Accepted students visit SMC campus

By EMILY BRAMMER
New Warner

Many accepted students confirmed they did not attend Saint Mary’s next fall as they toured campus and met with faculty and administrators Sunday on Accepted Student Day.

After Mass in Angela Athletic Facility, Saint Mary’s President Marilou Eldred formally welcomed the students along with Director of Admissions Mary Pat Nolan and Board of Governors President Kim Jensen.

“Accepted students need to have that chance to come back one more time to confirm their decisions,” said Nolan. “And they’re very excited to see where they’re going to be for the next four years.”

Saint Mary’s students gave the potential students a tour of campus which included a trip through the new Student Center and Noble Family Dining Hall.

“Students were really amazed with the new facility,” said Jensen. “They’re excited to know that it will be available to them next year.”

Afternoon events included two sessions of open houses sponsored by Student Activities and Academic Affairs. Faculty and staff in the academic departments spoke with interested students, and all student life offices such as Campus Ministry, Residence Life and other clubs and organizations presented students with information.

“This is the first year that we have expanded [Accepted Student Day] for more student involvement,” said Nolan. “The sessions are now set up more like Student Activities Night, giving them the opportunity to actually go around and talk to representatives of academic departments and student life activities.”

About 155 families from 21 states traveled to attend the day’s events.

Accepted student Gemma Edwards currently attends Saint Vincent High School in Pittsburgh. She applied to Saint Mary’s because she was interested in knowing that it will be available to her to study as a chemistry major.

“I think students are interested in doing it again,” Friday built on the success of last year’s Irish Belles Night Out, headed by the former sophomore class board and Saint Mary’s student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

“The purpose of the event was to bring the two groups of women together to work through stereotypes, because there’s been animosity there in the past.”

Sarah Brown
SMC student body vice president

Funnell raised $64 Friday night.

“Irish Belles Night Out went really well and we got some good feedback,” Brown said. “I think students are interested in doing it again.”

Sophomore Zahm Hall resident Andrew Hoyt extinguishes a fire at the annual fireman barbecue held in front of LaFortune student center Sunday. It is this type of event that increases fire awareness and prevention on campus.

Irish Belles spend a night out

ND, SMC women bond at ‘spa night’ at LaFortune

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame women found common ground Friday night at the second annual Irish Belles Night Out.

The freshman and sophomore class boards from both schools organized the event.

“The purpose of the event was to bring the groups of women together to work through stereotypes, because there’s been animosity there in the past,” said Sarah Brown, Saint Mary’s student body vice president. “I think it’s so important to show that we have a lot more similarities than differences.”

Over 100 students from both campuses attended this year’s Irish Belles Night Out on the second floor of LaFortune.

In addition to complimentary hairstyling and facials, representatives from Mary Kay Cosmetics added to Friday’s theme of ‘spa night’ by allowing students to sample a variety of their products.

Saint Mary’s freshmen Anna Bauer and Anna Hickner won gift certificates for a free haircut at Atria and Michael Co. salon.

Included Friday were performances by Notre Dame senior Zack Burkhart and freshman Tom Schreck, regular performers at the Acoustic Cafe, and The Undertones, a male cappella group also from Notre Dame.

Tables were set up advocating various charity events in which students can participate. Jill Funnell, a Saint Mary’s freshman, sold pink breast cancer awareness ribbons for $1 each to raise money for her participation in Mary’s Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

Sr. Helen Prejean to lecture at ND

University sponsors death penalty speaker

Sister Helen Prejean, death penalty abolitionist and author of the book “Dead Man Walking,” will deliver a talk and particip ate in a book signing beginning at 7:30 p.m. today in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative, the event is free and open to the public.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Prejean has lived and worked in Louisiana all her life. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille in 1957, when she was 18, and traces her involvement in the issue of capital punishment to her years teaching high school dropouts. The following year, at the request of a friend, she began a correspondence with Elmo Patrick Sonnier, a 27-year-old death row resident convicted in the brutal murder of a teenage couple. As the date for Sonnier’s execution approached, she became his close friend and spiritual counselor, eventually witnessing his electrocution. Since then she has accompanied other men to the electric chair as a counselor and witnessed their deaths.

Prejean related her experiences with Sonnier in “Dead Man Walking,” a

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Their plans go far beyond war on Iraq. They want to multiply military spending, create a "U.S. Space Force" to militarize outer space and completely control "cyberspace," target China, Iran, Syria and Libya for "regime change," test and build new nuclear weapons, consider developing biological weapons, undermine the United Nations, "fight and decisively with multiple, simultaneous major theatre wars," and maintain American global superiority at all costs in order "to shape a nuclear weapons, test and build new..." Superiority at all costs in order "to shape a nuclear weapons, test and build new..."

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• Film "At the River I Stand" 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium, C-100

• Called to Witness Lecture Series with Sister Helen Prejean 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Keating Hall, Room 101

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

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• Spring Choral Concert Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. at Moreau Center for the Arts, Little Theatre

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WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Baked manicotti, Cajun pasta sauce, pepperoni calzone, honey-mustard chicken breast, smoked red bell peppers, cherry chip, cheese and vegetable pie, wild rice with wild mushrooms, baby lima beans, mashed meal, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, Texas french toast, hash browns, Italian beef sandwich, crinkle fries, chicken and peas on stick-fry, feta corn and black beans

South Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Tortellini with basil chicken, lemoned pasta, Mexican pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, but chunky applesauce, vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed Julesienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, steamed spinach, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, chicken macadamia, cheese enchilada

Today’s Dinner: Peppered flank steak, herb sauteed mushrooms, lentil and barley stew, black beans with tomato and cilantro, Buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod, rolled up potatoes, BBQ rib sandwich, steamed spinach, pan-seared tangerine chicken, spicy grilled chicken, flame-roasted fiesta corn and black beans

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Visitor arrested for driving intoxicated

NDSF arrested two students for driving intoxicated on State Road 933 Friday morning.

Cell phone stolen from Alumni Hall

A student reported the theft of her cell phone from the basement study lounge of Alumni Hall March 29. The larceny case’s status has been updated to pending, but there are still no suspects.

6 student vehicles towed

NDSF had six student vehicles towed for parking violations last Thursday from the following locations: three vehicles were removed from the post office, one from R2 library parking lot and two from Roll’s Sports and Recreation Center.

Student's jacket stolen

A student reported the theft of her jacket from South Dining Hall Thursday afternoon. There are no suspects in this larceny case.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat McElwee at mcel­­wee.289nd.edu

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BRINGING DOWN THE CSC

Campus band Graboids, including Ryan Rogers (left) and Nick Mainieri (right), performed at "Progressive Rock" at the Center for Social Concerns Friday.

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NBC correspondent dies from blood clot

NEW YORK

NBC News correspondent David Bloom, one of the network’s most prominent young stars and a near constant television presence reporting from the Iraqi desert, died Sunday from an apparent blood clot, the network said.

The 39-year-old co-anchor of the weekend “Today” show was about 25 miles south of Baghdad and packing gear early in the morning when he suddenly collapsed.

He never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead at a nearby field medical unit, said Allison Gollust, a spokeswoman for NBC News. She said his death was not combat related.

Bloom was the second American journalist to die while covering the war. Michael Kelly, editor-at-large for The Atlantic Monthly and a columnist for The Washington Post, was killed Thursday night along with a U.S. soldier when their Humvee plunged into a canal.

Both Bloom and Kelly were traveling with the U.S. Army’s 3rd Infantry Division.

NBC News had built a special vehicle, dubbed the “Bloom-mobile,” to send strikingly clear pictures of him riding atop a tank through the Iraqi desert. He reported memorably on the sandstorms that briefly delayed American forces.

“David Bloom was a smart, energetic professional whose enthusiasm for the job was evident in every question he asked and every story he covered,” Clinton said.

Shaken NBC colleagues, including “Today” co-anchor Soledad O’Brien, paid tribute on the network’s broadcasts Sunday. “It’s a hard morning for all of us,” Katie Couric said.

Bloom, who had no apparent health problems, was indefatigable during the Gulf War. He reported at all hours for NBC News, CNN, and also for the cable outlets MSNBC and CNBC.


“Given the fact that we’re filling all hours of the day and night, you try to pace yourself and get a little sleep,” Bloom told the Post. “You’re sleeping with your knees propped up around you.”

That may have been a risk factor: Blood clots frequently form in legs when they’ve been immobilized and travel through the body, said Dr. Harold Palevsky, chief of pulmonary critical care with the University of Pennsylvania health system.
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interested in experiencing educa­tion in an all girls environment. She said Saint Mary’s impressed her because she felt it has a family atmosphere.

“The students here seem just as nice as everyone says they are,” said Edwaro. “I think it would be easy to make friends here.”

