Four ND students break into Stadium

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
New Editor

Four students could face disciplinary action from the University after they illegally entered the Stadium Wednesday morning before being caught by Notre Dame Security and St. Joseph County Police, a NDSP spokesman said.

St. Joseph County police arrested Keenan sophomores Matthew Englehardt and Daniel Banicki after they, and two others students who escaped from the Stadium but were later identified by NDSP, jumped the fence, entered the Stadium and ran towards the field, according to a St. Joseph County Police report.

NDSP did not release the names of the other two suspects. Phil Johnson, assistant director of NDSP, said no arrests were made in the incident but added that the suspects were handcuffed for officer safety.

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ROTC continues as leprechaun

By TERESA FRALISH
American New Editor

University officials announced Tuesday that Mike Macaluso will continue to serve as the leprechaun for football and mens basketball games for the 2003-04 school years.

Macaluso, who has served as the varsity leprechaun for the last year, was chosen over Olympic leprechaun John Bisanz.

The two leprechaun positions, formerly named varsity and Olympic leprechauns, are now called blue and gold leprechauns.

Though the names have been changed, the respective responsibilities for the two positions will remain basically the same, said Bisanz. Macaluso, the gold leprechaun, will work at football and mens basketball games.

Bisanz, the blue leprechaun, will continue working at the rest of the University's sports.

"Essentially nothing has changed," he said.

The leprechaun name changes were a part of larger changes made to the cheerleading program itself, of which the leprechauns are a part, said Macaluso.

Because of those changes, officials offered Macaluso and Bisanz, who both be seniors in the fall, the opportunity to switch responsibilities.

ROTC holds annual Pass in Review

* Army, Navy and Air Force groups conduct honorary ceremony despite small protest

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Students from the Army, Navy and Air Force groups conduct honorary Pass in Review ceremony Wednesday afternoon in Loftus Sports Center.

Over 300 cadets and midshipmen paraded in formation before University President Father Edward Malloy.

"Speaking to the cadets and over 100 spectators, Malloy talked about war, peace and the role of ROTC students in the United States military," the students lived up to the role of officers in the United States military.

"We have tried to prepare you well here ... to be able to think about the big picture," Malloy said. "Peace does not come easily in a world that knows too much violence."

He also offered a prayer for the students, who will be commissioned as officers upon graduation.

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SMC may punish for illegal music downloads

By NATALIE BAILEY
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Saint Mary's students may face disciplinary action from the College as well as the Recording Industry of America as a result of illegal MP3 downloading, according to College officials.

Awareness of the illegal activity came from several cease-and-desist letters from the RIAA that said multiple Saint Mary's students were illegally downloading or sharing MP3s. Students became aware of the action in an April 10 letter from Keith Fowkes, director of Information Technology.

The letter stated that "the College is required to contact the students that are offering copyrighted sound recordings for download, notify the students of the legal order, confirm that the students have ceased sharing copyrighted files, and report back to the RIAA that the students are now in compliance with the RIAA's request."

Kathy Hausmann, coordinator of Student Computing, posted a letter to the student body on the RecNet Web page that concerns multiple students offering copyrighted sound recordings for download through applications like Kazaa, Morpheus, WinMX, AudioGalaxy, iMesh and Grokster.

"So far, students the RIAA contacted Saint Mary's about have as few as 102 songs available for download and as many as 976," Hausmann said.

According to Hausmann, the RIAA cited multiple IP addresses. All students the technology department has met with so far have been using Kazaa.

The letter also warned students using their network
INSIDE COLUMN

What's your passion?

With Holy Week in full swing and the Passion of Jesus echoing through churches across the world, I cannot help but reflect on the word "passion." What is passion? Has it been dramatized during Holy Week? I believe passion is a necessity of human life. It fuels my life. It is the source of all that I do or don't do. Some Indiana weather. My faith is the passion. My faith is the love I have for others. My faith is the love of my life. It fuels my life.

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A raid by U.S. marines led to the discovery of a terrorist camp south of Bighdad.

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University creates Chad Sharon memorial fund

By TERESA FRAILISH
Assistant News Editor

To honor the memory of freshman Chad Sharon, the University has helped to organize the Chad Sharon Memorial Fund which aims to provide partial support for a Notre Dame undergraduate student.

"I talked with the Sharons last week. The hope is that we can make it an endowed scholarship," said Bill Kirk, assistant director of Student Affairs.

Kirk said that depending on how much the scholarship fund raises, it would either support an endowed scholarship or provide a set amount of funds to a specific number of Notre Dame students.

Throughout the process, officials have worked closely with Steve and Jane Sharon, Chad Sharon’s parents, in making plans for the fund. While exact plans for the fund are still being worked out, the University has received about $20,000 for the fund so far, said Kirk.

As part of an effort to support the memorial fund, the Computer Science Club raised funds for the memorial at their yearly spring computer programming contest, said Joe Lammersfeld, one of the event’s organizers. Because Sharon was a member of the club and had a strong interest in computers, the club wanted to support the fund.

"We decided that it would be good to have a fundraiser," Lammersfeld said.

After the programming contest, in which 15 teams of students competed to solve C++ problems the fastest, the club held a barbeque and collected money for the memorial fund.

To date, the club has collected about $70 for the fund and hopes to raise more.

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Women’s Week promotes diversity

By SARAH NESTOR
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Saint Mary’s celebrated women from around the world this week through sponsoring the International Women’s Week.

The week, which was sponsored by the Student Diversity Board and the Inter-cultural Living Community, included international dance lessons, international films, a presentation about Uganda and female genital mutilation. It concluded with an international women’s celebration Wednesday evening.

"[The organizers] worked very hard to educate women on the adversities that face women around the world," said Annmarie Marquez, vice president of the SDB.

