ND student assaulted, left 7 miles from campus

Sophomore got into car on Ironwood Drive, said he was robbed, found early April 20; still in University Health Services

By CHRIS HINE
News Writer

A Notre Dame student suffered a concussion and a broken right hand on April 20 after he was allegedly assaulted, robbed and left off approximately seven miles from campus, St. Joseph County police said Saturday.

Sophomore Timothy Clarke, 20, said he left Tailgaters Sports Bar around 3 a.m. and got into a car with either two or three men near Nick's Patio on Ironwood Drive early in the morning on April 20.

Clarke, a resident of Keough Hall, said he thought the men would give him a ride back to campus. The men, whose identities he could not recall, allegedly assaulted him, took Clarke's wallet and cell phone, and left him on the side of Primrose Road about seven miles from campus, St. Joseph County Police Detective Phil Williams said.

A 911 call was placed to county police by a passer-by, who saw Clarke lying unconscious. Police responded to the call and found Clarke at approximately 6:45 a.m. and took him to Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Clarke is staying in University Health Services.

Williams said the identities of the suspects are unknown and he and Clarke said they did not know why the assault and robbery happened.

Clarke said Sunday he could not remember if he voluntarily got into the car or was forced into the car, but Williams said he would not likely charge the men with kidnapping or abduction if he finds them.

Clarke's account of what happened may not be 100 percent accurate, Williams said, because of memory loss. Clarke suffered from his concussion and other head injuries, and also possible from alcohol he consumed that night.

But Williams said that with time, Clarke is regaining recollection of what happened that night. Clarke spent most of last week in University Health Services before having surgery on his hand Thursday. After surgery, he was returned to Health Services where he will recover for the next few days, but doctors may need to perform a second surgery on his hand.

Clarke also sustained other lacerations and bruises on his head, chest, and elbow.

Clarke said he tried to phone a friend, who was serving as a designated driver, to pick him up from Tailgaters on Ironwood Drive at approximately 3 a.m. The driver was picking up other people at the time and told Clarke to wait at Tailgaters until he arrived to take Clarke back to campus. Clarke said.

But Clarke said he declined the ride and then saw students he knew walking north on Ironwood toward Nick's Patio alone.

"I figured I'd go there and wait for a cab," Clarke said.

Clarke walked north along Ironwood Drive and said he thought he was near Nick's Patio when the car approached him.

Clarke does not clearly remember what happened next except that he thought those men would give him a ride back to campus.

The men may have been in the front. A third man may have been in the car, Clarke said. Williams said.

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Relay helps raise funds

Event collects over $50,000 for research

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

In a spirit of celebration and remembrance, the Notre Dame community came together as the Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer in the fifth annual Relay for Life.

"The goal of Relay for Life is to raise awareness about cancer because it really is a disease that affects us all," public relations chair Adam Lamm said.

The event, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, honors and remembers victims of cancer. Although the final total has not been released, students, faculty and staff collected over $50,000 in donations accepted on the Relay for Life Web site. The final total will be much higher after corporate donations are included.

The Relay for Life was held on South Quad between Badin Hall and the Rockyne Memorial Gymnasium.

"The location was really good, in the center of student life on campus," chair of the Student Committee Chris Pingel said.

Traditionally, Relay for Life is an overnight event, symbolizing that cancer endures. However, the event was scheduled to end at 1 a.m. in observance of University policy that mandates students leave campus by midnight.

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HC values examined

Jenkins, Mooney and Gilman meet in forum

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's College president Carol Ann Mooney invited University president Fr. John Jenkins and Holy Cross president Brother Richard Malloy to discuss the values and traditions of a Holy Cross education in a public meeting Friday.

Moderated by vice president for College relations Shari Rodriguez, the three presidents spoke of the first time they encountered Holy Cross education, the beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau and the benefits of a Holy Cross education.

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Malloy discusses 'just war'

Living by the just war theory is more essential now in the world than ever, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy said in a lecture Friday.

"As Christians are concerned, there are two viable alternatives—just war theory or pacifism," Malloy said.

Christianity began as a strictly pacifistic religion, according to Malloy. This pacifism was the result of both a strict interpretation of Biblical texts and the fact that Christians were a persecuted minority, and had no need for military power.

"If an alien comes from outer space and reads the text, Christianity would come out on the pacifist side," he said. "But does [pacifism] have a realistic view of human nature?"

"What Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, followers were no longer allowed to be pacifistic."

"All of Christianity began to embrace just war theory, as an attempt to be realistic about evil and harm-doing," Malloy said.

Just war theory, according...

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Hillary Clinton speaks to supporters in South Bend

President hopeful challenges Barack Obama to Lincoln-Douglas style debate in Indiana

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

New York Senator and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton challenged Barack Obama to a debate in Indiana and drew key election issues in a speech Saturday afternoon at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend.

"I am offering Senator Obama a chance to debate me one on one, no moderators," Senator Clinton said. "Just talk to each other for 90 minutes, asking and answering questions. We'll set what country," Clinton said.

Former Congresswoman John Brademas introduced Clinton to the crowd and emphasized the importance that Indiana will play in the upcoming election.

Indiana can play a key role in restoring vital leadership in our country," Brademas said.

Clinton called for a change in the President's opinion on the Iraq war in Iraq, saying that with the United States fighting a never-ending "war on terrorism," the United States "may have eroded our moral authority as a country and in the world," adding that the United States "does not want to be the leader of a world of nations; we want to be the leader of a world of democracies."
INSTITUTE

S'more summers

Hoardly it struck me that this summer may be my last real summer. I have been told to calm down and that this is ridicu­
lous. However, by this time next year, I will be a senior and facing graduation. I may be preparing to
start a job or graduate school or going through application
processes for
other than the two, and many of you are already at this point. This has made me start to reminisce about other
fictional people's summers to see if I have been living mine right so far.
I have always wanted a "The Sandlot" summer — the life-changing kind of sum­
mer where you find your best friends and you find yourself and you learn that with
work or a pair of PF Flyers, you can do anything — whether its losing the hill­
guard, catching a baseball, making s'mores or taking on The Beast.
"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and "The Baby-Sitters Club" summers are another
coming of age summers, and they are full of sports, travel, little kids, filmmak­ing
and memorizing songs about the brain. Isn't it all fun and games, though, because the girls in both movies learn very serious
lessons about themselves, their families and the world the hard way.
Then there is the pre-"Crase" summer, the one before the movie when the heroin
snorty and cram-inflicted Sandy met
mid-swim, fell in love, and sing their way to a
happy ending despite the social trials of Rydell High.
"Swallowed by the Bell" summers were epic. Zach, Kelly, Sweeney and the rest of the
spidey gang all go to a seacie resort and take up jobs as bums, lifeguards, waiters,
camps... and spend time playing velo­
ball and applying sunscreen to guests. Even after Zach starts dating the bored's daughter, he still manages to stay on the main's good side. Morris just does not enjoy
summer. He uses it to network. But its "The Parent Trap" summer that truly stays as the model for a summer that is both
fun and productive. Not only do Hayley Mills and Lindsay Lohan literally both versions deserve to be mentioned get to go
to summer camps where they make bird­
cages out of popsicle sticks and learn to
fence, but they also manage to find one another and reunite their divorced parents.
Whether in 1961 or 1998, that's a summer we
love.
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* "Test — 20 questions, true or false."
* "A project because there's more room for creativity."
* "None, because I have none."
* "Test, because when it's over it's done with. Instant gratification."

Father Theodore Hesburgh delivers a speech during Father Ted's Inaugural Fun Run/Walk for Upward Bound on South Quad Sunday. Upward Bound provides college
preparatory opportunities and resources to South Bend high schools.

OFFBEAT

Senator campaigns to ban
replicas of bull testicles
TALLAHASSEE — They're
profoundly displayed by any
self-respecting bull, but
dangling big meat ones on the
back end of a truck
could be banned in Florida.
Metal replicas of bull tes­
ticles have become trendy
ornaments in some parts of the Sunshine State, but state Sen. Carey Baker is
campaigning to ban the orbs.
Baker acknowledged that Florida lawmakers have
more pressing issues, including huge revenue
shortfalls, but said the state
needs to draw a line on
what's obscene before more
objectionable adornments
appear.
"There's no going to have points on
your license for this," said Baker.
Santas give 53-year-old a
second chance to pitch
St. PAUL — A 53-year­
old knuckleballer named Jon Secrist isn't giving up
on his goal of pitching in
pro baseball, and the St. Paul Saints are giving him
another chance.
Secrist was invited Friday by the Saints to their spring training camp after a tryout in
front of manager George Tsamis, Secrist will pitch for St. Paul in an exhibition
game on Tuesday night.
He had a prior stint with the Saints in 1999, when he posted a 9.34 ERA in two
appearances. At the time, Secrist was the oldest signed rookie in profession­
baseball.

In large letters: The Use and Abuse of Holocaut Photography — "None of the above."*

In large letters: The Notre Dame Dame Jazz Band's Spring Concert will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets are free but must be reserved through the DPAC ticket office.

