Student remains in hospital after fall

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

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Wave of thefts at SDH continues

By KATE GALES
New Writer

The recent thefts in South Dining Hall have continued, as NDSP reported that two backpacks were stolen from the lobby Wednesday night. In a Feb. 23 article in The Observer, officials from Notre Dame Security/Police described a wave of thefts occurring at the Hesburgh Library and South Dining Hall.

Revelers ejected from DeBartolo

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

Approximately 40 to 50 students carrying a banner, playing instruments and singing in a makeshift St. Patrick’s Day parade Wednesday were ejected from DeBartolo Hall and North Dining Hall, some receiving citations from Notre Dame Security/Police, said students and University officials.

Students react to shirt campaign

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

On Thursday, talk about the “shirt” likely referred not to the popular Kelly green number worn by students and fans during Notre Dame football games, but to a project sponsored by the unofficial Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA), also known as “United in Diversity,” to promote increased tolerance of homosexual students on campus.

Hundreds of students sported the bright orange shirts bearing the slogan “Gay? Fine by me,” and GSA estimates that it sold 1,600 of them in the past few days.

“This is a milestone event because it lets the supporters show who they are and lets everyone else — gay and straight, in or out — see who they are and how many they are,” GSA leader Joe Dickmann said.

Dickmann started the campaign in response to a survey conducted by the Princeton Review that ranked Notre Dame first in a list of 351 col-
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Faithful citizenship**

Although it is in a Friday and like you are probably wishing it were still spring break or already summer break, I just want to share a few thoughts that have been on my mind for the past week.

I attended the CSC Seminar on Faithful Citizenship and the Upcoming Election in Washington D.C. for spring break. Although I did not return to campus with a tan, I certainly had a great experience and learned lots from the people I visited in your nation’s capital. I’m not from the U.S., I’m from the wonderful country of Peru — where there are llamas, I did not return to campus with a tan, I certainly had a great experience and learned lots from the places I visited in your nation’s capital. I’m not from the U.S., I’m from the wonderful country of Peru — where there are llamas, but we don’t ride them by the way. On Wednesday of last week, we observed a Senate session. The issue being debated was an amendment for yet another increase of the military budget. While the amendment was being presented and refuted, there were barely any senators in the room.

When it was finally time to vote they started entering the room. I was amazed seeing how easy it was for the great majority of senators to give a thumbs-up to the secretary recording the votes. Some of which were seemingly just becoming aware of the issue being voted on by talking to members of their party. I acknowledge it is only my foreign-national-bird’s-eye-view of the situation, but after visiting several organizations that explained how many Americans live in poverty and how much a small fraction of the military budget could help not only these poor but those all over the world, I certainly did not feel at ease with the decisions be made by others.

Yet, I did become aware of many positive things during the Seminar. I learned about the opportunities organizations and individuals have to participate in the U.S. government. Of how one can lobby or campaign for what one believes in. Of how several people in many nations, especially college-aged students, have attained important socio-political changes by peaceful means.

I guess I just want to remind you of the possibilities you all have to affect a change. Be it by voting, contacting your representatives, participating at a rally or a protest, joining an organization that fights for what you believe in or becoming more aware of the issues at stake at home and around the world. The possibilities are many, don’t let the decisions be made by others.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS CURRENTLY YOUR FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST(S)?**

- Caitlin Efta: Sophomore PW
- Valerie Efta: Sophomore PW
- Liz McCorry: Junior Off-Campus
- Mary Ann Lukeman: Freshman Walsh
- Sarah Schneider: Senior Off-Campus
- Teresa Blackwell: Senior Welsh Family

**OFFBEAT**

Couple arrested in fight after watching “The Passion”

STATESBORO, Ga. — A couple who got into a dispute over a theological point after watching “The Passion of the Christ” were arrested after the argument turned violent.

The two left the movie theater debating whether God the Father in the Holy Trinity was human or symbolic, and the argument heated up when they got home. Melissa Davidson said.

“It was the dumbest thing we’ve ever done,” she said.

Davidson, 34, and her husband, Sean Davidson, 33, were charged with simple battery on March 11 after the two called police on each other. They were released on $1,000 bail.

According to a police report, Melissa Davidson suffered injuries on her arm and face, while her husband had a scissors stab wound on his hand and his shirt was ripped off. He also allegedly punched a hole in a wall.

Baby discovers battery worth $100,000

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The O’Donohues keep their telephones out of the reach of 21-month-old Billy, since he likes to push the buttons and make random calls. There’s tape over the television controls to keep him from changing the channel.

But the boy’s inquisitive nature is no longer considered a problem since he opened the battery compartment on the television remote and uncovered a purple battery worth $100,000.

The AAA Duracell was one of 32 labeled “winners” that the manufacturer had slipped into packages as part of a promotional campaign.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**THE OBSERVER**

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Counseling Center assists students
Employees help students to overcome "perfectionist" mentality

By JENNIFER ROWLING
News Writer

Notre Dame, a small, private, highly competitive University, is comprised of students not to suffer from disorders related to stress and a demanding schedule. Pre-Doctoral Counseling Psychology intern Helen Bowden said. Consequently, The University Counseling Center is working efficiently to assist students with the stress-related mental illnesses surfacing on campus.

Bowden said Notre Dame students presented a wider range of problems related to stress and competition than students she saw at a large liberal university where she worked previously.

Bowden recognizes the "perfectionist" mentality of the Notre Dame student and understands their vulnerability as she reflected on the makeup of the student body — 80 percent of students were captains of athletic teams, they have an average SAT score of 1380 and 25 percent of students are legacies. If the pressures aren't coming from parents or peers, students themselves are feeling guilty when they are not productive enough, she added.

"People are like cars, if you don't have oil changes they are going to break down," she said.

Stress and time management are the main factors associated with the increase of stress-related disorders, according to Bowden. The University Counseling Center can assist students with better managing stress before further problems arise by teaching relaxation training, box breathing, meditation and adequate scheduling.

Other disorders commonly seen as a result of the highly competitive atmosphere students face include eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, alcohol and substance abuse and depression. The results from students completing the intake test at the University Counseling Center indicated that 15 percent scored above the threshold for eating disorders and 20 percent for alcohol and substance abuse.

Fortunately, The University Counseling Center provides assistance for all of these disorders. Students begin by meeting individually with a counselor or psychologist for a confidential session. Then a specifically-focused group is recommended: Obsessive Compulsive Disorders, Not the Perfect Family, Eating Disorder, Interpersonal Effectiveness or Alcohol Abuse. These group-counseling sessions aid individuals in realizing that they are not alone, members assist and learn from one another.

"Feel Better First" focuses on students suffering from depression. Sleeping and eating are the two issues this program stresses because they can be directly associated with decreased serotonin levels and depression. In order to produce adequate serotonin levels, food should be eaten every 4 hours and adequate sleep is necessary. Statistics indicate that most students eat only two meals a day, and Bowden said that she believes students often stay up too late.

Bowden said, "I haven't heard as many students staying up late as [I have] here. Most students stay up until 2 a.m. every evening."

Another unique program the Counseling Center offers is "Performance Enhancement" which focuses on stages of enhancing performance including attention focus, goal setting, peak performance and arousal management.

The Counseling Center sees students with a variety of disorders throughout the year, however, during the winter, depression is at its high point. Times of increased student stress levels are seen when students are going home for break and towards the end of a semester, Bowden said.

Due to the nature of the Notre Dame student, there is high probability for concern. Bowden said that if students are or know others who are suffering from any kind of disorder, they should seek help at the Counseling Center. She noticed that a few moments of time may avert a more serious issue later.

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Comedian Dat Phan to visit SMC

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Scene Staff Writer

Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium will adapt to a makeshift comedy club tonight as the College hosts stand-up comedian Dat Phan, recently named NBC's Last Comic Standing.

Since earning the recognition in August, Phan has appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, taped his own special airing on Comedy Central and launched a national tour. Combined, these endeavors have made Phan a recognized name in his industry and illustrate a primary reason behind the request for him to perform on campus.

"I met Dat in New York this fall ... he is very excited about coming to Saint Mary's," said Richard Baxter, director of special events. "He enjoys performing at colleges and has been quite generous with his time wherever he goes."

Baxter first conceived of the idea to bring Phan to campus after receiving contact from an agent with whom he formerly worked. He then approached the College's Student Activities Board for co-sponsorship and assistance in funding the event. Board members sought additional sponsorship from the Pacific-Asian Club, Multi-cultural Events, Student Diversity Board and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

"Comedians are always a great draw here at Saint Mary's, and as we all have thought it would be a great opportunity to bring a big name to campus," said Lauren Fabina, SABA spirit chairperson.

Board president Becca Doll added the event will provide equal publicity for both Saint Mary's and Phan's career.

"He seems really interested in our college community ... " said Baxter.

In addition to his main stage performance at 7 p.m., Phan will meet with a playwriting class and eat dinner with members of CWIL and PAC to discuss his Vietnamese-American upbringing. He also plans to join students at Midnight Madness in the Angela Athletic Facility following his routine.

"We feel lucky to be able to set the pace for his career," Doll said. "When you show people a good time, they are likely to give back in the future. He will talk to others and continue to give Saint Mary's a good reputation, encouraging other budding names to venture to South Bend."

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Coffee and Conversation
For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Scene Staff Writer

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

Tuesday, March 23rd
(and every third Tuesday of the month)
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

The committee is meeting to discuss the annual S.M.I.L.E. spring event. Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

*Coffee and refreshments will be served*
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colleges and universities where alternative lifestyles are not
an alternative. It also served
to bring attention to the
Office of Student Affairs.

On Tuesday, Father Mark
Poorman, Vice President for
Student Affairs, wrote a fol­
low-up letter of response, a
copy of which was obtained
by The Observer.

