New Jersey teens donate ‘like champions’
High school classroom wins trip to Notre Dame through charity clothing drive

By KERRY SMITH
News Writer

Michael Panarello was fast Thursday.
Donning his Oakcrest High track and field uniform, he placed in the long jump and finished with a quick enough time in the 100-meter dash to earn four varsity points for his New Jersey high school team.

Those four points were good enough to give his team the edge and the win.

“I scored four points and we won the meet by three,” Panarello said with pride.

But Panarello wasn’t fast enough for several of his classmates. The senior’s track and field endeavors were holding up 24 of his classmates’ and two teachers’ weekend plans — a whirlwind road trip to Notre Dame.

While Panarello’s 100-meter race was over in seconds, his trip lasted until the morning he’s got it on every day.

Competing for charity
It all started in the fall when seniors Tara Penman and Kristen Schlachter proposed a project for their Social Studies seminar class. They wanted to organize a clothing drive to benefit less fortunate Africans through the Dakar World Peace Academy in Senegal.

They proposed a plan to make the drive a contest between Oakcrest’s homerooms and as incentive, let the winning class create its own day off. It was a tempting plan sure to create some competition, but Penman had no idea what a success the drive would be.

“The drive went so well,” Penman said. “Between all the homerooms we raised 1,500 items of clothing to send to Dakar. It took a lot of work but it was worth it.”

In the end, the drive raised more than 9,000 items of clothing for the Academy.

That work was made a lot easier by the idea of one man — health teacher Jack Bottinger.

The man with a plan
As the clothing drive got underway and donations were steady but not stellar, Bottinger had an idea. What if his homeroom class donated enough clothes to win the contest and then designed its day off around Notre Dame’s Blue-Gold football game? A three-day, 1,446-mile round trip wasn’t exactly what Penman had envisioned when she proposed the idea, but she and her classmates weren’t surprised.

“Bottinger is a complete and total ND fanatic,” Penman said.

Fellow senior Anitta Bailey agreed.

“He’s in his room playing the Notre Dame Fight Song all the time,” Bailey said. “Early in the morning he’s got it on every single day.”

Senior Matt Pieper knew how much the trip meant to Bottinger.

“He’s always talking about Notre Dame. And now he finally gets to take us,” Pieper said.

Bottinger, a long-time Notre Dame fan who has been out to Notre Dame several times, wanted to share the experience with his students and found an outlet to do it with the Dakar clothing drive contest.

“Notre Dame is really something special,” Bottinger said. “You walk into the Stadium and the yellow jackets attack you. ‘Welcome to Notre Dame,’” they yell.

Malloy Hall due next year

The new theology/philosophy building under construction at the University is being underwritten by Donald Knaugh, chairman emeritus of the University’s Board of Trustees, and will be called Edward A. Malloy Hall in honor of Notre Dame’s president, who also is a full professor of theology.

Malloy Hall is a 67,000-square-foot office building for faculty and graduate students.

Paul Graham knows demonstrations can be a powerful tool. And he’s hoping this one will be.

Graham and two other Notre Dame students are rallying student support for a campus-wide campaign to take place on South Quad tonight. The event occurs in response to Campus Life Council’s April 23 defeat of a resolution that would extend parietals from midnight to 1 a.m. during the week.

“I think it’s about time that we get together and say, ‘Hey, we disapprove of this,’” Graham said of parietals, the policy regulating visiting hours between members of the opposite sex.

The hours currently prohibit students camping after midnight on weekdays and past 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Organizers, including sophomores Graham and Seth Wheelock and junior Michael Pfaff, are optimistic about a favorable turnout for tonight’s campaign.

“By coming out in here in full numbers, hopefully hall rectors and administrators will take notice that the parietals issue is something that’s important to students,” Grahem said.

Last week, CLC members voted 10-4 in favor of pushing the visiting hours back to midnight. The measure fell a vote short of the majority needed for passage. Voting on the resolution was sharply divided; dissenting votes came from rectors and the lone administrator on the council, Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for student affairs.

The CIC approved a proposal that called for parietals to
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The other day when I walked through LaFortune, I passed by the wall of fame and glanced up at the plaques listing all the names of different student leaders from Notre Dame's past. On each plaque the little brass plate for the 2000-01 school year has been removed so the latest name can be added to the wall. And then I saw The Observer Editor plaque and it sort of hit me right then. For as long as those plaques hang in LaFortune I will be remembered as the Editor of The Observer. My identity as Editor will be sealed in brass on the wall of the student center.

But my identity as Editor has been a permanent part of me since I was elected in March. I have done and have not just been doing. I am Mike Connolly, Editor of The Observer. My identity is permanent. I cannot choose to act as Mike Connolly, Editor and at other times, as Mike Connolly, Notre Dame junior. All my identities are a part of me at all times. I am Editor of The Observer. I am a Notre Dame student. I am Irish Catholic. I am the son of Mike and Rochelle Connolly. I am a collection of many identities and all of those identities are permanently part of me.

Every one of my actions stems from my past experiences and every one of my actions reflects on my identities — for better or for worse. If I do something stupid in my free time, it reflects poorly not only on Mike Connolly, American studies major, but on all of my identities.

So tonight, when I camp out on the quad with other Notre Dame students, I cannot claim to protest the actions of rerectors and administrators solely as Mike Connolly, resident of Dillon 281. My entire identity will be on the quad and my actions will reflect on all my identities.

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Cambidge, Mass. Nearly 700 peaceful protesters armed with posters and noisemakers crowded outside Mass. Hall at Harvard Thursday afternoon in the largest rally in the movement's six years, while Inside the occupied building members of the Progressive Student Leader Movement (PSLM) continued their second day of talks with administrators.

The rally featured speeches from local politicians, Harvard workers and faculty members, and attracted an unprecedented media presence — with all three major networks descending on the Yard to film stories for Thursday night's evening news.

Inside Mass. Hall, PSLM members met again with two University representatives, the Rev. Dorothy Austin, co-master of Lowell House, and J. Bryan Hehir, head of the divinity school.

Although the talks alone are a major breakthrough in the sit-in, now entering its ninth day, little progress was made Thursday. The administration held to its line that no negotiations would take place while Mass. Hall was occupied and PSLM members held firm to their decision to remain in the building indefinitely until the divinity school's living wage of at least $10.25 an hour for all University employees.

University President Neil Rudenstine issued a statement, published as an ad in Friday's Crimson, reiterating his "willingness" to meet with students "once the sit-in has ended."

And in Rudenstine has invited Faculty members to a special meeting this afternoon to discuss the situation, University spokesperson Joe Winn said Thursday.

Michigan State University Rape remains under investigation

East Lansing, Mich. A 19-year-old Michigan State University student told police she was raped on campus by two male friends. The student said she had been drinking and playing cards with the men at about 1:30 a.m. and had passed out, MSU police Detective Tony Willis said. When she woke up about three hours later, she was naked and the men were getting dressed, he said. Willis did not have any other information about the incident, which was reported Wednesday, but said it remains under investigation. Police have yet to contact the two men, he said. He said most sexual assaults on campus are instigated by someone the victim knows. "I would say 80 percent, and a large number involve alcohol," Willis said. Two other cases of rape have been reported this semester. Both of those cases involved alcohol. But Karyn Price, sexual assault counselor, said people need to be careful not to blame rape victims for the crime because they may have been drinking.
College Spring Day showcases campus for prospects

By EMILY WELSH

Saint Mary’s hosted its annual Spring Day on Campus Sunday, giving prospective high school sophomores, juniors and college transfer students a chance to visit campus and learn about the school.

The highlight event for both the prospective students and their parents were the panel discussions.

"The panel discussions give the students and parents an opportunity to ask questions they would not be able to ask or get answered in a viewbook," said freshman Jaclyn Thompson, a panelist with her mother. There were separate panels for prospective students and their parents to learn more about the school.

A student panelist gave similar response when a father asked the student/parent a question about how active the Campus Ministry is on campus. "Spiritual life on this campus is as much and as fulfilling as you choose to make it," said senior Aleen Leacherman.

During the student/parent panel, much discussion arose about the benefits of an all-women’s college. Afterward, Jan Bordonaro, a mother of a prospective from Minneapolis, said, "The panel has opened my mind to the benefits of an all women’s college. I was hesitant before this but now I am more open to the idea.

"At the conclusion of the day, the families toured the campus and compounded at Angela Athletic Facility for an open house with administration and faculty.

"The day has been very informative, but a suggestion for next time would be to hold the panel discussions outside on such a beautiful as today," said Hordonaro.

Prospective students visit Saint Mary’s College campus this weekend for Spring Day, an event sponsored to teach more about the school. Above, female students gather information at Angela Athletic Facility.

'Destiny' rally honors champions

By JASON McFARLEY

It was a familiar feeling in a different setting.

In their last public appearance as a group, members of the Notre Dame women’s basketball team celebrated their NCAA championship in front of more than 1,000 people.

"We really appreciate the support you’ve shown us all year," said All-American Ruth Riley at the community rally outside the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown South Bend. "We enjoy the atmosphere you’ve created for us anywhere we go."

The event was billed as the “Team of Destiny” rally, and speakers alluded to the theme throughout the 30-minute ceremony.

"I think this was really a team of destiny," said head coach Muffet McGraw. "They had their eyes on St. Louis the whole time."

On April 1, the team defeated Purdue University to win the national title in St. Louis. In the championship game and during the regular season, the team was an example of “poise under pressure,” McGraw said.

She noted season highlights, including wins against Georgia and Connecticut.