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CORRECTIONS

In the article "SRC security address minority con­
ers," an "SRC employee who was murdered," in error, should be referred to as "SRC employee whose name has been removed from the list of employees." The Observer regrets this error.

In "The Use and Abuse of Holocaust Photography" lec­
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Students organize canned food drive

Collection for poor part of Earth Week to promote awareness

By EMMA DRISCOLL  News Writer

Students collected canned food items from members of the South Bend community to be donated to The Food Bank of Northern Indiana in Saturday’s Earth Week Canned Food Drive.

“We basically go around and collect food from a bunch of neighborhoods in South Bend,” co-ordinator Katie Day said.

Day said South Bend residents were informed about the Canned Food Drive by fliers passed out by student volunteers throughout the week.

To kick off the Canned Food Drive, Lead ND brought kids they have mentored from the South Bend community to the event.

The day was concluded by a blessing from University President Emeritus Father Ted Hesburgh.

“Most student activities are for the benefit of the students — but of all the things that get done around here, this stands out each year as something very typical of Notre Dame because you’re doing it for the poor,” Hesburgh said.

Last year, the Canned Food Drive collected 74,000 pounds of food, but Day said she expected less this year because not as many neighborhoods would be covered.

Totals are not yet available for this year’s Canned Food Drive because the Food Bank weighs the collections itself, Day said. She estimated that there “might have been 6 or 7,000 pounds of food, but that’s not definitive.”

The collections will be coming at a good time for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

“Basically, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana has a difficult time meeting the demand for food right now because a lot of collecting takes place in the winter months,” Day said.

The Canned Food Drive also calls attention to current events.

“It is especially important this year because of the food and security issues going on worldwide are also effecting what’s going on here,” Day said.

The Canned Food Drive was one of several Earth Week events.

“We’ve had a really busy week, even more so than last year. We really expanded [Earth Week].” Students for Environmental Action (SEA) and President Tracy Jennings said.

The week kicked off April 19 with a tree-planting event in the Northwest Neighborhood before the Blue-Gold game. Jennings said. There was also game day recycling at the game, she said.

On Monday, coffee and discussion of environmental topics took place in O’Shaughnessy Hall, Jennings said.

Many of the larger events of the week was the Earth Day Festival held on Tuesday on Fieldhouse Mall.

Representatives from the Farmers’ Market and Elkhard Environmental Core attended to speak with students and WVF1 brought music to the event.

“A lot of people stopped by on their way to class and it was a big success,” Jennings said.

SEA teamed up with ND for Animals to hold a vegetarian no-waste dinner Wednesday. Jennings said.

“No utensils were provided. You had to bring your own plate, spoon and fork so you didn’t waste anything,” Jennings said.

Thursday night was the Nature Film Festival, which featured films treating environmental topics.

Notre Dame power plant tours were offered Friday, and Sunday the SEA partnered with Best Buddies for a picnic and to give information about recycling and composting with the buddies.

“It was a great week for fellowship and for education and for having a good time,” Jennings said.

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Holy Cross

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"The education of mind and heart is so central, it’s really the most central thing to Holy Cross education, I feel,” Jenkins said. “The principles that are articulated in Moreau's writings are present in the lives... of those at these institutions.”

Moores said we have nothing to fear from knowledge. It is essential to the development of human civilizations ... and in fact to the development of a mature faith,” she said. “I think that has characterized Holy Cross higher institutions specifically... the ability to examine ideas from a variety of perspectives because we’re not afraid of engaging the world.”

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Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event

April 28th and 29th

All Notre Dame Faculty and Staff will receive an additional 5% off all regular and sale priced merchandise at The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Varsity Shops in the JAC, and at the Notre Dame Clearance Center on Ironwood.

Receive a tall Starbucks coffee from the Irish Ink Café with your faculty or staff ID at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on 4/28 or 4/29. Limit one per person.

* 5% discount is in addition to your everyday 20% discount. Faculty or Staff ID required. May not be combined with any other offer.

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Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and for making us your bookstore of choice.
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Clarke could not provide a description of the car.

While in the car, Clarke said he realized he was in the car too long to be going back campus. He said he tried to call at least six people on his cell phone in the car between 3:40 and 3:45 a.m., but nobody answered.

Clarke said he was not sure if he was attacked in the car. The men may have hit him as he was trying to call people on his phone, he said.

Clarke claimed his wallet and his phone were stolen by the men.

Clarke had credit cards and identification in his wallet, but had no cash. He said nobody has tried to use the credit cards since the incident.

Associate Vice President for Student Life Bill Kirk said it is typically University policy not to publicize off-campus crime involving students. The University does release information regarding on-campus crime usually in the form of e-mail alerts, but Kirk said in an e-mail to The Observer that the University "usually doesn't have the authority to release the details of crimes that occur outside the limited jurisdiction of the Notre Dame Security/Police Department (NISP)," Kirk said.

But the University does make exceptions in certain cases.

"Very simply, if the University believed that our students would be safer, better prepared, or better able to prevent becoming the victim of a crime by publicizing information about the occurrence of any off-campus crime, we would certainly do so," Kirk said.

As of Sunday evening, Kirk did not respond to a subsequent Observer e-mail asking why the University chose not to publicize the event involving Clarke.

Williams said the men who committed the crime were likely residents of St. Joseph County because Primrose Road is a dirt road in a wooded area that is hard to find for people unfamiliar with the area.

St. Joseph County Sheriff Frank Canarecci said juvenile crime is common near the spot where police found Clarke.

"It's often the place where juveniles would go and drink," Canarecci said. "It's a road that's lightly traveled and it's close enough to the city but remote enough where you can do things that you shouldn't be doing."

Williams described the location as a "swamp area" that had no buildings or homes around it.

"Where he was found, he could've been screaming and nobody would've heard him," Williams said.

Williams said he reviewed surveillance tapes from Tailgaters to track Clarke's movements throughout the night. From what he could tell, Clarke did not seem overly inebriated.

"I didn't observe him drinking a lot of alcohol," Williams said. "I wouldn't say he was completely intoxicated. He walked out pretty much like you or I would if he had one or two drinks."

Williams said he spoke with Clarke after the incident on April 20, but did not speak with him again until Friday. Williams did not want to bother Clarke, because of Clarke's condition, until he had more information.

"Since he had very little information at first, I wanted to review the video before I talked to him again," Williams said he could not obtain the video from Tailgaters until Friday.

According to the county police log, Clarke was only able to give police limited identification. Canarecci, who has been sheriff for six years, said this case is unique.

"That's I'm aware of, it's the first such abduction and assault of a Notre Dame student," Canarecci said. "There have been thefts, there have been assaults but to actually pick someone up and beat him, I can't recall that in many, many years."

Canarecci also said he hopes this type of crime doesn't become a frequent problem and urged students to use caution when getting rides back to campus.

"The fortunate thing was he wasn't hurt worse than he was," Canarecci said. "I hope this doesn't become more of a commonplace thing, I hope it's just an isolated incident."

NISP director Phil Johnson contacted Canarecci Friday about the case and offered any assistance he could give, Canarecci said. NISP Sgt. Dave Dosmann is now assisting Williams in the investigation.

Canarecci said he did not know if Tailgaters would be fined for serving an underage person, because that would depend on what type of identification Clarke presented to the bar.

"Anyone with information about the incident should call St. Joseph County Police."

Katie Kohler contributed to this report.

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Wildfire spreads near Los Angeles

More than 1,000 people must evacuate; fire expected to burn for two or three days

Associated Press

SERRA MADRE, Calif. - An early season wildfire slowly chewed its way through dense brush near Serra Mesa on Sunday, forcing more than 1,000 people from homes in the foothills.

More than 400 firefighters attacked the 350-acre fire, aided by two helicopters and water-dropping air tankers, said Elisa Weaver of the Arcadia Fire Department.

Residents evacuated at least 550 homes Saturday night and Sunday, but none had burned.

"This is pretty serious," Weaver said. "Some of these areas have not burned in over 40 years."

Smoke and fire billowed toward near-by neighborhoods on the outskirts of Sierra Madre near Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. The fire moved slowly as it fed on brush and was estimated to be 5 to 10 percent contained. It is expected to continue burning for another two or three days.

Winds were calm early Sunday, boosting firefighter efforts, Weaver said.

Helicopters made water drops Sunday morning on a ridge above Serra Madre, about 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles, and just west of Pasadena. A fixed-wing water tanker also made at least one drop of flame retardant.

The blaze also stranded 50 guests from a wedding party at the Chantry Flats ranger's station on Saturday until they were airlifted out last Sunday afternoon, Weaver said. It took five helicopter transport trips from the ranger's station to the parking lot where the wedding party's cars were. The party then was escorted out by road.

The fire was first reported Saturday afternoon in a wooded area a few miles northeast of Pasadena. It was windy at the time and unusually hot, with temperatures approaching 100 degrees.

The flames also brought the evacuation of a Boy Scout camp Saturday and left about 100 hikers stranded in a parking lot. Most of the Scouts had already left the camp by the time the evacuation was ordered, Weaver said, and no injuries were reported.