"I'm sure that the students
are disappointed with
the decision by the Student
Activities Office to
deny recognition of the
group as a student club," Poorman wrote,
adding that while
there is no formal
appeal process in
place for the club
as of now, he and
Dr. David Muss,
direct supervisor
in the Office of
Student Affairs for
the Activities Office,
would welcome a continued
dialogue.

However, he cautioned stu­
dents against "unrealistic
expectations about the likeli­
hood of a change in the deci­
dion about recognition."

Students who chose to wear
the "Gay? Fine by me" shirts
expressed hope that their
efforts would bring about
positive exchange.

"There's a pretty common
stereotype that Notre Dame is
closed minded...school," said Margaret Bernardin, a
sophomore who wore the shirt Thursday. "Obviously, by
all the people you see today that isn't true at all."

Jessica Freeman, a junior,
said that she chose to wear
the shirt to support some
friends who participated in
the campaign and to increase
the profile of the issue on
campus.

I had friends who were
passing out the t-shirts and I
wanted to support them and
their efforts to help get sup­
port from the University," she
said. "It brings awareness to
the general stu­
dent." A majority of
students, how­
ever, did not participate in
the project. Some supported
the effort but were not aware
of it before today, while
others said that they believed
efforts to pro­
mote the estab­
lishment of a
University-sponsored homo­
sexual club ran counter to
Notre Dame's Catholic tradi­
tion.

"I have nothing against
someone who is gay," sopho­
more Chris Bridgey said. "I
recognize that being gay is
not a choice, but wearing these
t-shirts glorify a lifestyle con­
tradictory to what we (as
Catholics) believe."

Other students supported
the project but said they were
not aware that anything of
the sort was being planned
and were confused about why
Thursday was chosen.

Dickmann said that many
students were unaware of the
project in advance.

"I discovered that in a lot of
cases, people had no idea
until they woke up and saw
the orange," he said, adding
that he received positive feed­
back throughout the day ask­
ing where more shirts could
be ordered. The group has
tentatively planned another
demonstration for mid-April.

University spokesman Matt
Stettin declined to discuss
what impact the campaign
might have on Notre Dame's
policies or if the number of
students involved in the cam­
paign surprised administra­
tors.

Students, however, had
their own opinions.

"So far the University hasn't
been too responsive to what
we say so I don't think this
will have any effect at all but
I hope it will," Bernardin said.

Freeman shared her opin­
ions.

"Besides [generating]
Viewpoint letters I doubt it
[will affect change]," she said.

Claire Heining considered
the report.

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SMC prepares for
Midnight Madness

By KELLY MEEHAN

Saint Mary's students have
expressed excitement at the
annual Midnight Madness fas­
tivities that will take place
tonight from 9:45 p.m. until
1:30 a.m.

Students are also invited to
watch the Winter Intramural
Championships, an annual
prelude to the Midnight
Madness that pits classes
against each other in various
activities and sporting events.
The Intramural competitions
will occur in Angela Athletic
Facility from 8 until 10 p.m.,
and the Athletic department
will announce the champions
at the conclusion of the
games.

At 9:45 p.m. the doors to
Angela Athletic Facility close
and Midnight Madness offi­
cially begins.

This year's Midnight
Madness theme is "Behind the
Maddness," a concept that has
inspired many new decora­
tions and opening festivities.

"Students should expect to
see new versions of some of
their favorite relay races like
the Obstacle Course and
Sports Relay," co-head of the
Midnight Madness committee
Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said.

Other events planned
include sumo wrestling, free
throw shots, tug-of-war, mad
and balloon bursts.

The Midnight Madness
Committee is made up of
about 20 women and is head­
ed by Jablonski-Diehl and
Shay Jolly. Both have been
working to organize the event
since August and said they
promise an evening full of fun,
food and prizes.

The event is also open to
Holy Cross and Notre Dame
students, who will be eligible
to win prizes and participate
in all of the activities.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Five more arrested in Spain attack

MADRID, Spain — Police arrested five more people in the Madrid train bombings as they stepped up their efforts Thursday to roil their country.

The arrests brought to 11 the total suspects in the March 11 bombings, in which 191 people were killed and more than 1,800 injured.

Police said they were seeking to capture four more suspected in the bombings.

The bombings, which stunned Spain and roiled Madrid's relations with the United States, were linked to Al-Qaida's 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The searches were led by the country's anti-terrorist police, although regional authorities in Madrid have handled all other aspects of the investigation.

The precise identity of the five arrested Thursday morning was not immediately known, but police said they were linked to the cell that carried out the attack.

The arrests brought the number of suspects in the Madrid bombings to 11, police said.

Local news

Ball State killing suspect arrested

MUNCIE — Police on Thursday arrested a second suspect in the March 7 slaying of a 26-year-old man here.

The warrant高端 the arrest of Joseph B. Wesson, 57, was served by U.S. marshals at his home.

Wesson has been charged with nine counts of attempted murder in the ATM explosion.

The arrest was the first of several expected in the March 7 shooting death of Muncie police officer James H. 'Freshie' Heston.

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The arrest of Wesson was revealed Thursday in a court filing, but police have refused to identify him.

The filing said police, who have been investigating the case for three weeks, have information that Wesson and another person were in the car in which Heston was shot.

The car was found abandoned in a wooded area near the intersection of North New Castle Road and South Union Street.

The filing said police were able to link Wesson to the March 7 attack because of the DNA found on his clothing.

Wesson has been a suspect in the case since he was interviewed immediately after the shooting.

He has been charged with minor offenses, including driving while intoxicated and operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile phone.

Police said they were studying DNA samples from Wesson and the car to determine if they were linked to the shooting.

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The SafeWalk organization, a group that escorts students back to their dormitory rooms late at night, is also on the alert for irregular behavior.

"If you look at the kind of crime that occurs on campus," said Johnson, "the most common is larceny, or theft, but it's almost always of unattended property." For security reasons, Johnson declined to give specifics of the ongoing investigation. He said that some items have been recovered and returned to their owners, but encouraged students to report all thefts to the NDPD.

"We'd really still like to know about these crimes so we have recovered and returned to their owners, but encouraged students to report all thefts to the NDPD."

"If you're going around campus and see suspicious activity, think things aren't right, give us a call," said South Dining Hall, students leave their belongings unattended outside, providing criminals with easy targets. Few choose to take advantage of the free lockers available downstairs. "Obviously people feel very safe, which is a great thing, but why leave temptation for people?" Johnson said.

He also noted that many students do not lock the doors of their dorm rooms — another place valuables are stored. "People who lose their ID, wallet or credit cards have to be aware of having the information used for identity theft or financial fraud crimes," Johnson said. "It doesn't mean that it will be used, but the possibility exists."

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AFGHANISTAN

Two American soldiers killed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Two American soldiers were killed and two others were wounded in fighting Thursday in central Afghanistan, the U.S. military said.

At least five attackers were killed in the battle, officials said.

In a brief statement, U.S. Central Command said the American soldiers were accompanied by troops of the Afghan National Army when they were attacked by "anti-coalition militias" in a village near Tarin Kowt.

The Americans were not identified by name or military unit. Because of the location, the fighting did not appear to be directly related to reports that a senior member of the al-Qaida terrorist network, possibly Ayman al-Zawahri, had been cornered by Pakistani forces near the Afghan border.

The battle in which the two Americans were killed happened in Oruzgan province on Thursday afternoon, the Central Command statement said. After being fired upon, the American soldiers fired back, killing at least five and wounding an undetermined number of others, the statement said.

The wounded Americans were evacuated to Kandahar airfield for treatment. The extent of their injuries was not disclosed. Their names were being withheld until relatives could be notified.

Central Command called the attackers "terrorists" but did not elaborate. Pentagon officials said there was no indication that they were part of al-Qaida.

The two soldiers' deaths raised to 114 the number of American troops who have died in Operation Enduring Freedom, as the war in Afghanistan is called by the military, which started in October 2001.

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EU, Microsoft settlement fails

EU leaders announced plans to sanction Microsoft Corp. over antitrust charges Thursday.

**Market Recap**

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| **Change** | **9.76**
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**Companies**

| AMEX | 1,248.56
| NASDAQ | 1,962.44
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**In Brief**

**Stocks react to terrorist capture**

NEW YORK — Wall Street stumbled lower Thursday as investors wrestled with mixed economic data and news that Pakistani troops had cornered a key al-Qaida leader. Tech shares were dragged down by Microsoft's antitrust problems in Europe.

Stocks tumbled in and out of positive territory after Pakistani officials said forces had surrounded Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, Ayman al-Zawahri, and possibly surrounded him in a battle near the Afghan border. But while the news temporarily checked selling momentum as investors reconsidered gains, it could not fully stanch the market's downward thrust.

Investor confidence continues to sag on concerns about the sluggish job market, listless home inflationary pressures and political uncertainty at home and abroad.

"There are some who believe we've had a classic 10 percent correction and that this is a good buying opportunity, but I tend to think we'll see the market correct a bit more," said Michael Palazzi, managing director of equity research at SG Cowen Securities.

**U.S. charges China before WTO**

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration announced Thursday that it was filing the first trade case against China before the World Trade Organization, charging that the Asian country is using its tax code to unfairly discriminate against American semiconductor manufacturers.

The action, the first case brought against China by any country since it joined the WTO in late 2001, is another step in the administration's effort to show it is taking action to deal with American concerns about "涓娴涓涓" fans who are responsible for this problem," said a senior administration official, on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. trade complaint, announced by Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, contends that China is violating WTO rules against discriminatory treatment by providing a preferential tax rate for integrated computer circuits produced in China that is much lower than the tax paid by U.S. and other foreign companies.