English professor Alexis Brooks DeVita gave a presentation Wednesday about Uganda and focused on the importance of the new Sister School/Godsisters student organization at the College. The Godsister Program was formed earlier this year to aid women in Uganda threatened by female genital mutilation.

Money raised by the Saint Mary’s Sister School/Godsisters Club helps fund scholarships for Ugandan women who want to attend Saint Mary’s College in Uganda.

A bake-sale held during the week benefitted the Godsister program. Saint Mary's Junior-Junior, Jenalee Aimes and the Senior Senior, Sarah Aimes, along with Sara Mahoney and Nila Ahmad organized the bake-sale as a fundraiser for the program. Each $50 donated towards the scholarship fund provides a Ugandan woman with enough funds for one year of schooling at Saint Mary’s, which offers a three to four year study program.

Jenalee Aimes, one of three student organizers, said she felt the week helped to promote diversity and an acceptance of other cultures at the College.

Aimes, along with Sara Mahoney and Nila Ahmad organized the week of events, an expansion of last year’s International Women’s Day celebration.

Aimes said that the week-long celebration planned to educate women and increase awareness about international ties.

"We would like to continue educating women on international issues and would like to take this week to expand celebrating our differences," Marquez said.

Along with International Women’s Week, SDB is also sponsoring a writing contest with the theme “Women: Thrive, Scribe and Unite.”

Entries are due on April 24 and can include poetry, short stories or essays. The first place winner will receive $100 and the two second prize winners will receive $50 each.

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STUDENT SENATE
Members back topic on student leadership

By MAURENE REYNOLDS
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The Student Senate unanimously approved "Student Leadership" as the topic for former Student Body President Libby Bishop's May report to the Board of Trustees. "This report will give an update on hall dances this semester," Bishop stated. "We received an in-depth analysis of the structure and workings of the Student Union and detail the findings of the Leadership taskforce of Campus Life Council," Bishop wrote in her letter to the Senate presenting her topic. She was unable to attend the Senate meeting in person.

Senators also asked what information would be included in the report regarding in-hall dances. Jeremy Lao, student body vice president, said that Bishop would focus on statistical information, such as how many dances were held outside dorms, in various campus buildings or off-campus locations.

The report will also include a list of problems residents encountered this year because of the new dance policy, such as lack of locations and insufficient funds.

Senators expressed concern about whether or not they would know the contents of the report in advance. Because of this, Lao plans to ask Bishop to attend next month's meeting so senators' questions and present the information in her report.

In her letter, Bishop indicated that she chose in-hall dances as the primary topic of her report upon the Board of Trustees' request.

Former Student Body Vice President Trip Foley, former Chief of Staff Henry Scott, Senior Class Vice President Sara Langton, and Kat Walsh, division head for the Office of the President, worked on the report with Bishop.

In other Senate news:

• The Senate unanimously approved McGlinn senator Becca Saunders and Farley senator Meghan Hanslik as the Student Management Board Senate Representatives. The Financial Management Board oversees financial issues such as supervision of club budgets. Members elected Senate Ryan Finlen as Senate Representative to the Advisory Council on Academic and Student Life. This council was created to improve intellectual life outside of the classrooms. Through the ACAS and administrators work together to improve student life.

• Senate also unanimously approved three new positions on the Student Union Board: Rob Tenpenny was appointed director of publicity, Jimmy Danor was named Issues and Issues Programmer and Janeli McWen-Torrence was appointed Multicultural Programmer for 2003-04.

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By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

In response to new developments in technology, Notre Dame's Office of Information Technologies has been installing wireless networking across campus over the past couple of years.

The wireless fidelity system, abbreviated as "Wi-Fi," uses radio waves to establish network connections without users having to plug their computers into a wall jack.

De Witt La tmier, chief technology officer, said that "Wi-Fi" or wireless fidelity—allows areas on campus to be networked quickly and cost-effectively.

"It's definitely not expensive," La tmier said. "It's one of those high-yield investments.

La tmier said that the networking initiative has been targeted at high-traffic areas on campus, including the Hesburgh Library, Beckers and Lafourrette, which offer connections to hundreds of users simultaneously.

"We're hitting those areas that give us the biggest bang for the buck," he said.

La tmier said that some academic buildings have wireless access, including sections of the Mendoza College of Business, Hesburgh Library, Fitzgibbons, Cushing Halls and the Law School.

He said that OIT has been working in close consultation with University deans to plan further expansion.

"Deans can come to OIT and recommend areas to install wireless," La tmier said. "They know their buildings better than we do, and they know where people congregate.

However, the deans have had some reservations about the wireless system. "There are concerns among faculty members that wireless could be a distraction," Klimek said. "We're being very sensitive to the faculty's thoughts."

Despite those concerns, OIT is expanding to cover the wireless system. Tom Klinek, manager of networks services for OIT, said that about 80 access points or "hot spots" are currently in place, with another 100 planned for deployment this summer. Each hot spot can accommodate about 25-40 users within about 300 feet of the antenna.

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Hahn to head Kaneb Center

Alexander Hahn, a professor of physics at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed director of the University's John A. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning. His appointment is effective with the fall 2003 semester.

Hahn succeeds Barbara Walvoord, who directed the center until 2000, and Tom Laughner, who has served as acting director.

"Alex is a widely respected faculty member and a leader of the Kaban Center, will be able to work with departments and colleges, as well as individual faculty, to enhance teaching and learning at Notre Dame," said Rev. James O'Connor, vice president and associate provost. "We are very pleased to have him as the center's new director."

Hahn earned his doctorate in mathematics from Notre Dame in 1970 under the guidance of Timothy O'Meara, the University's provost from 1979 to 1996.

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Happy Easter from the Observer!
American raid uncovers terrorist training camp

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

American troops raided the home of the mastermind of Saddam Hussein's biological weapons lab on Wednesday and discovered a sprawling, recently activated terrorist training camp south of Baghdad as they dug for secrets from a dead regime.