Most importantly, accepted students left with a strong sense of resolution.

“It solidified the choice of students who were already serious about Saint Mary’s,” said Nolan. “And those that were on the fence walked away with the feeling that this could be their home away from home.”

Lauren O’Brien contributed to this article.

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book that was turned into an Academy Award-winning motion picture in 1996 and made her an internationally prominent opponent of capital punishment.

Notre Dame conferred its highest honor, the Laetare Medal, on Prejean in 1996, and in recent years she has been a finalist for the Nobel Peace Prize.

IRAN

Controversial professor released from prison

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — A university professor whose death sentence provoked nationwide protests until it was lifted by the Supreme Court began a one­ week prison leave Sunday, his lawyer said.

Hashem Aghajari, a history professor at Tehran's Teachers Training University, was released on $125,000 bail, said his lawyer.

Aghajari was sentenced for insulting Islam and questioning clerical rule during a speech he gave in June in which he said that each new generation should be able to interpret the faith.

His sentencing last November provoked the biggest student protests in Iran in three years and highlighted the power struggle between the country's liberals and hard-liners.

Aghajari initially said he would not appeal the death sentence, challenging the judiciary to carry it out. But his lawyer filed an appeal over Aghajari's objections.

Both the parliament and President Mohammad Khatami denounced the verdict.

But hardliners defended the sentence. Conservatives, who dominate government bodies such as the judiciary and police, oppose reformists allied to Khatami, accusing them of undermining the principles of the 1979 Islamic revolution.

In overturning the death sentence, the Supreme Court ruled that the charges were not compatible with his speech.

RUSSIA

Mass graves discovered in Chechnya

Associated Press

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Police in Chechnya have discovered four graves filled with disfigured bodies, many of them with their heads and arms cut off, officials said Sunday.

Three sites were found in the northern Nalchik district, usually a relatively peaceful area, Chechnya's Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The heads and arms had been severed from the corpses, which were stacked in a shallow grave and covered with soil, the ministry said. It did not say how many bodies were in the graves.

Another grave with two bodies was discovered in the village of Solynaya Balka outside the capital, Grozny, the ministry said. The dead men's heads were wrapped in black plastic bags. Both bore signs of strangulation and their teeth had been knocked out, it said.

Investigations were launched into both cases.

Such grisly discoveries are not uncommon in Chechnya, where Russian forces have been battling separatists. Human rights organizations claim Russian troops are responsible for the killings, while the military blames the rebels.

Also Sunday, the body of a pro-Moscow Chechen police official was discovered, an official in the Kremlin-backed administration said. The body of Madzhid Agyev, the deputy commander of a rapid-reaction squad, was found with multiple bullet wounds in a car near the village of In-Tu, the Interfax news agency reported, citing the Chechen Interior Ministry.

Meanwhile, Chechen police­man Rustam Visarigov was killed by a mine near his home in the Shelkovskaya district, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Rebels frequently have targeted Chechens who work for the Kremlin-appointed government.

In other action, rebels killed four servicemen and wounded 16 others in attacks over the past 24 hours, the official said Sunday. In a clash near the village of Nozhib-Shyurt, two rebels were killed and four soldiers were wounded.

Russian forces fought a disastrous 1994-96 war with Chechen separatists before withdrawing. Troops returned three years later after rebel raids on a neighboring Russian region and after apartment­house bombings blamed on the rebels killed more than 300 people in Russian cities.

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**U.S. may rule Iraq for six months or more**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Setting up a new Iraqi govern­ment likely will take more than six months once coalition forces take full control of the country, a Bush administration official said yesterday.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the interim government the United States will run with coalition partners and Iraqi opposition leaders is designed to be a bridge to whatever government the Iraqi people choose and is not designed to dictate the coun­try's future leadership.

"The goal is not to install some particular group as the new leaders of Iraq. That absolutely contradicts the whole notion of democracy," Wolfowitz said as focused attention on postwar Iraq while military operations continue on the Sunday talk shows.

As for a timetable, Wolfowitz nixed six months as the going to form in northern Iraq after the first Gulf War.

"This is a more complicated situation," he told "Fox News Sunday." "It probably will take more time than that."

Gen. Peter Pace, vice chair­man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no decision has been made on the size of the force that will be in Iraq during the transition.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki has suggested hun­dreds of thousands might be needed, but Pace noted only 10,000 are being used in Afghanistan, which is larger and more populated.

"What you need to determine is what missions need to be accomplished, and then how many forces you need to do that, to give the Iraqi people a chance to rebuild their own army, to get their own police force up, get their own government working, so they can function as quickly as possible," Pace said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon indicated the vast majority of the 40,000 British troops in Iraq could be home by the end of the year.

When asked how many British troops should be in Iraq in six to nine months, Hoon said: "I would hope that it would be a very small number."

Wolfowitz said the U.S.­led coalition will spearhead the effort to set up an interim govern­ment, but he stressed the Bush administration is eager to see Iraqis govern themselves.

"You can't talk about democ­racy and then turn around and say we're going to pick the leaders of this democratic country, and I said on CBS's "Face the Nation." And he was adamant that while the United Nations should have a role in helping with the new government, the admin­istration does not want to see the U.N. supervise and run the country.

"I think the right goal is to move as quickly as we can ... to a government that is — if I could paraphrase Abraham Lincoln — of the Iraqis, by the Iraqis, for the Iraqis," Wolfowitz said. "Not to make them a colonial administration or a U.N. administration, or run in any way by foreigners."

"This Week." "We learned a lot in the Balkan situation, where the U.N. suddenly moved in," he said. "And here we are 12 years later, still struggling to try and put those pieces back together."

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**SOUTH KOREA**

**N. Korea: handling of nuclear issue a prelude to war**

Associated Press

SEOUL

North Korea on Sunday rejected the U.N. Security Council's plan to discuss the standoff over its suspected nuclear weapons development. Meanwhile, South Korea canceled high-level talks with its communist neighbor.

A South Korean Unification Ministry spokesman said Monday the talks, which were to have taken place Monday to Thursday in Pyongyang, were canceled after the North did not confirm the meetings.

"North Korea did not respond to our offer last week, and therefore the talk will have been automatically canceled," the spokesman said.

Seoul had hoped to use the meeting to try to persuade its communist neighbor to scale down its nuclear ambitions in return for aid and better relations with the outside world.

North Korea called off two working­ level talks with South Korea last month, saying it was not satisfied with the talks.

North Korea is scheduled to discuss North Korea's nuclear program on Wednesday, and Pyongyang has said that any sanctions imposed on it will be tantamount to war.

The U.N. discussions are "a grave provocation act intended to scuttle all (the North's) effort for dialogue and aggravate the situation on the Korean Peninsula," a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The Security Council's "handling of the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula itself is precisely a prelude to war," the spokesman said.

For months, North Korea has insisted on direct talks with the United States to negotiate a nonaggression treaty.

Washington has refused, saying a multilateral solution to the crisis was needed. The U.S. administration has been pressing the Security Council to adopt a statement condemning Pyongyang for failing to meet its obliga­tions to prevent the spread of nuclear arms.

But KCNA quoted the spokesman as saying that the U.S. invasion of Iraq showed that Washington was not bound by international agreements. A nonag­gression treaty with Pyongyang would not necessarily avert war because it might not be honored, he said.

It was not immediately clear if Pyongyang would drop its demand for a nonaggression pact.

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Friendly fire kills 18 in northern Iraq**

U.S. aircraft mistakenly bombed a convoy of allied Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq on Sunday, killing at least 18 people and wounding 45, Kurdish offi­cials said. Two or three Americans may have been injured.

A Central Command coalition air­craft "may have engaged special operations and friendly Kurdish ground forces" 30 miles southeast of Mosul, it said early reports indicated one civilian death and six injuries.

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**Congo civil war attacks claim 966 lives**

At least 966 people were killed in attacks on more than a dozen villages in northeastern Congo last week, rebel leaders said Sunday. Rebel fighters, rebel factions and Ugandan troops all have been involved in the fighting in the 4 1/2­year old civil war.

The violence has forced people to flee their homes, the human rights group Amnesty International said.

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**National News BrieFs**

**Va. Tech reinstates affirmative action**

Virginia Tech reinstated its affirmative action policy Sunday, despite assertions from the attor­ney general's office that some of its diversity pro­grams are unconstitutional. The school board of Visitors voted to rescind a March 10 ban on pref­erences for racial minorities and other underrep­resented groups in hiring, admissions and schol­arships.

The vote came after a four­hour meeting punctuated by outbreaks from a crowd of about 250 people, most supporters of affirmative action.

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**Bush and Blair review Iraq progress**

President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are meeting for the third time in a month to discuss the war in Iraq, but this time their agenda also includes peace initiatives in the Middle East and Northern Ireland. The reconstruc­tion has divided Bush's advisers and the United States and Britain.