Fans cheered speeches by McGraw and players, were part of a panoramic photo with the team outside the hall and even sang happy birthday to McGraw’s son Murphy.

Local politicians were also on hand to honor the team.

County councilwoman Cindy Bodele presented the squad with the key to St. Joseph County. Later, city councilman Roland Kelly announced the South Bend Common Council’s April 23 passage of two resolutions commending the team.

South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke praised the women for their courage and model example.

"Thanks for showing us how to work through adversity. Thanks for inspiring our young people," Luecke said.

At Friday’s rally, team members addressed the crowd, much of which included young children.

After asking the audience who wanted to play college basketball and who wanted to attend Notre Dame, senior guard Imani Dunbar told children to work hard and surround themselves with positive influences.

"If it’s music or basketball or whatever you want to do, we just want to encourage you to try your heart out, and we wish you guys all the best," Riley added.

Since winning the championship, the team has received much public praise.

On April 4, a resolution to honor the team’s title passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate. Sens. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind., sponsored the measure.

April 8, the community hailed the team at a public pep rally at the Joyce Center. The women traveled to Washington, D.C., on April 23 for a ceremony with President Bush at the White House.

Luecke said he hoped the rally would hold special meaning for the team.

"I know that you’ve had a lot of honors this year, but I hope that what you’ll carry with you is the adulation, the adoration of this community," he said.
say. And when you’re leaving, they shake your hand and ask you to come back. It really is something.”

It’s something so special that Bottinger didn’t have a hard time convincing his class that the trip was a good idea.

“I proposed the idea to the class one day and the next day alone they brought in about 400 items of clothing,” Bottinger said. “They were really excited about it from the start.”

In the end, Bottinger’s freshman homeroom donated about 1,500 items to the drive and won the contest.

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The Observer

Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio signs the T-shirt of an Oakcrest High student. The New Jersey high school class earned a trip to Notre Dame for the Blue-Gold game by winning their school’s clothing drive. Their visit to campus included a talk with LoVecchio and a tour of the stadium.

After taking a glimpse of football’s present, the class took a look at football’s past at the College Football Hall of Fame before attending South Bend’s ceremony for the women’s basketball team at Gridiron Plaza.

On Saturday, the class took in the atmosphere of a game-day on campus and then attended the Blue-Gold game, before immediately boarding the bus for the long ride home.

Despite the fun and excitement surrounding the trip, the students did not forget what brought them to Notre Dame in the first place.

“We’re really excited — it’s such a great experience,” Penman said. “It’s perfect. It gives us a great feeling to help someone and we get to do something fun, too.”

The Office for Students with Disabilities is taking applications for the following positions for fall 2001:

Drivers, On-Campus Cart Transportation 12 hours a week. Provide rides to class and residences halls for students with temporary injuries. Service operates on class schedule. Safety training required.

On-Campus Cart Transportation Student Coordinator 12 hours a week. Supervises drivers and develops daily ride schedules. Safety training required.

Textbook Recorder Flexible hours. Tape record textbooks and other class materials for students with visual impairments and dyslexia.

Courier Flexible hours, 3 to 5 a week. Make deliveries and pick up for the office of time sensitive material.

If you are interested in any of these positions please stop by the Office at 109 Badin Hall. If you have questions please call 631-7157.
World News Briefs

China allows U.S. inspection: China has decided to let U.S. personnel inspect a Navy spy plane at the military airport in southern China where it landed after meeting with a Chinese fighter jet, the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday.

Midast cease-fire in the making: Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres traveled to Jordan and Egypt on Sunday seeking to forge the outlines of a Midast cease-fire, but bomb attacks, mortar fire and gunbattles at home cast a long shadow over the latest peace initiative. Peres presented Israel's reservations to a peace deal put forward by Egypt and Jordan for ending seven months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. There were hopes for a deal that could lead to resuming peace negotiations.

National News Briefs

Endeavour leaves space station: Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew undocked from the international space station on Sunday, wrapping up a long, fascinating visit that was wrecked by computer trouble but finally ended in success. Left behind were the three space station residents, who had just 14 hours to get ready for their next guests: two Russian cosmonauts and the first space tourist.

Brush fires strike New Jersey: Wind-fanned brush fires consumed at least 550 acres across the state Saturday and forced the evacuation of dozens of homes. No injuries were reported. A fire center near the Millville Airport in northern New Jersey burned at least 400 acres and forced evacuations of at least 11 streets. Firefighters were struggling into the evening to contain it. "It's still growing in size," said Glenn Liepe, a warming.

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Puerto Rico

Naval exercises put on hold

Associated Press

The U.S. Navy halted bombing exercises on Vieques as a gesture of respect as the Vatican beatified the first Puerto Rican ever on Sunday, bringing a pause to two days of clashes between protesters and federal authorities.

The exercises are to resume Monday morning and are expected to last several more days, Navy Lt. Jeff Gordon said. The Navy avoided exercising Sunday as the largely Catholic U.S. territory observed the ceremony putting Carlos Manuel Rodriguez on the path to sainthood.

Rodriguez — one of five people beatified by Pope John Paul II on Sunday — was a layman who died in 1963 after a life dedicated to the church. The Vatican has attributed a miracle to him: a woman recovered from non-Hodgkins lymphoma after praying to Rodriguez.

Some 25,000 people, including many Puerto Ricans, attended the ceremony in St. Peter's Square. Rodriguez, an office clerk, gained fame in Puerto Rico for his piety and his efforts to spread the study of liturgy and bring laypeople into the church.

On the occasion of the beatification, Puerto Rico's governor, Sila Calderon, asked the pope to act to bring a permanent stop to U.S. bombing exercises on the outlying island of Vieques. She made the request in a letter delivered to John Paul by her secretary of state.

On Vieques, dozens of protesters formed picket lines near Navy land on Sunday, but there were no reports of conflicts with military security.

The Navy did not report any new arrests of protesters trawpassing on the bombing range. So far, 128 protesters have been arrested since Thursday night for entering the range in hopes of thwarting the exercises, which began Friday.

Activists claimed they still had about 40 people on the Navy bombing range.

"We're going to keep putting people on the bombing range because we have demonstrated that we have been more efficient at getting people in there than the Navy has been at taking them out," said protest leader Carlos Zenon.

WWII bomb found armed in Italy

Associated Press

Local shop owners and residents had spent the waiting hours of Saturday night boarding up their storefronts and taping down windows as a precaution before clearing out for what Italian media reports said was the largest evacuation of its kind in Italy.

Police units were reinforced to ensure residents obeyed the evacuation orders and air raid sirens wailed throughout the morning to remind anyone who had stayed behind that the operation was under way.

Even the city's hospital, with all its patients, 100 doctors and emergency equipment, was relocated to local fair grounds. Rai state television reported Vicenza's train station also closed down temporarily before residents were allowed back into their homes.

After being initially disarmed, the cylindrical casing of the bomb was taken to a quarry in the outskirts of Vicenza, 325 miles northeast of Rome, where its core components were to be extracted.

English pilots dropped the 4,000-pound device on April 2, 1944 during a bombing campaign over northern Italy, the press reports said.
Catholic church leader pushes active political support

Associated Press

MANILA

The powerful chief of the Philippine Roman Catholic church urged people into the streets early Monday to defend democracy and the president, setting up a possible showdown with thousands of protesters supporting ousted President Joseph Estrada.

Troops were put on highest alert amid widespread rumors of a looming coup. Hundreds responded to Jaime Cardinal Sin’s midnight call, taking to the streets to express support for President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. The military chief reiterated support for Arroyo at a 2 a.m. news conference, and denied reports that officers were defecting to Estrada’s camp.

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Anti-Joseph Estrada demonstrators form a barricade near the Macapagal Presidential Palace in Manila before dawn Monday. Anti-Estrada groups arrived after an appeal by Manila Archbishop, Cardinal Jaime Sin, to defend the Gloria Arroyo government from Estrada loyalists out from an attempted power grab to reinstate the jailed former Philippine leader.

Sunday, said the former president was entertaining guests and was busyou the rallies. The government plans to move Estrada to a more remote detention facility, hoping it will quell the protests as the Philippines prepares for congressional and local elections on May 14 that many see as a referendum on Arroyo.

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MACEDONIA
President: No mercy for militants

Associated Press

SKOPJE
Bracing for renewed ethnic conflict after an ambush killed eight government commandos, Macedonia's president pledged Sunday that no mercy would be shown to the Albanian militants responsible.

The attack Saturday near the Kosovo border was the most deadly incident since clashes between government troops and ethnic Albanian militants began in February.

"It is time now to ... unite the political forces and all the citizens of Macedonia so that terrorism is defeated," President Boris Trajkovski said on state television.

A police statement said between 25 and 30 rebels from Kosovo attacked a convoy of four vehicles and 16 men. Six other soldiers were injured.

Government spokesman Antonio Milososki said the commandos killed were shot in the head and stabbing by the militants after the attack to ensure they were dead.

The attack shattered hopes of lasting calm in the wake of a government offensive last month that appeared to have defeated the rebels.

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Macedonian Albanian-language newspaper, saying they incited "militant extremism."

Passions ran high at the funeral Sunday of 25-year-old Igor Kostenski, one of those killed in the ambush.

"This was murder. They killed eight young people for nothing," said his father, Milivoj.

Interior Minister Dosta Dimovski warned of "indications that there might be more such terrorist incursions from Kosovo in the upcoming period."