With major combat over, the Bush administration lowered the terrorist threat at home to yellow, down a notch from its wartime level of orange.

"Terrorists and tyrants have now been hit on notice: They can no longer feel safe hiding behind innocent lives," said President Bush.

Inside Iraq, Army forces exchanged fire with a small number of irregular paramilitary fighters north of Baghdad, then proceeded to take out two surface-to-air missile systems and three anti-aircraft guns left over from Saddam Hussein's army. And Iraqis in Mosul said three people were killed and at least 11 wounded by gunfire, but the circumstances were murky.

After days of looting and mayhem in Baghdad, Americans armed newly recruited Iraqi police officers with handguns to help keep order. And citizens sought to pick up their normal lives.

"The market is open and products are available," said Tadamoun Abdel-Aziz as she strolled with her son for eggs, bread and vegetables in the downtown Irkhita Market. But with power only partially restored and temperatures in the 90s, Baghdad residents bought three-foot blocks of ice.

American commanders backed by about 40 Marines staged the raid on the residence of Rafib Tah, dubbed "Deep Grassmower" by United Nations weapons inspectors. Tah, a microbiologist, was in charge of Iraq's secret biological laboratory, suspected of weaponizing anthrax.

Three men emerged from the raid on her home with their hands up, and American troops removed several boxes of documents. Her whereabouts are unknown.

Administration officials said the desire to eliminate weapons of mass destruction was one reason for the raid, but although none has yet been found.

"We've justly just in the early stages of that search," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters at a briefing at Central Command headquarters.

The United Nations weapons inspectors also failed to find any banned weapons in prewar searches.

LONDON

Experiments in monkeys have confirmed the identity of the virus that causes severe acute respiratory syndrome, the World Health Organization announced Wednesday, an important step toward developing new drugs to combat the disease.

It will also help scientists trace the evolution of the virus and could help them determine whether it jumped from animals to humans, and if so, from which animals. Tests are under way in pigs and poultry to see how susceptible those animals are to SARS.

SARS, which emerged in China in November, has sickened 3,293 people in 22 countries and killed 161.

Scientists have now determined it is caused by a new member of the coronavirus family, so named because a crown shape is seen when the viruses are inspected under a microscope.

Scientists had been almost certain the new form of coronavirus first isolated from sick patients March 21 by the University of Hong Kong was the cause of SARS. But they could not say for sure until they had satisfied what is known as Koch's postulates — four scientific tests that verify whether a virus causes a certain disease.

"The Koch's postulates have been fulfilled, so we can now say for certain that the new coronavirus is the cause of SARS," said Dr. Klaus Stohr, a World Health Organization virologist who is coordinating the scientists' work.

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The question at Notre Dame—what is the charge of the ROTC—"the Church or the Pentagon"—Griffin said. "At a Catholic school, the church, not the Pentagon, ought to be in charge of what the students do."  
SHEILA PAYNE, a Pax Christi member, also explained the group's presence at the review.  
"Pacifism is not passive," she said. "We don't believe any war should be done."  
Tom Feeny, president of Pax Christi, called for an end to the ROTC program at Notre Dame.  
"We feel that ROTC doesn't have a place on this campus," he said, adding, "We're incremental about these things." 

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Access to share unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials that they are at risk of being sued for copyright infringement.  
"The problem is serious enough that the RIAA is asking $150,000 in damages for illegally downloaded copyrighted songs from the board," Hau mann said.  
While officials said this activity does not cause a surprise to IT, it cannot track students in violation of the Saint Mary's network usage policy.  
However, the RIAA can track any download to an IP address and then report the address to the college network it operates under. It can then trace the IP address to an individual and take action accordingly.  
While the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act does not allow the College to release names without a court order, students acting illegally can be contacted by IT.  
IT policy involves disabling the sharing mechanism in violation and notifying the student through e-mail. The student then must attend a meeting with the the Network and System Administrator, Hau mann and Fowlkes. Once all illegal activities are removed or disabled from the student's computer, the IT will contact the RIAA and restore the student's network access.  
The RIAA has said is working under the precedent set by Napster, a file sharing and downloading system that was forced to shutdown.  
According to the RIAA's Web site, the No Electronic Theft Law sets forth what sound recording infringement (including by digital means) can be criminally prosecuted even where no monetary profit or commercial gain is derived from the infringing activity.  
Punishment in such cases includes up to three years in prison and/or $250,000 fines. The NET Act also extends the criminal statute of limitations for copying and infringement from 3 to 5 years.  
Additionally, the NET Act amended the definition of "commercial advantage or private financial gain" to include receipt of anything of value from. Individuals may also be civilly liable, regardless of whether the activity is for profit, for actual damages or lost profits, or for statutory damages up to $150,000 per work infringed.  
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**While students are required to agree to the Arise Music Use Policy which includes a statement prohibiting the use of applications such as Napster, Gnutella, iMesh and others designed for downloading and sharing identical files, Hausmann said some students are often caught surprised and remorseful by the consequences of their actions.**

"This is an education issue. People don't know that there is something wrong with doing this and we need to let them know," Hausmann said.  
Saint Mary's junior Erin McGinty was alarmed by the e-mail.  
"The prospect of being sued makes you really nervous," McGinty said. "I can see the RIAA taking measures to prevent individuals from downloading and sharing files, but they need to focus on future prevention, not on punishment of past actions. Downloading is so easy to do and I think most of the time students don't think that what they are doing is illegal."  
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Engelhardt, a member of the men's swim team, declined comment. Parrish said he has not yet met ResLife, adding, "We've been asked not to publicize it (the incidents)."  
Laurie Muller, associate director of Residence Life and Housing, said once ResLife receives the case it will be reviewed and a decision will be made whether a conference or a disciplinary hearing is necessary. A disciplinary hearing is generally used for more serious circumstances.  
Muller said the punishment for trespassing in the Stadium included a wide range of possibilities and determines, on the circumstances and whether the suspect had previous ResLife records.  
Johnson said trespassing offenses in the Stadium were not common, but added that they do occur on occasion.  
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In Brief

Altria's profit slips on cigarette sales

Altria Group Inc., parent of the world's largest cigarette company, said its profit slumped 7.6 percent in the first quarter on weakness in its Philip Morris USA unit as smokers switched to cheaper brands and it spent more money trying to woo them back. Altria still beat analysts' expectations by a penny a share.