Firefighters originally had hoped to have the blaze contained Sunday, but gusting winds late Saturday night kept the fire out of control and sent it creeping toward nearby homes. The mandatory home evacuations came shortly before 11 p.m.

Two shelters have been set up for evacuees. Flames outlined steep ridges about a mile above Serra Madre, a San Gabriel Mountains foothill community of about 11,000, popular with artists.

To the south in San Diego County, about 40 acres burned in thick brush about 15 miles north of downtown San Diego. No injuries or property damage had been reported, a San Diego Fire Department spokeswoman said.

AFGHANISTAN

Militants kill three in attack on president

Associated Press

KABUL - Militants firing rockets and automatic rifles attacked the Afghan president's ceremonial wedding in Kabul on Sunday, missing their target but killing three and wounding eight others.

The incident comes as a major headache for the assault that sent President Hamid Karzai and foreign ambassadors scurrying for cover, underscoring the fragile grip of his U.S.-backed government.

Gunmen opened fire as a 21-gun salute echoed over the capital at an anniversary ceremony to mark the mujahedeen victory over the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

The shooting came as people, including army and police that had formed an honor guard inspected by Karzai minutes earlier, fled in chaos as shots rang out. The president was hurried away, surrounded by bodyguards, and left in a convoy of four black SUVs.

The gunfire apparently came from a three-story guesthouse, popular with migrant laborers, about 300 yards from the stands where Karzai was seated alongside Cabinet ministers and senior diplomats, who all escaped unharmed. A U.S. Embassy official confirmed U.S. Ambassador William Wood was also not hurt.

A lawmaker who was about 30 yards from the president was killed in the attack.

Residents reported that a 30-minute gunbattle broke out between security forces and gunmen holed up in the guesthouse, located in a neighborhood of ruined mud brick buildings.

Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Rahman Wardak said three attackers were killed by security forces, andasonic rifles and machine guns were confiscat-

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed said six militants were deployed to target the president, and three of those militants died in the attack. He said they were armed with guns, rockets and suicide vests although no suicide bombings were reported.

The initial moments of the attack, which came as a marching band played the finale of the national anthem, were broadcast live until TV transmissions were cut. Hundreds of dignitaries could be seen diving for cover. Two lawmak-

ers were hit by the gunfire. One of the men slumped back in his seat, while the other lay on the ground.

Less than two hours later, Karzai appeared on state-run TV and said "everything is OK."

Appearing calm, Karzai said "the enemy of Afghanistan" tried to disrupt the ceremony but was thwarted by security forces. He said several suspects were arrested and smiled as he signed off his brief recorded statement.
Malloy
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ning to Malloy, is a very strict
dctrine.
"Under Christian auspices, the horror of war
tried to be contained," he said. "It's the closest
thing we have to trying to get a handle on reducing the vio-
lence and destruction of war."
Malloy said Christianity has embraced a third
approach to warfare in its history — the Crusade,
which originally began in 1099 under Pope Urban II,
who wanted to find a com-
mun enemy around which Christian nations could
The Crusades went hand-in-hand with the Inquisition, which conduct-
ed frequent purges and committed a number of atrocities. 
While the Crusades and the Inquisition ended during the Enlightenment,
"after 9/11, the great tempta-
tion in the face of terror-
ism is a return to the men-
tality of the Crusades and the practices of the Inquisition," Malloy said.
Malloy spoke out against the return to the torture practices used by the Inquisition.
"In subsequent conver-
sations, there has been a
strong consensus in rejec-
tion of torture," he said. "Waterboarding is torture and anyone who doesn't think torture is horrible, volunteer to be tortured."
Taking a just war approach is not an easy way out, Malloy said. "It's a very demanding way of holding people accountable. It calls for an expression of conscience in both the military and civil-
ian leadership," he said.
Malloy stressed the long-
term reality of confronting terrorism.
"This is a horrible topic to talk about, but it's not going to go away," he said. "Ten years from now, there will be terrorism, and there will be a fear."
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dates quiet behavior in and around residencies beginning at 2 a.m. on weekends. Inclement weather also forced organizers to end the event earlier.
"The rain really only cost us our final ceremony," Fintel said.
When the final totals are completed, the two students raising the most money will be awarded with free textbooks for a semester from the Hammond Bookstore.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team raised over $7,300 in donations, represen-
ting the most raised by any participating team.
"I think everyone knows someone who has had cancer. You can say that you are doing [Relay for Life] for a person and you know where your money is going," sophomore soccer player Rachel VanderGenugten said.
More than 500 people par-
ticipated in the event, includ-
ing teams comprised of resi-
dence halls and athletic teams to University Health Services and the Physics Department. Most teams coordinated a walking schedule so that participants could enjoy other activities at the event.

in addition to pledges made for walking, the event fea-
tured other fundraisers that contributed to team totals such as the Notre Dame Security/Police's (NDSUP) chick-
en barbeque Friday afternoon at the Stopan Center.
A silent auction was also held during the event and the proceeds will be credited to the final fundraising total. Autographed sports memora-
abilia, tickets to a Chicago Cubs baseball game and a trip to Las Vegas were among au-
tioned items.
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Clinton
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in direction for the country,
but recognized how difficult the decision for the ticket is because of the historic nature of this campaign as the first woman candidate vies for the Demo-
cratic nomination against the first African-
American candidate.
"I think we need someone on
day one who can go into that Oval Office, and as Commander-in-Chief start making the tough decisions that confront us around the world, and as president turn it into a program that we can be proud of in the 21st cen-
tury," Clinton said. "We are going to play offense. We are going to start creating jobs again."
Clinton also promised to end the Iraq War in order to bring more money back to the American economy.
"Well, I am going to end that war in Iraq, and bring that money back home," she said.
"We are going to start invest-
ing in America again."
Clinton said she would help create jobs in states like Indiana by taking subsidies away from oil companies and instead funding ethanol.
"I don't believe we ought to be subsidizing fossil fuels, sub-
sidizing the oil companies that already make millions of dol-
ars of profit, so we are going to put that money to work with
clean renewable energy," she said.

This speech in South Bend is one of several stops Clinton is making as she campaigns through Indiana before the May 6 primary.
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SENIOR WEEK 2008

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO BEFORE GRADUATION

1. SATURDAY, MAY 10- SENIOR WEEK KICKOFF BARBECUE, LEGENDS
2. SUNDAY, MAY 11- CHICAGO CUBS GAME BUS TRIP, WRIGHTFIELD
3. MONDAY, MAY 12- GOLF OUTING, BURKE GOLF COURSE
4. MONDAY, MAY 12- SENIOR BOWL TRIP, CHIPPEWA BOWL
5. TUESDAY, MAY 13- CEDAR POINT BUS TRIP
6. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14- SNEAK PEAK: STADIUM PRESSBOX & MORE...
7. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14- COMMENCEMENT BALL, CENTURY CENTER
8. THURSDAY, MAY 15- COACH CHARLIE WEIS SENIOR SENDOFF, LEGENDS
9. THURSDAY, MAY 15- SNEAK PEAK: TUNNELS, LIBRARY PENTHOUSE (14TH FLOOR), & MORE
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Workers strike over pensions

BP PLC shuts down pipeline system; group predicts $100 million loss per day

Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Workers at Scotland’s only oil refinery on Sunday began a 48-hour strike that has forced BP PLC to shut a pipeline network that delivers almost a third of Britain’s North Sea oil.

BP said it had completed the closure of the Forties Pipeline System by 6 a.m., when 1,200 workers at Grangemouth refinery in central Scotland walked off the job. The pipeline brings in 700,000 barrels of oil a day from the North Sea to BP’s Kinnel plant, which is powered from the Grangemouth site.

Energy industry group Oil & Gas U.K. said the strike, over pension issues, could cost $100 million a day in lost production.

The main effect of the walkout was likely to be felt by the British Treasury—which relies heavily on taxes from oil production—and at gas stations in Scotland, some of which limited purchases in anticipation of the strike.

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Continental says it will not seek merger

Associated Press

DALLAS — Continental Airlines Inc. said Sunday it would not pursue a combination with another carrier right away, a surprising move after weeks of growing speculation that it would join with United Airlines to create the world’s biggest airline.

Continental Chairman and Chief Executive Lawrence Kellner said in a message to employees that the Houston-based airline was better off alone than merging.

“We have significant cultural, operational and financial strengths compared to the rest of the industry, and we want to protect and enhance those strengths—which we believe would be at risk in a merger with another carrier in today’s environment,” Kellner told employees.

Although it reported an $80 million loss in the first quarter, Continental is widely viewed as the second-strongest U.S. carrier in financial terms, behind only Southwest Airlines Co., which has indicated it isn’t interested in a merger.

While Kellner ruled out a merger for the time being, Continental appeared to leave the door open to an alliance with another carrier. Continental said it has reportedly discussed such an arrangement with AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, in which the companies would work together in many ways but not merge their operations.