In related violence, three Yugoslav soldiers were reported wounded when their vehicle ran over a land mine north of the Macedonian border. In Serbia. Later Sunday, the government press office reported that ethnic Albanian militants in the area launched an attack against the Serb police near the town of Vranje.

The Associated Press

ENGLAND
Government eases last call alcohol law

Associated Press

LONDON
Britain's tradition-soaked pub culture is set to see its biggest change in decades - an easing of the nation's strict 11 p.m. last call for alcohol, a government minister said Sunday.

The long-debated licensing change to allow pubs, bars, restaurants and stores to sell alcohol later - and perhaps around the clock - is slated to be one of the first acts of Prime Minister Tony Blair's government if it wins a second term of office this summer, officials said.

While it may seem counter-intuitive that keeping pubs open longer will minimize problems with drunkenness, the Home Office argues that the current limit encourages binge drinking before closing and causes chaotic crowds of revelers to spill into the streets all at once, straining nighttime law enforcement.

"Our proposals will deal with the antiquated and bureaucratic licensing system and modernize it," Home Office Minister Mike O'Brien said.

They will give business greater freedom, protect local residents, help the police deal with law and order and give the public the more opportunities to socialize."

Blair's chief political rival, the Conservative Party, decried the announcement as a cheap attempt to grab votes ahead of the national election, planned for early June.

"How typical and opportunistic of Labor to revisit this in the run-up to the election," said Anna Widdicombe, a senior Conservative lawmaker.

Blair's Labor Party holds a commanding lead over the Conservatives, according to independent polls, and is widely expected to win re-election.

Proposals examined in a recent Home Office report include staggering closings from 11 p.m. until the early morning hours or lifting national restrictions altogether to allow local communities to determine closing times.

A change would "end the unnaturally early race to drink as much as possible before closing time, when many are not yet ready to go," the report said.

Mark Hastings, a spokesman for the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association applauding the announcement, saying that the current closing time is one of the earliest in Western Europe - "treats Britons like children."
Last federal execution less famous

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Associated Press

FORT MADISON, Iowa

The next prisoner scheduled for execution by the federal government is getting far more attention than the last one — a convicted murderer who was once a popular bar manager and a dedicated family man.

McVeigh, 35, was convicted of murder, conspiracy and using a weapon of mass destruction in a 1995 explosion in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people and injured thousands.

He is scheduled to be executed on Monday by lethal injection at the Federal Correctional Institution in Terre Haute, Indiana.

The government will use a method similar to the one used in the past for federal executions, which involves a drug that paralyzes the victim and then stops their heart and lungs.

McVeigh's execution will be the first since 1963, but it is also the first to be carried out by lethal injection.

The execution will be a significant milestone in the history of capital punishment in the United States.

The government has faced criticism from some in the legal community who argue that lethal injection is a cruel and unusual punishment.

McVeigh was convicted of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995.

He was sentenced to death in 1997 for his role in the explosion.

McVeigh has consistently maintained his innocence, arguing that he was framed for the crime.

The government has presented evidence that supports their conviction, and McVeigh has declined to appeal his case.

He has also refused to address the media or the public.

McVeigh's execution will be a significant event in the history of capital punishment in the United States.

It will also have implications for the future of the death penalty in the country.

The government is currently seeking to execute three other inmates, but McVeigh is the only one scheduled to die this year.

The execution will be watched closely by the world, and it is likely to be a turning point in the debate over the death penalty.

McVeigh's case has been the subject of much media attention, and his execution will likely attract significant coverage.

The government has taken steps to ensure that the execution goes smoothly, and the media will be allowed to cover the event.

However, the execution will also raise questions about the fairness of the death penalty and the role of the government in carrying out executions.

The government has argued that the death penalty is necessary to deter crime and to provide justice for victims and their families.

Opponents of the death penalty argue that it is a cruel and inhumane punishment and that it is applied in a discriminatory manner.

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It's one week post-MCAT and all I have to say is: "school's out for summer," heck, "school's out for evera."
Oh wait, we have finals, even the seniors. Not to worry, though, as I say: Forego the usual walk into stress and sleep deprivation. Notre Dame doth provide for you, dear friends. And how does she do it? She provides you with Viewpoint.

Yes, Viewpoint (and maybe a few other classic works of age-old thought provocation, but mainly just the Viewpoint pages). Many controversial topics have appeared among this very newspaper's pages that would make very good final exam essays.

So be not afraid. We will provide you with the necessary styles of attacking the tough essay question exam.

You are unprepared. You are still afraid of finals week. And why? Because this is it, this is the last week before a glorious summer, culminating in the rest of your life or because you need to pass the class that allows you to graduate.

Any way you slice it, this upcoming week in May is one that will not be remembered for the amount of free time thrown on the grass. This week will most assuredly be remembered for those climactic few days in which a year's worth of communal philosophy congeals into the most profound nugget of wisdom; a wisdom that will have garnered you the highest of honors: graduation or a ticket to another year at Notre Dame.

Some Notre Dame women, for instance, believe they are not able to express themselves freely in the clothing they are "socially allowed" to wear. How can we consider ourselves Americans in a society that does not allow free forms of all kinds of speech? Will when parliaments become destroyed? This is quite possibly the biggest example of freedom restriction in our immediate vicinity. And good lord, "The Vagina Monologues," where did free-speech go in that situation? (Why that debauchery known as the Keenan Monologues," where did free-speech go in that situation? (Why that debauchery known as the Keenan Monologues," where did freedom of speech? Maybe, but maybe not."

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Students protest denied parietal extension

The Mission Statement of the University of Notre Dame states, "The University provides in all its activities an environment of teaching and learning which fosters the development in students of those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit which characterize educated, skilled and free human beings." Unfortunately, it appears that these noble ideas will not be realized anymore in the near future. In an effort to prevent changes that would allow students to grow into disciplined, free human beings committed to respectful communal living, the administration has structured the Campus Life Committee (CLC) in a manner that will quash any student-led initiative to improve the campus community.

Members of the Student Senate and CLC led a student initiative to address some of the perceivable flaws in the implementation of the University's parietal policy. The students proposed a reasonable modification of the current curfew hours to address current gender relations, academic and social problems facing the University. After spending a semester researching the issue, through intensive conversation with all members of the student task force arrived at the conclusion that existing parietals are not only unreasonably long, especially in groups, but also that they are not enforced in a way that conforms to the rule of law.

When the issue arose at the meeting, members of the student task force opened the debate on the question of whether the University should heed the mandate of the students. The students stressed that they were not calling into question the institution of parietals, but that they were calling for a reform necessary for the academic, social and spiritual well being of the student body.

The rectors immediately sprang to the defense of the entire institution of parietals. In dismissing the concerns of gender relations and academic concerns, the rectors focused on the additional hour of work that requires students to work, often late in the night.

In a referendum conducted by the Senate it was found that 80 percent of the student body (2,429 out of 3,038 respondents) favored these measures. These measures would help students attend classes, study, and develop the judgment necessary to lead that requires students to work, often late in the night and the morning.

Unfortunately the University placed its own designs before student initiative, an initiative it invoked with the promise of consideration. As anyone in attendance at this week's CLC meeting can attest, the University had no intention of considering this effort.

Research good for education

It is an absolute disgrace that after eagerly combing the pages of our yearbook we did not come across a single picture of a theater production. Not a single picture. There wasn't any reference to the theater at all.

Excuse No. 1: The events took place too late in the year.

Let us list for you the productions that have happened in the last two semesters not including this weekend's Oedipus Rex which, understandably, would not have made the deadline: "Taming of the Shrew," "As You Like It," "Good Night Desdemona," "Good Morning Juliet," "Lost in Yonkers," "Love's Fire," "Comedy of Errors," "Shirley Valentine," "All in the Timing," "I Hate Hamlet," "Guys and Dolls," "Bombo and Juliet," "One Man Shores," a performance workshop, "Just Browsing," 15 directing finals, plus last spring's "Love of the Nightingale" (Reg Bain's last directing project). I sincerely recommend the Notre Dame faculty, retired, never emeritus.

Some great things are going on within the department which would be of interest to students today, as well as in the future. The new performing arts center is breaking ground soon and they have already been made public. This includes a multi-million dollar black-box theater donated by Reg Bain. In addition, Actors from the London National Theatre have made Notre Dame their "home base" in the United States and next year's season includes a visit from an esteemed international director.

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While we understand the concern that this may detract from undergraduate education, we insist that it has only enhanced our own. We feel that Notre Dame's commitment to undergraduate is uniquely strong enough to keep us from experiencing the detachment between undergraduates and professors commonly found at other institutions.

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Notre Dame undergraduates
April 27, 2001

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Lots of energy, time and man-power goes into a production and that time is taken away from other events like sports, "hanging out" on the quad or in La Fortune, going to movies or even pep rallies. Mainstage productions require at least four to five hours of rehearsal a day, six days a week. According to our calculations, that is just as much, if not more, than some varsity athletics. Efforts and sacrifices like these deserve notice. We do not simply perform for the rest of the department as well. In dismissing the issues of gender and late in the night.

Letters to the Editor

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April 27, 2001

Seniors

We are now accepting letters for the senior week edition. Please send your letters to observer.viewpoint.1@nd.edu

Monday, April 30, 2001
My life as a frisbee... sucks

Hey, I'm a red frisbee. And I've got something to say: I'm tired of being thrown around the quad, hitting people in the head. Every time I hit someone in the head, they always get mad and say it hurts. But what about me, the frisbee? I get scratched and dinged when I hit the ground. You just get a welt.

