Hammonds ticket claims Class of ‘97 election

Run-off stands despite last minute recount

By RUSSELL WILLIAMS
News Writer

Heading into Monday’s elections to determine student body class officers and student senators, all one could predict was that Mark Lee and Joseph Lang would win Senate seats, as Leon and Lang ran unopposed in Districts Three and Four, respectively.

As expected, contest for sophomore and junior class offices will be determined Wednesday, when a run-off vote will take place. Peter Cesar, Michele Castelli, James Farrell, and Erin Bickel will square off against Jay DeCoo, Katie Hille, Joe Brand, and Dan Mullin in the race for sophomore-class office.

This was the tightest race, and a recount was done late Monday night at the request of candidate Deanette Weiss. The Cesar ticket garnered 242 votes versus the 249 votes for the DeCoo ticket. To avoid the run-off, the winner must receive more than 50 percent of the votes cast. This was difficult, considering there were six runnings in this race.

Votes requested the recount after her ticket finished in third place with 218 votes. After the recount, her ticket had 231 votes. She insisted that her running mates were correct.

“We were notified of a possible discrepancy, and the constitution requires a recount if two candidates are within ten votes of each other. To avoid a conflict we did the recount,” said Student Government Vice President Dennis McCarthy. The recount did not change the participants in the run-off, although.

In the junior class race, the ticket of Matt Griffin, Anne Freedy, Beth Nolan, and Leon Stromsky will appear Rick Duda, Becca Dalton, Sean Lynch, and Stacy McNulty.

Survey to evaluate use of computers, networks

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Two student-run organizations grew closer to the culmination of an effort to bring about change in the world of on-campus computing on Feb. 19. Student Government’s Department of Intellectual Life and the Graduate Student Union’s Graduate Computer Committee, with the support of the Office for Information Technologies, released an extensive survey to the student body asking questions about computer and network usage by students.

Jeff Squyres, the chairman of the Graduate Computer Committee and one of the authors of the survey, said he hoped the poll would bring about positive change in the clusters and computing in general.

There are really two goals with this survey,” Squyres says. “First, we want to learn about the general computing trends of students on campus. Second, we want to find out how student users are with the level of service.

The groups decided near the end of 1995 to circulate a survey, but it took until now to put it together.

“Different writing problems and questions had to be worked out over the last few months,” says Squyres.

Statistics show rising number of female smokers

Editors Note: This is the final part of a three part series exploring the use of tobacco at Saint Mary’s College.

By MAUREEN HURLEY and LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary’s News Editors

You’ve come a long way, baby.

According to health officials, Virginia Slim’s slogan reigns true, as the trend in women smoking has moved through history from a form of social rebellion to an increasing social habit.

Statistics from the American Lung Association of Northern Indiana state that the age when Americans begin smoking is getting younger, especially among females.

In light of this fact, in a recent Observer poll, 67 percent of Saint Mary’s women surveyed stated that they have tried smoking, with 38 percent declaring themselves as regular smokers.

However, 44 percent of those who say they are not regular smokers consider themselves “social smokers,” who only smoke in bars, at social gatherings, or with friends.

On a national scale, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cites 23 percent of women in America as smokers, steadily gaining toward the 29 percent of men smoke.

Smoking is becoming a major women’s health issue, as research in the past decade has explored this increasing trend towards women smoking.

The death rate for women has gone up 452 percent over the years since women started smoking as much as men do. Furthermore, lung cancer currently causes more deaths for women than any other cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Coupled with gender issues, health officials state that starting smoking during high school or college is an added risk factor.

Individuals who start smoking between ages 15 and 24 are 10 to 14 times more likely to die of lung cancer than the nonsmoker.

The American Cancer Society states that many students do quit after college, noting a trend that education level affects smoking rates. According to statistics, this is shown by a consistent decrease in smoking rates in groups with a higher level of education.

“Smoking is disgusting. I don’t understand why anyone would even start,” said Amy Johnson. “It smells, it’s gross, and you can’t breathe.”

One anonymous smoker said, “I started to smoke because, basically because I was a stupid teenager who didn’t know any better at the time. I have no strength to quit now, and I know I should. Smokers are rightly discriminated against.”

However, smokers on campus cite various reasons for starting the habit, and reasons why they plan to continue smoking.

According to the American Lung Association, most women begin smoking in social situations or for social reasons.

“I just like smoking. My old boyfriend smoked, and so did all of his friends and all my friends,” said Jill Fenstermaker.

Others view it as a habit. "It’s just something to do with my hands, an oral fixation, I could guess you say,” said Niki Janci. “I never really thought about the health effects.

Many misconceptions exist that lure women to smoking. According to Surgeon General
Since it began, the Republican Party, the Party of individual rights, has focused on the issues of the states' rights, and taxes. Left behind is the issue which provides jobs, improves workers' rights, and promotes an understanding of taxation: education. At the core of the issue is the key to improving all of America's woes. An efficient educational system leads to a more informed public with citizen participation, which provides jobs, improves workers’ rights, and promotes an understanding of taxation: education. 

In addition to the two dead, 24 people were hurt. Police were questioning the two bystanders who had opened the door for the driver, but it was not immediately known whether they faced possible criminal charges. 

The incident underscored the raw tension in Israel a day after Middle Eastern suicide bombers blew themselves up in back-to-back attacks on a Jerusalem city bus and at a hitchhiking post for Israeli soldiers in the coastal town of Ashkelon. 

A witness to today's car crash said a black Fiat Uno ran a red light at a north Jerusalem intersection at high speed and then smashed into the crowded stop, a gathering point for Jewish West Bank settlers returning home from jobs or studies in Jerusalem. 

"The driver got out of the car and shouted "Allah is Great" and then someone shot him," said a witness who would only give his first name, El. 

Terror police commander Amir Amit said the driver was a U.S. citizen who was visiting the West Bank city of Ramallah, which had rented the car for a week from a Jerusalem rental company. 

Clinton honors the Braves 

WASHINGTON 

The 1995 World Series champions, the Atlanta Braves toured the White House on Monday and accepted belated congratulatory messages from President Clinton and lawmakers. Yet the lack of proper education and discipline leaves American students behind students of the rest of the world. 

Why has our educational system sunk to such a level? One of the main reasons is the increase of non-teaching staff as influenced by larger and stronger unions. Other reasons include the lack of community and the lack of community support. 

The best way to improve the system would be to allow parents to choose between public, religious, and private schools that offer the credits. This would allow poor families to send their children to better schools. As a result, the competition between public and private schools would increase, forcing public schools to offer more. The result would be more jobs for the growth of the student. Most importantly, tax credits would increase the burden on poor parents to pay for the education of their children through religious schools. For instance, in many poor cities, single parents often carry three jobs just to keep their kids in efficient religious schools. Tax credits would allow these parents to work less and improve attention to their families. 

