Saint Mary's names commencement speaker

By KERRY SMITH

Paula Madison, president and general manager of KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, will deliver the Commencement address at Saint Mary's graduation ceremony, the College announced in a press release Monday. In addition to her duties at KNBC-TV, Madison also serves as the vice president of student affairs at Saint Mary's and given an invitation to participate in the groups. As of Monday, 145 students who could have attended sessions so far, only seven students have attended.

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Board members discuss the lack of participation in focus groups designed to highlight women's issues in light of the dialogue concerning the Vagina Monologues. The focus groups hope to attract student attendance and input.

ND law school rankings take a dip

A ND law student expresses concern over the U.S. News and World Report rating, placing the school even further behind the competition.

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By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

Focus groups designed to ask students what kind of programming they want to see surrounding issues of women's sexuality, health and violence against women have not generated as much participation as the administration hoped for, reported Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs to the Saint Mary's Board of Governance.

"We decided to have these focus groups because of the dialogue that began surrounding the 'Vagina Monologues' and we wanted to continue that dialogue on issues of women's sexuality, health and violence against women. We wanted to get their thoughts, suggestions and ideas," said Timm.

About 345 students were selected randomly from all four classes at Saint Mary's and given an invitation to participate in the groups. As of Monday, 145 students who could have attended sessions so far, only seven students have attended.

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In other news:
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OUTSIDE THE DOME
Cornell University addresses human trafficking

IITHACA, N.Y. Trafficking human beings is now the third largest source of profits for organized crime, behind drugs and arms trafficking, generating billions of dollars annually, according to Louise Shelley, director of the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at American University, at a recent lecture at Cornell University.

The form er Soviet Union is the largest new source of trafficking for prostitution and the sex industry, with more than 100,000 women and children trafficked each year from that region, according to the U.S. Department of State. This was the topic of "Trafficking in Human Beings: Russian Organized Crime in Comparative Perspective," one of the lectures given at the conference at Cornell University held in honor of the late George Gibian, the Goldsmith Smith Professor of Russian Literature and Comparative Literature. The talk was presented by Louise Shelley, director of the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at American University.

"Women are plundered like the precious metals ... of the former Soviet Union," Shelley said.

Students battle over gender roles

New Mexico State University

LAS CRUCES, N.M. The gender of Homecoming King and Queen is an issue once again as the Associated Students of New Mexico State University prepares to hear arguments for and against distinguishing which gender can run for which position. The issue now appears in the form of Bill 106 sponsored by Senators Esteban Rael (Graduate), Heather Johnson (Arts & Sciences) and Matthew Peterson (Arts & Sciences). Despite being tabled in the Community Affairs Committee, the bill's sponsors plan on addressing the issue at Thursday's Senate meeting. This issue arose in 1999 when Aaron Schubert, a male member of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual and Friends, ran for Homecoming Queen. Shortly after Schubert's campaign, ASNMSU (Associated Students of NM State University) passed Bill 34, which requires king and queen candidates to be male and female respectively. Rael said it is not an issue of gay rights, but an issue of expression. "If this is meant to target any students who read the article in last Thursday's Viewpoint section the option of writing directly to those who receive enough letters. Another thing to remember is that there is a point to this. I was just kidding. There was no revolt in the Huddle Mart."

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Oufkir to discuss imprisonment

Oufkir, daughter of General Mohammed Oufkir and author of "Stolen Lives," will make her first visit to the United States Wednesday to facilitate a discussion at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center. The discussion, which will be held at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center, will center around Oufkir's book La Prisonnière. The 1999 European best seller chronicles Oufkir's imprisonment.

Oufkir spent 15 years of her life imprisoned in Morocco after her father attempted to assassinate the king. Malika Oufkir is the older daughter of Mohammed Oufkir, who was the most powerful man in Morocco next to the king from 1961 until 1972, when he was executed for a failed attempt to overthrow King Hassan II.

"She could have allowed herself to be crushed by her years in prison but, with admirable strength and courage she managed to overcome her fate by being active rather than passive," said Catherine Perry, associate French professor. "She was the keystone to her family's survival — she is very resourceful and creative."

In 1958, at the time of Hassan II's father's reign, five-year-old Oufkir was adopted by the king to serve as a companion for his own daughter, the princess. In her book, "Stolen Lives," Oufkir describes her life in the palace, the king's abuse and her ultimate imprisonment alongside her mother and younger brothers and sisters for her father's assassination attempt. While imprisoned, four of her siblings were able to escape by digging a tunnel through the wall. In the four days before their recapture, they were able to alert the media of their cruel treatment. The family was known to have disappeared, but little else was known at the time.

"Because of an all-consuming fear of the king (Hassan II), no one ever mentioned them during the years of their imprisonment," said Perry. "The Oufkir name was anathema and never spoken, even in private conversations at home."

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The University of Notre Dame Libraries has acquired an extraordinary Middle English manuscript and added an important Jonathan Swift library to its Irish holdings. Attributed to circa 1430s England, the rare Middle English manuscript is written in an easy-to-read, semi-cursive gothic script on high-grade vellum.

Consisting of 127 folios and an opening page illuminated with an armorial initial and an elaborate full-page border, the manuscript probably was produced at a Carthusian monastery. Middle English manuscripts are extremely rare and one such as this very well-preserved and illuminated work, containing two complete Middle English texts, is viewed as extraordinary.

The first text, called "A Myrour to Devope Peple," survives in this and only one other manuscript, currently located in the Cambridge University Library. The other major text, called "The Tretise of the Craft of Dying," survives in 13 other manuscripts. A very influential late Medieval work known in Latin as the "Ars moriendi," it discusses the proper way to die by preparing one's soul for death.

The manuscript served as a devotional manual for the laity and was intended for use by a devout woman. It was made for Elizabeth Chaworth, the wife of John, Fourth Baron Serepe of Marsham, whose coat of arms it contains.

The second acquisition is a collection of books that reproduce the library once owned by Jonathan Swift, the Anglo-Irish author who was the foremost prose satirist in the English language. The collection is composed of more than 150 rare editions, most printed in the 17th century, and also includes many secondary works on Swift. The library was compiled by the noted Swift scholar Heinz J. Vienken and cost more than $100,000.

The collection enhances the Notre Dame Libraries' already strong holdings of early editions by Swift and complements its outstanding collections on George Berkeley and Edward Burke. Together, these collections place Notre Dame among the leading libraries in the field of 18th-century Irish writers.

