As the leprechaun, Mike Brown leads the cheerleaders and marching band across campus to the football stadium before all home games. Brown hopes to repeat this performance in the 2000 season.

Brown's enthusiasm fits Leprechaun suit

By ERIN PIROUTEK

He's Mr. Notre Dame. The green suit fits like a glove. Everything about Mike Brown screams leprechaun.

While one would guess that Brown has always dreamed of the Golden Dome, Notre Dame only became his future during his senior year in high school. Brown, a Wisconsin native, thought he'd attend Marquette or the University of Wisconsin.

But destiny stepped in. A Notre Dame alum realized that Brown was a football player pulling a 3.8 G.P.A and encouraged him to consider Notre Dame. "I went with my heart, it was ND," said Brown. His heart was on the mark.

"I made the right decision," he said. He also made the right decision when he decided to try out for Notre Dame's mascot, the varsity leprechaun.

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As 2000 tryouts approach, mascot reflects on past year and wearing the green

By KATE STEER

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No skills, no hope

Bookstore Basketball is as full of its own traditions as the University itself. This is the story of the tradition that took root in the hollowed halls of Grace in bygone days when Hotel Grace (1946-1996) was open for business and not for the baying.
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**Former Saint Mary's professor, reformer, ND grad dies**

By KATIE McVOY

A Saint Mary’s legacy passed away this past Friday, leaving behind 25 years of students, respect and change. Margaret Dineen, recently of Jacksonville, Fla., was a professor of business administration at Saint Mary’s from 1967 until her retirement in 1990. Through the course of her years at the College she watched the business department grow and change from a small department that was primarily focused on secretarial skills to the highly respected program it is today.

“She was present at the creation of the MBA,” professor of business and administration Claude Renshaw said. “She had a lot of input into that change.”

Dineen arrived at Saint Mary’s shortly after receiving her MBA from Notre Dame in the late ’60s. At that time, the department was small and course selections were limited.

Saint Mary’s offered classes in typing and shorthand and other necessary secretarial skills. In 1976, department head Bill Schmuhl and the other members of his small department, including Dineen, changed the department with the creation of the MBA, Bachelors of Business and Administration.

At that point, Dineen began to focus primarily on marketing classes, teaching the first group of Saint Mary’s women to ever receive a BBA. Dineen, who ran a very strict classroom, was highly respected by students and colleagues alike.

“Students had an enormous amount of respect for her,” Renshaw said. “She had an approach in the classroom that was very strict, but it really created professional women.”

Dineen has three daughters, Margot, Diane and Mary, and one son, Jim. Her husband still lives in Jacksonville where she passed away, but her grave is in Cedar Grove at Notre Dame.

**NEWS ANALYSIS**

**Prof: Award shows women’s gains**

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

A new step was taken for women in science when Darlene Hoffman, retired professor at the University of California, Berkeley, recently received the 2000 Priestly Award from the American Chemical Society.

The award, established in 1922, “recognizes distin­guished service to chemistry.”

The first woman to receive the award was Mary Good in 1997. Hoffman is the second woman to receive it. Good had concentrated in all three aspects of science, industrial, education and government, while Hoffman has spanned the areas education and gov­ernment. Saint Mary’s chem­istry professor Deborah McCarthy, feels the fact that two women have received the Priestly Award is a great breakthrough in women in the field of science.

“The selection of these two highly qualified women is a confirmation that women have contributed significantly and will continue to contribute in the field of chemistry and sci­ence in general at levels equal to men,” said McCarthy.

“They serve as beacons for younger women in pursuit careers in science without sacrificing other important aspects of their lives.”

The recipient of the Priestly Award is given a gold medal which is designed to commemorate the work of Joseph Priestly, along with a bronze replica at the annual Spring Awards Banquet.

The recipient also delivers a Priestly Medal address at the annual Spring Awards Banquet. In her Priestly Medal address, Hoffman spoke of how far women have come in the past 50 years. A section of her speech was titled, “You’ve Come A Long Way, Baby.” But Hoffman feels that women still have challenges to overcome in regards with societal views on raising a family and working.

Hoffman reflected on how far women have come since she graduated from college.

“Young women in high school were often discouraged from entering the physical sciences even though they had excelled in their previous mathematics and science courses,” she said in her speech.

“All these things have changed dramatically, and many of these issues are no longer even items for discussion. We have, indeed, made tremendous strides.”

“But our gains in some areas are still spotty and seem to be the exception rather than the rule. In 1983, I was the first — and so far only — woman to receive the ACS Award in Nuclear Chemistry. This was also one of the first times that one of the scientific awards of the society had gone to a woman,” she continued.

However, Hoffman thinks that today women have an equal opportunity to become scientists. Fifty percent of science and 33 percent of chem­istry degrees are granted to women nationwide. Still, the percentage of women with their tenure professorships in chemistry departments remains low.

“Now that our numbers have increased, women should see even more in the way of proposing qualified women for awards as well as for the coveted appointments and management positions in both university and industrial settings,” Hoffman said in her speech.

We must also enlist the aid of our male colleagues in this endeavor. In the past, they have taken the lead in proposing us, now we must take a more active role in the process.”

Deborah McCarthy is the chair of the subcommittee on Recognition and Promotion of Women” in the Women Chemists Committee of the ACS. Her subcommittee’s role is to have more women nominated and selected as award recipients for ACS administered awards.

For women pursuing science at Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, Good and Hoffman have set an example to follow, according to McCarthy.