The current system is wasteful and forces poor families, especially minorities, to work even harder than they should to pay both the tax for public schools and the tuition for the private school their child is attending. This cycle can occur once or twice and the cycle will continue to rot until America falls apart. 

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Forum examines women's rights

Delegates explore recent changes in roles, stereotypes

By DONNA MIRANDOLA

Women and men from throughout the world gathered in Beijing, China for the Fourth World Conference on Women September 4-14, 1995. With over 50,000 participants, this was the largest event in the history of the United Nations.

Sister Mary Turgi represented the Sisters of the Holy Cross as a participant in this world-wide event, and spoke about her experiences Monday afternoon in Haggar Parker.

Turgi, a former Saint Mary's faculty member and current social organizer of Covington Community Center in Covington, Kentucky, explained the two meetings which comprised the forum.

The first group that met was the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO). Over 30,000 representatives, mostly women, met in an open meeting which was held from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8. This was the group that captured the most media attention, and where the most sharing of concerns occurred.

The job of the UN delegates was to approve the document, "Platform for Action." The platform not only addressed stereotypical concerns of women such as reproductive health and violence, but for the first time, the UN stated publicly that there is discrimination against women and that many times the discrimination starts in the womb.

The document also acknowledged that women do contribute resources to the economy. "Women do much unpaid and uncounted work which is not reflected in a country's GNP. This idea is pivotal in welfare reform. Many countries say that women are not "working" and have no economic value. People who contribute to the economy should therefore be entitled to services from the government," said Turgi.

The UN declared that women's rights are indeed human rights. Human rights take precedence over religious and cultural customs. Therefore, practices such as genital mutilation and women dying on their husband's funeral pyres will now be seen as in violation of the UN's definition of human rights.

Turgi came away from the forum with many lasting impressions and memories. She remembers the incredible sense of determination and organization of the women, especially since the site of the conference had been changed to 30 miles outside Bejing just weeks before the conference.

There was a deep sense of community and eagerness to communicate with each other despite language barriers, according to Turgi. The wide range of women from different cultures and economic backgrounds that came together to celebrate each other's customs and ideas is something Turgi will always remember.

Turgi concluded, "It is important for young women to keep the global movement strong. We need to realize how similar the lives of women outside of the US are to our own. Issues of women from East Asia aren't very different from ones which are important here. It's a matter of being connected to women all over the world and ultimately, enhancing all of humanity."

The Observer regrets the error.

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BY DEREK BETCHE

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Griffen’s team picked up 427 votes versus 220 votes for the Duda ticket. The race for senior class officers was won by the ticket of Mike Schwartz, vice president; Dirk Koester, secretary; and Erin Costello, treasurer.

Their platform, which stresses an injection of new ideas, proved to be popular with their classmates. The Hammond group also wants to plan a Senior formal and class trips.

The Hammond group defeated the ticket of Mike Eger, Brian Zavitslik, Tom Kali, and Peter Harrison 502 to 342. It was the second failed attempt to be a president this month for Eger, who unsuccessfully ran for Student Government President earlier this semester.

In the race for off-campus co-presidents, the ticket of Mike Irvine and Brendan Tobin defeated Sorin residents Alex Sakso and Michael Sweeney 206 to 130. Irvine and Tobin stressed the importance of better parking for off-campus students.

The Irvine/Tobin were delighted about their victory and emphasized their desire to help their classmates. “We live off-campus this year, so we think we are more able to deal with the parking problem,” said Irvine. Tobin added, “We encourage all off-campus students to contact regarding their concerns. They can e-mail us or call us. We are open to suggestions.”

The picture of the student Senate race was less blurry than for the sophomore and junior class races. In District One, Senior class resident Mike Bigelow scored a convincing victory over Ryan Cox, defeating him 277 to 172. In District Two, Sorin Hall resident Mike Gaffud defeated Carroll Hall sophomore Pat Belton 277 to 245.

Gaffud hopes to personalize all future commencement ceremonies, a hot topic of debate last year. He also wants to improve communication between students and administration.

Gaffud’s victory was sealed by the high level of support he received in Sorin, which had the highest voter turnout in District Two. “I’d like to thank all the guys in my dorm for voting,” he said.

The winning candidates all expressed optimism with regards to achieving the goals on which they campaigned. Senior class vice-president Elect Mike Schwartz, who is currently junior class president, expressed a desire to increase the amount of trips to sporting events in Chicago.

“With the funds available, we should get tickets for Bulls, Blackhawk, White Sox, and Cubs games for class trips,” Schwartz also indicated that a class formal “will not be hard at all” to accomplish.

In light of the close vote in the sophomore class election, the run-off should shape up to be very interesting.

The Peter Cesaro ticket will continue to run on what they call a broad and comprehensive platform. Included in this platform are increased participation in service projects.

Michele Costello, who is running on the Cesaro ticket as a vice-presidential candidate, said, “For example, we want to start a project with the Boys and Girls Club in which we would assist in painting a mural in the club along with the kids.”

A tutoring program is another planned service project by the Cesaro. Costello said, “Our candidate for treasurer, Erin Herrly, has already been working on a tutoring program with local schools. We want the class to get involved and expand it to a four year program.”

The Cesaro plan also includes a class barbecue and volleyball tournament at the beginning of the school year. “Our platform motto is something for everyone. We want to increase involvement,” Costello said. She also pointed out that the nearly 1200 freshmen who voted indicated that members of that class are willing to get involved.

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**Film airs to heighten awareness**  

Special to The Observer

In a continued effort to increase awareness on campus, People in Support (PIS) and the English Department of Saint Mary's College will present a special showing of The Celluloid Closet tonight. Based on Bito Russo's 1981 book of the same title, this documentary on homosexual images in the movies will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Science Hall on the Saint Mary's campus.

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U.S. foreign policy faces harsh criticism

GOP candidates attack Clinton's diplomatic record

By TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON

In a few short days, a deadly mix of events has engulfed President Clinton's foreign policy, threatening to undermine a season of optimism with crisis and uncertainty. The Middle East, Northern Ireland and Cuba have all been on the plus side of his policy ledger.

Now, the eruption of bloodshed by Muslim fanatics, IRA bombings and Cuba's battlefield threats has thrust Clinton's foreign policy into the political crosshairs.

"President Clinton doesn't have the foggiest notion of how to deal with our enemies," Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said. "Dole charged after the downing of two small planes carrying anti-Castro Cuban Americans. Those are stinging words in Florida, where Dole is inseparable from a got-tough-on-Castro stand. Other GOP rivals had harsh criticism as well.

Even before the Cuba Raerap, Clinton's foreign policy was under attack. Pat Buchanan has led the charge with his America First banner, vowing to isolate Castro's government. "This is not something that occurs out of the blue," said Ringer in a trenchant, president of Cuba's parliament.