People are throwing me in trees. Then you throw up your shoe to get me out. That hurts you clown! What do you do when somebody throws your birkenstock at you? You get pissed! Why don't you lay off the pipe and throw me correctly, hippie? Oh, and then you throw me up on a roof, and just say "that sucks" and go inside. Then I sit up there all summer and warp because its so hot. Then when it rains in the fall, I slide off the roof and when you find me, you say: "hey, I was looking for this." NO YOU WEREN'T, JACKASS. You just got another frisbee, one of those fancy ones.

Then there's the ever popular "throw the frisbee at a girl to get her attention because she's in a bikini." I'm not some matchmaker, I'm a flying disc. If you can't talk to girls yourself, that's your problem buddy. Don't kill my game with your sorry game. None of the lady frisbees will talk to me if they find out I've touched the butt of some sunbathing girl. Why don't you try not to be a loser, then throw me around.

And what about those people that throw frisbees? Hey, they make shirts that aren't tie-dyed. Why don't you take a shower and cut your hair? And getting the frisbee "ripped" is not as funny as you think it is. I'm associated with people that don't ever wear shoes and go to Phish concerts all the time. Maybe that's why Ultimate hasn't become a major sport. Football players all wear cleats, after all. People try to be all fancy when they throw me. They try to throw me through their legs and bounce me off the sidewalk. Of course, it never works, and I end up rolling into a building. You've been on the ground. You just get a welt.

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The Art of Scoping

Now that you've got yourself settled, what to do? The favorite quad activity of those who don't want to break a sweat is to scope out the opposite sex. This highly refined art reaches a new level outside of the dining hall. Here you can judge others based on their athletic ability, their interactions with friends and their appearance in skimpy summer clothes. While some may think this is the stuff of male chauvinism, girls are just as likely to rate those of the opposite sex. One group of Walsh residents judge males passers-by on their shorts: length, style and how good their legs look after a sun-deprived winter. Just doing their part to support gender equality at Notre Dame.

Proper Quad Attire

Once the weather warms up, the clothes (like the six-month old snow) melt away as well. Clothing is at a minimum during the springtime months, and sunbathers on the quad take this to a new level. For males, shorts and a baseball hat or sunglasses are all that seem to be required. The women of Notre Dame, on the other hand, get creative with bikini tops, tank tops and short shorts. Girls roll up sleeves, cuffs, even entire shirts, all in the name of exposing every possible square inch to the sun. A bird's eye view of this Catholic University's quads must be a strange one -- hundreds of students stretched out as burning offerings to some sun god.

Athletics

The word on the lawns is that South quad is the quad for scoping sunbathers, while North quad is the place to show off your athletic skills. Yet both quads are filled with sailing Frisbees, spiraling foot-
Scenes annual look at life on the Notre Dame quads

Notre Dame students are not only active in sports, but also enjoy a variety of activities on the quads.

**Safety**

No matter what the sport of choice, the eager players have to maneuver their throws and tosses so as not to knock out those who are audacious enough to use the quad for its actual purpose: walking across campus. Once in a while, a gust of wind, an ill-judged distance or a novice player will let a ball or Frisbee sail right into an innocent passer-by. While this can be a trick to meet cute girls, it can also transform the quad into a dangerous cross-fire zone. The key is to keep an eye out for these flying objects and at least attempt to catch one if it heads your way.

**Refreshments**

Whether it’s a hard-nosed game of football or just exhaustion from hours of tanning, every quad-goer eventually craves refreshment. Around the lunch hour, many happy Grab-N-Goers can be seen picnicking in the sun. As the clock on O'Shaughnessy creeps closer to the dinner hour, the beverages of choice often turn to alcoholic concoctions, carried in cans by the bold or concealed in water bottles by the cautious. While alcohol can add to the intoxication of springtime, revelers should be careful the better in the weather has lured facul-

**Music**

There are always a few bold souls who assume everyone on the quad will appreciate their musical taste. So they set their speakers in their dorm windows, make a killer playlist and let the tunes blare. Sometimes the entertainment is greatly appreciated, and adds to the party atmosphere of the quad. Other times an endless loop of Dave Matthews and the best of U93 can get more than a little annoying. And what happens when the wanna-be DJ forgets to turn down his computer speakers, as one enthusiastic Dillon resident did last spring? Everyone on the quad gets to hear the constant, annoying rings of his IM going off at ear-piercing levels. Ah, the wonders of technology.

Whether you are dozing on a blanket surrounded by unread books strumming a guitar under the shade of a tree or tossing the pigskin around with your roommates, when finals loom and the stress levels rise, Notre Dame students flee from the cinderblock cells of their dorm rooms to the grassy green outdoors. Studying and relaxing outside has always been a springtime tradition.

Sure, the sprinklers may unexpectedly douse you from a peaceful sleep, or the blazing sun may scorch your back as you ponder Plato, but the lure of the outdoors is strong, and the quads call each of us: the jock, the musician, the sunbather and the student.

A group of students take a break from studying to chill out on the quad and listen to a little bit of free music. On Sunday afternoon.

**Numbers**

Not exactly a Civil War but we went out and found what Quad actually does "stuff." Here are the number of people participating in various activities:

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The numbers say it all. South Quad is a great place to play, study and hang out. Maybe it’s all that sun it gets.
Lacrosse accomplishments deserve recognition

By JOE LACANDRO

While the Irish women’s basketball team won the NCAA tournament this spring and the Irish baseball team achieved a No. 1 ranking in the country, the Irish lacrosse team has gone unnoticed this year despite the best season in the history of Notre Dame lacrosse.

The Irish went 5-0 in Great Western Lacrosse League division play to capture their second straight divisional title. Their only loss was an 11-10 overtime road loss to nationally ranked Hofstra. The 12 wins are the most ever in the 21-year history of Notre Dame lacrosse.

Tom Glatzel and Notre Dame have the most out-standing last season in the history of Notre Dame lacrosse. Glatzel is a finalist for the Tewaaraton trophy that recognizes the nation’s most out-standing lacrosse player. Notre Dame is one of only three schools to feature two players on the lists of finalists for this coveted award.

Coach Kevin Corrigan and the Irish seniors should be especially commended for elevating Notre Dame to the status of a lacrosse powerhouse. With the Irish adding scholar- ships for the first time next season and the emergence of seniors Kevin Ryan and John Flanigan, their dominance is not likely to stop in the near future.

“I’m so proud of our team,” said Corrigan. “I’m especially proud of our seniors. They are responsible for the success of this program. Kevin Corrigan lacrosse coach

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“More than more depth,” said Corrigan. “We have been able to wear down teams and that has made a huge difference. We can’t control who we are seeded because I’m not even worried about who we play at set. We can’t control how our guys are just ready for the tournament to begin. I think we are capable of going all the way.”

Glatzel agreed with his coach’s assessment of the team’s post-season chances. “Winning this game 4-4 gives us a lot of confidence going into the tournament,” he said. “It’s great to finally hit me yet that this was my last home game here. I think we’re ready to do some damage in the tournament.”

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Top seeds Five Reasons, Versatility advance to Final Four

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

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PGA TOUR
Hoch wins Greater Greensboro Classic

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GREENSBORO, N.C. Talk about eating your words.
Scott Hoch complained for
days that shorter rough at the
Greater Greensboro Chrysler
Classic favored longer, wilder
hitters off the tee and was a
disadvantage to his straight
game. Then the 22-year PGA Tour
veteran went out and broke a
94-tournament drought with
four sub-70 rounds to win the
$3.5 million event at Forest
Oaks Country Club.

After closing out his final-
round 69 Sunday, Hoch picked
up some rough behind the
18th green and threw it high
into the air.
"I said, 'Hey, the rough was
perfect after all,'" Hoch said.
Hoch, 45, won his ninth
event and first since the 1997
Greater Milwaukee Open with
a 72-hole total of 16-under
272.

At his age, Hoch said he
wondered if he would ever win
again.
"Age has got to have some-
thing to do with your game,
but I also wanted to prove to
myself that I've got the game
no matter what age I am -
that I can still win," Hoch said.
Hoch, who was born in
Raleigh and attended college
at nearby Wake Forest, had
only played in this tournament
since (1999) in the last decade.
And he almost didn't come
this time, committing late and
then checking the weather on
his computer before heading
north from his home in
Orlando, Fla., on Monday to
join a field that had just
attracted the top 50 money
leaders.

Once at the course, Hoch
gritted that the rough was 3
inches shorter than normal,
saying he would have stayed
at home if he knew it had
been cut.
Captains lead Irish on gridiron at break.

By NOAH AMSTADER
Sports Editor

In the lower levels of a Notre Dame Stadium undergoing roof expansion, Bob Davie stresses the foundation of the Irish football program is indeed rock solid.

The keys to that foundation are the program’s seniors. And before Saturday afternoon’s Blue-Gold Scrimmage, the president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council — Davie’s top three running defenders all day long.

The best at throwing the long ball under his wing. It puts a little more of a leadership role on LoVecchio, Davie says he won’t change his demeanor. "I’m going to go out there, I’m going to try to lead by example," Davie said. "I’m not going to be a rah-rah guy. I’ve never been a rah-rah guy. I’m going to go out there, play my game and hopefully the young guys will follow." Davie stressed his happiness with the way linebacker Boiman has developed over the last three seasons.

"Rocky Boiman comes in here, he’s 205 pounds, he’s now 245 pounds," Davie said. "I think he’s a warrior." The red-haired Cincinnati native is Notre Dame’s top returning tackling. While Boiman, who missed the Blue-Gold game with an injured knee, enjoys his new role, he really is just excited to take the field come fall.