“We can hold these women as examples of ‘breakage of the glass ceiling’ in the recog­nition of women’s contribu­tions to the field. The two, recipient of the Priestly Medal might be a crack but two is a real break,” she said. “We encourage our students to seek full lives including careers in chemistry in indus­try, government, and academ­ics. We state that their efforts will not go unrewarded along the way as well as at the end of their careers,” said McCarthy.
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friends were convincing and when spring tryouts came around, he was among the candidates.

"I said why not give it a shot," he said.

Brown paused a moment when asked what it's like to be the leprechaun. He sat back in his chair and his easy grin crept across his face.

"It's a humbling experience," he said, noting the responsibility that goes with wearing the green suit and representing Notre Dame.

The leprechaun has two jobs, said Brown. First, to cheer on the team and second to keep the crowd entertained.

He makes the Energizer bunny look lazy, running around the sidelines, leading cheers, doing pushups, lifting cheerleaders and brawling with an occasional opposing mascot.

Some days it's more difficult than others, especially considering several less-than-star-Notre Dame performances last fall.

But Brown has experience with adversity - he spent two years as tailback on an O'Neill football team that has yet to win a game.

O'Seill played far superior teams, and more often than not, Brown was pummeled the second he touched the ball. But he'd spring back up, with his unflappable grin, and get ready for the next play.

"You go into every game thinking this could be our game," he said. That effort is apparent in each appearance as the leprechaun.

The youngest generation of Notre Dame fans makes his role especially rewarding.

"The kids, they're fun. I see myself in their shoes," he said. "I try to treat them like I'd want to be treated."

He means what he says. It's not unusual to see a cluster of children crowded around Brown, talking, laughing and just wanting to be part of the leprechaun magic.

During one football game, Mike climbed into the stands near a little boy wearing a green suit identical to his own. In minutes, Brown had the "junior leprechaun" leading the crowd in a "Go Irish." chant.

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Leprechaun is a 24 hour-a-day job. Brown never goes through a day without hearing "leprechaun" at least 10 or 12 times.

"Everywhere, it's there's Mike, there's the leprechaun," he said.

His fame doesn't disappear when he leaves campus. Anywhere in his Milwaukee hometown, from the bank to the grocery store, odds are that someone will recognize him as the leprechaun.

"I wish I could introduce myself to someone, and they'd really not know my name," he said.

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The NIT championship was his family's last chance to see him in action this year, but he's not ready to take off the green suit just yet.

He plans to try out again today, with slightly unusual circumstances. Before the tryouts Brown had a workshop to prepare all the would-be leprechauns.

"I gotta show some of the candidates the ropes, then compete against them," he said.

Brown remembers being in their shoes. He was nervous at first, but it disappeared once he appeared in front of the crowd. His calm attitude is not surprising, since Brown seems most at home in front of screaming Irish fans.

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Court issues stay in Elian case

Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle defiant. Abdel Razek al-Majaideh, condominium of Thursday. Arrias's comments came as tensions claimed victory after a federal appeals court law-enforcement showdown for now. In Little were fired at an Israeli military jeep escorting according to a campaign press release issued Election Council as a clown, said Arrias, vote on the National Election Council. I won't giving great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez's family another day with Elian at the very least. Lazaro feels relief, family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said, at just until tomorrow morning.

Venezuela elections spur tension

CARACAS
President Hugo Chavez's main challenger in next month's polls has refused to take part in a new plan to include opposition members on a panel meant to ensure fair elections. Presidential candidate Francisco Arias Cardenas called the government's proposal a joke because it doesn't give the opposition a vote on the National Election Council. "I won't name someone to serve on the National Election Council as a clown," said Arias, according to a campaign press release issued Thursday. Arias's remarks came as tensions over May 28 presidential elections intensified with opposition politicians. Catholic Church leaders and retired military officers insisting fair balloting may not be possible because Chavez controls the electoral council.

Gunmen open fire, killing 12

Twelve people were killed and six injured when gunmen opened fire on a market Thursday in the Algerian town of Atatiba. 35 miles west of Algiers, residents of the town said. Residents said the attackers burst into the wholesale market early in the morning as vendors were setting up stands. The massacre, like most attacks, was not immediately confirmed by officials. It was the town's second episode of mass violence in a month. On March 15, armed Islamic militants killed 11 people there.

The North African country has been gripped by an Islamic insurgency since 1992, when the army canceled elections that the now-banned Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win. More than 100,000 people have been killed in the violence since then. In a bid to bring about national reconciliation, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika offered a peace plan that gave insurgents partial amnesty if they handed in their weapons by Jan. 13 and were not guilty of rape, murder or bombings.

Despite the peace bid, attacks occur almost daily. A planned demonstration in Algiers Thursday against Bouteflika's peace plan failed to materialize after tight security measures discouraged protesters. Critics say the plan isn't working and accuse the government of leniency toward militants.

Congo rebels seek cease-fire agreement

MONITORS said it will be difficult to verify if the guns fall silent. Kin-Key Mulumbo, a spokesman for the Rwandan-backed rebels, said government troops had pounded rebel lines with artillery and small-arms fire at Ikela and Dakeke. 45 miles each of the capital, Kinshasa. But authorities in the Congolese capital, Kinshasa, denied attacking rebel positions and instead accused rebels of massing troops and heavy equipment around government positions in Equateur, East Kasai and Katanga provinces.

An aide to Kabila, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Congo is prepared to respect the cease-fire, but would respond to any attack. In New York on Wednesday, the U.N. Security Council welcomed the agreement that also calls for the 9-mile withdrawal of forces from their current positions. But U.N. officials said that under the most optimistic scenario, it may take until July before first troops are deployed within the 18-mile buffer zone.