Prisons hold record 2 million inmates

The number of people in U.S. prisons and jails last year topped 2 million for the first time, driven by get­tough sentencing policies that mandate long terms for drug offenders and other criminals, the government reported Sunday.

The federal government accounted for more inmates than any state, with almost 162,000. That number includes the transfer of about 8,900 District of Columbia prisoners to the federal system.

California, Texas, Florida and New York were the four biggest state prison systems, mirroring their status as the most populous states. But Texas, California, New York, Illinois and five other states saw their inmate populations drop compared with the year before as prison releases outpaced admit­tions. Some states modified parole rules to deal with steep budget shortfalls, leading to an overall growth rate in state prison populations of just under 1 per­cent from June 2001 to June 2002.
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B i n F r e e f

Treasury changes debt borrowing

Treasury Department debt managers intend to soon carry out an accounting maneuver that would free billions of dollars on paper to prevent the government from breaching the $6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt.

The step, announced Friday, is the latest in a series of moves Treasury has taken to prevent the government from defaulting on the national debt.

Treasury is maneuvering because it has run out of room in its statutory authority to borrow. It has asked Congress to boost the government borrowing authority, a matter still pending on Capitol Hill.

MobiI being investigated for bribes

Federal prosecutors said Friday they are looking at Mobil Oil Corp. as part of the investigation into bribes paid by Americans to secure lucrative oil contracts in Kazakhstan.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Neiman made the disclosure as businessman James Giffen pleaded innocent to conspiracy, money laundering and tax charges. He is accused of extending more than $78 million in bribes in the 1990s to two Kazakh officials.

Tom Cirigliano, a spokesman for Exxon Mobil said the company has no knowledge of any illegal payments made to Kazakh officials by any current or former Mobil employees.

G O P t o a b a n d I s l a n d oil plan

There will be no attempt to revive drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge as part of a Senate energy bill, says the Republican senator who will guide the legislation.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the Senate's recent rejection of a proposal to develop oil in the refuge has made it clear that another such confrontation will only fail and, perhaps, jeopardize broader energy legislation.

This week the House signaled that it again will call for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil companies.

F B I to investigate Internet wiretaps

NEW YORK

Wiretapping takes on a whole new meaning now that voice calls are being made over the Internet, posing legal and technical hurdles for the FBI as it seeks to prevent the emerging services from becoming a safe haven for criminals and terrorists.

The FBI wants regulators to affirm that such services fall under a 1994 law requiring phone companies to build in surveillance capabilities. It is also pushing the industry to create technical standards to make wiretapping easier and cheaper.

But privacy advocates fear that because online eavesdropping technology is crude, tapping into the data stream for voice means getting more than what a court ordered — including possibly e-mail and other digital communications.

Service operators also question who should pay.

The increasingly popular "Voice over Internet Protocol," or VoIP, technology breaks phone conversations into data packets, sends them over the Internet and reassembles them at the destination.

Such calls, made on handsets or using computer microphones, are more efficient and cheaper than traditional calls, which require that a dedicated circuit remain open.

The technology creates gray areas in applying the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. That law required that then-emerging digital phone technologies, which are more difficult to wiretap than analog circuits, be designed so authorities could monitor them.

Lawmakers exempted information services like the Internet, but didn't anticipate Net-based voice calls.

Because VoIP is so new, standards don't exist for setting up networks, let alone for eavesdropping.

FBI to investigate Internet wiretaps

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M i x e d r e s u l t s o n s t o c k m a r k e t

Investors wary as war in Iraq continues

Associated Press

Stocks closed mixed Friday as investors weighed optimism about U.S. advances in Iraq with muted by a weak employment report and speculation that Saddam Hussein is still alive. Tech shares sagged on an earnings warning from PeopleSoft.

Analysts said trading was choppy as investors made quick bets about the war's prospects. But most were choosing to sit on the sidelines, wary of making major purchases before the weekend.

"A conflicting news day is leading to a conflicted market," said Stephen Mazzocca, president of Pacific Growth Equities.

"We have continuing good news coming out of Iraq. But on the other side, we have disappointing employment numbers coupled with other negative economic news."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 36.77, or 0.5 percent, at 8,277.15, having declined 44 points Thursday. The broader market finished mixed. The Nasdaq composite index rose 13.07, or 0.9 percent, to 1,383.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.40, or 0.3 percent, to 878.85.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.6 percent. The Nasdaq gained 1 percent, and the S&P 500 advanced 1.8 percent.

On Friday, U.S.-led forces edged closer to Baghdad after seizing control of Saddam International Airport, located nine miles away. U.S. Central Command said about 2,500 Iraqi Republican Guards surrendered between Kut and Baghdad.

Stocks, however, trimmed early gains after Iraqi television showed Saddam calling on his people to fight back, dampening the leader's fears that he might be wounded or dead. His remarks included a reference to the downing of an Apache helicopter that occurred after the March 19 strike aimed at killing him.

An Iraqi official also promised an "unconventional" retaliation, referring to commands and suicide attacks.

"People are a little more fearful about what might hit over the weekend," said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "There is concern that when we start to ferret out the last of the Republican Guard, we may be confronted with something that is not very tasteful."

"Analysts say investors have been largely optimistic about a short and successful war, leading them to drive stocks mostly higher in recent weeks. But they add that trading will likely be uneven in the coming days as investors respond to the latest war headlines."

Meanwhile, a Labor Department report showed U.S. companies slashed 108,000 jobs in March, more than analysts' estimates, of about 40,000 cuts. The overall civilian unemployment rate held steady at 5.8 percent.

PeopleSoft dropped $1.48, or 9 percent, to $15.02 after the software company lowered its first-quarter earnings estimation. The stock also added $1.40 to $14.88, after the maker of BlackBerry pager reported quarterly loss that was narrower than analysts' expectations; the company also raised its first-quarter revenue forecast.

Traders and specialists crowd the floor as they anticipate the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.
WHAT WILL TODAY’S STUDENTS BRING TO TOMORROW’S WORLD OF BUSINESS?

A new era for corporate America is upon us. New standards in financial reporting and new obligations to investors are being created. The effect these new standards will have on the future of business remains to be seen. What is certain is that everyone, in every field, will be affected. But let us not forget that the integrity of business lies on the shoulders of individuals. Beyond laws, beyond rules, regulations and processes, integrity is and always has been a personal responsibility and obligation. Integrity is about asking the tough questions, making the right decisions, and simply doing the right thing when the consequences are great and even when they are small.

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Citizens and politicians rally for troops in Florida

Associated Press
CLEARWATER, Fla. — Hailing U.S. troops in Iraq, Gov. Jeb Bush led more than 15,000 people in a patriotic rally where assailers of the U.S. invasion of Iraq were named as "the next greatest generation," said Bush. "This generation's legacy is being written now, on the seas and in the sands of the Middle East."

The Rally for America was the latest in a series of gatherings across the country inspired by syndicated radio talk show host Glenn Beck, who was seeking a way to counter anti-war demonstrations.

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Always faithful

Undistinguished Alumni

Mike Marchand

The dreams of greatest faith often come in the deepest despair. Such is surely the case for First Lieutenant Dustin Ferrell, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate who was injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom. A March 25 article in the Washington Post told the story of troops who suffered injuries in Iraq and were flown to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. One of them in particular, a member of the United States Marine Corps, had facial injuries and was on a ventilator, but still communicated to an Army chaplain that he wished to pray. The March 27 Observer said that marine might or might not have been Dustin. But I believe it is, because that's the type of person he is. I believe that despite the fact that I've never actually met Dustin face-to-face. Deborah Seedorfer, Dustin's mother-in-law and a reporter for the Michigan City News-Dispatch, wrote that he is "bright and funny and genie." She, of course, knows Dustin better than I, but I believe that I surmised those qualities from the many inside columns he wrote for The Observer while he was a student. Well, actually, only the first two qualities; "gentle" is absolutely not the word to describe his compositions, which had titles like "Bombs away" and hit with all the force and accuracy of a bullet from a sniper rifle. But I also learned his personality from the many e-mails we exchanged.

While a majority of them concerned Viewpoint columns and idios that deserved to be insulted therein, some of them were more personal. We kicked around the idea of meeting somewhere for a few drinks, but I wasn't 21 at the time and we could never seem to get our ducks in a row. He sent me correspondence (and praise for my Viewpoint pieces) even as late as last May when he was still a second lieutenant. He said he was "doing the USMC thing" and that he "spent some time in Bahrain but I'm getting ready to head home from Japan right now." According to The Observer last week, he wound up being deployed overseas again in January. His orders were to "float east," eventually serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to reports, he was injured when a Humvee he was riding in overturned in Operation I. I make it clear, however, that it was not a "Humvee accident" since their vehicle was being chased by an RPG (rocket-propelled grenade) fire. This is a sticking point for me because my grandfather was injured in the Italian campaign during World War II. His motorcycle hit a land mine and went speeding into an apple cart, which nearly severed his left leg. So, while he was technically injured in a "motorcycle accident," I credit the land mine for his wound and not the apple cart. Similarly, I assign the RG3s the blame for Dustin's crash because it wasn't anything like the "accident" that happens when a Ford Explorer rolls over.