**In afternoon trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market, Microsoft shares were down 44 cents, 1.75 percent, at $24.69. Monti will present the proposed fine Monday to an advisory committee of national regulators before going to the full European Commission, the EU's executive branch, on Wednesday for a final decision.**

After winning unanimous backing from the 15 EU governments last week, the ruling is expected to pass easily.

Microsoft is accused of unfairly grabbing market share from rival companies by bundling its own Media Player with Windows — the operating system in nearly every personal computer worldwide.

Microsoft contends that benefits consumers, but rivals claim it is unfair competition that stifles innovation and aims to drive them out of business.

The charge was similar to the 1990s Internet browser war in the United States, where Microsoft was found guilty of using illegal means to protect its Windows monopoly. But a 2001 settlement with the Bush administration allowed it to continue integrating its Internet Explorer with Windows.

Sources familiar with the case say the EU's draft ruling finds Microsoft guilty of monopolistic behavior — settling a precedent in Europe — and goes beyond the U.S. remedy.

The EU is demanding that Microsoft offer computer makers in Europe a discounted version of Windows without Media Player so that rivals like RealNetworks Inc. and Apple Computer Inc. have a better shot at reaching consumers.

In addition, the draft is expected to require the company to release more underlying Windows code so rival server software companies including Sun Microsystems Inc. can operate better with computers running Windows.

In exchange for a settlement, Monti was seeking commitments that could have affected Microsoft's business not just in Europe but globally — and helped to resolve other EU antitrust cases pending against the company, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

**FTC shuts down 'Idol' phone scam**

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators settled a case Thursday with companies that took advantage of thousands of "American Idol" fans trying to vote for their favorite contestants on the TV show.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, three Utah-based companies bought dozens of phone numbers very similar to the toll-free numbers that "Idol" fans call to place their votes.

Viewers who misdialed and got the correct toll-free number then gave the correct toll-free number to call.

The FTC said about 25,000 consumers were charged up to $3 per call during the 2002 and 2003 seasons.

The three companies have agreed to pay a civil penalty of $40,000 for engaging in deceptive conduct and violating federal law, the commission said.

"These defendants tried to mislead fans of "American Idol," but found they got harsh reviews from the FTC," Howard Beales, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection said in a statement. "If you find suspicious pay-per-call charges on your phone bill, report it to the FTC. We are not fans of deceptive behavior."

The complaint names: Telemarketing Inc., which also does business as Univox; Apex Investments LLC, also known as Operator Directory Service; and Northwestern Atlantic; and Universal Innovations LLC.

Apex and Universal have no phone listings, and could not be reached for comment. Phone lines for Telemarketing Inc. were busy for several hours.

**EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti announced that the EU and Microsoft have failed to reach an agreement setting antitrust charges Thursday.**
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housemates at 609 St. Pete Street and had fun. "I loved the idea and it sounded like a lot of fun, and we wanted to get out of the dorm and enjoy a little bit," said senior Dave Prentkowski, director of food services. "It was a way to campus way to campus..."

Participants said they loved the parade around 11:15 a.m. on St. Peter's Street and made their way to campus via Rex Rakow's and Notre Dame Avenue. Led by about 40 people who read "parade" and accompanied by four trumpets and a saxophone, the marchers were "singing, dancing (and) singing the fight song," said senior Chele Carney, one of the five musicians. When the revelers reached DeBartolo, however, they were thrown out from the building—twice.

"I probably expected to be thrown out," Carney said, citing the fact that classes were under way.

The group first entered DeBartolo through the doorway closest to the Meadov's College of Business, and then they reached the middle of the building before asking to leave. Carney said. The parade then proceeded outside and circled around to the most frequently used entrance. Dady said, where they stopped and played for an enthusiastic audience.

"Everyone was singing along and cheering," Carney said. "It was really cool."

When the rowdy paraders decided to go inside DeBartolo, however, they were ejected for a second time, and NDSP officers arrived on the scene.

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He said students are rarely considered rowdy, but students were "fine and would not get in trouble as long as we kept quiet," Dady said.

Although students said they believed they altered their behavior, another staff member approached them and asked for ID cards. Students said they refused, an altercation ensued, and they were told to leave the building.

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He said students are rarely removed from the building, especially during lunch.

"In 13 years, I've never seen it at noon time before," Prentkowski said.

The parade then dispersed, but students said they considered the event a success despite the difficulties they encountered with security.

"I've always loved parades, since I was like four, and this was my first chance to be involved in one up close," Fayen said.

"I think it should become an annual tradition," Carney said. Contact Sheila Flynn at sf Flynn@nd.edu

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Barke, Kenough sophomore David George, Knott junior Matthew Honey and Breen-Phillips junior Tiffany Muller were all charged with minor in consumption and released from St. Joseph County Jail on a $250 bond. Off-campus seniors Betsy Laydon and Katherine Murphy were charged with public intoxication and were released from jail on a $150 bond.

St. Joseph County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Ken Cotter said that minor in consumption and public intoxication are Class B misdemeanors, carrying a range of punishment if convicted, including a fine of up to $1,000 and zero to 180 days in jail.

Cotter said that probation is also an option, depending on the circumstances.

"[It] can be anything the court believes is appropriate — community service or counseling, especially for alcohol violations," Cotter said.

Cotter said that the fact that the students were placed in jail as opposed to being issued a citation should not affect sentencing, because it is up to the discretion of the police officer when a misdemeanor crime occurs whether he will issue the citation or place the person under arrest.

The bond, minus a 15 percent processing fee, would be returned if students were found not guilty. Otherwise, it will be applied to court costs, which Cotter said are usually more than the amount of the bond.

LouAnn Susan, property manager for Paramount Management, the company that owns College Park, said Paramount likely would not take action against tenants as a result of the party.

"We are just hoping everyone is okay with the gentleman that got hurt," Susan said. "Hopefully everyone learned a lesson."

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Teen charged with attempted murder

Associated Press

MALCOM, Neb. — A teenager was charged with attempted murder after police found him outside school with 20 homemade bombs, a rifle and a note saying he wanted to injure everyone at his high school except for three friends.

Authorities believe he averted what could have been the worst school shooting since the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School.

Josh Magee, 17, was arrested Tuesday in the parking lot of Malcolm High School after a staff member saw him swigging liquor from a flask and putting on a black overcoat.

Police who searched Magee's car found a bolt-action rifle, small bottles of propane and several rounds of ammunition, putting on a black overcoat.

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No one answered the door Thursday at Magee's red-brick home just down the road from the school in Malcom, a town so small that its downtown streets are unpaved.

School and law enforcement officials said his mother works as a chef in Lincoln, and his father is serving in Afghanistan in the military. Magee, who has attended Malcolm schools since kindergarten, was always on the district's radar.

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He asked them in class last week if they knew who Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were," said Julia Losstrah, whose daughter is Magee's classmate. "Then he said, 'I know them.' "

"All the way through, he was just a little different," he said. "He liked to be alone, he didn't take part in many things. His enjoyment was weapons." The superintendent said he wasn't aware of reports that Magee was a target of bullies. "There were never any incidents reported," he said.

When students began reporting to faculty that Magee bragged of making and testing explosives at home, Neddenriep said, the school paid close attention to the teen.

Magee then began showing some interest in school activities, he said.

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Homosexual community deserves equality

They made their point. Now, will the University take action? Approximately 1,700 Notre Dame students and scattered fac­ulty members joined together and wore blaze orange T-shirts Thursday that boldly stated "Gay. Fine by me." Regardless of the individual decisions behind wearing the shirts, the collective message of support for homosexuals was unmistakable. The members of the Gay/Straight Alliance — also known as United in Diversity, an organiza­tion that was denied official University club status on March 9 — should be commend­ed for their effort to bring together approximately 20 percent of the University in a show of solidarity for a group whose place in the community has not always been clear.

No administrative stance in recent Notre Dame history has elicited such overwhelming numbers to contest it. The alcohol policy changes couldn't do it. Fraticials couldn't do it. But injustice towards Notre Dame's homosexual community has.

The avenues currently provided by Notre Dame emphasize individual counseling, which serves to only further classify homosexual students as outcasts in the community. Yes, the University appointed a Student Coordinator on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Yes, the University provides homo­sexuals with Campus Ministry resources. But concerning both the official recognition of a student organization and the inclusion of homosexuality in the University's legal non-discrimination clause, the answer has been a firm no.

Now is the time for the administration to take notice of both of these issues, and deliver a long overdue yes.

The Princeton Review's recent distinction of Notre Dame as the most homophobic campus in the United States, therefore, seems to apply more to the administration that perpetuates this mentality on campus than to the actual students who try to counter it and speak out against it.

The show of support Thursday began to dispel this sense of homophobia, but both recognizing a gay student organization and extending the nondiscrimination stance are necessary to extending acceptance on that essential group level. After turn­ing down United in Diversity, Notre Dame President of Students Affairs Father Mark Poorman wrote that while he welcomes the opportunity to talk to students who proposed the club, he does "not want to create unrealistic expectations about the likelihood of a change in the decision about recognition." Talk and good intentions will only take the University so far.

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Letter to the Editor

Classifying Adams as a terrorist is foolish

Before I begin addressing the points made by Derek Webb, I want to emphasize that I detest terrorism or violence in any circumstance. That said, Webb's letter concerning the visit of Gerry Adams is symptomatic of the foolish, moralistic approach to foreign policy promulgated by the Bush adminis­tration. Webb calls the IRA "a terrorist organization that has plagued the northern six counties for decades." This is an overly simplistic analysis of the group and is indicative of ignorance about the history of British occupation in Ireland.

For many years, Irish Catholics in the North of Ireland lived as second-class citizens in a Protestant-dominated society. Northern Ireland was designed to be a Protestant state for Protestant people. With the BUC and the British Army actively assisting Protestant thugs in their repression of Catholics, the Catholic community had no recourse but to turn to the IRA. The British Army had initially been sent to Northern Ireland to protect Catholics from loyalist violence. Instead, these soldiers massacred unarmed demonstrators in Derry on Jan. 30, 1972. The IRA began its campaign against the forces of the oppressive government because Catholic cit­izens had no one to protect their basic human rights.

