By MAUREEN SMITH

NDFD fights blazes through daily prevention

Spish, splash I was takin' a bath

Making the best of April showers, three students take time out from studying to splash around in puddles brought by yesterday's thunderstorms. Rain will continue today, and temperatures should reach a high of 65. Clear skies should return Saturday with a high of 59.

The Observer / Kevin Dalum

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President Clinton confirmed at the White House NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, who a day earlier ordered an update of plans for a possible ground invasion of Kosovo, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the United States continued to oppose sending ground troops into a hostile environment but added that it NATO's 50th anniversary plans were altered to discuss military tactics in Kosovo instead. Leaders will evaluate sending ground troops to stop bloodshed.

BELGRADE

Yugoslavia's top leader will accept a U.N.-led force in Kosovo, but only if the bombing stops and NATO withdraws troops from his borders, a Russian envoy said Thursday.

Associated Press

Belgrade

Parents of NATO forces.
**ROTC Revealed**

“Survival only works against civilized people.” — Tom Clancy, SLF 1997

So go the oft-heard answers by the very tactful Mr. Clancy while answering a question on Gandhi. Clancy always knew that Gandhi would have him beaten up if he had taken his movement to Afghanistan. This angered many pacifist-minded people in the audience, but Mr. Clancy is a man too curious to know how many were bothered by the film to the point that the statement was dead on target.

I wish this was not the case, since my anti-war sentiments are in conflict with the pro-war sentiments of others. I do not think that Mr. Clancy’s advice for ending the war is effective, because he is not sure he would find it hard to believe that I would do such a thing. I read recently that ROTC is not “serving the public” but “serving the corporation.”

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**University of North Carolina**

Sweatshop protesters occupy offices

DURHAM, N.C.

Students for Economic Justice is frustrated at the administration's slow pace toward agreement on several demands. Twenty anti-sweatshop activists from the university have taken up residence in the school's administrative office building, vowing to stay there until officially agree to their list of demands. The sit-in follows in the tradition of similar sweatshop protests at Duke, Georgetown and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. With laptops, sleeping bags and food, the students say they plan to stay in the building "until it's over." Their list of demands includes full public disclosure of the addresses of factories that produce UNC apparel and an administrative commitment to studying the economic impacts of requiring a living wage. The administration has refused to act on their supposed agreement, said Lori Wisdom, a UNC sophomore and a member of Students for Economic Justice.

**University of Pittsburgh**

Students’ visit to Cuba a watershed

PITTSBURGH, Penn.

When the Semester at Sea ship arrives in Havana on Feb. 19 for a three-day visit, it brought the largest group of Americans to Cuba since the 1959 revolution. But until just days before the S.S. Universe Explorer set sail, the necessary licenses from the U.S. government had yet to arrive. Max Brandt, director of SAS, was doubtful the ship’s occupants would get permission to visit Cuba. "We were flabbergasted," he said, when the licenses were approved at the last minute. In recent years, the Pittsburgh has established numerous links with Cuba. Those connections, taken together, make Pittsburgh "a very special city," according to Cuban president Fidel Castro.

**Michaelson State University**

A CLU criticizes ban from town

EAST LANSING, Mich.

A decision to ban certain people from East Lansing, because of their alleged involvement in the March 27-28 riot that has drawn criticism from the American Civil Liberties Union. East Lansing banned that six people, including two MSU students, cannot enter the city except for legal purposes. All six are members of the Lansing branch of the ACLU.

**Harvard University**

Study recommends one egg per day

In a study published Wednesday, 12 faculty members from the Harvard Medical School and the School of Public Health said that eating one egg per day does not increase one’s risk of heart disease or stroke. "There is this thought that eggs are bad for you because they’re high in cholesterol, yet there’s not good data indicating that eggs increase the risk of heart attack," said associate professor of epidemiology and nutrition Eric Rimm, one of the study’s authors. Many popular diets recommend limiting the consumption of eggs, but these recommendations are often based on indirect evidence, according to Rimm. This study is significant because it came from the belief that eating eggs, which are high in cholesterol, would automatically lead to higher levels of blood cholesterol.

**Local Weather**

**National Weather**

The AccuWeather forecast for Monday, April 23, 1999
Carmody explains the four marks of faith

By SARAH MAGNESS
News Writer

Denise Carmody explained the book "An Ideal Church: A Meditation" as being "a meditation on what our Christian church ought to be" Thursday at Saint Mary's 1999 Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality.

The first segment of the lecture covered "Going Back to Go Forward," which explained the history of Christianity and the Catholic faith. It also provided insight into what ideal ecclesiology entails through the four marks of the Church: one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

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Carmody explained each mark and expressed their importance. "The unity of the Church rests on the will and actions of God, who wants to make the followers of Jesus a sign of what love can do when it sets no limits to what the divine Spirit may make of it," Carmody said.

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The second mark, holiness, "comes from the triumph of God's will for us, which is our provisioning," Carmody said.

Our prospering differs, however, but Carmody said that when pain comes we have to trust that God will see us through and will not abandon us. Through the marks that Carmody discerned, she said humans need to realize that while God will not abandon us, Christians need to lead lives which involve responsibility, time to pause, reflection and moments in question.

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was "prudent to update our plans and assessments." From across Europe, a swarm of VIP jets began delivering presidents and prime ministers of 19 NATO nations and 23 partner countries to the capital for three days of sum
mmit beginning Friday. The meeting originally was planned
as a 50th anniversary celebration of NATO's founding, but
the festivities were recast into more serious discussions as the alliance confronted the crisis in
Kosovo.

Washington braced for limousine gridlock and tight restric
tions in a 100-block downtown security zone, including much of the National Mall. City
schools were to be closed Friday and thousands of federal
al workers were given the day
off.

The summit opens in the fifth
week of airstrikes against Yugoslavia, with no sign that bombing has stopped the vio
lence on the ground or the forced expulsion of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo.

NATO brought its firepower
closer to Milosevich, destroying one of his Belgrade homes in
an attack that Yugoslav offi
 cials protested was an attempt to kill their leader. Milosevich was not inside the house. The United States said the home was a command and control center and that the attack was not an assassination attempt. Clinton, eager to repair his impeachments-marred record, is counting on the NATO meet

ing to increase the pressure on Milosevich with an oil embargo and a message of unmistakable resolve to stop his aggression.

Blair met with congressional leaders in the Capitol after pri
tem meeting with Clinton. The prime minister said it was essen
tial that NATO "give the clearest possible message of will and resolution that Milosevich and his policies will not prevail.

"It means we carry on with that campaign that we have launched, that we make sure that that campaign is intensi
fied and successful ... and we make all assessments necessary to make sure we succeed," Blair said.

Robin Cook, the British for
gie minister, said that NATO "cannot tolerate the rebirth of fascism within Europe. And,
that is what we are witnessing at the present time."

