By JASON McFARLEY

As nearly 200 students surrounded him on three sides Monday, the man behind proposed changes to the University alcohol policy welcomed student input into the writing of the revisions but closed the door on reversing the planned crackdown on campus drinking.

"I don't want to build false hope," Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said, receiving grumbles from the student audience. "This does appear to be a definitive direction we're moving in. If we look at that again, it'll be down the road."

Poorman's words came at a divisive Campus Life Council meeting, where the administrator formally introduced amendments to the alcohol policy a week after announcing them to students. He spoke in front of hundreds of undergraduate students who filled the chairs in the LaFortune Ballroom after the crowd had packed another room to capacity.

On a day when CLC members and several students at the 2 1/2-hour meeting directed frank comments and questions to Poorman for the first time publicly, the council's defeat of a Student Senate resolution also thwarted hopes for an eleventh-hour stand against the policy changes.

The CLC voted 11-7 in closed ballot in favor of the resolution to overturn the proposed ban on in-hall dances, leaving the measure one vote short of passage. The vote likely reflected a split between the students and the rector and lone administrator who sit on the council.

Comments throughout the meeting reflected the division.

"With the amount of effort we put into alcohol awareness, education, discipline, we could be doing so many other things," said Keenan Hall rector Father Gary Chamberland, who asked Poorman why he hadn't taken the more drastic action of banning all alcohol on campus.

"Poorman, a former Dillon Hall rector, restated his belief that alcohol abuse is a problem at Notre Dame but said his proposed changes to outlaw "hard" liquor in undergraduate residence halls, ban in-hall dances and loosen tailgating rules have been "low.""

Poorman announced the changes March 18, after a two-year study into abusive drinking.

ND raises tuition 4.9 percent

By LAUREN BECK

University officials recently announced an increase in undergraduate tuition that raises average costs to $32,020 for the 2002-03 academic year and matches last year's 4.9 percent, touting the two as the lowest percentage increases in more than 40 years.

The 4.9 percent hike, which University President Father Edward Malloy revealed in a recent letter to the parents of freshmen, sophomore and junior students, translates to a $1,490 total increase in current costs. It raises tuition to $25,510 and room and board to $6,510.

The Board of Trustees has approved annual increases in tuition for the past four decades. The past two years' percent increases have been the lowest since 1959, when there was no increase from the previous year.

The tuition hike was primarily due to growing expenses and a slowing economy, officials said.

"When we consider everything taking place at this University in order for it to grow and become better, we see some extraordinary expenses..."
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Breaking barriers

Halle Berry won the Oscar for Best Actress, Denzel Washington won Best Actor and Sidney Poitier won Best Supporting Actor this year. Is it a lifetime achievement award? Then, of course, all is well with race relations in the film industry — or so some would like to think. Monday's Washington Post boasted about the “golden night for black actors,” and many are talking about the Oscar year that made history by breaking down the race barrier. However, the way some quickly have jumped on the “black actor wave” is actually a perpetuation of that barrier.

There is no doubt that the success of the trio of film stars does represent a unique moment in Oscar history, but more than another moment to tack onto the month of February for a black history fan. The 2002 Oscars, the “golden night for black actors,” show that Berry, Washington and Poitier — all of whom have completely different ethnic back-grounds — are still seen as just black actors (emphasis on “black”) in the eyes of too many.

The breakthroughs represent various branches on this racial tree that has taken root through history. Berry is actually biracial, Washington is an African American, and Poitier is a Caribbean American whose parents are from the Bahamas.

Considering this, it is a little unfair considering she grew up in an era when mixed identity meant she would be more often seen than known by her mother, has primarily identified herself as African American or black rather than biracial. Berry’s self-identification as a black woman is a sign of her being conscious of her origins and understanding what it means to live in a society that is divided by race. However, there are few highlights in the Academy’s history that demonstrate this fact, but it is getting better. This is not to minimize the historical significance of this year’s Oscars, but it is to refute the fixed ideas that many of us have about the differences between whites and blacks in all fields.

Ideally, Berry should never have had to choose between identifying herself as “white” or “black.” She should be able to be an actress, a talented Oscar recipient who won not for the “black race” but for her acting. And Berry should have been raised before she decided her identity. Making this choice may have been 74 years of history that she must represent when she stood at the podium to accept her award.

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KENTUCKY KERNEL

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women’s swimming head coach on

Carrie Nixon’s seventh-place finish

after she sat out last year because of shoulder surgery

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**BOG agrees to sponsor 2 events**

**By SARAH RYKOWSKI**

News Writer

On the day when the 2001-02 Board of Governance officially handed the reins of student government to the new Board, it was business as usual in Haggar Student Center. BOG agreed to co-sponsor two events, one for Flipside and another for the senior class.

“We have a dance coming up on April 6,” Shannon Maloney, Saint Mary's Flipside representative, told BOG. "Our funds are running low. We want to have more events at Saint Mary’s, and we are hoping BOG could help us out.”

Flipside will be hosting a huge party in Haggar Parlor, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The $350 BOG agreed to donate will go to purchase a keg of beer, although cover will be charged. BOG agreed to donate $500 to the senior class to help defray the costs of bringing the band to campus.

In her last presentation to BOG as student body president, Nagle encouraged BOG members and the rest of the student body to participate in the Center for Women’s Intercultural Dialogue’s Intercultural Learning Experience program, living with students of different ethnic backgrounds starting next year.

Saint Mary's Leadership Commission ceremony will be held on April 29, at either 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Nagle also thanked BOG and the student body for their participation in Midnight Madness. "I was very proud of that night," Nagle said.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body vice-president-elect, and outgoing sophomore class president, made a report from the committee currently studying security on Saint Mary’s campus.

"I encourage calling security whenever you see suspicious people on campus or in the dorms," Jablonski-Diehl said. "Construction workers should not be in any buildings on campus unless you have approved this with our friends. Security will be able to come and take care of it."

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**Series investigates Passover**

By KIFLIN TURNER

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It only takes an idea, and the rest is history — literally.

This is the first year that a series focusing on the Passover and Judaism will take place at Notre Dame, and on Monday night an informal talk bringing faculty and students together to address issues relating to Judaism from cultural, religious and scientific perspectives came to campus.

After noting a surprising dis­crepancy in interpretations of the Old Testament by his fellow classmates in one of his Program of Liberal Studies classes, sophomore C. Spencer Beggs initiated the first steps in organizing a forum to openly question, debate and perhaps dispel common misconceptions about the Passover and Judaism.

"My real goal in the whole series is to make Christians better Christians, Jews better Jews, and Atheists better Atheists," said Beggs, who is Jewish.

Passover, as told from the book of Haggadah, is a response to four questions asked by children about the plight of the Jews from Egypt in the Exodus. In re-telling this historical event, one is able to transcend historical boundaries in searching for a slave and experiencing the freedom from oppression, according to national and is first and foremost a rite of separation between Christians and Jews.

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Professionals of the College of Arts and Letters, the second night of the three-day series will cover "The Symbolism and Meaning of Passover" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Morrissey Manor Chapel.