Airlines have been considering consolidation as a way to cut costs and raise fares in the face of record fuel prices. Delta Air Lines Inc. announced earlier this month it has agreed to buy Northwest Airlines Corp. in a stock-swap deal that would create the world’s largest carrier. A Continental-United combination would have trumped Delta-Northwest in size.

“Every U.S. carrier, including Continental, is under enormous pressure from record high fuel prices, a slowing U.S. economy and a weak dollar,” Kellner told employees. “In today’s harsh environment, we must continue to build our business model to ensure we successfully navigate through these difficult times, so that in the future we can once again grow and prosper.”

Continental expects to spend $1.2 billion more on fuel this year than it did in 2007. To cope with the added cost, the airline plans to take some older, less-fuel-efficient planes out of service over the next 12 months and to reduce its U.S. capacity by 5 percent beginning this fall.

Ray Neidl, an analyst with Calyon Securities, said Continental’s exit leaves US Airways Group Inc. as a potential merger partner for United.

The CEOs of United and US Airways are both vocal proponents of airline mergers. But US Airways lacks the strong international routes that made Continental an attractive partner.

A US Airways spokesman declined to comment, and a United spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment.

Israel slows Palestinian economy

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian economy won’t grow this year, largely due to Israeli restrictions on movement and despite billions of dollars in aid meant to shore up support for peace talks, the World Bank predicted Sunday.

The bleak prognosis stands in contrast to the bank’s initial assessment that double-digit economic growth would be possible if Israel, the Palestinian government and the donors did their part.

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A nationwide teachers’ strike over pay issues shut about a third of schools across Britain on Thursday as the government tries to clamp down on public sector wage increases due to inflation fears.
Two words

Go to hell! T-shirts. All of them, simply put, are reducing a person’s identity to their sexual orientation.

According to the university, adding the words “sexual orientation” to the non-discrimination clause could open up a Pandora’s Box of litigation, possibly compromising its ability to support Church teachings on sexual orientation and conduct, especially problematic since such a matter has “theological connotations.” The governing bodies of the university, meanwhile, pay lip service to inclusiveness — as the Spirit of Inclusion reassures us, “we value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community” — but will not say so in any legally binding sense. In the meantime, the university tacitly reserves the right to determine that, to be sure, is rarely, if ever, invoked to keep gay and lesbian students from taking classes, playing sports, getting scholarships and generally taking advantage of the many great opportunities afforded to them by the university.

I wonder, then, how insisting that homosexuals are equally valued members in the community but refusing to give them the same legal protection that everyone else gets promotes a “Spirit of Inclusion.” To define someone by their sexual orientation — whether for comic effect, for the sake of provocation or to refuse them legal protection from discrimination — is to judge them for one small aspect of their identity, not on the merits of their personality, intellect or character. Even the Church acknowledges that a homosexual person is not defined entirely by their sexual conduct. Such reductionism is a denial of basic human dignity. And it is therefore doubly insulting that the reasons the university gives for doing so are ultimately practical (i.e. to prevent legal meddling in University affairs), though the theological implications are sometimes vaguely alluded to.

According to its mission statement, Notre Dame prides itself for instilling in its students not only “those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit which characterize educated, skilled, free human beings,” but also imparting to them “a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good.” We need look no farther than our own university — in fact, no further than the book that contains these very statements — to see where a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good is lacking, all over two words.

I signed the petition, by the way.

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**Editorial Cartoon**

The Observer

The very first “real” college football game I went to was this past September when Notre Dame played Georgia Tech. Two things stuck with me about it. First was the sense of awe that I got when I saw a stadium full of fans hanging on every play, which was definitely not the case in the Division I-AA games I’ve seen. The second was that before the game, I heard more than a few fans chanting “Go Irish, beat ‘gay’ Tech,” then laughing at their own cleverness or substituting “gay” for GA. Later that term, I heard that a few people were planning on demonstrating against homosexuality, I guess by wearing “Gay” or “Go to Hell!” T-shirts around campus. In both cases, I rolled my eyes and wondered how people could act in such poor taste, but didn’t dwell too much on it.

Last week, I was asked to sign a petition to get the University to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause, something that students have been trying to get passed for about a decade. And as I thought back to those episodes from last fall, I realized that there was a common thread connecting them with the petition. By refusing to protect homosexuals in its non-discrimination clause, the University is doing the same thing as the people who use the word “gay” pejoratively or who are wearing “Gay” or “Go to Hell!” T-shirts around campus.

Inclusion.
I once heard a piece of wisdom that has now become frighteningly more applicable: Don't do anything that you wouldn't want to see covered on the front page of the newspaper. That is, when faced with a decision, imagine the consequences (with your name attached) as the next day's headline. With JuicyCampus.com, that imaginary front page has, unfortunately, become a little less imaginary.

With this in mind, Juicy Campus, to me, seems a little less evil. Knowing that your actions may make you think twice before you drunkenly leap onto a dorm coffee table (I heard some guy toss his you-know-what doing that). But, if it doesn't get you to change your mind about certain courses of action, at least it can bring you to the realization that gossip is real and it just may be about you. Did you do something you shouldn't have with someone you shouldn't have over Spring Break? Well, if you thought no one was going to know about it, you're living in fantasyland. People talk. And isn't Juicy Campus nothing but a collection of thoughts, sentiments and actions that we all may have but just not verbalize?

That brings us to the racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, and geeksiness, whatever-ism that is so shockingly prevalent in our classmates' posts (was anyone truly shocked?). Now, at least I'm no Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities can't deny that these are real problems. Instead of these thoughts being locked away in our minds, they have manifest-ed themselves on this public forum and, honestly, it's pretty ugly. I personally haven't been attacked on Juicy Campus but I cannot help but point out the most obscene, disgusting and utterly offensive thing I have found in the posts: the spelling and grammatical errors.

This is Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Come on, people. If you're going to cruelly degrade another person or group in order to cover up your own insecurities, at least retain a shred of your own dignity and use spell check. Rachel Beury senior 50 U.S. Wisconsins top the list of drunken traffic fatalities is that most inter-drunken drivers are doomed to failure as long as one out of six of adult motorists nationwide report driving under the influence, as found by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. According to a 2007 Gallup poll, 77 percent of Americans oppose lowering the drinking age. Until it's no longer a major cause of traffic fatalities, sober窘酒 drinking being high­drunk driving. Clearly, the problem is that Americans love their cars as much as they love their booze. The United States - had only 560 alcohol-related deaths in 2004 among its 60 million people, according to the British Medical Association. While the U.S. has five times the population, it had more than 20 times the alcohol-related deaths.

What is it about alcohol that makes some people lose all cognitive func­tion? After being dressed up as the ethanol scarecrow that would fight farm overproduction, oil dependence and global warming — despite much evi-dence to the contrary — a vocal minority in several states including Wisconsin has once again turned to alcohol to solve their problems. Seemingly as a half-hearted recom­mendation to young soldiers fighting a war in Iraq most Americans no longer sup­port, some want to lower the drinking age to 18 — for military personnel only. The most bizarre proposal, however, is a bill introduced in Minnesota that would allow 18-year-olds to drink in bars and restaurants, but not to buy liquor in stores. Presumably supporter­es are afraid of uninhibited binge drinking at teen house parties, but wasn't the whole point of the federal government strong-armng states into raising the drinking age to 21 to stop drunken driving? Overwhelming evi-dence shows raising the drinking age lowers fatal automobile accidents, which is why Ronald Reagan, who made big government public enemy No. 1, signed a constitutionally ques­tionable 1984 law that ties 10 percent of federal highway funds to the drinking age at 21. A 2003 review by the Center for Disease Control showed increasing the drinking age lowered fatal accidents by 16 percent and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates 900 lives each year have been saved by the switch. While that might not seem like a huge number, it's hard to argue against a proven safety measure. Students can moan and groan all the like, but proposals to change the drinking age are doomed to failure as long as one out of six of adult motorists nationwide report driving under the influence, as found by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. According to a 2007 Gallup poll, 77 percent of Americans oppose lowering the drinking age. Until it's no longer a major cause of traffic fatalities, sober

Want to lower drinking age? Stop driving drunk with both Nina J. Emerson, director of the Resource Center on Impaired Driving at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and Paul Mobeger, senior student at UW's Population Health Institute, pointing to Wisconsin's gen­eral acceptance of drinking being high­er than many other states, according to an Apr. 22 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article. But this ignores the fact that even in Utah, a state where a majority of resi­dents belong to a religion that pro­hibits the consumption of alcohol, one in 10 people reported drinking and driving. Clearly, the problem is that Americans love their cars as much as they love their house. The United Kingdom — with the same .08 blood-alcohol concentration legal limit as all 50 U.S. states — had only 560 alcohol-related deaths in 2004 among its 60 million people, according to the British Medical Association. While the U.S. has five times the population, it had more than 20 times the alcohol-related deaths.

