University fires security monitors

Rectors lament decision, NDSP moves to community policing

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police told security monitors who work in the University's 13 women's residence halls Friday that their positions will be eliminated after this May. The monitors will be replaced by an outdoor-based, community security officer system that will patrol dorms for both sexes. NDSP officials decided to make the switch after a six-month evaluation process that solicited input from rectors, students, monitors and two police officers from other campuses who visited Notre Dame for two days in November. NDSP director Rick Rakow said.

"They got a pretty good snapshot," he said, adding that the outside evaluators "picked up right away that there was a real disconnect between the work environment that the monitors are in and the supervision line... They really worked more for the rectors than they did for us."

Based on these observations, NDSP concluded the monitors did not fulfill the department's mission of providing safety and security to male and female residents both inside and outside.

"Security monitors? pretty much stayed inside and dealt with their little group of residents, Rakow said, only reporting security incidents directly to Security/Police "probably not even weekly that we would hear about."

"It's more irregular than it is regular," he said. "Once we get into your evaluation) and really started asking the questions, we just found that the system wasn't serving our needs as much as it once had."

Female monitors were hired for the first time in the fall of 1972, the first year female students could attend the University, both to complement the "firewatch" night employees then used in both men’s and women’s dorms and to assuage concerns about student safety. The Security/Police department tried to eliminate the monitors' positions in 1980 — when firewatch employees were

NDSP investigates indecent exposures

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
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The Notre Dame Security/Police department is investigating five cases of indecent exposure that have occurred on campus since March 18.

Four of the cases took place on the main campus and involved a student-aged male suspect and a female victim.

NDSP director Rex Rakow said. No suspects have been named in the cases.

On March 18 at 12:30 a.m., a white male, approximately age 20, wearing a white-flecked sweatshirt and yellow pants, exposed himself to a female student while she was walking from the Hesburgh Library between Knott Hall and Siegfried Hall. The suspect did not attempt to follow the victim, who contacted

Students praise the equality change will bring to dorms

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Equality was the key word among students responding to the changes that will take place in residence hall security in the fall, as many believe the current hall monitor system places an unfair — and unneeded — emphasis on safety for female residents.

"I don’t think it's right that they have them only in women's halls," said O'Neill freshman Damian Siciliano. "It seems kind of outdated."

Though he described monitors as "a wonderful group of women," Law School sophomore Elizabeth Callahan also questioned the discrepancy between male and female dorms.

"It's very sad to know they won't be here next year," she said. "But at the same time it's kind of unfair that women's halls had them when men's didn't."

Siegfried junior Ricky Leal reflected the experiences of many male students, saying he had always been "hands-off" as far as interacting with their female dorm hall monitors Friday and will replace them with a community policing system.

The Shirt 2004 was unveiled with record success Friday and will replace them with a community policing system.

Farley Hall monitor Gin Scoggin takes a break between rounds Sunday night. The University fired all of the female dorm hall monitors Friday and will replace them with a community policing system.

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Sales of The Shirt exceed expectations

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

The Shirt 2004 was unveiled with record success Friday and is now available for purchase.

Kale Crossin, president of the Shirt's production group, said they did well.

"We have already sold out with their little group of residents," Crossin said.

"Our first goal is to meet the mission of providing safety and security to male and female residents both inside and outside," said Crossin. "We are not serving our needs as much as it once had."
Spring is upon us. The trees and flowers are blooming. There are many animals running around. Baby ducks follow their mothers around the lakes. In fact, I almost hit one, which would have made me cry. As I left campus Sunday night, I thought about how it should be warmer outside since it is spring and all.

With all these thoughts bouncing inside my head, I began to realize how this whole end of the school year thing has become a reality.

The seniors are actually graduating and not coming back in the fall. I have quite a few friends in this class, so not seeing them this fall is going to be sad, as I will miss them dearly.

Everyone goes home in less than two weeks. What am I going to do without all my friends? I live, eat and work with my friends — most of whom do not live in Atlanta with me. I have a couple friends from school back home, but it is going to be tough to leave everyone for the summer. Then, I can enjoy my time off from school, come back rested and ready to go.

Tough to leave everyone for the summer. I will look at the Dome and remember why I chose to come to school here, how lucky I am to be at school here. I will make sure that I realize how it should be — that I cannot consider the university they won’t be strangers in my life.

As I left campus Sunday night, I had to brake for ducks every moment I can. I will make sure that I realize how lucky I am to be at school here. I will cherish my friends and the memories that we make together. I will look at the Dome and remember why I chose to come to school here, so far away from Atlanta and all that was familiar to me.

Although my second year of college is coming to a close — a fact that I can only believe to be true — I know that I have two more amazing years ahead of me with incredible people who care for me and will make me grow up.

I’ll miss the seniors, but I’m confident they won’t be strangers in my life. I look forward to the fall and am excited about football season and seeing all my friends again — particularly those who went abroad for the semester or year.

But before I can get ahead of myself again, I need to “brake for ducks” and enjoy what I have in the coming two weeks before the start of summer. Then, I can enjoy my time off from school, come back rested and continue to forge my path into the real world.

In Brief

Seniors may pick up their pre-ordered Senior Week Tickets today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Erk Center. In order to pick up tickets, you must have your signed waiver, student ID and payment.

Neil Smelser, director emeritus of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, will give a lecture titled “Patterns of Scientific, Intellectual and Ideological Adaptation in the Behavioral and Social Sciences” today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in 234 Grace Hall.

Cellist Lan Jiang will present a graduate degree recital in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Sesto Museum of Art from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight. Admission is free.

The ND for Animals club will sponsor a showing of the movie “The Peacock Kingdom” from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tonight in the LaFortune Montgomery Theatre.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform their spring concert at 8 p.m. tonight in Washington Hall. Admission is free.

The Class of 2005 will sponsor a class ring blessing ceremony at the Grotto Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Spanish Club will provide free food in the Coleman-Morse Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to oobserver@nd.edu.
Dorms compete in Fisher Regatta

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Fisher Hall’s annual Fisher Regatta attracted a strong crowd Saturday as many students turned out to watch their peers sail — or swim — across Saint Mary’s Lake.