As a closing activity, the traditional Seder dinner will take place Wednesday at 7:04 p.m. (sundown) in Greenfield's Café. The dinner is free and seats are still available through the PLS office in 215 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

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on campus. Approval by University officials of the changes likely will be a formality, and the policy will take effect in the fall.

Students were critical of the changes and decried being left out of the policy-making process.

"I know that you feel that this is private, but I feel entitled to them," said Michael, a member of the GLC's alcohol use and abuse task force, who sat next to Poormann at the meeting. "Your report loses a considerable amount of credibility without these statistics."

Poormann said the data was best used for internal planning and "wouldn't advance the discussion at this point."

Poormann compiled and distributed a one-page list of what he believed were the questions students have asked him most in the week since the announcement of the changes in a campus-wide e-mail.

In the document, he answered concerns about enforcing the liquor ban, saying hall staff won't search for the ouija board unless individual rooms or gatherings draw undue attention to the issue. He also responded to suggestions that more changes would drive more students to consume alcohol off campus and bring home driving cases.

"In the end, it can't be held hostage by threat of students drinking and driving because the alcohol policy isn't liberal enough," he said.

Poormann acknowledged that he considered student safety played a role in the changes. He linked incidents of sexual assault and alcohol poisoning, bullying and said the changes would have a "huge impact" on creating a more safe environment that isn't alcohol-focused.

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Students travel to capital for social work

By SARIANNA RYKOWSKY
News Writer

Indianapolis isn't really that far away, but to the students and professor traveling from Saint Mary's to speak to legislators and advocates, it might as well have been the moon.

After two earlier trips were cancelled due to bad weather, members of Saint Mary's social work department ventured to the Indiana state capitol to speak to Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan and Annemarie Craycroft, director of the Indiana Commission for women, as well as several other state leaders.

"It was nice to go after building up these expectations three times," Esther O'Connell, a sophomore, said. "The first time we were one-third of the way there and we had to turn around. It was so disappointing both times."

According to O'Connell's professor, Fran Kominkiewicz, who led the group, the first trip was cancelled due to an ice storm and the second trip was called off in the early morning hours of one of the South Bend area's biggest snowstorms of the year. But both spells of bad weather made the actual trip all the better, she said.

"Through the bad weather, we were able to add more speak- ing engagement," Kominkiewicz said. In addition to speaking with Kernan and Craycroft, students also met with Pat Rios, director of the Hispanic and Latino Commission of Indiana; Joseph Smith, director of the Commission on Community Service; Rep. Peggy Welch, chair of the Indiana Women's Caucus; and Rep. Vanessa Summers.

"Annette Craycroft got (the other speakers) set up around the lieutenant governor's sched-

ule," Kominkiewicz said. "She worked hard to get all those individuals in one place at the same time."

Incidentally, Kominkiewicz and her students received assis-tance in scheduling from a Saint Mary's alumna, Megan Murphy, who is Kernan's chief of staff.

"Wherever we go there is an alumni to pave the way," Kominkiewicz said. "It always helps."

Kernan also has ties to the South Bend area. Before he became lieutenant governor, he was the mayor of South Bend from 1987 to 1996. According to junior Laura Porto, Kernan told them that he never thought he would end up in government - elected office. According to Porto, Kernan also spoke his vision about Indiana's tax structure, calling for a reevaluation of the system, which he declared outdated.

"He talked a lot about how he intends to run for governor," Kominkiewicz said. "A lot of their questions had to do with economic and social justice. The budget was also put back to the executive branch, and they have to make some very hard decisions."

Originally, the students were only given 15 to 30 minutes with the lieutenant governor, but when they arrived at his office, he pulled chairs from three different spots, received their names and spoke with them for over an hour.

"It took as a vote of confidence in Saint Mary's and our ability to turn out leaders," Kominkiewicz said. "The data was also put back to the executive branch, and they have to make some very hard decisions."

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SOUTH KOREA

Koreas agree to reopen dialogue

Associated Press

SEUL
South Korea is sending a presidential envoy to North Korea next week to discuss improving relations, the rival nations said Monday, moving to resume dialogue and ease tensions in one of the world’s most militarized regions.

The joint statement marks a resumption of the reconciliation process on the Korean peninsula, which stalled last year after President Bush focused criticism toward the North’s communist regime.

Lim Dong-won, a special adviser to President Kim Dae-jung for diplomacy and national security, will visit North Korea in the first week of April, said Park Sun-sook, a chief presidential spokeswoman.

In a report carried by its foreign news outlet, Korean Central News Agency, North Korea confirmed Lim’s scheduled visit and said the two sides will discuss “the grave situation facing the nation and issues of mutual concern related to the inter-Korean ties.”

Inter-Korean relations warmed after a historic summit between South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong II in 2000. Kim Dae-jung won that year’s Nobel Peace Prize for his effort to reconcile with the North.

In January, relations dipped again when Bush said North Korea was part of “an axis of evil” along with Iran and Iraq, accusing them of trying to develop weapons of mass destruction.

During a visit to South Korea in February, Bush said his view of North Korea had not changed but he offered to start talks aimed at resolving the communist country’s alleged development of nuclear weapons. North Korea rejected the offer.

South Korean President Kim expressed disappointment at the rejection, but said that his country should do its best to help mediate between the two sides. He said that inter-Korean ties were closely related to progress in U.S.-North Korea relations.

“The United States welcomes and supports dialogue between South and North Korea,” said State Department spokeswoman Jo-Anne Prokopowicz in Washington after hearing the announcement.

Bush wants Arafat to join summit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush urged Arab nations Monday to approve a Saudi peace offer to Israel and asked Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to let Yasser Arafat join an Arab League summit where the U.S.-backed initiative may be considered.

“The president believes it is time for Arab nations in the region to seize the moment, to create a better environment for peace to take root,” White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the meeting that opens Wednesday in Beirut, Lebanon.

Bush welcomes the proposal by Crown Prince Abdullah, and he thinks it would be very helpful in the search for peace in the Middle East,” Fleischer said.

The Saudi offer to Israel of “full normalization” of relations with Arab governments depends on Israel giving up the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights and accepting a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem.

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Volunteer parents patrol mall:
Several parent groups, equipped with radios and parents’ intuition, have started patrolling the Circle Centre mall in downtown Indianapolis to keep an eye on the youths who descend there each weekend. The patrols, the result of a task force created in 1999, are aimed at eliminating problems before they start — a change from the late 1990s, when fights and other problems were common among youths at the complex. Drawn to shopping, shows and restaurants, about 200 teens are at the mall on a typical weekend night.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Kava could lead to liver damage:
The popular herbal supplement kava may be linked to serious side effects, the Food and Drug Administration warned Monday, urging consumers to see a doctor at the first sign of symptoms. People who already have liver problems, or who take medications that can harm the liver, should ask a doctor before taking kava, the FDA said.

Blood vessels made from stem cells:
Cells extracted from a human embryo have been nurtured into tiny blood vessels, a key step toward someday using embryonic stem cells to aid ailing hearts or fix blocked arteries, researchers say. For the first time, researchers have demonstrated that human embryonic stem cells can be coaxed to spontaneously form blood vessels and organize themselves so they could nourish tissue in the body.