The new cease-fire agreement seeks to salvage the crumbling August peace deal that seeks to end the 26-month rebellion between Rwandan rebels, which back the rebels, and Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia, which back Kabila, also signed. But fighting has persisted, threatening the planned deployment of U.N. troops.
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"The quilt is something three-dimensional to say, it's still here," he said. "We use the textile as a way of healing, education and prevention so it will never happen again." The quilt's enormity is due to the near epidemic proportions of the disease. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 33.6 million people worldwide live with HIV or AIDS. 3.6% of the United States' population is HIV positive. Despite these overwhelming figures, the quilt represents only about 20 percent of U.S. AIDS deaths.

St. Joseph's county is the third highest in the state in infection rates, Roxy said. Though the U.S. faces a growing infection rate, the problem is far worse in Africa, said Goode. "3,000 a day die from AIDS in Africa," she said. "It's a daily holocaust.

Conversely, Europe has the lowest infection rates, which Goode said is due to its mandatory education.

"Prevention is the only way to stop it," she said. Roxy and Goxy have different ideas on the best approach to reducing infection rates and preventing further loss. Roxy advocates abstinence, which is the only way to ensure that one does not contract the virus.

"It's a shared, loving relationship- ships work in prevention," he said. If abstinence is not feasible, Goode urges people to listen to the second part of Roxy's message: "You can have your cake and eat it too," she said. "You can still handle the big fluids, but don't let them get loose." Regardless of the circumstances, you have to be responsible as a way of healing.

Both Goode and Roxy said that not only can education and effort stop the spread of the disease, but they propose that the spread of the disease has been halted because the virus had been identified. In 1985, it was then that the virus had been identified and published. As a result, Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, called for the public to see to manage your body fluids," she said. "We want as long as you know how to do it," she said.

The second is that the public had been given a constant education. Funding and services are almost null," said Goode.

Goode also said that because the disease has been in the public domain for so long, it has adapted to the human body's defenses and medical treatments for the disease. As a result, the virus mutates quickly. "The average infected person has 11 different strains of the virus," she said. These mutations also make the virus harder to detect.

"I am aware that there are people walking around these campuses who are infected but don't know it," Roxy said. Citing the guilt as a form of education that can and does work in a preventative capacity. The goal of establishing a Michiana chapter is not to produce more panels, but to prevent people from making this costly mistake in the first place.

"Let's get to the point where you're not a statistic, where you're not spending thousands of dollars to keep someone out of a point of the life, you're not a quail panel," he said.

Nordis Goode AIDS activist

Roxy is holding meeting to establish the Michiana chapter on the third Thursday of each month, from 6:30-9 p.m in 300 University Health Services.

"We're going to be having sewing bees, making the panels, which are 3' x 3'". We're also going to be doing a local project where we're going to be making smaller panels, 16" x 20" which will stay here in the community," Roxy said. The panels will be loaned to various organizations for display.

Parts of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be brought to South Bend graduation this year as a part of the 17th Annual International Candlelight Memorial and Remembrance Service on May 21.
SMC alumna publishes novel

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

Adriana Trigiani, an '81 Saint Mary’s graduate, just released her novel “Big Stone Gap” with Random House.

The novel, which takes place in the author’s hometown in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, has potential for more than 3 million dollars in initial sales.

The publishing house ordered a 150,000-book printing for the first edition.

The novel is based upon the character Ave Maria Mulligan, a 35-year-old “self-proclaimed spinster,” who is the town pharmacist, co-captain of the Rescuer Squad, director of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine, the town’s outdoor drama.

“She finds herself keeping busy with the town’s secrets and discovers some of family secrets of her own,” she said.

The novel takes place in the year 1978 and Ave Maria finds herself in the midst of two marriage proposals and planning a life-changing journey to the Old Country. In the meantime, Ava Maria is helping a best friend plan a band half-time show because Elizabeth Taylor, a Hollywood movie star, is coming into town.

Other characters in the novel include, “the sexpot Bookmobile librarian, Iva Lou Wade; Floesta Mullins, the chainsmoking pharmacy cashier; Elmo Gaspar, the snake-handling preacher; Jack MacChesney, a coal-mining bachelor looking for true love; and Pearl Grimes, a shy mountain girl on the verge of a miraculous transformation.”

“Big Stone Gap” will soon be made a major motion picture directed and produced by Trigiani. Trigiani has worked as a television writer-producer, playwright, comedian and documentary filmmaker.

She has also helped produce “The Cosby Show,” “A Different World,” and “Good Sports.” Trigiani was executive producer and head writer for the film show “City Kids,” and she wrote and produced “Growing Up Funny,” which was an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin and Lifetime Television.

She also wrote, produced and directed the film “Queens of the Bigtime” (1996), which won the Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 1996 Hamptons International Film Festival.

In her review of the book, Whoopi Goldberg said it is “one of my all-time favorite novels, unforgettable.”

Trigiani will be at Notre Dame’s bookstore on Saturday at 2 p.m. and at Welsh parlor in the Hugger Student Center, Saint Mary’s College from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Detroit police find links between prostitute, port deaths

Associated Press

DETROIT

A man suspected of going from port to port strangling women while in the Navy might have begun killing eight years ago, and his victim total could reach 20, police said Thursday.

John Eric Armstrong, 26, is accused of killing five Detroit area prostitutes and is suspected in at least 11 other slayings since 1992: three in the Seattle area, two in Hawaii, two in Hong Kong and one each in North Carolina, Virginia, Thailand and Singapore.