One oft-cited explanation for high U.S. traffic fatalities is that most inter­national drivers first receive permits after they reach the legal drinking age. This makes little to no sense, however. The difference, if any, is usually less than a year, and traffic fatalities, sober and not, remain high for young people well after they turn 21, as any insur­ance or rental car agent will tell you. The only reason the drinking age won't raise to 25 is the uproar would be even louder than it were lowered to 18. It's certainly true Europeans are less car-dependent, but the move to public transportation in this country has been slow and painful. No, what Wisconsin needs is to cor­rect its two-faced attitude toward drunken driving with harsh penalties even for first-time offenses — this is the only state where a first drunken driving incident is not criminal. While there are concerns that ignition locks may not yet hold the answer, as a California Motor Vehicles Department study found they did not deter first­time offenders, we should look to inno­vations like these to keep alcohol-impaired drivers off the street. If we can do that, then maybe college stu­dents young and old can legally have a beer together.

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Local duo impresses with debut album

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

On MacGyver vs. Matlock's debut album the band achieves something that takes other groups years — they successful meld several different styles into a homogenous sound.

"The Dog and the Wolf" is MM's first CD — a joint effort between Notre Dame senior Pat Jaicomo and Martin Kent (a student at Ball State).

Jaicomo is a musician from the word go. In addition to singing on the album, he also plays multiple instruments. In fact, the band, despite having only two people, plays all their own instruments — drums, guitar, and bass, just to name a few.

Jaicomo is the lead singer of campus band Threat Level Midnight, and Kent is an audio major at Ball State, and was in charge of the entire mixing, mastering and recording process.

All 13 tracks on the CD are originals. Even the artwork of the album is done by the band.

The CD opens with the instrumental track "I Hope to See You Soon." This song sets the tone for the album. Rhythmic electric guitar and crashing cymbals fuse with just a slight air of electronica. Although probably not one of the stronger efforts on the album, the song sets up the listener for the next song — "Heroes Don’t Call Themselves Heroes."

This track opens with simple, if almost understated, piano. It is suddenly backed by some powerful electric guitar riffs, and then layered with some well placed electronic beats. Jaicomo and Kent’s voices shine on this track, creating a song that is extremely well done.

Another highlight of the album is "The Jumping Off Race." The song opens with some soulful acoustic guitar and heartfelt lyrics, but is more than just the average emo-ballad. The lyrics are impressive and though it is one of the less complex songs on the album, it is devastating in its simplicity.

"In the Grand Scheme of Things, Such as Geology, Ten Years Is Not That Much," might be the strongest song on the album. Its electronic beats and rhythms are unbelievably addicting, and the song extremely approachable.

The seventh track is "Oakleaf Drive," and is one of the strongest on the album. When asked to pick one "single" from the album, Jaicomo picked this one, although with some difficulty.

"Picking one single is like trying to decide which of your children is your favorite," he said in an interview Sunday, "but I would say that at this moment in time my favorite track is probably Oakleaf Drive. Over the past summer Martin and I lived in apartment in a kind of rough area of Indianapolis (actually the apartment complex itself was really the rough area). When he played me his first draft of this song I really felt like he absolutely hit the nail on the head with what it was like for us. On top of the lyrics I really love the different textures that ebb and flow throughout the composition."

The personal connection the artists have with this song definite­ly shines through, making "Oakleaf Drive" one of the album’s best offerings.

MacGyver Vs. Matlock’s sound is difficult to define. Part Fall Out Boy and part Early November, tangen­tially touched with Fall Out Boy’s emo-influenced lyrics, and finished off with wildly inventive hints of electronica reminiscent of The Postal Service and Death Cab for Cutie, MacGyver Vs. Matlock is the audiophiles dream. Make sure you listen to the album with good speakers and definitely in stereo — the band use of multiple channels adds a great deal of depth to the music.

This CD isn’t yet available in stores, but can be picked up for just $8 on the band’s website at macgyvervsmatlock.com. Consider adding this CD to your collection — it would be money well spent.

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The Dog and the Wolf
MacGyver vs. Matlock
Label: Self-released
Recommended Tracks: "Heroes Don’t Call Themselves Heroes," "Oakleaf Drive" and "In the Grand Scheme of Things"
Dear readers, friends, fans, enemies, apathetic readers and people who intended to open to the Viewpoint section but inadvertently opened to Scene instead.

This will be the last time I ever write to you. As a college student, anyways — I can't promise I won't make a cameo with a Letter to the Editor in the Viewpoint section at some point in my life as an alumni.

Watching the days dwindle down on my remaining collegiate career, I feel much the same as I imagine a lame-duck president must while playing out the string of his remaining weeks in office, with the exception of, of course, that I don't get to pardon anyone. Alright, well maybe The Rover.

The Rover, I forgive you for your assaults on my section and apologize for laying the proverbial smack down on you guys. Much as General William Tecumseh Sherman moved in to run Notre Dame's Enterprise, The Observer cups bear the motto, "The drinking team with the journalism problem."

All in all, I've learned a lot here at ND: how to man up, a profane set of different lyrics to the Michigan fight song, the value of a power hour, the value of inform, entertain and sometimes provoke. I hope you've enjoyed them; if you haven't, feel free to crumble them up and I suppose I don't need to tell you where you can stick them.

I also attained the No. 1 spot on The Observer drinking rankings (and if you think you've partied hearty, try hanging out with 30+ unfulfilled student journalists. In case you haven't seen them, our Observer cups bear the motto, "The drinking team with the journalism problem.").

As I look back over a misspent life, I'm glad I got that off my chest.

There's a new breed replacing the old guard here at The Observer, moving in to run Notre Dame's hottest student-run newspaper, and I trust they will take good care of you in the years to come. I leave you to their capable hands.

In journalism, whenever you can't come up with the words you want to express yourself with, you can quote someone famous. It's great. In the words of the immortal Baltimore Sun columnist H.L. Mencken, "... as I look back over a misspent life, I find myself more and more convinced that I have made more than anything else I've done here at Notre Dame, I enjoyed nearly every minute of my time writing and editing for The Observer."

As such, I'd like to encourage anyone and everyone so inclined to write for The Observer. You got to let your voice out there, drop some knowledge on the masses and discuss hot-button issues such as the vagina monologues. Besides, if you're like me, it'll be no problem putting in late nights at the office because you probably aren't doing homework anyway.

Working for The Observer is also a great way to pick up chicks (or dudes, depending on your persuasion). I can't tell you how many times attractive, buxom young jezebels have approached me at parties. The dialogue typically goes something like this: "Oh, you're Tae Andrews? The Tae Andrews? I'm such a big fan of yours!" to which I invariably reply, "I get that a lot." The point is, earning a few Observer bylines will quickly put you on a social prestige level approaching that of a football player or a trust fund baby. You can also create a pen name for yourself (in case you've been wondering, I've also graced these pages as the one and the same T. Edward Andrews). It helps keep people on their toes.

Sad as I am to leave, I feel I've accomplished just about everything I could have here at The Observer. Throughout my time, I've written a few good stories, a few truly awful ones and a whole mess that fell somewhere in the middle. Regardless of how well we did, our stories were, as always, designed to entertain and sometimes provoke. I hope you've enjoyed them; if you haven't, feel free to crumble them up and I suppose I don't need to tell you where you can stick them.

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To my fellow seniors preparing to become alumni of the author and not necessarily those of the The Observer.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles end season with series split

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Belles (23-8 overall, 12-4 MIAA) finished the regular season with a doubleheader split with Tri-State Saturday at Saint Mary's.

In game one, the Belles took an early 3-1 lead after the first inning, but the Thunder scored five unanswered runs in the next three frames to win the game 8-3. Junior Calli Davison (11-8) took the loss.

Game two started out similarly, with Saint Mary's jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first on a home run by junior Ashley Fusaro. This was, however, it was the Belles scoring five more unanswered runs, as they went on to shut out the Thunder 8-0.

Saint Mary’s only senior, McKenna Corrigan, pitched the complete game shutout to finish her final season a perfect 7-0. She hit a three-run home run in the top of the fifth in her last at bat of the year, she was 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored in game two.

"Corrigan was fantastic," coach Erin Sullivan said. "She hit the home run off of Elise Engebret, Tri-State's stud pitcher."

English pitched the fifth and sixth innings of game two. The two-time MIAA pitcher of the week came into the game with an ERA of 0.98. The Belles are nearing or have already surpassed several school records. Their 12 league wins are the most in the regular season for Saint Mary’s since it joined the MIAA in 1998.

Individually, sophomore Ashley Peterson is close to single-handedly re-writing the offensive record book. She posted two hits on Saturday, tying her for most hits on the season with 23. That record, held by Andrea Arena, was set in 1997. Peterson's 36 RBIs are only three away from tying the school record, and Corrigan is right behind her with 32 RBIs. Peterson, who has hit 13 doubles so far, is just six doubles from tying the career record.

Sullivan said Peterson also has a good chance at being the regular season batting champion with a .580 in conference batting average.

The Belles will head to the MIAA tournament as either the No. 2 or No. 3 seed, depending on whether Tri-State wins or loses against Adrian. Tri-State will also be competing in the tournament, which will be held at Alma College on Thursday and Friday.