He echoed Albright's asser

tion that NATO would not send ground forces into a hostile environm ent but did not spell
out in what circumstances they might be introduced. "Time is our greatest ally," Cook said. "As President Milosevich gets weaker with the passage of time, so does the strength of our case for returning the Kosovars under international protections.

NATO leaders came to
Washington seeking a new mis
sion for the alliance, which was
formed a half century ago to prevent a Soviet invasion of Europe. With that threat removed, the alliance is casting about for a new purpose beyond its traditional collective defense against threats in any member. By LINDSAY FRANK
Tuesday

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SCOTLANDVILLE, La.

Shots rang out near a middle school Thursday and a 4-year-old girl was hit in the cheek by a boy who said he was aiming for someone else earlier, police said. A 14-year-old boy was charged with attempted murder for allegedly shooting a girl in a school in suburban Baton Rouge, said Lt. Darrell Ousley, spokesman for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office. The teen and an alleged accomplice, also 14, were arrested hours after the shots were fired from a park 100 yards away from Scotlandville Middle School. One 22-caliber bullet hit a 14-year-old female student in the cheek, as she passed between buildings. She was treated at a hospital and released.

BHUTAN Lifts ban on TV

BHUTAN is ending its ban on television and starting its own network, finally lowering its guard against outside influence in the remote Buddhist kingdom. Broadcasting will begin June 2, but initially only in the capital Thimphu, a city of 100,000 residents, said the Kuensel weekly, Bhutan’s only newspaper.

That marks the 25th anniversary of the coronation of King Jigme Singye Wangchuck, isolated in the Himalayas, Bhutan has sought to preserve its ancient culture and way of life. Men and women are required to wear traditional robe-like dress. Buildings, public and private, conform to orthodox style. Often decorated with religious symbols. Satellite dishes are outlawed, although the rule is widely breached. Kuensel said the national assembly decided in February to end the ban on television and to authorize the state broadcasting company, which operates radio stations, to start TV transmissions.

GROUP Pushes for meat irradiation

WASHINGTON

A federal proposal to allow irradiation of uncooked meats should be expanded to include ready-to-eat products like hot dogs and luncheon meats, a quasi-governmental group of food safety experts said Thursday. “There is a clear benefit for irradiation of meat,” said Dennis Olson, director of the Utilization Center for Agricultural Products at Iowa State University, citing the numerous recalls of contaminated ready-to-eat products. Olson is part of the Food Safety Consortium, established by Congress in 1984 at the University of Arkansas, Iowa State University and Kansas State University to investigate meat and food safety. Several companies have been forced to recall their luncheon meats and hot dogs in recent months due to possible contamination by Listeria monocytogenes bacteria.

MILITIA kills 12 lower-caste people

INDIA

Backed by upper-caste landlords seeking revenge, a private militia stormed into a village in eastern India, killing 12 people, police said Thursday.

Members of the Rambar Sena militia on Wednesday entered the village of Sindari, 530 miles southeast of New Delhi, and opened fire, said T.P. Sinha, a local police official.

The massacre was likely in retaliation for the killing of 30 upper-caste Hindus by communist rebel Robin Das, a member of the militia.

On Thursday, bloodied bodies of a woman and a 9-year-old girl lay in a屑nd street as villagers crowded around staring. Women covered their faces and wept, and families prepared to cremate the bodies of the dead.

Raj Manish Yadav, who survived the overnight attack, was working in the fields when he heard gunfire. During the wheat-smashing season, the villagers often work all night to irrigate and tend crops.

“We ran. Those who could not run were killed,” he said. “Whoever remained in the village, when we came back, we saw they finished off.”

The militia has targeted Dalits, which means “oppressed ones,” the lowest group in the hierarchy of Hinduism. Most Dalits are poor, uneducated farm laborers.

Wednesday’s attack was the sixth major caste-related massacre in Bihar State in the past six months. Last month, communist guerrillas struck in the neighboring Jehanabad district, near nearly 200 people belonging to lower classes and 54 upper-caste Hindus have been killed since 1981.

The communist groups have been trying to organize laborers in Bihar to improve their lives and send the landlords a challenge to the social order that the Rambar Sena has answered with violence.

The caste killings prompted the Hindu nationalist-led federal government to fire the state government, run by a socialist party, last month. The federal government said the state had disintegrated into total lawlessness.

But the state government was restored later because Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s party did not have the support for necessary parliamentary ratification of the federal takeover of Bihar.

The militia’s caste system is an age-old Hindu social structure that can determine anything from where a lower-caste person works to what kind of work, what kind of drinks water. Though India’s constitution outlaws discrimination by caste, the system remains prevalent in rural areas.
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Now, as leaders of the 19 NATO member nations gather in Washington, D.C., for a conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the alliance, they face questions regarding the crisis in Kosovo and the increasingly-commonplaces of international conflict that it represents. The bombing campaign in Yugoslavia is the first military action NATO has taken outside its own borders, and has been seen as a departure from the alliance's traditional role on defense.

It is also the first time such international action has been taken against a sovereign state without backing from the U.N. Security Council.

NATO's shift from Western military alliance to regional policeman must be successful in Kosovo if NATO is to maintain its credibility as an international actor, many have said.

"The world will grow dramatically more dangerous if NATO does not impose its will," said former Secretary of the House Notre Dame Fisher Regatta, a visiting assistant professor of government and international relations. "It actually depends partly on the outcome of the crisis in Kosovo."

If NATO accomplishes its goal of disarming these systems so continuing education classes, Antonucci said. For example, outgoing construction on campus encouraged the department to educate a team capable of handling high angle roof rescues on buildings such as the Dome where scaffold towers higher than the truck ladders can reach. Additionally, the seven miles of tunnels underground Notre Dame's campus required the department to create a team specialized in confined space fires, and Antonucci oversees a certified open water dive team to manage the 81 acres of lakes on the campus.

We had a rescue boat and two divers on hand for the fire department, he said. After all the continuing education classes are finished for the night, the firemen often gather in a common room to eat or watch television before retiring to their own private rooms for the night. In addition to the four firefighters living in the building every night, two friends reside there as well, which is representative of the firefighting service.

This building was constructed in 1945, and at that time the brothers were responsible for almost every facet of this campus including the fire department," Antonucci said. "The ground floor of this building was a parking garage, and the brothers that operated the power plant and the fire department lived upstairs.

Notre Dame's own fire department existed long before the construction of the current building. Although Antonucci does not know the exact date of the department's founding, there is a photo dated from 1900, where Notre Dame firefighters are fighting a major fire, he said.

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The celebrations planned for this week- end's anniversary of NATO have been dram- atically overshadowed by the war in Kosovo. But rather than dampen the fact that the party of Clinton and his for- eign policy team should welcome the chances to hold a serious working summit and use it as an opportunity to correct the mistakes that have already been made to construct better planning for the long-term stability of the Balkans and the future of NATO. One view of the world is that NATO remains resilient and united in pursuing its goals in Kosovo.