ILLNESS DELAYS MILOSEVIC WAR TRIAL:
The trial of Slobodan Milosevic will not resume for two weeks to allow the former Yugoslav leader to recover from the flu, the war crimes tribunal said Monday. The disruption meant the trial, which began Feb. 12, will be well behind schedule when it resumes April 8.

POLAND DEFENDS WAR ON TERROR:
Poland’s president urged Europe to mutate its criticism of Washington’s War on Terror, telling a summit of prospective NATO members Monday that American lives were the first ones lost in the fight against “the evil” threatening the world. The meeting is one of a series being held before a NATO summit in November in Prague, where the U.S.-led alliance will decide which countries to admit.

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British beverage giant Cadbury Schweppes is buying the Nantucket Nectars brand from Ocean Spray, the grower's cooperative whose signature product is cranberry juice.

Terms of the deal, announced by both companies Monday, were not disclosed. The transaction still requires regulatory approval.

Nantucket Nectars, which makes a variety of fruit juices and drinks, now joins Snapple, Minute Maid and Yoo-hoo in Cadbury's Snapple Beverage Group.

Nantucket Nectars was started in 1990 on Nantucket Island by college buddies Tom First and Tom Scott, known in their ads as the "Juice Guys." Ocean Spray bought the company, known formally as Nantucket Allserve Inc., for about $70 million in 1997 but now wants to focus on its own cranberry juice business, said Ocean Spray spokesman Chris Phillips.

Ocean Spray has about 16.2 percent of the $3.6 billion bottled juice market, with $574 million in sales in the 52 weeks ending Feb. 24, according to Information Resources Inc., which tracks sales at supermarkets, drug stores and mass merchandisers excluding Wal-Mart.

Ocean Spray, which has been looking for a buyer for the brand since last fall, said it can now turn its attention to its trademark, the Ocean Spray name, which it has made into a major brand since the mid-1960s.
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Mauritanian grandmother offers example of a well-lived life

My relationship with my Mauritanian grandmother is interesting. My American life and her Mauritanian life have almost no similarities. She speaks no French or English and I am just now starting to speak Pulaar. Despite this, our relationship over the last six months has developed through non-verbal communication. She lovers bananas and egg, and I can afford them. Often she becomes my bodyguard. Kolok, who lives in a fairly regular basis, but once they enter a certain space she tells them to leave. She is my Puluar teacher. I have taught her to play Frisbee. I act a walkman, hold a pen for the first time and develop a taste for candy canes.

She is around 83-years-old but does not know exactly. Her face shows every line of 83 years as her eyes nearly disappear. Her remaining teeth are brown and can be seen. If I told her I would go with her. Her wrinkles smiled and her eyes gloved. Anyone she saw for the next few hours was told that I was going to eat with her that night. At 9 p.m. she yelled at me from across the compound to tell me it was time to go. The normally two-minute walk took about 25. The whole time my grandmother talked to people passing by or to me. When we reached a certain section she warned me about a major dip so I would not fall in. We got there and her sister and three of her friends were all asleep on a bed (a raised wooden platform). The house that they were all sleeping in front of is a mansion in Mauritanian terms and is a fairly large house in American terms. There are high ceilings, marble floors, a refrigerator and furniture. Her son built the house for her and she has a place to come back to on vacation. Despite the relative luxury inside, all of these women are more comfortable sleeping, eating and living outside. The irony of the situation hits me as I join them on their bed.

We talk about normal things: food, weather and family. Their 60-year-old friend brings the food awhile later. We all start arranging ourselves around the food bowl. My grandmother's sister yell at her to hurry up and my grandmother yells back, "Slowly, slowly ... I am old." They both tell me how crazy and old the other one is and continue to bicker until we are all arranged and start eating. Despite living here for nearly a year, on some days eating with my hands still presents a major challenge. These 85 plus year-old women were my peers as well periodically dropped food all over ourselves. Although I think I was the only one with vision good enough to notice. We finished eating and one of the grandsons from the next house came over, cleared the plates away and started making tea for them. Everyone lay down, drifted into sleep and had rambling conversations during their moments of wakefulness. Their grandson woke them up one by one when their tea was ready. After my grandmother drank her three rounds of tea we slowly walked home.

I realize this is what I want when I am her age. She has no 401k retirement plan, health insurance or life insurance. She was not thinking at 29 if her stock portfolio would allow her to retire at 60. Yet everyday she lives the life she wants. She gets to eat lunch and dinner with her friends that she has known all her life. She lives in her own house. If something were to happen her family would mobilize around her in support and money would be found for medical care. She is not a burden for her family and instead is looked up to with much respect. I hope I will have that.

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Gorillaz is a band that exists on two planes of reality. The first is that of the characters who make up the band: lead singer 2-D, drummer and rapper Russel, bassist and mastermind Murdoc and child guitar prodigy Noodle. Their self-titled debut album has sold millions of copies worldwide since this summer. They are currently in the middle of their first world tour, have appeared at numerous press conferences and have experienced the same successes and problems that a normal band would.

There is only one thing about them that is different. The four members of Gorillaz are cartoon character fabrications; each with their own invented story and personality. In other words, they do not really exist.

In the second plane of reality, Blur lead singer Damon Albarn, beat producer Dan "The Automator" Nakamura, animator Jamie Hewlett and several other human collaborators invented Gorillaz as a way to take the concept album to new heights. Blending many genres of music, including rock, rap, pop, techno and jazz, Gorillaz debut album was an eclectic, original and likeable mix. At concerts, the human musicians would appear backlit behind a series of translucent screens while the animated frontmen were projected in different and three-dimensional ways. This is not just a concept album; it is a completely conjured concept band.

G-Sides is a nine-song B-side album that contains remixes, alternate versions and original music that had previously only been available in the U.K. There are two versions of the current single "19-2000." The first is a light, upbeat, pop version of the original, while the second is a fast-tempo techno remix. "It's the music that we choose" is repeated again and again during the chorus, and it tells a bit about what the song is, as well. The whole album is meant to accomplish both.

The new song "Faust" tends to get repetitive because it stays instrumental for several minutes before bringing in lyrics. "Hip Albatross" is a casual song with a smooth, acoustic guitar-led melody. "Ghost Train" is the best new song on the album. It starts off stripped down, slow and creepy with a hollow chorus backing up 2-D. Soon the drumbeat enters and the song takes a techno turn. New sounds and instruments are added periodically, and the eventual arrival of the electric guitar turns the song into a full-blown rock anthem.

"1203," the album's final song, slows down the pace to a stroll. Led by acoustic guitar and piano, this song and puts the album to bed on a good note.