Notre Dame aims to be the national leader among both Catholic and academic peer institutions. However, Boston College approved its first gay-straight alliance, Allies, on April 15. Duke University, the Princeton Review's last campus before Notre Dame to hold the "alternative lifestyles are not an alter­native" distinction, initiated the T-shirt campaign. In a dialogue critical to the Catholic Church and the intellectual climate of the future, Notre Dame is falling behind.

The passage of the Irish peace process lies in changing the non-discrimination clause. The Spirit of Inclusion statement that currently exists is based on a one-line — on the surface, it values gay and lesbian members of the community, but still reserves the legal right to discriminate based on sexual orientation. The Board of Trustees voted down the expansion of the clause in 1997 and again in 1999 at a time when members of the community sup­ported the expansion. Since then, Notre Dame's homosexual and support community have advanced even further, with Thursday being evidence that this marginalized group is gain­ing followers — and that students do not accept blatant exclu­sionary, perceived exclusionary ignorance.

Notre Dame's Catholic identity has been cited as the crux of University policy concerning homosexuals. While Notre Dame's Catholic identity is central to its purpose, the University must also realize that it would not exist if it was not an academic institution first. And academic institutions at their foundation are open to free expression, intellectual growth and equality. The arguably successful Notre Dame Queer Film Festival occurred in part because several departments courageously supported it in the name of intellectual expression and aca­demic freedom. As the Festival proved, discussion of homosex­uality is not limited to Church teaching. Notre Dame's adminis­trative policies concerning it should be no different.

To further its Catholic purpose, Notre Dame aspires to pro­mote peace, justice and reconciliation. But as long as it fails to promote acceptance, equality and recognition, the real ideals of Catholicism and intellectualism cannot be achieved. Gestures such as the Spirit of Inclusion statement reveal respectable intentions, but stop just short of a true justice and a true embrace.

Thursday, a sea of orange reached out with open arms. The University should follow suit by accepting this diverse student group and giving them club status.

Eleanor Roosevelt
American diplomat

I do not condone terrorism, but I certainly understand the plight of the Catholics of the North. My own father was born and raised in West Belfast and has had firsthand experience with the discrimination and hatred from the government there. I implore people like Derek Webb to stop seeing the world in black and white. Of course the Ulster Unionists do not support Gerry Adams; his very goal is to end their repressive hegemony and policy of discrimination in the six counties.

To exclude men like Gerry Adams from the peace process is absolutely foolhardy. Sinn Fein has become the largest nationalist party in Northern Ireland, and Gerry Adams, him­self, has been instrumental in engineering the peace process, from the cease-fire of 1994 to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. In order to achieve lasting peace in Ireland, the voices of all sides must be heard.

Brendan Magee
Dillon Hal
March 14

Observer Poll

Do you think Notre Dame should recognize the Gay-Straight Alliance as an official organization?

YES 35%
NO 65%

*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndobserver.com and is based on 34 responses.
On March 31, the new liberal talk radio network, "Air America Radio" will debut across the nation, and I eagerly await the opportunity to listen.

The network is the brainchild of wealthy financier, Howard Stern, via the Liberal Network. This move, obviously a marketing ploy, will allow Stern, and his liberal ilk, to further extend their footprint into the conservative media landscape.

The new network will focus on liberal talk radio personalities, and will compete head-to-head against conservative talk radio networks such as "The O' Reilly Factor" and "The Glenn Beck Program." It is estimated that the network will have a total of 1200 people working in key roles, from producers to engineers.

This move is also seen as a significant step towards the liberalization of the media landscape, as conservative media outlets such as Fox News and the Rush Limbaugh Show have dominated the airwaves for decades.

John Infranca
Dissident Poetry

I suppose I should blame my parents for the fact that I was born with legs. Faulty genes are also responsible for my pasty complexion and the lack of coordination. But at this moment I'm most bemoaned is my bipedal existence. I am a loser, crammed in aisle 14 of a United Airlines plane. Thirteen aisles of "economy plus" are in front of me. Their ample legroom gave me a tinge of excitement that abruptly vanished when I realized I could not move much in the first row of "economy minus." It is not my fault the airline's agenda is essentially fascist. Even Democratic contender Howard Dean loved claiming to be a "Real American." Even the non-partisan National Journal rated John Kerry the most liberal senator in America.

The view's expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Howard's stories unfamiliar to younger readers

Comic writes about famous people he's met throughout his life

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Critic

Television head writer and stand-up comedian Trustin Howard knows famous people. That is the general gist of Howard's autobiography called "My Life with Regis and Joey and Practically Everyone Else." Throughout the chronically unorganized novel, Howard takes the reader on an interesting, yet lengthy journey through his life working first as a comedian and then as head writer for "The Joey Bishop Show" (the late night show that competed with Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show"). The book is a quick read and has some funny anecdotes, but overall it just seems like Howard takes himself a bit too seriously. So seriously, in fact, that he chose to write an entire novel on just that subject: himself.

"My Life with Regis and Joey and Practically Everyone Else" is generally one-third interesting, one-third boring and one-third just plain irrelevant. Howard has a voice in his writing, but he also jumps around a lot, with numerous chapters beginning (which reminds me) "He then proceeds to jump into an entirely random story that completely disturbs any illusion of flow that the writing may have possessed."

Approximately 20 of the novel's last pages the are dedicated to Howard's dealings with his comedian friend, Lenny Bruce. If you are familiar with Bruce or have seen him perform, these chapters may interest you. As for the rest of the readers, the story of Bruce is by no means one that is remarkable enough to elicit interest.

Howard is clearly an age of older Hollywood stars, which he admits in his novel. This reality makes it very hard for any college student who is not well versed in the players of an older generation of Hollywood to relate to and be interested in Howard's tales of meeting the "stars." A story pertaining to a show he wrote about Bette Davis is not going to impress any college student.

While most students recognize Carson's name, not many have a clue who Bishop is. Because of this generation gap, the book is harder to relate to for college students and is generally more appropriate for an older audience.

Howard's work is not entirely without merit. Besides going into two-page explanations of certain jokes he wrote for "The Joey Bishop Show," his explanation of the time he spent with the show is intriguing. Howard lets the reader into the world of a comedy writer who never knows if they are going to have a job in three weeks.

The reader sees the backstage reality of "show-biz," and how the show has a lot of great insights into the nature of "show-biz" and the ways it has changed. But chapter Howard points out the difference between the need for raw talent today and the need if you were just a kid when you weren't quick and witty, you would be booted of the stage. He compares the two saying, "Today, you have non-talents painting their faces, putting on freak outfits, switching on some lasers and lights, singing the same line of a supposed song about 58 times, mixed in with a couple of staccato steps, breaking a guitar or two and really overwhelming an audience of brain-dead children."

There are interesting insights of this nature throughout "My Life with Regis and Joey and Practically Everyone Else." However, there are also some extremely strange parts. On page 226 Howard offers tapes of some of his sci-fi shows on reincarnation, medication and voiding for $25, along with his address so you can send the check there. He's unique, but not in a good way.

As the title implies, Regis Philbin is one of the main characters in the autobiography and it does seem that Howard and Philbin were in fact good friends. The University of Notre Dame even gets a mention while Howard is describing Philbin's parents. Regis is presented well and worked with Howard for a good part of Howard's career.

"My Life with Regis and Joey and Practically Everyone Else" is vaguely interesting and an overall quick read. Howard makes some good points here and there, but the majority of the novel is fluff about his life in "show-biz" and generally not entertaining.

Howard's autobiography is worth reading if you are really interested in being a stand-up comic or working in the television industry. But if you are just looking for a good read or even some insight into the "real" Philbin, your time would be spent better watching him on TV with Kelly.
Goran Kralj comes to Legends

Energetic Kralj will be playing songs off of his new solo album Saturday night

By PATRICK VASSEL
Scene Writer

Milwaukee, Wis. is not exactly the alternative music capital of the world. For those in the alternative scene, however, a band emerged from the Brewery City in the early 90s and quickly established a reputation with heartfelt songs and a refreshing energy. The band was The Gufs, and the lead singer and songwriter was Goran Kralj. After landing a deal with Atlantic Records in the early 90s, the group released two albums, both of which received critical and popular acclaim across the country. With 10 years of experience, unbelievable live shows and sold-out albums recorded, The Gufs were flying high into the new millennium.

In 2002, however, The Gufs disbanded, much to the dismay of the legions of fans the group had acquired since they first started out. In the year that followed, Kralj realized he couldn’t stop writing and still had too much energy to simply stop performing. Though the songs he wrote were all intended to be Gufs songs, Kralj realized the band just wasn’t going to get back together. Quickly putting together a group of performers, Kralj decided to strike out on his own and continue with the sound he had developed with The Gufs over the last decade.

"After a year of work the new band, called Goran, emerged with his first solo effort "Any Day Now." Fans of The Gufs will be pleased to hear many of the band’s signature musical elements maintained in Kralj’s sound. Most obvious is the distinct and versatile voice of Kralj. He has the ability to go from a quiet, almost raspy whisper, to an intense volume riding over guitar riffs. Many alternative critics complain of songs on an album all sounding the same, but Kralj has furthered his song-writing skills even from the best days of The Gufs.

The album is decidedly more upbeat than the second Gufs album, “Holiday From You.” The songs are catchy without being tacky, and Kralj crafts pop melodies that match the versatility of his voice. From the mellow “Don’t be afraid of taking chances,” Kralj says of the album and the songs he’s written. “Ready to Fall” tells the story of a girl who consistently rushes into love no matter what has happened to her in the past. In “I’ll Be Around,” Goran sings of someone who gives up everything to be with the one they love.