The regatta drew 32 boats, with a roughly even field of men’s and women’s teams. In a head-to-head competition, teams paddled across the lake in makeshift boats comprised of anything from wood to rubber to bicycles.

Teams varied from two to 10 people, although the majority had three to four paddlers.

Siegfried and O’Neill faced off in the men’s final, with O’Neill emerging victorious.

Two Welsh Family boats made up swimming to the other side, “said Michael Coogan, paddles would move when the boat, assembled so that the race was extremely close, but several boats did not make it across the lake.

Many boats were particular. Like Bookstore Basketball, regatta teams ranged from the serious to the carefree. Most teams varied from two to 10 people, although the majority had three to four paddlers.

“Quite a few people ended up swimming to the other side,” said Michael Congar, one of Fisher’s six commissioners for the event.

Teams from O’Neill Hall, above, and Fischer-O’Hara-Grace paddle their boats in Saturday’s Fisher Regatta.

Many boats were particularly original. St. Ed’s team secured a bicycle on top of its original. St. Ed’s team secured a bicycle on top of its original.

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Fisher’s own boat did well, moving. The Regatta was a product by the turnout.

Fisher-O’Hara-Grace paddled across Saint Mary’s Lake. The Regatta vied against several other events, both on and off campus, but the commissioners were very pleased by the turnout.

Bufalino estimated that attendance was similar to or better than past regattas. This year marked 18 years of the Fisher Regatta.

“With so many things going on, we had a pretty good draw,” Bufalino said.

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Camp Kesem set for second summer

By KATE GALE
News Writer

Camp Kesem, a week-long summer camp for the children of cancer patients, will take place again this summer under the direction of Notre Dame senior Adam Dell.

Started in 2000 by students at Stanford, Dell and classmates Dan Doberty instituted the first Notre Dame Camp Kesem last summer.

The camp’s mission is to help children with parents who are currently suffering from cancer, or have died from the disease.

“Most of (the campers) don’t know any other kids who have parents with cancer and kind of feel isolated,” Dell said. “Camp Kesem is a place to share their experiences, build self-esteem and have a really fun week of activity. It’s a break for the parents and a really fun time for the kids as well.”

Much of the work is done by the planning committee, which has 22 members. This year, they planned for 40 children to attend the camp and have 37 registered so far. Camp is held at Camp Croydon, a YMCA camp.

“It’s like your typical summer camp — it has a lake, playing fields, climbing wall, ropes course and hiking trail,” Dell said.

The program, for kids age 6 to 13, is offered free.

“Funding comes from a variety of sources — our major one is just private donations,” Dell said. “A lot of people involved in the project will send out letters to family or friends or people in the community... and ask them for donations.”

Additionally, the Alumni Association and various on-campus groups donate money.

“We get a lot of help from Notre Dame student organizations,” he said. “They’ve given donations through different fundraising events.”

The committee members also actively recruit future campers.

“We just go out in the community and target them,” he said, mentioning local hospitals, oncology units, local schools and cancer support units. “We have to have some credentials and show them that were very serious... We hold an information session and meetings to tell (families) what the camp’s about and answer their questions. If the family is interested, they’ll fill out an application.”

After last year’s success and the expansion of the program, Dell is optimistic about the future.

“We hope it will be a project that continues for many, many years,” Dell said. “We have some good leadership for years to come as well.”

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SMC students volunteer at Dia Del Nino festival

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's students donated their time at the second annual Dia Del Nino, a community festival put on by local radio station 98.3 Sabor Latino and the Girl Scouts.

Sunday’s festival gave community members the opportunity to bring their children to the festival for food, entertainment and games.

This was the first year Saint Mary’s Student Diversity Board has been a part of Dia Del Nino. They have been working closely with Sabor Latino and the Girl Scouts.

“We still had a great time, and the community responded really well to our involvement.”

Ashley Doughty
Event chairwoman

Approximately 25 Saint Mary’s students volunteered at the event. The volunteers worked in shifts and were comprised of Student Diversity Board members and other students.

Dia Del Nino was open to the community, and several hundred people came out to partake in the event. It was previously adver tised in local newspapers and on the radio station.

One of the board’s goals for the upcoming year is to increase involvement in the surrounding community. Doughty says she hopes the Student Diversity Board will remain in relations with the event’s sponsors, Sabor Latino and the Girl Scouts, to stay active in the community.

Despite encountering minor glitches during the day, Doughty said the day was a success.

“We still had a great time, and the community responded really well to our involvement,” she said.

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Department Chair Albert Barbash took the researcher to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for a broken bone in his hand.

The victim said he also suffered injuries to his nose during the incident.

St. Joseph County Police is investigating the incident and anyone with information about it should call 230-9611.

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Iraqi forces to join U.S. in Fallujah

Plans remain to avoid holy sites, but troops destined to counter radical cleric

Associated Press

FALIJAH, Iraq — U.S. troops will begin patrols with Iraqi security forces in Fallujah, the military said Sunday, as the United States backed down from warnings of an all-out assault that could spark new bloodshed and more anti-American sentiment.

The patrols are to begin as early as Tuesday, and Fallujah officials will announce in the city that anyone seen carrying a weapon will be considered hostile, the military said.

Meanwhile, a U.S. general said troops would move into a base on the edge of the holy city of Najaf that Spanish troops will abandon when they withdraw from Iraq in the coming weeks. But the Americans will remain away from holy sites — an effort to avoid a repeat of Iraq's Shia majority, which opposes any U.S. foray near their most sacred city, Najaf.

In his home mountains and mud-brick villages has long been believed to be a possible hide-out for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Sadru.

A coalition spokesman, Dan Senor, said U.S. operations would be under way Monday, but troops destined to counter radical cleric Saddam Hussein a year ago.

Iraqi security forces due to patrol with them were equally ill at ease. "I don't feel safe because the Americans themselves are not safe," police Capt. Jassim Abdel said. "They get shot at. They can't guarantee safety for themselves, so how can they guarantee our safety?"