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McVeigh has last chance to seek stay of execution

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Timothy McVeigh's last chance to ask for a stay of execution will be hours before he's scheduled to die, when he will be allowed to meet with his lawyers for the last time.

Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity Monday, described parts of an elaborate process to handle any last-minute legal interruptions of McVeigh's execution, scheduled for May 16 at a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

McVeigh was sentenced to die for the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people.

Visits by family members and attorneys will be curtailed two hours ahead of the execution, officials said. If McVeigh wants his lawyers to ask a judge or the president for a stay, he must do so at that final meeting.

Prison officials won't consider a request for a delay by McVeigh after that, officials said.

Prison officials at the execution command center, set up at the Terre Haute prison to coordinate security among state, federal and local law enforcement agencies and handle all procedural matters, will make last-minute calls to the White House and check with several courts to see whether McVeigh's lawyers have filed any requests to stop the execution.

Calls will go out to the White House and the courts 45 minutes before the execution, the last ones will be made with 10 minutes to go. Officials overseeing the execution will be reached in the execution room "up to the moment that the executioner is to administer the lethal injection — if a delay is ordered."

According to an "Execution Protocol" manual written by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. marshal assigned to the execution room "will instruct the Executioner(s) to step away from the execution equipment and will notify the individual and all present that the execution has been stayed or delayed."

McVeigh ordered his attorneys not to file further appeals in January and asked that a date be set for his execution. But he could still seek clemency from the White House or instruct his lawyers to seek a stay. The government has not executed a federal prisoner in 37 years. Procedures for handling federal executions have recently been finalized and will applied for the first time in the McVeigh execution.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ashcroft is poised to announce whether to allow closed-circuit televisions at the execution so victims and their families can view McVeigh's death.

About 250 people who were injured or lost loved ones in the bombing have told the government they want to see the execution. Ashcroft will meet with the families in Oklahoma City Tuesday before announcing a decision on Wednesday. He has indicated a commitment to "meeting the needs of these families."
WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Vietnam Politburo supports leader: Vietnam's top leader appears to have defended an effort to remove him from power, a party official said Sunday. Twelve of the 18 members of the powerful Politburo have thrown their support behind Communist Party General Secretary Le Kha Phieu during a three-day meeting of the Central Committee that began Saturday, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Duchess quits job: Prince Edward's wife has given up her job after being stung by a tabloid reporter, giving fresh courage to those who want to slim down or abolish the monarchy. "The magic I'm afraid has gone. The day-light has come in. We now have to decide how and why we can make constitutional monarchy work," lawmaker Tony Wright told British Broadcasting Corp. radio Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Midwest braces for floods: Crews worked Monday to raise levees against rising streams in the eastern Dakotas and Minnesota, where flooding already had blocked highways and washed out rural roads. More rain was forecast this week, the National Weather Service said, adding to heavy weekend rain and rapidly melting snow.

Experimental plane crashes: An experimental plane crashed in Canon City, Colo., shortly after takeoff Sunday, killing the experimental plane crashed in Canon City, Colo., shortly after takeoff Sunday, killing the pilot and a passenger. Gary Mayer, regional operations officer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, said investigators would examine the crash Monday. The plane went down soon after leaving the Fremont County airport about 100 miles south of Denver. Mayer could not identify the two people killed. He said the plane was experimental but did not say what make it was. It was not known if anyone else was on board.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Plane makes emergency landing: A Trans World Express commuter plane carrying 32 people from Lexington, Ky., to St. Louis made an emergency landing Sunday morning at Evansville Regional Airport when one of its two turboprop engines failed.xitey fell in a 21-20 and airport safety personnel stood by as the Saab 340 touched down about 10:40 a.m. Oil could be seen dripping from the plane's failed left engine, but the aircraft taxied under its own power to the terminal, said airport assistant manager Gene Olson. The plane will remain at Evansville until repairs are completed, he said.

HAITI

Pedestrians walk by tires set on fire by supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Protesters demanded dialogue between opposition forces and the government.

Aristide supporters block roads

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE
Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide blocked traffic with blazing tire barricades Monday, demanding new talks between the government and the opposition. The protests coincided with a visit Monday from Organization of American States Assistant Secretary-General Luigi Einaudi to try to bring both sides together.

The pro-Aristide demonstrators blocked traffic in at least three neighborhoods in and around Port-Au-Prince, demanding the reopening of negotiations that were suspended when Aristide was inaugurated on Feb. 7.

Aristide has said he welcomes more talks, but the opposition has rejected offers of joining the government, saying Aristide's victory was illegitimate because of fraudulent elections. The government did not immediately react to Monday's protests, but it has condemned violence, blaming the opposition for provoking it. Last week, Aristide appealed for a "truce" with the opposition.

Since March 14, when Aristide supporters disrupted a peaceful opposition demonstration in front of the city's OAS headquarters, political violence has left three people dead and scores injured across Haiti.

"Recent tensions are a clear sign that an immediate dialogue among all Haitians is overdue," said Einaudi.

Opposition politician Saucer Pierre Etienne said he thought Monday's protests launched by Aristide militants were timed to show the OAS that negotiations had to be held under Aristide's terms. The OAS has been unable in two previous attempts to facilitate a resolution of the crisis, which has divided Haiti's leadership since last year, when the opposition charged that some local and legislative elections were rigged to favor Aristide's Lavalas Family party.

The OAS said 10 Senate races should have gone to runoffs. As a result millions of dollars in international aid to Haiti has been suspended.

The 15-party Opposition Alliance Convergence boycotted the election that returned Aristide to the presidency in November.

Diplomats move toward resolution

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C.
American diplomats pressed on Sunday for daily access to a detained U.S. air crew, while China's top military newspaper said Beijing had the right to "thoroughly investigate" the crew members.

China told U.S. diplomats they would be allowed to meet the American crew later Monday, although no details were provided on when. The meeting would be the fourth since the crew was detained after making an emergency landing on Hainan Island after an April 1 collision with a Chinese fighter jet.

The Liberation Army Daily also demanded an end to spy flights near China's coast. The paper's comments added to evidence that China's influential military is pushing for a hard line against Washington and might be obstructing a settlement.

The newspaper is published by the military, and its contents are approved by senior commanders.

China has the right to fully and thoroughly investigate this entire incident, including the American military aircraft and the people in charge of it, the Liberation Army Daily said. "The U.S. government should immediately stop all military surveillance activities off the Chinese coast."

Meanwhile, crew members of the U.S. Navy EP-3E were entering their second week of captivity on Hainan Island in the South China Sea.

