Students, fans gather for unveiling of "The Shirt 2008"

Committee says design came from Grantland Rice's 1924 article, meant to "send a message of confidence" in team's future

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame fans crowded outside Hammes Bookstore Friday for the unveiling of "The Shirt 2008." The marching band, Irish Guard, cheerleaders, and the Pom Squad were there to celebrate the newest shirt design.

This year's shirt is navy blue with "Wake Up the Echoes" rising out of the words "Notre Dame Football 2008" in white on the front. The back of the shirt reads: "Outlined against a blue, gray October sky ... Notre Dame will rise again." The words surround a picture of a player wearing a number 12 jersey, clutching his gold helmet as he looks out into the packed stadium. The end zone and championship banners hang overhead.

"Creating the design is very much a team effort, but the hard work of making the design a reality was the job of Anna Jordan, a senior in Farley Hall," said Jared Gott, president of "The Shirt 2008" Committee.

Inspiration for the Shirt came from Grantland Rice's article written about Notre Dame's football team in 1924. The opening line was, "Outlined against the gray, blue sky, the Four Horseman rode again."

"From there, we decided we also wanted to send a message of confidence in our future," Gott said.

The committee is made up of Gott and seven other members.

This is the 19th version of "The Shirt," and since its first year, it has raised over $5 million for students in need of medical funding. The funding has been distributed to over 200 different clubs on campus, Gott said. This year, 50 percent of this proceeds will go to the Shirt Medical Fund, and the other half will go to the clubs on campus.

Mike Golic, former Irish football player and host of the radio show "Mike and Mike in the Morning" on ESPN, was the keynote speaker for the event.

He invigorated the crowd before the Shirt was available for sale.

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Clubs dispute in Crossfire debates

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

With the events of the weekend, including Saturday's annual Blue-Gold game, Notre Dame's student political groups knew the campus would be bustling with people and activity Friday night, and took the opportunity to hold Campus Crossfire Debates on a makeshift stage on South Quad. They hope to be outside on Friday," said junior Mike Scholl, treasurer of Notre Dame College Republicans.

The event was organized by three clubs along with NDVotes, a nonpartisan political education campaign.

Notre Dame College Democrats, College Republicans and College Libertarians met to discuss politics in a debate setting, with two representatives from each club on a panel. Two

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Student killed in bus crash in Thailand

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At top left, Mike Colic addresses crowd. At top right, The Shirt 2008. At bottom right, people wait in line at the unveiling.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Spring is the season of rebirth, new beginnings and fresh starts. Flowers are in full bloom and students emerge from their winter hibernation in their residence halls to line out on the quad. This season of renewal holds true for sports, too. Baseball players bemoan their defensive line and ask for spring training, while, as the saying goes, everyone is in first place.

But here at Notre Dame, where playing against the Irish is the biggest part of the spring regeneration is the Irish gridiron squad. They are getting out of the weight room and on to the playing field. Especially after last season, we, as Notre Dame fans, are looking for some reason, any reason, to hope that next year will be better. We want to have hope that our Irish will win more than three games in 2008.

Why, then, are people so skeptical about the team's performance this spring? Whenever someone comments about the improved play of our offensive line, the immediate response is, “Yeah, but it’s probably just that our defensive line isn’t that good.” Why not just at least believe that our team has made major improvements? Since spring is the season of hope, why are we so pessimistic? 176 rushing yards in the spring game is 176 rushing yards no matter what defense you’re playing against.

It may be true that the offensive line is just as bad as last season and Jimmy Clausen will continue to throw more than a five-year-old playing outside, but, for now, why not just believe that they’ll be better next year?

The same goes for the passing game. Many have commented on the dropped passes in the spring game, but dropped passes can be a good thing. Maybe they mean that Clausen’s arm is so healthy that his receivers just can’t handle the laser beams he’s throwing at them, and that with some throws over the summer, everything will be better. Maybe it might be a little bit of a stretch? I personally would like to think that next year is going to be nothing like 2007, and if I have to stretch a little bit to get there, so be it.

After last fall, I’m willing to do whatever I have to do to convince myself that we’ll be better next season. If we’re not, I’ll have a pretty terrible fall. But right now, I think we’re going to win a national championship, and it feels pretty awesome. People that start getting depressed about next season now are just causing themselves an extra season of disappointment.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S THE BEST MUD VOLLEYBALL TECHNIQUE?**

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**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame Band Chamber Ensembles will perform its spring concert today at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but ticketed.

BCAC will hold a Greek Conference to discuss the history of various Greek organizations tonight at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Basement Student Lounge.

The Gender Relations Center will sponsor “Take Back the Night,” a prayer service at the Grotto, followed by a march through campus and a reception, today at 7 p.m.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play Chicago State Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

The Student Union Board will show “Back to the Future” Tuesday on North Quad at 9 p.m. Free burgers and fries will be served.

Students for Environmental Action will hold a Vegetarian No Waste Dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The band “The Starting Line” will perform Friday in Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board’s AntiRacism Festivities.

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be held at Legends Saturday at 8 p.m.

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of the famous poem "First They Came," commonly attributed to Martin Niemiller. The first board displayed the beginning of the poem, "When they came for the Jews and the blacks, I turned away." The poem continued on several boards detailing other persecution and the indifference of others to their plight, and concluded with the line, "And when they came for me, I turned around, and there was nobody left." The purpose of this poem was to show how indifference can lead to hate crimes, Bautista said. "The poem along side Holocaust state­ments such as Elie Wiesel's declaration that silence from bystanders aids the oppressors and the Stock­holm Declaration's plea for people to remember the horrors of the Holocaust, lined with appeals like 'Never again!' Another goal of the memorial was to draw attention to other groups that per­ished in the Holocaust in addition to the Jews, Bautista said. Placed intermittently among the boards were can­vas signs, each with a different colored triangle and the name of a group that was targeted by the Nazis. "The patches represent groups that were discriminated against in the Holocaust," Bautista said. The blue triangle stood for the foreign forced laborers, the pink triangle represented gay men, and the green triangle stands for the political dissidents who were mur­dered because they took a stand against Nazi violence, Bautista said. "The Holocaust did not only affect the Jewish community," she said.

Nearby boards reminded onlookers that 200,000 to 300,000 political dissidents, 10,000 to 25,000 gay men, 300,000 to 800,000 Roma (Gypsies), and 2,500 to 5,000 Jehovah's Witnesses were murdered along with the five to six million Jews. "We hope that the memorial will remind and encourage students to act against violence," Bautista said. "This whole meet is about remembering. Students have been griev­ing together with Colonna, he said, reminiscing about past memories with Bunikis and telling stories. Colonna said the Zahm community may assemble some sort of memorial for Bunikis' par­ents as a way to share sto­ries and memories his par­ents may not have known about their son. "Parents don't know all the stories," Colonna said. "This is a chance to give them more memories." Colonna said there will probably be a delegation of students heading to Phoenix for the funeral, but did not know when the funeral was because of the time needed to retrieve Bunikis' body from Thailand. There will be a Mass commemo­rating Bunikis on Tuesday at 10 p.m. in the Basilica. Jenkins will preside over the mass and Parrish will give the homily.

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The Provost's Office is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Joyce and Dockweiler Awards.

Recognize excellence

Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The following faculty members have had a profound influence on Notre Dame undergraduates through sustained, exemplary teaching.

- David E. Campbell
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The following individuals have demonstrated a deep commitment to Notre Dame undergraduates through outstanding mentoring, academic advising, or career counseling services.