Marine Lt. Col. Brendan Byrne, on Fallujah's outskirts, said patrols may not start until Tuesday as Marines and Iraqi forces organize them.

He said the patrols would be backed by armor and air support but for now will steer clear of Fallujah's Julian district, a poorer neighborhood where many insurgents are concentrated.

"It will be a combat patrol in the city that is prepared to deal with anything they run into," he said. "If we are attacked, we will absolutely eradicate that source of fire." But he added that individual attacks would not lead to a wider engagement.

U.S. occupation leaders are under pressure not to launch major military operations. Some U.S.-picked Iraqi leaders were angered by the Fallujah siege. The top U.N. envoy for Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi — who has been asked by Washington to help pick a new government — warned

500,000 march for abortion rights in D.C.

WASHINGTON — Abortion-rights supporters marched in the hundreds of thousands Sunday, galvanized by what they see as an erosion of reproductive rights under President Bush and foreign policies that promote or perform abortions beyond U.S. shores through measures that the next generation and the generation after that. "We cannot let them take over our bodies, our health care, our lives."

Associated Press

WASHINGON — Abortion-rights supporters marched in the hundreds of thousands Sunday, galvanized by what they see as an erosion of reproductive rights under President Bush and foreign policies that promote or perform abortions abroad.

The majority of women who make their own reproductive choices, some U.S.-picked Iraqi leaders were angered by the Fallujah siege. The top U.N. envoy for Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi — who has been asked by Washington to help pick a new government — warned
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with the security monitors. Others said that they had never considered the monitors’ impact.

Leal added that he didn’t think an inside presence was a necessity in residence halls for either sex.

“I think dorms are safe for the most part,” he said. “I don’t think that’s a naive assumption. I think that monitors are a bit excessive.”

Pasquarilla West junior Tiffany Howell went as far as to say she thought the monitors served no purpose other than “to get us in trouble.”

She also approved of the roving officer system that Notre Dame Security/Police plans to implement.

“That sounds like a better use of our money,” Howell said.

However, some female students expressed regret over losing the monitors, who in many cases developed close relationships with residents because of their long-term employment with one or two dorms.

“Personally I think they’re admirable,” said Moira Madden, a sophomore in Breen-Phillips. “We’ve definitely had a close relationship with them.”

She did acknowledge, however, that the monitors role had become more residence life-oriented than focused on safety issues.

“Security wise, I don’t know how important the security monitors are, but as a part of the dorm they’re an important part of the family,” she said.

Female resident assistants — who several monitors and some residents believe will have to pick up much of the slack — also offered mixed evaluations.

“I think there is a possibility for more problems to be created for RA’s — when girls come in drunk, night monitors alert us so that we can intercept the problem before it escalates,” said Jessica Campbell, a current RA in Lewis. “But I can’t imagine the RA’s sitting up all night at the desk.”

She added it will be harder for residence hall staff to control parietals, calling the change a move she didn’t anticipate.

“I was surprised — I thought the University would go to night monitors in all dorms before they would eliminate them,” she said. “I don’t like that they say they’re going to a role but not enforce it.”

McGill RA Sarah Eber agreed with Campbell that parietals will be the area most affected by firing the monitors. However, she said that while there was potential for change next year, as she has experienced little overlap between the monitors’ duties and her own.

“There have been a few instances where they’ve called me,” she said.

“There’s a chance that they do things behind the scenes that I’m not aware of, but there hasn’t been a lot of interaction aside from getting to know them personally.”

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Shirt

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As in year’s past, students were concerned over the available sizes.

“We put a much larger percentage of Shirts in small and medium based on previous years. I think we hit it closer this year. We’re getting closer,” Crossin said.

Student reaction to this year’s design varied.

Student Tyler Wilson described The Shirt as “retro.”

This year’s Shirt held true to the “Sea of Green” tradition, but in a slightly different green that last year’s design.

Sophomore Tony Steier said he did not care for this year’s color and he described it as a “Sea of Mint.” But he agreed that the green tradition should be kept.

Senior Brittany Becker, designer of this year’s Shirt, described it as “having a vintage feel.”

“The front of The Shirt reads ‘We Are ND, Irish ’04 Football.’”

“It is an extremely popular Notre Dame cheer that went with the theme of involving the entire football populace.”

Kate Crossin
Shirt President

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Exposure

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Four students reported that a male exposed himself to them as they were walking on Courtney Lane past the Eck Tennis Center April 17 at 4:05 a.m. The students were returning to campus from an off-campus apartment complex and said the man was naked, except for a grey baseball cap. The man did not say anything to the students and he is described as a white male between 30 and 40 years of age, about 6 feet tall with short dark hair.

The students contacted NDSP by cell phone as they walked back to campus.

In the four incidents where NDSP was contacted immediately after the incident, officers searched the area after the report but were not able to find any suspects. NDSP urges students to avoid walking alone and to avoid walking in isolated areas during nighttime hours.

Students can request a security officer accompany them when walking at night or report information about these cases by calling NDSP at 631-5555.

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**In Brief**

Mitsubishi dives without cash help

TOKYO — Burdened with a multibillion dollar debt, plunging car sales and a spate of recalls, Mitsubishi Motors Corp., suffered a major blow Friday when partner DaimlerChrysler AG ruled out pumping more cash into the Japanese automaker.

Shares in Mitsubishi Motors plunged in Tokyo, finishing down 25 percent, the day's allowed limit, to $2.20 after DaimlerChrysler said it had decided not to participate in a capital increase planned by the Japanese automaker.

The news killed off speculation that the German-U.S. automaker would unveil a revival plan for Mitsubishi, with revenue at limit, to $2.20 after DaimlerChrysler said it had decided not to participate in a capital increase planned by the Japanese automaker.

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**Global Poverty**

IMF: World Bank discuss Middle East

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**IMF, World Bank discuss Middle East**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — World banks are to discuss Middle East economic development and jobs.