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ATP

Nadal beats Federer, takes Monte Carlo

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Rafael Nadal won his first title of the season, defeating top-ranked Roger Federer yet again on clay to claim his fourth consecutive Monte Carlo Masters. The second-ranked Spaniard won 6-4, 6-3, improved his clay-court record over Federer to 7-1.

"Winning four times here is unimaginable," said Nadal, who earned his 24th career title. "Roger played a great match. We always have good finals.

Nadal has won 98 of his last 99 matches on clay, with a loss to Federer in the 2007 Hamburg final the only blip.

The Swiss star blew commanding leads in each set, breaking Nadal to lead 4-3 in the first and racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

"It was his second set," Federer said. "After playing the right way against him and then letting him back into the match, it was disappointing. Maybe I didn't play my best.

Federer committed too many unforced errors, sur­prising on his forehand, and let Nadal back into the match. "He deserves to win," Federer said. "I'm pushing Rafa today, having the feeling I can beat him if I play the right way. And I think that's the feeling I didn't have after (Monte Carlo last year)."

Rafa

Rafael Nadal, right, and Roger Federer shake hands after their championship match Sunday in Monaco.

Nadal is the only player in the Open era to win four straight titles at Monte Carlo, and the first since Anthony Widing of New Zealand (1911-14).

Nadal has won 22 consecutive matches at Monte Carlo since losing to Guillermo Coria in the third round in 2003. Federer was the last person to take a set from him in the 2006 final. Nadal missed 2004 with injury.

The three-time French Open champion is 19-1 in clay-court finals, while Federer dropped to 7-8 on his lost favorite surface. The 12-time Grand Slam champion has never won the French Open, the only major title missing from his resume.

Still, Nadal thinks Federer remains the best, despite a slower start to the season. Federer picked up his first title early this week, beating Novak Djokovic in Estoril.

"I think he doesn't get enough credit," Nadal said. "It is impossible to be at 100 per­ cent all your career, he is still No. 1, the best in the world.

Relying too much on his forehand, Federer also missed routine volleys at the net, and made 44 unforced errors.

Federer seemed poised to win the season's last match at the Estoril Open.


Both players looked nervous on serve in the first set, swapping breaks for 1-1.

Federer saved a break point in the sixth game and domi­nated Nadal at the net in the seventh, breaking him to finally move ahead 4-3.

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SMMC GOLF

Girls take second at qualifier

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

It was just too little too late this weekend for Saint Mary’s, who finished second in the MIAA NCA qualifying tournament in Marshall, Mich.

The Belles shot the final round low score of 342 but were unable to overcome the 23-stroke deficit they faced after the first two rounds of the three-round event.

In the final round of the qualifier, senior captain Kate O’Brien led the Belles with an 81 and freshman Rosie O’Connor tied an 84. Saint Mary’s finished 22 strokes behind first-place finisher Olivet, who received the MIAA’s auto­matic bid into the NCAA tournament.

With their recent successful performances in the Vassar Invitational, the Illinois-Wesleyan Spring Fling and the MIAA tournament, the Belles have a good chance of receiving an at-large bid into the national tournament by being chosen from a group of teams by an NCAA selection committee on May 5.

If the Belles are among the chosen teams, they will travel to Waverly, Iowa, to compete in the NCAA champion­ship tournament May 13-16.

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Mike Scott blows lead, then wins in playoff

Associated Press
IRVING, Texas — Adam Scott felt he needed to make a statement by winning Sunday. He did, though, not quite the way he wanted to do it.

After blowing the three-stroke lead he carried into the final round, Scott made a 9-foot birdie put on No. 18 to force a playoff, then made a 48-footer playing it again on the third playoff hole to beat Ryan Moore in the 60th Byron Nelson Championship.

"In the end, the statement was to myself, I could actually win it when things weren't going my way," Scott said. "But it wasn't quite the statement I had in mind. I would have liked to have gone out there and have played like Ryan played and won by a few." Still, Scott made the clutch shots when he needed them for his sixth PGA Tour victory after cutting short his post-Masters trip home to Australia so not to waste his good play there.

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**PGA**

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Tampa Bay 14-11 .560 - 118
Boston 14-11 .560 - 108
NY Yankees 13-13 .500 1.5 116
Kansas City 11-14 .440 3.3 82
Detroit 11-15 .433 4 120

American League, Central Division
team record perc GB RS
Chicago Sox 23-12 .636 - 127
Cleveland 12-13 .480 2.3 115
Minnesota 12-14 .500 3.5 93
Detroit 11-15 .433 4 120

American League, West Division
team record perc GB RS
Oakland 16-10 .615 - 120
LA Angels 13-14 .500 2 111
Seattle 12-14 .480 2.1 117
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National League, East Division
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Florida 15-10 .600 - 114
NY Mets 15-13 .556 2 113
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Arizona 18-7 .728 - 148
LA Dodgers 13-13 .462 6 117
San Francisco 11-15 .423 7.9 84
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4 Georgia Tech 117-9-6 8
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10 Florida State 102-32-1 9
11 Tennessee 105-37-3 10
12 South Carolina 113-40-2 10
13 Chattanooga 113-36-4 11
14 Duke 84-36-3 11
15 UNLV 113-32-2 10
16 Texas A&M 86-51-1 10
17 Arizona 93-43-3 10
18 Clemson 92-44-1 10
19 USC 92-49-3 10
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22 Arizona State 76-2-2 9
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24 Michigan State 87-34-2 10
25 Indiana 110-35-1 11

**IN BRIEF**
League approves 'Pacman' trade to Dallas

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Irish knock off Seminoles for fifth straight win

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

For the second straight match, the Irish relied on gutsy play from freshman Daniel Stahl at the No. 6 position. Stahl defeated Seminole junior Drew Bailey 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 to seal the win for the Irish.

"He has really made a lot of improvements," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of his freshman.

The Irish stayed hot early and won two of three doubles matches to win the doubles point. Junior Santiago Montoya and senior Andrew Roth jumped out to a 3-1 lead against the Florida State pair of Bailey and sophomore Brad Mixson, but the Seminoles tied it up before Helgeson and Mixson pulled away for a 9-7 victory. The Irish clinched the point with a come-from-behind victory from the pair of junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Paribhu, who defeated the Florida State pair of senior Sam Chang and junior Maciek Sykut. Chang and Sykut jumped out to a 4-2 lead before Helgeson and Paribhu rallied for an 8-6 win.

The Seminoles tied it up when junior Chris Cloer defeated Irish freshman David Anderson at No. 5 in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Irish responded with back-to-back wins from Helgeson and freshman Stephen Havens. The Seminoles defeated the Irish in the opening round of the MIAA tournament.

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Saint Mary’s (12-10) took on Alma in a match for fifth place in the MIAA tournament while sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley both earned all-MIAA honors. It marked the first time since 2005 that Saint Mary’s took on Alma in a match to determine the conference champion.

"I think that next season we will be more successful," Gebert said. "I think we will all be more focused on what we want to do and be more consistent with our doubles." Gebert defeated No. 1 doubles partner Joel Bowles in a tie break 7-3 before finishing the singles match 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

Saint Mary’s senior Stahl recorded his own straight set victory over his own doubles partner, David Anderson at No. 5 in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

Saint Mary’s only victories came from the four singles wins. No. 1 singles Gebert won 7-5, 6-2, No. 2 Hurley won 7-5 in the first set before finishing the match 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. No. 3 Betsy Reed won 6-2, 5-0, No. 4 doubles finished 6-1, 6-0. No. 5 Lisa Rubinov won 6-4, 1-0 before the second set was concluded.

"Our first round match against Alma was very strong. The two teams were able to pull away. We played good," Gebert said. "I think we were successful with our doubles. We disappointed ourself with our strategy, but we did not show our true potential."

As part of the consolation draw, Saint Mary’s took on Tri-State Friday. The Irish defeated the Red Devils 9-3 in a match that was unfruitful for both teams.

Saint Mary’s senior Stahl took on Alma in a match for fifth place in the tournament, winning 5-2. The Belles won two of the three doubles, three of the singles. Two singles matches went unfinished. No. 1 doubles Gebert and Hurley defeated No. 1 doubles partners Chris Cloer and Kelly Schwartzkopf 8-6, 6-2. No. 2 Reed and Bowles won 8-3 over Laura McKendry and Lindsay Wagner. No. 3 Camp and Lee defeated Kelsey Erwin and Emily Ness 6-2, 6-0.

In singles on Saturday Saint Mary’s won three singles matches and two doubles matches. No. 1 singles Gebert won 8-2, 6-0. No. 2 Hurley beat McKendry 6-1, 6-2. No. 3 Reid defeated Wagner 6-0, 6-3. No. 4 Kosinski was defeated by No. 4 doubles partners McKendry and Wagner 8-3, 6-2. No. 5 Rubinov’s match against Curtiss and No. 6 Arnold’s against Noss went unfinished.