- Paul Grinstad
- Catherine Fiereneck
- Holly Rivers
solution is the only one to the foreign policy debate. "We cannot trust Democrats and Republicans to end this war. We need to be a beacon of hope for the global community," said Howard. The two Democrats agreed that the basic goal of foreign policy is the protection of the United States, and that the war in Iraq has not been successful. "We have lost sight of our original intent, which was to prevent another [terrorist] attack," Howard said. Concerning domestic policy, both the Libertarians and Republicans agreed that universal healthcare is not a wise choice for the country, saying it would necessitate more governmental involvement. "Government should be small and effective, not big and over powering," Clark said. College Democrats, how ever, argued in favor of universal healthcare. "Martin Luther King once said that injustice in health care is too much an inhuman thing in our country," Mehlos said. "One-third of Americans have health care." The two Democratic representatives argued in favor of providing affordable health care to all Americans. "We need to look at health care as a right of all Americans," Mehlos said. College Democrats lamented the state of the American economy. "We need to balance the budget, which is now out of control because of the war," Mehlos said. "We need to create green jobs and get Americans good wages." Republicans took a different stance, favoring tax cuts and decreased spending. Libertarians took a similar stance, favoring tax cuts and reduced spending as well. "A free market can result in prosperity for all," Poyar said. Poyar also criticized Republican presidential nominee John McCain's economic creden tials. "McCain once said he does not understand much about economics," Poyar said. All three clubs said they hope Friday's debates encouraged political interest and involvement on the campus, especially in light of Indiana's May 6 primary. "Even if people were here for only 30 seconds, I just want them to hear what we're saying," Scholl said.

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NDVotes representatives, seniors Carol Hendrickson and Mike McKenna, moderated the debates. Representing the College Democrats was outgoing co-president senior Corey Mehlos and senior Spencer Howard. Freshman Ben Linskey and senior Mark Poyar for College Libertarians, and Scholl and freshman Andrew Clark for College Republicans. The panel gathered to discuss their respective party's stance on three current political topics: foreign policy, domestic policy and the state of the U.S. economy. "We really want to get the campus more aware of party platforms," said Howard. There was the current co-president of College Democrats.

All three clubs agreed that Iraq and terrorism as the most pressing issues concerning foreign policy, although each offered differing explanations and solutions for the issue. "We have to keep our commitment to Iraq," Scholl said. "We have to provide security to the people, rebuild institutions, end sectarian violence and make sure the government is self-reliant. Basically, we need to make sure they and we do not lose what we worked hard for before the U.S. invasion." College Libertarian Linskey emphasized the importance of peace and freedom in Iraq, along with protection of the American people, and warned of the dangers of engaging in "fruitless" affairs abroad.

"We have gained nothing [from this war]. We have become alienated from our friends around the world," Linskey said. "We need to immediately begin withdraw ing in a safe and orderly manner." Poyar said the Libertarian

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"This will be a better year for the Notre Dame football team," Golie said during his speech. "This has become the most tradition-laden school in the land and this is a part of that tradition." Golie said Notre Dame will become great again because it is a program that never dies. Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, also took part in the festivities.

"We have never said we are better than anybody else, we said we are different," Lennon said. "The committee brought in the world's largest grill owned by Johnstownville Brats and gave away free brats and Vitamin Water. There was a music source and a tent to shade the audience. The bookstore began selling the Shirts immediately after the unveiling at 6 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Army to investigate cameraman's death

BAGHDAD — The Israeli army announced Sunday it will investigate the killing of a cameraman for the Reuters news agency, after a human rights group said it found evidence suggesting that an Israeli tank crew fired recklessly or deliberately at the journalist.

Cameraman Fadel Shana, 23, was killed in Gaza on Wednesday, the bloodiest day of fighting between Israeli troops and Gazans militants in a month. Before his death, Shana was filming an anti-Israeli demonstration, and the final footage shows the tank firing a shell in his direction.

Authorities forget prisoner for decades

The short, wiry 84-year-old pulls a worn red baseball cap over his tousled gray hair, hikes up his narrow coat, with quiet determination, swings his scythe through the stalks, methodically cutting his way across the field. While those far younger rest in the shade, he plods on, insistent.

Secretary visits Baghdad to meet with Iraqi government leaders

SECRETARY OF STATE Condoleezza Rice visits Baghdad to meet with Iraqi government leaders and discuss problems caused by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Rice denounced al-Sadr in Iraq visit

"The goal right now is to get the economy going and find a way for the American people to begin to feel some sense of respect and safety," Rice said. "We don't think you would have seen this kind of unity, before.

Local News

Jackson visits low-performing schools

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson urged students to take responsibility for their education during an hour-long assembly at Northwest High School.

Jackson, founder of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, came to Indianapolis Friday as part of his "campaign" to push students at low-performing schools to graduate. He visited after a controversy over steeply weighted low graduation rates in Indianapolis Public Schools.

In a warning posted Saturday on his Web site, al-Sadr said he had tried to defuse tensions by declaring the truce last August, only to see the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki respond by closing his offices and "resorting to assassinations."

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"I am giving my final warning — to the Iraqi government — to take the path of peace and abandon violence against its people," al-Sadr said. "If the government does not refrain...we will declare an open war until liberation."

Rice praised al-Maliki for confronting al-Sadr's Mahdi Army, which had a choke hold on Basra, Iraq's second-largest city. The assault was al-Maliki's most decisive act by far against al-Sadr, a fellow Shiite and once a political patron.

"Some of the violence is a byproduct of a good decision," to take on militias and consolidate military power, Rice told reporters following a few hours of meetings and lunch with Iraq leaders.

That, in turn, is what has given the sense to the Iraqis that they have a new opportunity, a window of opportunity," Rice said. "I don't think you would have seen this kind of unity, before.

Pope blesses ground zero, prays for peace

NEW YORK — Pope Benedict XVI began the final day of his American journey by blessing the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and pledges with a(stem) "peace to our vio-

lent world."

"The visit by Benedict to ground zero was a poignant moment in a trip marked by unexpectedly festive crowds and a sense of the former academic who for three years has led the Vatican's pontifical academy. Benedict was driven in the pope-

mobile part-way down a ramp now used by construction trucks to a spot by the north tower's foot.

silent prayer for a few moments, then rose to light a memorial candle. Addressing a group that included survivors, clergy and public officials, he acknowledged many of the victims at the "scene of incredible violence and pain."

"The pope also prayed for those who suffered death, injury and loss in the attacks at the Pentagon and in the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. More than 2,900 people were killed in the four crash-

es of the airliners hijacked by al-

Qaida.

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world," the pope prayed on a chilly, overcast morning. "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred." Benedict invited 24 people with ties to ground zero to join him: survivors, relatives of victims and four rescue workers. He greeted each member of the group individually as a string quartet played in the background. In his prayer, he also remembered those who, "because of their pres-

ence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness."

New York deputy fire chief James Riches, father of a fallen Sept. 11 firefighter, said the pope's visit was meaningful and gave him "a little con-

solation."

Hundreds of people stood just out-
side the site, behind police barri-
cades, hoping for a glimpse of the pope.

IRAQ

Rice denounced al-Sadr in Iraq visit

Cleric threatened to declare war if U.S. and Iraq maintain military crackdown

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Secretary of State Condolezza Rice denounced anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr as a coward on Sunday, hours after the radical leader threatened to declare war unless U.S. and Iraqi forces end their military crackdown on his followers.

Rice, in the Iraqi capital to tout security gains and what she calls an emerging political consensus, said al-Sadr is content to issue threats and edicts from the safety of Iran, where he is studying. Al-Sadr heads an unruly militia that was the main target of an Iraqi government assault in the oil-rich city of Basra last month, and his future role is a spoiler in an open question.

"I know he's sitting in Iran," Rice said dismissively, when asked about al-Sadr's latest threat to lift a self-imposed cease-fire with government and U.S. forces. "I think it's all-out war for anybody but him," Rice said. "I guess that's the message, his followers can go to their deaths and he's in Iran."