Secretary of the Treasury Snow told reporters Sunday that he was encouraged by the support the United States received on the issue both from potential donor countries and from officials of the United Nations.

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"Reactors' kind of co-opted [monitors] into residence hall staff — like look, I can go to bed earlier. I've got someone at my door and they'll tell me what's going on in the hall."

Rex Rakow
NDSP Director

"It's nice to have it really bad."

Shipherd said

"The way our residence halls are set up, they really need their presence."

Shipherd said

"And I've taken advantage of the year, she planned to stick around, instead of returning for the rest of her body's buddy."

Rakow stressed that research and benefit packages that employees to explain the sever­ance and benefit packages that provided a means to retire, the others asked for the RA's — they're going to have on the outside where people will exit, and [students] want to know exactly where they are going to be."

"In a women's resi­dence hall, you can pretty much predict where the monitor's going to be."

He added it was difficult to determine the impact of security."

"The new officers are going to be everyday's buddy, but I don't see where this patrol is going to be effective at all."

Rakow complained that security was a night, the roving officers will sit down."

"For the men's dorms it is positive," said Father Zahm, rector.

"I can't see where this patrol is going to be effective at all."

Rakow agreed, saying she didn't think patrols coming out of buildings, because the concern for female resi­dence halls would be an effective way to deter parietals and alco­hol violations.

"That's not where the action is," she said. Rakow, however, suggested that the new system may actually be more effective in those situations than the monitors had been.

Perhaps we'd be able to find violations more if we see [stu­dents] coming out of buildings, because the concern for female resi­dence halls would be an effective way to deter parietals and alco­hol violations.

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Billy Joel in third accident

Associated Press

BAYVILLE, N.Y. — Singer Billy Joel was involved in his third car accident in two years Sunday when he slammed into a house on a wet road on Long Island. No one was seriously injured.

There was no evidence that alcohol or drugs were involved and Joel was not suspected of any crime, said Nassau County police Officer Joan Fames.

Joel suffered a small cut on a finger but refused medical attention, Fames said.

Joel was alone in the car, and no one in the house was injured, police said.

A call to Joel's publicist, Claire Mercuri, was not immediately returned.

Last year Joel was hospitalized after crashing his car into a tree along a Long Island highway. No one in the house was injured.

This time, Joel and model Christie Brinkley, who divorced in 1994, have a teenage daughter, Alexa Ray. Following last year's accident, Brinkley expressed concern about their daughter riding in a car with him.

Joel, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has had more than two dozen Top 10 hits, including his signature 1974 song "Piano Man."

Gas prices rise 3 more cents

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — U.S. gasoline prices climbed 3 more cents per gallon in the past two weeks because of high crude oil prices, tight capacity and rising demand, an analyst said Sunday. The nationwide average for all gasoline grades, including taxes, was nearly $1.86 per gallon on Friday, up 3.07 cents from April 9, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

The average price "has broken all-time record highs for two months straight," analyst Trilby Lundberg said. However, when adjusted for inflation, she said, it remained about $1 a gallon lower than the peak of March 1981. Since Dec. 19, the average gas price has risen 34.55 cents, she said.

The latest increase was prompted by crude oil prices topping $36 per barrel coupled with OPEC production cuts and a growth in crude oil demand, chiefly in the United States and China, Lundberg said.

Demand for gasoline also is growing, thanks to an improving economy, while refinery capacity is tight and new federal rules for formulating less-polluting gasoline add to the cost, she said.
Honoring a gridiron warrior

If only Pat Tillman were more famous as a football player, perhaps more of them would have followed his example of humility and loyalty.

Tillman was picked by Arizona State University with their last scholarship, and excelled both in the classroom (a 3.87 grade point average, graduated summa cum laude in three and a half years) and on the football field (two Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 despite being underpaid as a linebacker). He was selected as the 22nd overall player by the Arizona Cardinals in the seventh and final round of the 1998 NFL Draft, but went on to start 10 games in his rookie season as a safety and set a team record with 254 tackles in that season.

Even his modest, unassuming manner as a player stands in stark contrast to the other football players making headlines recently. Consider Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning, whose status as the most highly-coveted collegiate player in this year's NFL Draft, but went on to start 10 games in his rookie season as a safety and set a team record with 254 tackles in that season.

Eli Manning was more like Tillman, he would have simply been grateful for the opportunity and remained loyal to the team that drafted him with the first pick because he didn't want to play for the Bolts, largely perceived as a terrible team. The Chargers should not draft him with the first pick because he didn't want to play for the Bolts, largely perceived as a terrible team. The Chargers should not draft him with the first pick because he didn't want to play for the Bolts, largely perceived as a terrible team.

He traded relative anonymity in a football uniform for relative anonymity in the Army's elite Rangers unit. His family has refused comment, but went on to start 10 games in his rookie season as a safety and set a team record with 254 tackles in that season.

Perhaps now that Pat Tillman is gone, the United States should treat its war heroes with the respect that Tillman, the hero created himself; the celebrity by his image or trade-mark. The hero was a big star, but lived his life that way as a private citizen.

No one knew Tillman was a five-year contract worth $1.8 million annually. He turned it down to remain faithful to the Cardinals, a team that hasn't been successful in years and that was only paying him less than one-third of what the Rams were offering.

Consider, also, former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett, whose effort to sue the NFL to gain entry into the draft failed last week. Clarett was evidently so motivated to impress NFL scouts that he failed to show up at several of his workouts. Tillman, on the other hand, turned a planned 15-minute tryout for the Cardinals into a 45-minute demonstration because he insisted on repeating each drill until he had executed it perfectly.

But of course, Tillman's most astounding act of humility came when he turned down the Cardinals' offer for a three-year, $3.6 million contract extension and left the NFL and his family to join the Army's elite Rangers squadron in early 2002. And that was all. No fanfare, no saccharin press conference to serve as a soapbox for self-aggrandizement. He did what he felt was called for: "My great grandfather was at Pearl Harbor and a lot of my family has gone and fought in wars and I really haven't done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that."