"We were able to rebound and win our next match, however, to secure fifth place," Gebert said. "I think that we played with our hearts this weekend. We left it all on the courts, all the hard work, all the late night practices. As usual, our singles were stronger than our doubles play and took care of itself, enabling us to take the lead in our last two matches."

Saint Mary’s ends its season in the top five of the MIAA for the fourth consecutive year.

"I feel as though we’ve all matured in our own ways this season," Gebert said. "We started a little slow in the beginning of the season, but definitely ended strong. I know that everyone will be our hearts this weekend, and we can manage to get over the hump in our conference."
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101 was hot for the Irish on the mound, going seven innings in the doubleheader without giving up an earned run.

Game two of the doubleheader with the Friars began with Providence jumping out to a 2-0 lead early with two doubles off of freshman Jody Vajdivia (8-7) in the first. Vajdivia gave up four runs on five hits with five strikeouts and no walks in the loss.

Vajdivia gave up two more runs in the fourth to bring on Bargar, who pitched the final 3 and 2/3 innings with one unearned run on three hits.

The Irish got back in the game on the force of an RBI triple from Fleury and an RBI single from Smith, but it would not be enough, as the Friars scored three runs in both the fifth and sixth innings.

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Junior designated hitter Beth Northway makes contact during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Loyola Thursday.

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forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and six blocked kicks.

Laws, who played defensive tackle under former Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter's 4-3 scheme and defensive end for current defensive coordinator Corwin Brown's 3-4, said he is more suited to playing tackle for the Eagles.

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Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome said in a press conference in Baltimore that he wanted to increase the defense's size and speed, and that Zbikowski was part of that.

Newsome said Zbikowski is currently slated as the backup safety and a backup punt returner.

"There are some areas that we got hit pretty hard last year and we ended up taking guys from the practice squad," Newsome said.

The final Irish player taken was center John Sullivan, 187th overall in the Minnesota Vikings. Sullivan was a four-year starter at Notre Dame, playing in 31 consecutive games before an injury sidelined him for the last two games of the 2007 campaign.

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MEN'S TRACK

Relay team claims three-peat

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

The weekend for the Notre Dame men's track team can be summed up in one word: dominance. With outstanding performances at the 99th annual Drake Relays this weekend, the Irish will have a good chance of earning the top seed in next week's Big East conference meet.

At Drake, history was made when the 4-by-1000 meter relay team of juniors Patrick Smyth and Dan Clark and seniors Jake Watson and Kurt Brenninger took Notre Dame to a 1:27.1 place for the third year in a row with a world-best time of 16:51.82. “Every year we come out here and we always run this relay and the last two years we've been able to win it four of the last five,” senior Jake Watson explained. “This year we have a strong middle distance, distance program in general. That’s sort of where our orientation is as far as track and field goes. This relay is perfect.”

Other running performances included senior Austin Wechter placing 19th in the 400-meter hurdles and senior Brett Adams placing 13th in the 1,500-meter run. As for field events, senior Mike Schubert and freshman Demarco Dorel placed 14th and 17th, respectively, in the shot put. Sophomore Brandon Demont followed close behind to place 14th in the discus throw.

At the Hillsdale relays, junior Blair Macjina reached his season-best jump of 2.10 meters, beating his previous jump by 3 meters. Sophomore Ryan Bell finished with top marks in the discus throw, placing 16th with a throw of 1.74 meters. Junior Tiffany Morgan threw for the Irish as rising junior Philip Tuttle closed the season with a throw of 4.64 meters.

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ND fights to scoreless tie with Mexico U-20’s

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame played Mexico’s U-20 team to a scoreless tie in a physical friendly before more than 2,700 fans at Alumni Field on Friday. In a game that featured 22 fouls between the two teams and saw Mexico draw three yellow cards and a red card, neither squad could muster even a solid attempt on goal until the first half’s final minute, when Mexico’s Moises Velasco’s shot soared over the net. The Irish were out-shot 8-1 in the first half and 13-8 for the game.

Notre Dame’s best try came just four minutes into the second, when Irish defender Jack Traynor’s free kick deflect off the post. The Irish dominated the possession over the final 20 minutes, as rising sophomore Josh Thiermann just missed a shot a near the Mexican goal. That started a string of good looks for Notre Dame, as rising junior Dave Donohue and Michael Thomas both saw decent looks sail high.

Notre Dame audated a pair of goalkeepers in the game, both of whom fared well. Rising senior Andrew Quinn manned the net during the first half, while rising junior Philip Tuttle closed the game out with a solid performance in the second. Tuttle’s save with 33:40 to play preserved the shut-out, as he punched a Velasco shot just over the cross bar on Mexico’s best scoring chance of the match.

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Women’s Track

Irish athletes shine in weekend’s relays

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sent a limited number of athletes to both the Hillsdale and Drake Relays this weekend, but it walked away with more than a few impressive results.

At the Hillsdale Relays meet in Hillsdale, Mich., the Irish shined with a number of top finishes. In the 1500-meter run, senior Julie Opet grabbed the top spot with a time of 4:31.77. Marissa Treece, competing in front of the World Cross Country champions, rounded out a solid Irish performance in the event with an eighth-place finish.

In the 400-meter run, senior Jacqueline Carter and sophomore Molly Sullivan took second and fourth-place, respectively. In field events, the Irish had a strong showing, led by junior Mary Sasser, who won the Pole Vault with a jump of 13 feet, 1 1/2 inches. Sophomore Elise Knutzen took third in the hammer and sophomore Jamie Minor finished seventh in the triple jump.

At the Drake Relays, the Irish got quality performances from of the two athletes that were sent to the highly competitive meet.

Sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza grabbed sixth-place with her throw of 44.58 meters in the discus event. Junior Anna Weber also finished well placing ninth in the hammer throw event with a toss of 58.16 meters.

The Irish will compete in the Big East championships next weekend.
MEN’S LACROSSE

Irish win final home game

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

In its last home game of the season, No. 7 Notre Dame captured the GWLL regular season title with a 17-12 win over No. 13 Ohio State.

The victory pulled the Irish (11-2, 4-1 GWLL) into a three-way tie with the Buckeyes (9-4, 4-1 GWLL) and Denver for first place in the Great Western Lacrosse League, which the Irish won by virtue of a tiebreaker. The Irish came out firing early, scoring three goals in the first seven minutes, including one by junior midfielder Peter Christman just 51 seconds into the game.

But the Buckeyes wouldn’t go down easily. Following a timeout, the Buckeyes, including senior attack Alex Wharton and sophomore midfielder Neal Corrigan, dominated the run, scoring all three of his goals, two of which were assisted by sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs.

The third quarter saw much of the same as the Irish extended their lead to 12-9 on goals by Krebs, who finished the game with three. Senior goalkeeper Joey Kemp made 12 saves.

Having secured the No. 1 seed in next week’s GWLL tournament, the Irish will take on the Quinipiac, a team the Irish beat 16-6 on April 18. Corrigan said after the game that the team is happy with the win but determined to keep their focus.

“Denver and Ohio State are very good teams, excellent teams, and I think that not having to play one of them in the first round and the other in the second round is terrific,” Corrigan said. “We’re glad that we’ll only have to play one or the other, but our job now is to play Quinipiac in the first round and take them down. We only have one game on the schedule right now, and we have to work hard this week to prepare for it.”

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West’s three with 5.4 seconds left lifts Cavs

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — King James lost his crown.

All right, so it was his bungy headband that went flying when LeBron James took a shot to the noggin from DeShawn Stevenson, their simmering feud nearly boiling over.

James kept his cool, allowing the flagrant foul to spark him and his Cleveland Cavaliers.

At one end, James was just as collected, drawing waves of Washington Wizards defenders before dishing to Deonte West for a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left. That shot, along with James’ 34 points and 12 rebounds, led the Cavaliers to a 100-97 victory on Sunday and a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series.

There’s been some extracurricular activities going on outside and inside this series,” James said, “but I’ve been able to stay focused.

The Wizards were ahead by a point with three minutes left in the first half when James drove to the basket, and Stevenson came behind and swiped a hand out, clipping the Cavs’ star with what James said teammates told him was a closed fist before tumbling to the court. James kept his balance and stepped toward Stevenson, who got up and stepped toward James.

They exchanged words, but that was it, before teammates stepped in between.

If we was on the park, something definitely would have escalated,” James said. “But, you know, I guess that’s what they want to do. They want to hurt LeBron James this series. It ain’t working.”

Stevenson’s take?

“That’s how it goes,” he said. “It was a big game for us.

Now the Cavaliers, who eliminated the Wizards in each of the previous two post-seasons, have control, with Game 5 on Wednesday at Cleveland.

James got help Sunday from more than just West, whose career playoff-high 21 points included five 3-pointers. Daniel Gibson made four 3s, and Ben Wallace had 12 rebounds — part of a remarkable 51-31 edge on the boards for Cleveland.