The administration says foreign policy requires patience, discipline and steady leadership by the president's sole remaining superpower. The alternative, of course, would be to cut and run. But that's not to say candidates don't try to exploit a situation such as Cuba or other foreign policy problems.

"People will try to make hay out of this, just like Bill Clinton did," said Andrew Young, former U.N. ambassador and former Georgia congressman. "In any campaign you want to accentuate the differences or the perceived failures."

Clinton attacked Bush for turning Haitian refugees away from U.S. borders. But after he was elected, Clinton embraced Bush's policy. After a rough start for his administration, foreign policy has been a source of pride for Clinton, one that he talked up in last month's State of the Union address.

The White House handsake that Clinton engineered between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been a prominent spot in Clinton's campaign video.

Sunday's suicide bombing in Israel shattered a six-month lull in terrorist attacks. It came at the opening of Israel's campaign for national elections May 29 and could give a boost to opponents of Israel-Palestinian peacemaking. Similarly, IRA bombings in London have seriously threatened the peace process. And the downing of the civilian planes by Cuba ended a period of relative calm between Washington and Havana that had seen slight progress on refugee issues and other matters.

The Middle East and Northern Ireland, though, it may be that the setpicy is a tempo -- a bump in the road. With Castro, the United States remains at war and negative.

Further, Buchanan says it would be a "terrible, terrible mistake" to send American troops to the Middle East to serve on a UN peacekeeping mission, en- forcing a hoped-for peace settlement between Israel and Syria, as the president has suggested.

Generally, foreign policy is not a burning issue in presidential races. Americans expect their presidents to stand tall on the world stage and deftly handle foreign policy problems. However, Washington analysts paid attention when American soldiers start getting killed. That was the administration's fear in sending troops to Bosnia -- another, and others to sue in U.S. federal courts for compensation from companies that bought propeny expropriated by the Castro government.

But what he did was limited. He needs approval from Congress, who has made the United States to implement some proposals, and the president did not fully realize a set of goals he took last year to ease Cuban sanctions.

One presidential rival, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, said Clinton "laid an egg.

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Still, Dole said, while Clinton did not go far enough. "I support these measures as steps in the right direction.

In a brief statement to reporters, Clinton said he decided to

- Ask Congress to compensate victims' families from $100 million in frozen Cuban assets. The United States wants the United Nations to press Cuba for reparations, as well as to impose international sanctions.

- Suspend U.S. charter air travel to Cuba. Clinton loosened restrictions in 1995, and 120,000 people flew to Cuba from the United States.

- Expand Radio Marti, the U.S. propaganda network that broadcasts in Cuba.

- Order additional restrictions on travel in the United States by Cuban officials who live in America. He also imposed further sanctions on U.S. visits by Cuban officials.

- Seek compromise with Republican lawmakers on the United States to dramatically expand sanctions. But he did not address the major sticking point: his opposition to a GOP proviso allowing Cuban-Americans and others to sue in U.S. federal courts for compensation from companies that bought property expropriated by the Castro government.

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Runaway satellite ruins ten-year shuttle project

By MARCIA DUNN

Like a child watching a helium balloon slip from his hand, scientists looked in distress as a half-ton satellite being towed by space shuttle Columbia broke loose and floated off into the black void, dangling 12 miles of frayed and curled cord.

For those who had devoted years and even a decade to the electricity-generating project, it was a cruel blow, all the more so because everything was going so well up until the accident.

"A lot of things were disappearing there," astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, a Harvard-educated Ph.D. in astrophysics, said Monday. "We all did have a lot of hopes. We got about halfway there in terms of being able to deploy the satellite and to just see what people's appetites for the incredible scientific investigations that could be covered. Scientists have lost a lot, and I deeply feel for them.

In a split second Sunday night, the cord and the instrumentation-packed satellite were gone forever, a $400 million-space satellite we were going to prove with this flight that tethered satellites could become entangled with the shuttle.

When Hoffman shouted the alarm, there were a few milliseconds of "an adrenaline rush," shuttle commander Andrew Allen said. But within a second or two the astronauts realized they did not need to fear for their lives, given the location of the tether break and the speed at which the satellite was drifting away. Three of the crewmen, in fact, were asleep at the time.

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Depending on the cause of the problem, this could be the end of space tethers for the foreseeable future. Scientists who hoped to prove with this flight that tethered satellites could be used to power spacecraft and drop packages to Earth had hoped to be able to deploy the satellite and establish an investigative board.

Columbia and its seven astronaut crewmen were asleep at the time, Hoffman reported that the frayed end of the cord remained aboard Columbia looked as though it had been charred and melted.

The cord — made of braided copper, nylon and Teflon — broke off inside a tower that was being used like a fishing rod to cast the satellite into space.

Italian scientist Marino Dobrowolny said the insulation on what might have gone wrong pending a complete investigation. NASA officials refused to speculate on what might have gone wrong as the cord swept through Earth's atmosphere and burned up.

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"I felt bad," Dobrowolny said, "but then I recovered relatively quickly because even though it was only five hours, we collected an enormous amount of data."

Nobie Stone, a NASA scientist on the ground, said the tether's success up to that point made the loss particularly painful.

"I have a black Lab at home and if you take a piece of meat and you go by real fast and you treat him so that he gets his attention, he looks at it but he really hasn't realized what he's missed yet," Stone said. "If you hold it in front of him, he's drooling all over the place because he has some anticipation."

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Dole changes tactics in search of victory

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Rupert Murdoch pledged Monday to provide free air time for presidential candidates to leading presidential candidates this fall, including an hour on election eve. He challenged the other networks to do the same.

"We're getting into a very important month here," Dole told reporters. "The changes have been made and we're moving on. That's it."

As a result of the shakeup, Dole conceded a win badly to commentator Pat Buchanan's surge. "I'm tired of coming in second," he said, explaining the staff changes.

The value of one hour of prime time on the Fox network would be about $1 million, Murdoch estimated.

One result of the shakeup: new, more positive ads signed by the new chief strategist, Don Simpson, will begin running in primary battleground states as early as Tuesday.

"Changing campaign managers is not Senator Dole's problem," former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, another of Dole's opponents, said at a rally in Marietta. "Senator Dole's problem is that he doesn't seem to have one idea about where to take the country."

"The staff reshuffling came after Dole defeats in New Hampshire last Tuesday and Delaware on Saturday."

For Tuesday, Dole campaign officials were not optimistic about either Arizona — with 39 winner-take-all convention delegations, the biggest primary prize to date — or South Dakota.

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MARIETTA, Ga.

Tired of coming in second, Sen. Bob Dole put a new campaign team in place Monday, saying his polls had been too rosy and his ads too negative.

"I want to start winning," he asserted on the eve of three Western primaries.