**Mark Jubulis**

The stakes in the current conflict are far greater than the status of Kosovo. Secretary General of NATO Javier Solana said that Kosovo is a defining moment "for the kind of Europe we wish to live in," and the Los Angeles Times writes that "if NATO fails in Kosovo, "not just its military credibility but its basic reason for being will be question- ed." The last point may be exaggerated too. NATO country wants to leave the alliance, and many more states want to join, but there is no question that the present crisis will have major ramifications for the future of NATO well into the next century. It will determine the status of NATO's credibility in the eyes of the world, U.S. criteria for intervening abroad and will play a large role in determining the future course of U.S.-Russian relations. But these stakes do not alter the fact that NATO credibility would have been destroyed had NATO failed to follow through on its threats and looked on as Milosevic conducted his ethnic cleansing campaign with impunity.

Since deciding to act, however, NATO's credibility has been weakened because it looks as though we reluctantly stumbled into a war without a clear sense of purpose. General Clark has complained that he has been forced to wage a "politically con­ strained strategy." U.S. policy makers have ignored the so-called "Powell Doctrine," which states that we must use all necessary force to achieve clearly defined objectives. Instead, we have had difficulty articulating a clear set of goals and we have not applied the appropriate means to meet our objectives. NATO expected things to turn out the way they have, they clearly there would be no more serious form of advanced planning, such as a relief action plan and resources, both of which should have been on their way to Belgrade a long time ago.

We must admit that our bombing has not had the desired result. Milosevic has gained greater support within his country, and the situation of the more than 500,000 refugees has worsened dramatically. NATO says that a successful bombing campaign requires patience, but too many lives of Albanian refugees are at stake while we wait for Milosevic to back down. In the meantime, Serb forces are destroy­ ing villages in Kosovo so the refugees will have no homes in return to offer the fight­ ing ceases. At the summit, we should at least discuss the issues of ground troops back on the table. It was foolish to broadcast our intentions to Milosevic as we wage war. The administration's insistence that we are not even considering ground troops has given Milosevic the upper hand in controlling the situation on the ground in Kosovo. The summit should also be used to pre­ pare a plan for long-term stability in the Balkans and any vision of a stable future for the region must exclude Milosevic. If we reach an agreement with him we will be setting ourselves up for failure because he is sure to cause trouble again; his reliance on a policy of war is directly tied to the maintenance of his dictatorial regime. Madeleine Albright claims that NATO's actions are meant to send a signal that eth­ nic cleansing will not be tolerated, but the only way to get that message across would be to indict Milosevic as a war criminal.

Regarding plans for NATO's new strategi­ cal mission, we should expect NATO to scale back its ambitious goals for "out of area" missions due to the initial difficulties in the Kosovo campaign. As NATO ventures further from its core mission of defense for its members we are likely to see greater fre­ quencies emerge within the alliance as it will be more difficult for 19 democracies to agree on distant security threats.

In any event, NATO will be bogged down in the Balkans for years and will therefore be less eager to tackle new problems beyond NATO's borders. NATO's attempt to "degrade" Milosevic's military capacity has also degraded relations between the West and Russia. The bombing campaign has resulted in a surge of anti-American senti­ ment in Russia. Recent events have recre­ ated an adversarial view of NATO in the eyes of most Russians, and have insulted Russian politicians who feel wrongly excluded from European security affairs. Russia reacted to the bombing by break­ ing all ties with NATO, and the U.S. must do all it can to make sure that this rupture does not become permanent. We should encourage Russian efforts to find a settle­ ment and include Russian troops in any peace-keeping force that will be imple­ mented later.

But Russia must also united as well. Russia is reacting sharply to the bombings because it feels excluded by NATO, but Russia is also isolating itself from the rest of Europe by bolstering rhetorical support to Yugoslavia. When Russia joins Belarus in condemning NATO "aggression" and refus­ es to condemn Milosevic's policies of ethnic cleansing, what does this say about shared values between Russia and the West?

The most alarming aspect regarding the extreme rhetoric coming from Moscow is that it is not limited to radicals in the Duma, but also comes from officials such as Foreign Minister Ivanov. He recently pub­ lished an article in the West condemning "geno­ cide" against the Serbs and suggested that NATO officials who planned the attack should be charged with war crimes. Such rhetoric is to be expected as playing to domestic audiences in Russia, but it is truly harmful because it inflames an already tense Western sentiment and further emboldens Milosevic by showing him that he has strong friends in Russia. The West should make it clear to Russia that it is not con­ structive for government officials to spread Belgrade's propaganda. This gap in our perceptions of events in Kosovo must be overcome before Russia and the West can cooperate in peace-keeping once the con­ flict has ended.

Finally, Russian fears of an "aggressive" NATO must be assuaged before NATO can achieve its vision of a "Europe whole and free" by expanding further to include new democracies in Eastern Europe. Although this issue will not be decided at the summit, future directions for expansion are already visible due to NATO's future involvement in the Balkans. This crisis reveals the strategic impor­ tance of Hungary, and that a land corridor will have to be established linking Hungary to the rest of NATO means admitting either Slovakia or Slovenia. And if Romania and Bulgaria cooperate in granting air space to NATO planes, these two countries will expect some sort of reward in the form of an acceleration of NATO expansion. NATO will remain the main guarantor of security in Europe so long as the U.N., the OSCE and the WEU are able to do the job. We must remember that NATO is involved in Bosnia because the U.N. had failed miserably in its peace-keeping mission. NATO must succeed in Kosovo with its credibility intact if it is to retain the strength, cohesion and confi­ dence necessary to fulfill its task in the next century. Anything less would be good news for the next dictator determined to challenge the peace.
Kosovo was universally recognized as sovereign territory, and its proclamation of independence was permissible under international law. Today, the legitimacy of this action certainly is contentious in the internal affairs of a sovereign state. But no such disputes exist over the illegitimacy of sovereignty, if they ever existed, have passed. It is by now well established, in morality and in law, that nations and their governments are accountable to other nations for massive human rights violations within their borders.

Even the classic formulators of international law held that intervention was permissible when persecution is carried out to the point of being inhuman or intolerable. Vattel’s 1758 work argued that the happiness and security of a state no longer exists when a government attacks, rather than protects, its citizens. Would anyone claim that Hitler could have continued his death struggle as long as he limited himself to Jews within German borders? The humanitarian interest of mankind has, since the Holocaust, been embodied in international treaties such as the Genocide Convention, by which signatory states are held to prevent and to punish "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group"—definition that clearly fits the massacre and mass expulsions of Albanian Kosovars. But even without the humanitarian justification, sovereignty is an international right of intervention. A country that has violated the peace, stability, and security of its neighbors by forcing its own citizens to flee, has effectively internationalized its own domestic affairs.