When the Humvee flipped, the impact killed the driver, but it crushed Dustin's windpipe. His life was saved by a fellow corpsman who performed a field tracheotomy, which sounds like a complicated medical surgery but is really a crude emergency measure consisting of cutting underneath the adam's apple and inserting a tube into the incision to allow air in and out. The medic who was brave and swift enough to accomplish that has the gratitude of everyone who knows Dustin.

After being evacuated to Kuwait, he was airlifted to Landstuhl with other injured troops, where he's sure of it, was the one who communicated his wish to pray in Army chaplain Colonel David McLean. I know this because in addition to earning an accounting degree, fulfilling the service of his ROTC scholarship, being the public affairs officer for the Navy ROTC, editing their newsletter, viewing Viewpoint columns, writing inside Columns and spending time with his then-girlfriend Rachael (they were married last August in the Basilica), he somehow found the time to become Catholic while he was at Notre Dame. Father Jim Liles, his rector at Zahre Hall and the one who baptized Dustin into Catholicism, said he is "a model of all that we hope our graduates will be." He, of course, knows Dustin better than I, but I believe that, too.

After being transferred to Bethesda Naval Hospital last week, Dustin was awarded a Purple Heart for his sacrifice and service. I don't get as much information as those who are closer to him, so I assume he's still there. But since he is a fan of my columns, I know sometime soon he'll read this, wherever he might be: If you still want to get some drinks, Lieutenant Ferrell, you're on me. Semper fi.

Mike Marchand ' 01 joins the entire Notre Dame community in prayer for Dustin's speedy recovery. Mike's e-mail address is Marchand.30@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."  

Dwight D. Eisenhower
former U.S. president and general
Anticipating and worrying over the trip back home

I just got back from our final conference with the Peace Corps. Most of it focused on the transition from life in an African village to life in an American city. We are trying to educate rather than reciprocate. I am still very, very excited to hear this from a history teacher and track coach. I'm still hoping that college would be a broadening experience of diverse people, and if not that, then maybe a chance to talk, to explore and to experience new people.

I expected her response: "Oh, that's wonderful! But Ed, I know that people in the Midwest haven't been exposed to many Asians, so if anyone gives you a hard time, get out." What really irked me was that I thought I was being paranoid, pessimistic and too defensive about my premonitions of Notre Dame not being as accepting as Asians. I wanted to talk, to explore and to experience new people. I would be treated differently, either subtly or overtly. When conversing in a crowd, it is as if people don't even address or acknowledge you, that you don't exist in the conversation.

I am still thinking about other experiences which in an American or global level are quite different from mine in terms of appearance, likes and dislikes and overall outlook on life. Sometimes, I would be treated differently, either subtly or overtly. When conversing in a crowd, it is as if people don't even address or acknowledge you, that you don't exist in the conversation.

I am still wondering if I am being oversensitive or defensive, but I talk to other Asians on this campus, and subcultures and the lines drawn between races is clearly evident in talking to other Asian-American and American volunteers. People can hate and discriminate, consciously or unconsciously in their words and actions. Nevertheless, Asians on this campus are trying to educate instead of reciprocating.

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I know this is cliché by now, but it still has an impact to see just how many articles of clothing are from Abercrombie & Fitch. It was also wonderful to see the 18 people left in my group away from the stress of Mauritania.

The realization also hit as I looked around the room that I made it. I made it through a difficult country to begin with and now I am in Iraq. I have seen an incredible outpouring of support from America and I have also experienced hatred. My parents' stress levels mirror mine as they ask how we have done and the exact date I will get home.

The answer is I don't know. It still depends on international relations. It depends on if there are any more accidental bombings or civilian casualties. It depends on if the protests in Cairo continue to grow. It depends on if I actually listen to my parents. It depends on if I let myself see how tired I am from 4 years in this time. It breaks my heart.

I came here with the desire to save the world. I know that everyone says that is impossible, but deep down everyone has the desire to make the world a better place. I came here with the desire to save the 9-11 attacks and the embrace of America by countries, kings and people who did not really like us. I talked to people at home about life for an American in an Islamic country, and I joked among the Peace Corps volunteers about fighting the war on terrorism one girl's soccer game or computer game that could be done with a Notre Dame undergraduate degree. I used to laugh at those people who said going home is harder than leaving home. I did not worry about it at all until I watched CNN on satellite television program later a television program to explain all of Islam in five minutes. Also from the other side, I have heard my friends here defame America—the same friends that begged for help to get an American visa and praised everything American only six months ago.

My thoughts since my last column are a little more coherent, but that is all relative. I am still very, very excited to go home. Although the closer it gets, the less I complain about Mauritania and the more I worry what life in America will really be like now. It is a different place than when I left. It is someone else's turn. There will be brave enough, stupid enough and passionate enough to follow.

Maite Uranga
Life in Africa

In his Viewpoint column last Thursday entitled, "Michael Moore's guttural," Peter Wicks claims that Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine" uses lies and deception to further Moore's own political agenda. Mr. Wicks further criticizes Moore for his overabundance of explanations for the problem of violence in the United States. In fact, Moore attributes American gun violence to one thing: a climate of fear. Moore mocks political activists who claim one party is culpable for the violence at Columbine. "Bowling for Columbine" highlights the various factors which create this climate of fear which distinguishes America from other nations.

Mr. Wicks attacks one such example, "the implied parallel between the NATO campaign in Kosovo and the Columbine massacre." Mr. Wicks terms this deception and idiocy. However, I cannot imagine the parallel was intended to suggest that NATO is analogous to Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Moore simply uses these coincidentally simultaneous events to demonstrate the depth of the fear problem in our society. This ironic coincidence illustrates how fear influences our military as well as domestic affairs.

Mr. Wicks also labels the South Park cartoon burlesquing American history 'propaganda.' Mr. Wicks himself notes that, by their very cartoon, cartoons are not intended to depict reality. This cartoon grotesquely identifies two historically controversial American organizations (the Ku Klux Klan and the National Rifle Association) that sprang up from fear. Moore connects the two organizations only to suggest that they are both fruits from the same poisonous tree.

I grant that Moore likely edited his documentary for the purpose of persuading his audience. However, this hardly justifies labeling the entire film propaganda. Mr. Wicks seems to have missed Moore's core message: America is a nation controlled by fear. Maybe I am biased because I live in the community (Littleton, Colo.) where much of the documentary was filmed. I hope that the Notre Dame students take the opportunity to see this film and make their own judgments when it comes to campus April 24.
Bookstore Basketball: A tradition at Notre Dame

Bookstore Basketball is a campus phenomenon unlike any other. 

While some consider it typical Joe Business Major square off against variety athletes and other campus icons? 

The fact that Bookstore, which began its 32nd edition on Saturday, just recently gained national prominence in the pages of Sports Illustrated last year illustrates not only the staying power of such a popular event but also the magnitude to which it has grown since 1972.

And every aspect of the tournament has contributed to its popularity and success.

For starters, the fact that each and every game is conducted entirely outdoors is a unique aspect of Bookstore Basketball. This year’s opening round—assuming today’s games go according to schedule—will likely feature not one, but two days in which players will have to endure snowfall.

In addition, in every year that I can remember, games have been won or lost by shots that are definitely affected by South Bend’s biting wind. Driving rainstorms are not all that uncommon, either. It is a testament to the teams involved that they can succeed, or even thrive, in what can only be explained as less-than-ideal playing conditions.

Then there are the players. From Joe Montana and Tony Rice, to those guys a couple years ago who covered themselves in sandwich condiments, the players bring a great amount of appeal to the tournament, and not necessarily for their athleticism.

Sometimes, most often in the earlier rounds, it is in fact the teams’ lack of athleticism which most often as a result of drunkenness that brings out a crowd ready to laugh and enjoy themselves.

There is an aspect of Bookstore that appeals to everybody. Whether it is watching your friends shoot airball after airball, or watching Notre Dame’s best go all the way to winning the championship, the competition works on every possible level.

Also, Bookstore Basketball is a quintessential springtime pastime. Hypothetically speaking, the weather’s nice—which is a rarity for South Bend—so why not take advantage of it while it’s here? Soaking up some rays, while often just a byproduct of attending a Bookstore game, is a great way to spend a lazy weekend afternoon in the midst of spring.