In a statement on his official Web site, al-Sadr said: "We demand the visit of U.S. secretary, asking the government to ban the entrance of the terrorists' occupiers to our pure land."

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Congratulations Notre Dame!!
Second place

Deloitte would like to congratulate the University of Notre Dame team for placing second in the recent 2008 National Student Case Study Seminar. Team members included Serena Chan, David Hillegass, Andrew Monahan, Caroline Schneider, Angela Sutton, and Faculty Advisor, Professor Dave Ricchiute.

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Democrats address environment, coal

WASHINGTON - Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are walking a delicate line as they promise to aggressively tackle climate change and go on the offensive against the Bush administration on the environment. In recent years. Bush's invita­tion to visit the secluded wooded Brendon production facilities at Yongbyon, "Bush said with Lee at his side. "Now North Korea must fulfill its other obligations: Provide a full declaration of its nuclear programs and proliferation activities in a verifiable way." "Lee, a pro-American conservative who took office in February, is the first South Korea president to visit the secluded wooded Brendon production facilities northwest of Washington. Bush's visit was meant to give the two an informal venue to get acquainted and cement U.S.-South Korea ties, which have been on the upswing recently. Lee has said that repairing relations with the United States is a top priority — that they must not become "enemies" under his more liberal predecessor, Roh Moo- hyun. Lee described his conversations with Bush as "open and frank." Bush accepted Lee's offer to visit North Korea this summer. The two talked about prospects for a free-trade agreement, South Korea's decision to lift its ban on U.S. beef sales, exchange programs and a repositioning of U.S. troops on the peninsula, but North Korea was a key subject of their discussions. Nuclear talks between North Korea and five other nations, including the United States and South Korea, are stalled over whether Pyongyang will fully declare its uranium enrichment program and alleged proliferation activities — in return for concessions. The initial six-nation agreement did not expressly require the North to detail its proliferation activities, but the issue took on new significance after Israel bombed a suspected Syrian nuclear site last fall. North Korea made unprecedented progress last year, including closing its working plutonium reactor at Yongbyon, but talks slowed in a dispute over how much the North had to reveal in the declaration, which was due in December. The Bush administration has report­edly decided that the decla­ration's exact contents are less important than an assurance that nuclear negotiators can check to see whether Kim Jong Il's gov­ernment has told the truth. "I believe if North Korea's declaration is not satisfac­tory or if the verification is not satisfactory, we could proba­bly have a temporary achievement, but in the long term, that will cause a lot more serious problems," Lee said.

Economists fear agricultural crisis

President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush greet South Korean President Lee Myung-bak as he arrives at Camp David, Md., Friday.

Government to increase regulation

WASHINGTON — A heavier federal hand is reaching into American life as politicians in both parties demand an overhaul of govern­ment financial regulation and more protection for homeowners in the face of mortgage woes and a weakening economy. This rush to regulate also was apparent in the recent crackdown on the airlines, result­ing in thousands of grounded flights for safety inspections as the government beefs up its enforcement of existing laws. There have been mounting proposals for tougher government rules to address climate change. High corporate salaries have come under attack on Capitol Hill, as have oil subsidies and rising food costs. Advocates of more aggressive government action see it as a boon to ordinary Americans struggling in hard economic times. But those favoring a lighter federal touch worry that the pendulum will swing too far toward regula­tion, stifling economic growth and efficiency.
More anti-Western protests emerge in several cities
Tibet demonstrations along Olympic torch relay spur anger, media outlets urge for calm to quell nationalistic fervor

Associated Press

BEIJING — Fresh anti-Western protests emerged in several Chinese cities Sunday as people vented anger over pro-Tibet demonstrations along the Olympic torch relay. State media appealed for calm in an apparent attempt to dampen the nationalist fervor.

Over the weekend, protesters waving Chinese flags have rallied in front of the French Embassy in Beijing and at outlets of French retailer Carrefour in nine cities across the country. They have threatened boycotts of the retailer, whom they accuse of supporting the Dalai Lama, Tibet’s exiled spiritual leader — a charge Carrefour denies.

A front-page editorial in the People’s Daily newspaper, the official mouthpiece for the Chinese Communist Party, called for calm, urging people to cherish patriotism “while expressing it in a rational way.”

“As citizens, we have the responsibility to express our patriotic enthusiasm calmly and rationally and express patriotic aspiration in an orderly and legal manner,” the commentator said.

The editorial seemed to reflect concern among China’s leaders about growing anti-Western backlash, fueled by anger over the demonstrations in Paris, London and San Francisco during the Olympic torch relay. The relay has become a magnet for protests against China’s rule in Tibet and its human rights record.

Barry Sautman, a political scientist at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, said the government is trying to rein in the demonstrations in order to ensure calm and project an inviting image ahead of the Beijing Olympics in August.

“That’s why they want demonstrations to be very short,” Sautman said. “They want to wrap them up as soon as possible so they can go on to restore the image of China as welcoming to people around the world.”

He said that Beijing’s move to rein in the budding nationalism follows similar patterns seen in the past, such as in 1999 when anti-U.S. outrage erupted after the killing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade and in 2001 when a U.S. spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet.

“The government allows people to vent their spleen but then immediately reins it in,” Sautman said. “They are certainly afraid it will go too far.”

On Sunday, more than 1,000 demonstrators carrying banners gathered for a second day in the tourist city of Xi’an in front of a Carrefour, chanting “Oppose Tibet Independence,” “Go home Tibet” and “Condole CNN,” the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Protests also continued in central Wuhan for a second day, when another 2,000 people, mostly students, waved the Chinese flag and sang the national anthem.

Rallies also were staged in the cities of Harbin, Dalian, and Jiaxing. An estimated 1,000 demonstrators blocked traffic in Dalian, while another 1,000 protesters in Harbin held up a 33-foot-long banner in support of the Olympics.

“Xinhua reported that one protest organizer in Xian, identified as Wu Sheng, said the demonstrations were not necessarily aimed at pushing consumers to boycott Carrefour.”

“We do not support a boycott of French companies because the economy is globalizing. We chose Carrefour’s front store only because we draw more attention there,” Wu was quoted as saying.

In an interview published in Journal du Dimanche, Carrefour’s chief executive Jose Luis Duran said the company is “taking the situation very seriously,” though its earnings had not yet been affected.

With 2 million Chinese customers, “we cannot take the reaction of some of our clients lightly,” he said. “It must be understood that a large part of the Chinese population has been very shocked by the incidents that have happened during the passage of the Olympic torch through Paris.”

Duran denied rumors spread on the Internet that Carrefour supports the Dalai Lama, saying the company has never supported any political or religious cause. The retailer is the second-largest “hypermarket” in the world after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. It has 122 stores in China employing 44,000 people.

The protests began Saturday, erupting in Beijing and five other major cities — Harbin, Wuhan, Kunming, Xi’an, and Qingdao.

In Beijing, small protests broke out at one Carrefour and outside the French Embassy as well as the Beijing French School. Dozens of police, some in riot gear, quickly dispersed the crowd in front of the embassy.

Anger also has been channeled against Western media organizations, including CNN, for so-called “distorted” coverage of recent unrest in Tibet and neighboring provinces. Foreign journalists have received threatening phone calls and e-mails.

Several thousand ethnic Chinese marched outside CNN’s office in Hollywood Saturday to demand the firing of a commentator who recently compared China’s leaders to a “bunch of goons and thugs.”