He traded relative anonymity in a football uniform for relative anonymity in a soldier's uniform, and most people simply couldn't comprehend how anyone could walk away from his life to risk it all in some guerillas' foxhole. His then-teammate, Simeon Rice, told a reporter that thought Tillman was leaving the NFL because he was only an average player and wanted to live out a Rambo fantasy in the military. Rice, by the way, eventually ditched the Cardinals for the more successful Tampa Bay Buccaneers and a contract worth more than $5 million per season.

Both Pat and his brother Kevin (who played minor-league baseball in the Cleveland Indians' organization) completed Ranger training, and served a mission in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On a return trip, he visited his former team and, according to coaches, commanded respect even from the newer players who were never his teammates. His agent informed him that several of them were interested in acquiring "Tillman, thinking he was home to stay. But he turned down the opportunity to return to the league as a hero, saying "I made a commitment for three years and I'll fulfill it."

Tillman was redployed to Afghanistan where, during a routine patrol last week outside the village of Sperah, near the Pakistani border, his unit was ambushed and he was killed in action. Though his death is more known because of the life he left, he is but one of the 110 soldiers killed in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Tillman's family has refused comment, stating that "everyone who has given their lives in the war deserves equal recognition for their sacrifice." It's interesting to note that the national motto is "e pluribus unum," or "out of many.

Pat Tillman died in that fashion, but lived his life as well as he could.

Perhaps now that Pat Tillman is famous as a fallen soldier, more of us will follow his example of humility and loyalty.

Mike Marchand, class of '91, would like to dedicate this column to all those soldiers who have given their lives and all those who still risk theirs, football players or not. God bless you all. His e-mail address is Marchand.8@alumni.nd.edu. "Undistinguished Alumnus" appears whenever he remembers to send it in.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Fifty years ago, in "Brown v. Board of Education," the Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in public schools. This groundbreaking ruling demonstrated that even if the Constitution allowed such segregation, it would still be unjust. That leads to two further questions: Why is legalized segregation, or any other form of discrimination, morally evil? And how do we know that? The answers are in the natural law.

The natural law is not a Christian invention. Aristotle and Cicero affirmed it. It is a body of reason, imprinted by God in man's nature, whereby man (of both sexes) can know how he should act if he is to attain his end of eternal happiness with God.

The first, self-evident principle of the natural law, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, is that "good is to be done and pursued, and evil is to be avoided." The good is that which is in accord with the nature of the subject, whether a car or a man; it is that which is good and not evil. Thus, it is not good to feed it to a man. So also it is not good, i.e., it is evil, for a man to act in a manner contrary to that natural human inclination to live in community.

"Moral truth is objective," Pope John Paul II said, "and a proper act, e.g., murder, objectively violates the natural law is a separate question from the subjective culpability of the person who does it. You are morally culpable, i.e., blameworthy only if you knew the act was wrong and still chose to do it." Apart from special circumstances, such as a juror or confessor, we have neither the right nor the capacity to judge the subjective culpability of anyone.

The natural law is the standard for the civil law as well as for personal conduct. When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, she made a natural law statement. A law can be unjust, said Aquinas, "when burdens are imposed unequally on the community." Legally-enshrined racial segregation, whether on a bus or in a school, is unjust because it violates the dignity of the person and undermines community.

As Aquinas put it, if a human law "defects from the law of nature, it is no longer a law but a perversion of law." In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Martin Luther King Jr. said, "An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law." We may be obliged to obey an unjust law, as Aquinas said, to avoid a greater evil of "scandal or disturbance." But a law that is unjust because it is a perversion of the law violates the dignity of the person and undermines community.

He also said, "It makes sense to recognize that we have only one pope, not six or thirty-three, but that it is good to one divine the Divine law must never be obeyed.

The second principle of the natural law, which you go out to apply? "The ideas of natural justice," said Supreme Court Justice James Fordham in 1798, "are regulated by no fixed standards. In other words, men have an obligation to obey the subject." Reason can attain to moral truth. But if reason were our only guide, we would be doomed to endless and inconclusive debate. Our intellects are weakened by original sin and sincere advocates can be found on both sides of moral issues. Our duty is to seek the good and to avoid the evil, whether our conscience, e.g., on the morality of abortion, can't both be right. As Aquinas tells us, "If... we consider one action in the moral sive debate. Our intellects are weakened by original sin and subject." Reason can attain to moral truth. But if reason were

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Aquila Proverb's March 23 letter discussed the civilian casualties in Iraq and the American troops' "excessive and indiscriminate violence" that allegedly led to these incidents. It is always tragic when innocent people are killed, especially women and children. Another letter accused U.S. soldiers of blame for such incidents squarely on the shoulders of U.S. soldiers. Our troops are not fighting a war on a defined battlefield and under martial law. Instead, they are bating enemies who refuse to separate themselves from the civilian population. We must not blame the soldiers for such incidents, but for the Américans, deserves blame for the Iraqi civilian deaths.

Proverb claimed American attacks on a hospital and an ambulance. We saw a year ago that Saddam's military kid weapons in hospitals and schools. In an Associated Press article dated April 24, 2004, Sgt. Aido Hernandez revealed that insurg­ ent forces used raining assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades at their vehicles. After Hernandez and his fellow marines sought cover, rebels poured out of nearby ambulances that they had been hiding in. One U.S. soldier tragically lost his life in the attack. The location of this battle was Fallujah, the same city Proverb spoke of. Maybe this is why U.S. forces chose the targets they did. Maybe it wasn't because they were ordered to use tactics to "escalate the violence and combat the Iraqi insurgents," as Proverb put it. Insurgents in Iraq are guilty of not only hiding in civilians locations, but also of using women and children as human shields while they fire their weapons from cover. Additionally, the insurgents surround their mortar stations with children to prevent coalition forces from firing on them. U.S. troops have reported the occurrence of these incidents in Fallujah, Quaysha, Husaybah, and Ramadi. The Italian military reported the same thing in Nasiriya. There is a reason why the opposition resorts to such despicable acts—they know U.S. troops won't fire at women and children. Contrary to Proverb's belief, our troops do have conscience. She performs a disservice to the men and women serving in Iraq by accusing them of wrongdoing instead of blaming the immoral behavior of the Iraqi insurgents.