But its shares fell in trading Wednesday as the conglomarate, which also controls Kraft Foods, said it had to report a higher share buy-back program due to problems in obtaining financing and that "anti-American sentiment" cut into its sales.

Shares of Altria Group, which changed its name from Philip Morris Companies Inc. in January, shed 7.5 percent, or 2.3 percent, to close at $31.70 on the New York Stock Exchange.

David Adelman, who covers Altria for Morgan Stanley, said all consumer sector stocks traded lower Wednesday, though he also suspected investors didn't like the news about Altria canceling its share repurchase program. "It's a visible thing that's unfortunate," he said.

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If the committee responsible for choosing the Notre Dame leprechaun ran the world, Kansas and Syracuse never would have needed to step on a court to determine a national champion and George Bush and Al Gore never would have needed lawyers to figure out who won the 2000 presidential election.

They could have just talked it out amongst themselves.

 Ridiculous? Of course. But that's how the "selection" committee supposedly responsible for picking the man in green wanted John Bisanz and Mike Macaluso to figure out who was going to be standing on the Notre Dame sideline turfs on Saturday, this fall.

Following the rigorous tryout process, Macaluso, the current varsity leprechaun, and Bisanz, the current Olympic leprechaun, learned the results of the point system used to evaluate leprechaun candidates. The margin, according to the cheerleading coach, wasn't close - Macaluso had won easily. But the committee, because both men are seniors and because Bisanz could have spent two years as an Olympic leprechaun without ever getting to don the green uniform for a football game, gave the two a chance to work out some kind of deal.

The leprechaun is seen on national television at football and basketball games. His face is the most recognizable at events from pep rallies to bowl games. He is more than an ambassador for Notre Dame - he represents its very essence.

Yet had Bisanz and Macaluso decided to split duties, that single identifiable face would have been split in two.

The primary question would be who would have played the role of the leprechaun on SportsCenter spots? Or at the pep rally before the biggest game of the season? Or stood on the sidelines at a bowl game or an NCAA Tournament site?

Because the selection committee didn't decide, Macaluso and Bisanz had to. And because Macaluso had the job a year before and had left tryouts as the leader, he got the job.

One might also question how much impact a tryout could have when there was a full year of games available for evaluation. Macaluso, for example, was often booted when he walked on the court and even dodged body-balls students used as cannon fodder at the last football pep rallies of the season. Bisanz, meanwhile, all year long, has been the most recognizable at events from the lowest-attended sporting events and didn't need T-shirts to get fans on their feet. Irish fans may blast Macaluso for lacking the energy of the previous leprechauns. They should criticize the selection process that gave Macaluso a second straight year as the varsity leprechaun. Macaluso and Bisanz shouldn't have had to work out some arrangement that divided the job between them, they should have been the Notre Dame's mascot. After all, the NCAA never gave the Irish a shot to play in the Final Four because it took pity on senior Matt Carroll.

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So here are my four pieces of advice.

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So, as a departing senior, I leave the Observer Viewpoint pages to Joe Muto, the only one of the paper's editors besides myself who's ever read. Take good care of them. Joe. Maybe the people who didn't get my columns can now start writing to you. 

Marlynna Soenneker graduated from Notre Dame in January and has been living in the South Bend area, in between the last seven semesters. She is currently writing a novel called "The more I study religions the more I am convinced that man never gorshipped in vain."
Letters to the Editor

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Unfortunately, the rulers also control the media and look to scapegoat of Israel and the United States to blame for the condition of their people. If you believe the American media does not give a very broad view of the world, you should take a look at what is going on in the Middle East. Even those who see through this propaganda still have nowhere to turn, no citizen of Syria without a pen and for being stoned to death would public protest his government. Even small things that are opposing it. That would be a failure of democracy, and I’m glad the anti-war protesters have the courage to oppose the majority. Similarly, Lille’s column, while inflammatory, has a good point, and to suggest that the Observer shouldn’t have published it is lunacy. Censorship only leads to ignorance and if you want that you can go live in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, I fail to realize this, being an “Arab” has absolutely nothing to do with the argument he makes. Many other ethnic groups have suffered enforced ignorance at the hands of an oppressive government as well. America is living proof that all people, regardless of ethnicity, can succeed with education and opportunity. We are not the brilliant and hard working Arabs, Africans, Europeans and others who make up America, we would not be where we are today. I hope for the sake of all the great Middle Eastern people that America continues to open up the market for new people to grow leaders have created in this part of the world.

I was reading an article in The Observer, and it decided to express my point of view about the Middle East and the sources of ignorance existing there. Being Turkish has given me a chance to see the Middle Eastern world through a different perspective. I grew up in a city that is very close to the Turkish border, in Syria and Iraq, which I have visited on several occasions. I speak Turkish, Arab and Kurd. These people are “modern” people and aware of their religion. If you look at the Arab world in the Middle East, especially in Iraq and Iran, you see a world that is both education and opportunity to improve one’s awareness of their country and the world. It is true that the Middle East Arabs don’t know much about world issues, but it is not because they want to ignore what’s happening. It is because they are taught without facts. These people are the victims of dictatorship, which bans them from watching television, radio and foreign publishing, so that they can be easily brainwashed and taught to hate the United States.