The EP-3E is believed to have been monitoring military radio, radar and other signals when it collided with one of two Chinese fighter jets sent to track it. The Chinese pilot is missing.

The Chinese permitted U.S. diplomats to meet with eight crew members Sunday, said Condeleeza Rice, the president's national security adviser, on CNN's "Late Edition."

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GUATEMALA

Police face uphill battle against skyrocketing crime

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a bid to pull the state's second biggest utility back from the brink of bankruptcy, Gov. Gray Davis offered Southern California Edison for $2.76 billion.

The state has been spending $45 million to $50 million a day since January to buy power for customers of PG&E and Edison. Wholesale power prices have soared because the utilities' credit is nearly worthless.

Davis said the state offered the lines for less than Edison's last two bankruptcy offers, which were based on the worth of the power it supplies. He acknowledged there was "no way the police could respond quickly to violence." He added that citizens join vigilante groups to protect themselves.

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Smaller crop yields. Earlier flu seasons. Deadlier and more frequent storms.

In the wake of President Bush's rejection of the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, scientists from 25 countries on Monday forecast a perilous future for the planet if emissions of carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases continue to rise.

"If we do nothing, we will have a disastrous situation facing us," said David Warrilow, head of research on climate change at the University of Illinois.

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Jews mark Passover amidst violence

Hebron

Amid daily violence, hundreds of Jewish pilgrims from Israel streamed through Hebron to mark Passover at the disputed Tomb of the Patriarchs and show support for the small and beleaguered community of Jewish settlers in the divided West Bank city.

Helmed Israeli soldiers carrying submachine guns patrolled the streets, perched on rooftops and manned checkpoints as Jews arrived in buses from around the country Monday and toured the city's Jewish enclaves and its museum. The weeklong Passover holiday began Saturday.

Hebron is the only West Bank city divided into Jewish and Palestinian zones. Israeli soldiers protect about 450 Israeli settlers who live in three enclaves in the center of the city, exchanging fire with Palestinians in the streets, including with an Israeli woman who was shot dead last week.

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Struggles of Kenyan street children must be noticed

AIDS is not the only story in Africa. There are many more tales that deserve just as much media attention, public awareness and international support. A couple months ago, I wrote a piece about political corruption in Kenya and the murder of Father John Kaiser, an American missionary priest. Indeed, Father John taught me a great deal, and each day he continues to guide and guard me. However, his voice is only one amongst many voices in Kenya that have left me with a reason to teach others about what we need to help fellow members in need. The family that ring in my ears are those of the little Kenyan street children.

There are an estimated 100 million street children in the world today. While in 1969 there were roughly a few hundred urban child wanderers in Kenya, currently there could be as many as 30,000 street children in the capital city of Nairobi alone. There are both micro- and macro-reasons for this enormous boom of what Americans would identify as homeless children, in Kenya and other African nations.

Certainly, AIDS is one of the largest macro-issues because it is the roof of the breakdown in the family which experts say is the largest push factor encouraging children to run to the streets. The extended family, traditionally Africa’s only social safety net, has also been pulled apart by overpopulation, urbanization and negative Western social influences. All of these factors combined to form the most difficult to trace and intricately woven web of modernity and tradition, two words that are not antonyms but are treated as such in Western culture.

Journalists write about the soaring numbers of people infected with the HIV virus in Africa but spend so much time reflecting on statistical proofs that they are unable to link it to other tragedies, such as street children. When parents and caretakers die because of AIDS, the children are often stranded since the concept of urbanization and modernization has made it difficult to contact extended family members.

Urbanization has also been the cause of kids’ attraction to large cities. The concentration of businesses, Western travelers and big businesses all in one area lure Kenyan children to Nairobi and other cities. The Western values of greater personal independence and simple lifestyles rather than village responsibilities have an effect on these kids who are the most impressionable.

Whatever the cause may be, the consequences in need are heartbreaking. The suffering of those who represent our future. Loving, intelligent and creatively gifted kids are left without the basic necessities for a bright future because they are pulled away from education: Kids flee to the streets when they cannot afford school fees. Kids also flock the streets when their families need the additional financial support of the small pittance the kids can work for or cannot afford to feed the children enough food. Thus, even if they did not have to pay school fees, they are too often at home and too unhappy to concentrate.

Other effects include the immense increase in the form of abuse by parents and prolonged detention in juvenile jails having the most unspiritual, cramped conditions. As police officers frequently sweep the streets, collecting and arresting kids who are begging or sleeping in the city. If they aren’t arresting them, they are beating or beating them. They are able to get away with it because, in Kenya, “Street children” is a federal offense, no matter how old you are.

Street children are a problem that differs according to gender. Whereas boys might find themselves in a position of begging or working as parking boys for survival, girls in the same predicament engage in survival prostitution. Girls are therefore harassed by the police in more frightening ways than boys.

Sadly enough, it is the harrassment and negative adult reactions, not their hunger, that troubles street children the most. Isolation and distrust cause them the greatest pain. Once, while I was in Kenya, a police officer stopped a street boy who was walking with me and helping me carry boxes. He immediately assumed the boy was about to steal from me and chased him while swinging a baton. For the boy to go near any white lady threatening him with arrest, even after I promised and defended him. The kids invariably are accused of lying. Ironically, as ostracized and rejected as urban child wanderers are, they collectively form the most solid sense of community of all groups in Kenya. They stand by each other through thick and thin in “three-musketeer” fashion. In contrast to much of the surrounding culture, they do not distribute themselves according to different or tribal identity. Perhaps that is why it is so difficult for them to find a true story. When malaria-infected Vincent of the streets became sick, he was near death. Each day he became worse, lying on one of the few paved sidewalks of the town of Kisumu, Kenya, growing colder, hungrier, and more emaciated. After collecting his money through work and prayer, his family of fellow street children carried him on their backs to the nearest hospital miles away so that he could visit a doctor. When they returned to their usual hang-out with Vincent and medication in hand, they turned to begging and nursing him until he became better.

No, they are not manipulative, stupid, dirty or mean. They are witty, smart, strong and compassionate. And as much as they have learned to care for themselves, they are only children. And they are our future no matter where they live.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Law school caught in a downward spiral

The new U.S. News & World Report law school rankings came out last week and, once again, Notre Dame Law took a tumble down the rankings. Regardless of whether you agree with the ranking system, the truth is that employers and prospective students care about rankings. In the past few years, the Law School has had deans and prominent professors leaving town faster than a Michigan fan after a blowout loss at Notre Dame Stadium (except they don't have any intention of coming back in two years).