Everyone on this campus knows that it has been deemed the world’s largest five-on-five basketball tournament, but how it got there is a mystery to most.

The first edition of Bookstore featured 53 teams. This year’s tournament boasts 10 times as many, with that number peaking above 700 teams 11 years ago.

The number of teams has exceeded 500 every year since Bookstore Basketball XII, 20 years ago in 1983, which broke the 500-team level for the first time, boasting 511 teams.

Fast-forward to this year. 539 teams. Five players per team. That adds up to almost 2,700 students—roughly a quarter of the combined Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross communities taking part in one of the most popular of many Notre Dame legends.

And that’s just the players.

Combine that figure with the average turnout for a bookstore game—which can vary widely from team to team and round to round—and you’ve got a solid majority of these three campuses turning out to support a worthwhile cause.

That’s right, not only do these hardcore players play for free, but they also donate a registration fee to charity.

Just another Notre Dame trademark on a campus tradition that has never— and likely will never—be duplicated anywhere else in the world.

With March Madness coming to a close, March can bring smiles and competition along
more Tom Raaf said. Not only do the players find the competition amusing, but some take the competition very seriously as well. “We practice a lot and take the game pretty seriously. I know this is a joke to some people, but to me, bookstore basketball is something that should bring happiness, from the joy of the game and a sense of pride from the excellent feeling that comes with accomplishment. I think bookstore basketball is swell,” sophomore Ken Champa said.

Some, however, take bookstore basketball with the nonchalant attitude that accompanies many of the comical teams that hit the courts.

“Bookstore makes me dribble. Ha, got it? I am probably one of the top ten players in the tournament, not to mention the best looking. If looks could kill I’d be an Uzi,” Luis Arguello joked to some people. If looks could kill, I’d be an Uzi, Luis Arguello said.

Although some of the teams appear as though they may not have mastered the art of basketball in their earlier days, generally, the teams appear to have an enjoyable time on the court. There are usually screams of laughter coming from all the general areas of the games, and cheers can be heard at all areas on campus.

Bookstore Basketball has become an integral part of the Notre Dame community. It not only serves the purpose of enhancing the Notre Dame tradition, but it is an enjoyable event that gives students a chance to relax and have fun.

“The rivalry, the competition, the camaraderie—they are all things that will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

Matt Walsh class of 2001

The Top 32 Teams

| 1. Adworks | 18. Irvin Jones |
| 2. NTDtoday.com | 19. Nunc Dimitiss |
| 3. We Get Wet | 20. H.P. |
| 4. Hoosier Racing Team | 21. 1/2 Men and 1/2 Amazing |
| 5. La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries | 22. Support Your President |
| 6. Mmmmm...Cheese | 23. ASC Enterprises |
| 7. Michael Jackson's Buddies | 24. To Do What I Want a Hammer Like LeBron's |
| 10. S.P. Shockers 3 | 27. Future Welfare Recipients |
| 12. Speaker City | 29. RCLC Clericuzio |
| 13. RBI | 30. Pies Poor |
| 15. Killer Boots Man | 32. Dolly Parton, Fintegan's, and 3 Other Huge Busters |

Interesting facts about Bookstore Basketball:

Most Points by an Individual In One Game:

| 21 - Gus Herbert (1985) |
| 2000 - Keyplay.com |
| 19 - Tom Healy (1985) |
| 1999 - Malicious Prosecution |
| 19 - Dan Mullenn (1997) |
| 1998 - Priemetime |
| 15 - Bob Simari (1982) |
| 1997 - Don Gagem |
| 17 - Mike Borders (1976) |

Last Champions:

2000 - Keyplay.com
1999 - Malicious Prosecution
1998 - Priemetime
1997 - Don Gagem
1996 - Don Kissakas
1995 - Models, Inc.
1994 - NBT
1993 - Tequila White Lightning
1992 - Guacohos
1991 - Adworks
1990 - Malicious Prosecution
1989 - Malicious Prosecution
1988 - Adworks All-Stars
1987 - Da Brothers of Monhood
1986 - Le's BBQ Roundhouse
1985 - Revenge of the Fun Bunch

Past MVP's:

2000 - Tom Dietrich
1999 - Jeremy Cole
1998 - Bamm Jann

Among the Best Names In 2003:

Testicular Fortitude
5 Guys Who Know a Thing or Two
About a Thing or Two

5 Guys Who Know a Guy Who pooped His Pants
We are Seamen ... Watch Us Shoot

This is the Most We're Ever Going to Score at Notre Dame
Dolly Parton, Finnigan's, and Three Other Huge Busters

OneBallhandler and Fourplay
1 hope you know up, up, down, down, left, right, left, right, B, A, select, start by you'll need 30 guys to beat us

5 Guys Who Want a Hummer Like Lebron's

Stop That Dog! It has my Gum!

Juan Comes Early and the other Four Play

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A girls team dressed in all pink with pink bows in their hair took the court Sunday afternoon. This team, among many, had creative uniforms to set them apart.
Everclear satisfies students

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

It was a cold and very rainy night last Friday when the Portland, Ore.-based band Everclear came to the Epcot Center of Notre Dame, otherwise known as the Stepan Center. Showing true dedication to... well, something, students trudged across the, in spots, flooding campus with hope that this show would be worth the swim to the Stepan Center — they left satisfied.

The show started off with the opening band Lang Shot who, while very good, seemed almost juvenile. The dancing of the lead singer around the stage, at one point with the microphone cord wrapped around his neck, distracted from the music which otherwise was reasonably good. The second band, The Exies, was excellent. With a Notre Dame alumnus drummer from Keenan, the band was very well received — and they deserved to be. Their music was terrific and they are definitely a name that will be heard in the future.

Then it was time. When the lights came up and the bass echoed through the building the literally dampened spirits of the crowd shot up. Starting off with a straight set of about four of their new songs, Everclear played for almost 20 minutes before a word was spoken. With plenty of cracks about the overly protective and conservative nature of the administration, Everclear quickly won over the student crowd. In their opening greeting, Art Alexakis, the lead singer, announced in a sarcastic tone that the tenured band members had been asked to "lay off the profanity" for the show we've ever had.

This is quite a compliment, especially considering the restrictions placed on the band's content by the university and the venue of the Stepan Center in which they had to perform. Throughout the show there was even a steady dripping of water directly onto the back area of the stage. Everclear put on a great performance throughout their set and the crowd had fallen in love with them by the end.

As if that wasn't enough, Everclear took the status of their show from good to excellent in their encore. Coming back onto the stage, each member had a very impressive solo moment as the band displayed their real musical talent. Then, in what ended up being a highlight of the night, the band invited a member of the crowd up to play a song with them. A random Notre Dame student, lived a dream when he performed "Santa Monica," singing and playing guitar, with Everclear. This performance was followed by Everclear bringing up about 50 people onto the stage; they had to receive and sing a waiver in order to be allowed up onto the stage. This was explained with laughing by Alexakis, because well, that is just the way rock concerts go at Notre Dame.

The performances of some of the students on stage were more memorable than much of the concert; the power of Everclear was on that stage, in every sense of the word. Some boys even tried to live their rock 'n roll dreams by jumping off the stage onto the crowd, one was successful, the others not bitter defeat in the form of a cold and hard concrete floor.

When the concert did end, most walked away very much satisfied and for the most part surprised that the show had been so excellent. Everclear's songs aren't all amazing musically, but despite all the weaknesses the band may possess as a whole, they put on a terrific live performance.

It was cold and wet that night, even inside the leaking Stepan Center, but Everclear came through as a truly professional and talented band and made what could have been a good show a truly excellent show.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Bright moments for Irish can't keep Mustangs a bay

By JOE LINDSEY

It was a great day for two Irish singles players and one doubles duo, but a tough one for the team as No. 49 Southern Methodist defeated No. 55 Notre Dame in a closely-contested 4-3 match Saturday.

Junior tri-captain Luis Haddock and sophomore Brent D'Amico had personal success moments, though, as both triumphed over players ranked in the top 60 nationally.

With both teams splitting the singles matches, the Mustangs, who moved to 10-7 on the season, were able to edge by securing the doubles point.

No. 66 Domi, 4-11 on the season, has become familiar with close matches this season. Sunday's loss was the fifth 4-3 defeat for the Irish this season. Those losses were all to challenging teams — No. 28 Indiana, No. 37 Florida State, No. 47 Northwestern, No. 56 Tulsa and now SMU. Michigan State and No. 50 Purdue are the only teams Notre Dame has defeated in 4-3 matches.

The match culminated with four matches that extended to three sets, and with the top two flights finishing in fifth-set breakers.

Haddock, playing at the No. 1 flight, upset No. 55 Johan Brunstrom, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 14-12, to put the Mustangs within a point of the win, but No. 87 Lukasz Senczyszyn — who ranked No. 290 nationally — came through for SMU, 6-4, 6-3 on Sunday.