The result of Goran’s experience, his often surreal but always believable voice, his diverse and sincere songs, and an unmatched energy will be available in concert this Saturday night at Legends, with doors opening at 9:45 p.m. Followers of The Gufs were often known to follow The Gufs around the country, often seeing dozens of shows a year. Goran is guaranteed to show all those in attendance what it’s like to truly connect with a musician. His energy in concert has been described as mesmerizing, spiritual and exciting. Goran is definitely one of the most exciting acts to come through Legends’ new doors this year.

Fifteen years ago alternative music defined itself in Seattle, but today one of its most powerful voices is that of a kid from Milwaukee. Few can dispute his talent, and Goran hopes his new album and new life as a solo artist will only further the work he achieved with The Gufs.

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Goran Kralj performs at Summerfest in Milwaukee. Kralj will be playing at Legends Saturday night with doors opening at 9:45 p.m.
NCAA TOURNEY: Alabama over Southern Illinois

Pattaway lifts Alabama over Southern Illinois

Associated Press

\textbf{Southern Illinois, even though Mark Gottfried predicted it to scrape just to make it in this round of the NCAA tournament.}

"It sure felt like an upset in the end when Antoine Pettway hit a 6-for-10 runner with 5 seconds left and the Crimson Tide pulled off a 65-64 victory in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Southern Illinois had a chance to be playing Darren Brooks missed a long jumper for the Salukis as time wound down and lost to Florida in the conference quarterfinals.

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\textbf{Texas Tech 76, Charlotte 73}

For one day, Bob Knight found something to enjoy about Buffalo.

Senior Andre Emmett and freshman Jarrius Jackson each scored 18 points as the 11th-seeded Buffalo's first NCAA appearance in eight years.

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PHOENIX — Eric Chavez had no desire to follow Jason Giambi and Miguel Tejada out the Oakland Athletics’ revolving door. The A’s finally retained one of their stars, signing the third baseman to a six-year contract extension worth $66 million on Thursday. Though it’s the biggest deal in franchise history, it’s slightly less than the probable market value for a player with Chavez’s combination of statistics, youth and potential.

But Chavez wants to be a leader and a cornerstone for the A’s, who have won three AL West titles during four straight playoff seasons — and he was willing to make a small financial sacrifice for the chance.

“It’s a real honor standing here, considering the guys that have gone by and I’m the one standing here,” Chavez said. “It’s kind of unbelievable, really. … I’m grateful that they see me as a centerpiece.”

Chavez, a three-time Gold Glove winner and the AL’s top power-hitting third baseman last season, would have been eligible for free agency after the season.

But instead of allowing the 26-year-old infielder to follow MVPs Giambi and Tejada out of Oakland, general manager Billy Beane worked out a deal with Dave Stewart, Chavez’s agent and Beane’s former teammate with the A’s.

“With [Chavez], it was never about being the richest guy in the world,” Beane said. “In my opinion, with all due respect to Mr. Rolen in St. Louis, this is the best third baseman in baseball. You’re going to make us all look very bright over the next few years.”

The deal includes a $12.5 million club option for 2011 with a $3 million buyout. Chavez will make $5.2 million this year under his previous contract.

Manager Ken Macha, the A’s bench coach for four seasons until his promotion before last season, gave Chavez what probably was his first major-league nickname — Will Hunting, after the math prodigy played by Matt Damon in his Oscar-winning movie.

“When you lay out all the ways he can impact a game, he’s got it all,” Macha said. “He’s going to be a plus guy in the field. If I give him the green light a little more, he can steal in double digits, no problem. Obviously he can hurt you with the home run. He’s got a chance to be a great player.”

### In Brief

**Cowboys finalize deals with Henson, Johnson**

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys finally acquired Keishawn Johnson Thursday reaching agreement on a deal that will send Joey Galloway to Tampa Bay.

On the same day the NFL told the team it would approve their eight-year contract with quarterback Drew Henson, owner Jerry Jones said Dallas has a handshake deal to send receiver Galloway to Tampa Bay for Johnson.

Jones said the Cowboys had agreed on a handshake deal with Tampa that involves Dallas reworking Galloway’s contract.

Johnson agreed weeks ago to a four-year, $20 million contract with a $4 million bonus.

We’re pleased that the technical aspects of the league approving the agreement is behind us,” Jones said. “We’re all set there.”

Henson is returning to football after three years of pro baseball.

**Ellis fired as Auburn coach after 10 seasons**

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn coach Cliff Ellis was fired Thursday after 10 up-and-down seasons with the Tigers, who were shut out of post-season play for the second time in three years.

Ellis is the second-winningest coach in Auburn basketball history. He was with his team longer than any other current coach in the Southeastern Conference.

“I am aware of the many accomplishments of coach Ellis in his tenure here,” said Auburn interim president Ed Richardson, who met briefly with the coach. “I appreciate what he has done with the program. It is simply time for a change.”

Ellis pointed to his achievements — teams that “put us near the top of the SEC in terms of games won and trips to the NCAA tournament. That is why this decision by the Auburn administration is so disappointing.”

**Artest excited form Pacers practice**

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest missed practice on Thursday, but will not be punished because the absence was excused.

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said Artest missed practice to attend family issues and would be in the starting lineup for Friday’s game against the visiting Sacramento Kings.

“Everything happened today,” Artest said, without elaborating further.

Artest was benched for the start of a game against New Orleans in February for missing practice while returning from All Star Weekend in Los Angeles.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Detroit Pistons' five-game sub-70 streak came to an end, though the New Jersey Nets went a bit overboard in their attempt to halt it. The Nets committed an intentional foul to stop the clock with 13.1 seconds left, and Aaron Williams made a tip-in with 1.1 seconds remaining in an 89-71 loss to the Pistons.

Williams pumped his fist after he scored. "Maybe that was bigger to them than winning the game. That's what it seemed like to us," Rasheed Wallace said. "They were down there cheering, so hey, let them worry about that. We got what we came for."

Detroit gained a split of the season series and moved two games ahead of New Jersey in the conference standings — important if the teams, all but locked into the Nos. 2 and 3 seeds, meet in the second round of the playoffs.

Chauncey Billups scored 20 points, Rasheed Wallace had 16 and Richard Hamilton 15 for the Pistons, who held the Nets to 35 percent shooting, forced 17 turnovers and outrebounded them 47-37.

"They're not better than us," New Jersey's Kenyon Martin said. "They had a decent ball-game today, and we had some careless turnovers, but they're not better than us by any means. Hopefully we'll see them down the line and show them who's the better team."

On the chalkboard in the locker room, Brown had written the message: "Make them a shooting team, not a layup team." He listed five keys to winning, including limiting the Nets' fast-break points and taking away their backdoor cuts and lob passes.

Detroit did not allow a fast-break basket in the first half while opening a 19-point lead, nor did the Pistons allow the Nets to attempt much of anything from inside 15 feet throughout the game.

The Pistons' sub-70 streak was unprecedented in league history, as no team had ever done it three times, much less five.

Detroit's defensive intensity began to get to the Nets in the second quarter as they forced six turnovers in the first 5 1/2 minutes and began to pull away. A fast-break layup by Mike James produced the first 10-point lead, 35-25, and a 3-pointer by Billups completed a 25-6 run that put the Pistons ahead 48-29.

There was a period in the second quarter when we defended as well as you could ever defend," Brown said.

The Nets had trouble closing the gap as the Pistons continued to outwork them in the third quarter. Billups hit a 3-pointer for a 59-46 lead after Detroit grabbed three offensive rebounds on one possession, and the Nets didn't get their first fast-break basket until Martin's dunk with 5:03 left in the period.

Detroit took a 68-56 lead into the fourth quarter, and the Nets missed their first six shots.

Richard Hamilton ended a Pistons' scoring drought that lasted more than seven minutes by making a 22-footer for a 70-59 lead before Richard Jefferson hit consecutive jumpers to cut the Nets' deficit to seven.

Rasheed Wallace answered with a 3-pointer, Ben Wallace stole an entry pass by Kidd and Corliss Williamson converted a fast-break layup. Ben Wallace then drew a charge against Martin, and Williamson scored over two defenders on a post-up.

The lead was back to 15, and the only question after that was whether the Nets would reach 70.

SuperSonics 97, Grizzlies 94

Vladimir Radmanovic and Ray Allen had 19 points each, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The SuperSonics led until the fourth quarter, when the Grizzlies staged a 14-2 run to take a 78-76 advantage on a dunk by Pau Gasol with 6:10 left.

Seattle regained the lead for good at 90-88 with 1:33 left on a jumper by Radmanovic.

The SuperSonics ended the scoring with two free throws by Antonio Daniels. Gasol tried a desperation 3-pointer with about two seconds left, but the ball bounded off the rim.

Brent Barry had 13 points for Seattle, while Rashard Lewis had 12 and Vitaly Potapenko added 11.

The Grizzlies were led by Gasol with 21 points and 15 rebounds. James Posey had 13 points for Memphis and Stromile Swift added 12.

The Grizzlies outrebounded the SuperSonics 43-33, but shot 43 percent from the field to 52 percent for Seattle.
SMC TENNIS

Belles set to start conference play

By RYAN DUFFEY
Sports Writer

After going undefeated in conference play during the last three years, Saint Mary's looks to start off its season strong when it hosts Adrian College Saturday.

The MIAA league champion Belles have already had some non-conference and exhibition experience, but Saturday's match represents the first chance to begin defense of their title.

"It's our first conference match, and we want to start the season out positively," said sophomore Kristen Palombo, who won the No. 2 singles championship and earned All-MIAA first-team Saturday, an honor she has held the last two years.