For several reasons, including a staggering 78 percent employment rate at graduation, our ranking has fallen from a top 25 law school to a five-way tie for 27. Some current students say they have been told by prospective employers that they usually only hire those attending “top tier” law schools. The implication of such remarks — that these employers no longer consider Notre Dame to be in that category — should serve as a wake-up call to the school in general.

The excuse used most frequently as to why we are sliding is that Notre Dame’s motto is “Notre Dame Law School: home of the majority of law school deans agree that the ranking system does not take into account any variables, including diversity, library resources, etcetera. This is true — no new formula take into account all variables and, admittedly, the process is subjective.

At the same time these very same deans employ standardized tests that largely deter-
India.Arie emerges as powerful new R&B force

By ARIENNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critic

Commonly thought to be reserved for white rock artists, like Sheryl Crow, or old blues singers, like B.B. King, the guitar has been an instrument largely ignored by black artists in the genre of modern rhythm and blues and neo-soul. With the exceptions of Brian McKnight, Tony Rich, Raphael Saadiq and a handful of others, the guitar has not traditionally been embraced as a focal instrument in R&B recording. However, with her debut album Acoustic Soul, India.Arie manages to display the potential of the guitar as an essential element of neo-soul.

In the late ’90s India.Arie and her band Groove devant formed an independent label and released an album with some of her early songs. Soon after, she had a spot on Sarah McLachlan’s quietly successful Lilith Fair tour in 1998 and was courted by several major labels. Later signing with Motown, India.Arie released Acoustic Soul in late March with very little recognition. Nonetheless, the quirky, simple video for her first single “Video,” has garnered national attention and made her buzzworthy on BET and MTV alike. On the track, she sings of being the antithesis of the supermodels and booty-shakers seen with alarming constancy on the same podiums and stages that have propelled her early success. Such honesty and self-awareness are what make Acoustic Soul such a gem among the common. The album thrives on India.Arie’s husky voice and self-conscious lyrics, while successfully incorporating her full range of skills on the guitar. She sings of love, loss, beauty and God with an intensity usually withheld for the more seasoned artist. She fits the bill of the average neo-soul artist, but has a freshness that does not peg her into the realm of triteness. With songs like “Strength, Courage, & Wisdom” and “Ready For Love,” India.Arie showcases her strong voice and songwriting skills. The latter is infused with the waning and waxing of a single cell while she makes her most soulful attempt on the record. Other songs like “Back to the Middle” and “Part of My Life” don’t add much to the total composition, but do provide an opportunity for the guitar’s presence to be fully recognized and appreciated. Fortunately, the pleasantly funky “Brown Star,” in which India.Arie claims “Brown skin you know I love your brown skin/ I can’t tell where yours begins I can’t tell where mine ends,” compensates for any of the album’s minor blunders. Her voice low and smooth, India.Arie professes a love for pigmentation and creates the vivid, lush images that great songs are made of. The song is reminiscent of the vibe present on D’Angelo’s debut release Brown Sugar and proves that India.Arie deserves a position among those artists of neo-classic soul.

Though she lacks the hard funk of Ms. Sheryl NdegeOcloo and the quiet soul of Tracy Chapman, India.Arie is well on her way to becoming a champion of her genre. Acoustic Soul is a quartet of flavor in the occasionally repetitive field of mushy love songs and shallow thought. India.Arie, it seems, is restricted by nothing: she is lyrically and musically sound, proving her artistic prowess and potential longevity.

CONCERT REVIEW
The Samples perform perfect mix of old and new

By LISA BRUNO
Scene Music Critic

Sean Kelly, lead singer of the Samples, said the Samples always bring the rain, and the band did just that Thursday night. As the rain and thunder pounded above Stepan Center, a new hope was felt in the Samples. It was as if the band let out a collective sigh of relief and was finally going at things its way. Having cut ties with its former record label, W.A.R. (What Are Records), the Samples finally has control of its own music. The journey to this place hasn’t been an easy one. The group has been fraught with a number of setbacks but has always persevered. To say that the Samples is a survivor of the music industry may sound clichéd, but it truly is. Like any band, the Samples struggled to get signed, got signed and then struggled to regain independence. Many other groups would get lost along the way, losing sight of their goal, but the Samples hasn’t, and that showed on Thursday night. The title of the group’s new album, Return to Earth, couldn’t be more appropriate, as the members have come full circle and returned to what they want as a band.

In concert, the Samples revealed a crisp energy and cohesiveness that has to be partially attributed to its independent status. The show opened with the staple tune, “Did You Ever Look So Nice,” and followed up with a trickling of new songs from Return to Earth. While there might have been some early reservations about the new songs resonating among fans, Kelly quickly put any doubts to rest as he pointed out that there once was a day when even “Taxi” was new material. The sound revealed both their own, and any reservations were abandoned amidst sea of fans bouncing to “Castle Walls.” With a song like “Lonely Soul,” a tribute to Elvis and Judy Garland, and the Samples revealed its firm grasp on the elements of a soon-to-be-classics. The voice present on D’Angelo’s debut release Desires a position among those artists of neo-soul, and the Samples has been around for awhile. India.Arie released Acoustic Soul by several major labels. Later signing with Motown, India.Arie released Acoustic Soul in late March with very little recognition. Nonetheless, the quirky, simple video for her first single “Video,” has garnered national attention and made her buzzworthy on BET and MTV alike. On the track, she sings of being the antithesis of the supermodels and booty-shakers seen with alarming constancy on the same podiums and stages that have propelled her early success. Such honesty and self-awareness are what make Acc
ALBUM REVIEW

OTR reach creative height with Films for Radio

By GREG RUEHLMANN
Scene Music Critic

The road to musical success is rarely easy. The typical band must spend years fostering a fan base, finding the right label, and developing its sound before it can achieve a breakthrough hit — if it ever does. A band that has certainly paid its dues over the last decade is the Cincinnati-based group Over the Rhine. Led by the husband-wife songwriting duo of Linford Detweiler (piano, keyboard) and Karin Bergquist (vocals, guitar), the group has endeavored record label problems and the departure of two band members. But judging from their new release, Films For Radio, all of OTR's struggles are finally about to pay off.

Over the Rhine — named after Cincinnati's poorest inner-city neighborhood — got its start in 1989 playing at clubs like Sudsy Malone's, the Queen City's infamous laundromat/alternative music venue. The band's unique blend of folk, rock, and blues propelled it to the forefront of a vibrant Cincinnati music scene with the likes of The Afghan Whigs, The Aus Poesy and Bleeding Union of Souls. Eleven years and seven albums later, OTR's hometown popularity and small but devoted national following continue to grow.