The world tour is reportedly experiencing some technical and stylistic problems, and the people behind Gorillaz are still working out the kinks of how to present the visual aspect of their concept to the world. However, the musical side of Gorillaz is still a breath of fresh air and has the ability to entertain fans of almost any musical genre.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Multi-dimensional Gorillaz: experiment on G-Sides**

By TOM O'CONNELL

Scene Music Critic

This is the band's second studio album from the U.K. band, and it's a bit of a hit and hard for the fans of almost any musical genre. The album is a collection of alternative music. They jump from heavy rockers like "Soultaker Part 1" and "Dog Boy Get Down" to smoother, more laid-back songs like "Fresh Feeling" and "Friendly Ghost" without batting an eye. Of course, they also bring almost a Moby-esque kind of jam to the table. The Eels (from left to right, Butch, E and Adam) try and live up to the originality of their earlier albums with Souljacker.

**Eels squirm with optimism on new album**

By JOE LARSON

Scene Music Critic

Photo courtesy of DreamWorks Records

On the back of the Eels' new album, Souljacker, appears an essay entitled "Do You Like Rock Music?" by DJ Killingprees. In this essay, DJ Killingprees welcomes the listener to the fourth studio album from the Eels, calling it "the hardest rocking substance known to man." Although this boast may be a bit hyperbolic, the album does lend itself to some pretty hard rockin' moments.

The Eels first appeared with their 1996 album, Beautiful Freak, which featured their most popular song to date, "Novocaine for the Soul." That album was drenched in sarcasm towards all things pop and commercial that guitaristsinger, E, could get at. It was an ambitious album that established the Eels as a truly original band with their own distinct sound. Two more albums, Electro- Shock Blues and Daisies of the Galaxy, followed Beautiful Freak and were well received by critics but did not have a radio-friendly hit like "Novocaine for the Soul" and were not very successful commercially.

But, that's kind of the whole point for the band. They rebel against the Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears, and they've never been afraid to talk about it in their songwriting.

The Eels strength is in their softer, slower songs where E's lyrics and the smooth jams of the band are in full swing. The best song on this album is "Fresh Feeling." After one listen, it gets in your head and stays there. It couples a bouncing bass line and a beautifully arranged string section with upbeat and optimistic lyrics that stress hope and love. The song is so uplifting it almost sounds like a pat on humanity's back. E sings, "Some people are good/ Bad in the 'hood/ So pure and so good/ I'd make a safe bet/ You're gonna get whatever you need/"

The albums follow up the optimistic "Fresh Feeling" with the downtrodden tale of a couple trying to make it through hard times in "Woman Driving, Man Sleeping." The acoustic guitar and drumbeat provide a mellow, melancholic backdrop for the story of a mundane existence and faded dreams.

Although some of the music is the most powerful, the Eels make a case for themselves as a band that knows how to make "Soultaker Part 1" loads through the story of confused and angry youth with a thumping lead guitar riff and some seriously strained vocals.

They also bring almost a Moby-esque kind of jam in "Jungle Telegraph," which is a song that you could easily dance to. It samples a horn section and follows up with some rocking slide guitar. It tells the story of a character whose mother had hoped he was a girl and is now living in a tree. He asks, "Send me some love/ Send it now/ Send it by gruffin' Or jungle telegraph."

Another powerful song is "World of S***," in which the narrator tells his love "in this world of s***/ Ruby you are it." The song is sad and slow cry about solitude and depression. The narrator is begging for his partner to marry him and begin a new life that will change the way he looks at the world and his place in it.

Although the Eels delve into some dark and harrowing places in their songs, the message is always a move towards a more positive life. They discuss the darkness of life with a reverence and an optimism that makes their stories not only tolerable, but also hopeful. They do so either with hard and heavy guitar and strained vocals or with a softer keyboard arrangement and acoustic guitar with jumping bass and drum beats, but either way, their craft is evident and this is an album that gets better each time it is played.

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THEM album. They lead right into the next track, "Wasted and Ready,” oscillating between the hard-hitting album Still Feel Gone, to the Peter Buck (REM) produced all acoustic March 16-20. The band added members, namely Brian Hanneman, later of The Bottle Rockets, to play mandolin and acoustic guitar. The album captured a more soulful sound, and quickly became a favorite of many Tupelo fans. Following the 1992 release of March 16-20, the band began to grow apart as the style and direction of Tweedy and Farrar began to drift apart.

Despite the troubles, the band was picked up on Sire/Reprise records in late 1993 and released their last album, !Dyne. The album was a perfect accumulation of the entire scope of the bands history, capturing the aspects of Uncle Tupelo’s diverse sound. The band played their last shows in a two-night set at Mississippi Nights in St. Louis.

Following the break-up, Farrar and Tweedy went their separate ways. Farrar became the lead singer/guitarist for Son Volt and Tweedy assumed the bass and vocal duties for Wilco. The band’s presence lived on however, and due to popular demand, the decision was made to re-master and re-release the entire Uncle Tupelo catalog, beginning with the Anthology album. The 21-track Anthology album captured a perfect sampling of Uncle Tupelo’s sound, as all of the bands albums are represented on the album in a fully re-mastered edition. Five additional songs, either unreleased, live or from obscure EPs are also included on the album. The songs on the album are represented chronologically on the album, which helps paint a picture of the way the sound and presence of the band evolved over time.

The album itself is fantastic; sound is clear and sharp and the album flows from beginning to end, leaving you wanting more. Because Anthology is a greatest hits album, it is difficult to find any weak songs throughout the entire disc, however fan’s of the band will probably question the inclusion/exclusion of certain songs on the album. That being said, "Screen Door," "Whiskey Bottle," "Still Be Around," "Moonshiner," "Effigy," "Chickasmungo" and "New Madrid” can be considered the highlights of the album.

Taken as a whole, the album is very strong and music fans who enjoy blues, garage, roots, punk, country and rock, will find this album as an ideal purchase.

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Just when you thought music with a melody could only be contrived by paid pop songwriters and spit out through prepped and primed teens with slick dance moves, there comes a savior. He has arrived out of Greenville, Texas, and brings with him an album full of humorously modern lyrics and masterful melodies that linger on your tongue for days. His name: Ben Kweller.

On his second solo record, Sha Sha (released on Matthew’s label), Ben Kweller displays his slightly punk-flavored charm on both the guitar and piano. If you can imagine a combined effort of Ben Folds Five, Dashboard Confessional and a modern-day Buddy Holly, the result would be Sha Sha.

Opening the album is a bouncy piano number entitled “How It Should Be (sha sha).” As the song proceeds, it slowly fills with hopping background vocals, the twinking of keyboard effects and a punching drumbeat. Kweller seems to be singing his lyrics straight-faced and serious when really they are quite laughable: “And don’t bother me when I’m watching Planet of the Apes on TV/ That’s right/ That’s how it should be/ Sha sha/ Sha doo.” The quite sudden ending of this song in a blast of silence leads right into the next track, “Wasted and Ready.”

A more–guitar oriented song, “Wasted and Ready” oscillates between acoustic strumming backed by a French horn and an angry, grunge-like guitar chorus. In the same manner, the lyrics change between quiet introspection: “I’ll continue to be my worst enemy/ It’s easy but it seems so hard/ You’re near but you seem so far,” to loud mockery: “She is a slut/ I am spaghetti/ Wasted but I’m ready.”