According to recognized principles of international law, it bears responsibility for damages suffered, and other states may act to correct the situation. Such action does not necessarily involve the use of force, but it is far from being excluded. The United Nations Charter empowers the Security Council to "take measures necessary ... to maintain international peace and security, and to this end to establish in the case of a breach of the peace, or the threat of war, a system of armistice or of cease-fire, or a system of international security." Such action does not necessarily involve the use of force, but it is far from being excluded.

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The Bookstore Basketball Myth

The myth of Bookstore Basketball remains shrouded in racial controversy. From its beginning as a tattletale in the press, and as an African-American female on the campus of the University of Notre Dame I can honestly say that there is truth to the statement. However, the Bookstore Basketball controversy is not at fault; they are not to blame for the injustices suffered by participants. As students of the University we must focus our attention on the individuals at fault for the racial tensions introduced into the recreational environment.

As a community, we look upon the participants as gladiators of ancient Rome or Greece—slaves forced to fight each other against their will as we, the blood thirsty spectators, instigate this rivalry between opposing teams.

I stood next to a spectator and asked him if they thought that Bookstore was too violent. His response to me was, "The violence is what makes Bookstore fun to watch." His statement bothered me, but I continued to commission the game.

Then I began to realize the amount of tension escalating between members of different ethnic backgrounds, as the crowd began to egg the players on through their instigation and approval of such rough-housing.

As commissioners, it is our job to serve as mediators of the entire event; it is more difficult to control the audience than it is to control the players. The type of atmosphere harbored by the spectators controls the social outcome of the game. When there are unknown members of the crowd shouting at players to taunt and make personal attacks, regardless of their cultural background, it negatively affects the overall mood of the game. In our opinion, we are not saying that Bookstore should be void of the traditional "trash-talking" associated with competitive sports, but the taunting of players must stop. Name-calling, gender-hashing and racial slurs may be entertaining to an audience drinking out such expression of ignorance, but it takes away from the player being singled out. This game is the fun out of Bookstore. The spectator victimizes and degrades the meaning and purpose of Bookstore—which is to bring the campus together as a community.

One thing I've noticed is just how much taunting Bookstore teams with different ethnicities has escalated to extremes. We are the same Notre Dame family that cheers them on every football Saturday. I can't help but question the motives behind such harassment. Is it personal? It is to make someone feel less of a member of the team? Is it to make a person feel less of a part of the traditional "trash-talking" associated with competitive sports?

Part of the responsibility that comes with a Notre Dame education is an awareness of the world in which we live. And in a time of war, a time of massive suffering and complex political dynamics, this is especially true. Now more than ever, we each need to formulate a personal response to what is happening. To ignore Kosovo— to go about our lives final and go to bed without a worry from the Balkans or how they actually do inter and how they actually affect our lives is unacceptable.

I do believe that it is a Christian duty to inform ourselves on this matter. History has taught us that ignoring the suffering and pretending not to care about suffering can lead to death. Nor can we just shrug our shoulders and say, "Nah, it doesn't affect us." It does affect us; for Christians, the Body of Christ knows no bias. We have heard the observations about Notre Dame being a bubble, or an ivory tower, detached from the harsh realities of the world.

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Above Right: Whether you're studying, eating or just admiring the ceiling, Reckers makes the perfect environment. Above: The smoothies at Reckers are a great snack for the health-conscious. Bottom: Hawaiian pizza seems to be the snack of choice for these Reckers patrons.

By ANDREW MCDONNELL
Scene Writer

Since Reckers opened last August, it has rapidly become a regular part of campus life — a gathering place for friends, a warm cow in which bonds are strengthened and tears are shed, a twinkle-eyed companion for the late night studier, a cushioned wall for the severely drunk to stagger into and vomit against repeatedly, sweat beading on their foreheads as they scream that the head of John Stamos be brought to them on a silver platter. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, Reckers is there for the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. But might that be changing?

There has been talk recently that Reckers’ status as a 24-7 facility is in danger because of a number of complaints concerning student behavior — particularly on the weekends. Warnings were issued through various outlets on campus that if behavior did not change, the restaurant’s hours would. There is a plethora of stories circulating throughout campus about the extent of such irremediable activity, thanks in no small part to Scholastic Magazine’s Gipper. Since the opening of Reckers, the Gip has regaled his readers with tales of patrons derobing in the restaurant, including an account of one student ordering food as he slapped his privates down on the counter like someone trying to turn in a lost kitten.

Are such narratives fiction or truth? Is the woven yarn tainted with the spine of falsehood?

To be frank, many students trust the Gipper the way they trust a doped-up chimp with a dandelion. A very large dandelion. The only way to get to the truth was to investigate, to head into Reckers for one Saturday night and study the problem first-hand. Armed with a camera, $30 in Plex points and enough books to occupy a week, one brave soul headed into Reckers grimly determined to unearth the facts behind the myth.

At this point, readers everywhere are pausing and probably wondering: What sort of loser are we dealing with here? Shouldn’t this young reporter be doing something “sensible” on a Saturday night? Wouldn’t he be invited to the Boat Club by a gaggle of beautiful women? Wasn’t there some Mod Quad formal he should have attended?

Oh no, dear readers with such a cute naiveté: To this reporter, the investigation that follows 14 consecutive hours spent in the same, small campus restaurant is more than enough to make up for any “fun” that was missed. Such is the nature of the beast.

3 p.m. Saturday, April 17

Reckers’ perimeter has been breached, and the move is directly to the comfy red chairs in the southeast corner of the structure. Transient: smooth Management’s attention: avoided Smoothie #7, the Strawbery "Old someone say tasty? Yes." Shooter: ordered

The lunchtime crowd is still well-represented here, including a vast number of parents for some reason. Afternoon studiers are scattered throughout the restaurant, straining their eyeballs diligently. One fellow has even brought his computer with him, staring into his screen so fervently that one bears his pupils may burst. All seems quiet in this first hour, but a tension seethes beneath the restaurant’s placid surface. One can feel it in the air. These people want to take their clothes off. As of yet, however, no one is naked.

4:17 p.m.

The pervasive calm is shattered by two simultaneous and jarring events. 1. The entrance of a horde of 12-year-old boys who have just been released from karate class and 2. Someone — some foolish, evil creature — has begun to play the entire “No Doubt” album over the Reckers sound system. Greetings from Hell.

Please understand, lead singer Gwen Stefani is a gorgeous, stunning creature, but at the same time she is the fourth Chipmunk “Alvin, Simon, Theodore...” and Tremblin’ Gwen, the nervous, two-pack-a-day, caffeine-addicted chipmunk with vitiligo like a frenzied jackhammer.

And still, contrary to expectation, no one is naked.

6 p.m.