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Saperston and two others drove around the country in their trusty bus, camping out between interviewing politicians, actors, businessmen and musicians. Saperston, who donated money for Keough Hall, delights viewers with perhaps the most rivetingly corny "wisdom" the film offers. "We're sort of brought up in our society to believe that being vulnerable is a sign of weakness — it's a sign of strength," Someone who's on a whim to endow his little-vanity project to serious-documentary? This is stale inspirational drivel in the win of Lifetime movies and Deepak Chopra books. It lacks the focus that might have imbued the film with poignancy and, at least, pertinence. Instead it's a run-of-the-mill superficial mining on the meaning of life — oh, and with the truly original "journey" metaphor. Attempting to lend this hoary metaphor big-name credibility, Saperston invokes the sunny, all-American experiences of Jimmy Carter, a few Fortune 500 execs, insipid musicians and so on. Hendrik Herzberg was right: Jimmy Carter is "a far better ex-President than he was a President." Let's not forget that the Nobel laureate toasted the Shah of Iran, hugged Brezhnev, was "best friends" with Marshall Tito, identified with Ceausescu's human rights views, friends with Marshal Tito, identified with Kim II Sung and penned speeches with Ceausescu's human rights views, friends with Marshal Tito, identified with Kim II Sung and penned speeches with Ceausescu's human rights views. And with without doing that, this wannabe-documentary sidesteps what it ought to aim for: documenting reality.

Eric Saperston’s journey, which was filled with famous faces and important people, included Saperston meets the Godfather of Soul, James Brown. Other musicians are also in the film, including Edwin McCain and a few of the Blowfish.
The movie theater is a scary place. They turn down the lights, put up the pretty pictures and for at least 90 minutes of your life you agree to go pretty much where the director wants to take you. It's an emotional experience, and sometimes it ends up being just disappointing. With "Laurel Canyon," such disappointments turn to anger when the lights come up and you realize just how you have been manipulated.

The film on the surface is very engaging and seems to be deep and meaningful. But, when all is said and done, it becomes apparent that the whole premise of the film is exhausted a few minutes into it, and, in reality, most of the major themes are just standard clichés on which we did not need to waste our time, money or emotions.

The film centers on Sam (Christian Bale) and his new fiancée Alex (Kate Beckinsale) who move to Los Angeles for Sam to do his residency at a psychiatric hospital and for Alex to finish her doctoral dissertation. They plan to stay at the supposedly empty Laurel Canyon home of Sam's mom, Jane (Frances McDormand), who is one of the few remaining hipsters you have to deal with any better ideas? It that the only way to be a free spirit is with an attractive fellow resident. If Alex's wanderings with teenagers you have "She's All Right." If you make Hugh Grant the sexual predator rock star you can have "Bridget Jones' Diary Part II." Really, why do all uptight people have to come from the east coast, Ivy League schools and live at country clubs? Is no one else neurotic in this world? And, why is it that the only way to be a free spirit is to be sexually promiscuous and do lots of drugs? Who says anyone come up with any better ideas?

But, in the cozy, dark theater, we try to invest ourselves in this stupid film pretty pictures and for at least 90 minutes of the audience into thinking it has a statement. It's worth examining why this is the case. It seems that this falls into the category of a number of new artistic pretenders who substitute meaning for some frigned poetic sense of chaos and meaningless. It is the artistic disease of our generation. We live with such a sense of subjectivism and

"Laurel Canyon"

Director: Lisa Cholodenko
Writer: Lisa Cholodenko
Starring: Frances McDormand, Christian Bale, Kate Beckinsale, Natascha McElhone

"Laurel Canyon" lacks deep meaning
The Los Angeles Clippers defeated Portland's fast-break layup, 66-65, to pull within one, 66-65. The game was meaningful by halftime, when Dallas' victory over San Antonio cost Sacramento any chance at home-court advantage in a potential second-round meeting with the Mavericks.

Karl Malone, the NBA's second-leading career scorer, had eight points in what might have been his final regular-season game with Utah. Malone has openly campaigned to join a Western Conference contender next season.

Timberwolves 95, Grizzlies 87
The Minnesota Timberwolves clinched home-court advantage in the opening round of the playoffs for the first time in their history with a victory over Memphis.

Sonics 84, Suns 70
Ray Allen scored 19 as the Seattle SuperSonics topped the Phoenix Suns, 84-70.

Mavericks 93, Spurs 72
Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points to lead Dallas past San Antonio, giving the Mavericks their first win in six attempts.

The victory ensured that the Dallas, No. 3 seed in the Western Conference, will have a home-court advantage if it reaches the second round of the playoffs.

Los Angeles forwards Lamar Odom and Elton Brand celebrate in their victory over the Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Lamar Odom had 17 points and 12 rebounds and Jermaine O'Neal added 26 points and nine rebounds, as the Indiana Pacers secured third place in the Eastern Conference with a 90-83 win over the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday night.

Jamil Tinsley had 10 points and 12 assists, Artest added 16 points and Reggie Miller 14 for the Pacers (48-34).

The Nets clinched the Atlantic Division on Tuesday and rested their starters for most of the game. Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin each scored 11 points in 21 minutes. Neither Kidd, Martin, Jason Collins or Kerr Kittles played in the second and fourth quarters.

Antony Johnson led the Nets with 16 points and Aaron Williams added 14.

New Jersey's reserves gave the Pacers fits for most of the game.

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Boy's want to make a new best friend. Good things to know are you need to be a little bit brighter.
Anaheim a 2-1 lead. Shots in the four games, with the goal to Sergei Fedorov with 2:15 the first period.

Giguere gave up a game-tying goal of the game with 6:06 remaining in the third overtime period to give the Flyers a 6-5 victory in overtime.

One of the greatest players in NHL history and Jordan would not disapprove the fans in his new game of the Mighty Ducks sweep Red Wings. Jordan pulled off his warmups, received yet another long ovation, went back on the court and was purposely fouled by Eric Snow. Fitzy, whom Leach had to return to the line as the Flyers evened the game sweep of the Stanley Cup over time gave the Anaheim.