With no apparent meaning, the lyrics of this song actually evolve from the movie Doom Generation, in which one of the characters comments “Sex is like eating spaghetti.” Perhaps the best song on the album, "Family Tree" has Kweller harmonizing with himself beautifully in his Texan drawl. With this song, Kweller continues his dependence on his lower as he struggles to give advice to others attempting their own ways to make it on their own: “But who am I to preach a word or two/ Who am I to say my own head without you?... A broken branch I’d be if you weren’t grown to me (oh), you are my family tree/ Be good to me.” With a countrified guitar and a chipping background vocals, “Family Tree” is easy listener. Amidst a rambling piano filler at the end, Kweller melodiously "boops" his way out of the song and leaves you nodding your head and tapping your feet.

As much as Kweller tinges his album with irony and humor, he also reveals his ability to pen songs of a more somber and serious nature. "In Other Words" is a quietly chilling song that winds its lyrics around a haunting piano melody. The song offers questions about what is beautiful and what is real in life. Kweller speaks of an unidentified "he" and touches on the movement of the movement of time. He sings, "In his eyes I see the fear/ That only time can disappear/ If only time could reappear/ Now is the time.”

If there is any complaint about this album, it's that the songs are all structurally very similar. They all start with a catchy rhythm that bleeds into a quiet first verse. The songs take on a crescendo and build to every chorus eventually leading to an ending that filters out. One song on the album that varies from this pattern is the quiet "Lizzy." This track opens with some bland guitar picking which reiterates itself periodically throughout the song. Tackling the issue of being far away from a girl, this song is softly touching. Kweller sings reassuringly, "Telephone Tellin’ you/ I’ll be home soon/ Diem I love you.”

The final song, "Falling," closes the album on a high note. A beautiful piano melody that all at once seems new and somehow nostalgic is central to the song. Kweller sings of a fast paced world where all he wants to do is slow down and enjoy the pleasure of love: "We could talk if days weren’t so fast/ And mistakes just leave it so unsure/ Wanna hold you like never before/ Cause we’re falling and I love you more and more/ The perfect ending, this song leaves you softly humming and anxious to press the repeat button. Sha Sha, though by no means a masterpiece, shows promise for the future career of Kweller. Only 20-years-old, this musician has lots of time to perfect his musicianship and song-writing abilities. A wonderful musician, Kweller’s knack for melodies promises us this won’t be the last we hear of him. Catch him on tour this spring and also as an opening act for both Dashboard Confessional and Dave Matthews Band.

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The Women’s NCAA Tournament: Huskies dethrone Old Monarchs

MILWAUKEE

Sue Bird and the unbeaten Connecticut Huskies bounced the parity-seeking Knights right out of the NCAA Tournament.

Bird scored a career-high 26 points and dished out 11 assists as UConn advanced to its third straight Final Four and 10th in eight years by beating Old Dominion 85-64 on Monday night.

The Lady Monarchs (26-6), miffed at their No. 7 seeding, had used the perceived sligt to fuel upsets of second-seeded Purdue and third-seeded Kansas State.

But they could only watch helplessly as the top-ranked and top-seeded Huskies (37-0) made their first 13 shots and sank their first five free throws in racing to a 34-14 lead less than 10 minutes into the Mideast Regional final.

On their opening weekend, Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry, whose team lost to the Huskies by 14 in December and had won 21 in row, said: “We’re in a position now to ruin parties.”

To which UConn coach Geno Auriemma jokingly retorted: “Beating us won’t be nearly as fun as seeing you get beat up or arrested, don’t they? At least we didn’t where I come from.”

They were turned away at the door Monday night.

With a dominating display of crisp passing and accurate shooting, the Huskies jumped out to a 2-0 lead in less than four minutes of the 19th of their first 21 shots from the field before “settling” for a 75 percent mark (21-24) at halftime, when they were up 55-33.

Their lead never dipped below 14 in the second half.

They’ll play the Vanderbilt-Tennessee winner in San Antonio next weekend in search of their third national championship and second season under Auriemma, who won championships in 1995 and 2000.

It’s the third Final Four appearance for seniors Bird, Asjha Jones, Swin Cash and Tamika Williams — considered the top recruiting class in the game’s history.

UConn was seeking its first Final Four trip since losing to Tennessee in the 1997 championship.

But Lucienne Berthieu, the Monarchs’ leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, got into early foul trouble and finished with just six points and four rebounds in 17 minutes. She had no points and one rebound after halftime.

She didn’t check into the game in the second half until 11:33 remained with the Monarchs trailing 68-50.

‘Old Dominion got within 14 points at 72-58 with 6:12 left when Okeisha Howard, who had 20 points, with Bird on the floor, made two free throws.

UConn responded with four free throws, two by sophomore Diana Taurasi, who scored 22, and two by Bird, and the Monarchs were done.

Bird broke her previous career high of 25 points with an eight­foot jumper from the left baseline with 1:09 remaining.

The Huskies finished with 25 assists, the first of which broke their own NCAA record of 786 in a season.

UConn has been the top-ranked team all season, beating opponents by an average of nearly 37 points — a pace that would break its own NCAA record of 33.2 set in 1994-95. The Huskies also are on pace to challenge the mark for lowest average points allowed, 51.1 set by Utah last season.

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Women’s NCAA Tournament

Jawhawks will only nest atop.

Associated Press

Kansas City, Mo.

This much the Kansas Jawhawks know: Their season will end in Atlanta, at the Georgia Dome, in their first Final Four since 1993.

But you have to look five years back from then, to a March night at Kansas City’s Kemper Arena, to see what really drives this team.

“Our goal wasn’t to reach the Final Four. It was to win the national championship,” rookie forward Nick Collison, who scored 25 points and had 15 rebounds on Sunday, said.

Kansas beat Oregon State 104-73 on December 7.

The other Kansas players echoed that sentiment: Now, nothing short of the Jawhawks’ first national title since 1988 — the year before Roy Williams took over as coach — will do.

“It was joy out there,” celebrating the win over Oregon, freshman point guard Aaron Miles said. “But we know it’s nothing. We don’t want to stop here. It feels good to be one of the four teams that can possibly win the championship, but we want to be the ones to do it.”

“We want to do it for coach Williams, because of all the things people have said about him, but we also want to do it for ourselves as a team,” Miles said.

The Jawhawks, who meet Maryland in the national semifinals on Saturday, have held that goal since the preseason. Underfunded pictures of the Georgia Dome in each player’s locker, along with the message: “What did you do to get here today?”

It was just kind of a reminder every day when you don’t feel like practicing,” Collison said. “You see that and realize what you’re playing for.”

What Kansas (33-3) did to get to Atlanta was sweep the Big 12 regular season and win its first two conference tournament games before being beaten in the finals by Oklahoma — another Final Four qualifier.

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Kirk on injury (guard 16-6 win over Illinois before running over the Ducks on Sunday.

Along the way, they weathered injury (guard Kirk Hinrich’s ankle sprain), foul trouble (Hinrich and Collison played most 37 total minutes against Illinois) and crowd hostility (Wisconsin fans have never forgotten Williams for comments they thought disparaging to the Badgers’ Four team and coach Dick Bennett).