Shane Maguire

Law Student

’89

Disrespectful athletes mar Bookstore tradition

We show up to our friends' game to realize that they are facing a team with some of Notre Dame's star football athletes. Our friends are psyched to go head-to-head with these guys, not only because it is a Notre Dame tradition, we leave bitter, insulted and disappointed.

Andrew Souppk's April 23 column commented com­ ments by John Heisler and Dave Duerson that perfectly illustrated the reason Notre Dame alumni are frustrated with the state of the football problem. Heisler believes the Irish are on the verge of returning to the nation's elite, but he adds that the process is a long one that can't suffer "knee-jerk" reactions when a team has a losing season. "We can't just pick a course and guarantee that you'll win games by doing that," Heisler said. "It's not that simple. It's a building process." Duerson stated, "Every program has its ups and downs, but that is not indicative of the direction the program is going." He is right, and we applaud it after adding, "It's time to move on from (the criticism). Nobody is more upset about last year's finish than those student-ath­letes on the team." Both statements demonstrate the administration's need to temper its response to student complaints as an inappropriate reaction to one poor season. In fact, the football program has been in decline for 10 years, with an unprecendented number of losing seasons in the last five. Alumni should not be ridiculed for stating the obvious. Until this administration acknowledges the problem and commits to fixing it, Notre Dame football will remain mired in mediocrity. The letter to the Board of Trustees signed by 412 alumni and endorsed by thousands of others was a painful yet necessary call to action. The only knee-jerk reaction in this entire process was the ill-­advised response issued under the auspices of the Monogram Club without the knowledge or approval of its membership.

It's time for the administration to quit circular the wagons. It missed a chance to open a private dia­ logue with alumni by failing to respond to the letter, but it's not too late. The position displayed by con­ cerned alumni can easily be parlayed into a vast reservoir of emotional and financial support if Notre Dame ceases its attempt to keep them at arm's length.

John Vannie

Notre Dame Club of Chicago

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and our heckling are seen as threats. Instead, certain football players treat their classmates with disrespect. One of our friends gets choked on the court and another friend faces a demeaning victory dance every time a football player makes a play. We are told not to contribute to the problem by not showing our support. As football players, we want to be a part of the close-knit Notre Dame family that we all know and love. Imagine if the others were to follow their lead. What an even closer group we could be.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Strokes strike a chord in Chicago

Despite sound system difficulties, The Strokes managed to please its Chicago fans Friday night at the Aragon Ballroom

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Some bands take years to work their way out of obscurity into the limelight of popular culture. Not so for The Strokes. These five New York City kids have earned their fame quickly. Since their first release in 1999, The Strokes have been hailed as one of the best new groups to hit rock and roll. The group became popular throughout the United States, Europe and other parts of the world as one of the front-runners of the garage rock genre, and so far that is where they have stayed.

Their first album, “Is This It?” earned the band recognition from Spin Magazine as Band of the Year for 2002. Their second album, “Room on Fire,” earned the band recognition from Spin Magazine as Band of the Year for 2002.

The Strokes are only one of an endless series of famous and talented groups to play this well-known Chicago venue. The Aragon has hosted artists from Pennsylivania to Ani DiFranco to No Doubt over the past few years. The Spanish palace courtyard design and larger capacity of the Aragon makes it a more desirable venue than the nearby Riviera Theater for many artists. Generally shows at the Ballroom are well performed and well received. Friday night’s performance by The Strokes was both of these, and for the most part was a pleasure for the enthusiastic crowd.

The group is becoming increasingly known for the well-coordinated light displays that give extra punch and energy to their shows. The lighting at the Aragon was well rehearsed and sharp, but the rest of the technical support didn’t do the group justice. The Strokes play with a clean sound and a fast, punctuated rhythm, which, in order to be heard correctly live, depends on good technical support to make the performance come together. Occasionally interferences on the mikes and a generally fuzzy sound quality during the concert was detrimental to The Strokes than it would have to be many of the artists who have played in the Aragon’s history.

The Ravonettes opened for the group with a set from their full-length debut album, “Chain Gang of Love.” The Danish garage rock group got their start when their inaugural EP was named Best Rock Album of the Year at the Danish music awards, and was picked up Rolling Stone and Q Magazine as part of the wave of new garage rockers. The band was an appropriate choice to open for a group that is an integral part of a rock movement that is as much European as American.

The Ravonettes have fairly sophisticated studio work, but if their live performance was as well coordinated, the sound quality at the theater made it impossible to tell. Over the mikes the music sounded more like fuzzy Gothic rock than the less and more basic sound for which the group is known.

The Strokes fared better than the open- ing act. Their numbers came together well in one of the less frenzied but still energetic performances the Aragon Ballroom has seen.

Where some groups are known for a cau­ rous stage presence, The Strokes will never be seen jumping around the stage or smashing guitars. The musicians might be soft-core substance abusers, but they are never very emotional, lending them an image of somewhat apathetic urban sophistication. Drummer Fabrizio Moretti sucked on a beer between sets and lead singer Julian Casablancas sang through an endless string of cigarettes.

Guitarists Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. and bassist Nikolai Fraiture collaborated well through the performance, although they were noticeably for a small section of the performance.

Some lead singers seem addicted to the stage and to crowd reaction, but beyond the obligatory thanks to the crowd and the theater, Casablancas didn’t make much of an attempt to work the crowd. The Strokes are one of the few groups who are sincere when they promise three more numbers — the group rarely if ever returns for encores. If the fans enjoy the music the band will welcome them, but they don’t try to play the game of pandering to anyone who came to the show for the kicks or the image.

The shows started out somewhat slow, but picked up with their performance of “Whatever Happened” off their second album, “Room On Fire.” Hits like “Last Nite” and “12:51” were well received as always.