But Dole aides conceded it was unlikely the politically weakened Senate majority leader could expect a sweep on Tuesday in the Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota primaries.

Campaigning in Georgia, Dole scanned the political calendar for comeback prospects while his campaign announced the series of personnel changes, including naming a new chief strategist and a new pollster.

"We're getting into a very important month here," Dole told reporters. "The changes have been made and we're moving on. That's it."

Asked by a reporter in Marietta if Americans could expect to see "a different Dole" as a result of the shakeup, Dole wisecracked, "Flavor of the week."

Dole conceded he needed a win badly to stop commentator Pat Buchanan's surge. "I'm tired of coming in second," he said, explaining the staff changes.

"I'm going to take what he did at face value," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass. But, he said, the more Fox and other networks do in the public interest the "better case they'll have to fend off" the budget writers.

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At the close of last week, the governor of Louisiana, Mike Foster, abolished affirmative action in his state.

What a way to end Black History Month.

I can't help but see a developing "conservative" trend in "racial relations" in the United States.

First, the Republican-controlled Congress demanded President Clinton eliminate affirmative action.

Next, the California Board of Regents voted to cancel the long-standing state university affirmative action recruiting policy, provoking widespread but ineffectual student protest.

And now this week...we are told that we must not only accept those who are not competitive in the academic realm but that we should actually give them an advantage simply because of who they are.

I myself have somewhat mixed feelings about the way affirmative action works today. Recent proposals that the scope of affirmative action be augmented to include all families under a certain economic level seems fair to me. Though there are plenty of white families living in poverty, there are many, many more black families living in much more dangerous conditions, and these families would still benefit the most from a new "economic action" program.

This "reformation" of affirmative action ought to quell the argument that the concept "discriminates" against whites—that is, if anyone in office bothered to take reform seriously. No one in Washington seems interested in doing anything but attacking and slashing these days. Good-bye, Great Society.

On the other hand the supposed "degrading" nature of affirmative action confuses me. There is no question that many families need help. My family needs help. We rarely get any, but if we try even to apply for assistance, it means we recognize that we need all the help we can get.

Personal pride should not get in the way of practicality. The government cannot be held responsible for how people feel about themselves. That's what parents are for.

I've been told that affirmative action somehow "insults" black families by implying that they are otherwise unable to succeed in the "white world." Some claim that offering "undeserved" opportunities to black families enforces laziness or a "victim" complex. Some believe that affirmative action discourages self-reliance and lowers self-confidence. I think that affirmative action does in fact live up to its "degrading" nature.

A "benefit" is the attempt to change cultural attitudes. And that is why it is so controversial. America is not one country; we are many. We are divided by race, by class, by religion, by sex. And if we continue to treat these divisions as irreconcilable, we will never be able to understand or appreciate each other.

The way I see it, the most important aspect of affirmative action is not the precise numbers of minorities who are accepted into positions they might not otherwise receive, but the intangible benefit of a program's attempt to change cultural attitudes.

I have to wonder why people still insist on dividing themselves into neat and tidy categories as if they were merely objects and not human beings. I see nothing wrong with ethnic pride, but there's no reason why we should use our cultural differences as an excuse to hate each other.

Has affirmative action indeed been a failure? Even though it seems obvious that things have improved drastically since the mid-60s, I honestly can't say for sure that affirmative action is in part responsible.

What affirmative action does do is provide a feeling of hope where previously there may have been little or none. Why else would 7000 people protest in Baton Rouge? Obviously, they felt strongly enough about affirmative action to organize against its dismissal.

Again, some would probably argue that these protesters were "weak" for demanding "whiteness" give them money. I say that the outright banning of affirmative action, marginal though its supposed coercion is, may be yet another slap in the face from the white man in power.

Even if the Louisiana governor is not racist, even if Foster believes he did the right thing, by completely and suddenly eliminating the program instead of reforming it, he makes himself appear racist and sets an unsettling precedent.

The fact that ex-presidential candidate and KK-K leader David Duke supports Governor Foster does not help matters any. No amount of legislation can change people's cultural attitudes, and simply giving away undeserved job opportunities on the basis of "race" may be unfair and/or unethical.

Still, it strikes me as odd that in a country where nearly half the population is called a "racial minority," well-respected universities can cower about a whopping 6 percent minority student population.

And I have to wonder how many of these 6 percent were sought for academic benefits may be, appear as yet unattainable sports careers may soon be blocked by demographic reasons instead of money-making sports reasons.

There remain few hopes for economically disadvantaged youth of any color. Most hope to be the next Michael Jordan or Deion Sanders, blessed with the athletic ability to occupy people's minds with meaningless statistics rather than real problems this country faces.

With the affirmative action precedent set by Governor Foster, hopes for nearly unattainable sports careers may soon be the only hopes left.

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From dining hall ‘stalkers’ to computer systems: the ups and downs of unequal love

By AMY CRAWFORD
Accent Copy Editor

Every breath you take, every move you make...
When the all-too familiar refrain of this immortal Police classic reverberates over the radio waves, many listeners are bombarded with images of Sting in his black and white glory, standing seductively over a bass and singing about the painful reality of unrequited love. For many, the words conjure up memories of past relationships gone sour or those never materialized, for others, such melancholic phrases are an everyday reality.

In her article entitled, "Trespassers of the Heart," reporter Lynda Edwards defines stalking as "willful, malicious, repeated, strange, and unwanted contacts; persistent surveillance and following aimed at creating an overwhelming fear of harm." According to Edwards, such psychopathic stalkers have become an "American archetype," from the dither obsessed with the movie star he barely knows to the drifter obsessed with the movie star he’s never met. These people employ a complex web of "spies" and available biographical information such as full name, home state, campus address and major field of study. Yet unlike its sociopathic relative, such behavior is completely anonymous and always without intention of harm or violence.

According to Becky, a self-proclaimed "monogamous stalker," such obsessive love is without malicious intent. "I would never approach these people. There’s no pestering, no phone calls, and no random visits to dorm rooms. It’s always just someone that I like," she says.

Many engage in social stalking as a means to learn more about a potential SYR or formal date. According to S.C., she and her friends engaged in an extensive search for the true identity of a Morrissey "Mystery Man." Weeks of research and surveillance were successful as the gentleman later escorted one of her friends to their SYR.

"It was a long and involved process, and it probably would have been easier just to have asked him face-to-face without all of the research and investigation," she says.

According to G.S., his initiation into obsessive love began when an interest in an architecture major spurred him to visit her at her studio. "It all began when I went somewhere knowing that special someone would be there," he says, "at that point I knew I was crossing the line."

Many social stalkers employ a complex web of "spies" and available biographical information in compiling the personal profiles of their figures of interest. Friends were cited by all as the most useful means of learning about a person’s daily schedule, eating habits, and social activities while the dogbook and student directory were named integral components to any social stalker’s arsenal.