The Irish did enjoy an upset at the No. 1 flight. D'Amico and Scott, who were on a three-match winning streak together, claimed their second defeat of a ranked team this season Sunday. The Irish pair defeated the 55th-ranked partnership of Ryan Livsny and Dustin Taylor, 9-8. Haddock is now preparing for his postseason home contest of the season, when the Irish travel to State College to face the Buckeyes.

D'Amico finished off No. 52 Goyinai Chingokha, 6-4, 6-2, to obtain the first Notre Dame singles win. The Irish sophomore had never topped a player rated that high before.

Notre Dame's Peter O'Shaughnessy defeated Bompadre freshman Patrick Buchanon, 6-2, 6-4, Irish junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo bested No. 49 South Florida singles player Christian Soderberg, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, to tie the match. With the Sunday win, Lopez-Acevedo gave the Irish a two-match lead going to rest.

After the Irish had tied the event, the Mustangs' Alexis Rodzminski put his team on the verge of victory with his defeat of senior tri-captain Brian Farrell. Rodzminski outlasted his opponent 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

The Mustangs began strong by winning the first two doubles matches to leave the court. Eric Cohn and Ryan Mauck won 6-2 over Farrell and Haddock at the No. 2 position and Chingokha and Senczyszyn toppled the duo of junior Ben Hattien and sophomore Paul McNaughton, 6-4.

Irish senior Alex Apragamian won his first singles match of the season, 6-4, 6-3, over senior Joe Landy.

The Mustangs took the doubles point 6-4, 6-1 before clinching the No. 3 spot, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, on second semifinal to advance to Tuesday night's final.

"It was a pretty predictable meeting didn't come easy," said the Huskies closed the game with an 11-3 run to secure the victory. Earlier, the team won the first set to take the lead, 56-54, over Florida State in the other semifinal. The Irish will compete in the regular season final at home against No. 67 Indiana State.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Huskies Vols will duel in final

Two No. 1 seeds will meet for the third time in the championship

Associated Press

With her defense down the final stretch of the final, No. 1 seed Taurasi has been the dominant player in the country. She always has looked to score every time she had the ball, and put them ahead to stay with the long runs.

The Longhorns went nearly three minutes without putting the ball in the basket during the final, breaking up the drought on Jamie Carey's 3-pointer with 28 seconds left. That was the last basket of the game.

Crockett gave Texas a chance by missing two free throws with 8.2 seconds left, but Taurasi made sure the Longhorns didn't have a chance to tie or win it.

"The little-used Saree raced downcourt and tried to get off the shot. As the 6-foot-4, 205-pound senior took ball on the hand, she decided to try to shoot it away. "She didn't look good," Connell said. "That's the biggest thing you can say about her. She's not afraid. She wants the ball in crucial situations."

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By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Snow was falling and the wind was blowing Saturday morning at 9 a.m. As a result, the Notre Dame Spring Opener was cancelled. The only home meet of the season for the Irish track and field squad was called off by the coaches over concerns about the well-being of the student-athletes.

Notre Dame and Western Michigan were the only teams to survive Central Michigan pulled out of the meet Friday afternoon and didn't even make the trip to South Bend.

However, Friday night's 10,000-meter race was run and the Irish qualified three runners for the Big East Championships. Brian Kerwin, Michael Soderberg and freshman Kaleb Van Or, all qualified with times under 31:40, with Kerwin winning the 3-mile race.

The Irish return to the track this weekend at the University of Missouri for the Tom Botts Invitational where they hope to encounter some warmer weather.

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MENS LACROSSE

Scoring streak helps Buckeyes topple Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Matt Howell didn’t play. That could have been one excuse.

The Notre Dame mens lacrosse team had won nine of its previous ten meetings with Ohio State and simply took it for granted. That could have been another.

But regardless of distractions or statistics, coach Kevin Corrigan saw no excuse for his team’s 11-5 loss to the No. 19 Ohio State Buckeyes on Sunday at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium and seriously jeopardizing its chances at postseason play.

“We weren’t good in any phase of the game,” Corrigan said. “You’re not going to beat a good team if you don’t have something to hang your hat on. You want to play well offensively, and you want to play well defensively, but you can’t get beat in every phase and expect to win a game.”

The Irish fall to 5-4 on the season and 1-1 in GWLL play.

The Buckeyes took the opening faceoff and never looked back. The Buckeyes tied the game with goals at 11:52 and 11:41 of the second quarter. Walsh answered to put the Irish up 4-3. Ohio State scored two more goals, however, to go up 5-4 going into halftime.

An early third-quarter goal by sophomore midfielder Brian Giordano tied the game at 5-5. But the Buckeyes rattled off six unanswered goals in addition to letting up 11 goals. That amounts to 29 shots on goal for Ohio State and a whole bunch of questions for the Irish defense.

Corrigan was almost at a loss for words.

“We are playing poor fundamental team defense right now,” he said.

More than just a defensive breakdown and an overall defeat, the loss to Ohio State means Notre Dame has some serious thinking and playing to do as they only have five games, and three league matches, remaining.

“I think it means we need to win the rest of our games to go to the postseason,” Corrigan said. “We don’t know what’s going to happen in the future. We can’t worry about what other people will do, but we have to worry about what we want to do. We have to win the rest of our games because we control our own destiny.”

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Football
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to Beckstrom's grasp.
A week into spring practice, the question was under way to find the player who can fill the void left by Shane Walton, Notre Dame's most decorated departing senior. Two-year starter Vontez Duff is firmly entrenched at one cornerback spot, and while Beckstrom figures his experience gives him the inside track to the other opening, he knows he is going to be pushed by players like rising junior Preston Jackson and rising sophomore Garron Bible.
But had Beckstrom been healthy last season, he figures he might have been the guy challenging, not trying to hold onto, a starting position.
"It could be a blessing in disguise for him," Irish secondary coach Trent Walters said.
A year ago, Beckstrom was slated as the third defensive back behind Walton and Duff, likely to play only in situations where nickel and dime defenses were used. It could have been a disappointing end for a player who dreamed and worked his way for as long as he can remember. It could have been the end of an otherwise markable career for a player who had missed only three games since he arrived on campus in 1999. But then Beckstrom charged downfield, and dismissal drills reached his arm around the ballcarrier and a twinge in his arm. He continued practice that day, and the next two days, thinking all he had was an arm cramp.
The doctors, however, told Beckstrom that the MRI results showed that if he didn't undergo surgery, he'd lose a lot of strength in his arm.
"A doctor probably thinks he could have played the last few games of the season, Beckstrom decided to sit the entire year out to heal.
As the season went on and I got a lot better, I wanted to play even more," he said. "It was the worst thing I've ever done as far as my ego, to sit on the sidelines.
Despite the injury, Beckstrom refused to lose his trademark enthusiasm for football. While his teammates doled out uniforms and pads on game days, Beckstrom's left arm rested in a sling while his right arm carried a clipboard. He ferried some players from the field to the telephone so they could talk to coaches in the press box and relay other players' advice.
"If you can't play, you do whatever you can to help out, and that was my way of helping out," he said.
In the process, Beckstrom learned a lot about football he said he never would have noticed had he been healthy.
"It plays a great deal of experience watching other players do things — if he has the right mindset," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I think Jason had that."

Sweep
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bombs on the day.
Meanwhile, Niesel shut down the Red Storm's offense all afternoon. The right-hander didn't have his best stuff but still went six innings, allowing two earned runs and striking out six, to improve to 3-1 on the season.
Matt Laird pitched the seventh and struck out two Red Storm batters.
Notre Dame picked up the second game where they left off in game one by scoring a run in the third and five more in the fourth to stake a 6-3 lead.
The Irish were holding onto that lead with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth inning when the floor opened up. Rizzo singled to third base and scored Grogan to extend Notre Dame's lead to 7-3. Designated hitter Cooper then walked to plate the ninth Irish batter and was driven in by Sanchez, who single in the next three innings.
After St. John's made a pitching change, Sollmann doubled and scored Grogan to extend Notre Dame's lead to 7-3. Victor Sanchez then all singled in succession before Macri walked to plate the ninth Irish batter and gave the Irish a 3-1 lead.
"Everybody's wearing a ring; we're finding ways to get runners on base and then get his two outs or two outs," Edwards said.
Notre Dame batted better with two outs.
Matt Edwards
Irish infielder

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**AROUND THE NATION**

**Mens Final Four**

Kirk Hinrich of Kansas looks for an opening through Travis Diener and Terry Sanders of Marquette. Kansas advances to the NCAA tournament finals against Syracuse tonight.

