team like that."

He believes the team is confident and poised to make a move up in the Big East standings this weekend.

"I think without a doubt we're very positive about this. I believe I can go in and get the job done any time against any opponent," Thornton said. "It's going to be a big weekend for us just like last weekend — really like every weekend from here on out. We've got to come to grips with that. We need these games."

Taking the series from the Huskies would move the Irish out of the middle of the conference standings and into the upper tier. They sit half a game behind Villanova, and better yet, only two and a half games behind Irish leader St. John's.

"The focus is totally on Connecticut now. If we get the job done this weekend, we can put ourselves in a great position," coach Paul Mainieri said.

Thornton put it a little more bluntly. "We're looking forward to getting down to business on Saturday," he said.

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preparing for the regular season.

Directly overseeing their work is Michael Haywood, the Irish offensive coordinator and running backs coach. Haywood first saw time in Notre Dame Stadium as a player, winning letters in 1982 and 1984-86. Most recently, he was the running backs coach at the University of Texas, as well as the Longhorns' special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

"The players are extremely coachable — they're willing and eager to learn," Haywood said. "I think they're getting better, understanding blocking schemes ... [and] where the free defenders are. I think they're getting better as a team."

"I still believe that we have a team that can do great things. We've got a lot of young guys on the team that are really coming into their own. Right now I think we're really kind of starting to hit our stride after last weekend taking two out of three from [Boston College]."

The Irish rushed for 1,529 yards on 460 attempts last season, culminating in 17 touchdowns.

Seven of those scores came from Walker. The freshman had a brilliant breakout season, starting with his two-touchdown debut in the Irish upset of Michigan on Sept. 11. "In a sense I have to prove myself," he said. "Coming last year, I had to learn the new system coming in, I kind of got comfortable with it. Now, I go on to something else."

Despite the fresh start in 2005, Walker has set high expectations for himself and his contributions to the team.

"Maybe people are expecting me to do a little better than I did last year, but at the same time it's something [where] I'm embracing the challenge," he said.

Haywood has worked to develop a strong relationship with the running backs as a unit within the offense, speaking of them only as a unit.

"We try to speak of them as a group," he said, declining to comment on individual progress in the spring practices.

Walker said the running backs have embraced the group mentality.

"When you're out there, running backs will switch off, someone will get tired and things like that," Walker said. "Regardless of what's going on the field, it's a group effort ... The kind of players we have here, the kind of unity we have here, we kind of push each other and we want each other to do well, so it is like a family."

As offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, Weis had running back Corey Dillon play a key role in the championship-winning season. He has a specific idea of how Walker and the running backs will fit into his offensive strategy.

"I think that our running backs, starting with Darlius, have very good instincts," he said. "I think they have a lot of natural running skills but you also have to force-feed where you want them to go and not give them too much freedom." Darlius Walker running back

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The players are not the only ones facing transitions as the season progresses. This is Haywood's first time as an offensive coordinator, and he will work under a first-time head coach who saw phenomenal success as an offensive coordinator in the NFL.

"It's been a pretty smooth transition," Haywood said. "Having the opportunity to work for Nick Saban, who worked under Bill Belichick, there's a lot of similarities [in the system] ... in the day to day work schedule, understanding the offensive philosophies."

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Baldwin's performance at Warren typical of game

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Golfers worldwide know Masters’ Saturday as “Moving Day.” This year, Moving Day was the perfect title not just for Tiger Woods’ move into contention at Augusta, but also for Mark Baldwin’s move into the record books with a stellar round for Notre Dame at the Warren Golf Course.

Playing against Texas Christian in a dual-match competition Saturday, Baldwin went out on a tear and etched his name in the Irish annals, shooting a seven-under 63.

“Everything just really fell into place,” Baldwin said. “I felt comfortable.”

He felt so comfortable that it wasn’t until the 13th hole when he realized just how impressive his round was.

“Quite honestly, I really didn’t know where I stood until the 13th hole,” he said.

After two birdies in his previous three holes, teammate Eric Deutsch opened Baldwin’s eyes to his unknowing pursuit of a record.

“Eric said to me, ‘Dude, you have a chance to shoot 63 today if you birdie the last five out of six,’” Baldwin said.

He would not pull off that feat, but he would birdie two more holes only one to reach seven-under on his round, setting a slew of records in the process.

His front nine on the par-70 course put him in the rare waters of having a chance at such a feat as a 39, as he made an eagle and two birdies to make the turn in 31.

After several holes of stellar iron play to start the round, Baldwin finally got momentum with a 50-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole, and he followed that up with a chip-in eagle on five.