"By using the directory, you but also who lives down the hall go to the dogbook," Becky says. Certain areas of campus at Huddle, LaFortune Student Center, and ATM’s rounding out the list. "I used the picture and the name and the phone number to make up a profile," she says.

"If someone catches your eye and you want to know whether or not there was something there, you call them and say, "By the way, we’re having a party at our dorm room...""

Though collegiate life has brought many to a level of intellectual and social sophistication surpassing their earlier years, many of the same behaviors have survived, though now termed differently. At Notre Dame, this so-called "social stalking" can be a catch-all phrase for a variety of actions, from seeing someone occasionally on the quad to studying on the same floor of the library to determining someone’s mealtime at restaurants.

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"They say--'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at least I’m loving in my own strange way...."

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Jeffrey devised a complex system of scoping among the protection of an open, densely populated arena leading from the cereal center to the cafe. He and his friends' dressing of the dining hall into a Cartesian space! According to D.B., the rows of tables from the salad bar are not only find out where he lives, but one can not only find out where he lives, but he eats, and where he usually sits amongst the保护性 pavement. At dinner, he says, "You're at dinner, you say to your friends, 'Hey, check this out of my notebook. Having someone to like makes going to class more fun," she says.

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"I'm afraid to be set up with a few of these ladies," he notes. "I've looked at them so much that I think they'll say 'Hey, you're the one who's always staring at me.'"

Though most social stalkers remain physically distant and entirely secret admirers, some take their crushes a step further. Ann's affection for a prominent member of the men's basketball team has made her a die-hard ND hoops fan for the last two years. "Last week I noticed." But self-proclaimed stalkers find the cycle a difficult one to break, according to Becky, obsessive love adds an exciting element to keep the temperature of the water at the skin. A cup of vinegar or a bit of baking soda can soothe and relieve. After wards, be sure to just let yourself dry off naturally—don't towel yourself off, as that will irritate the skin. You'll be redder than a tomato, and inside the blisters a greenish or brownish fluid collects, you may have contracted an infection. Be sure to just let yourself dry off naturally—don't towel yourself off, as that will irritate the skin.

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When Jimmy Key and Dwight Gooden take mound Tuesday, it may be the biggest moment of the spring for the New York Yankees.

After throwing in two batting practice sessions last week, Key and Gooden will continue their comeback in the Yankees’ intra-squad game in Tampa, Fla. New York Manager Joe Torre, who expects both two pitch innings, has been impressed with what he’s seen of Key and Gooden so far in camp. Now, however, he’ll see how they handle those situations for the first time.

“I really don’t foresee any problems,” Torre said Monday. “Then again, pitching to hitters is different than throwing the side or throwing batting practice.

The Yankees are planning to have Key and Gooden as part of a solid rotation which will include David Cone, Kenny Rogers and Randy Pedroli. Both are eager to see how their comebacks are progressing.

Key, who pitched in a game since May 16, 1995, his last outing before undergoing shoulder surgery, Gooden is making his first appearance since being suspended in June 1994 for violating baseball’s substance abuse after-care program.

“It’s another hurdle,” Gooden said. “I’m looking forward to it.

“I just want to be able to throw and trying to build-up arm strength,” Key said. “The arm feels good.”

Red Sox

Jose Canseco was back at Boston’s camp in Fort Myers, Fla., Monday on the 10th day of training camp. “I really don’t foresee any problems,” Torre said Monday. “Then again, pitching to hitters is different than throwing the side or throwing batting practice.”

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The issue of preferential treatment for Canseco was raised. The slugger was also given permission to miss his team’s first full-squad workout last week. An assertive character,

Kennedy said Canseco might have to miss two days.

“I know Kevin and I have a respect for each other. Sometimes conditions happen that have to be taken care of, that aren’t very understanding.”

Canseco has signed free-agent catcher Damon Burrell to make room on the roster for the much more expensive Bonds.

Oliver’s deal is worth $5 million, the largest guarantee in baseball history.

“I feel like I’m at home,” said Oliver, who spent parts of his last two major-league seasons in Cincinnati before being released in 1994.

Oliver was accompanied at a news conference in Plant City, Fla., by Jose Rijo, Eric Davis, Chris Sabo, Hal Morris and Barry Larkin — the other re-mingled players from the 1990 World Series champions-

“Players like Jose, Mo, Vaughn, Roger Clemens, have earned a special measure of respect,” Kennedy said. “I don’t know if they preferential

Canseco said. “It was no big deal.”

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The Great One close to being Blue

Associated Press

The Great One. But the deal is already complete and on the verge of landing between the Kings and New York Rangers, was not made earlier apparently was the reason a trade wasn't able to come about $2 million in cash for Robilaille and Ray Ferraro and against Winnipeg.

Mike Barnett, said Monday playing, "Gretzky's agent, ESPN said, and that could be hockey's highest-paid player.

Gretzky is making about $6.5 million this season. He likely would want a three-year deal of $11 million to remain as hockey's highest-paid player.

Gretzky has expressed a desire to stay in the sport for a few more years, particularly for the opportunity to win a gold medal in the 1998 Olympics.

He would also like to add another Stanley Cup to his collection of four, which is the reason he is on the trading block these days.

Gretzky is unhappy with the way things are going in Los Angeles, and has asked the Kings to either upgrade the team so they have a chance to win a Cup or trade him to a team that is a contender.

Gretzky will be a free agent after this season, and if the Kings don't sign him they will risk losing him without compensation after the season.

Kings general manager Sam McMaster denied that any deal had been made with the Blues regarding Gretzky, but did acknowledge: "We have spoken to the St. Louis Blues about a lot of our players in the last week, including Wayne Gretzky. We have stated before that we would entertain trade offers for any of our players, including Wayne Gretzky."

McMaster made the comments in an interview Sunday with The Canadian Press from Winnipeg, Manitoba, where the Kings play the Jets tonight.

Meanwhile, ESPN reported that a deal involving Gretzky and the Blues might be wrapped up as early as Tuesday and that he would be in a Blues uniform for their game Thursday night at Vancouver.

And the Toronto Sun reported Sunday that Gretzky's trade to St. Louis was "on the verge of completion late (Saturday) night."

The Sun added that "some last-minute technicalities could delay its announcement until Tuesday."

To acquire the NHL's career leading scorer, the Blues apparently will part with three prospects - Roman Vopat, Patrice Tarifd, Craig Johnson - and a first-round 1997 draft pick.

Both Blues general manager-coach Mike Keenan and Blues star Brett Hull say they would be delighted to see Gretzky in a St. Louis uniform.

When asked about Gretzky as a player, Keenan said, "He's sure able to control the play when he has the puck. You can obviously see that."

When asked about the process of trying to acquire him, Keenan said: "It's only frustrating if you allow it be. It's kind of beyond our control. For most people in the league, it's been kind of fun because they're not involved."