Through the years, the group has dealt with its fair share of difficulties. In 1996, it lost its record deal when the label I.R.S. disappeared in the midst of massive industry restructuring. Later that year, two of the band's four founding members left to pursue other opportunites — Bergquist and Detweiler pressed on. They hired new musicians and continued to record music.

Through their own independent label, they distributed OTR's music, releasing the original band's final album, the independent classic Good Dog Bad Dog. The couple performed on "CBS This Morning" in 1998 and garnered the most described as the Over the Rhine as "one of America's great unsigned bands." Fortunately, that "unsigned" was dropped when Over the Rhine joined Virgin/Backpack records.

Though OTR has aspired to mainstream success in the American music scene, it still remained a well-kept indie rock secret. That is, until now, as the band releases what is easily its most skillful effort to date. Films For Radio exhibits the polish of veteran studio musicians and further solidifies Bergquist's and Detweiler's status as master songwriters. Most importantly, Films For Radio is a record bursting with beauty, and should translate better to popular radio than any of Over the Rhine's previous works. The album resonates as a triumph for Over the Rhine and a landmark in the group's musical development.

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Majors League Baseball

Hall of Famer dies from stroke

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Hall of Fame hasn't gotten any more crowded.

Hall of Famer Willie Stargell who led the Pirates to two World Series victories with his powerful hitting and, with a stroke Monday at age 61. He had been in failing health for several years with a kidney disorder, according to officials at Indiana Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

The Pirates unveiled a 2-foot bronze statue of the man known as "Pops" on Saturday at PNC Park, where they played their first game Monday only hours after Stargell died.

"Now every opening day at PNC Park will definitely be known as this will be Stargell's day," said Chuck Tanner, Stargell's manager for 17 of his 20big years there, and he knows the Pirates are opening today.

One of the greatest home run hitters ever, in volume and in distance, Stargell hit 475 homers — many of those soaring, majestic shots that rattled a pitcher's confidence. With Stargell batting cleanup for the Pirates in 1979, the team went 11-4 in the NL playoffs against the Dodgers and then the Giants and had only one RBI in the Pirates' seven-game World Series victory over favored Baltimore.

He left center stage to the 38-year-old reliever, who said he'd have never been able to turn the post-season into a personal showcase of his grace, talent and strength. "I'll remember Stargell for 14 months later. Clemente was dead."

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The keys to the Ill Tempered win were Jon Pentzen's inside scoring and Tom Slabach's outside shooting during a stretch when his teammates had gone cold.

"It was real tight the whole way, and in the second half Tom Slabach started hitting a couple outside shots," Ill Tempered Sea Bass point guard Matt Yung said. "It was a big defensive battle mostly. They're a very fit team — they had some big guys that can crash the boards. They're the best team we'll play for a few rounds."

It's not usually considered a close game when one team scores three times more than its opponent, but that's what No. 3 seed NDToday.com thought of its 21-7 first-round win over O-DAG!

"They played hard the whole time," said NDToday's Todd Titus. "They were more aggressive than I thought."

NDToday, which lost in the finals a year ago, used a rebounding advantage to advance past a better-than-average first-round opponent. Mike Oesterle led the team in scoring and B.J. Kloska dropped in several long-distance jump shots.

"We were getting the cobwebs out," said Oesterle. "Their guard was pretty good."

Varsity basketball player Meaghan Leahy's team, Team 392, may have lost to Whipple Effect IV Monday, but Leahy said their Bookstore run isn't over yet.

"We got 14 points," Leahy said. "Now we're gonna go win the girls' bracket."

"Leahy's Notre Dame teammate Imani Dunbar disputed Leahy's claim, saying, "They're not gonna win.""

"What was Dunbar's take on who would win Bookstore?" asked Oesterle.

"I don't know," joked Dunbar, who is also playing Bookstore. "Not Meaghan Leahy's team."

One factor working against Team 392 was its lack of experience, with the exception of Leahy.

As Lina Sidrys said, "We haven't played basketball in 10 years."

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### Bookstore Basketball Results, April 9

- **BOB** def. **We've Gotta Get Our Ball in There Somehow**, 21-6
- **Team 22** def. **Team 392**, 21-14
- **Hot Curlers** def. **Team 381**, 21-10
- **The Shining** def. **Syzygy**, 21-5
- **Team 190** def. **Team 275**, 21-19
- **The Topeka Destroyers** def. **Chaminade**, 21-12
- **Team 396** def. **The Old and Injured**, forfeit
- **Ron and the Dirty Needles** def. **Disgusting Crack Habit**, 21-13
- **Team 10** def. **Shirley Dimple...**, 21-10
- **CollegeBoxes.com** def. **The Logan Center All-Stars**, 21-8
- **Archie and 4 Other Guys Veronica Knew** def. **Baja Beach Club**, 21-4
- **For Us, 3 Seconds Isn't a Violation, It's a Record** def. **Team 201**, 21-13
- **Cheg's Flow** def. **Mulletosis**, forfeit
- **The Camaro Mullets** def. **NDToday vs. Keyplay.com**, 21-10
- **The Piece Machines** def. **Digital Insertion**, 21-5
- **Team 180** def. **Team 57**, 22-20
- **5 White Boys Who Will Never Dunk** def. **Team 43**, 21-10
- **Breaking the Plane** def. **Yeah, Rob**, 21-15
- **Bricklayers Local 956** def. **Team 537**, 24-22
- **Team 315** def. **Dancing Baritones**, 21-3
- **Skokes/Cbria Kia IV** def. **Zeus and 4 Other Gods**, 21-5
- **2 Pats and 3 Other Guys** def. **Team 194**, 21-18
- **International All-Stars** def. **David Graves' Neighbors**, 21-5

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### Join Sub Today For Easter Cookie Decorating

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*There will be no sub movies this weekend due to the Easter holiday... join us next week April 20-23 for Traffic and The Contender*
Tuesday, April 10, 2001

This Week in Campus Ministry

Monday-Tuesday, April 9-10, 11:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Practice for Vigil

Wednesday, April 11, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Mass
Holy Thursday

Friday, April 13, 8:00 a.m.
Chicago's Hispanic Pilsen neighborhood
"Via Crucis" (Way of the Cross)
Depart from library Circle at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Mass
Good Friday

Friday, April 13
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Good Friday
Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.
Passion - 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
Lounge, 1st floor, Coleman-Morse Center
RCIA Morning Retreat