The subliminal dinner bell rings like growling thunder throughout Notre Dame. The masses heed the summons. A line forms. Cries for food fill the air. Orders are eagerly thrust to ward a bewildered group of Reckers employees. The employees defend themselves with the only weapon they have, the little blinking box. The red, flashy, epileptic messenger from Hell. It pacifies the mob for now, but one cannot help but wonder: When parentheses commence, will it be so easy to fend off the customers? Hmm. The crowd settles and it’s business as usual. Not a scrap of clothing has been shed.

7:30 p.m.

The group of girls sitting nearest the main entrance is now discussing which word is better: boots or bobs. Reckers once again demonstrates its ability to spawn intellectually stimulating discourse on the subtleties of semantics. No one is naked.

8:30 p.m.

The dinner crowd has cleared, and the restaurant is now peaceful. The employees are chatting away, sharing jokes and stories. This is what Reckers was built to be — a place for students to come together to enjoy a bite to eat and drink unlimited soda from the Coke dispenser. One individual, no names needed, has already had three Cherry Cokes and still is not satisfied. He has no intention of stopping at three, despite the gritty feeling in his belly. There is still, without a doubt, no nudity in Reckers.
THE PLAYMAKERS

THE IRISH WELCOME FOUR NEW ASSISTANT COACHES TO A TEAM WHERE INEXPERIENCE IS OVERSHADOWED BY HARD WORK.

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CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR KEVIN ROGERS, OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS & SPECIAL TEAMS COACH JERRY ROSBURG, TIGHT ENDS & SPECIAL TEAMS COACH STEVE ADDAZIO AND SECONDARY COACH LOU WEST.
Despite losing all four 1998 starters to graduation or position changes, the 1999 linebackers are proving they have...

TALENTED INEXPERIENCE

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

With the graduation of starters Bobbie Howard, Kory Minor and Jimmy Friday, the linebacking corps appeared to be an area of concern for the Irish.

While the inexperience is certainly not to be overlooked, said Bob Davie, this year's young linebackers have the ability to step in and make a difference.

"I think we're pretty talented, and we've got some playmakers," said Davie. "We're also young, which is like our offensive line, but I think we're talented enough. It's exciting because there's some explosiveness there.

Leading the charge at inside linebackers in the new 4-3 attack are junior Anthony Denman and senior Ronnie Nicks. Denman, who played behind Minor for the last two seasons, is quickly becoming a leader of the defensive unit. He has made a switch from the outside to the inside which will take full advantage of his talents. Last year, as a sophomore, Denman had three sacks to go along with 34 tackles and saw action in all 12 games. While calling plays in the huddle, the 6-foot-2, 232-pounder has impressed his teammates with aggressive play. Denman, a native of Rusk, Texas, said he has benefited from playing behind the graduating seniors.

"I definitely learned how to be a leader from them (Howard, Minor and Femandez)," said Denman. "They came out every day in practice and worked hard. They never took a play off and were good players as well.

Inside linebacker coach Kirk Doll said Denman's physical play and attitude bring an added dimension to the defense.

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NEW FACES, SAME RESULTS

With Dennis's graduation, the Irish face questions at tailback

By BRIAN KESSLER

With the loss of Arau Denson, Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher, the Irish have some big shoes to fill in the backfield.

Tomorrow's 7th Annual Blue-Gold Game will give head coach Bob Davie and his staff a better idea of who will be filling those shoes next season.

"The running back positions essential­ly are up for grabs," Davie said. "We've all anxious to see how the tailback situa­tion shakes out between [Tony] Driver, [Darcey] Levy and [Tony] Fisher. They are guys who are talented and will give us a lot of competition back there."

The competition for the tailback spot has been intense this spring, especially with Driver's return to offense after starting seven games at free safety last season.

"I'm really glad to be back on this side of the ball again," Driver said. "It took a couple of days to get back into it, especially the steps. I'm used to back-peddling, but now I have to go forward again."

"That was Tony's decision to move back and it's put a lot of pressure on the rest of us," Fisher said. "He's adjusted well and has done an impressive job. We will recognize that.

"I'm really looking forward to [the Blue-Gold Game], because it will enable me to display the talent I have and show the coaches that I'm a complete back," said Fisher.

"Fisher runs with power and quickness," said Robinson. "I can't really describe his style, but he's elusive.

Although Tony Driver has emerged as the early favorite for the starting tailback position, Darcy Levy, Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard are not far behind.

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6' 2", 214 lbs.
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FIVE PLAYERS TO WATCH

Mike Gandy (#69)
6' 4", 285 lbs.
Filling in the third games last season for the injured guard Jerry Wooten -- including the Gator Bowl against Georgia Tech -- Gandy has proven to be a pow­erful force on the offen­sive line. Along with returning starter John Merandi, Gandy will pro­vide veteran leadership for the young offensive line.

Rocky Boiman (#30)
6' 3", 219lbs.
The sophomore linebacker has emerged as the starting outside linebacker, beating out senior Joe Ferone. Boiman's size and speed give him enough versa­tility to cover the tight end in passing situa­tion and step up to support on running plays.

I think that it's my time to shine. I want to come out and show what I can do best.

-Rocky Boiman

Anthony Denman (#39)
6' 2", 230 lbs.
After backing up Kory Minor for the past two years at outside linebacker, Denman has made the transition to inside linebacker and become the starter. Denman's aggressiveness and leadership ability will be key to the Irish defense this year.

Bobby Brown (#88)
6' 2", 295 lbs.
The fifth-year senior made only 13 catches for 286 yards and one touchdown in 1998 after a previous stellar year. In 1997, he caught 45 balls for 543 yards and six touchdowns. With the departure of Malcolm Johnson, Brown must step up and return to his 1997 form and the Irish passing attack to be successful.

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Five players who have to step up for the Irish to be successful.

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Assistant Sports Editor

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Kevin Rogers

Offensive Coordinator

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By ANTHONY BIANCO

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Kevin Rogers

Offensive Coordinator

Steve Addazio

Tight Ends

Jeffery Rosburg

Outside Linebackers 
& Special Teams

Coach Urban Meyer (left), who switched from receivers to quarterbacks coach in the offseason, has joined new coaches Steve Addazio (center) and Lou West (right) in learning their new positions.
10 p.m.

The seven-hour mark of the journey to nowhere has arrived. All is quiet, but caffeine is beginning to demonstrate its effects on the mind. "Dance!" it commands from the dark recesses of the stomach. "Dance like a ping pong ball in a wind tunnel!" But its pleas are not to be heard. Dizziness has taken effect, and euphoria cannot be far behind. Apart from the screeching noises inside one man's head, the full continues here at Reckers. Nudity has yet to make its guest appearance.

10:30 p.m.

The Flip Side crowd is in the hiz-ouse. A very subdued level of conversation is alive. No music. No nudes.