Added Hull, a longtime friend of Gretzky's: "I've thought about Wayne being in a Blues uniform ever since I was 21 years old."

Gretzky has 829 goals and 1,727 assists for his career, both NHL records. This season he has 15 goals and 65 assists in 61 games.

The closeness of most of the quarterfinals emphasizes this fact. For many of the boxes, the main differences will be mental and physical fatigue.

Probably one of the closest bouts of the evening should be Lucas Molina and John Kmetz in the 155-pound division. Molina, whose punches are as quick as they are hard, contrasts with his opponent, who calmly disposed of Mike Lofino in the first round Sunday.

One of the last bouts of the evening will feature sophomore Troy Phillips, the 195-pound champion a year ago, in the 200-pound class against Dan O'Rourke. Phillips earned a knockout in the second round when the two fought a year ago, but you never know what can happen over a year.

"They're both strong guys, and I know Dan has worked really hard this year," Biichelini said. "It'll be interesting to see how they do in the ring."

The same can be said of the remaining 57 boxers.

Bouts

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semifinals against defending champion Andy Dicello. Glennon reaggravated a shoulder which he had separat-ed in the past, and had to fight the entire third round Sunday by punching with just his right hand.

"The doctor asked me how I felt and I said 'OK,'" Glennon said. "But I'll have to wait for sure until (Tuesday) morning to see if I can go."

For the remaining semifinalists, now is when it starts to get a little tougher. Because of the general inexperience of the boxers this year, the second round tends to become uncharted territory, especially with the finals in sight.

"With the exception of a few upsets, you kind of knew who was going to win in the first round," Biichelini said. "But the semifinals give you your share of great fights."

SPORTS BRIEFS

HOLDING TEAM: There will be an all team meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in 221 of Hayes Healey. Bring your checkbooks to finalize spring break payments and plans. Questions? Call Joan Laidy, NDRC secretary, 271-7937.

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Dallas loses another ‘boy

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

IRVING, Texas

Another day, another lost Cowboy.

Linebacker Dixon Edwards defected from the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys to the Minnesota Vikings on Monday, and it wasn’t totally unexpected.

Minnesota will pay Edwards $1 million over four years, including a $2.5 million signing bonus.

“It’s ridiculous the way money is being thrown around by Dallas,” said Barry Switzer, “so I can certainly understand it.”

Edwards said he had no regrets about leaving Dallas, which traditionally has spent less money on linebackers than any other defensive players.

“It was fun, but it didn’t seem like it was tough for Dallas to see me leave, so it’s not tough for me to leave,” Edwards said. “It can certainly be tough to a team like ours.”

Switzer said. “When Edwards called me and said he was thinking about going, I knew it was going to happen.

‘We’ll have to see on Darrin,’ Switzer said.

The Cowboys can match any offers to Smith, and it would cost another team a first-round draft pick to sign him.

So, Dallas is over. They go play for $12.4 million over four years, around $5 million a year and the dollar.”

Northwestern will pay Steve Gutman, the Jets’ president, $14.8 million for $14.8 million for $14.8 million for $14.8 million.

By DENNIS FREEMAN

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Kansas avenges loss to Missouri

By CRAIG HORST
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Jacque Vaughn, the Kansas assist specialist who had been denly turned into a scorer, had 17 points Monday night and the third-ranked Jayhawks turned back a Missouri challenge early in the second half for an 87-65 win.

Kansas (24-2 overall, 12-1 Big Eight) had a 53-33 lead trimmed in half when the Tigers scored the first nine points in the first minutes of the second half. But Vaughn hit a 3-pointer and made a free throw as the Jayhawks pulled away. Vaughn, who scored 20 points in Kansas’ win over Kansas State last weekend, was backed by 16 points from Scot Pollard.

Sammie Haley led the Tigers with 12 points and Julian Winford and Jason Sutherland each added 9 each. Haley, who scored 12 points and Julian Sutherland 9 each, were both assessed technicals in the half for protesting the officiating.

Departing Kansas seniors Sean Pearson and Calvin Rayford, honored before their final home game in Allen Field House along with T.J. Whatley, provided an immediate spark. Pearson scored the first basket on a driving layup after the tipoff, and Rayford stole the ball on Missouri’s first possession and drove the length of the court for a layup. But despite first-half turnovers, the Tigers hung with Kansas and gained a 17- tie with just over 13 minutes to play on a 3-pointer by Sutherland.

The Tigers, who handed Kansas its only conference loss this season, may now have to win the Big Eight’s tournament to make the NCAA.

Kansas used a 16-5 run late in the first half to open a 51-36 halftime lead. Billy Thomas made a 3-pointer with 2:35 left in the half as the Jayhawks’ lead swelled to 46-27.

The Jayhawks’ defensive pressure and physical inside play continually frustrated the Tigers. Missouri coach Norm Stewart and center Simeon Haley were both assessed technicals in the half for protesting the officiating.

Gordon made the decision to eliminate the losing basketball program, despite objections by athletic director Wilbur “Pony” Wilson. The team has had three losses in the last four, and the third-ranked Tigers had 17 points Monday night in Kansas’ win over Kansas State last weekend, was backed by 16 points from Scot Pollard.

Wilson took over as coach this season, but stepped down in January, citing health problems. He lost 100 pounds and said his wife got worried when he would yell out the names of his players in the huddle.

The losses continued under Ray Pace, an assistant who replaced Wilson as head coach. Pace played for Rutgers in the 1970s, scoring more than 1,000 points over two seasons. The Pioneers reached a new milestone Jan. 27 when No. 100 came in an 84-53 defeat by William Paterson. The team went 0-10 under Pace.

The losing streak thrust the small, urban college into the national spotlight. The previous record for consecutive losses was an NCAA men’s team was 47 consecutive defeats, held by Rutgers-Newark, which went winless from 1983-85. Gordon said the losing basketball team received more notoriety than the academic program at Rutgers-Camden.

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Losing program abandoned

By MELANIE BURNEY
Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. - The losingest team in college basketball history is no more. Rutgers-Camden’s provost has eliminated the men’s team on Monday after 108 straight defeats.

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RALEIGH, N.C.

The ram mascot for North Carolina’s football team was probably killed when a major artery in its neck was severed, an autopsy found Monday.

The ram also received as many as 10 stab wounds to the chest and neck, had a large gash on the abdomen and had its left front limb hacked away, said Rich Miller, an assistant professor of pathology at North Carolina State’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

Preliminary results found the knife wounds were delivered with enough force to have fractured a rib.

“It’s difficult to imagine why anyone would maliciously attack an animal like this,” Miller said.

Rameses the ram was found dead Sunday morning on his caretaker’s farm, earning him the title of the longest resident at the last in a seven-decade line of mascots for only a year. North Carolina mascots have been targets of pranksters since the rams were introduced in 1924.