Detroit Assistant Police Chief Marvin Winkler said victims may total 18 to 20 worldwide, including prostitute strangulations in Japan, Korea and Israel.

Many of the cities are ports of call for the USS Nimitz, on which police say Armstrong served for about eight years as a fueler.

"As the investigation keeps going on, bodies keep popping up. The numbers keep increasing," Officer Octaveious Miles said. "There is a similar pattern that ties them all together that creates a trail."

All the victims were women who were strangled, except one, a man killed in Seattle.

Winkler said the first slaying that police think is linked to Armstrong occurred in North Carolina in 1992. Armstrong is originally from New Bern, N.C. Police there said he has no criminal record and was not under investigation.

Armstrong was arrested early Wednesday in an area of Detroit frequented by prostitutes. Police have been questioning him without an attorney present. He's cooperating and hasn't asked for a lawyer, they said.

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Octaveious Miles

officer

Armstrong's wife was questioned but uncooperative, Winkler said. The couple has a baby boy, he is with his mother, whose whereabouts Thursday were unknown, Winkler added.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Agacinski said Armstrong would be charged and arraigned Friday on five counts of premeditated murder and three counts of assault with intent to murder.

The murder charges carry mandatory sentences of life in prison if convicted.

The Navy began investigating after receiving a call from the FBI on Wednesday. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Larry Thomas said he said they are still trying to confirm the suspect's identity and whether he was actually enlisted.

Thomas said he could not say whether the slayings in ports of call coincided with times the Nimitz was docked there.

The suspect moved eight months ago to Dearborn Heights and has worked for the past month at Detroit Metropolitan Airport as an aircraft refueler.

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Because gas prices go up a little bit, suddenly trucks caravans the Capitol and everyone is worried about the reserves of oil in the U.S. "Careful, we might run out." "We only have enough for a few years if we get cut off by OPEC." "We should cut production in order to survive."

But, if that wasn't enough, building more oil fields in Alaska. "Careful, we might run out." "We should invest in the resources that we do to get them." What does that really mean? Because gas prices for your gas prices to drop back to $1.20 gallon within the next few months, the way that they should be.

A Cuban boy, who is too young to understand the difference between Miami and Havana, in the headlines in every major newspaper for months now. Not that there has been much anything else in the newspaper. Excitement with the two duels of presidential candidates has died down and the summer murder season doesn't brut up for another two months. It have lived in and around Washington D.C. my entire life, trust me, there is such a thing as a "murder season."

So, we have to watch the disgusting spectacle of people who are only concerned with political repercussions of reuniting this boy with his father, parade around claiming that the government of the United States has a duty to make sure that he lives in this country raised in Miami with distant relatives whom he has never met before. Now there are questions of where the relatives will hand the boy over to his father or even if they will. (The girl who has been caring for him is constantly being hospitalized for fatigue and strain.)

Add to that the absurdity of "The Grandmothers" who made their trip a few months ago to dance for the American media outlets and the massive diplomatic headache of the boy's father visiting accompanied by two of Castro's "psychologists." With all of these you have an compelling story as the American public wants to stomach.

The bottom line is that, oppressive regime or not, the United States has been that way for years. Very few of those governments, however, have the resources that we do to get them back on track. That is why organizations like the IMF exist. Richer countries pay money into the fund and poorer countries are eligible to receive it if they meet restructuring requirements. It is not easy, but it is a way for the third world to get some help from the industrialized nations without having to grovel and beg with ambassadors. If every one of those people who were protesting down there this week even knew what the IMF was about and the specifics of its relief programs, they wouldn't waste their time protesting.

But, people need something to do. They need something to keep them entertained.

I find the entire circle, the event and the people watching it, at the same time both repulsive and oddly appealing.

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Letters to the Editor

Administration harsh, hypocritical with OUTreachND

Yesterday I received a letter from Joe Cassidy officially denying OUTreachND University recognition. It was obvious from speaking with Mr. Cassidy previously that this was the only possible outcome of applying. After denying his initial request that OUTreachND withdraw its application, we waited three weeks for a response. I don't think that anyone is surprised with that response. However, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Cassidy, I asked for written reasons why OUTreachND could not be recognized. He gave his answers.

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Scene Writer

True love can happen anywhere, at any time. No one is too old or too young. That is just one of the messages Adriana Trigiani sends in her best-selling novel “Big Stone Gap.” The only event that truly dates this novel is a visit to the town by Elizabeth Taylor, stumping for her then-husband, Representative John Warner, in 1978.

Trigiani’s work is not just a love story; it is a masterpiece of storytelling. As main character Ave Maria Mulligan narrates the story for the reader, her voice remains genuine and true. Through Ave Maria, Trigiani makes each and every character and place come alive. Even when Ave Maria relates a story from her childhood or past experience, there is always a connection between the tale and the overall plot. The reader feels connected to Ave Maria through her sorrows, her joys and her journeys, as well as those of her acquaintances.