12:02 a.m., Sunday, April 18

Brain is shaking. Must... must obtain more Cherry Coke to settle nerves. Brain... stabilize line! Can't force eyes to focus! Think, think... what would Clement "Clem" Rockers, the first student to enroll at Notre Dame, do? His spirit is here! Smell it... like paprika. But Clem's not naked. No one is naked.

2 a.m.

A renewed solidity is achieved. There is a tension in the air as the room is slowly beginning to fill with people. After 11 hours of waiting, it appears that the payoff is approaching. This is not the lunch crowd, nor is it the Flip Side crowd judging by the scent they drag with them. Look at them! This is how Jane Goodall must feel. There's a lot of staggering, grabbing and so much noise it is amazing. A young man just ambled past, toasting at everyone like a car horn. A large gathering of men in grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts has just entered, and the line to reach the counter is immense. It stretches all the way back to the building's entrance.

Real conversation:

"Hey, how are you?"

"Well, I'm not doing so well."

"What's wrong?"

"I'm going nuts."

"What do you mean?"

"We're here all night."

"Yeah."

"Awesome. Did you bring anything to drink?"

"Yes."

"What did you bring?"

"Coffee."

"What kind of coffee?"

"I don't know."

"Can you drink it?"

"Yes."

"How are you feeling?"

"I'm still waiting in line."

"How long have you been here?"

"Since 6 p.m."

"Wow."

"Thanks."

"No problem."

"Come on, let's go get something to eat."

"Okay."

The time has come to blow this popsicle stand. The original intention of this mission was to stay for 24 hours in 24-hour space. But, dear reader, just 14 will just have to do. One man can only love so much. It has been an experience, this time in Reckers. The sort of experience that will never, ever, be repeated.

A number of employees said they are treated just fine by the student body, and for the most part they love working at Reckers. It's a good job, they meet nice people and it can be a lot of fun. But they also stated that there are times when they are treated with an utter lack of respect. One student worker remembered watching a patron throw everything from napkin dispensers to ketchup bottles against the wall. Customers have painted the floor with mustard. They have thrown chairs.

According to Reckers' operations manager, Mike Dacy, the reason David Prentkowski, director of Food Services, contacted the Office of Residence Life about student behavior was that the situation was rapidly becoming unmanageable late last semester.

"Tables and lamps were taken... and pages. The lobby phone was vandalized twice," said Dacy. "It's less than five percent of the students raising these problems. And it's only when they are abusing others that we really become concerned."

They also had no knowledge of any immediate plans to change Reckers' 24-hour policy, particularly as student behavior has generally improved as the weather has become warmer. But the next time Reckers becomes a destination, dear reader, and someone is making a destructive urge of themselves, be sure to do the right thing. That's not just the floor they're defiling, that's each and every student's right in 24-hour space, not to mention a great place to get naked.
Housto n Rocket s Pippen s struggles as a Houston Rockets player spilled over to the courtroom when he was arrested in the wee hours on suspicion of drunken driving.

Teammates supported Pippen during a brief appearance before jett ing to Los Angeles for the game against the Clippers on Friday. Pippen didn't attend the workout, but coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he would accompany the team. "It's going to be a tough transition," Tomjanovich said. "We are trying not to make excuses, but we have to." It would be unfair to comment when nothing has been established. It's sort of used to unexpected things happening. You just try not to lose your composure.

Houston, currently the No. 4 seed in the Western Conference playoffs, was upset by the Dallas Mavericks 109-95 Wednesday night, keeping the Rockets from clinching a spot in the playoffs and snapping an 11-game losing streak to the Mavericks. Pippen had four points and three rebounds and was repeatedly beaten defensively in his worst game as a Rocket.

"I'm not a teammate and I'm behind him 100 percent," said Charles Barkley. "This is really tough for Scottie Pippen. Scottie Pippen probably wasn't the only person stopped last night. It's been really tough. As a father, I can't imagine what those parents are going through. I hope we're not happening in your own backyard," said Red pitcher Chuck MclRoy.

You still have to do your job. But it will always be in our minds, because it's like we were there and we were losing the longest of the season.

Rick Barry's comments to the Rocky Mountain News Tuesday.

"I'm hoping it won't be a disaster," Barry said. "I'm hoping it won't be a disaster."}

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Ali testifies before Senate hearing on boxing reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

He uttered not a word, but Muhammad Ali's presence at a Senate hearing Thursday spoke volumes about the state of professional boxing and lent support to Sen. John McCain's efforts to clean up the sport.

The former heavyweight champion, who suffers from Parkinson's syndrome and has trouble speaking, told the Senate Commerce Committee through longtime friend Howard Bingham that the Lenny Lewis-Holyfield heavyweight draw in New York last month was the "lowest point" for a sport beset with problems.

"Ali has become increasingly upset about the scandals that have occurred in professional boxing," Bingham said as Ali gazed intently at committee members from a witness table.

Ali is particularly interested in the parts of McCain's boxing reform bill that would stop exploitation of boxers by promoters. One provision would prohibit "coercive option" contracts that prevent fighters from controlling their careers.

McCain, an Arizona Republican and 2000 presidential aspirant, told Ali: "Your support of this legislation is absolutely vital to our chances of passing it."

In the disputed fight, the three judges scored it a draw even though most boxing observers believe Lewis clearly had beaten the champion. The fight is under investigation by the Manhattan district attorney office and the New York state Athletic Commission.

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For example, a new IBF rule says the No. 1 ranking cannot simply be taken over by a boxer who moves up just because of losses by fighters rated ahead of him.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., expressed concern the McCain bill might unfairly target certain promoters and invite legal challenges.

He said the bill must address multiyear broadcast contracts in which competitors stay under anetwork's control in order to get a shot at the champion.

"There is no question when it comes to revenues, the broadcast industry packs the biggest wallop," said Reid, whose state is the site for many championship fights.

McCain is likely to move the bill through the Commerce Committee later this year. An identical measure last year passed the Senate but went nowhere in the House.
Irish pick up 30th win of season despite rainfall

By ALLISON KRILLA
Senior Sports Writer

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I think it's a real testimony to their character," Mainieri continued. "They could've started having self-doubts, but these kids just come out and they have a lot of confidence and they play hard." The Irish needed a strong defensive effort and consistent pitching to outlast a sloppy Central Michigan team. All four runs scored in the game were unearned, but Notre Dame took advantage of five Chippewa errors that sealed their fate. Throwing errors allowed two runs to score in Notre Dame's half of the third, as the Irish took a 2-1 lead. Andrew Bushey, who returned to the lineup for the first time since March 21, when a knee injury sidelined the freshman, singled and scored an Irish run in the inning.

"I thought our pitching was outstanding, and I thought our defense was outstanding," Paul Mainieri, Irish baseball coach, said. "Obviously we didn't thrill anybody with our bats," said Mainieri. "We were fortunate to score three runs, I think, because they were kind of the result of a couple misplays ... but I think we put some pressure on them."