“That was kind of how I got my round jump-started,” he said. “The first few holes, I hit it pretty close but missed a few putts. Then I hit a 50-footer to finally get under par.”

One hole later, he chipped in from just off the green for an eagle, reaching three-under through five.

With an improbable birdie on the 18th, the 18-under par-3 ninth, he had reached four-under at the turn.

That shot isn’t really a shot that fits anyone’s eye well,” he said. “Just to get it on the green, you’re pretty happy.”

“I hit a smooth six iron to four feet and made birdie.”

At that point, he could have played the back in even-par and still have tied the course record.

Baldwin said that he was unable to maintain good starts to rounds earlier in the year because he was too focused on posting a specific score.

“I had been concentrating too much on making a number or parrying out to shoot a number,” he said. “That probably led to the downfall of those rounds.”

He didn’t have that problem this time because he wasn’t thinking about his round in those terms Saturday.

Playing in the same group as Baldwin was Deutsch. “I got to see that round first-hand,” he said. “It was amazing.”

Deutsch was most impressed with the way Baldwin continued to attack even when he had reached deep into red figures.

“It was very impressive to watch [Baldwin] handle himself,” he said. “This usually people get nervous when they are under par, but he didn’t want to make more birdies.”

Baldwin stayed aggressive, and Deutsch saw Baldwin sink four more birdies in the last six holes.

“Baldwin was in awe of Deutsch’s move into contention at the Notre Dame School Record for a round belonged to Mike O’Connell. In a quadrangular match on May 4, 1963, O’Connell fired a 64 at the old Burke Memorial Golf Course.

Indiana’s Jeff Overton set the previous competitive round course record on September 19, 2004, posting a four-under 66 en route to a second-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational Central Regional Preview.

Both records, one time-tested and one quite recent, fell Saturday, as Baldwin played the round of his young life.

However, he had another 18 to play that afternoon.

“It’s kind of funny, because after a 63, it’s kind of difficult to know how to play a next round,” he said.

“Relative to the first round, even if you’re one-over, that’s not a very good score.”

In that afternoon round, Baldwin played the second hole at Notre Dame posted a score nine strokes higher than his morning 18.

“I was battling my own swing a little bit … but I felt I was still comfortable,” he said.

While Baldwin’s 137 (63-74) on Saturday won him first place individually and Deutsch’s 138 (69-69) on the team, the Notre Dame’s afternoon round cost the team the tournament.

The Irish made four birdies but two-over 282, but shot a 299 in the morning, finishing in fourth place.

“It was a really nice opportunity for us to get a nice win with TCU ranked 10 or 11 in the country,” Baldwin said.

In a reversal of fortunes, TCU compensated for its opening 292 with a remarkable nine-under 280 that day, finishing in third.

Baldwin was in awe of TCU’s round.

“Two-two-one-zero is a score I didn’t think I’d ever see on the Warren,” he said. “It was just unbelieveable.”

The nine-under for TCU came largely thanks to David Schultz, who nearly broke Baldwin’s hours-old record, eventually capturing a six-under 64.

As chance would have it, Baldwin and Deutsch were in the same group with Schultz all day, and their foursome with their daughter’s former classmate, Troy Gauthier, had a course history on the same day.

Perhaps that’s only fitting — it was Schultz’s 25th birthday.

Two golfers moved into Warren history, and one moved into Irish lore.

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State University Invitational a success

TCU’s Overton won the Spring Fling with a team score of 203.

Saint Mary’s will have to improve their individual scores in order to compete well at the Spring Fling.

In 2004, the top 15 individual finishers at the event came in with scores ranging from 71 to 81.

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The Irish went out in a stellar 63-100.

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with Providence. Irish coach Mike Brey supported Francis’ decision, even if he has reservations.

"While my gut tells me that Torin Francis is a four-year player for us here at Notre Dame, I fully support the decision he has made to explore the option he has of playing in the NBA next season," Brey said in a statement Thursday afternoon. "My job now is to help him collect information on where he stands in regards to the June draft.

"We need to keep in mind that this is a young man that has undergone major back surgery, and I understand that he may want to take advantage of the fact that he is healthy right now."

Francis said he appreciates the support of his coaching staff.

"I feel comfortable with the decision I have made to look into the opportunity of playing at the next level, because I have the full support of Coach Brey and the entire Notre Dame community," Francis said in his statement.

As a sophomore, Francis played in 20 games before undergoing the surgery. An all-Big East honorable mention selection, he averaged 14.2 points and a team-leading 8.8 rebounds.