**Kansas, Syracuse move to championship game**

NEW ORLEANS

Kansas now becomes Syracuse's problem, and Carmelo Anthony becomes the Jayhawks' headache.

Kansas routed Marquette 94-61 with a jaw-dropping display of flawless basketball in the NCAA tournament semifinals Saturday night before Anthony's 33 points carried Syracuse past Texas 95-84.

That set up a Monday night championship game between Roy Williams of Kansas and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, two of college basketball's most successful coaches, each seeking his first national title.

Boeheim has coached Syracuse to 652 victories in 27 seasons, but lost title games to Indiana in 1987 and Kentucky in 1996. Williams is in his 13th season at Kansas and lost the 1991 championship game to Duke.

For Syracuse, Kansas will be the third straight Big 12 opponent, following Oklahoma and Texas, both No. 1 seeds in the tournament and both distracted by the Grizzlies' tenacious 2-3 zone defense.

The defense forced Texas to shoot from outside, and for a while, the Longhorns made that work. They hit 10 3-pointers, five by Brandon Mouton and three by Brian Boddicker.

But Anthony was impossible to contain. He made 12 of 19 shots from the field, grabbed 14 rebounds and had three steals. And when he wasn't bouncing Texas, freshman sidekick Gerry McNamara was pestering the Longhorns with 19 points, four steals and four straight foul shots down the stretch that kept Syracuse comfortable in front.

Anthony (22.0) and McNamara (13.0) were the top freshmen scoring duo in the country this season, accounting for 44 percent of Syracuse's points.

Boeheim admires his team, which has just one senior on the roster.

Anthony said the team's confidence is high as it looks to cap the season with the ultimate prize.

"What's that players come to college for, to try and be in a situation like this, to play in a championship game," he said.

Kansas turned the first game into a rout early, scoring 59 first-half points, the second most in Final Four history. The 33-point margin made it the fourth most lopsided game ever in the event.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Injury sidelines Griffey Jr.**

Ken Griffey Jr. will be out for at least six weeks as he recovers from a dislocated right shoulder.

Griffey landed on the shoulder while diving for a fly ball on Saturday, the third straight season the Cincinnati Reds outfielder has suffered a major injury in March or April.

Dr. Timothy Kremchek popped the shoulder back into place at the ballpark on Saturday. X-rays and other tests found no fractures or major injury to the rotator cuff.

Griffey will try to rehabilitate the shoulder rather than have surgery, and optimistically could be playing again in six to 10 weeks, Kremchek said. But there is a possibility that he might have to have surgery anyway.

The 33-year-old Griffey repeatedly has been sidelined by injuries since he returned to his hometown team in a February 2000 trade with Seattle.

He got the first hit at the Reds' new ballpark and later hit a homer, the 469th of his career. He was hurt in the fifth game of the season — one earlier than last year.

Griffey is the game's second superstar to dislocate a shoulder in the opening week. The Yankees' Derek Jeter hurt his left shoulder while sliding into third base in the season opener.

The Reds haven't made a roster move to replace Griffey. Manager Bob Boone planned to start Larkin in center field on Sunday, but changed his mind after talking to him for a half-hour.

"At some point, you'll probably see him out there," Boone said. "It's really a matter of when and how to do it."

**Earnhardt Jr. triumphs at Talladega**

About the only thing that went right for Dale Earnhardt Jr. on Sunday was winning the Aaron's 499.

Four laps into the 188-lap event, Earnhardt drove through the infield grass to avoid a wild 27-car crash. The bumpy ride tore up his front air dam, messing up the car's aerodynamics and forcing a series of pit stops for repairs.

Earnhardt charged back to become the first driver to win four straight Winston Cup events on the 2.66-mile Talladega oval, but afterward he spent more time explaining a disputatious pass than talking about his eighth career victory.

The 28-year-old son of Dale Earnhardt, the career leader at Talladega with 10 Winston Cup victories, came up with his first win of the season and moved to second in the standings, 129 points behind Kenseth.

Earnhardt's victory Sunday broke the record of three in a row here, held by Buddy Baker, who won twice in 1975 and once in 1976.

"There ain't too many drivers ever won four races here, period," Earnhardt said. "I'm stepping into some awful big shoes."

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**WOMENS SOCCER**

**Healthy Irish defeat Mexican national team**

By ANDY TROEGER

Despite only being able to play one game in the 2003 International Showcase, Notre Dame’s women’s soccer team came out of the weekend in strong fashion by defeating the Mexican national team 3-1 Saturday.

After a 2002 season that saw numerous Irish players taken out with injuries, the game against Mexico gave a glimpse into the 2003 season for the Irish, who were only missing starting defender Melissa Tancredi from the lineup. The defense was especially affected by injuries last season, and Saturday’s unit was comprised of senior Vanessa Puzinsky, sophomore Candace Chapman and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and freshman Annie Schefter. All of whom returned after having nursed injuries at some point last season.

Freshman Erika Bohn also played very strong in goal for the Irish. “Erika has had a great spring,” said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. “Also throwing Annie Schefter played very well. She is going to be very important for us. For Candace Chapman, it was her first game back and it was Vanessa’s first full game in almost a year. For all that, we were very good defensively.”

“It was good to get everybody back,” said junior Amy Warner. “They really did a good job and they make us so much deeper.”

“The defense was really pleased with how we’ve made a lot of strides this spring. The last two weeks we’ve played very well. Mexico was very complimentary. There were two very good teams out there.”

The Irish scored at the end of the first half off a set play. Junior Amanda Guertin’s free kick bounced off the crossbar, Mexican goalkeeper Jennifer Molina-Shea was out of position for the loose ball and Schefter put it into the net for a 1-0 lead. Eleven minutes later, Notre Dame’s womens soccer team came out of the weekend in strong fashion by defeating the Mexican national team 3-1 Saturday.

Fifteen minutes later, Notre Dame put the game away. Thorlakson passed to Warner on the right flank. Warner drew the defender and scored off the left post in put the Irish up 3-0. Mexico scored on a goal from Erica Audeo in the 75th minute to avoid the shutout.

“Guertin, Thorlakson, and Warner are really starting to figure each other out,” said Waldrum. “All three had pretty solid games and it was good to see them on the same page. Maggie Manning didn’t see a lot of minutes in the fall but has probably made the biggest strides this spring.”

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**Saturday’s**

1. First game, Michigan defeated the Canadian Under-19 team 2-1 on a late goal by Colleen McAndrews. Canada had a 21-8 in total shots and a 6-4 edge in shots on goal but were unable to capitalize.

Before the games Saturday, severe weather postponed Friday night’s games. The games originally scheduled for Friday were the ones played on Saturday, while Saturday’s scheduled games were cancelled.

Despite the weather, which included temperatures in the 20s when the Irish finally took to the field, Waldrum was pleased with the event.

“At least we got the two games in,” Waldrum said. “We had a fairly decent crowd of about 800 for the Mexico-Notre Dame game and it was still a successful event. I was really pleased with how we’ve made a lot of strides this spring. The last two weeks we’ve played very well. Mexico was very complimentary. There were two very good teams out there.”

The Irish spring schedule continues with a game April 12 against Purdue before concluding with home games against Missouri and Iowa State on April 26. The Irish are 6-0 this spring with a total scoring edge of 17-1.

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Hoops

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handlers into numerous sloppy turnovers and capitalized on the fast break with a weave offense that would have made the Harlem Globetrotters jealous. The Perry’s vote-one-court leader, Matthew Cirenza, provided some highlight reel entertainment late in the second half. Bringing the ball up court, Capes would fake out a defender and play, an intricate offensive system that involved weakside movement, numerous screens and precision timing.

Cirenza completed a 3-point skyhook instead.

The basket, Cirenza held both arms high in the air and yelled out that it was “the play of the day.”

Down 20-3 after Cirenza’s shot, Capes was able to mount a comeback and cut the deficit to 16 before finally falling by the final score of 21-4.

“The score doesn’t really reflect our team’s character,” Capes forward Kristin Landquist said after the game. “It doesn’t accurately represent our ability.”

Asked about where the idea for the uniforms came from, Capes guard Katie Bell replied, “Just cause they’re fun and we had them lying around.”

A jubilant Cirenza talked about his amazing shot after the contest.

“It was great,” he said. “Someone said, ‘What do you take in your coffee,’ and I said, ‘Kareem. Get it? It’s a joke, see?’

All kidding aside, Steve Perry was very proud of its performance overall.

“This was a classic battle between good and evil,” said Steve Perry forward Ralph Pantoni, who scored three points in the game. “It was a classic David-and-Goliath match. Andสถา not, Goliath won.”

Team 457 21.
Future Welfare Recipients 4
Sunday began with one of the biggest blows of the afternoons, as Team 457 knocked off Future Welfare Recipients, 21-4. Team 457 got off to an early 11-1 lead and never looked back, thanks to a shaky shooting performance by the team comprised of law students.