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Matt LoVecchio, Carlyle Holiday, and Jared Clark this spring. Davie has a lot of difficult decid­ing to do. So many looked good at Saturday’s scrimmage. It’s not like there’s a one and two and a con­sidering playing them if they couldn’t play well.

"All three can play the position," said offensive coordi­nator Kevin Rogers. "We wouldn’t have recruited them if they couldn’t.

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"The rightfully so — because although those eight games away," Davie said. "But the H um ble, Tex­as native knows that with honor and respect for me in that way," he said. "Davie stressed his happiness with the way linebacker Boiman has developed over the last three seasons.

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"It just exemplifies how much leadership the defense has for all three of us to be named captains," Boiman said. In the end, Davie thinks his four captains will give the team the leadership it needs to succeed come fall.

"All we’ve talked about all spring, really since the [Piesta Bowl loss to Oregon State], is to take this thing to another level," Davie said. "It doesn’t matter what you’re trying to take to another level, you bet­ter have a strong foundation. If you’re going to make those kinds of statements. If you’re going to put floors on the building, you better have a strong foundation.
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Although Davie seemed pleased by the team's perform-
ance, he said it was hard to feel anything from the spring game.
"It's hard to draw any conclu-
sions," he said. "It's obvious that it was very vanilla from a scheme standpoint. That's his in-
tention."
Entering the game, one of the biggest questions was how the three quarterbacks — Jared Clark, Carlyle Holiday and Matt LoVecchio — would play. They rotated every series. LoVecchio played the first, Clark the second, and Holiday the third. While LoVecchio looked the most pleased, Clark and Holiday had their moments as well.
However, Clark got off to a slow start. He threw an interception that cornerbarkin Shane Walton returned 44 yards for a touchdown and fumbled a snap, which nose guard Andy Wisne recovered.
But in the second half, Clark settled down. He threw a 47-yard strike to Givens and finished the scrimmage with 3-of-6 passing for 78 yards. "I was really pleased Jared Clark came back in the second half," Davie said.
"I think that was missing today a lot," Davie added. "When you turn the ball over there is going to be a bunch of points for the other team."
"We had some turnovers in the first half, and we gave up some big plays on defense.
Davie was also concerned with an offensive line that gave up 12 sacks. "I'm a little concerned over our pass protection," he said. "I don't mean much continuity on the offensive line."
Based on his spring performance, Davie said Sean Mulcahy, who didn't compete Saturday, would earn a starting spot at guard. However, the other spot was still open, and Davie isn't sure how the Irish will rotate their trio of tackles.
Budinscak turned in an impres-
sive debut at wide receiver. He had one 17-yard run, where he out-
sprinted the defense and hurdled a defender.
"You can see now what we saw this spring," Davie said.
Budinscak's sophomore Kyle Budinscak, moved to the second receiver at wide receiver, recorded seven tackles and five sacks.
In fact, the Irish spring starter, Budinscak was listed as an end, defensive tackle.
"When you watch him on film you can see he plays with a high motor," said Mattison. "He has very, very explosive move-
ment and has been playing with a lot of toughness."
Mike McNair and Terrance Howard shared most of the tail-
back duties. Howard led all rushers with 13 carries, while McNair — who has been shifted between fullback and tailback this spring — rushed nine times for just 45 yards.
Fullback Chris Yurick added 35 yards on six carries.
The game was tied 7-7 before a jump-started the defense's scoring spurt. Walton, who was named Irish offensive MVP, started the scor-
ing deluge with his interception return, worth 12 points under the modified scoring system used for Saturday's scrimmage.
"Obviously, on defense, we don't get our hands on the ball much," he said. "When we do, we try to take it to the house."
Clifford Jefferson also inter-
cepted a Holiday pass in the first half.
"It was my first interception in a game like this, so I was pretty happy," he said. "It made me feel good."
Mattison was only concerned with the defensive line, especial-
ly on the two long touchdown passes.
"That wasn't the secondary's fault, nobody could have covered them that long," he said. "We didn't gain one inch when we were rushing. I pointed up to the crowd and I said, 'I could have picked anyone up there who could have completed that pass.'"
Overall, Davie seemed pleased by the team's performance.
"I like this football team a lot," he said. "All we've talked about all spring, really since the bowl game, is to take this thing to another level.
"This is a group of kids that you're going to really like because they're going to try to do what you're asking them to do," added Mattison. "We have enough good things going on that I think we have a chance to be outstanding. We can continue to develop over the summer.
"Davie said.
"Things look pretty good and I think we have a good chance to be successful."
Notes
- Fourteen scholarship play-
ers, including nine starters, did not compete Saturday because of various injuries. Among those who didn't compete were cor-
nerback Jason Beckstrom, line-
bucker Rocky Boiman, taillback Tony Fisher, defensive end Grant Irons, safeties Ron Israel and Garo Sarafian and offensive line-
men Ryan Scarola and John Teasdale.
- Davie said that if the season started today, McNair would earn the starting fullback job over Yura. Also, Courtney Watson was listed ahead of Mike Goosby for a linebacker slot.
- Although he badly missed a 45-yard field goal during the scrimmage, Davie said Nick Setta would be the starting field goal kicker. Setta hit 4-of-4 field goals in a kicking exhibition before the scrimmage started. Setta also hit a 29-yard attempt during the scrimmage.
- David Miller also connected on a 45-yard field goal before the game started, and he drilled a 37-yarder during the game.
- However, Davie was concerned about who would handle kickoff duties. "I'm concerned about kickoffs because neither one has the advantage," he said.
"There's going to be a lot of com-
petition kicking off."
- The announced attendance was 20,094 — nearly 6,000 more than attended last season's game. Included in that were most of the incoming freshman class of recruits — most notably, tight end Matt LeVoir, the high-
est rated Irish recruit — as well a number of high profile high school seniors who are consider-
ing playing football at Notre Dame.
Irish place fifth at Big East despite Ratay's top finish

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior golfer Steve Ratay shot a one-over par 71 on Sunday afternoon at the Metacomet Country Club for a 54-hole total of 215 to take a share of the 2001 Big East Golf Championship.

Ratay, finished in a three-way tie for first, joining St. John's Andrew Svoboda and Virginia Tech's Brian Kassen for five-over par 215's. Virginia Tech won the team title by nine strokes over St. John's with an 875 total and will receive the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships May.

The Irish finished fifth with a 902 total.

Ratay becomes the third Notre Dame golfer to win the Big East title joining previous winners, Todd Vernon (1997) and Bill Moore (1995) as tournament medalists. He began play on Sunday tied for second, with Svoboda, just one stroke behind Kassen after 36-holes of play. Ratay and Svoboda shot one-over par 71's for the day, while Kassen dropped a stroke with a two-over 72 on the par 70, 6,444-yard Metacomet Country Club course. This marks the second time this season that Ratay has tied for a tournament championship as he also finished in a first place tie at the Wisconsin Invitational in the fall.

The junior standout made his run to the three-way championship on the strength of his play on the course's par five holes. For the weekend, Ratay averaged a 3.83 on the two par-fives, going seven-under for the six holes.

As a team, the Irish had the second best round of the day as they shot a 10-over par 290 to finish with a 902 (307-305-290). Virginia Tech, ranked 22nd in the nation, was three strokes better than Notre Dame over the final 18 holes with a seven-over par 287 on the way to the Hurricanes' 875 (291-297-287). St. John's was second with an 884 (304-286-294) while Rutgers was third with an 897 (300-304-293), followed by Georgetown in fourth with a 900 (305-296-294) with Notre Dame fifth and Seton Hall sixth (904/308-300-306).

Irish sophomore Kyle Monfort tied for the best single round of the final day as he fired a one-under par 69 on the way to a 15-over par total of 215 (78-78-69) which put him in a tie for 14th, 10 strokes behind the three top finishers.

Senior Alex Kent finished in a tie for 17th with a 54-hole total of 228 as he followed rounds of 77 and 76 on Saturday with a closing round 75.

Brandon Luske was 27th on the weekend with a 237 mark as he turned it in a 76 on Sunday after opening rounds of 84 and 77. Senior Pat Schaffler finished 28th overall as he shot a final round 75 to give him a 240 total (82-83-75).

The Big East Championship closed out the spring schedule for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame lacrosse team defeated both Rutgers and adversity in a penalty-stricken match Sunday.

The Irish (10-4) defeated the Scarlet Knights (7-9) despite penalties and hard play by Big East foe Rutgers.

After 60 minutes of play, the scoreboard read 12-5. The score, however, did not reflect the intensity with which the two teams played, and the game seemed as if the referees had it under control.

The game started out well for Notre Dame as they opened up an early 5-2 lead. This lead, however, would only last for a few minutes as Rutgers would tie the game at 5-5 late in the first half.

Notre Dame senior Todd Shearer later finished off his hat trick with a goal at the 10:50 mark of the second half to give the Irish a 11-9 lead.

This lead would not hold up as Rutgers would tie the game back up at 11-11 with 3:05 remaining in the second half.

Rutgers and adversity in a lacrosse team defeated both the largest crowd of the year Sunday with a beautiful day, recruiting class.

The seniors were honored before the game. They were given a beautiful plaque as well as a victory giving them their senior hat trick and senior season.

The seniors were not the only ones making the games special. They were given a strong tribute by junior Natalie Loftus, sophomore Danielle Shearer and Jen White and freshman Kassen Delano.