And in the end, they put it to rest — for this year, anyway — Kansas’ recent reputation for underachievement in the NCAA tournament.

“This means a lot,” said American­­­ized forward, Drew Gooden, who had 20 rebounds against Oregon. Ben匮t.

For the most part, there were a lot of doubts out there. How can people have the guts to coach some heat in the past for not reaching goals. But coachWilliams is a great coach. This is his year.

He’s made two free throws.

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Irish head into Big East

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame softball coach Deanna Gumpf believes that the softball season is divided into three parts.

In the first part of their season, Notre Dame's softball team battled through a tough early schedule to an 8-12 record.

The team now heads into the second part of their schedule tonight against Western Michigan looking to improve and take control of the Big East.

"I definitely think the season is divided into three sections: our preseason, our Big East season and the postseason," said Gumpf. "Right now, we have gone through the first part and said 'OK, where do we need to get better? We need to not walk as many batters and we need to hit the ball.' That pretty much sums it up."

The Irish have relied on young pitching throughout the season, particularly from freshman Stefany Stenglein and Carrie Wiesen.

Stef has improved and improved and improved," said Gumpf. "She's gotten better every day that she's been out there. Both the freshman jumped right into the fire and I think it took them both a couple of games just to figure it all out. They needed it. It was great for both of those girls to play the best teams in the country because now they know what it takes and that's a tough to figure out."

So far this season, Stenglein has a 7-5 record with a 2.52 ERA and has struck out 81 batters. She also leads the team in games pitched with 19.

The Irish offense has been led by unanimous preseason All-Big East selection, Andrea Loman who is hitting a team-leading .327 batting average as well as a .422 on-base percentage. Freshman outfielder Megan Ciolli is second on the team with a .308 average and leads the team with three round trippers.

According to Gumpf, the older players have a major influence on the younger players and have helped them adjust to college softball.

"Jenny (Kriech) and Jarrah (Meyerz) are returning All-Americans so their leadership is pretty much on the field," Gumpf said. "They're there to play ball, and they lead by example. Kas (Illo) is a great leader because she's the one the girls can go to at any time. She's there for everybody on the team and she's got a lot of heart."

The team hopes to correct its early-season problems and put together a string of victories before Big East hitting opens Saturday against Pittsburgh.

"I think that we're hitting better than we have in the past," Gumpf said. "I think that if we hit the ball, we'll win. The pitchers know what they need to do. We had a lot of walks early in the season, pitching around a lot of hitters, and now we can go right at them."
They are trying to improve their library program for inmates and need help with computerized entry of reading material, physical help arranging books, and distribution and pick-up of reading materials. Volunteers wouldn't have to have inmate contact; they will work with the comfort level of the students.

Current Volunteer Needs

Easter Celebration for local children - Jim Baumgartner - 235-5709

Staying for Easter? If you want to participate in a worthwhile cause, come to the College Football Hall of Fame Easter Celebration on Sat. March 30, from noon-4:00. You can hide eggs, play games, and help bring a happier Easter to children coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. Volunteers will also receive lunch and a complimentary ticket to tour the Hall of Fame.

Tutor for 12 yr old — Reading help
Ken Stacy - 287-2316 x 334 - ken@tirerack.com

He is looking for a tutor to help his son Joshua with his reading skills. Time commitment would be about 3 hours a week. He can bring Joshua to campus if the tutor would like.

Tutor for 6 yr old & 10 yr old — need help in reading - Wendy - 254-7652

She would like a tutor for her children who are struggling with reading. She can bring the children to ND on Tues and/or Thurs after 5 pm.

Tutor for 9th grader - Lois Treft - 254-7652

She is looking for a tutor to help her 9th grade son Raymond with his science and english skills, including sentence structure. He can come to campus if the tutor prefers.

McKinley Elementary after school program - Tom Werge - 631-7679

Starting an after school program that will take place on Weds. from 2:30-3:30 and looking for some students to assist the kids with their homework, especially Math & Reading. Transportation from ND to the school can be provided.

Female Mentor for 12 yr old softball pitcher - Carol Grop - 237-4007 (w) 234-3395 (h)

Do you like to throw a softball around? If so, a 12 yr old girl Nikki would love to spend some time with you. She is a good student in school, but needs a role model in her life to give her some encouragement and improve her self-esteem.

LOGAN Camp Amigo Trip - Marissa Runkle 289-4831 x1043 - marissar@logancenter.org

Several students are needed to accompany adults with disabilities on the annual camping trip to Michigan. We will leave in the morning on Sat., April 6th and return in the afternoon on Sun., April 7th. Transportation, meals, and lodging are provided free. Volunteers will assist the Logan campers in basketball and volleyball games as well as games using the pool table, ping-pong, and foosball tables.

Library Program at St. Joseph County Jail - Jane Ragle - 245-6578

They are trying to improve their library program for inmates and need help with computerized entry of reading material, physical help arranging books, and distribution and pick-up of reading materials. Volunteers wouldn’t have to have inmate contact; they will work with the comfort level of the students.

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

No. 15 Irish look to rebound from loss

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

When the Irish women’s lacrosse team matches up today against Delaware, both teams will be coming off similar heartbreaking one-goal losses. The No. 15-ranked Irish look to improve their record to 5-1 while the normally top-tier Blue Hens will be searching for just their third win in seven games.

“Last year they were the first ranked team we beat, it was a really tight game,” said senior Natalie Loftus. “They are definitely going to come out ready to play tomorrow.”

Delaware played Ohio State on Monday. The Buckeyes, ranked No. 20, jumped out to an 8-4 first-half lead. Delaware played a strong second half but almost delivered an upset, before losing 12-11. Like Notre Dame’s loss to Cornell, this game will be fresh on Delaware’s mind.

“Delaware is a traditional lacrosse powerhouse,” said captain Alissa Mozer. “Even though they are not as good this year, they are still a threat. We need to be on our toes.”

The Irish look to play for a complete game after a subpar first half in a one-goal loss to Cornell last week. Cornell went up 8-3, and despite a strong second half, the Irish lost 10-9.

“We all knew we weren’t playing in the first half, the way Notre Dame lacrosse should be played. We realize what we did wrong and definitely have corrected it,” said Mozer. “That was only our first loss of the season, but we really don’t want to lose. We are out for a win tomorrow.”

The Irish expect to come out strong, but be patient in the first half today. They hope to take immediate control of the game.

“We need to be aggressive,” said Mozer, who has scored the first Irish goal twice this season. “We are ready to take it to them in the first couple minutes and keep pounding away.”

Offensively, the Irish have been scoring goals in bunches throughout the season, and those scoring bursts have been able to carry them to wins. The Irish also have scoring depth, as six girls have recorded five or more goals in as many games.

The Irish have been off since their March 19 game and have used this time to work on their fundamentals.

“We are really excited to play again,” said Loftus. “We’ve had time to work some kinks out and get ready for Delaware.”