"It was almost a week since we played, the important thing for us is to keep the momentum going," Palombo said. "It's hard to adjust your game to such a big change in temperature."

Because it's been a long time since we played, the important thing for us is to keep the momentum going," said senior Jeannie Knish.

"We've been practicing hard and our optimism is rising. When the weather is cold, we're looking for our first conference opponent and we're excited to get started," Knish said. "We're looking forward to our first match on our home courts."

All the Saint Mary's players seem to be happy to be playing at home again. The question at this point appears to be whether the weather will allow it to be a successful one.

"We are hoping for good weather, because it will make the transition from sunny Orlando to frigid South Bend a lot easier," Palombo said. "It's hard to adjust your game to such a big change in temperature."

No matter the weather, the Belles are eager to take their first steps toward another conference title.

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Outdoor season will open for Irish runners

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will forgo the controlled temperature of the Loftus Center this weekend and head for the dry heat of the desert as they compete in the Raley Castillo Open in Tempe, Ariz.

The competition will be the first meet of the outdoor season for the Irish as the team finished the indoor portion of their schedule last weekend at the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Molly Huddle and Kerry Meagher were the only Irish to earn All-America honors at last week's meet, as Huddle placed third in the 3000-meter run and seventh in the 3000-meter race. Meagher was a seventh-place finisher in the mile run.

Megan Johnston, Kristen Dodd, Stacey Cowan and Lauren King also ran last week helping the Irish women to a 21st-place finish.

Selim Nurudeen was the sole competitor for the men, as the junior placed 15th in the 60-meter hurdles.

Arizona State will host this weekend's meet and Notre Dame is one of eight Division I schools participating. Among the competitors will be Ohio State, Kansas State, George Mason, UC Santa Barbara and Northern Arizona.

The field should challenge the Irish as there are a few nationally-ranked competitors. One of the best should be the women's mile as Northern Arizona's Johanna Nilsson goes up against Meagher and King. Nilsson took second place last week and Meagher and King are expected to give her a close race this weekend.

Huddle will also be facing one of her rivals in Northern Arizona's Ida Nilsson, the sister of Johanna, finished third in the 3000 meters last weekend, four places ahead of Huddle.

Irish high jumper Stacey Cowan will try to outleap Kansas State's Morgan High, High finished three spots behind Cowan last week in 13th place.

Nurudeen will have a tough draw in the 60-meter hurdles as he runs against Richard Phillips of George Mason. Phillips placed sixth last week with a time of 7.72 seconds.

Nurudeen ran the distance in 7.84 seconds.

This is the first of a pair of western road trips for the Irish, as they will head to Palo Alto the next weekend for the Stanford Invitational. The home meet for Notre Dame this outdoor season will be the Spring Opener April 3.

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have a low-post presence again.

"The confidence is Brey in the sophomore forward — who played scant minutes in most Big East games — that the Irish are back to the point where they run their offense through the post. And that's fine with Cornett, who said he's used extended minutes he received in Notre Dame's Big East tournament loss to the Boilermakers and in its NIT win against Purdue.

"I want to play more minutes. I want to be an offensive threat," he said. "They know I'm not going to make too many stupid decisions with the ball." When I get in the offensive zone and really need to make a pass, I'm going to kick it back out."

That's what he did with devastating effectiveness in Notre Dame's 71-59 win against Purdue Wednesday. In between banging bodies with a physical Boilermaker defense, Cornett grabbed six rebounds in 26 minutes on the court while impressing Brey with his ability to catch difficult passes from driving guards.

"Some of the catches he made of tough passes, scrubbing them off the floor, were, quite frankly, amazing," Brey said.

After wins against DePaul and Connecticut, Brey thought that Cornett — considered by the coaching staff to be the most improved player in the off-season — had finally turned the corner that would allow him to be a major contributor.

Yet the sophomore still languished on the bench; pulled off the court for mistakes attributable to inexperience. Indeed, Cornett drew Brey's ire Wednesday when he launched an ill-advised outlet pass to Chris Thomas that resulted in an Irish turnover.

But now, the player who approached Irish coaches on Super Bowl Sunday wanting more playing time has established himself with his actions, rendering plead for more minutes moot.

Glances at the post-game box scores reveal Cornett's improvement. In his last two games, he has missed just one of 14 free-throw attempts. The sophomore has also been Notre Dame's second-leading scorer.

"That's one of the reasons I don't want to stop playing him, because he keeps getting better," Brey said. "I don't want to put the balls away because I want this young man to keep blossoming."

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HOCKEY

Komadoski captures Humanitarian award

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Notre Dame defenseman Neil Komadoski was named the winner of the CCHA's fourth annual Mike and Marian Ilitch Humanitarian Award as the league's top citizen. Komadoski received the prestigious honor Wednesday night at the annual CCHA awards banquet held at the Fox Theatre.

Komadoski was recognized for his community service work performed in both the Notre Dame and South Bend communities. For the last three years, the senior defenseman has been involved with the Notre Dame Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), serving as chairman of the community service committee this year.

Last May, Komadoski represented Notre Dame at the 2003 NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Along with his teammates, the 22-year-old alternate captain has been involved with the team's yearly pediatric Christmas Party, Christmas in April, Habitat for Humanity and the annual Downs Syndrome Buddy Walk.

The Mike and Marian Ilitch Award is presented each year to the league's top citizen based on their contributions off the ice as well as on, to his team, his program, his school and his community.

Earlier this season, Komadoski was named as one of 14 nominees for college hockey's Humanitarian Award that goes to college hockey's top citizen.

The league also presented its major awards Wednesday night with four members of the Irish hockey program being named finalists in their categories.

Senior defenseman Brett Lebda was one of three finalists for the league's top offensive defender award. Team captain Aaron Gill was a finalist for the league's top defensive forward and goaltender David Brown was one of three finalists for rookie of the year.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish off to best start in 8-year team history

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The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team, off to the best start in its 8-year team history, moved up to No. 3 in the national rankings after knocking off No. 2 Duke and No. 6 James Madison last week.

The Irish are ranked No. 3 in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) poll and third by Inside Lacrosse magazine. That is the highest ranking the Irish have ever had since the program started in 1997.

The previous highest ranking that the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team has had was No. 7 at the end of the 2002 season.

The Irish have won five straight games to start the season and have won four straight over nationally ranked teams through the first three weeks of the season. To date, Notre Dame has beaten No. 15 Stanford, No. 19 Cornell, No. 2 Duke and No. 6 James Madison.

Combined with four wins at the end of the 2003 season, the Irish have now won nine consecutive games.
Tapatio Spring golf resort.

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Irish coach Debby King still remains very optimistic about her women's golf team. Even witnessing them turn in their worst performance of the 2003-2004 campaign last weekend, King is still enthusiastic about her team's chances of competing in their first NCAA tournament.

"I still feel very confident about the season," King said. "I think we can make a nice recovery in Texas."

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Beyond Liberty and Equality: Some Confucian Reflections on the Place of the Family in Health Care

Friday, March 19, 2004

This presentation defends a strong role for family autonomy in medical decision-making. It draws on a Confucian appreciation of the interplay among social bonds, rituals, virtue, and responsibility.

The goal is to bring you to appreciate a moral vision in which families have the authority to determine the health care of their members.

This vision is in dramatic tension with the individualist view of liberty in force in the 20th century. By making liberty itself a value, not a liberty as a means to achieving the good and human flourishing, this individualist view often misapprehends its own purpose to define her own version of self-satisfaction and self-realization and has been core to American bioethics and its understandings of informed consent. The state has assigned the moral authority to ensure every individual equal opportunity for self-realization through state-imposed strategies, including welfare programs. However, a robust understanding of the integrity and autonomy of families threatens equality in health care. Families tend to develop hierarchies and embrace illogical values, mass all of families want their members to flourish and behave as the family sees fit, not the individual. Accordingly, the individualist view of liberty and equality in health care practice downplays the role of the family in health care.

This presentation invites you to reconsider key elements in this standard American individualist account of bioethics. First, you are encouraged to undertake an evaluation of the individualist commitment to liberty and free choice beyond you are invited to critically re-examine your commitments to fair equality of opportunity. This will be done by re-evaluating the incomparability of a tenure commitment to the integrity and autonomy of families and a commitment to engage Western understandings of liberal social-democratic justice. Finally, these critical considerations regarding liberty and equality will be tied to an account of familial informed decision-making, drawing heavily on Confucian moral and social insights.

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ND SOFTBALL

Home season will begin on Saturday with doubleheader

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After playing tournaments on the road in warm climates, the Irish come home this weekend to cold and snow flurries in their home opener.

"It's going to be cold," Irish outfielder Megan Cioli said.

Notre Dame (17-9) opens its home schedule against Eastern Michigan (8-8) in a Saturday doubleheader.

"We love playing at home," Cioli said. "Our parents and friends will be here. You can't beat playing at home." The Eagles come to South Bend after a doubleheader split with IUPUI. Nikki Edwards leads Eagle hitters with a .395 average and 11 RBIs. Meanwhile, infielder Meagan Ciolii, who is hitting .322 on the year with two doubles.

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Sunday, the Irish travel to Kalamazoo, Mich., where they face Western Michigan (10-11). The Broncos are fresh off a doubleheader split with IPFW. Nikki Desman leads Eagle hitters with a .388 batting average, including 10 RBIs. Meanwhile, their pitching staff is led by ace Michelle Lloyd, who boasts a 1.99 ERA and is 3-3 on the year.

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As the Irish return home, they look to build on last week's disappointments.

Notre Dame was at Florida Atlantic for the FAU/Worth Invitational the weekend of Mar. 6. There, the Irish lost their first two games to Florida (8-7) in a Saturday doubleheader. Saturday with doubleheader

The Irish have been one of the hottest teams in the nation to start the season this year. Last week, they got their first taste of defeat in a 17-9 loss to Texas-San Antonio, but bounced back to rattle off five straight wins in the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic and the Round Rock Collegiate Classic.