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Vigil

Sunday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. Tom Bednar, csc

Sunday, April 15
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Easter Sunday
Presiders:
8:00 a.m. - Rev. Richard S. Bullene, c.s.c.
10:00 a.m. - Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.
12:00 noon - Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

The development of the New Testament was gradual. The earliest books of the New Testament were probably some of the letters of Paul and date back to the 50's, some 20 years after Jesus' death. The gospels were written significantly later. Most of their development took place between the years 70 and 110. During this same period many other Christian writings also entered into circulation among the various Christian communities. Even as the early Church was beginning to regard some of this Christian literature as scripture, it was not at all certain which of these books were or were not inspired scripture. Like many questions of the early church, this issue could not be decided until after Christianity became legal. The fourth century saw the definition of the Trinity and the natures of Christ (325) before it saw the definition of the New Testament. The canon or list of the New Testament books was not final until 393 at the council of Hippo in North Africa, which was later confirmed by Rome. Interestingly, the inclusion and exclusion of particular books was not a simple matter. Some of the books in the New Testament were not as widely Revelation, and the Letter to the

regarded as scripture for generations, especially James and Hebrews. At the same time some books did not make the list which were popularly regarded as inspired writings.

Thus, for the first three and a half centuries there was no Christian Bible to which one could refer with certainty. For the authentic teaching of the apostles, Christians depended on the teachings of the bishops who succeeded the apostles and whose first duty it was (and still is) to transmit faithfully the teachings of Christ which they had received. It is on the authority of this body of bishops which we and all Christians depend whenever we open the Bible. It was their deliberation, inspired by the Holy Spirit, which included some books, excluded others and therefore compiled the scriptures that we have today.

Jesus neither read nor wrote a word of the New Testament. After his death he left us the witness of his disciples and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To this day, scripture, (along with councils, liturgical practices and other traditions) remains one of the ways that the early church has communicated its faith in Christ across the centuries.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Ask Father J. at ministry.1@nd.edu.

Faith FAQs & Catholic Facts by Father J. Steele, c.s.c.

Why do you say that the Catholic Church gives us the Bible? The Catholic Church often seems to teach things that are not in scripture and Catholics certainly do not know the Bible like many Christians do.

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CLUB SPORTS

Gymnasts earn 2nd national championship

Special to The Observer

The men's gymnastics team once again has vaulted to the pinnacle of success, winning the club national championship, a title it also claimed in 1998. The Irish finished 10th at the 1999 national championships, rowing edgerunner-up Texas 146-117.

Defending champion Texas A&M took bronze with a 145.95 score, just ahead of '99 champ Syracuse in fourth. Mickey McGarry, who was an Irish native and played for the Ireland men's hockey team, finished fifth in floor, sixth in rings, fifth in vault and seventh in parallel bars. Miller placed sixth in the vault. Peter Linder was the highest scorer for the Irish although he did not place. The trophy will be on display for the next two weeks at the Rolfs Sports Recreational Center.

The women's team also distinguished itself, with its fourth consecutive top 10 ranking, finishing eighth in the all-around and 11th in the team standings. Emily Smith won gold in the Uneven Bars with a 9.750, matching the best score of any collegiate gymnast. Smith also posted a 39.775 on vault, finished third in the Floor Exercise with a 9.725 and was fourth on the Balance Beam with a 9.700.

The Irish finished the tournament with a 193.075 team total and earned a place in the semifinals for the first time in program history. The Irish will compete against the University of Iowa at 1:30 p.m. on Friday in the semifinal round.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish finish 13th at Indiana Invite

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame women's golf team moved up one spot in the standings on Saturday after finishing 13th at the Indiana Invitational with a 54-hole total of 993.

The Irish lowered their score by 20 strokes compared to Saturday's final round of 337 by shooting a 317 total for the day. Notre Dame came into Sunday's final round in 14th place and 339 strokes on Saturday.

The Irish finished the tournament seven strokes behind Michigan State, as the Spartans won the tournament by 11 strokes over Kent State. Michigan State played the 54-hole tourney on the 6,130-yard, par 72 Indiana University Golf Course with rounds of 314, 313 and a one-under par 295 in the final round for a 922 total. MSU entered the day with just one stroke lead over Ohio State and Indiana, but was nine strokes better than any other team on Sunday for the win.

Kent State finished second with a 933 total and was followed by Northwestern (939), Ohio State (940) and Michigan State (941) to round out the top five teams in the 15-team tournament.

Leading Notre Dame individually was senior Shane Smith, who finished in a tie for 23rd with an 18-over par total of 240. Smith rebounded from an 81-82 opening weekend to shoot a three-over par 77 in the final round. Her 240 score put her 17 strokes behind Michigan State's Emily Basset who took medalist honors with a one-over par round of 219. Basset won by two strokes over Kent State's Martina Gillen and three over teammate Stacy Snider.

Freshman Shannon Byrne turned in the best round of the weekend for Notre Dame, as she fired a two-over 72 in the final round to put her in a tie for 42nd with a 245 total. Byrne shot 82 and 88 for 170 in the opening two rounds.

Byrne following Byrne among the Irish golfers was sophomore Terri Taibl, who finished in 62nd place with a 253 score. Senior Danielle Villarosa finished in a tie for 68th, as she shot an 81 in the final round to give her a 54-hole total of 257. Kristin McMurtrie tied for 74th on the weekend with a 266 total on rounds of 91, 87 and 88.

The women's golf team returns to action on Friday, April 14 at the Illinois Invitational in Champaign, Ill.

MEN'S GOLF

Golfers hang onto 13th spot

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's golf team closed out the final day of play at the Marshall Invitational with a nine-over par team total of 293 on the way to a 54-hole total of 880. That put the Irish in 13th place in the 20-team tournament field. The Irish turned in rounds of 298, 289 and 293 to finish 41 strokes behind the record-setting pace of Ohio State as the Buckeyes took the tournament by 16 strokes. OSU turned in a record-low team score of 285 to win the championship and finished the final day with rounds of 72, 72 and 71. Senior Kyle Monfort finished tied for 42nd with a 250 total. Byrne shot 82 and 88 for 170 in the opening two rounds.

Senior Peter Bivio, who turned in the best 54-hole total of his collegiate career with a seven-over par total of 220, Bivio turned in rounds of 72, 76 and 72 to finish in a tie for 40th overall. Senior Kyle Memon finished in a tie for 53rd with a 10-over par total of 223 as he turned in rounds of 77, 72 and 74.