The Irish will face Delaware at 4 p.m. at Meyo Field.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles earn MIAA honors

Special to The Observer

The MIAA recently honored three players from the Saint Mary’s basketball team, following the Belles’ 9-17 season.

Senior Anne Blair was named to the MIAA All-Conference first team, while sophomore Katie Miller and freshman Emily Crouchbaum were named to the Honorable Mention team.

Blair, a three-year captain, averaged 12.8 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game.

Miller ran the Belles offense for most of the season and averaged 6.2 points and 3.1 assists per game. Crouchbaum, second in Belles scoring, averaged 9.2 points per contest and also excelled defensively, grabbing 5.2 boards per game.

**MEN’S GOLF**

Irish go south, play moves north

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The men’s golf team traveled south last weekend, but the same cannot be said for its score.

After firing a collective total of 913, the Irish finished seventh in the 13-team field at the Pepsi-Cola Invitational in Michigan State’s Eric Jonsson won the event with a 212 total, held at the Tanglewood Resort Golf Course in Texas.

The relatively high team score that placed a staggering 44 shots behind tournament champions Michigan State was reminiscent of last week’s rather dismal effort in Florida, but misleading according to John Jasinski, first-year head coach.

“I thought we moved in the right direction… The play was substantially better.”

John Jasinski head coach

“B ut I think that’s something that comes as the season progresses.”

While the unfavorable weather conditions make practice and the task of finding one’s short game touch difficult, Jasinski said it’s a skill issue as well.

“I think for some of our guys it’s a matter of learning some different shots,” Jasinski said. “It’s a mental thing too. When par is in question you need to have the grit and the skill. It’s about having the right mental approach and the confidence in the shot.”

While the cumulative scores aren’t much better than the ones posted a week ago, the Irish did enjoy some better play from one of its players. Freshman K.C. Wiseman placed together three rounds in the 70s to finish tied for 20th in the 74-player field, the best finish of his young collegiate career.

“K.C. played well,” Ratay said. “He’s one of the guys that really’s coming along.”

Jasinski sees the team improving in the coming weeks.

“We have a couple more events left before the Big East Championships,” he said. “We just need to keep getting better.”

Getting better and scoring lower will be the focus of the team when they travel to Lexington, Kentucky to compete in the Johnny Owens Invitational this weekend.

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**Men's NCAA Tournament**

Terrapins won't stop until they reach the top

Associated Press

Juan Dixon and Lonny Baxter already have done their share to lift Maryland to elite status, taking the Terrapins to the Final Four not just once, but twice. The seniors now plan to attach a spectacular to their productive college careers.

Dixon and Baxter are the first players in the rich history of the Maryland basketball program to take part in at least 100 wins. Dixon has played in 168 victories, Baxter in 160.

They won't be satisfied until they get two more — Saturday night against the NCAA semifinals and in the championship game next Monday night.

"It's my last time doing this, and I'm going to do whatever it takes to win," said Dixon, a multifaceted shooting guard and an integral part of the most successful senior class in Maryland history.

Dixon scored 24 points and Baxter had 29 points and nine rebounds Sunday as top-seeded Maryland won the East Regional and advanced to the Final Four for a second straight year with a 90-82 victory over Connecticut.

The Terrapins already had run of five straight NCAA tournament appearances when Maryland began its 1998 freshman class. But with Dixon never before playing in the Final Four due to injury, he had aid from Tulane transfer Byron Mouton, lifted the program even higher.

"We've always believed that we're capable of doing it," Coach Gary Williams said, "we do it with hard work and commitment."

Last year, the Terrapins rebounded from a home loss to Florida State in the Big Ten tournament to reach the Final Four for the first time. This year, they entered the NCAA tournament coming off a deflating loss to North Carolina State in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Along those four years we've won over 100 games, but we also had some tough losses. Yet we've always been able to come back," Williams said. "This body takes us out of what we were trying to do. I think our seniors — Juan, Lonny and Byron — have a lot to do with that. Over a four-year period, they have been very mentally tough.

As juniors, the trio guided the Terrapins where no Maryland team had gone before, Maryland lost to eventual champion Duke in the national semifinals, but virtually everyone associated with the program still considered the season a resounding success.

This year, there will be no moral victories. Only a national championship will do.

Even though the Terrapins' (30-4) have accomplished plenty, capturing their first regular season ACC title since 1980 and winning 30 games for the first time.

"This year's team is much more mature than last year's," Mouton said. "I think that's why we're in this situation we're in."

After reaching the Final Four last year, the three could have focused on potential NBA careers, they could have captured the energy toward going out with a national championship.

"Our seniors did a tremendous job this year, because going to the Final Four last year only made us want more," Williams said. "That isn't always the case. They've done a great job with the other players, trying to get us to the level we can play at.

Terrapins won't stop until they reach the top

Associated Press

Maryland's Juan Dixon celebrates a 3-point shot in the final three minutes of Maryland's victory during the East Regional Final.

**Price is right for Sooners**

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. Oklahoma guard Hoil Price needs extra time to warm up before games. When he's on the sideline, a heating pad helps keep the injured right arm loose.

It must be working.

The Sooners are back in the Final Four for the first time since 1988, partly because of Price, who went down with a gruesome elbow injury in the second game of last year's tournament.

He's averaging 18.2 points in the NCAs this year, a remarkable turnaround for a player who needed three operations.

Price tore the triceps tendon and had nerve damage after coming down hard on an Indiana State player's lower teeth — a trying time for the Sooners' loss. Price ended up with a piece of the opponent's tooth in his arm.

"I didn't know it was that severe when it happened, but it turned out to be," Price said. "I think the Lord he got me through that. Coach always says that adversity makes a man, and I think it made a man out of this player." Price added."

He's been outstanding for Oklahoma (31-4) all season.

At 6-foot-1 and just 165 pounds, Price is not an imposing figure on the court. But he has tremendous speed, a sweet basketball touch, too.

While other Sooners struggled in the first half of the regional semifinal against Arizona, Price made six 3-pointers. He had 22 of the Sooners' 33 points at halftime, keeping them close enough to rally in the second half.

"We've never seen that kind of kid have any fear," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. After scoring 18 points in Saturday's regional final against Mariners, Price had a long hump with Sampson, then called his father in Norman — or wherever he was that night.

Price's grandparents, George Carraby and Ann Dennis, raised him and his two siblings because their single mother was often in jail.

Price grew up in New Orleans' Desire neighborhood, which Sampson called "one of the toughest projects in that city."

But with his grandparents providing guidance, Price was drawn to sports and stayed out of trouble.

"He had a beautiful home," Sampson said. "He lived in a project apartment, but he had a beautiful home because of his grandfather and grandmother. Hollah was brought up the right way, and that was his constitution."

The "right way" meant coming home straight from school, doing his homework before he could play, and being home on time at night. It meant going to church on Sunday, being thankful for little things and respecting teachers.

"The distractions were there," Carraby said. "But he was always above that fray because he had folks who impressed on him that there are things much more important than to waste your life."

Like any youngster, Price occasionally got out of line, but he could not put any weight on that.