One small sequence that epitomized things. At the end of the third quarter, Joe Smith’s three-point play followed two offensive rebounds and gave the Cavaliers an 80-73 edge.
the hearts of the Irish (11-7, 4-1 Big East). It hurt-wrenching because when you put your heart out there, our sports psychologist says it's agony or ecstasy," Irish senior captain Caitlin McKinnie said. "I wouldn't want it any other way, but right now we just put everything out there. That's the hardest part, to walk off knowing that you gave everything you can.

First down, but it also tears you inside because you wish the ball would have been anything but a loss, especially as a senior, it's really dif-

The Irish started with a bang, scoring the game's first six runs to take a 6-0 lead with just under 15 minutes to play in the first half. Freshman Shaylyn Blaney scored three of her career-high five goals over the stretch.

"It was just on the field, something comes out of you," Blaney said. "They were on the board with 14:22 to play in the first half. We had two goals, but we had to turn around and score twice over the next five minutes to grab an 8-1 lead. The second scored goals before the momentum began to swing in Georgetown's favor, as the Hoyas, down 9-2, began a 6-0 run that would cover the last five minutes of the first half and the first five of the second.

Hoyas midfielder Ashby Keastner, who scored twice in second half, had a goal in each of her goals over that stretch, transformed a 14-1 lead with 7:31 to play in the first half into a 10-8 battle less than four minutes in the second.

"When they started getting possession of the draw, then Keastner, their best player, stepped up and started killing us at the end of the first half," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think we tried to take her out but she had a good opportunity to win the game." With over 10 minutes left on the clock, the Red Storm put up 2-2, but were held to two goals after that to end the first half.

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: David Letterman, 56; Shonda Rhimes, 43; Arie Shubert, 37; Annika Sorenstam, 35.

Happy Birthday: Make nice habits and health habits will shape this year for you if you don't cut corners and complain sometimes. A few alterations to your home life will make things pretty much the way you want them. Open your heart and talk to others the people you care about and good things will come in return. Your numbers are 3, 10, 19, 23, 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let things get to you. If someone is annoying or trying to get under your skin, back away. Don't get involved in an argument you can't win or ruin a perfectly good day with people who just won't listen. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plan to do something or move around your home. Open up your doors to friends and family. You will be able to solve an emotional issue that you have with someone close to you. Money is coming your way. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get taken in by a false scheme. Use your own savvy to avoid someone who wants to make a quick buck. Be on your guard. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your sights may be set on how you can turn over or upgrade something you do well into a money-making business. A good idea can flourish as long as you start small and grow. It is overwhelming that you will do it in 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your trusting nature will lead to trouble. If you are anxious with the wrong person, you will not get any satisfaction out of your kindness. Don't let anyone take advantage of you; instead, pay more attention to your own needs. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can do what you want, take what you want and capitalize on whatever you see fit today. The choice to help others will bring benefits that help to secure your position and establish yourname. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do things that make you feel good and forget about everyone who is judging you. Persevere, magnify your strengths and you will get your hands back on track. Don't let anyone push you into an argument. Focus on the changes you want to make. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Partnerships can be put into place or discussed. You could get a surprise proposal from someone who wants to make you an offer you can't refuse. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your energies up and proceed. You are doing what you can to make something work; you are working to make things work. Don't become emotional or argue over insignificant points. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With your extravagance of your past, present and future, you are going to get things that your enemies always tell us from the way you do things. Now, you clear all the, you will know how to proceed. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Secrets are brewing and a surprise may be heading your way. Don't lie. It will run out in your favor. An act of loyalty will heighten your relationship with people you hold dear. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you try hard, everyone will recognize your efforts and worth. As a plan you have will go as planned. Someone influential will recognize what you are doing and step in to help you out. 4 stars

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FOOTBALL

Four former Irish stars drafted by NFL teams

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Four former Notre Dame players were taken during the 2008 NFL draft. Tight end John Carlson, defensive lineman Trevor Laws, safety Tom Zbikowski and center John Sullivan.

Carlson was the first Notre Dame player selected, going in the second round (38th overall) to the Seattle Seahawks, highlight by slam.

"I know very little about the Seahawks and what they do there. I'm just excited to get in there on Thursday and start learning," Carlson said in a conference call with Seattle reporters.

Carlson finished his Irish career with 10 catches, 1,093 receiving yards and eight touchdowns. The 6-foot-5, fifth-year senior said he can contribute at the next level as both a receiving and blocking tight end.

"At Notre Dame, I had a dual role," he said. "That's what I want to be—a tight end that can block and can catch the ball."

Carlson said he was prepared to wait until the second day of the draft, but the Seahawks traded up in the second round with the Baltimore Ravens to get the seventh pick of the round, which they quickly used on Carlson.

"I thought it could possibly not happen until tomorrow," he said. "When I got the phone call from Seattle, I was relieved and extremely happy."

The next former Irish player taken was Laws, who also went in the second round (47th overall) to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"Laws left Notre Dame with 224 tackles, 10 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss, 10 passes defended, two interceptions and three forced fumbles," Sullivan said.

Sullivan the goalie, who finished his Irish career with 11 goals and three assists, was drafted by the New York Rangers in the sixth round (187th overall) of the NHL Draft.

"I'm just excited to get to New York," Sullivan said. "I'm excited to get this first step out of the way and to get going with the Rangers organization."

BASEBALL

Red Storm take two of three, tied with ND atop Big East

By LORENZO REYES, MICHAEL BRYAN, and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

No. 24 Notre Dame dropped the first two games of its weekend series at St. John’s before recovering to win in Saturday’s make-up game.

The Irish (28-12-1,13-5 Big East) and Red Storm (31-10, 13-6 Big East) are now tied atop the conference standings.

"Sunday’s game was a must-win for us," Irish coach Dave Bond said. "We could’ve woken up [Monday] and been in fourth place and two games behind [St. John’s] ... so to be honest with you, [Sunday] was a must-win game."

St. John’s, 10, Notre Dame 3

Heading into the top of the sixth, the Irish clung to a 3-1 lead, looking to get the weekend series started off on the right foot. But after 20 minutes later, it was completely different story, as the contest soon was out of Notre Dame’s grasp.

After giving up the game’s first run in the top of the fifth, Notre Dame picked up three runs of their own after a pair of singles and a walk loaded the bases.

Senior lefthander Ross Brezovsky delivered a sacrifice fly and sophomore Billy Boockfort hit a two-run single to give the Irish a 3-1 lead.

Those were the only runs Notre Dame would score all game, as the Red Storm exploded on the offensive side of the ball in the last three innings.

After Notre Dame’s junior ace David Phelps retired the Storm’s inning’s first two hitters, Chris Aurininos and freshman third baseman Greg Hopkins delivered back-to-back home runs to tie the game 3-3 and begin a downward spiral for the Irish. Notre Dame allowed five home runs, marking the first time the feat had been done at Frank Eck Stadium since Miami achieved it on April 2, 1994.

St. John’s scored once more in the sixth before adding another pair of solo home runs in the seventh and a three-run blast in the eighth.

Phelps was tagged with the loss, giving up six earned runs on 12 hits on 6 and 2/3 innings of action. The junior also struck out one batter and allowed one walk.

In the contest, Brezovsky extended his career high hitting streak to 19 games, going 1-for-3. One of Notre Dame’s main downfalls was the inability to drive in base runners, as it stranded six runners, four of which were in scoring position over the first four innings.

St. John’s, 6, Notre Dame 4

The Red Storm capitalized on several Irish miscues late Saturday’s game, winning their second straight over Notre Dame.

Notre Dame could not take advantage of a solid start from senior pitcher Wade Korpi, who gave up just five hits and two earned runs in 7 and 1/3 innings of action. The junior saw DRAFT/page 15

SOFTBALL

Team takes three of four weekend games

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish sent their seniors out in style, going 3-1 this weekend by splitting with Providence and sweeping Connecticut in the last home weekend of the year.

The weekend began with a 10-1 drubbing of Providence (24-20-2, 8-8 Big East) on Saturday, highlighted by sophomore infielder Ashley Ellis’s fourth-inning grand slam. The slam, which was Ellis’s first career home run on the season, was the first grand slam posted by the Irish this year.

Ellis has a career high five RBIs with two hits to go along with the grand slam.

Also pitching in for the Irish (24-17-1, 12-6 Big East) offense with two hits apiece were freshman shortstop Katie Fleury, senior outfielder Sarah Smith and junior third baseman Linda Kolan. Junior designated hitter Beth Northway added a two-run double in the bottom of the third.

Junior Brittany Bargar 126-

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish lose in sudden death

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 10 Notre Dame had dreamed all season of hoisting the Big East championship trophy on the turf of Notre Dame Stadium, but those dreams were dashed on Friday night as No. 7 Georgetown overcame an 8-1 deficit to win 15-14 in sudden death overtime.

In the first Notre Dame women’s varsity event to be held in the stadium, it was the Hoyas’ (12-5, 3-2 Big East) sophomore attack Molly Ford’s goal with 46 seconds to play in the third overtime that broke

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Notre Dame players express their disappointment after losing to Georgetown 15-14 in sudden death overtime Friday night.