The Ducks winning each time by one goal. He had a 1.24 goals-against average.

The Flyers outshot the Leafs 72-60. They scored one short-handed goal.

NHL Mighty Ducks sweep Red Wings
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Michael Jordan sat on the bench, smiling and jokes with teammates as the sellout crowd chanted, "We want Mike! We want Mike!"

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The art of persuading one's fellow citizens occupied a prominent place both in Athenian democracy and Rome (Krostcnko)

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Seau gets a fresh start with Dolphins

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Linebacker Junior Seau joined the Miami Dolphins after passing a physical, completing a long-anticipated trade with the San Diego Chargers.

The Dolphins sent a conditional 2004 draft choice to San Diego in return for Seau, a 12-time Pro Bowl selection.

"The truth is Junior Seau needed the Miami Dolphins more than the Miami Dolphins needed Junior Seau," Seau said. "This organization is doing everything possible to commit itself to winning a ring."

Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt lauded Seau’s passion, talent and professionalism as he introduced the new linebacker at a news conference.

"It's a great day for the Dolphins, a very positive day for the Miami Dolphins," Wannstedt said. "Seau flew from California to Miami on Tuesday after agreeing to a restructuring of his contract, which runs through 2005. The contract maneuvering addressed a $2.7 million bonus Seau was due to receive Tuesday from the Chargers.

The Chargers last month gave the 34-year-old Seau permission to seek a trade.

Seau opened his remarks by paying tribute to former Chargers general manager John Butler, who died last week of lung cancer, and thanking the city of San Diego.

"I want them to know I wish them well, until Oct. 27," Seau said, referring to the date when San Diego will play host to Miami in a Monday night game.

Seau has spent his entire 13-year career with the Chargers, his hometown team. In Miami, he’s expected to replace Derrick Rodgers at outside linebacker.

The trade, which had been in the works for several weeks, is the first major deal for the Dolphins since a dismal December collapse. The team had seven Pro Bowl players, including NFL rushing leader Ricky Williams and sack leader Jason Taylor, and still failed for the first time in six years to make the playoffs.

Seau hasn’t led the Chargers in tackles since 1999, and he started a career-low 13 games last season because of an ankle injury that required post-season surgery. But he was attractive to the Dolphins because they’re in the market for better veteran leadership following a succession of late-season failures.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles postpone game due to forecast

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team would like to get back to their winning ways of the early season. It would help if they could get a game in.

The Belles (14-10-1, 4-4 MIAA) were scheduled to play Calvin College Tuesday. Calvin (14-9, 3-3 MIAA), the visiting team, decided to postpone Tuesday's game due to forecasted rain. The game was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

The game marks the fourth cancellation in the past six games for coach Anna Welsh's squad.

Now, the Belles hope to play and win a doubleheader tomorrow against St. Mary's of the Woods.

However, the Belles need clear weather to play and not consistent hitting and solid fielding to win. While the Belles team has excelled in various aspects of the game in separate games, the Belles have not been able to put together an all-around quality performance in the last six games.

Welsh says her team needs to turn the season around right away before the playoffs become out of reach.

Due to the recent cancellations, Saint Mary's will play a busy schedule next week. The Belles will meet Marian College on Tuesday, Calvin on April 23 and University of St. Francis on Friday, April 25.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish travel separate ways

By HEATHER VAN HOREGAN
Sports Writer

After finally getting to run together last weekend, the Notre Dame men's and women's track team will split up once again.

Most of the runners will take a short trip to Indianapolis, but for the rest of the Irish sunny Walnut, Calif. awaits, with the Mt. San Antonio College Relays this weekend.

While the nucleus of the Irish travels to California, the majority will compete in the Indy Invitational in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Walnut's Mt. SAC Relays has been one of the premier meets during the outdoor season. It is well known worldwide as it attracts athletes from top universities, independent organizations, and around the world.

The Relays, in their 45th year, will take place in Hilter Lodge Stadium, which features a state-of-the-art track and field facility. The meet will feature only the best, in order to compete, an athlete must meet qualifying standards for their event.

On the women's side, Jennifer Handley and Molly Huddle look to make some noise in the 5,000-meter run. Handley is seeded 13th, with a time of 16:28.55, while Huddle is seeded 17th in another bracket. Lauren King is the last distance runner for the women and will compete in the 1,500 meters, an event in which she took fifth last year.

In the field, Jaime Volkmer is seeded eighth with a distance of 13-5 1/4 in the pole vault. Volkmer, who took seventh at the Mt. SAC Relays last year, also holds the school record in the pole vault.

Stacey Cowan and Emily Loomis will compete in the high jump for the Irish. Cowan is seeded eighth (5-9 3/4), and Loomis is seeded 13th (5-10 1/2).

Meanwhile, Tricia Floyd will compete in the 100-meter dash, as she is seeded sixth in section 3 (11.61 seconds). Boyd looks to defend her title from last year, also holds the school record in the pole vault.

The women also look to do some damage with their 4x100-meter relay team, seeded second in 44.30 seconds and the 4x400-meter relay team, seeded sixth. Last year, those relays placed second and fourth, respectively.

On the men's side, the Irish hope to get strong performances from Tim Moore and Indoor All-American Luke Watson in distance. Moore is seeded seventh in the 10,000 meters (29:40.23), while Watson is seeded 17th in the 5,000 meters (13:58.62).

Seth Nur 한번 looks to build on his success from last weekend, as he competes in the 110-meter hurdles, seeded fourth in section 3 (13.84).

Roberto Garcia will compete in the 400-meter hurdles, as he is seeded eighth in section 1 with a time of 51.97.

The Irish compete Thursday through Saturday in Walnut, Calif. The Irish Relays start at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

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we're disappointed, but we're still confident and have an incredible chance to win conference.