Set in the Virginia mountains of Appalachia in the 1970s, “Big Stone Gap” is full of the antics of small town life. Everyone knows everything about everyone else — or at least they think they do. That is where the fun begins. Ave Maria is 36 years old as the curtain rises on her story. On the verge of middle age, she suddenly feels out of place in a town where so many of her peers are parents of teenagers and some are even grandparents. Ave Maria, named by her Italian mother, is set apart from the rest of the town — not only because of her heritage, but also because she went off to college. Most women in her generation married straight out of high school, stayed home and had children. “Let me blame life. Life keeps interfering with my plans.” First Fred Mulligan walked off; then I took care of Mama, business got to booming and I took on more and more and thought about myself less and less,” Ave Maria laments. Fred Mulligan, Ave Maria’s father, ran the town pharmacy. Ave Maria took over the business after she graduated from college and her father fell ill with cancer. As Ave Maria’s search for her identity and place in the world continues, she decides that what she really wants is a man, someone to have, to hold and to love. There is just one small problem with her new resolve. “Around here, men my age have been married since they were seventeen. Some of them are grandfathers already. There are no men!” she exclaims. Ave Maria volunteers as the director of the town’s outdoor drama, “The Trail of the Lonesome Pine.” Events are at stake at one of the performances in such a way that she finds herself back on the marriage market.

Despite the shortage of desirable men of marriageable age in Big Stone Gap, once Ave Maria has revealed her desire to rekindle the precious honor of town spinner, she has no lack of proposals. Along with these proposals, Ave Maria must deal with a greedy aunt and an ever-present pain of adolescence and the family skeletons that fall out of the closet when her mother dies in the
The Gap' captivates audience

Tina Tigny's novel explores relationships and growing up in a small Virginia town.
**National League**

**Dodgers overcome Giants to win third straight**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Adrian Beltre drove in runs, 15 hours apart, and the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the San Francisco Giants 2-1 Thursday night in the completion of a game suspended from the previous night.

The Dodgers scored three runs in the ninth inning, including a fly-sac in the loss Ben F. Weber (8-1) to erase a one-run deficit and win their third straight, including both games at Pacific Bell Park — the Giants' home.

Beltre homered and drove in runs in the first and third innings Thursday, giving Los Angeles a 4-3 lead.

Kendall's run-scoring single off Aaron Fultz highlighted the three-run rally. Mark Gubicza, a defeated of Todd Hundley in the ninth, also drove in runs.

With the score 1-1 going into the decision, Dodgers' Darren Drell allowed three runs on four hits and struck out five in six innings Wednesday, while Giants' Joe Nathan allowed four runs on six hits in five innings Sunday.

In this game, the Dodgers' extensive dominance in their 10-game winning streaks over the San Francisco Giants.

**Astros trade veteran Gooden to hometown Devil Rays**

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Dwight Gooden is coming home.

Desperate for starting pitching, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays acquired the 35-year-old right-hander from the Houston Astros for cash Thursday.

Now, they'll find out if he can help the Rays get out of a tough situation.

"It definitely exasperated. It still hasn't really sunk in yet," Gooden said by telephone from Houston. "I'm just going to put the uniform on. I know it's official.

Gooden, who grew up in Tampa and lives in St. Petersburg during the offseason, will join the Devil Rays on Saturday and start that day's game at Detroit. He made one start for Houston this season, but was not involved in the decision April 8 after allowing four runs in six innings against Philadelphia.

"He wasn't going to get the starts in Tampa, but with our outfield worries he'll get some work here," general manager Chuck La Mar said.

"He knows his stuff and experience. And late in his career, that better place for him than up here.

A four-time All-Star, Gooden won 188 games and amassed 2,239 strikeouts over 15 seasons with the Mets, Yankees, Indians and Astros. He was the NL rookie of the year for the 1985 Mets and Cy Young Award at age 20 the following year. He pitched a no-hitter for the Yankees against Seattle on Sept. 11, 1988.

"I haven't seen him since he pitched one time against us last season," Rays manager Larry Rothschild said. "You can't just put him down for having everything. We'll just see where he is.

"He's returning, recovering from rotator cuff surgery, will take the spot Gooden vacated in Houston's rotation. The Mets signed Gooden to a minor league contract on Jan. 6, and he made the major league roster after going 0-1 with a 3.75 ERA in spring training.

The Astros also activated out­fielder Matt Miesko off the 15­day disabled list Wednesday.

"If he didn't have a chance to be a starter," La Mar said. "We're going to try it, see if he can come home and I'm thrilled. They're going to give me a chance to come home. That's all I am asking for.

"We've had some ups and downs over the last couple of years on the mound," La Mar said. "I'm hoping with Gooden and with Alonzo, the club's top two starting pitchers, on the disabled list with some shoulder problems, plus the rest of the rotation struggling, the climate has changed.

"I'm trying to get this work together. Unfortunately it didn't do it," Gooden said. "But now I'm going to get back and I am going to come home and I'm thrilled. They're going to give me a chance to come home. That's all I am asking for.

"I'm happy to be at home, to sign with the team and stay," Gooden said.

The Supervisor's race between Tuesday's 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Norton Dare office.

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Penn State’s Arrington, Brown predicted to be top picks

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Washington Redskins are expecting Saturday's draft to propel them to the Super Bowl. The New York Jets are hoping it makes them a contender for years. And the Cleveland Browns hope they'll draft a player to make them respectable in their second season.

The other 28 teams?

They're just trying to find the best player in a draft heavy on receivers and running backs but short everywhere else.

Three things are as certain as things can be at draft time.

1. Two of the first three players to be chosen — linebacker LaVar Arrington or defensive end Courtney Brown — played in last year's draft that sent Ricky Williams to New Orleans.

2. The Redskins will get two high-quality players to add to a team that won the NFC East and made the second round of the playoffs.

3. The Jets have the first pick, but No. 1 will go is unknown. "We truly haven't made up our minds," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations.

The Jets have other needs besides receiver. John Elway of the Denver Broncos drafted one fo r taking Peyton Manning over Ryan Leaf two years ago and Edgerrin James over Williams last year, propelling the Colts from 4-12 in 1998 to 13-3.