Junior Steve Rattay was 59th overall, as he shot a 54-hole total of 225, and senior Pat Schaffler closed out the Irish contingent, scoring with a 64-hole par tie as he fired rounds of 77, 75 and 74 on the way to a 226 total.

Notre Dame returns to action next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, when the Irish travel to Columbus, Ohio to compete in Ohio State's 54-hole Kepley Invitational at the OSU Scarlet Course.

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With special thanks to you, who set us to work.
Irish come back to earn 4-3 victory over Baylor

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Fighting high winds and weather conditions, the 16th-ranked men’s tennis team sent Baylor packing in this weekend’s match to claim the win.

The Irish fought their way back from a 2-0 deficit early in the match to claim the win.

The conditions were far from perfect, but I think our guys did a great job of keeping their poise and fighting hard when there was every reason to fold up and go home,” said head coach Bobby Bayliss.

“It was difficult to adjust, and any of them deserve a lot of credit.”

The 21st-ranked Irish doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico defeated Baylor’s 18th-ranked team of Reiner Neuerhofer and Mark Williams 6-7 at No. 1 doubles. The No. 32 ranked Baylor Bears defeated Notre Dame’s No. 2 doubles teams of freshman Luis Haddock-Morales and Casey Smith 6-4 and also the No. 3 team of senior Matt Daly and sophomore Brian Farrell 8-2.

The Bears opened up their lead as Irish freshman Matt Scott lost 6-1, 6-1 to Cory Ross at No. 6 singles. Defying the momentum of the match, the Irish rallied at No. 1 and 2 singles to tie the match. Junior Casey Smith took control with a decisive victory over Baylor’s Neuerhofer 6-4, 6-3, No. 1 singles, and 98th-ranked junior Javier Taborga won 6-2, 6-0.

Baylor moved ahead to 3-2 after Mark Williams beat Irish freshman Luis Haddock-Morales 7-6 (70), 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Sophomore Brian Farrell tied the match at 3-3 when he defeated Nathan McGregor 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 5 singles. Aaron Talarico trailed Matias Marin 3-6, 6-4, 4-1 at No. 4 singles before rallying for a 3- 6, 6-4, 6-3 win in the match at 3-3.

In Sunday’s match against ninth-ranked Southern Methodist University, the Irish kept it close in their third 4-3 loss of the season. SMU swept all three doubles matches, beating the Irish 8-6 at No. 1 and 2 doubles and 8-3 at No. 3.

Smith again had the biggest challenge of the match, playing SMU’s 6th ranked senior Genios Chidziro in the deciding match. The Mustang’s 24th-ranked Jon Wallmark also defeated Javier Taborga at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 7-6, and Brian Farrell lost only his third singles match of the year, 6-4, 6-3 to SMU’s Johan Brunstrom.

“I was awfully proud of Casey,” Chidziro is one of the best college tennis players in the country. He played in the Davis Cup for Zimbabwe, and was an IPA All-American. His experience really showed,” said Bayliss.

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Notre Dame earns sweeps Syracuse in doublesheader

By PETER FRASSO
Sports Writer

The No. 32 ranked Notre Dame tennis team continued its winning ways on Sunday with a doublesheader win over Syracuse by identical scores of 6-0 and 6-0.

Unfortunately, it was only a Pyrrhic victory as third baseman Andrew Bledsoe suffered a leg injury from a violent collision in the first inning of game two.

Bledsoe and Syracuse second baseman Lindsay Richards collided as Bledsoe attempted to steal second. Both lay on the ground for minutes before being helped off the field.

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Tennis
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that will be facing off against a strong Saint Mary's freshmen attack topped off with three returning players, Jeannie Knish, Katlin Cutler and Kris Spriggle will be stepping up again in No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 singles while Cook takes on No. 2 doubles and sophomore Elisa Ryan wraps up the team at No. 6 singles. These six women, along with Trisha Jones, who will team up with Ryan at No. 3 doubles, spent Monday's practice getting mentally ready for today's match.

"It was a pretty low key practice just hitting and getting loose," Knish said. "At this point it's not so much getting physically prepared but getting mentally prepared so we get the match started on the right foot."

Mental preparation teamed up with home court advantage will play a big role in a Saint Mary's victory. The Belles have played well at home. They are currently undefeated at Saint Mary's, including a victory over Division 1 Valparaiso.

"I love playing at home having the home court advantage and a lot of parents come out and it's a relaxing environment," Knish said.

Action will get under way today at 3 p.m. at the tennis courts outside of Angela Athletic facility.

Men's Lacrosse
Seniors lead Irish to win over Air Force

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Thanks to three goals apiece from seniors Todd Ulrich and Jon Harvey, combined with another strong performance from senior goalie Kirk Howell, the men's lacrosse team easily defeated its Great Western Lacrosse League rivals Air Force Falcons 13-2.

With their third straight blowout victory, the seventh-ranked Irish improved to 8-1 on the season with only four games left to play in the regular season.

"For the third straight game, we jumped out to a quick lead," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "That makes it much easier to control the game and play for a full 60 minutes."

The Irish jumped out to a critical quick start as junior Devin Ryan got the scoring started on a strong drive through the heart of the Air Force defense for a one-on-one chance against Air Force goalie Bill Arnold.

After Ryan capitalized on his opportunity, Steve Bishko, Ulrich and Harvey rounded out the scoring in the first quarter, giving the Irish a 4-0 lead.

Todd Ulrich would add two of the Irish's four total second quarter goals, allowing the Irish to take a substantial 8-0 advantage heading into halftime.

Ulrich has been on a scoring tear over the last two games, netting seven goals in the games, raising his season total to 10.

"I have had some good looks at the net over the last two games," said Ulrich. "Playing at home makes it a lot easier."

The Irish continued their dominance in the second half, adding five more goals. After some spectacular saves, Irish goalie Kirk Howell would leave the game midway through the third quarter posting a shutout.

"I only had to stop five shots the whole game," said Howell. "Our defense played well again so they made my job a lot easier out there."

Coach Corrigan began pulling his starters in the second half, allowing the younger sophomores and freshmen to gain some valuable experience.

Sophomore backup goalie Nick Antol would pick up where Howell left off, making some incredible saves and allowing Air Force only two goals. Freshmen John Mulfur and Steve Claggett provided the scoring with each netting their first career goals.

"I was really happy with the play of our sophomores and freshmen," said Corrigan. "They work hard in practice just like the juniors and seniors. Those last three games, the younger guys have been gaining some experience. I enjoy watching them keep getting better."

With the victory over Air Force, the Irish improved to 2-0 in Great Western Lacrosse League Divisional Play. This was the second of a four game home stand for the Irish.