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An impressive show of well-coordinated lights and flashes gave The Strokes a needed boost after a poor sound system muffled the band’s sound at Chicago’s Aragon Ballroom.

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**Concert Review**

**Air needs to freshen live sound**

French duo’s electronic sound is better in the studio

By JUAN BERNAL

Electronic music nowadays is characterized by either fast, dynamic big-beat tracks, or a jaded jazzy, lounge-ambient style. Fortunately, this genre has been infused with a fresh breath of Air, a duo composed of French artists Nicolas Godin and Jean-Benoit Dunckel. Playing together since high school, this pair used the time to experiment with 80s sounds, imitating The Cure and other great 80s bands.

The band eventually developed a completely unique style, and has since released many albums, each using various and different styles. Part of the charm of Air is that the two artists making up the band do all of their own instrumentation — an unusual trait in the realm of electronic music where most artists strictly rely on synthesizers. These guys have fused elements from everywhere to generate their own sound and feeling. They have been influenced by the sophistication of the womanizer and cabaret-master Serge Gainsbourg, as well as the best melodic rock, jazz and bossa nova beats to be heard. In other words, they take the best from the best.

Before hitting commercial success, Air released a few singles exclusively in Europe, which became relatively popular among electronic fans. In 1998, they produced their magnum opus, “Moon Safari,” and broke through the international market. This album is amazing from start to finish, transporting the listener from romantic depths to light-hearted fun, from subtle sarcasm to lush, paradisical soundscapes. They collaborated with the American Beth Hirsch, who lent her voice in the extraordinary song “All I Need.”

After noticing its success, the band’s record label launched an anthology of early singles, called “Premiers Symptomes.” Although a random collection, it feels like an album of its own, due to a solid, jazzy ambience, using wind instruments and various layers of acoustic guitars.

In 2000, the duo broke its two-year silence with a brilliant soundtrack to Sofia Coppola’s debut film, “The Virgin Suicides.” Air’s use of bittersweet melodies softly blends with gentle sensuality, which proves fundamental to the experience of watching the movie. Godin and Dunckel collaborate with Gordon Tracks in the single “Playground Love,” which is known from its use in various Levi’s commercials. The very next year, the band worked with Beck, releasing “10,000 Hz Legend.” This album was poorly received by fans since it departs from the soft, melodic sound Air had so carefully cultivated in past years. Some, however, feel it is simply an underestimated and misinterpreted album.

This year, Air came out with “Talkie Walkie” on the midwestern leg of their American tour. The Chicago performance, however, was disappointing, since standards were so high. The pair started out strong, concentrating on their latest work, and displaying an engaging light show that appropriately adorned their music. The musicianship was impeccable without one mistake or screw up. Keeping neatness and coherence in a live show is a virtue without doubt.

However, as the show developed, the band progressively extended all the songs in their set, reaching a point where they spread themselves thin. The experience slowly became monotonous, since their improvisation lacked imagination. The beats, rhythms and sound effects dragged on and on, as if they were about to deliver some surprising change to their audience, but only left them with uncomfortable expectations. Another weak point in the performance was that a big chunk of their appeal is found in their studio albums. The use of multiple textures and sound layers is meticulously crafted, but inevitably lost in concert. Additionally, they did all their own singing, which is fine for a 40-minute album, but not for 90 minutes worth of shows.

Maybe Air should have stuck to hiring singers on its albums and performances, since their faithful fans have become accustomed (or spoiled?) to luscious, sonorous voices, not the earthy, laconic type singing that pervaded the concert.

On the other hand, listeners should know what they’re getting themselves into with an unpredictable band like Air. The majority of the crowd definitely enjoyed the show and cheered the band on, even through the weakest points. Thus, the opinion and expectations of every concert attendee is different; what is good for one fan may disappoint another.

These electronic performers, Godin and Dunckel, make good music, but not for live shows. Listening to them live is a completely different experience — cute, yet trite. One should be warned that what is made in the studio cannot always be re-created on stage — that is one art form Air has yet to master.

Originally from France, Air uses its own unique blend of instrumentation to create an electronic sound that fares well on studio albums, but needs work in live performances.

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Nicolas Godin, left, and Jean-Benoit Dunckel stopped in Chicago last week to promote the album "Talkie Walkie" on the midwestern leg of the duo’s American tour.

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In the Final Four of the men’s Bookstore Basketball tournament, D.J. Lipke of KPMG threw up a floater over imposing defenders. The ball bounced high off the rim and towards the middle of the lane. Team captain Jerome Collins leapt into the air. He flashed the rebound. The ball hit the chest of a freshman taking a mid-afternoon nap in Keough Hall and vanished.

The kid could have had his world ruined. It doesn’t matter what doesn’t matter. What does matter is that not only the freshman, but every person on campus knew about Collins’ dunk by the time the final game ended at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. And that is the effect this tournament has on people on a campus ripe with basketball talent.

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half, featuring a physical inside game with plenty of blocks and a number of fouls called.

USB/SMG had trouble penetrating KPMG’s 2-3 zone defense, which forced them to take shots from outside. In previous games, Dan Stevenson answered with formidable inside force. However, Jerome Collins’ tough defense put a difficult strain for Stevenson to get around.

Shane Siggsbee’s foul shot put USB/SMG up 8-4, but Collins’ midrange jumper immediately erased the lead. Brady Quinn of USB/SMG missed a lay-up to make the score 18-15, with the teams within three. Quinn sank a baseline jumper to give KPMG a four-point lead.

Although KPMG had fast-break opportunities, the shots weren’t falling for them. A crisp passing game and outside sharpshooters helped USB/SMG win this one. As Lipke, who was named Mr. Bookstore, and Walz helped the team build a lead in the second half — a lead which disappeared with frustrating speed.

Eric Laumann kept his team in the game, scoring points in traffic and hitting the lobbers to bring his team into the title game. Quinn sunk a lay-up to make the score 18-15, answering a reverse layup by Fitzpatrick.

Then Ndukwu, who had been quiet all night, caught fire. He hit a shot from outside and made a layup in traffic on the next possession to bring USB/SMG within one at 20-19.