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Bill Polian

Indianapolis Colts president

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Luck is always a key word, particularly in this draft, in which a lot of high-profile players carry question marks.

They include Warick, whose stock wasn't helped by his two-game suspension in a year when citizenship counts. Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne of Wisconsin, who's considered too heavy or too slow or too injury prone and is ranked third or fourth among running backs, and Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski, who might have been a first-rounder but misbehaved in New Orleans at the Sugar Bowl.

Then there are the likes of wide receiver Maxx Williams of Michigan State, who antagonized the Eagles by catalyzing a work-out to go to the final four. Deon Grant, the Tennessee safety who makes big plays but whose tackling is suspect; Dez White, the Georgia Tech burner who drops too many passes, and Brian Urlacher, a versatile, 260-pound linebacker from New Mexico who by one team's count missed 18 percent of the tackles he had an opportunity to make.
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Greg Vaughn's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the 12th inning gave the Tampa Bay Devil Rays a 6-5 victory Thursday over the Chicago White Sox, snapping a five-game losing streak.

Vaughn's line drive off left fielder Tonyyy Spark have driven in pinch runner ForedHoll 99 with two outs in the 10th inning. The Devil Rays' bullpen held the White Sox scoreless over the last seven innings, keeping Tampa Bay in the game.

Jim Morris (2-0), the fifth Devil Rays pitcher, got the win. The White Sox took a 5-4 lead into the ninth. But closer Bob Howry couldn't finish off the Devil Rays, who loaded the bases with one out on two singles, a sacrifice hit and an intentional walk, which set up a tie-up threat. Truchsel fell behind 2-0 in the sixth, then couldn't hold the lead after Tampa Bay responded with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Hernandez (2-0) gave up a single to Royce Clayton to start the game, a single by David Segui in the second, a single to Rafael Palmiero in the sixth and little else. Two Rangers reached on errors, and a two-out display set up their run. Hernandez showed the game against Texas on their way to three World Series titles since 1996, completing a two-game sweep.

New York made it a rough one for the Devil Rays, who gave up eight hits in Texas' first complete game this season. Back at Yankee Stadium for the first time since pitching in pin-striped, he walked two in the sixth to set up Palmier's hit.

The Tigers took two of three games in the series in Comerica Park. The Tigers played career starter against his first opening night, hit an RBI double to break up a scoreless tie in the eighth inning as the Tigers held off the Seattle Mariners.

Gonzalez, who hadn't started since the opener last week in Oakland because of a right hamstring strain, stared at designat-

Tigers 2, Mariners 0
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TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame looks to qualify at Mt. SAC

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Last weekend Notre Dame's men and women runners and jumpers were sent home from the Miami University Invitational in Miami, Ohio, after weather conditions were deemed too harsh to compete. Weather should not be a problem when the Irish take a smaller squad to Walnut, Calif., for the Mt. SAC Relay Saturday and Sunday. The Mt. SAC meet is one of the most competitive on the Notre Dame schedule, and combined with the warm weather, gives several athletes the optimum conditions for earning NCAA qualifications.

"This is one of the bigger meets as far as the quality and depth of the competition," assistant coach John Miller said. "We're trying to get qualifying times for the NCAA, and the level of competition should give them that opportunity. The weekend off shouldn't be a problem, for some I think it might help. I'm pleased about where we're at, we expect them to do well."

Ryan Shaw is the only member of either team to qualify automatically for the NCAA's -- in the 10,000 meters -- but several other men's distance runners such as Phil Mishka, Luke Watson, and Antonio Arce will look to improve upon provisional qualifying times. Those times were earned in Arizona three weeks ago at the start of the season, and the return trip West will be the first time since the Irish have high expectations of notching qualifying bids.

Allison Klemmer is the only woman to qualify (10,000 meters) thus far and will try to better upon her provisional time of 34:30. Patty Bice is another distance runner with NCAA hopes in the 1500 meters.

"The competition definitely makes it easier to qualify," Klemmer said. "It's been 70 [degrees] out there so the conditions will be better than here."

Of the women sprinters, Liz Grow looks to have the best shot at earning a qualifying time in the 200 or 400 meters after setting a monogram track record in the 400 meters and winning the 200 meters two weeks ago in a home dual meet.

Marshaun West will seek to improve upon his provisional leap in the long jump, and Chris Cochran qualify for a qualifying time in the 400 meters for the men.

SOFTBALL

Irish split doubleheader with Devils

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

In their effort to exercise the DePaul Blue Devils, the Irish softball team finished up in purgatory Thursday, winning the first game 5-1 before falling in the second game of the doubleheader, 4-3.

Notre Dame, 32-10 overall, ended its nine-game winning streak with the loss while DePaul moved to 16-15 overall.

"This is gonna be really important for us," said head coach Liz Miller before the games. "They have good pitching and we need to see how we adjust to strong pitching."

And adjust they did, as Irish freshman Andrea Bleidsoe gave Notre Dame a start with a fifth-inning double and scored on a single by Lizzy Lemire. Freshman Andrea Loman sent the ball over the fence for the fifth time this season, driving in three runs. Then Lemire, batting for the second time in the inning, slammed another home run, putting the Irish up 5-0.

Pitcher Jennifer Sharron struck out ten and held the Blue Demons hitless until the seventh inning. Sharron is now 17-5 on the season.