Upon graduation, Ryan will attend graduate school for a master's in English. Her future plans include possibly getting a Ph.D and becoming a professor of English. As for her tennis career at Saint Mary's, she considers the relationships she has formed to be the most important.

"We spend so much time traveling — in the van and on spring break — that we get so close," Ryan said. "We're like a family. We don't always get along, but I wouldn't trade it for anything, we have so much fun.

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Panthers, Pirates, rain await Irish over break

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

A winning streak must always start at one. Unfortunately for the Irish baseball team, they’ll have to potentially dodge quite a few raindrops to get there.

With the forecast calling for quite a few April showers, this weekend’s matches against Big East foes Pittsburgh and Seton Hall at Eck Stadium Thursday and Saturday, respectively, may wind up being a wet way for the Irish to spend a holiday weekend in the dugout.

However, should the weather hold out for the weekend, the Panthers and Pirates present a pair of potential problems for the Irish.

Pittsburgh currently stands at 26-11 overall (17-6 in the Big East), representing by far the team with the best record that the Irish have faced in a long time, while Seton Hall (12-16, 5-7) has won three of its last five games, including knocking off Big East powers Connecticut and Rutgers.

In a wide-open Big East this year, anything is possible in terms of any team being able to beat any other team on a given day. For example, the Irish, who are currently 7-1 in the conference, suffered their only conference loss of the year to date at Villanova, which sports a 2-7 conference record, good for the next to last spot.

However, contrast that with Notre Dame’s more recent sensational sweep of St. John’s, which is tied for third place in the Big East with a 7-3 record. Given that the Panthers and Pirates are both situated between the Red Storm and Wildcats, anything can happen in a highly-competitive Big East conference.

Heading into the week, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh each owned a .315 team batting average, while Seton Hall sits at .262.

The Panthers and Pirates sit at fourth and fifth in the conference in pitching, with 4.17 and 5.20 ERAs, well below the Irish, who have team average of 3.54.

Pittsburgh’s Bryan Spamer leads the team — and is seventh in the Big East — with a .391 batting average as of Monday.

Matt Edwards and Steve Sollmann sat at ninth and 10th, respectively, with .383 and .380 averages.

However, whenever Big East teams bash heads, it helps to expect the unexpected. Even a pair of rainouts.

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Lunke looks to lead Irish to Big East Championship

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Junior captain Brandon Lunke plays in his final Big East Championship this weekend when second-seeded Notre Dame hosts Georgia Tech at the Warren Golf Course. A tournament victory would clinch a berth for the Irish in the NCAA Championships.

A Big East Championship would be a fitting end to Lunke’s long and successful career.

“I began golfing at the age of three or four,” Lunke said. “I would play at night with my dad and older brother. I started playing competitively at the age of eight. I was in summer tournaments at the age of 10.”

Since then, golf has remained a game that Lunke excels at. During each of his four years in high school, Lunke was a member of the varsity golf team, selected as an all-city golfer in his hometown of San Antonio, and reached the state tournament. Lunke also played on fifth-place team at the AJCA Justin Leonard Team Challenge. He shot a 64 in the first-round best ball, contributing to his team’s first-round lead. As a reward, he and his team earned chance to play with Leonard.

Texas, as well as several out-of-state universities, recruited Lunke during his senior year. He chose Notre Dame for both athletic and social reasons.

“When I took my visit, I liked the place and people,” Lunke said. “I’m a pretty good ball-striker. I’ve always hit big, but in college everyone else is getting longer and longer (with their strokes),” Lunke said. “My game has matured. I’ve learned a lot about my swing and myself. I feel that I’ve gotten better.”

After the golf season is over, the future is an open fairway for Lunke. Lunke is a finance and history double major. But he might not enter the business world directly after graduation.

“I might take a little time off in order to work on my game,” Lunke said. “I might play golf for a while and give it a professional career.” A shot is the time that I can do it.

With the season almost over and graduation looming on the horizon, Lunke cannot believe that his time at Notre Dame is almost gone. He has mixed feelings over the end of his career.

“It’s amazing how fast it goes,” Lunke said. “It’s been a pretty intense time. I’ve been with it at other times. Golf is interesting. It’s not a team game, but in college it’s a team sport.”

The 24th Big East Championship runs from April 21st to 22nd at the Warren Golf course. The Irish begin the first round at 8:30 a.m. of the 54-hole tournament Monday at 8:50 a.m.

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Notre Dame proves to be the best choice for Lunke

If there was ever a decision to be made, it would be the most natural choice for Lunke.

Lunke said. “I knew that I wanted to get out of Texas, to make a fresh start in life. The team was in a rebuilding stage, and I thought that I could make a contribution.”

Lunke wanted to contribute to the team immediately, but his playing time was limited as a freshman. George Thomas, men’s golf coach during Lunke’s freshman and sophomore sea-sons, allowed Lunke to compete in only one tournament. Lunke excelled at that tournament, finishing in a tie for 14th at the Treasure Coast Classic. But he still could not crack Thomas’s top five.

“it was a little frustrating,” Lunke said. “I felt that I could do well if I could get a chance. But Coach Thomas did decide to use older, more experienced players.”

Lunke earned a place in Thomas’s lineup the next year. As a sophomore, Lunke finished second among Irish golfers (99th overall) at the Legends of Indiana tournament, 61st overall at the Minnesota Invitational, tied for 23rd overall at the Wisconsin Invitational, and took 27th overall at all the Big East Championship.

The Irish changed coaches for his junior season, hiring current coach John Jasinski. Lunke’s sees a big difference between Thomas and Jasinski.

“Coach Thomas was a great guy. He knew a lot about the game,” Lunke said. “But I wanted to become a top team in the country. Coach Jasinski was exactly what the team needed. He’s a really good person.”