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America needs Electoral College

To bash the Electoral College ... to suggest that the "Electoral College needs to go" (Maggie O'Connell, Apr. 17) because it is outdated and discourages voting in non-swing states is both poor political scholarship and irresponsible visio. To believe that the Electoral College should be done away with because Democratic fathers did not trust citizens to make an informed decision is to recognize only half of the issue — and the important half at that. In the Federalist Papers No. 39, James Madison clearly indicated that it was a system set up so that both the people and the states could be taken into account for the election of the President. Why is the numbers of the Electoral College reflect the numbers of both the Senate and the House of Representatives combined, giving two Electoral College votes to all states regardless of population. The states do deserve some amount of say in electing the President. Your opinion is valuable but it cannot be ignored.

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Morally elitist attitude unacceptable

In his Apr. 18 guest column "Extend parietals, save your soul," junior computer science major Lenny Meehan makes it painfully clear that he is not getting any. He makes the case for expanding parietals by two hours a night as a way of promoting the Catholic value of abstinence and along the way reveals a staggering amount of social ineptitude and a paternalistic streak so wide that he sounds like a cross between Pat Robertson and a seventh grader at his first dance. Whether or not students doing the horizontal monster make good Catholics is up for debate but Meehan’s holier-than-thou attitude can’t be winning him many friends as he points out that he’s definitely a better Catholic than all you kids that are living in sin. And boy, are you all sinning it up. Doing the deed while unwed isn’t the most personal morality, it’s downright disturbing. Mr. Meehan argues so strongly for supplanting students' freedom of action with his personal preferences that one can’t help but wonder if ensuring nobody else is getting any himself.

But my real beef with Meehan isn’t over his (fair) declaration that doing the deed while unwed isn’t the most Catholic of activities. It’s not about his choice to remain celibate, as I don’t have much room to criticize in that regard — I haven’t exactly been getting many chances to play hide-the-pickle either. My problem is with the condescending way in which he presumably to know what’s better for you. Why do the actions of other couples bother Mr. Meehan so much? To be blunt, how is it any of his damn business? It’s bad enough that the University enforces such an ineffective rule and restricts the autonomy of its students, but when a guy voices a desire for his fellow students to be governed by his own personal morality, it’s downright disturbing. Mr. Meehan argues so strongly for expanding parietals by two hours as a way of promoting the privacy of a dorm room will inevitably escalate to debauchery and — yes — sex. Because what other purpose do relationships between young men and women serve? Of course friendships between the sexes would be impossible, given that we are biologically wired to commit mortal sin every time we find ourselves alone together in a cramped dorm room.

The only logical answer to this problem is to remove the temptation to commit this dreadful act: extended parietals. With the fear of RiceLife’s exacting disciplinary measures looming over our heads, we will all be forced to abandon our immoral urges and conform to lives of quiet study and meditation because it’s common knowledge that students will absolutely never have sex unless it happens in a dorm room after 10 p.m. Lenny Meehan, I am forever indebted to you for your ingenious proposal to save my immortal soul because I haven’t the capacity to do so on my own. It is not the responsibility of this Catholic university to foster an environment where each student can freely cultivate his or her own individual faith; no, the university must impose rigid constraints on the student population to ensure that all of our souls win one-way tickets to those pearly white gates.

Lauren Knauf
fresman
Bdoo Hall
Apr. 18

College not a prerequisite for wisdom

Although the blandness of Darryl Campbell’s columns generally make them easy to forget or simply ignore, his most recent editorial (“The importance of college,” Apr. 14) deserves a brief response. With his usual “I graduated from Harvard” smugness, Campbell waxes (sans eloquence) on what is supposedly the chief benefit of a liberal arts education — namely, the fostering of wisdom in young minds. That is reasonable enough. Broad intellectual pursuits can have that effect. But Campbell goes a step further and implies that the “complete person,” while not created by the liberal arts curriculum, cannot be created without it. This elitist stance treats the university and advanced education as the exclusive gateway to wisdom and naturally makes professors — and Campbell will surely be one someday — the gatekeepers. But even he admits that a liberal arts education can’t guarantee wisdom.

I submit that if he would take an honest look around, Darryl Campbell would find the reason for this. A liberal arts education is not the only path to wisdom; sometimes it seems wisdom is achieved in spite of it. In fact, there are plenty in this world with a high school education, GED or no real education at all who are wiser than us. An open mind, a good deal of common sense and a humble confession of ignorance when necessary can do more for building wisdom than any curriculum a university can offer. I would venture to say that it is entirely possible that the person who serves Campbell his pizza at Sharno or clears out his library carrel is just as wise as any professor on this campus. Spend a little time beyond the ivory tower, Mr. Campbell; you’d be surprised at how wise the uneducat ed can be.

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By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

Jason Segel has been a card-carrying member of the Judd Apatow gang since television’s “Freaks and Geeks,” in 1999, but in “Forgetting Sarah Marshall,” the actor successfully comes to the forefront as both writer and star.

Segel, who has already proven himself as a television actor as Marshall on CBS’s “How I Met Your Mother,” took a step on the road to film stardom as one of Ben’s stoner roommates in 2007’s “Knocked Up.” “Sarah Marshall.” Segel’s first screenplay, should put him in the ranks with previous Apatow stars Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill and Michael Cera.

“Forgetting Sarah Marshall,” is the self-described “romantic disaster movie” produced by Apatow. It is a much-needed relief from comedies like “Knocked Up” and “Superbad,” which feature men constantly joking about sex and women using an excess of foul language meant to shock the viewer into laughing.

“Sarah Marshall” still has some of the cruder elements of those comedies (Segel is naked quite a bit), but they are toned down enough to give this untraditional romantic comedy a bigger heart and make it more accessible to a wider audience. This is truly a comedy for both sexes—not just one of those movies in the “women will also enjoy” category.

Segel stars as Peter Bretter, a musician dating TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), who stars in the fictional “Crime Scene: Scene of the Crime.” Peter composes the music for “Crime Scene,” but his real dream is to finish his puppet rock opera about Dracula. However, after Sarah dumps him for rock star Aldous Snow (Russell Brand), Peter’s dreams are put on hold when he loses all motivation to do anything but drink and cry. Peter’s step-brother, Brian (Bill Hader), convinces him to move on, so Peter decides to take a trip to Hawaii to get his mind off of his former five-year flame. When Peter arrives at his hotel, he discovers that Sarah and Aldous are staying there too, but hotel receptionist Rachel (Mila Kunis) befriends Peter and helps him cope with the miserable situation.

There may be too convenient that out of every vacation destination in the world and out of all the hotels in Hawaii, Peter and Sarah end up at the same one, but there wouldn’t be a movie otherwise. Besides, there are too many other things to focus on and laugh at than this plot point, like Peter’s new friendships with the hotel staff, including a surfing instructor (Paul Rudd) and nervous newlywed Darald (Jack McBrayer). Jonah Hill even shows up as a waiter creepily obsessed with Aldous Snow.

There are no weak links in the cast, but if two actors deserved more attention they would be Hader and Brand. Audiences will recognize Hader from “Saturday Night Live” and “Superbad, but "Sarah Marshall” marks a turn for the actor as he isn’t doing an impression or playing a dumb cop. Instead, he’s playing a normal person just trying to slap some sense into his step-brother. It’s a role that could be easily forgettable with a lesser comedian, but Hader manages to steal scenes and stand out.

Brand similarly establishes himself as a scene stealer as pompous rock star Aldous Snow. Brand’s acting and Segel’s writing manage to make Aldous a multi-dimensional character that is sympathetic despite his many, many flaws and his mistreatment of Sarah.

Mila Kunis, whose face has virtually been missing from any screen since “That ‘70s Show” (she continues to voice Meg Griffin in “Family Guy”), also should not be overlooked. Kunis’ character is well-developed, complex and funny, and not just an unattainable, unflawed goddess, which is so typical of Apatow films. Kunis, with her exotic looks and comical voice, is a welcome return to the screen, and serves as the ultimate foil to Bell’s blind, misguided Sarah Marshall.