Despite the less than impressive offensive performance, however, the five-man pitching rotation kept the Central Michigan batters off balance all evening. Starter Tim Kalita tossed the first two innings in preparation for a start this weekend against conference foe Seton Hall, striking out the side in the first. Kalita was followed by winning pitcher Mike Naumann, who allowed three hits and walked one in three innings of work. Mike Carlin allowed one hit in the sixth, while Drew Duff gave up two hits over two innings. John Corbin closed out the contest with a perfect ninth inning, including one strikeout.

"I thought our pitching was outstanding, and I thought our defense was outstanding, and that was the key to our victory," Mainieri said.

Right fielder Jeff Felker certainly did his part to maintain the error-free effort by the Irish. Felker tallied six put outs from his perch in right, taking advantage of a strong wind at his back. Felker also added one hit to Notre Dame's total, extending his hitting streak to 14 games.

"This is a huge series; they don't get any bigger than this," said Mainieri. "Each and every ballgame in the Big East conference from here on out is going to be huge."

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Sports
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Irish on high after Mount Sac Invitational success

By BRIAN HOBBINS  Sport Writer

The Irish track squads head to Mount Sac Championships while winning their events at Mount Sac.

Sac Invitational success

Sports Writer claimed four victories at the University for another weekend Invitational, the Irish have proven themselves among the nations finest. This weekend will find several members of the team competing in a world-wide famous meet. The Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, is one of the foremost sporting events in the country. Featuring competition at all levels from middle schools to pros, this weekend features the best the country has to offer.

Irish athletes have taken a liking to such competition, raising their performance level when in the heat seat. Jennifer Englehardt, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl, Liz Grow, JoAnna Fnglehardl. Members of the team competing are not inactive. The majority of the team was robbed of the opportunity to compete last weekend at the Indiana State Invitational due to snow, but after a bit of rest and an intense week of practice, the team is looking forward to competing again at the Purdue Relays.

Many athletes are thankful for the break in what is a very long season and plan on coming back this weekend with renewed fervor and one last tune up before a run at the Big East title.

Athletes win academic accolades

By MOLLY MCVOY Assistant Sport Editor

Two of the Bellies’ athletic teams received awards which showed not only that they are strong athletes, but talented students as well.

Both the Saint Mary’s swimming and cross-country teams received academic honors this week. The swimming team was named Academic All-Americans by the College Swimming Coaches’ Association for the first time in the team’s history. Likewise, the Bellies’ cross-country team was named to the All-Academic Team by the Cross Country Coaches’ association.

“This is more exciting than breaking records,” said head swimming coach Jimi Cook. “This is what they came to do, study. Now that I’ve seen that they can perform both in the water and academically, its exciting.”

Men’s and women’s teams from Division I, II and III schools all competed for these academic honors this year. The swim team received a rating of 3.019, second only to All-Academic Athletic Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Likewise, the cross-country team received an impressive rating of 3.22 for their academic performance this year.

Sophomore cross-country captain Genevieve Poxon, the team’s vice captain, was delighted to hear of the honor. “I’m really proud of the team,” said Yavello, “because this award shows that not only are we competitive athletically but we do well academically.

The swim team thought that Cook had much to do with their success in both their classes and their swimming this season. “Swimming takes up a tremendous amount of time,” said freshman Alicia Lesniewski. “I’m very under-standing, and gives us a break when our workload gets to be too much.”

Both the cross-country and swimming teams are currently continuing their off-season training and are looking ahead to the start of their seasons in September.

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Out for Hook's Cooper stole the ball down the court to tie the game at 19. Cochran drew the foul recovering a loose ball and scored the easy lay-up to seal the team's fate — Sanders dribbled down the court and scored the win.

Versatility took control of the ball and the lead, holding Watch Out for the Hook scoreless for the rest of the game. Cochran took the ball to the hoop for the lead, but Gilbeaux answered with his own lay-up to tie the game at 21-20. Versatility took over for the remainder of the game as the team, led by Sander, made the most of the court time and put up points.

The two teams traded possession of the ball the entire time, neither team able to come up with a scoring opportunity. Several missed opportunities for Watch Out for the Hook did no good as the defense was the key to the game.

Tying the game at 15, Watch Out for the Hook scored two quick baskets to take the lead, but Gilbeaux answered with his own lay-up to tie the game at 21-20. Versatility took over for the remainder of the game as the team, led by Sander, made the most of the court time and put up points.

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Bayliss said.

Sachire is third in the country at singles and boasts an impressive 34-7 record in '99. Bayliss said.

The doubles format will change for the Big East tournament, with teams now only receiving a single point for winning two out of three doubles matches. Therefore, singles will play a crucial role in determining the outcome.

The doubles team of Dasso and Hall will lead the way for the Irish, followed by Velasco and Varnum, and Guy and Sara Scaringo.

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Josefina Velasco, No. 4 seed.

In the last timelapse, the Irish were ranked in the top 10. The Hurricanes have won an impressive 34-7 record in '99, but Miami will be difficult.

Both teams expect to square off in the finals again this year, but the status of Patterson could play a huge role in the winner of this year's championship.

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ND heads to coast for weekend
By MATT OLJVA
Sport Writer

The softball team will travel to the East Coast once again to take on two Big East opponents this weekend.

On Saturday Notre Dame will face Connecticut (18-14, 7-2), currently third in the Big East standings, before traveling to play Providence (10-29, 1-5) on Sunday. The Irish (30-17, 8-0) are looking to maintain their undefeated record in the Big East and top spot in the rankings.

Saturday’s contest against UConn will be a continuation of one long rivalry that exists between the two schools.

"UConn is always a rivalry for us," said sophomore center fielder Danielle Klayman. "We have the undefeated streak hanging over our heads, but in a good way. It makes the games exciting and forces us to be ready and play with passion. Our team strives off of that."

If the Irish are going to defeat the Huskies, they will have to keep first baseman Abbie Link in check. The sophomore was the Big East player of the week when she went four-for-four against conference opponent Rutgers. She hit three home runs and had six RBIs, tying Big East records in both categories.

The Irish hope to counter with a strong offensive attack, led by catcher Kris McCleary and her team-leading seven home runs. Lizzie Lemire also adds offensive power to the lineup with her team-leading 14 doubles.

Providence is less of a rivalry for the Irish, but the pressure of the perfect record in the Big East will keep the excitement going.

"We will have to get ready more," said Klayman. "We will be playing for the pride of our team's record."

Irish pitcher Jennifer Sharren and Angela Bessolo should continue their strong conference performances once again this weekend. Both have been dominant in their outings so far against Big East opponents.

With a successful weekend, the Irish will be on top of the Big East as the team heads into the conference tournament the weekend of May 7-9.

"We would like to enter the tournament as the top team and take that tournament," said Klayman. "From there we would enter the regionals, but we don't want to look past the Big East."