In the second game, DePaul jumped out to an early lead with two runs in the first and added another in the fifth. Notre Dame rallied in the bottom of the inning as junior Melanie Alkire swatted her seventh homerun of the season, a three-run blast that tied the game.

DePaul, however, came back in the seventh to take the lead, and held on for the win.

The Irish will face rival Boston College Saturday. The Eagles, 18-13 on the season, were picked to finish second in the conference, behind Notre Dame, in preseason polls. Sunday Notre Dame takes on Loyola (16-11) in a doubleheader.

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**BASEBALL**

Irish wins highlight young pitchers, sophomore talent

By BRIAN TRAVERS

Freshman Brandon Vitória started for the Irish, setting down the first six batters before being relieved by Duff. Sophomore Duff allowed six hits and three runs over the next six innings while striking out two.

Senior John Corsin pitched the ninth for his seventh save of the year and school record 16th of the year. The Irish pitching staff, which entered the week ranked sixth in the nation in team ERA, lowered that number to 3.02 with Thursday’s victory. A two-run second inning was all the Irish needed Wednesday as they defeated Bowling Green 2-1 behind five strong relief innings by sophomore Matt Buchmeier. The Irish scored their only two runs in the second despite handing no hits in the inning. Bowling Green pitcher Aaron Nease (1-1) loaded the bases, hitting Bushey, walking sophomore Matt Strickeroth, and hitting senior captain Jeff Perconte. Bushey then scored on a sacrifice fly by sophomore DH Ken Meyer.

Buchmeier (3-1) earned the win for the Irish, throwing five scoreless innings of relief, and combined with three other Irish pitchers to limit the Falcons to four hits. Bowling Green’s only run of the game came on a Sean Ryan home run off starter J.P. Gagne in the second.

Head coach Paul Mainieri described the performance of the young pitchers as one of the highlights of the week. “We had several young guys who really pitched well,” Mainieri said. “Matt Buchmeier pitched fantastic for five innings.”

Sophomore John Corsin pitched the ninth for Notre Dame, collecting his sixth save of the season. Corsin’s third strike to first batter Alan Gilhousen skipped past the catcher, allowing Gilhousen to reach first. Back to back infield grounders moved the tying run to third before Corsin retired Matt Marron on a groundout to third.

Two costly errors were all that kept Notre Dame from an undefeated week, and the Purdue Boilermakers took advantage of Irish mistakes and won 7-5 Tuesday.

Five Boilermaker batters drove in runs in the victory, and freshman Chad Blasko (2-1) tossed six solid innings. Freshman Matt Laird (3-2) took the loss for the Irish.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series 18-9 and has won eight of the last ten meetings between the teams — including wins in each of the last three Big East tournaments. However, Mainieri does not expect the Mountaineers to roll over.

“Every time we play a conference game it’s a dogfight,” Mainieri said. “We know we’re going to have three dogfights this weekend.”

The Irish will play a double header on Saturday and another on Sunday in West Virginia before coming home to play a twilight double header Tuesday vs. Chicago State.

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Webber adds driving violation to list of legal troubles

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber has been cited for reckless driving and teammate Jason Williams could face a similar charge.

Webber was stopped after Wednesday’s home loss to the San Antonio Spurs, the California Highway Patrol said Thursday.

A CHP officer said Williams was driving recklessly in the same area at the same time. Williams was not stopped, but Officer Nick Salmeron said reckless driving charges might still be sought.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Corrigan, Irish prepare for NCAA tournament

By STEVE KEPPEL

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has been on a roll lately, winning two straight to clinch yet another league title. This run has been led by the outstanding play of the Irish attack, which has combined for 10 goals and six assists in the last two games. Top scorers Tom Glaziel, junior Jon Harvey and assistant leader Dave Ulrich are among the biggest contributors. They have all stepped up their play in the recent weeks after losing two straight games to Loyola and Hofstra.

"Tom Glaziel and Jon Harvey have really been stepping it up lately. They are making plays and beginning to follow through and make their shots," said coach Kevin Corrigan. "They are making plays and beginning to follow through and make their shots. Also with Dave Ulrich playing well our attack is really coming together."

This is the perfect time for the Irish to be pulling it together, after winning last week at Butler the Irish have all but guaranteed themselves an NCAA tournament bid. Last week's win was their fourth straight league victory as they pulled out a close one to beat the Bulldogs 12-11. "Last week we played well and got the win but we made a few mistakes that could have cost us the game," Corrigan said. "We can't make those mistakes if we expect to continue to keep winning."

Heading into his ninth NCAA tournament with the Irish, the coach believes his team has to keep playing well and needs to learn from their mistakes from early on and not repeat them when it really matters. "We need to be patient and keep improving," he said. "We have to keep getting better and better each week and we need to continue to do that if we get to the tournament."

Last year in the NCAA tournament the 14th-seeded Irish lost 14-10 to No. 5 Georgetown. This young Notre Dame team hopes to head back once again and get a few wins and possibly make a run at the championship. But first, Notre Dame must play well in their last four games, all against non-conference foes. The Irish face the Army Cadets in West Point, NY, Saturday. The No. 17 Cadets lost to the Irish last year by a score of 15-7. Corrigan said his team will have to play physical to win this time. "Against Army we need to play tough and work at getting ground balls. Army is an aggressive team and we need to be aggressive to win," he said.

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Irish, Hurricanes meet to decide top seed in Big East

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It's like the old saying goes; if it isn't broke, don't fix it.

The Notre Dame women's team has been firing on all cylinders of late, so head coach Jay Louderback doesn't want to tweak anything for this weekend's important home match against the Miami Hurricanes.