“Forgetting Sarah Marshall” is a romantic comedy from the male perspective, but it still manages to portray the female viewpoint well through the characters of Rachel and Sarah, making it easily accessible and entertaining to all audiences. The film is long at 112 minutes, but this does not matter since the characters are so hilarious and inviting. Peter is a lovable goof who has just lost his way for a little while, and we find ourselves wanting to help him forget Sarah Marshall too, just as long as he keeps his clothes on.

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Forgetting Sarah Marshall
Universal Pictures

Director: Nicholas Stoller
Written by: Jason Segel
Starring: Jason Segel, Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Russell Brand and Bill Hader

Stars: Segel, Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Russell Brand and Bill Hader
With their unique music and energetic live show, Minus the Bear is one of the best rock groups out today. Scene had a chance to talk with Alex Rose, keyboardist/vocalist for the band, who played at Legends on Saturday night. Rose discussed topics such as life on tour and the band's future plans.

Scene: How's the spring tour going so far?
Rose: Well, we had a bus breakdown but that's about the only thing that was out of our control. We had to get on a new bus for three or four days.

Scene: Do you play university shows like this often?
Rose: Yeah, we've had about one a week. A lot of smaller clubs and colleges.

Scene: How would you describe Minus the Bear's music for someone not familiar with the band?
Rose: I usually say it's classic rock of the future. I mean, we try to play rock-and-roll that's pushing the boundaries, that's not going to become so dated that nobody is interested in it down the line. We want to make it last, we want to please ourselves, we want to make good music. We listen to a lot of old stuff, but we also have that electronic element.

Scene: In the past you've toured with groups like P.O.S., One Kid, and Grind-Grind. What's your favorite city or venue to play?
Rose: I don't know, that's tough. New York was awesome a few weeks ago. Seattle recently has become very good. People know what the strangest thing is, it's almost like it happens on a daily basis and you don't think it's strange anymore. People break into our dressing rooms all the time. I walked into a Wal-Mart bathroom one time, and there was this 300-pound kid sitting in the stall with the stall door open, just singing. Surreal things like that happen all the time.

Scene: What's the strangest thing to happen on tour?
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Scene: What's your favorite song to play live?
Rose: "Dr. Ulting" for me actually. "Double Vision Quest" is really fun to play. A lot of the new ones.

Scene: What's your favorite band to tour with?
Rose: Got to love touring with Seattle rock band! These Arms are Snakes, they're our buds from Seattle. We've lucked out, a lot of the bands we take out are totally awesome. Hello Sequence is great, they're a great band.

Scene: That's it, thanks for doing the interview.
Rose: No problem.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Mary's earns key conference wins

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's positioned itself well for the postseason, going 3-1 against two conference teams this weekend.

The Belles' split doubleheader against Hope College Friday and their sweep of Adrian College Saturday solidified Mary's (20-7, 9-3 MIAA) solidly in third in the MIAA and gave them left to play.

The top four teams advance to the postseason. The current top two teams, Alma and Tr-Mark, have yet to play each other, meaning one could fall back in the standings.

The Belles' games at Hope were their first since the funeral of assistant coach Don Miller, who died April 13 after a battle with cancer. Head coach Erin Sullivan said Hope painted a circle in front of the Belles' dugout with the letters "DM" in the middle.

"Hope is one of the classiest teams I've ever seen," Sullivan said. "They made every effort to make us feel comfortable with a tough situation."

The Belles lost game one 6-0 to the Flying Dutch. Hope pitcher Leah Vulin pitched a perfect game until the top of the fifth, not allowing a hit until the fifth inning. Junior Katie Hashid and sophomore Ashley Peterson had the only two hits for the Belles.

Saint Mary's continued its trend of winning the second game of their doubleheaders after an opening loss with a 7-5 victory in game two. The Belles scored early, leading 3-0 after the bottom of the first. But the Flying Dutch rallied back and tied it in the top of the fifth at 5-5. "Hope is always a strong team with very strong base running," Sullivan said.

The Belles rallied again in the bottom of the sixth, as sophomore Maile Reilly and junior Cathy Kurczak each scored to bring the total to seven runs. Senior McKenna Corrigan brought her record to 10-0, aiding her own effort by going 2-for-3 with four RBIs. Saturday, the Belles played at home against the Adrian Bulldogs. In game one, junior pitcher Calli Davison gave up two runs early, but the Belles tied it 2-2 in the third and scored five more in the bottom of the sixth for a final score of 7-2.

Davison also went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, and sophomore Ashley Peterson went 2-for-3 with three RBIs. The Belles held a 9-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth inning. The Bulldogs put on a rally to bring the score to 9-4, before Corrigan retired the side for her 11th win.

Sullivan said, "It was Grace Ochoa's day, which began in the seventh frame, that had to do with this win." But the UM pulled through in the end.

"Our fielders and pitchers really stepped up and played well against these hitters," she said.

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**MLB**

Blue Jays designated hitter Frank Thomas reacts angrily to a called third strike earlier this season. Thomas was released on Toronto on Sunday after hitting .167 over the first three weeks of the season.

**Slumping Thomas released by Blue Jays**

Associated Press

TORONTO — Slumping designated hitter Frank Thomas was released Sunday by the Blue Jays, who cut the 19-year- old veteran one day after he became angry for being taken out of the lineup.

General manager J.F. Ricciardi said he and Thomas came to a "mutual agreement" after meeting in the clubhouse early Sunday.

"Our best opportunity is to put other guys in the lineups at this point," Ricciardi said. "Obviously, reduced playing time is not something that he was interested in.

In order to let him go forward and get on with his career, I think it's fair to do it at this point."

The move leaves the Blue Jays on the hook for $7,081,967, the remainder of his $8 million salary this year in the $18.12 million, two-year contract the 39-year-old Thomas signed in November 2006.

Thomas was hitless in his past 13 at-bats and had gone 4-for-35 since homering in three straight games April 5-8. Known as a slow starter, he batted .167 with three homers and 11 RBIs for Toronto this year.

Last season, Thomas battled 277, leading the team with 26 home runs and 95 RBIs.

"I don't know that we have the luxury of waiting two to three months for somebody to kick in because we can't let this league or this division get away from us," Ricciardi said.

Ricciardi said the Blue Jays offered Thomas "a lesser role playing two or three times a week," but weren't surprised the veteran slugger chose not to accept.

"Out of respect for his career, it's not fair to him to sit around and become a part-time player," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "I know he wasn't going to be happy with that and you can definitely understand."

Center fielder Vernon Wells praised management for finding a quick resolution to the situation.

"I think it's better for (Thomas), too," Wells said. "He gets to have a chance to have more time to possibly pick up with another team, with us it may give some of our younger guys a chance to come up."

"We haven't been the best team so far this season. We definitely have some improvements to make."

**In Brief**

**NL MVP Rollins to go on DL for first time in career**

PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Rollins the MVP has more two capital letters next to his name: DL.

Rollins was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday for the first time in his eight-year career because of a sprained left ankle, nearly two weeks after last year's NL MVP was hurt running the bases against the Mets.

"It has got a lot better, but it isn't getting better from this point," Rollins said before the Phillies played New York.

Rollins hurt the ankle on April 8 against the Mets, but seemed to believe another day's rest was all he needed to return to the lineup. Instead, their switch-hitting shortstop made no starts and had only four pinch-hit appearances since he was injured. He grounded out against Donnie Sadler on Saturday and that worsened the ankle.

**Busch wins third straight Nationwide race**

MEXICO CITY — Kyle Busch won his third consecutive race on NASCAR's Nationwide Series, holding off Marcos Ambrose by less than a second Sunday in the Corona Mexico 200.

Busch passed Scott Pruett on the 72nd of 80 laps to take the lead. Pruett finished third, followed by Carl Edwards.