Men's LACROSSE

Minutemen to confront Irish
Observer Staff Report

The men's lacrosse team will travel to Amherst, Mass., to take on the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts.

The 15th-ranked Irish, coming off their best game of the year — a 15-7 thrashing of Army — are looking to pick up another win and continue their drive toward the western bid in the NCAA tournament.

After dropping three straight games, Notre Dame was in danger of losing the western bid and missing the tournament for the second straight year. The Irish, however, responded to the adversity and, led by captain Chris Dutour's five goals, sent the Catamounts home with a sound defeat.

The Irish must continue their winning ways against the Minutemen — a team the Irish have never beaten in seven tries. Despite Notre Dame's tough history against them, this year could be the year that the Irish get the best of the Minutemen.

Massachusetts enters the game unranked with a 4-6 record. Losers of five of their past seven games, the Minutemen have struggled throughout the year. They have shown the ability to score goals in bunches — scoring 19, 15 and 17 goals against Holy Cross, Fairfield and Boston College, respectively — but have lost six of seven games when they are held below 10 goals.

UMass's offensive inconsistencies can be attributed to their youth. Five of the Minutemen's top six scorers are sophomores, with John Madigan and Rich Kankel leading the attack. Defensively, the Minutemen are also youthful but they have enjoyed greater success than the offense. Led by sophomore goaltender Chris Campbelliano's .645 goals-against-average, the Minutemen have played well against some of the top offenses in the country. His goals-against-average places him 12th nationally while his .621 save percentage has also captured the 12th spot in the national rankings.

FOOTBALL

Irish name Jackson 1999 solo captain

Special to The Observer

Senior quarterback Jarious Jackson has been elected captain of the 1999 University of Notre Dame football team by vote of players on the Irish squad.

Jackson's honor marks only the third time in 32 seasons that Notre Dame has had a single football captain. Beginning in 1968, the Irish have had two or more captains in every season except 1986, when Mike Kovalski led the squad and 1991, when Rodney Calver provided leadership.

Jackson, a 6-1, 228-pound Tupelo, Miss., native, produced one of the most productive and efficient seasons in 1999 of any quarterback in Irish history. He completed 104 of his 188 passes in '98 for 1,740 yards, with only six interceptions to go with 13 touchdown passes. He also ranked second on the team in rushing with 441 yards at 113 attempts, scoring three touchdowns.

In his first year as the starter at quarterback, he opened in 11 contests — and finished 12th nationally in passing efficiency with 149.5 rating points and 31st in total offense with 218.1 yards per game. His current 112.4 career pass efficiency rating ranks second all-time at Notre Dame — and his career interception avoidance figure of only seven in 220 attempts also is second-best among all-time Irish signal-callers. His 2,181 yards of total offense in 1998 ranked as the fourth best single-season total at Notre Dame — with Joe Theismann, Rick Mirer and Steve Beuerlein producing the top three figures.
Rain-soaked round reduces bracket to eight

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Versatility has done it again. For the third time in the tournament the young team has stepped on the court as the underdog and stepped off as the victor.

Captain Chris Dillon, John Hiltz, Joe Lillis, Joe Cochrane and Jason Childress began the tournament as an unknown squad buried in the pack of 381 teams, but after six rounds of play, Versatility has emerged as a force to be reckoned with.

Downing No. 4 En Fuego in the fourth round and upsetting No. 29 Jumbalaya in the fifth, now-ranked No. 12 Versatility continued its winning ways Thursday night when it knocked off fifth-seeded Watch Out for the Hook 22-20.

"We're playing well together as a team," said Dillon. "We put together before the tournament and thought we could do something -- and look where we are now.

Versatility started off the game slowly, losing the ball to early turnovers and committing several defensive fouls. Watch Out for the Hook, with Irish defenders hacks A.J. Sanders, Beiny Gillesoux and Deke Cooper, along with Kevin McCarthy and Mark Johnson, took advantage of the offensive opportunity for the early 5-2 lead.

Versatility quickly settled down and took the ball to the hoop, tying the game at six.

Watch Out for the Hook used an aggressive man-to-man defense and racked up 10 fouls with the game tied at seven, sending Versatility to the line.

"They played great tight defense," said Dillon. "We had to work for every single basket.

The No. 12 team didn't take advantage of the shooting opportunity, however, and ended the night three-of-11 at the line.

Hiltz led Versatility's offensive effort in the first half. His inside and outside combination shooting gave him six points for an 11-9 lead at the half.

"Deke and Benny are two good strong athletes," said Hiltz. "We just had to do our best under the basket and hope for the best. Luckily we came up with some key shots when we needed to." The second half was a back-and-forth battle, as the two teams traded baskets, keeping the score close.

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Women earn fourth straight No. 1 seed

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

Coral Gables, Fla. Today the Notre Dame women's tennis team will begin its quest to claim its third Big East title in four years, as the No. 1 seeded Irish face Rutgers University at the University of South Florida. Eighth seeded Rutgers was a 4-1 winner over No. 9 St. John's yesterday in preliminary round action.

Notre Dame is making its fourth appearance in the Big East championships, since they won in 1996 and 1997 and lost to champion Miami last year.

The 10th-ranked Irish earned their fourth consecutive No. 1 seed in the tournament, out of the 13 Big East teams, compiling a 19-6 record. Miami currently ranked 24th in the country with a 16-3 record follows

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Saints of God

Paterson's injury casts doubt on Irish

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Coral Gables, Fla. The 31st-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team saw its quest for the school's second Big East championship take an unfortunate and unexpected turn this week.

Senior captain Brian Patterson sustained an injury and his status is uncertain for the tournament, which got underway Thursday with first-round action at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Unfortunately, Brian's not with us," said head coach Bob Bayliss, whose top-seeded Irish squad had a first-round bye. "He injured his toe and had an X-ray this afternoon back in South Bend. We're waiting to see if he'll be able to fly him down here and if he'll be able to play on Sunday [in the championship match]."

Notre Dame, which earned the No. 1 seed for the fourth straight year, was favored to win the 11-team tournament, but Patterson's injury will be a major setback if the Irish reach Sunday's finals.

"We were seeded No. 1 without the knowledge that Brian wouldn't be here," said Bayliss. "I don't know if we're the underdog without him or not, but this will be a great challenge and we're excited to prove that we can pick up the slack.

"Patterson is arguably the best No. 2 singles player in the country and was ranked 50th in doubles with his partner Ryan Sachire.

"Brian has been unbelievable for us this year," said Bayliss. "He hasn't lost a singles match since February and is 16-2 overall this semester. He's also our best doubles player and was one match away from All-American last year."

Junior All-American Sachire and the rest of the Irish squad will be expected to play at the next level for the team to have a chance at the title.

"We're counting on Ryan to win all his matches, which I think he is capable of doing."