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Torin Francis posts up during Notre Dame’s 85-77 loss to Pittsburgh in the Joyce Center March 5. Francis said Thursday he will enter the NBA Draft.

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NBA DRAFT

Francis declares draft eligibility

Junior forward joins 2005 NBA Draft pool but does not hire agent

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame junior forward Torin Francis declared himself eligible Thursday for the 2005 NBA Draft to be held June 29.

Francis said he does not plan to hire an agent and has the option to withdraw from the draft until June 21. An underclassman that declares early can return to school and pull his name from the draft until a week before the draft's scheduled date as long as he does not hire an agent.

In the meantime, Francis will continue workouts with Notre Dame and will participate in the NBA pre-draft camp June 7-10 in Chicago.

"I feel like I owe it to myself and my family to explore this option," Francis said in a statement Thursday afternoon.

The team's fourth-leading scorer this season, Francis averaged 9.2 points and grabbed a team-high 7.9 rebounds per game, becoming the team's leading rebounder for the third straight season.

The 6-foot-10 forward scored double figures in 14 games and grabbed 10-plus rebounds in eight games.

Francis scored a season-high 21 points as the team's only consistent threat in a first round loss to Rutgers in the Big East tournament March 9.

Francis also struggled at times this season, however, coming off surgery March 8, 2004 to repair a herniated disc.

He scored only six points against Boston College Feb. 8, but had a point against Pittsburgh in the team's next game and zero points in a Feb. 19 nail-biter at Marquette.

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BASEBALL

Huskies to face Irish in big series

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

It's not time to panic — just time to win.

Through 32 games, the Irish hold a disappointing 17-15 overall record and a subpar 5-4 Big East Conference record.

While Notre Dame may not have the all-American pitching or the all-American catcher that last year's national champion had, the Irish can look on the bright side of things.

The Cal State Fullerton Titans were a dismally 16-16 at this point last season. Fullerton went on a tear to finish the season 47-27 and capture the college baseball world at the College World Series.

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FOOTBALL

Running backs take center stage in spring

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

After playing three games in eight days last week, the Irish have stopped for a breath. They head into Sunday's game at Fairfield (Conn.) with a week of rest and preparation behind them.

'We're kind of enjoying the opportunity we've had this week to get back and work on ourselves,' Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We went about three straight weeks where all we had time for was [working on] game preparation [in practice]. There comes a time where that starts to distract you from what you want to do. You spend too much time thinking about other people and not enough time concentrating on yourself.'

Corrigan believes Notre Dame's class of 2010 can benefit greatly from the downtime and is well prepared for the match.

"We've had some real spiritful and fundamental practices," Corrigan said. "They've

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish set to face Fairfield on road

Team will play first game since overtime win over Air Force

By MIKE GILLOON
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Zach Frazer joins Irish class of 2010

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Zach Frazer, a junior quarterback from Mechanicsburg, Pa., became the third commit ment of Notre Dame's recruiting class of 2010 Thursday.

"It's a big strong guy," Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com said. "I don't know if the recruiting gurus will have Frazer as a top five quarterback. I'm not exactly sure where he's going to rank. But I think that [Notre Dame quarterback coach] Charlie Weis has far more experience evaluating talent than the recruiting gurus.'

Frazer joins running back Munir Prince and wide receiver Barry Gallup in Weis' first full recruiting class.

Frazer, a junior at Mechanicsburg Area High School, was on campus for his second visit to Notre Dame this week. According to Irisheyes.com, he met with Weis on Thursday and gave a verbal commitment to the Irish.

"He's a true pocket passer and makes a lot of plays down the field,' Frank said.

In his junior year, Frazer set a new state record for single-season passing yards. He was named Associated Press Class AAA Player of the Year, as well as the Mid-Penn Keystone Conference MVP. He was also named to the first-team Associated Press AAA All-State team. This year, he completed 285 of 440 passes and racked up 3,684 yards with 27 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He also rushed for 12 touchdowns.

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SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

Junior Mark Baldwin wins Men's Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate and is scheduled to compete in the regional tournament at Notre Dame this weekend.

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MEN'S TRACK

Irish will send five runners to the grandson of former Varsity head coach of the Varsity head coach.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Women's track team will compete this weekend in the 2006 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles will face Albion in a conference meet this weekend.

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NBA DRAFT

Wake Forest sophomore point guard Chris Paul declared eligibility for the NBA Draft.

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BOOKSTORE BBALL

Indus betrays the "Apostles" in loss to "Best Hands."