There isn't a driver out there on a better run than Busch, who is second in the Sprint Cup standings and entered this race in third on the Nationwide list. He's also leading the Truck Series standings.

This was Busch's 27th career victory in NASCAR's top three series — but first on a road course.

In a race that included two red flags, he stayed out of trouble on the 2.518-mile course at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez before finally moving past Pruett.

**Lethal force approved to stop protest to torch**

KATMANDU, Nepal — Soldiers and police in Nepal have been cleared to open fire to stop any protests during China's Olympic torch run to the summit of Mount Everest.

Nepal's Home Ministry says the use of deadly force is only authorized as a last resort.

The troops will first try to persuade protesters to leave during the torch run and will arrest those who stay. If demonstrators defy all nonviolent means of restraint, troops have the option of using weapons.

Twenty-five soldiers and policemen have established camps on the mountain. Climbers will be banned from the mountain's higher elevations during the torch run.

The worldwide torch relay has been the target of demonstrators protesting China's human rights record, including its recent crackdown in Tibet.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish clinch Big East title for second time

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Top-seeded Notre Dame won its second consecutive Big East title with three wins this weekend on the University of South Florida campus in Tampa, Fla.

The Irish won their quarterfinal match against No. 8 seed Villanova on Friday by a score of 4-0. It was the second straight year that the Irish knocked the Wildcats out of the tournament.

The win also marked Notre Dame's first consecutive victories since February. The bottom two pairs in doubles play of junior Santiago Montoya and senior Andrew Roth returned a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to William & Mary Apr. 6.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep Rutgers, DePaul

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

With the victory, the Irish clinched the Big East East final with their second straight shutout Saturday. Notre Dame swept its second doubles match with Rielley and Ciobanu clinched the point for the Irish with their 6-2, 6-1 win sealing the doubles point for Notre Dame.

Rielley and Ciobanu got their revenge from junior Dunja Antunovic and sophomore Kirsten Gambrell, who had beaten the Irish 6-4, 6-2 in the month, with a convincing 8-6, 6-1 victory over the pair.

Tefft continued her impressive streak in singles play by picking up her 15th win over the Bulls, and now must wait until May 9 for the NCAA tournament.

With the match at 2-0, with Rielley and Ciobanu defeated Baker and freshman Amy Zhang with her straight set 6-3, 6-2 over Potts, but the Irish bounced back with Rielley's 22nd win of the season clinching the first singles victory.

The sophomores took the closest 6-3, 6-4 over senior Liz Schumacher.

Notre Dame has won two of the three big matches over the Bulls, and now must wait until May 9 for the NCAA tournament. The Irish now has won seven straight and 13 of 14.

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SMC GOLF

Belles finish sixth in Spring Fling

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's placed sixth in Illinois-Western's Spring Fling this week — a strong finish leaving the Belles optimistic as they head into next weekend's NCAA qualifier.

"We played a pretty good tournament this weekend," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "But the Irish eventually earned a three-point advantage over Rutgers and DePaul to clinch the Big East title for the second consecutive season.

The Belles will head into last two rounds of the qualifier equipped with a new feeling of confidence.

"We did Olivet on the final day of play this weekend," Hamilton said. "So we have shown that we can play with them and hopefully we will do so next weekend.

If the Belles finish in the top spot and automatic qualification for the national tournament, they will be thrown into a separate pool and forced to rely on a selection process to advance. The people who are selected will be based on head-to-head competition among the other teams.

The Belles are currently not ready to handicap the qualifying spot to Olivet just yet."
ND SOFTBALL

Irish split weekend against Louisville, USF

Crucial errors cost Notre Dame at Bulls

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

As the old saying goes, what goes around comes around, and the Irish learned that this weekend. Notre Dame swept two games at Big East rival Louisville Saturday, then Florida the next day.

The Irish beat the Cardinals in a nail-biter in the first game, winning 3-1 in eight innings. Louisville took a 1-0 when junior infielder Ashley Ellis scored a run blast to center, and the Irish already had a 2-1 lead, but a four-run fifth to dispatch of the Cardinals, earning a 12-4 win. Louisville's only run came in the eighth, junior infielder Lindsay Kohn belted a two-run home run to left-center to break the deadlock and send the Irish to victory. Junior Britney Bargar pitched all eight innings, giving up only five hits and the one unearned run.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Team excels at Championships Weber, Espinoza earn first place in three throwing events

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame took it to the competition in the field events at the Central Collegiate championships this weekend, hosted by the University of Western Michigan.

The Irish won every throwing event in the meet and finished very strong in the running events. Junior thrower Anna Wechter and sophomore thrower Jaelin Espinoza accounted for three of the Irish's four first-place finishes.

Junior Blair Marjina also participated in the first-place finish in the long jump. Freshman Jessica Sullivan placed 13th in the pole vault.

The Irish also logged some quality finishes in many of the running events.

Wechter and Espinoza both ran a successful event for the Irish who placed three runners in the top six. Junior Billy Buzaid ran a 4:11.19 in the 1500-meter run.

These Irish athletes are setting a strong tone in the 3000-meter steeplechase finishing in second-place.

The Irish also sent athletes to the prestigious Mount SAC relays in Walnut, Calif.

There, the Irish continued to dominate in field events.

Junior Mary Saxer, the only Irish athlete to compete in field events, finished first in the pole vault.

Sophomore Joanna Schultz took first in the 400-meter hurdles and sophomore Lindsey Ferguson finished ninth.

In the 800-meter race, the freshmen duo of Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans posted personal best times placing fourth and sixth, respectively. Each of their times was good enough to qualify them for both the Big East championships meet and the NCAA regional meet.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, sophomore Lindsey Ferguson finished fourth rounding out a strong Irish showing.

Next week, the Irish will travel to compete in the Drake and Illiabale relays. These events will be the last chance this Irish to improve their times and mark the season for the Irish to compete in the Big East indoor championships.

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**SMC TENNIS**

**Belles down Kalamazoo**

Saint Mary's wraps up conference season on positive note

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Saint Mary's finished its conference competition this weekend with back-to-back wins over Kalamazoo and Alma this Saturday and Sunday to move to fourth in conference.

Saturday the Belles (10-9, 5-3 MIAA) defeated Kalamazoo 6-3, winning five of the six singles matches. The momentum continued Sunday in their 8-1 victory over Alma, winning all six singles and two of the three doubles.

Saint Mary's won only one of the three doubles matches Saturday against Kalamazoo. Saint Mary's No. 3 pair of freshmen Jessica Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley lost 8-5 to Mary Atallah and Lindsay Zulbke. No. 3 pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed were defeated 8-3 by Kari Larson and Genova Garcia.

The Belles made up for the doubles losses by dominating the singles, winning five of the six matches. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated Atallah 6-1, 6-3 for her 10th win of the season. Hurley continued her successful season with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Zulbke for her 16th singles victory. No. 3 Reed defeated Larson 6-2, 6-1 for her ninth singles win while No. 5 Rubino won 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) over Goumas. No. 6 singles, freshman Laura Arnold, won Saint Mary's fifth singles match in a 1-0 (10-6) tiebreaker after losing 4-6, and winning 6-4. No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski was defeated 6-1, 6-1 by Garcia, her 10th singles loss of the season.

Saint Mary's energy carried over to Sunday as the Belles won two of the three doubles, and swept the singles division. No. 1 doubles pair Gebert and Reed won 8-3 over the Scots' Kelly Schwartzkopf and Margaret Gogarty, moving them to 10-0, 6-2 MIAA. No. 2 pair of Rubino and Reed were defeated for the second day in a row as they lost 9-7 to Lindsay Wagner and Laura McKeendy, putting them at 7-10, 3-5 MIAA. Camp and Lee continued their play at the No. 3 doubles spot, winning their second match as a pair in their 8-1 victory over Emily Noss and Kelsey Erwin.