Between the Buns 21, PPP 13
This game began as a back-and-forth affair, with teams exchanging baskets up until a 7-7 draw, but Between the Buns gained a lot of momentum by taking an 11-8 lead at halftime. PPP was worn down by the hustling Between the Buns squad, who dominated the second half offensively, both outside and inside, though they were hindered by a gusty wind throughout the game.

Are You Serious? 21.
LeBron gave us a Hummer 16
Lebron gave us a Hummer was able to keep up with Are You Serious? early in the match, with the two teams drawing even at 4-4. However, Are You Serious? took control from there, heading into halftime on a 7-1 run to take an 11-5 lead into the break.

Lebron gave us a Hummer made it interesting late, pulling within 30-25, but it was too late, and a basket by Are You Serious? put the game away, seriously.

Bush Predators 21.
Cheese-eating Surrender Monkeys 18
After falling behind 10-5 early, the Cheese-eating Surrender Monkeys made a run at the Bushion Predators in the second half, reaching up to within two at 19-17. However, it wasn’t a surren­
der, but a late offensive surge that sent the Bushion Predators home victoriously, knocking down two key shots to hold off the surging Cheese-eating Surrender Monkeys.

The Matriarchs 21.
Jenn Smells 2
This blowout actually began as a 3-2 game in favor of the Matriarchs early on, as the two teams exchanged sloppy offensive possessions which eventually led to a few baskets.

However, a more focused — and sober — Matriarch squad advanced with an 18-0 run to close out the disorganized Jenn Smells squad.

Really Bad 21, Don’t Make Us Use the Bank Shot 12
The inappropriately-named Really Bad dominated the game with Don’t Make Us Use the Bank Shot, getting out to a 13-6 lead before closing out the game.

“Don’t make us use the bank shot — on an offensive run.”

Fabulous Fuev def. Team 24
This very slow-paced and sloppy-played match was called at halftime with Fabulous Fuev leading 11-7.

After Team 24 got out to an early 3-1 lead, Fabulous Fuev roared back to grab a 7-5 lead, and the lead grew steadily heading into halftime.

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries 21.
Team 200 6
Facing up against the fifth-seeded Team 200, La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, 21-4, Team 200 got off to an early 11-1 lead and never looked back, thanks to a shaky shooting performance by the team comprised of law students.

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Belles blank Bulldogs 9-0

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The No. 3 doubles match was the closest contest of the afternoon. The Belles cruised in doubles action handily, 6-0, 6-2. In No. 4 singles for the Belles, Kristen Palombo was victorious over Liz Filipiak 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 5 slot. Elisa Ryan 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 2 spot. No. 3 Kaitlin Cutler beat Adrian's Cindy Krusienga 6-0. The Belles won, defeating Sarah Kim 6-0, 6-1 at Saint Mary's Angela Sandner also blanked Heather Fraser 6-0, 6-1. The court was kind of a weird surface, so that took awhile to get used to. But we had fun and overall it was not too difficult of a match." said Jeannie Knish. "The court was kind of a weird surface, so that took awhile to get used to. But we had fun and overall it was not too difficult of a match." Jeannie Knish junior

Women's Rowing

Irish upset No. 15 Hawkeyes

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The women's rowing team overcame rough weather conditions on Sunday to upset No. 15 Iowa. The Irish, ranked 21st in the nation, won four of its five races in Iowa City.

Because of the weather, the usual 2,000-meter course was broken down into two 1,000-meter stretches.

Coxswain Kathryn Long, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Meredith Thornburgh, Kati Sedun, Devon Hegeman, Katie Chonoweth and Melissa Pelker led Notre Dame's second varsity eight to two wins, taking the first heat in 3:34.30. In the second piece, the Irish crossed the line in 3:33.7, followed by the Iowa in 3:33.16.

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The Irish novice boats also had noteworthy performances in the novice eight races. Coxswain Shannon Lettieri, Pamela Jefson, Julie Lewis, Morgan Ertel, Danielle Stealy, Jenna Redgate, Catherine Schmid, Andrea Doud and Sarah French led the "A" crew to a 3:47.01 finish. The Hawkeyes took a close second in 3:52.91, while Notre Dame's "B" crew of coxswain Nicole Barcevak, Meghan O'Neil, Megan Sheehan, Fallon Shields, Nikki Karis, Marcia Lutitio, Katie Hanafin, Rachel Kemp and Laura Joyce finished in third. In the second race, Notre Dame's A boat won in 3:50.60, followed by Iowa in 3:58.40 and the Notre Dame B in 4:23.8.

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Irish upended No. 15 Hawkeyes
SOFTBALL
More rain holds Irish back
By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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As the Notre Dame softball team enters a new month of play, the last thing they want to hear is that old saying, "April showers bring May flowers." They have seen enough showers already this season.

The Irish were scheduled to play two games in Providence Saturday, but that doubleheader had to be canceled because of rain and snow in the Rhode Island area.

In a season that just gets stranger every day, the Irish missed their 11th game due to inclement weather. Six of those games have been Big East conference matchups.

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Irish dismantle Red Storm

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame played 16 innings of baseball Sunday, scored 29 runs, collected 25 hits, allowed only three earned runs and won two Big East games.

Not a bad way to end the weekend.

Notre Dame used two offensive explosions and solid pitching from Chris Niesel and Ryan Kalita to sweep a doubleheader from St. John's, 11-3 and 10-2. Javier Sanchez tripled in teammates Kris Billmaier and Matt Edwards said. "It's big getting any Big East win. It's always good to win in conference games."

Notre Dame jumped on St. John's early in game one by scoring 11 runs in the first three innings. Javier Sanchez tripled in teammates Kris Billmaier and Brennan Grogan to put Notre Dame up 2-0 in the first inning. Left fielder Cody Rizzo opened up the second inning with a solo homer. Steve Andres followed the homer with a walk and was driven in by a Steve Sollmann two-run shot to right field. The Irish put the game away in the third inning by scoring six runs, capped by an Edwards three-run home run. It was the first of two Edwards home runs, the second coming in the sixth inning. Andres was 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Sollmann was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Edwards was 3-for-4 with five runs scored, two home runs and two RBIs.

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Javier Sanchez swings at a pitch against Valparaiso April 2. The Irish swept St. John's in a Big East doubleheader over the weekend.

Jack Frost takes its toll on opening round matches

By JUSTIN SCHUVER and BRYAN KRONK
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If the first two days of the 32nd annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament could be summed up in a word, that word would almost undoubtedly be "cold." With temperatures hovering in the mid-30's and the wind making it feel even colder, players were having trouble warming up both physically and in playing their games.

Five Sexy Beasts 21, Off to Slushies 15

On the frozen tundra of Lyons basketball court No. 1 Saturday, in front of an announced attendance of five, the athletic prowess of one team overcame the clinical coaching of another, as Five Sexy Beasts toppled Off to Slushies in an entertaining, thrilling and stupendous first-round matchup.

In weather that would have made Frosty the Snowman seriously think about putting on a sweater, the weekend warriors battled valiantly for a piece of Bookstore glory.

It was a classic battle of the sexes, with the all-male Beasts taking care of the spunky all-female Slushies in a game that proved the basketball excitement of March Madness can indeed run into April.

The game featured a thrilling first half in which the Beasts seemed to be in total control after jumping out to a quick lead. It was Slushies head coach Sean McConnell and assistant coach Dubber Johnson who helped maintain his team's composure.

"Shoot," McConnell yelled at a player who had the ball five inches from the basket. Other times, he instructed his team to pass, dribble, or shoot at the correct hoop.

The coach-player relationship was not monopolized by McConnell, however. His teammates provided input right back to him throughout the game, as well.

"My fingers, I can't feel them," said Slushies point guard Allison Christie early in the first half.

The teams traded baskets back and forth, with the Beasts holding a 11-8 advantage at halftime. The second half got a little choppy, when a jump ball situation erupted between the two teams.

A Beast tried to wrest the ball away from Christie, but the point guard remained firmly wrapped around the ball. Unfazed, the Beast simply decided to pick up Christie as well.

Order was eventually restored, remarkably, and cooler — perhaps colder — heads prevailed. Slushies gave the rest of the game a valiant effort, but it was Beasts who eventually prevailed as the victor.

McConnell had something to say about each of his players after the game.

"Jen Eves had a strong game down low. Amy Reiff played excellent D'."" Kathryn Kimier was our offensive powerhouse. Ivette Flores provided leadership as our team captain.

Courtney Grattan ... well, she goes with the flow and hangs out.

"Sammy had a great game at power forward," he added.

McConnell was the point guard for a piece of Bookstore glory.

Steve Perry 21, Capes and Cowboy Hats 4

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