Another Delano goal, both assisted by Shearer, came after a Rutgers score. Delano would later secure the hat trick within the first half.

Shearer later finished off her own hat trick and added three assists to lead the team with six points overall.

The next 15 minutes of the game became a duel between the two goalies as both teams were held scoreless. The Irish goalkeeper, White, ended up with nine saves.

The rest of the first half showcased back and forth scoring as neither team budged in what would turn out to be a very intense game. The Irish led 6-5 going into the locker room.

The second half played out much the same when not looking at stats.

Penalties were called almost constantly throughout play and one call forced a stoppage of play as Notre Dame head coach Tracy Coyne contested the ruling.

Despite the Irish maintaining the ball possession, it seemed as if the referees had it out for Notre Dame as frustration hit the players on the field. However, this seemed to only spark the Irish attack.

While still getting rock-solid play from White, the offense continued to run to the three-way championship on the strength of his play on the course's par five holes. For the weekend, Ratay averaged a 3.83 on the two par-fives, going seven-under for the six holes.

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Givens sheds some light on Irish expectations

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TF: Do you think after this last bowl, you proved to them [critics] that it's realistic to win it all, and were you guys satisfied with last season, or is there still a lot more you want to do?

DG: I think it's possible that we could win a national championship this coming year. It's our goal, still. As any player, it's going to be your goal every year coming into a season. It's an attainable goal. I'm not reaching too far. It's not a goal that I've set too high for us. But sure, that's the goal, coming up this year.

TF: After the 5-7 season, people were saying: "Notre Dame can't get players because their admissions standards are too high," and I remember you told me that: "We can play with anyone in the country." Do you think after last year ... you kind of showed people what you knew all along?

DG: Yeah, I think we did make a pretty strong statement that having high academic standards doesn't make any difference as far as having good athletes. If it was a change of two different plays, we could be [11-0] this year. The Michigan State game and the Nebraska game, we're one play away from winning both of those games.

So I think we did prove ourselves ... pretty well.

TF: Obviously, the Fiesta Bowl didn't go the way you guys wanted it to go. Can you just talk about that a little, in terms of the game itself, and if you guys now use that as something to ... motivate you for this upcoming season.

DG: The Fiesta Bowl wasn't a good display for our team as a whole. We played bad all the way around. It is a big motivation due to the fact that we think we are better this year as a team than we were last year. And we did make it to the Fiesta Bowl. It's just something that we can look forward to next year to go to a bigger bowl.

TF: No "Remember Tempe"?

DG: Yeah.

TF: Having a chance to go play a Nebraska at Nebraska — is that something you guys really look forward to being able to do that?

DG: Any big game, we're looking forward to, period. Not necessarily playing them on the road, but I don't think that's going to be a factor. Last year we played Nebraska [at] home, and it felt like a road game. Playing them next year, away, is going to be just like playing them here last year. I didn't really appreciate that too much ... and I don't think any of [my] teammates did, and I hope that never happens again. Those away games are just like home games. You go in the game focused, and it's time to play when the ball is kicked off. Whether it be home or away, it's time to play ball.

TF: When you line up as a wide receiver, is there anything in particular that you're thinking? Are you thinking about how you're going to beat the defensive back? Are you talking to the defensive back?

DG: First of all, every time I stop on the field, no matter where it is, that position ... I feel like I'm the best player on the field. That's just my mentality, my focus on the field, there's nobody out there better than me. I may talk a little trash. Talking trash is not part of the game, but getting into the other player's head is part of the game.

TF: Now everyone's seen that you were a BCS team [last year]. Is there something that you still think that drives this team ... that people don't know about Notre Dame football right now, that you think when you guys go out there and take the field in September that you're going to surprise them again?

DG: I think the number one thing that we'll probably surprise people with is our speed this year. A lot of times, in the media, it says Notre Dame has no speed, they have no good athletes. But we've got at least 10 guys who ran either 4.4 40's, or below. I think the number one thing will be our speed, and you'll see guys out there having fun. In the past, when we were 5-7, as a viewer of the game, sitting on the sideline, watching guys play, it looked like they weren't having too much fun. It probably looked the same in the audience. We will be enthusiastic out there, having fun, and you will see lots of guys flying around.

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXX**

**Nylon Strokers, Verzatility advance**

By LAUREN CONTI

Sports Writer

It was a close contest Saturday on the Stepen Courts, as the Nylon Strokers picked up a 21-17 victory against the 14-th-seeded Lazy Boyz. The Lazy Boyz were riding high after upsetting third-seed DNToday.com Thursday night, but not quite high enough to dominate the aggressive style of the Strokers.

"We may not be as pretty as some of the other ranked teams," said the Nylon Strokers' Courtney Watson. "But we go out there and play hard and rebound hard, and if it's headed where we need to be.

The Strokers took a 5-2 lead early on behind an aggressive offense and dominated for most of the rest of the game. Both teams played a physical and fast game right from the start. The crowd got rowdier and the court was tense toward the second half, as a few of the Lazy Boyz players hit the ground amidst questionable calls.

"The inconsistency of the calls was detrimental to the game," said the Lazy Boyz' Daniel Boston. "When the refs let the game get out of control, it hindered the play of both teams.

The refing at these games is a hard job, to be honest, I don't even like to talk about it, because it's not something either team can control," said Watson. "The other guys played a fair game, though. I'd say they were the best team we've had to play so far.

The Strokers took an early 5-2 lead despite the calls, and led 11-8 at the half.

"We give credit to their tenacity on the defensive end," said Watson, "It hindered the play of both teams.

Though the Lazy Boyz tied it up more than once after the half, the Strokers quickly answered every point and eventually won by a solid four-point margin.

"We didn't play our best ball," said Boston. "Today is not an indication of the team we will be regularly. But next year we'll be back.'

In another Elite Eight game, 13-seeded Verzatility continued its upset run Friday on Stepen Courts by defeating fifth-seeded Please Call Us Bosephus 21-17.

Verzatility has now defeated both the fourth and fifth seeds on its way to gaining a coveted spot in the Bookstore Basketball Final Four.

"We beat the Majestics on Thursday, and then to beat Bosephus was great," said Verzatility's Brian MacKinnon.

Verzatility took an early lead over Bosephus, holding them 11-7 at the half. Solid shooting by senior Hunt Hanover was key, allowing Verzatility to hold the lead despite tough defense as Bosephus missed several shots.

"We knew Hunt was going to be their go-to guy," said Bosephus' Brian Ostick. "We played good D' on him, but he still made some tough shots.

In the second half, a run of four missed free throw opportunities ultimately doomed Bosephus, as Verzatility was able to capitalize on their aggressive play and solidify a five-point lead late in the half.

"Our shots were in and out," said Ostick, "We were able to take advantage of our mistakes.

Verzatility moved on to play Five Reasons Your Girl Left You, while the future of Bosephus was left more uncertain.

"Fortunately, we won't all be here next year," said Ostick. "But the two of us that will be are looking to put together a team that can win the title."

**NHL**

**St. Louis take 2-0 lead on Dallas**

Associated Press

DALLAS

The St. Louis Blues are starting to look like the team that was so dominating early this season.

Scott Young scored a short-handed goal, Marty Reasoner tapped in another goal and Roman Turek made 28 saves as the Blues beat the Dallas Stars 2-1 Sunday night to take a 2-0 lead in the second-round series.

Dallas played without center Mike Modano, who sprained his left ankle in the opener, and in the first period lost center Shawn Van Allen after he took a puck to his mouth. Forward John MacLean was lost to a bloody nose in the third period.

The best-of-seven series shifts to St. Louis for Game 3 Tuesday night and the Blues will have history on their side. They've won all nine series when winning the first two games, while the Stars haven't overcome an 0-2 hole since 1968 in the franchise's first-ever postseason series.

St. Louis also is playing at the same high level it enjoyed before injuries to several top players. Now healthy and having adjusted to several newcomers, the Blues have won four straight playoff games and not allowed a power-play goal in eight postseason games.

Reasoner, the surprise hero of Game 1 with two goals and an assist, scored exactly 85 seconds into this game after Keith Tkachuk stole the puck from Dallas Darryl Sydor and pulled goalie Ed Belfour out of position.

Belfour was out of position again on Young's goal midway through the first period, but this time it was his own fault.

Having overplayed Young's rush to his left, Belfour was slow to set himself when Young -- St. Louis' leading goal-scorer this season -- came from behind the net and fired on goal. The puck went in off Belfour's leg.

The Blues' goals came on their first and third shots. They wouldn't beat Belfour again as he made some spectacular saves in snuffing their next 21 attempts on goal.

Dallas came out firing at Turek, getting off more shots in the first 15 minutes than in the first two periods of Game 1 combined. Turek handled them all, then saw only five shots in the second -- none for the first 8 1/2 minutes.

Joe Nieuwendyk redirected a pass from Bret Hull to spoil Turek's shutout with 52 seconds left and Dallas playing with an empty net.

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Irish arms baffle Red Storm in weekend sweep

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame moved to within one win of the regular season Big East title with a three-game sweep of the St. John’s Red Storm this weekend. The Irish, now 40-6-1, reached the plateau of 40 wins faster than any other team in Notre Dame history.

The Big East sweep was very important in providing a confidence boost to the Irish after a tough mid-week loss to Valparaiso last Wednesday. Heading into the weekend, St. John’s was the closest team behind Notre Dame in the Big East standings.

“A sweep over the No. 2 ranked team in the conference shows what we’re capable of doing this year,” said senior co-captain Alec Porzel.