The Belles dominated the Scots in singles play with Gebert, Hurley, Reed, Wagner, Kosinski, Fred and Arnold all winning.

Saint Mary's will end its season this weekend at the MIAA Conference Tournament at Albion Friday and Saturday.

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**Irish bounce back from loss with huge win**

By ANDY ZICCARELLI

Sports Writer

Resiliency has been key for Notre Dame all season long. The Irish (11-5, 4-1 Big East) have been able to come back from tough and unexpected losses to keep themselves in the picture for both the Big East and National Championships.

Sunday proved to be the ultimate example of that resiliency, as the Irish bounced back from a tough loss to Vanderbilt on Wednesday with a 20-9 churning of Rutgers (7-9, 2-3 Big East) in Piscataway, N.J.

Sophomore attack Gina Scioscia highlighted the Irish offense with a career-high seven points on two goals and five assists. She now leads the team with 28 assists on the year after posting her fifth five-assist game on the year. Junior attack Jillian Byers notched five first-half goals to bring her season total to 61.

Senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney added six points with three goals and three assists.

Junior goalkeeper Erin Goodman had another strong performance, limiting the Scarlet Knights to six goals during her time between the pipes. Some of that can be attributed to the shot disparity, as Notre Dame out shot Rutgers 47-20.

Notre Dame dominated the game right from the start, with the Irish jumping out to an early 4-0 under 4 minutes into the game. They would score 10 out of the game’s first 14 goals, and cruised to an 11-5 halftime lead. The second half would prove to be more of the same, as Notre Dame found the back of the net 5 times in the First half, stretching their lead to 16-5 and putting the game out of reach for the Scarlet Knights.

The game marked the last regular season Big East game for the Irish, and they next play in the Big East tournament, which will begin on Friday in Located, with the win, the Irish have solidified the No. 2 seed heading into next weekend, which will take on Georgetown on Friday night.

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BASEBALL

ND takes Big East road series

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame's big win-
ning streak came to an end this
weekend, the Irish took two of
three on the road against Big
East rival West Virginia. With
the win Notre Dame (25-12, 12-3
Big East) preserved its
first-place standing in the con-
ference, leading Cincinnati
by one game.

Notre Dame 8, West Virginia 4
The Irish pushed their win-
ning streak to 11 games Friday
with a series-capping 8-4 victo-
ry in Morgantown.

Junior pitcher David Phelps
held the Mountaineers (28-11,
8-7 Big East) to three runs and
striking out 10 in seven innings
of work. West Virginia entered the
series batting .364 as a team, tops
in all of college baseball.

Notre Dame jumped out to a
2-0 lead in the second inning,
scored two runs that reached on
walks. Freshman third
baseman Greg Sherry, who was
3-for-3 in the game, came
through with a two-out RBI
single to help the Irish out to
an early lead.

Junior first baseman Evan
Sharpley then extended the
Notre Dame lead with a solo
home run in the third, his
eighth of the season.

The Irish expanded the lead
to 4-0 in the fourth inning,
with a Sharpley RBI single
plating one of the runs.

Sophomore center fielder
A.J. Pollock was hit by a pitch
with the bases loaded to score
the other run.

West Virginia responded and
closed the gap in the fourth,
scored two runs to cut the
lead to 3-2. Phelps gave up
another run in the fifth, but
held the Mountaineers score-
less in his final two innings of
work.

Notre Dame added a couple of
insurance runs with sopho-
more David Mills two-run dou-
ble. Senior Tony Langford
and junior Kyle Weiland each
pitched a scoreless inning to
preserve the win.

West Virginia 11, Notre Dame 6
Mountaineers starter Steve
Morrison was a workhorse for
West Virginia, throwing 140
pitches over 8.2 innings of
work to get the win on
Saturday. The nation's top
offense touched up the Irish for
eight runs in the first five
innings and cruised to victory.

West Virginia snapped the
Irish's 11-game winning streak
with the win, touching up
Notre Dame senior Wade Korpi
with four runs in three innings.

The Irish opened the game
with an early strike, going up
1-0 off a sophomore designated
hitter David Mills inside the
park homerun. Notre Dame
managed several hits of
Morrison early, but left five
runners on base in the first
two innings.

Morrison then settled down
and allowed just one run over
the next seven innings. Notre
Dame rallied for four runs in
the ninth to make things inter-
esting, but fell short of serious-
ly threatening the Mountaineer
lead.

Sophomore outfielder A.J.
Pollock and senior outfielder
Ross Brezovsky each had two
hit games for the Irish to lead
the team offensively.

West Virginia first baseman
Joe Agresta was 3-for-4 with
four RBIs, including a solo
homer. Shortstop Tyler Kuhn
and center fielder Austin
Markel also had three hits for
the Mountaineers.

Notre Dame 9, West Virginia 4
The Irish took the rubber
match Sunday, getting seven
strong innings from sophomore
Eric Maust and another big
domerun from David Mills.

Maust, who played in the
Blue-Gold game just a day
earlier as a starter, picked up his
fourth win of the season. The
right-hander struck out six and
walked none, giving up four
earned runs on the game.

The Mountaineers tagged
Maust for three long balls early,
giving up two solo shots in
the second to grab a 2-1 lead.

After the Irish went up 3-2
West Virginia struck back with
a two-run homer from Jordan
Yost to take back the lead in
the fourth.

Notre Dame showed its
resiliency, striking right back
with two runs in the top of the
fifth. Senior catcher Sean
Gaston singled home a run,
and A.J. Pollock scored on a
groundout after a double and a
stolen base.

With the Irish holding on to a
one run lead, Mills sealed the
win in the seventh. With the
bases full Mills pulled a 1-0
pitch over the right field fence
for his first career grand slam.
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Irish tune-up for Big East at Charles River

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame put together
back-to-back successful days
at the Charles River Challenge in Boston, Mass.,
in preparation for next week-
end's Big East champi-
onships.

On Saturday, the varsity
four led the way, winning
both of its races. The varsity
eight, second varsity eight
and second varsity four also
won once each.

On Sunday, Notre Dame
beat Boston University in the
varsity eight, second varsity
eight, varsity four and novice
eight races.

The Irish will compete in
the Big East championships
next Sunday in Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Junior Alex Klupchak, wearing a sizeable knee brace and sporting a bandaged right hand, showed off his scrappiness by getting on the ground for several steals in the final minutes to set up the win for Mean Girls. Senior Garret Flynn scored a game-high nine points, including four of the last five for the victors.

"I was dead tired and just trying to spend all my energy on defense and getting rebounds," Flynn said. "I guess I was kind of lazy on the offensive end and they got off me a little bit, and they got me the ball and I just shot it. I just wanted to end it." He did so with a running lay-up after the last of Klupchak's backcourt steals. Klupchak, who also scored six points, made it tough on Waivers guards Rob Herman and Joe Marnell all afternoon, but especially late in the game to prevent a Waivers comeback.

"We were having some trouble in the half-court scoring, so we were just trying to pressure as much as possible to get to set up and score some easy baskets," Flynn said. (Flynn) made a great finish there at the end, but they couldn't "get our great defense so we had to work hard to get our baskets."

The game might have turned out differently if it weren't for a controversial call against the Waivers with Mean Girls leading 19-16. The Waivers patiently moved the ball around the perimeter before finding senior forward Matt Gibson alone under the basket for an easy lay-up that would have cut the lead to two.

But the referee had blown the whistle to stop play as the ball went out of bounds before the game's official and the Waivers' official to count the basket.

"I think we lost the game," Gibson said. "We're just trying to get out and score some baskets, right?"