In the past, students at rival schools kidnapped them before big games, but the animals have always been returned safely.

Sheriff Lindy Pendegrass told The Herald-Sun of Durham his office has “some suspicions” regarding a motive and suspects.

A white ram with horns painted sky blue, Rameses would lead the football team onto the field at the start of each game along with a cheerleader escort.

Rameses’ jogan’s family has kept the ram since the tradition began in 1924. He told The News & Observer he is convinced the killing is not sports related.

Rusty Biggers was one of many North Carolina alumni repulsed by the ram’s death.

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Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown were almost unstoppable, combining to win 41 matches.

"There were no surprises this weekend," said captain Mindi Kalogera. "It was a good way to the end the team season."

"The women's foil team were again at the top of their game," added assistant coach Mike Sullivan. "They don't just win, they dominate. The women's full team has an attitude the whole team can use. They take it as an insult to lose three touches."

Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown's contribution was normal results for the weekend. Captain Mindi Kalogera almost equaled Lester's performance, but lost two of his twenty-three matches.

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"It went pretty well," said Claudette de Bruin, who had a 2-3 record during the tournament. "We had a lapse against Northwestern. We fenced everybody who will be (at the qualifiers this weekend). It was a good indication of what this weekend holds." Jeremy Siek had maybe the toughest match of the weekend facing men's foilist Thorston Becker from Wayne State. Siek lost five touches to four to the fencer that was ranked number two in the world two years ago. "Jeremy fenced really well," praised Auriol. "He did really well against the German from Wayne State. He lost by one touch and had one questionable call against him."

Siek's loss to Becker was his only one of the weekend, but proved fatal as the foil team lost to Wayne State 5-4, and the combined men's team fell 16-11. Otherwise, the men's foil team fenced well. Paul Capobianco, John Tejada and Stephane Auriol came up with some clutch victories for the team in its eight other triumphs.

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The trio of Brice Dille, Philip Lee and Brian Stone tallied a majority of the team's victories, leading the team to a 7-2 record for the weekend.

"The epee guys have been struggling all year," commented Sullivan. "Lee and Dille were up against some tough fencers from Wayne State."

This weekend Notre Dame sends its best three fencers from each weapon to the NCAA qualifiers. From that competition the top four or five from each weapon advance to the NCAA championships.

"There are some fencers who do better as individuals than in team competitions," commented Auriol. "It's a different competition. You don't have to worry about the team, you only have to worry about yourself."

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**Women's Basketball**

Irish scale Mountaineers

By TIM MCCONN

Sports Writer

The warmups are officially over now. It's time to get ready for the real thing: post-season play.

Before the Notre Dame women's basketball team could start to set their sights on their first ever Big East Conference Tournament - that begins March 2 - they had to take care of some last minute business.

The Irish had to travel to West Virginia Monday to complete their stellar regular season. Complete it they did. Their 73-55 shellacking of the Mountaineers gave the Irish a 20-6 record overall, 12-3 in the Big East. This also allowed them to finish their third consecutive 20-win season.

The Irish started out the game with a 16-6 run and never looked back. By the half, they had built a 32-24 lead behind Katryna Gaither's 14 points in 13 minutes of play.

The Mountaineers gave it their best shot to stay in the game. They shrunk the Irish lead to eight by halftime, and got it down to four when Talisha Hargis' layup made the score 36-32 with 18:25 left.

Despite these efforts, they could not sustain their level of play in the second half. Following a Jeannine Augustin steal and Beth Morgan layup, which made it 38-32, the Irish began their run. They raced out to an 18 point lead with 11:11 remaining. The lead eventually got as high as 22 points, as the Irish shot a torrid 71.4% from the field in the last 20 minutes.

The team finished the game shooting 64.4%, including five from three-point land.

West Virginia's Lisa Szymczak tried to keep her team in it. She lit up the Irish for 25 points and 11 boards.

Notre Dame played the spread-the-wealth game again. Gaither and Morgan, as usual, led the Irish in scoring, with 14 points each in only 13 minutes of play.

Katryna Gaither scored 14 points in the first 13 minutes of the game to help ND beat West Virginia 73-55 in their final conference game.

Mollie Peirick had eight points and eight assists, while Augustin also dished out eight assists. Reserve Stacy Fields pulled down five rebounds.

Notre Dame will greatly benefit if their supporting cast continues to produce as they have all season. This kind of play keeps opposing defenses honest, and their presence prevents the other teams from concentrating too much on leading scorers Morgan and Gaither.

Also, if the Irish want to have a legitimate shot at winning the Big East Tournament, they will have to cut down on the turnovers. In the context with the Mountaineers, they gave the ball away an eye-popping 31 times.

Teams like UConn will not be handled as easily as West Virginia or Pitt, and the Irish cannot afford maintain this trend.
Irish shine against talented field

By JAMES BELDEN Sports Writer

Competing against the elite brings out the best in everyone.
The Irish proved the old adage correct this weekend as they had a strong showing against some of the world's best track and field athletes at their Alex Wilson Invitational.

"We hosted a meet that was comparable to the NCAA All Star game in terms of talent," coach Joe Piane stated.

"Rocket" Ismail had his five year 55 meter dash record broken by Diarra Gusmare. His 6.14 shattered the old mark of 6.22 and was the second fastest time in the world this year.
The LaGrange track club sent some competitors who posed an incredible challenge to the Irish squads.

"Potential Olympic runners from Suriname, S. Africa, and Kenya train with the LaGrange track club. They truly are some of the best in the world," Piane exclaimed.

The Irish men and women combined for six first place victories.

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The men's 4x400 relay beat the competition with their 3:48.20 time.

Berit Jukur again met the provisional qualifications for the NCAA's with her victory in the women's 800 meters. She ran a time of 2:08.49.

"Berit is a great one. She's really made great strides this year, and she has become a better competitor," Piane praised.

Liam Justice took first in the triple jump with his leap of 48-11, and Brian McQuaid won the men's 500 meters with his time of 1:05.06.

Senior standout Mike Fleisch ran into some tough competition in the shot put from Steve Albert, who kept him from taking another first place finish.

"Albert was thirty-one years old and he was just huge. He came to the Alex Wilson to attempt to qualify for the indoor USA Track and Field Championships," Fleisch said.

The Irish now have their sights set on qualifying more individuals for the NCAA's. The men will look to add more while competing in the IC4A's.

The Irish are sending seventeen competitors to the IC4A's and all of them have the opportunity to keep their season going a little longer with strong performances.

Senior Mike Fleisch earned a second place finish at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational against internationally strong competition.

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six for 16 on the weekend while collecting 13 total bases in four games.

Darin Schmalz outdueled Navy's Tom Mclemore for seven innings, mixing speeds and hitting his spots to the tune of a five hit, no walk shutout.