Jasinski decided that the Irish needed Lunke as well, and the junior played in nine of 12 tournaments. Lunke was at his best when he tied for 21st at the Tillinghast Invitational, tied for 29th at the Johnny Owens Invitational and tied for third at Michigan’s Wolverine Invitational.

This past fall, Lunke established himself as the team’s senior leader. Lunke has participated in more tournaments and has met with more success than any of his upperclassmen peers.

This distinction led to Jasinski selecting him team captain. Lunke understands that his responsibilities sometimes lie outside the game of golf.

“Being a captain in golf is not a sport where you can fire (the team) up with emotion, but (instead you) lead by example,” Jasinski said. “It’s important that I be there for the guys. I help out the freshmen balance school, golf and social life.”

Lunke said. “I felt that I could do it.”

Helping the team’s six freshmen, four of whom usually accompany Lunke on away tournaments, is a full-time task. But Lunke enjoys the responsibility and is comfortable with being surrounded by the team’s yun on road trips.

“They’re a pretty mature, good group of guys. It’s been fun to see the group developing.”

Brandon Lunke
golf captain

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Horoscope


Happy Birthday: You will be highly creative and imaginative in all that you do. You will gain popularity and you will receive help when you need it. Keep things to yourself and know that your imagination will be severely curtailed. Moderation will be the keynote to your year. For your numbers, 14, 22, 31, 37, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): People will look to you on matters that you have time for. It's a good thing that you are speedy and can think on your feet. Remember the early bird catches the worm.★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You must not allow anyone to manipulate you. Your inquisitive nature will lead to a disastrous argument. Don't make a hasty decision that will affect your personal life.★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are dry, unemotional and will get you back on track today. Stop putting off the things that are good for you. You need to take better care of yourself.★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Start by reassessing yourself and consider changes that will make you feel better both physically and mentally. Social activity will lead to some interesting connections.★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't neglect your family today. If you ignore the ones who love you, you expect to be discarded. Do what's best for everyone involved.★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can gain support if you get together with friends. Try to be objective regardless of the situation. You can learn a lot by observing.★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be tempted to overspend today. Don't get involved in your financial ventures. Check over your personal papers for possible changes.★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You won't be seeing things too clearly today, especially if an emotional level. Check out your own actions before you accuse someone else of doing something wrong.★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should try to keep things to yourself today. If you let a secret be known, it is likely to cause some problems for you later on.★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attend a function that will attract prominent people and you will meet someone who can help you further your goals. Your outgoing nature coupled with some innovative ideas will win you approval.★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful that someone doesn't take credit for the things you do. Be observant; reevaluate your present situation and set new goals.★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can turn your dreams into a reality. Let your imagination take over and you will discover how much you have to offer.★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will stand up for your rights and you will fight for whatever you believe in. You will have strong opinions and will never back down.

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Irish look to continue April success over weekend

By MATT LOZAR
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The month of April has always been nice to the Irish, but for the third straight year, it has been really nice.

Having won 12 straight games in April, Notre Dame looks to extend that streak today, hosting IPU-Fort Wayne in a non-conference doubleheader.

The Irish have won 76 percent of their games all-time in April. In 2001, the Irish compiled a perfect 23-0 record while last year the Irish went 24-1. According to Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf, the reasons for the success in April aren’t too surprising.

"It has been a good month in the past and so far so good this year," Gumpf said. "We have had a month and a half of games already, get to play home and can play games consistently. In April we get some momentum."

Prior to April, the Irish started the year with one of the country’s most challenging schedules. For the second straight year, the Irish played the defending national champion in the month of February. During the first five weeks of the season, the Irish played five ranked teams. The rigorous schedule allows the Irish to see where they rank against the best in the country and leads to their impressive April records.

"It helps tremendously. Everyone has their own opinion, but I think we get prepared for the rest of our year," Gumpf said. "Once we play the toughest teams in the country, we know what it takes to beat them."

The formula during the current 12-game winning streak has been simple — receiving steady output from each of the three aspects of the game.

On offense, shortstop Andria Bledsoe is the hottest of the Irish hitters with a .395 average, two home runs, 14 RBIs and three stolen bases over the past 12 games. Five other Notre Dame hitters join Bledsoe with an average of .300 or above during the winning streak.

With the bats producing more than enough runs, the Irish pitching staff hasn’t needed all of them.

It may sound cliched, but there are some athletes who play not for individual glory or a perfect record, but because of their love for the game and their teammates.

Saint Mary’s senior co-captain Elisa Ryan is one of those athletes.

Ryan, a native of St. Paul, Minn., has spent four seasons playing for the Saint Mary’s tennis team. She grew up playing tennis with her father, who played for the Army.

"My dad was sort of a coach for me, and my childhood was spent playing tennis," said Ryan. "My friend Charlie and I would play everyday on the clay courts in St. Paul."

Enrolling at Saint Mary’s in the fall of 1999, Ryan also played basketball her freshman year. In addition to the athletic opportunities Saint Mary’s offered, she picked the school because it was relatively close to home and had a highly-regarded tennis program.

"I knew I would be comfortable with everyone and the coach."

After deciding to concentrate solely on tennis her sophomore year, Ryan won MIAA conference titles at both No. 6 singles and No. 2 doubles. The next year, as a junior, she again won two conference championships, this time at No. 5 singles and No. 2 doubles. She is playing at those same spots this season as well.

"She hates to lose," said Saint Mary’s coach Dee Stevenson. "She’s very tenacious and never gives up."

Comebacks are nothing new for Ryan, as she has a lot of injuries, but she has been able to play through it. She’s gutted it out for me this season because I’m a senior."

The Belles have lost two conference matches this season after not dropping a single contest the past two years. The Belles have relied on Ryan’s leadership to stay confident.

"The win is really not what it’s about, but it’s the effort that we all put into it," she said. "We’re not used to losing and we are working hard to stay consistent."

Ryan is one of those athletes who play for the love of the game and the team.”