"Give credit to those guys, the day after the Blue-Gold game to keep playing." Andersen said of Duncan, who was obviously tired, and Turkovich was unfinished business in just hoping this year to send her team to the title game.

Mean Girls used some tenacious defense and a few timely jump-shots to close the game with a 4-0 run to send the higher-seeded Insurance Waivers home.

"My sophomore year, we lost in the finals, so we've been looking forward to this day for two years," Lund said.

"We're just hoping this year we can end it the right way."
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hitting speed, extremely elusiv-Stockton is a 6-foot-1, 280-pound defensive lineman that Notre Dame recruited to play nose tackle. ‘‘He’s a guy that plays so hard all the time,’’ Frank said. ‘‘He’ll remind people of Trevor Laws, very physical and quick player. Every time you look at him in a different position than Trevor did. You have your players and then you have your guys that make nega- tive plays in the backfield and he’s a guy that plays a negative kind of game.”

The Irish also had a number of other recruits on campus who did not verbally commit, but Frank said overall, they enjoyed their visits.

Jordan Barrett — linebacker
A high school teammate of incoming freshmen Dwayne Crisit and Anthony McDonald from Sherman Oaks, Calif., Barrett has Notre Dame high on his list of schools, Frank said.

“I think Notre Dame has a very

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see him run with his pads down.”

“I think when you’re 240 pounds, the higher you run, the more you’re giving the defense equalizers,” Weiss said. “You’re letting them get shots at you somewhat, a little more forward leaning, get your pads down more.”

Hughes said he and Weiss had discussed transparent running.

“We had talked about it and we were sort of like, ‘What the heck? He said ‘It’s just something that I’ve got to focus more on and prac-ticing more would be a better approach about it.’”

Inconsolably that Hughes got a preponderance of carries, he still must contend with rising sophomores Armando Allen and rising junior James Aldridge. Allen had 30 yards on 11 carries and Aldridge had 18 yards on six carries during the spring game.

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Blue’s second drive of the half. Uncovered by any and defensive MVP Harriottemi, picked Clausen off on Blue’s 15 and returned it for a touchdown, giving the defense 10 points and putting it back in the game.

“I call that a happy moment and it shows who all of my defensive players are scoring an interception,” coach Charlie Weiss said. “And our defense really did a good job of holding the locker room after the game. The defense did a perfect example to teach the team about com-petition.”

The defense just managed just 45 yards in the rest of the half before the final drive.

In the last two 30-minute running halves, Clausen went 10-for-20, 138 yards on one touchdown and one interception.

Weiss said there was a differ-ence in his quarterback situa-tion, he said, with Clausen the clear-cut starter, as opposed to last spring when four candidates including an injured Clausen were vying for the job.

“At this point last year I knew that in a couple of days he was going to go get his elbow scoped. And it was going to be a recovery time, and it was going to be a while before he could get his arm strength up to be able to throw the ball,” Weiss said. “It was really that whole quarterback situation was a little bit of a chaotic at the moment, I’d have to say. You know, because nothing was really going as I scripted it.”

That injury prevented Clausen from throwing with any regularity until the final weeks of spring camp. Clausen’s alm use of the spring took some time to recover, and said the long wait to pass for Clausen ultimately did not have reached its target a few months ago.

“I’m a lot healthier right now,” Clausen said. “I’m 100 percent. Last year coming off the elbow surgery, and being banged up, I really wasn’t able to be 100 percent like I am now. So I’m just happy to be 100 percent.”

But Notre Dame came into the Blue-Gold Game wanting to run the ball.

“From Hughes’ 22 car- ries, rising junior James

Aldridge had six carries for 18 yards and rising sopho-

more Armando Allen had 11 car-

ries for 53 yards.

“What we wanted to do is to make sure we ran the ball about 40 times. That’s how it turned out...,” Weiss said. “We wanted to let the offensive line toe off. You can’t build physically if you don’t let them toe off.”

Tate finished with three catches for 73 yards, while Koyack had four catches for 48 yards.

Notes
Those the attendance at the game was 20,286, the fifth highest total for any Blue-Gold Game.

Rising fifth-year line- backer Maurice Crum Jr., rising senior wide receiver David Grimes and rising sen-ior safety David Bruton were named captains for next sea-son. Crum will captain the defense, Grimes the offense and Bruton special teams.

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### Football

**Blue skies ahead**

**Kamara grabs late TD to lead offense in win**

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Facing fourth-and-goal from the eight-yard line with 29 seconds remaining, rising sophomore running back Duval Kamara connected on a fade pattern near the sideline of the end zone to lift Blue (defensive) to a 47-46 victory over Gold (defense) in a uniquely-scored — and at times heated — 79th Blue-Gold Game.

"When we were on the sidelines, we were going to run a fade to one of our receivers," Clarson said of Kamara’s touchdown. "And coach is like 'We’re going to 18'. And I looked at Duval and said, 'Are you going to catch it or not?' And he said, 'Yeah, I’m going to catch it.' And I was like, 'You better go up and get it because I’m throwing it.'"

Wide receiver Duval Kamara, right, makes the game-winning touchdown catch over defensive back Gary Gray during Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

**Smith delivers INT for touchdown for defense**

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

In a spring game with an abridged scoring system and a running game clock, 176 yards allowed, but a bragging point for a defense. The play of Harrison Smith, however, was.

Smith, the Blue-Gold game’s defensive Most Valuable Player, returned an interception for a touchdown and made five tackles in the game.

"Last year you obviously try and help your team with practice and do show team and ball that 'Jiff' he said. "But getting out there with the big boys is a lot of fun."

### Bookstore Basketball

**Saltines, Mean Girls to meet for championship**

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

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Junior Carl Andersen scored a game-high 10 points, inclu-
ding eight in the first half, to lead the Saltines to a blow-out victory over Bumped.

The Saltines jumped out to a 3-0 lead and Bumped never got closer than that, trailing 11-5 at the half before getting run off the court by the smaller but quicker Saltines.

“We usually try to take our chances," Andersen said. "We’re usually pretty good at rebounding and we can get it up the court quick to [senior Chris Lund] and [senior Steve Joyce]."

The Saltines weren’t intimidated by the imposing presence of Bumped’s twin towers, 6-foot-7 Paul Duncan and 6-foot-6 Mike Turkovich — both defensive linemen for the Irish football team. Duncan was held scoreless and Turkovich scored three points — but none after his jumper from the elbow made it 6-4 Saltines midway through the first half.

"Obviously they had about 3,000 pounds on us, so we were just trying to use our quickness to our advantage," said Lund, who scored five points. "They were playing off me a lot, guarding me with a guy who was a lot better, so that helped a lot. Carl [Anderson] was able to get me the ball and I just hit a few shots."

Hughes emerges from committee with 22 carries

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

If the Blue-Gold game were real, the coaching staff would have a concomitant. Two incom-pete passes, a sack and a punt on the first possession don’t add up to an explosive confidence-building start. In a real game, coaches would do exactly what they did in the spring game — establish a run game in place of a passing game that fell asleep over the winter and was reluctant to get out of bed Saturday.

To build offensive momentum, coaches ran the ball, 15 times in a row, in fact. The first seven of those calls went to rising sophomore running back Robert Hughes, who gained 27 yards during that span. He finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, part of a 22-carry, 100-yard day that earned him offensive Most Valuable Player honors.

"It felt good," Hughes said of his day. "It felt like I could have got more and keep running." After Brandon Walker’s 31-yard field goal put the Blue Team ahead 10-0 (or 28-10, depending on your scoring system of choice), Hughes burst a 20-yard run to the left sideline and followed it with a seven-yard burst up the middle.

Hughes rushed 53 times for 305 yards and four touchdowns last season. Although at 240 pounds he’s already a downhill runner, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he’d like to...