"Darin Schmalz just threw a masterpiece," Mainieri said.

"The pressure was all on him, and he responded like a champion. He pitches inside on hitters as well as any pitcher I've ever had.

Saturday saw the Irish wage a slugfest with Mainieri's former club, Air Force, who put up a valiant struggle before falling to the once again offensive Irish by a 1-2-3 mark.

Down 7-2 in the third, the Falcons exploded for four runs in the bottom half of the inning against freshman Chris McKeown, who eventually knocked the score at 7-7 on a Troy Hodges sacrifice fly in the fifth.

The Irish refused to let the Falcons jump out front, however, as they answered with five runs in the top of the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Freshman left fielder Allen Greene broke the tie with a leadoff homerun to right field, and J.J. Brock, who had four RBI in the game, slapped a two run double into left field after the Irish had scored on an error and a passed ball.

In addition to Brock's performance, the Irish got four RBI from first baseman George Restovich, who collected a triple and a three-run homerun in the win. Fifth year senior Rich Saugel also aided the Irish cause, coming in for McKeown to throw two and a third innings of one-run ball.

"I hate to do that for six years," said Mainieri of Air Force's aborted come back. "I knew they wouldn't give it up. We got the offense when we needed it though, and Rich Saugel did a great job out of the bullpen."

The explosive Irish offense, which tallied 27 runs on the weekend, was at its most anemic in Sunday's finale against Memphis, as they could muster only three hits in a 4-2 loss to the hometown team. Memphis starter Lonnie Glass threw five and a third innings of two hit ball.

"We had a chance to go underated in the tournament," commented Mainieri. "We ran into two quality pitchers from Memphis, however, and their pitchers simply beat our hitters."

While the close loss to Memphis ended the weekend on a somewhat sour note, the Irish weren't left hanging their heads. The three wins leave the team at 5-0 after their first two weeks of play, and they have shown signs of brilliance on the offensive end while receiving an outstanding inning from a pitcher who had struggled in his first outing.

"Overall I'm pleased with our performance this weekend," commented Mainieri. "We just need to get better on the mound, and we need to become more consistently aggressive at the plate. Overall, you can't be terribly unhappy about winning three out of four."
Men drop three at Louisville tourney

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

After getting off to a quick 6-1 start, the Notre Dame men's tennis team has hit a wrinkle in the middle of their tough schedule.

Over the weekend the team competed at the USTA/ITA national team indoor tennis championships in Louisville. This tournament features some of the top teams in the nation, such as national powers Georgia, USC, and Florida. Notre Dame went into Kentucky with a 6-1 record and came back 6-4.

In the first round both the Irish battled number three Georgia but fell 5-2. The young doubles team of freshman Patrickson and sophomore Jakub Piotrowski won their third match of the season in three attempts, beating the Bulldogs in two sets. The team of Eddie Jacques and Buldogs' second-ranked combination of Ryan Simme and John Jay Sundin outlasted Ryan Simme and John Jay Sundin 6-2, 6-4.

The Bulldogs took a doubles point. The first consolation round opponent in top-ranked, tough and well fought match 6-7, 6-3, 7-5. Wildcat Dan Spaner and O'Brien won both their lineups as seniors Pun and O'Brien won both their matches in three sets.

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In Friday's consolation match, the Irish took on No. 12 South Carolina and dismissed the Gamecocks 6-2. With the loss of Crabtree the Irish moved freshman sensation Jennifer Hall to number one singles. Hall showed that she was a force to be reckoned with in her 6-1, 6-3 defeat of Heather Greene.

Senior Holyn Lord played at the second spot for the Irish and came from behind to beat Celine Regnier, 7-6, 6-2. The other freshman on the team, Marisa Velasco, had a solid performance as she beat Tobi 6-3, 6-3.

Sophomores Kelley Olson and Molly Gavin also had strong outings as they beat their opponents in two sets.

The Irish performed well in doubles. The number one doubles team of Crabtree and Lord dominated their South Carolina opponents, 8-1, capturing the match with the win.

"We were worried about this match and the one after it, because both teams were ranked ahead of us," stated Lordback. "In the end, we came through key points of the big wins from Molly Gavin and Olson. Also Lord came up with a big win because she came from behind."

Then on Saturday the Irish took on the sixth-ranked California Bears. The match was tight all the way through, with a split in the singles matches. Notre Dame finally clinched it by capturing two out of the three doubles matches.

"Cal was a tough team," stated Lordback. "Gowen came up with a big win, and Gavin played as good as I have ever seen her. With those victories, we were back in the match."

The Irish earned wins at the one, four and six singles spots. Hall defeated Amanda Augustus 6-2, 6-3 at number one singles. Then Gowen came through with a close win against Francesca Lao's, 7-5, 6-1. At number six, Gavin quickly put to rest Marisa MacLennan, 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles matches were once again the key for the Irish. The team suffered a tough loss at the top spot as Krutak and Lord were defeated 9-8. The Irish quickly rebounded with second-ranked Gowen and Hall defeating Nicole Elliott and MacLennan, 8-4. Olson and Velasco secured the team victory, by coming up with the close win over Kristina Donahue and Stephanie Tubbis, 9-8.

"Overall, this was a great weekend," Lordback said. "We had a tough schedule these past few weeks. Few of these new players have gotten some playing time and played well for us. This weekend helped us with our depth."

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Bengal Bouts semi-finals up for grabs

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Toby Bielchini wanted to get to the finals. But not this way.

The senior and President of the Bengal Bouts will not be boxing until the finals Friday night after his opponent for tonight’s semi-finals, Joe Leslie, was not allowed to fight.

"This is what we worked for all year," Bielchini said. "As a senior, I’m losing my opportunities in two of three possible fights. But, this is the card I’ve been dealt. Hopefully it’ll all work out."

Leslie suffered a broken hand in his 135-pound quarterfinal victory over Brian Norton Sunday. He was promptly scratched from the Tuesday card, leaving only 28 bouts in the 15 different weight classes.

When it’s all said and done, though, the number may still drop to 27. Senior Dan Glennon, who injured his left shoulder in his 145-pound quarterfinal loss, may not be able to continue to the semi-final bout. The bout is expected to be one of the highlights of the night’s card.

"All throughout the lineup everybody just swung the bat really well," commented head coach Paul Mainieri. "We were a lot more aggressive at the plate than we had been in the series against Georgia Tech and it showed."

Perhaps the Irish were a little too aggressive in the opening game, as they needed every bit of offense they could squeeze together to sink the Midshipmen. The only run of the game came on a first inning moon shot over the left field fence by Irish first baseman Mike Amrhein, who went 2 for 4.

"We felt the team is not performing at its best," said coach Yves Auriol. "I hope the team is not fooled by trophies."

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