The Irish next host Army on Saturday at 1 p.m., where they look to continue their strong team defense and relentless offensive pressure in hoping to continue to climb up the national rankings before the start of the NCAA tournament.

The No. 7 Irish men's lacrosse team improves to 8-1 overall with a win over Air Force.

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Irish show command with Big East sweep of Rutgers

By CHRIS FEDERICO
SPP Writer

The headed into Piscataway, New Jersey for a crucial three-game series with Big East rival Rutgers last weekend.

Walking away Sunday afternoon with three wins, the Irish completed their first ever sweep of a Notre Dame-Rutgers series, and started on the inside track to the regular season Big East title.

The Irish blew away the Scarlet Knights Saturday, winning the two games of the double-header, 10-2 and 8-2. On Sunday, the team showed great poise mixed with some clutch hitting to pull out an eleven-inning 5-4 victory.

The three wins of the weekend improved Notre Dame’s record to 25-5-1. The Irish were rewarded for their great play with their highest ever ranking in the collegiate polls. Notre Dame now holds respective rankings of 4, 6 and 7 in the College Baseball, USA Today/Coaches and Baseball America Polls.

"It was as good of a series as I've ever seen at my tenure at Notre Dame," stated Coach Paul Mainieri. "The overall team effort was great. Everyone got involved to do something to help us win. Pitching, defense, hitting, base running — we did everything well.

The team contributions were evident in the numbers from the series. In the three games, 10 different players got hits while nine contributed RBIs to the team's 23 total runs.

Six different members of the Irish pitching staff put together three more brilliant outings, only allowing eight runs in the series.

In the first game of the double-header, Notre Dame ace Aaron Hillman pitched his fifth complete game of the season, allowing two runs on only three hits.

The right-handed senior improved to 8-0 on the year. The win was also his 18th career Big East victory, moving him into first place all-time in that category.

The game had been knotted at 2-2 until the Irish bats exploded in the sixth inning, bringing eight runs across the plate. The inning began when freshman Steve Sollmann, once again put the team's first turn at bat. In this inning, third baseman Andrew Bushey had a bases loaded double that provided three of his five RBIs on the day. Notre Dame added two more runs in the inning on singles by BT Matt Busk and Thamian Sophomore J P. Gagne improved to 3-2 on the year with his six-inning performance, and classmate Vaclav Vitez earned the save by pitching three scoreless innings in relief.

In the game Sunday, the Irish demonstrated the poise that will make them a contend this year for the national title, battling back from a 3-0 deficit in the eighth inning to steal a game from Rutgers on their own field.

"Sunday we showed a really great attitude," commented Mainieri. "Our guys never threw in the towel, and they ended up fighting back for the win."

It was not until their last at bat that the Irish would make their move.

It all began with the top of the lineup that has been such a key to igniting the Irish offense this year. The first and second hitters, Stanley and Sollmann, once again put together back-to-back singles. Stavisky then slapped a single to score Stanley. After a double steal, Billmaier brought home Sollmann with a sacrifice fly; however, there were two outs in the inning. One out away from a loss, catcher Paul O'Toole — 0-3 on the day came through with a great piece of clutch hitting, knocking a single to tie the game.

Notre Dame avoided a scare in the tenth inning when sophomore Matt Laird got out of a one-out bases loaded jam. Laird got Rutgers' left fielder Nick Cerulo to pop out to shallow left and then struck out DH Jeff Majewski.

In the 11th inning, the Irish went on top for good when Sollmann singled to start the inning, Billmaier then came through with another clutch RBI, getting a single that would score Sollmann all the way from first with the help of some errant throws by the Rutgers fielders.

The Irish don’t plan on letting these big wins go to their heads, however, as there is much baseball left to play, especially in the Big East.

"We’re not looking past anyone on our schedule," said Mainieri. "We have got a lot of tough games this week and a few injuries to deal with. Our guys will just play every game as its own."

Notre Dame has a busy week ahead, facing two non-conference opponents, Cleveland State and Detroit, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the Irish return to Big East play with doubleheaders back-to-back to Georgetown on Thursday and West Virginia on Saturday.
Aikman announces retirement

IRVING, Texas — As always, Troy Aikman came to Texas Stadium with his family on Monday. He brought an inch-thick stack of index cards and enough family and friends to fill a ballroom. Banners from the three Super Bowls he won hung high above the field he called home. Aikman talked the roof visible behind him.

But when it came time to talk about the end of his 12-year career, the usually unflappable quarterback was overcome with emotion.

A few sentences into his nearly 1 1/2-hour retirement news conference Monday, Aikman put down the cards, took a breath and dragged a finger beneath and above his left eye. "You watch and you think your time will never come," Aikman said slowly. "And my time came."

Aikman called it a career 33 days after being waived by the Dallas Cowboys.

While he believes he can still be a starting quarterback in the NFL, the right shoulder washes out there.

So instead of risking sustaining an 11th concussion or taking another hit on his aching back, the 34-year-old Aikman ended his playing career and is preparing to start another as a broadcaster.

"I know it's the right thing for me because of my health, nobody wanting any more credit than the next guy," he said. "We just wanted to win."

There have been a lot of teams in this league that have been more talented than those teams were, but they didn't come close to accomplishing what we did because the chemistry of the ballclub and unselfish manner in which we played. You can't beat that combination.

Then, showing the candor that will serve him well in broadcasting, Aikman added: "Maybe over recent years we've lost sight of that. It's become a game that everybody's in it for themselves."

Aikman listed the things he'll miss, such as the locker room after a big win, and the things he won't, like facing reporters after a big loss.

He also thanked scores of people. He named 18 offensive linemen, about a dozen coaches, including Barry Switzer, and practically every member of the Cowboys' organization, including Jones and his family.

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He recalled losing the first 11 games of his career and thanked former teammates and coaches for propping up his confidence during that time. He said that type of character was the hallmark of Dallas' Super Bowl champion teams in 1992, '93 and '95.

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Belles look to earn wins with mental focus

By KATIE MCVoy

Today's tennis match doesn't have as much to do with serves and backhands as it does with mental focus and determination. Saint Mary's will be facing off against the Knights of Calvin in a battle that may foretell the results of the MIAA tournament.

"I think this match is going to determine a lot," team captain Annie Knish said. "This will tell us how well we're expected to do at Conference. Albion so we have one start of the season, Calvin as the season play in the MIAA."

Brey's BOB finishes with 21-6 first-round victory

By BRIAN BURKE and KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

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Leading the way

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