"The trip [last week] was outstanding for our team," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I think we found out a lot about ourselves this week. I think we showed some signs that great teams have. That is to be able to win a game either way -- a low-run, well-pitched game or a slugfest. We found ways to win both types of games."

For their tough play during the week, the Irish were ranked as high as eighth by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and as low as 12th by Baseball America. The Sports Weekly/ESPN Top 25 Poll has the Irish slotted ninth.

Much of a reason for Notre Dame's hot start has been the play of left-handed pitcher Tom Thornton. Last week, the sophomore was named Big East Pitcher of the Week for his eight innings of shutout work in a 6-1 Irish victory over Texas Tech. Thornton allowed the Red Raiders only one hit in his time on the mound.

"So sooner or later I think people have to admit that [Thornton's] play isn't a fluke," Mainieri said. "It's the real deal, and he's pitching great. It's been the biggest shot in the arm for our team."

Offensively, the Irish bats have been alive through the first 13 games of the season. As a team, Notre Dame is hitting .324 and averaging over nine runs a game.

The third baseman Matt Edwards leads the way at the plate for the Irish with a .425 average. The junior also has set the pace for the squad in RBIs (17), home runs (four), slugging percentage (783) and walks (10).

While the Salukis struggled at the beginning of the season, they have begun to improve of late. In addition to their strong effort against the Irish, the Salukis have won their last two games -- a 12-9 victory over Penn State and 22-6 drubbing of Murray State Thursday.

On the season, Southern Illinois has posted only a .234 average as a team with 4.4 runs per game. Things aren't much better for the Salukis on the hill either, as they have posted a 6.27 ERA on the season, with opponents batting .270 against them.

Saturday's game is scheduled for 2 p.m., and Sunday's will be at noon.

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HOCKEY

One and done
Ohio State's 6-5 overtime win knocks Irish from Super Six

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

DETROIT - Another year, another early exit from the Joe. Ohio State forward Tyson Strachan ended Notre Dame's stay at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit as he scored at 9:49 of overtime, sending the Irish home with a 6-5 loss Thursday night.

It is the third straight time that the Irish have lost in the first round of the CCHA Super Six. "From a spectator's standpoint that was a pretty good game," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "From a coach's standpoint, though, we weren't happy with our execution.

"We talked before the game about not wanting to put our NCAA future in someone else's hands, and keeping it in our own hands," Poulin said. "We're certainly still going to practice on Saturday morning in preparation as if we're going to keep playing." It didn't take long for the Irish to get going, as they scored the first goal of the game just 5 minutes, 32 seconds into the first period. Forward Rob Globke showed off his skating ability, taking the puck down the left side while avoiding several defenders, and whipped a low wrist shot past Ohio State's Mike Betz that beat the goalie to the stick side.

Notre Dame increased its lead to two goals just a little over a minute later, when Betz gave up a long rebound to the slot and Aaron Gill buried the puck in the back of the net while the Irish had a three-on-two power play.

But now, with the rise of ranked teams.

The Irish now have to wait to see if they will receive an NCAA at-large bid. With 20 wins on the season, Notre Dame has an impressive resume that includes wins over several ranked teams. "We talked before the game about not wanting to put our NCAA future in someone else's hands, and keeping it in our own hands," Poulin said. "We're certainly still going to practice on Saturday morning in preparation as if we're going to keep playing." But their window of opportunity was quickly slammed shut.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

By ANNE LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The No. 47 Hawkeyes proved they were anything but a pushover at Thursday's meet. Iowa (8-3) extended three of the six singles matches to tiebreaking sets, posted a point after a victory at No. 4 singles and claimed a win at No. 2 doubles.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

NCAA meet produces pair of All-Americans

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

While only a pair of Irish athletes competed on the first day of the three-day NCAA Division I women's swimming and diving championships Thursday, they certainly didn't disappoint. Senior diver Meghan Perry Eaton and freshman Katie Carroll both turned in All-American caliber performances as the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver finished third on the one-meter board and the Big East Championships Most Outstanding Swimmer recorded a ninth place finish in the 200-meter individual medley.

After placing fourth in the preliminaries with a score of 290.40, 18 points behind Alabama's Lane Bassham (308.40), Perry Eaton boosted her score by over 13 points in the finals, posting a 307.90. South Carolina's Allison Brennan won the event with a 307.20 on the lower board. The third-place finish garnered Perry Eaton All-American honors a year after she received an All-American honorable mention for finishing ninth on the one-meter board. Carroll posted a time of 2:12.43 in the preliminaries to place 11th and become the first Irish swimmer to qualify for the finals of the 200-meter individual medley.

Like Perry Eaton, Carroll was even better in the finals, recording a time of 2:12.28 to win the consolation finals and finish ninth overall. The performance earned Carroll All-American honors.

Carroll races in the 400-meter individual medley today and the 100-meter freestyle Saturday, while Perry Eaton competes on the 3-meter board today.

Preliminaries are at 11 a.m. with events finals scheduled for 5 p.m.

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Men's Basketball

Thrust into the spotlight

With Francis out, Cornett is thriving in his new role as the Irish post presence

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

When Torin Francis' back injury knocked him out for the season, Irish coach Mike Brey looked at the lack of a true low-post presence and reluctantly told his team to become more perimeter-oriented.

The move worked in wins against Connecticut, Nolan Hall and Syracuse, but teams soon took advantage of the absence of a dominant rebounder for the Irish.

But now, with the rise of Rick Cornett — who is averaging 15.5 points a game over his last two games — Brey now has the Irish looking back down low.

"It's funny how our team has changed," he said. "We now..."
Monique Hernandez and Jeneka Joyce return for another dance in the NCAA Tournament
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

When Jacqueline Batteast steps onto the court Sunday afternoon, the Irish crowd will see a different player than the one who scored just 13 points in three games in last year's NCAA Tournament. Instead, they will see a more mature Batteast, who has learned to play in a dominating fashion. But it wasn't always like that. Batteast, who struggled to find consistency last season, has found her stride in her third season.

"I've been able to shoot well," Batteast said. "I've shot the best I have in my entire career." Batteast has been dominating, but not just on the offensive end. She is among the Big East leaders in scoring, rebounding, double-doubles, field goal percentage and blocked shots. This season, Batteast has registered seven double-doubles in Big East games. Last season, she struggled to find consistency, but in her third season, she has found her rhythm.

"I feel very honored and I'm glad to be there," Batteast said. "But I think that things will be different, as she is more confident in her game than ever."

"I want to play a lot better than I did last year," Batteast said. "Hopefully, shoot better. I rebounded well, but I just want to be as consistent as I have been all season."

And if Batteast plays the way she is capable, the Irish have nowhere to go but back to Hartford, Conn., the site of the Sweet 16, and where Notre Dame lost to Rutgers in the Big East Tournament, knocking off then-No. 4 Connecticut. "It's all about the defense," Batteast said. "We've been pretty good about that this year. I think anything less than Sweet 16 will be a disappointment. I like where we're at."

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Jacqueline Batteast goes up for a shot against Villanova Jan. 25. Batteast has led the Irish all season with her consistent play.

COACHING
McGraw has led Notre Dame to nine straight tournament wins, has her tournament experience and won five Big East titles, but she also has 14 20-win seasons at Notre Dame.

STYLE OF PLAY
Abraham-Henderson is in her second year at SMS after taking over the Bears to the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year. She is in a coaching position after being an assistant from 1995 to 2020 at various schools.

POST PLAYERS
McGraw has much more experience and a much more aggressive approach to the game, which takes it to win. Abraham-Henderson is fine with it. She prefers a more defensive, low-scoring game. She loves to watch the Bears be a possession team. It's more fun for her when the offense comes from the defense.

PERIMETER PLAYERS
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BENCH
Notre Dame relies on its defense to shut down foes. Batteast doesn't always get help on the offensive end. The defense has been consistent all season.

INTANGIBLES
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Sims only uses a six-and sometimes seven-man rotation. Joyce is Notre Dame's primary point threat and she's knocked down over 40 percent of her attempts. Duffi also adds an outside threat. Hernandez, Duffy and Severe have all played key roles on the bench. Batteast doesn't have any game on its defense to shut down other teams.

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The Bears don't do their damage in the paint, but might need to score more inside if the Irish take away the perimeter shooting. Tierney averages 12 points a game and is the main inside threat for the Bears.

The Bears are too good on both ends, shooting 40 percent from 3.

Joyce averages 17 points and leads a Bears team that has six players shooting over 40 percent from 3.

Everyone shoots the Bears attempt the most 3-point attempts.

Everyone shoots. The Bears have a nice mix of role players and points against then-No. 22 Auburn.

While Notre Dame has solid inside players, it's her perimeter play that has the Irish shooting 40 percent from 3.

Josie Hines, Flecky and Taylor have made 12 blocks per game, while shooting 44.8 percent. She was named to the WBCA Classic All-Tournament Team Nov. 15 after scoring in double figures in all three games, including 27 points against then-No. 22 Auburn. So what has been the difference in her domination? "Shooting selection and not shooting as much," Batteast said. "The less shots, the more go in, so that's what it's all about."

Most recently, she dominated against Rutgers in the Big East Tournament, dropping 22 points and grabbing eight rebounds. But despite her eighth 20-point game of the year, the Irish were unable to pull off the win.

But as Batteast already knows, the postseason is a different story. In last year's first two rounds, she went 2-for-26, scoring just five points in two Irish wins over Arizona and Kansas State. This year, she hopes things will be different, as she is more-confident in her game than ever.

"I've been able to shoot well,..."
**Combing back strong**

Jeneka Joyce and Monique Hernandez have battled back to play important roles in the success of Notre Dame this season.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

When they’re in the game, Jeneka Joyce and Monique Hernandez make Notre Dame better in very different ways...