"I wasn't even close. He's the kind of kid who comprehends," Carraby added. "He went to a drug rehab center. "He looks you dead in the eyes when you talk to him, so that when you talk to him, you can get a good read on him."

Williams said Price has always connect.

Price played several sports, and excelled at basketball. At St. Augustine High School, he averaged 25 points as a senior and led his team to the Class 5A state title. He also led his under-17 AAU summer team to a national title.

Afterward, Price scored 22 games at Oklahoma as a freshman, averaging 7.2 points and 3.5 assists at point guard. He played the first 16 games at the point the next season before moving to shooting guard, and wound up averaging 11.8 points and 4.7 assists.

With the arrival of his high school teammate, Quannas White, who has taken over at point guard, Price has been able to stay at shooting guard and was an All-Big 12 pick after averaging 17 points. The Sooners still haven't healed, but Price's game is perfectly healing.

"I don't think I'll ever be 100 percent," Price said. "But I haven't had many problems because I've been hurt with it. Once I get in a game, I really don't think about it."

**Perry to cover for Coverdale**

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. While starting point guard Tom Coverdale hobbled around campus on crutches Monday, Indiana practiced with Coverdale's likely replacement—freshman Donald Perry.

Coverdale, the Hoosiers' second-leading scorer and the player most responsible for getting his teammates into the right spots, sprained his left ankle Saturday during Indiana's 81-69 regional final victory over Kent State.

Two days after being wheeled off the court, Coverdale wore a boot over the injured ankle but still could not put any weight on the leg.

"It's 10 times better than it was yesterday, hopefully it will keep improving," Coverdale said.

Coach Mike Davis said he expected Coverdale to play Saturday against Oklahoma in the first of the two national semifinals.

"He couldn't even walk before we played North Carolina-Wilmington and he was an All-Big 12 pick after averaging 17 points. The ankle's still not healed, but Price's game is perfectly healing."

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Several Notre Dame fencers earned individual honors at the NCAA Championships this past weekend. Senior women’s sabre captain Carianne McCullough, a former walkon, achieved third team All-American honors in her final NCAA competition. Her 12-11 record put McCullough in 12th place and made her an All-American for the first time.

“It was really more to help the team than to get All-American,” she said. “I mean sure it was in the back of your head. We had the last six bouts to try and get the most wins.”

After finishing the first day in ninth place, McCullough won four matches on day two to accomplish her goal of earning All-American status. McCullough finished in 19th in 2000 and 15th in 2001 at the NCAA Championship. In 2002, she compiled a 42-9 regular season record and a 161-38 career record. At the Midwest Conference Championships, McCullough took third and she finished second at the regional competition.

Teammate sophomore Destanie Milo combined with McCullough to give the Irish 20 points in women’s sabre to finish sixth overall. In men’s sabre, senior captain Andre Crompton used an 8-1 record on the second day of the sabre competition to finish in fifth and was second team All-American for the second straight year. Crompton went 18-5 and lost the tiebreaker on indicators. He earned his sixth NCAA honour.

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Midwest Regional champion freshman Michai Sobieraj rebounded after a tough first day to finish with 12 wins and earn third team All-American. Sobieraj and Viviani combined to win 29 bouts and finish in a tie for second overall.

After a foot injury caused him to miss out on first team All-American honors,

Knowing a win might put him in the top four,

Crompton battled back to win his final bout 5-4.

“I was down 4-2 in my last collegiate bout ever. I thought just relax and pull it together,” Crompton said. “It was the last touch of my collegiate career and I just wanted to finish strong.”

A 10-4 record on day one put Crompton in fifth.

Crompton and junior Matt Fabricant combined to win 27 bouts and finish fourth overall.

Junior epee captain Jan Viviani finished fifth to earn All-American honors for the third consecutive year. He finished 17-6 and missed first team All-American by one victory.

After starting Saturday by going undefeated in his first two rounds, Viviani did not have energy to keep up the strong start in the last four rounds.

“Got a little tired. I think things were going so well, that you stop thinking about things. Viviani said. “Sometimes it helps, but I think it hurt a little. In certain situations, I probably should have been a little different.”

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At the NCAA Championships, junior foil captain, Ozren Debic, finished fourth this year, returning to the first team All-American status he attained as a freshman. By earning first team All-American, Debic was the fourth Irish fencer in 2002 to earn that honor, the most in Irish history.

Debic went 18-5 in pool play but expended so much energy attempting to earn as many points for the team as possible, he ran out of gas in his semifinal and third-place match.

“I did not have the energy to compete with those guys on a high level,” Debic said. “Both of them [St. John’s Jonathan Tiomkin and Stanford’s Steve Gerberman] are good fencers. But if I was not even 90 or 100 percent, if I was fencing well, then I would have won at least one.”

Freshman Derek Snyder joined Debic on the men’s foil team this year. Snyder went 15-8 at the NCAA Championship, including 7-2 on the second day. His efforts earned him second team All-American.

“I’m somewhat satisfied. My goal was to make top four, but I missed that by a little bit,” Snyder said. “I think the first day we kind of lost our cool as far as judging and stuff like that, so we lost our focus a little bit. The second day we did a lot better.”

Debic and Snyder had 33 total wins to finish in a tie for second overall.

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Irish gymnasts find luck at Clover Classic

On going beyond that restraining line

I've been to one lacrosse game in my life, which left me with an inscrutable conclusion: I didn't really enjoy it.

Sure, I could tell there was a ball being thrown at a net, and what happened next went in, the team shooting got a point. But beyond that, it might as well have been Keru Reaves at a freshman class. I couldn't appreciate the art on display.

So what better way to learn about the game and the athletes who play it than asking Notre Dame senior defensive standout Tina Federicky about the finer points of the sport?

Well, the finer points were: what cartoon character she's like on the field, which lacrosse rule she gets the beer and worst of all, a Michigan cornerman deserved the 1997 Heisman Trophy. I just asked the essentials, starting with an explanation of which players can go where.

TINA: I play third man, which is defense. Basically, you have midfielders and defenders. You have a restraining line, which is lacrosse and only seven people can go across and play attack, and seven can go back down defense. Your attackers and your midfielders can go down and be on the attack, and then your low defenders, which is what I am, and the midfielders stand down on defense.

We can never go across the (restraining line)?

TINA: I can go across times, but it's not like I regularly do it. I can go across in transition or if I'm up ahead of everybody else.

TED: Do you think that's the most unique lacrosse rule - or is there anything else that, just looking at it, is kind of goofy?

TINA: I think the things that are most confusing are wherever there's a whistle, you have to stop. So everyone freezes. And that's kind of weird, because like in soccer, you can just wander around. But in [women's] lacrosse you have to stop.

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Bednariski still No. 1 on the list

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Janusz Bednariski remains retiring head coach Yves
Auriol's preferred replacement.

"I plan to do something in the next few weeks," Bernard
Muir, associate athletic director, said after the 2002 NCAA
Fencing Championship. "Hopefully we'll solidify some-
thing after we talk to a few more people.

Bednariski said he was very
interested in the job while
Auriol reiterated his support for his current assistant.

"Coaching is my life," Bednariski said. " Notre Dame is
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