"We've been really playing well lately. We'll be going with the same lineup against Miami this weekend," head coach Jay Louderback said.

The Hurricanes blow into South Bend this weekend for a match with very high stakes. The winner will likely be the top seed for next week's Big East Championships, while the loser will be relegated to the second spot.

For Notre Dame, currently ranked 14th — higher than the Hurricanes who came into this weekend's match ranked 45th — the match takes on a greater importance due to Notre Dame's lack of scheduled Big East opponents.

"They've really had an up and down kind of year," Louderback said. "They lost a real close one to Duke, but they've lost some matches I'd would have thought they'd win."

The Hurricanes will be hoping to storm in and catch the Irish looking ahead to postseason play, with that charge being led by junior Alanna Broderick, who is 20-12 in dual singles matches on the year. If the Hurricanes are to just the luck of the Irish, they will need strong singles play right on through.

"I'd say their strength is in singles," Louderback said. "They're solid in doubles though too." Junior Michelle Daeso has catalogued recent wins with her strong play. Not only has she played brilliantly in singles, she is also undefeated in doubles, since renewing her partnership with sophomore Beck Varnum just over a month ago.

"They've played exceptionally well together," Louderback noted. "Our doubles as a whole are playing really well."

The tandem of Daeso and Varnum will be tested by the Hurricanes' solid coupling of Katie Bogomolova and Marry Horan, who have won seven of their last nine matches.

In other tennis news, senior captain Kelly Zaloski will look for one win to surpass Jennifer Hall as the school's all time singles wins leader this weekend.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX
Competition surges as first-round games continue

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

During the Notre Dame-Oklahoma football game last season, a sign with the message "Nobody Likes You Anyway, Kutylo" flew high above Notre Dame Stadium. While no one may like senior Ben Kutylo, he found four pained buddies to join his bookstore team. The few formed "Nobody Likes You Anyway, Kutylo," which knocked off YourMom.com, Quick. Easy and Affordable, 21-13. But after the game, the verdict still stood: nobody likes Kutylo.

We Thought She Was Legal rear-ended Vinny's Backdoor Fantasy 21-17 in a highly competitive championship match. "We had a pretty balanced attack, but I think our size was the difference," Coach said. "We had a couple of inches on all of their guys and we were able to get rebounds and second chance points."

Sophomore Bob Hagan had nine points in a losing effort for Vinny's Backdoor Fantasy. The Surest Bunch of Sucks see BOOKSTORE/page 20

FOOTBALL
Experience proves crucial for Boiman, young linebackers

By KEVIN BERCCHO
Sports Writer

Boiman

Rocky Boiman is much more comfortable as he surveys the offensive set just now placed before him. The reads are more familiar. He feels more at home.

It's only spring practice, but Boiman is confident that the linebacking corps, of which he is an integral part, have already made a marked improvement over last year's group which struggled toward the end of the disappointing 5-7 campaign.

The defense would tend to show signs of wear in the latter stages of games. Tennessee and Stanford are just two of the teams that defeated Notre Dame by way of huge second half scoring outputs. Boiman chalks up much of that to lack of experience.

"Last year was a learning year," Boiman said. "It was my first year at the position, and it took some getting used to." Rising senior Anthony Denman was quick to echo his fellow linebacker's sentiments. He too was playing a new position for the first time.

Boiman is now a bona fide veteran outside linebacker, while Denman also exudes a confidence that stems only from experience.

"We want to win this year," Denman said. "Our goal is to win the national championship."

While Denman's goals may seem a reach to anyone who witnessed the team's sub-par play last season, an influx of new talent that blends nicely with returning experience has the linebackers in particular believing that anything is possible.

The unit loses senior leaders Ronnie Nicks and Joe Ferrer to graduation, but Boiman believes this year's group is more than ready to step up.

"Nicks was great, and he'll be a big loss," said Boiman. "But we have to step up, and make sure the defense doesn't slip a beat." In addition to seasoned veterans like Boiman and Denman, the unit returns up and comers Tyrro Harrison and Carlos Pierre-Antoine, sophomores who could be poised for breakout seasons.

Harrison saw spot duty last year, amidst several injuries to Nicks, and that experience, though limited, will no doubt help him.

"Tyreo got a lot of valuable experience last year," Denman noted. "I think that'll be real important."

Blue chip recruit Mike Goelsby, of Chicago's Joliet Catholic, is ranked by numerous services as one of the top 20 recruits at any position, and could compete for a regular spot in the rotation.

With the personnel base for an excellent linebacking corps set, the men that comprise the heart of the Irish defense are concentrating on the little things that they feel will make the dream of a national title a reality.

"We've been working on pass drops, reads, and footwork," Denman said.

"Little things like that are what the coaches are really getting on us about. Even though we've only been practicing a couple of weeks, you can already see improvement."

"Shutting the run is our priority," Denman noted. "That's how you shut them down." It will be this unit's primary forcus to stop the run, though third down passing situations will often force at least one linebacker to drop back into coverage.

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Boiman can't wait for the season to get underway. The only thing more electrifying than the color of his rich red hair is the intensity with which he plays. While he and Denman will be the heartbeat in the heart of the defense, the unit's success will hinge on the ability of Harrison and Pierre-Antoine to contribute.

Boiman just wants to play. He is anxious to show people that this year the linebackers will be nothing but an asset. If it's up to him, the defense won't be suffering any more late-game collapses.

Starting young
Sophomores, including pitcher Drew Stiff and third baseman Andrew Flaherty, led the Irish baseball team to two non-conference wins this week.

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