Joyce roams the perimeter, waiting for any opportunity to catch the ball, spot up and bury a 3-pointer. Henderson gets in a ball-handler’s face, plays lockdown defense and hustles every second she’s on the court.

But no matter how they do it, the senior guards have been two keys in helping Notre Dame finish the regular season 19-10 and earn a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Now the seniors hope they can use their considerable tournament experience to lead Notre Dame deep into the postseason, starting with Sunday’s first-round game against No. 12 Southwest Missouri State at 2:30 p.m.

"You can’t teach tournament experience to somebody," Hernandez said. "Having us on the team, even though we’re younger, we were still there and we still knew what it took to win a national title. So it was very important that we show [the younger players], by the way that we work in practice, that it’s going to take a lot more than efforts during the season."

While they are leaders this season, one year ago, Joyce and Hernandez may have been two of the most unlikely candidates to be significant contributors in pushing Notre Dame toward a serious title run.

Overcoming injuries

Two things followed Joyce to Notre Dame — a great 3-point shot and numerous injuries.

Joyce refined her outside shooting after tearing her ACL as a freshman in high school. While rehabbing, Joyce practiced shooting 3s at home with her dad and at practice with the team.

"Coming off of that injury, I played a lot and shot a lot because if I couldn’t do much else but shoot," Joyce said.

As a freshman, Joyce hit 38 percent of her 3s and was an integral part of Notre Dame’s championship team. But she played in just 25 games because of numerous leg and ankle injuries. The guard came back from those injuries to score 11 points in a second-round NCAA Tournament game against Michigan State, and added five points in the national semifinal matchup against Connecticut.

Hernandez started eight games as a sophomore and continued to shoot well from behind the arc, making 32.4 percent of her attempts. She only managed to play in 25 games that season because of injuries.

Then last season, Joyce fought through years of ankle and knee injuries in the summer and had tendinitis in the tendon around the ankle. Instead of playing off-and-on all season, Joyce decided to only play in 24 games that season because of injuries.

Against the Red Storm Joyce made 3 of 5-3-pointers and Hernandez hit 1 of 2 3s in Notre Dame’s 69-56 win. The next game, against the Panthers, Joyce drilled 5 of 8 3s for 16 points as the Irish improved to 9-6.

"It’s been awesome to make [an impact]," Joyce said. "Especially if I got some openings when my ankle is OK for a little bit. I’ll be able to go for longer stretches. If you keep me in the game, I’ll be able to go for longer stretches."

"I’ve been the most rewarded — when I get to play my minutes and don’t have to worry about my ankles nagging me.

Starting over

Before her junior season, Hernandez decided to transfer to New York University in hopes of increased playing time. But for whatever reasons, NYU and Hernandez weren’t a good match, and she transferred back home to Notre Dame.

After contacting a player on last year’s squad, then assis-
tant coach Deanna Nolan, Hernandez finally talked to McGraw about the possibilities of returning to the Irish. McGraw said she could be on the court for the remainder of the season. Hernandez agreed and participated in the practice squad in January.

We were really happy she wanted to play," McGraw said.

When this season arrived, Hernandez played limited minutes in Notre Dame’s first 12 games but not playing at all in a 76-73 loss at Georgetown. The next day at practice, Hernandez didn’t complain, instead she worked harder than anyone else on the team. After practice, McGraw decided to give the senior a chance at the starting lineup and the move has paid huge dividends for Notre Dame.

Since entering the starting lineup, Hernandez has averaged 7.2-8.0 points per game and is relentless and aggressive on defense.

"That is what we love about her — her intensity," McGraw said. "She’s going to be in your face. She’s not going to back down. She’s not afraid of anybody, and is relentless and aggressive and we need that."

While Hernandez has also shown the ability to score — posting double figures in points against Dayton and Miami and making 43 percent of her field goal attempts this season — she understands her role on this team. Players like All-American candidate Jacqueline Batteast score the points, but Hernandez knows she’s in the game to play defense.

"I think it’s really important to have somebody, preferably more than one person on any team, that’s always going to play hard no matter what — if they’re scoring, if they’re not," Hernandez said. "I think it takes a lot of pressure off other people. It’s really hard to have a great defensive player... That’s my job."

McGrasw said Hernandez’s teammates gravitate toward her. At practice Hernandez jokes around a lot and keeps the mood of the team light.

"They love Monique. This team loves her," McGraw said. "The fans love her and the coaches love her. You have to get behind someone who has persevered like she has."

Making a run

Unlike the 2001 championship run, Joyce and Hernandez will be asked for a lot more from their coaches and teammates in this year’s tournament. The two will rely on their extensive tournament experience to captain Notre Dame during this difficult tournament, starting with the team’s first-round game against No. 12 Southwest Missouri State Sunday.

"Hernandez and I have been through it. We’ve played in those six games and traveled. What’s important now is what we do in practice because that’s going to really dictate how we will do in the tournament," Joyce said after Tuesday’s practice. "We’ve been trying to focus and be really intense in practice, hopefully that’ll carry over into the game we’ll be able to do those things there and win.

The road to the Final Four won’t be an easy trip for Notre Dame, but Joyce and Hernandez know the territory well. They didn’t come back to Notre Dame just to compete. These two have won in the past and want to win in the present.

That chance begins this weekend and, hopefully for Notre Dame, ends in New Orleans on April 6.

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Crunch time

Notre Dame has a lot to be excited about in this year's NCAA Tournament, and not just because of its somewhat surprising No. 5 seed. For the first time in six years, the Irish have a legitimate chance of winning the national championship.

Smaller conferences like Conference-USA received more bids this year's tournament, than traditional powerhouse conferences like the Pac-10 (3). The Irish are a prime example of this parity. Notre Dame rolled through much of its January schedule, beating five ranked opponents, including then-No. 4 Connecticut by 15 points. But the Irish also lost to lowly Georgetown by one point, a decent West Virginia club and a sub-par Seton Hall team.

Notre Dame ended the regular season at 19-9 overall and 12-4 in conference — good enough to finish second, behind Connecticut. The Irish earned a No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament, but lost in the quarterfinals to Rutgers 51-45.

Still, the team went an impressive 7-3 against Top 25 opponents, which seemed to help them gain a No. 5 seed in the East Region. The only catch is that the East is arguably the most difficult region in the tournament. Joining Notre Dame are Penn State, Houston, North Carolina, Colorado, California at Santa Barbara, Iowa and Auburn. And if the Irish manage to get to the Elite Eight, they could face Connecticut in Hartford which is a daunting task for any team.

Notre Dame could easily make a run through that tough bracket, or they could easily lose in the first round if they don't play well. Notre Dame has the advantage of playing its first two games at the Joyce Center, where the team is a perfect 13-0 this season.

Their first-round opponent, Southwest Missouri State, won't be an easy matchup. The Bears attempt and make the most 3-pointers of any team in the country. They shoot over 40 percent from behind the arc and have the ability to beat Notre Dame.

If the Irish dispose of the Missouri Valley Conference champions and head into the second round, they likely will face No. 4 North Carolina. The Tar Heels will be a tough second-round foe and it won't get any easier from there with possible matchups against No. 1 Penn State and No. 2 Connecticut.

For these reasons, McGraw is probably more anxious than usual before the tournament this season. She knows that her team has all the pieces needed to make that run through the field, but she also knows with the increased parity, any team has the capabili ties to knock the Irish out for good.

"Anybody can beat anybody," McGraw said. In the 2001 national championship season, we're going 'We know we can beat them' and now you can't say that about anyone."

All season, the Irish have shown promise by beating good teams, and then slipping up against lesser foes. In the tournament, they won't have the luxury of a slip against anyone. There are no mulligans on the road to a national championship.

Blackburn, Va.

No. 1 Penn State
The Nittany Lions are a top seed despite finishing fifth in the Big Ten.
SUNDAY 2:30 P.M.

No. 16 Hampton
Hampton enters the tournament with a 17-12 record.
SUNDAY 12 P.M.

No. 8 Virginia Tech
The Hokies hope to make some noise after a disappointing regular season.
SUNDAY 12 P.M.

No. 9 Iowa
Iowa has been playing well lately and is a team to watch for in the East.
SUNDAY 12 P.M.

South Bend, Ind.

No. 5 Notre Dame
The Irish return home to a court where they haven't lost this season.
SUNDAY 2:30 P.M.

No. 12 Southwest Missouri State
Southwest Missouri State leads the nation in three-point shooting.
SUNDAY 12 P.M.

No. 4 North Carolina
The Tar Heels are young and athletic and could give Notre Dame fits.
SUNDAY 12 P.M.

No. 13 Middle Tennessee State
The Raiders won the Sun Belt Tournament to earn a bid.
SUNDAY 12 P.M.

Bridgeport, Conn.

No. 2 Connecticut
After some struggles, the Huskies hope to remain their top in the NCAA's.
SUNDAY 9:30 P.M.

No. 15 Pennsylvania
The Quakers won the Ivy League tournament to earn a right to play here.
SUNDAY 7 P.M.

No. 10 North Carolina State
After starting off slow, the Wolfpack have rebounded to have a good season.
SUNDAY 7 P.M.

Santa Barbara, Calif.

No. 3 Houston
Since winning just ten games in four years, the Cougars have improved.
SUNDAY 9 P.M.

No. 14 Wisconsin-Green Bay
Despite losing two starters, the Phoenix earned their third consecutive berth.
SUNDAY 11:30 P.M.

No. 6 Colorado
The Buffaloes have become a high-energy team if they can make a run.
SUNDAY 11:30 P.M.

No. 11 UC Santa Barbara
The Gauchos are led by former Star Lindsay Taylor and feature six in the paint.