The shortstop played a key role in Sunday’s 7-3 victory over the Red Storm with a 2-for-4, three RBI performance that included a double and a home run.

The sweep ensured that the Irish could capture the Big East regular season title with only one win in its next six games against Connecticut and Boston College.

“This was a big weekend for us,” said head coach Paul Mainieri. “We knew that St. John’s would bring a good team, but our guys really stood up to the challenge.”

Once again, the Irish got phenomenal performances from their starting pitchers. In the first game of the series, Aaron Heilman became the first Notre Dame pitcher to win his first 11 decisions of a season, going all seven innings for the victory.

Heilman’s senior classmate Danny Tamayo followed suit in the second game with a gem of his own. The right-hander pitched a two-hit shutout, his third of the season, and lowered his ERA to 1.42, .01 of a run lower than his All-American teammate Heilman.

“If I feel like I’m getting better with each game,” said Tamayo, who made a strong plea for Big East Pitcher of the Week. “Our defense has been great behind us. That really gives you the confidence to throw any pitch you want.”

On Sunday, sophomore J.P. Gagne added his own strong performance, allowing only two runs in seven innings of work to improve his record to 5-2.

“I actually didn’t feel like I had my best stuff,” said Gagne. “The last two innings I felt like I really had to make some tough pitches in certain situations. What gave me confidence was watching the first two pitchers [Heilman and Tamayo] going out and throwing so well on Saturday.”

In the first game Saturday, the Irish provided all of the runs that Heilman would need in the first inning.

Steve Stanley started off the game with a double and then scored on Brian Stavisky’s single. Kris Billmaier and Paul O’Toole walked to load the bases, third baseman Andrew Bushey pushed the lead to 3-0 with a two-run single.

In the nightcap, Notre Dame plated one run in each of the first four innings to grab the early lead.

Tamayo faced only three hitters over the minimum in the 5-0 victory. On Sunday, the Irish scored seven runs getting solid contributions at the plate from Porzel, Bushey, and O’Toole. The three combined went 7-for-11 with all seven of the team’s RBIs.

With their strong weekend play, the Irish will likely retain their No. 1 ranking as they return to action Tuesday night at Michigan.
Irish sweep weekend doubleheaders with Eagles, Friars

By PETER FRASSO
Sports Writer

This past weekend, while most of the campus’ thoughts were on football, the Notre Dame women’s softball team worked on their own season, sweeping two doubleheaders and extending their winning streak to 29 games, the longest in the nation.

On Saturday and Sunday, No. 9 Notre Dame beat Boston College and Providence, respectively. The Irish are now 47-3 on the year, and still undefeated and in first place in the Big East at 16-0.

“Our goal is to keep it going,” said coach Liz Miller. “We still need to take every game one at a time. Our pitching has been great, and lately our bats have been strong.”

In game 1 on Saturday, Notre Dame beat Boston College 4-2, the closest score of the weekend. Pitcher Jen Sharron threw a complete game, only allowing two hits, two walks and two unearned runs while striking out 14.

Jenny Kriech tripled twice. Kriech, Danielle Klayman, Jarrah Myers and Andrea Loman all had RBIs. While Notre Dame never trailed, Boston College kept the game close by scoring in both the fourth and sixth.

Game 2 was highlighted by the outstanding pitching of Kristin Schmidt, who only allowed one hit in six shutout innings. The Irish went on to win 5-0. Loman was 2-for-3 with two RBI and Kriech had another triple. Lizzy Lemire, Alexis Madrid and Klayman had RBIs.

In game 1 against Providence on Sunday, the Notre Dame scored 10 runs on 18 hits in just four innings. The game was called on the eight run mercy rule. Melanie Alkire was 3-for-3. Both she and Myers had two RBIs. Sharron allowed just three Providence hits on the day.

Game 2 was a 5-0 win, giving the Irish an undefeated weekend. Schmidt pitched six shutout innings, lowering her ERA to 0.43. Myers and Lemire provided the bulk of the offense, both going 2-for-3.

Lately, the Irish have had important players stepping up. “Lizzy Lemire, over the past week, has hit over .400 with nine RBIs. Jarrah Myers has hit .562. Alexis Madrid has hit .400 with three game-winning RBIs. Jenny Kriech has nine triples over the season,” said Miller, noting how her team has grown offensively.

This upcoming week, the Irish face Bowling Green in a make up on Wednesday, and then finish their Big East schedule with road games against Villanova and Rutgers.

“Bowling Green is going to be a good game. Villanova is in second place in the Big East,” said Miller, commenting on the upcoming schedule. “These are tough games.”

Miller remains confident in her team though. “If we play our game, we should win the Big East,” she said.
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish beat Crimson 16-4 in regular season finale

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

In the last regular season game of their careers, the seniors of the Notre Dame's men's lacrosse team played their hearts out in a dominating 16-4 victory against Harvard.

Led by five goals and three assists from senior attackman Tom Glatzel and another tremendous performance in net by senior Kirk Howell, the Irish crushed the visiting Crimson to win their 12th game of the season. The game was a physical affair as both teams racked up numerous penalties, but the Irish were clearly the stronger and tougher team.

"It was a physical game, but we played hard the whole game," said Glatzel. "We scored a lot of our goals with an extra man advantage. We made the most of our opportunities all game."

The first goal of the game by senior Todd Ulrich typified the Irish's entire season. After being knocked around and continually shoved by Harvard defenders, Ulrich refused to quit as he motored toward the goal and shot a rocket right past the outstretched stick of the Harvard goalie Jake McKenna for the first of his three goals in the game.

Harvard scored the next two goals and take a 2-1 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Irish did not panic. The Irish scored five unanswered goals in the second quarter to take a commanding 7-2 lead. The difference in the second quarter was the Irish's passing on offense. The Irish constantly found the open man and set themselves up for some excellent looks at the net.

"It was effective running the ball for the Irish offense," said Givens, who was voted MVP honors for the NCAA tournament. "Our defense was great and our passing made the difference on offense."

"It's a little sad because I loved playing here," said Howell. "The season isn't over yet. I think we still have a lot to prove to ourselves. I think we're ready for the NCAA tournament."

The fourth quarter featured four more goals for the Irish and an extremely bizarre incident. With about seven minutes remaining in the game, a crazed, naked fan streaked across the middle of the field casing the Irish bench to roar with laughter.

Despite the distraction, the Irish carried on with business as usual as freshman Dan Bergin added his first career goal and a minute later senior Kevin Dugan added the finishing touches to a 74-40 victory.

"We controlled the entire game. The only time they scored is when we let them by making a few silly mistakes," said Corrigan. "Our defense was great and our passing made the difference on offense."

The Irish now await their seeding for the NCAA tournament. Corrigan believes this could be his best team ever entering a physical affair as both teams racked up numerous penalties, but the Irish were clearly the stronger and tougher team.

Freshman quarterback Carlyle Holiday fake...
Nylon Strokers: "This has been a dream"

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

The glass slipper turned out to be a perfect fit for the Nylon Strokers, as the sixth-ranked squad finished its Cinderella run through Bookstore Basketball 2001 with a 21-19 upset Sunday of No. 1 Five Reasons Your Girl Left You.

"This has been a dream since freshman year," said the Nylon Strokers' Brian Oleniczak, a senior.

Nylon Strokers entered the championship game as a heavy underdog. Five Reasons, with four seniors on its squad, had rolled through the tournament, not giving up more than seven points until Friday's quarterfinals. Nylon Strokers had fought through tough games from the round of 64 on.

"Every single game since 64 has been a battle for us," said Oleniczak, "but we just persevered through it all. I don't think anybody really expected us to win." But the Nylon Strokers sprinted out to a 7-2 start. Their shooting was so unusual that the basket seemed to have a magnet pulling the ball through the hoop.

The Nylon Strokers were dead on in their goal of expanding their offense beyond tournament MVP Al Vitter, who scored nine points in the semifinals win over Versatility.

"He's pretty damn good," Chris Conway said Saturday of Vitter. "But we just want to make sure it's not just him all the time. We want to get everyone involved." As on as the Nylon Strokers were from the field in the finals, Five Reasons' hoop had a protective seal over it in the early going. All the shots normally made by the strong shooting team rimmed out, bounced the wrong way or rolled around the rim and fell to the side.

"We just came out slow," said Five Reasons' Dan Lustig, a first-team all-tournament selection. "We couldn't hit anything. When you're not making anything, you never get a flow, you never catch a groove.

At halftime, the Nylon Strokers led 11-5, but Five Reasons battled back. The top-ranked team pulled as close as 14-9 after a Lustig jump shot and Paul Raih basket in the lane.

Vitter killed Five Reasons' momentum by knocking down a jump shot. Oleniczak pushed his team ahead 16-9 with a basket. Lustig swiped the ball from Lustig swiped the ball from Lustig swiped the ball from Lustig swiped the ball from Lustig swiped the ball from Lustig swiped the ball from Lustig swiped the ball and turned it to Ryan for a basket. At minute Lustig dropped in a hook shot. Lustig returned to his shooting form of the semifinals by hitting a long jumper. After a Nylon Strokers travel and foul, Ryan made another free throw to put the score at 17-15.

"We just wanted to chip away at the lead," said Raih. "We said we weren't going to go down without a fight, because we hadn't really played our best." Five Reasons held Nylon Strokers scoreless on yet another possession. After a missed Five Reasons shot, Five Reasons' Dan Reidy battled for the rebound, but instead of a jump ball being called, the referee blew his whistle for a foul. Oleniczak sank the free throw and the comeback paused.

Lustig forced a foul with his patented pump fake, knocking down the free throw. But the Nylon Strokers' Ryan Wood made a reverse layup, followed by a long baseline jumper by Conway to make it gamewinning shot (above) in a 21-19 victory over nylon Strokers' B Inner Wood. Vitter, the Tournament MVP, led the Nylon Strokers to the 2001 Bookstore Basketball championship.

"Scoring hadn't really been our problem all day," said Lustig, "so I was pretty confident we could get one or two more in." Vitter was right.

"It was good to have Al, the MVP, hitting it," said Oleniczak. "He was joking with me, I had hit the last shot the last three or four games. I let him have that one to finish." Reidy tried to will his team the win by hitting a jump shot.

And finish he did.
By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Sports Staff Writer

The Bookstore Basketball championships almost went down to a No. 1 vs. No. 2 battle just like last year, but the sixth-ranked Nylon Strokers mixed those plans up with a 21-19 semifinals upset Saturday of second-ranked Versatility.

Top-seeded Five Reasons, Versatility advance to Final Four

"We had trouble with our free throws in the first game," said Nylon Strokers' Chris Conway. "We were much better now, using our legs, concentrating. I saw us at 5 a.m. this morning and we were horrible.

"After trail- ing by a bucket, we put together a 6-0 scoring spurt to open the second half and take a decisive 11-point lead. Al Vitter, the tournament MVP, scored three of the six points during that stretch.

"This was definitely the best team we've played," Conway said. "It was the first game we've played as the underdogs.

Versatility point guard Chris Dillon, a first-team All-Bookstore selection, kept his team in the game almost single-handedly. He hit two shots from 3-point land and one from near the halfcourt line to close the gap to 17-16 with 5:35 remaining. Tariq Lillis narrowed the score one more with a driving bucket. Nylon Strokers' Conway hit a free throw to give his squad a 19-16 edge.

Versatility didn't give up so quickly. Jason Childress banked in a rebound goal, and after several non-scoring possessions, former Notre Dame basketball walkon John Illitl hit a pullup jumper to make it 19-18. Vitter, who scored nine points, hit a shot from behind the 3-point line for game point. "I guess it was just my day," Vitter said. "We've still got to work on getting the ball down low more. I think we're relying way too much on the outside shots. If we weren't hitting our outside shots today, we would have been dead. The offense definitely can't revolve around me, because I'm not going to be one to hit all the time.

Dillon responded to Vitter's basket by hitting a driving hook and put the score at 20-19.

Then came Olenczak's game-winning foul shot. "They made the big shots when they had to," said Versatility's Tim Greene. "We struggled getting the ball to go down towards the end of the game, and in that close of a game, that's a big factor.""All Versatility's players except Hiltz, a junior, graduate this year, ending their Bookstore run just short of a title. Last year, Versatility advanced to the Final Four, and in 1999, it lost in the championship game. Five Reasons hit nothing but net in its semifinals game, leaving little room for error by MVP.

"I don't think they missed a shot," said Versatility's Jon Bevilacqua. One or two, maybe, but not many.

"I think turnovers really hurt us, and they were shooting phenomenally," said Versatility's "Pucky" Lyden.

Dan Lustig and Kevin "Mumbles" Muempfer, both first-team all-tournament picks, led the deadly shooting attack for Five Reasons. Lustig scoring eight and Muempfer seven. "I didn't make one shot during warmups," said Lustig, a 6-foot-4 sophomore. "Usually I never warm up, actually. I show up late at Rolfs and my teammates are always ready to start.

Five Reasons held off fatigue after playing a 26-24 marathon decision the day before. After an 11-7 halftime lead, Five Reasons soared with four straight points. Muempfer and Lustig each hit a long jumper, Dan Reidy scored a pullback bucket and Muempfer sealed in an off-balance jumper from the baseline.

"Kevin and I went on streaks," said Lustig.

Versatility's Lyden, Kevin Murphy and former Notre Dame basketball walkon Hunt Hanover combined to close the gap to 16-11, but Reidy ended the brief dry spell for Five Reasons with a jumper.

The two teams then exchanged a pair of buckets. 6-8 Paul Rath knocked in a rebound goal for Five Reasons, and Hanover came back with a bangin goal for Versatility. Lustig then sank another jump shot off the pass, with Lyden putting in a jumper for Versatility.

Following a Murphy free throw for Versatility, Lustig dropped in yet another jumper, this time off of a Muempfer assist. Versatility got as close as four points after a Lyden long-distance shot and a Bevilacqua jam.

Fittingly, Lustig ended the game with a silky soft jump shot that went in despite a Versatility foul.

"My shots were on," Lustig said.

Versatility went way beyond expectations, entering the tourney ranked 21st, a seedling which moved up to 13th after the reseeding at the round of 16. Their team was a lastminute put-together. Hanover, Brian MacKinnon and Lyden, all St. Ed's residents, picked up Murphy and Bevilacqua, who had played together before.

"I thought we made a great run at it," Bevilacqua said, especially since we were ranked 21 going in. When we started playing together, we just really clicked.

First-team all-Bookstore selection Chris Dillon (right) of Versatility dribbles around Nylon Strokers' Al Vitter in his team's 21-19 semifinals defeat Saturday.

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Celebrities, athletes take court in Hall of Fame game

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Individually they are the elite, the media darlings, the ballers, the Sports Illustrated cover girls, the All-Americans, the Adidas-adored celebrities and the SI-sport. United they are the Green team versus the white team, see who can get to 15 first.

The Green Team won 15-12 after being up 8-7 at the half. The halfcourt warm-up was up to the Majestics' Carey Harrumm, the Freeburners' DJ Lipke, Jeremy "Killer" Siemon, Kyle Siemon, Brian "Rosie" Rosser, Mike "Bosephus" Brian Ostick, former women's basketball forward Kelley Siemon, quarterback Carlyle Holiday, former men's basketball player Dan Lustig, and head bookstore commissioner Brian Borger, Versatility's Chris Dillon and NDToday.com's Todd Titus.

"It was a fun, back-back game," said Brown. "It was probably the least stressful situation I've ever played in," added Mueller.

Siemon and Riley, in their last officiated game at Notre Dame, each had five points. Holiday, who fatigue after Saturday's Blue-Gold game, scored four times for the Green Team.

"I was fairly familiar with Ruby's game," said Siemon. "I was proud of our team, our killer point guard and Carlyle Holiday doubled everything. I'm going to miss those guys. At the end of the game, I wanted to cry. But I held back my emotions for the fans."

The Bookstore Basketball commissioners chose who will play in the Hall of Fame game.

"We try to get celebrities and athletes that everyone wants to see on the court, and also past players who made it to 16 or 18 and deserve to be recognized," said commissioner Bridget Munahan.
Senior Imani Dunbar puts up a shot during Slappy's All-Stars victory over Hardcore Strokers Sunday afternoon. Dunbar was named Tournament MVP.

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Slappy's All-Stars defeated the Hardcore Strokers 21-16 in the final game of the women's Bookstore tournament. Senior Imani Dunbar, a reserve guard for the Irish women's basketball team, became the only varsity team member who can boast two championships in 2001 as she scored 10 points for Slappy's in her last officiated game at Notre Dame. Varsity teammates and graduating seniors Ruth Riley, Kelley Siemon, Meghan Leahy and Ericka Haney watched from the sidelines. "Ericka is our coach," said Dunbar, who was named MVP of the women's tournament. "But she's kind of a deadbeat coach. She showed up to give us four words of wisdom before our games."

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The players on the best teams wouldn't be satisfied with anything less than a championship. Unfortunately, only one team can win, which meant a lot of people would be going home disappointed. Especially this year, since 14 of the 30 players on the top six teams were seniors, and none ever won a Bookstore title before. Some had come achingly close to a championship—B.J. Kloos and Todd Titus of NDToday.com went to the championship game a year ago, and John Hiltz, Jason Marcotte, Joe Lillis and Chris Dillon of Versatility advanced to the finals in 1999. But coming so close and losing can be even worse than knowing you never had a chance.

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Other players had been watching Bookstore for years and dreaming of someday winning it all, like Five Reasons Your Girl Left You Pete Ryan and Majestics' Corey Hartmann, both seniors. As Hartmann's Bookstore run came to an end, the disappointment hit hard. Hartmann turned to look up at the Dome just before his team lost, trying to take in his last moments playing on the courts he grew up on. "I know my biggest disappointment in high school was never qualifying for state in track. I ran all winter long as a senior, stubbornly going out in six inches of snow and below-zero wind chills, determined to improve. I slashed my times, but injured my IT band just before district's and only completed my 3,000-meter race thanks to a handful of Alieve popped before stepping out on the track. I was inconsolable after I failed to make it to state. Even now, four years later, just the thought of my big flop stirs up bad memories.

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Bookstore Basketball XXX

Dan Lustig, a first-team all-tournament selection, shoots over Nylon Strokers’ Chris Conway Sunday in the Bookstore Basketball championships.

Pete Ryan of Five Reasons Your Girl Left You looks to lay in a bucket in his team’s 21-16 semifinals victory over Verzatiliity, while both teams prepare to go for the rebound.

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The 580-team Bookstore Basketball XXX tournament came to a close this weekend. The sixth-ranked Nylon Strokers capped off a surprise run through the tourney by halting No. 1 Five Reasons Your Girl Left You’s comeback attempt with a 21-19 victory in the championships Sunday at the Stepan courts.