Laumann put back his own rebound, drawing a foul and making the free throw to tie the game at 20. That was the next possession to Stevenson made the score 21-20.

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Bodnoster — a lawyer for Notre Dame, went on the offensive in his closing arguments.

Anthony Travel was composed of a collection of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame employees and coaches.

Scott

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### Personal

Thanks, O Staff, it’s been a fun ride so far.

### Classifieds

Injury helps Anthony Travel win

By Pat Leonard

Associate Sports Editor

The halftime score was 11-10, but most of the damage had been done in the first half, playing without an injured Christina Esposito. In the second half, Collins’ defeat the team that knocked them out of last year’s Bookstore Basketball tournament.

Anthony Travel dominated the second half, outscoring its opponent 10-2 and winning the women’s championship, 21-12.

"We won because we were better with the person down," said Jill Bodensteiner, of Anthony Travel. "I don’t think we were playing well in the first half, but in the second we were able to get a couple easy buckets on the fast break for our point guard, Suzanne Bellina."

Exposito went down with a sprained ankle late in the first half.

Her ankle — and her team of girls from Pasquella West — never recovered. Despite the shooting of Alyssa Donahue, the hustle of Heather Van Hoegarden and the play of Maureen Spivey, the Fighting Irish could not overcome the loss of a player inside.

"We played incredibly," Bodensteiner said. "They had great effort and intensity, and (Van Hoegarden) beat them on the perimeter. Referees’ whistles brought simultaneous opportunities, the shots weren’t falling for them. A crisp passing game and outside sharpshooters helped USB/SMG win this one. As Lipke, who was named Mr. Bookstore, and Walz helped the team build a lead in the second half — a lead which disappeared with frustrating speed.

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Manning becomes a Giant after trade

NEW YORK — After a tense hour in which Eli Manning was a prospective law student, the NFL's first family of quarterbacks got what it wanted. Eli will be a New York Giant.

In one of the more bizarre first hours in recent draft history, Manning was taken with the first pick by the San Diego Chargers, for whom he earlier announced he wouldn't play.

Manning then appeared on the stage at The Theatre at Madison Square Garden with his parents, Archie and Olivia, looking as glum as any No. 1 pick ever has as commissioner Paul Tagliabue held up a Chargers jersey with "1" on it. He didn't put on the Chargers hat and bow sashed down from the gallery.

An hour later, as Manning walked away from the podium at a press conference in which he insisted he would never go to law school, someone pushed into the room to say the Giants just obtained him for another quarterback, Phil Rivers, whom they had taken with the fourth overall pick.

"I'm a lot happier now than I was 10 minutes ago," said Manning, saying, jumping back on the podium. He then returned to the main room for a much happier picture, this one including brother Peyton and agent Tom Condon, the man behind the maneuvering.

Meanwhile, the rest of the draft went on around that soap opera.

With the second pick, Oakland took offensive tackle Robert Gallery of Iowa and with the third, Arizona chose wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh, a ball boy for Cardinals coach Dennis Green when Green coached in Minnesota.

Washington then chose safety Sean Taylor of Miami, who was the first of six Hurricanes chosen in the opening round, a record.

Cleveland paid a high price simply to move up one spot for Miami tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. Detroit got the Browns' first-round pick and their second.

The Lions then took Texas wide receiver Roy Williams, who like Taylor and Winslow ranked as players with long-term star potential. And they used a second-round pick to move up late in the first to choose Kevin Jones of Virginia Tech, considered by some the best running back in the draft.

Rain forces Houston Open to Monday

HUMBLE, Texas — Vijay Singh chipped in for eagle just before play was suspended Sunday to move into a three-way tie for the lead at the rain-delayed Houston Open.

He was tied with John Huston and Joe Ogilvie at 7 under when play was halted because of bad weather for the third straight day. PGA Tour officials hoped to complete all 72 holes Monday, when favorable weather was forecast.

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Around the Dial

NBA
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6 p.m., TNT
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., TNT

MLB
Atlanta at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m., TBS

NHL
San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m., ESPN

NFL Draft
San Diego Chargers draft pick Eli Manning, center, was traded to the New York Giants, and he holds up his new jersey while posing with coach Tom Coughlin, left, and general manager Enrico Accorsi Saturday.
**Track and Field**

Weekend meets see Irish enjoy success

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Like a car going to the mechanic to make sure everything is in order before a long road trip, the Irish track and field team received a tune-up this weekend in preparation for next week's Big East Championships.

The team was split in two as most members competed in the Purdue Invitational while a handful of others participated in the Drake Relays. Overall, there were two Irish athletes who qualified for the conference meet and many others who achieved season-best marks.

Maryann Friga led the contingent at Purdue, as she was a participant in the Drake Relays. Among the six other Notre Dame competitors to turn in season-best performances were pole vaulter Dave Viken, throwers Chip Roberts and Dan Porter, hurlder Alex Fortunado, sprinter Tricia Floyd and middle-distance runner Elizabeth Webster.

The squad the Irish sent to the Drake Relays might have been small but it garnered its share of attention. The men's 4x1,600-meter relay team won the competition for the second Big East meet as he finished first in a time of 3:36.03. Weaver was happy to share of attention. The men's 4x1,600-meter relay team won the competition for the second week's Big East meet as he finished first in a time of 16:39. This is a notable accomplishment for the Irish as the Drake Relays are held in late May.

In the field events at Purdue, Laura Huarte had her best performance of the season in the pole vault by clearing a height of 3.75 meters to qualify her for the NCAA regional meet to be held in late May.

In the first field road series of the weekend, the Irish were led by stellar pitching performances from Heather Booth and Softball. Booth pitched the first game, giving up just five hits and striking out seven.

Offensively, the Irish were led by Nicole deFau, who was 4-for-7 on the day. deFau was joined by Carissa Jacquish, who was 4-for-6 in the doubleheader. She also added the first Irish RBI in conference-qualifying times.

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Willingham ended the day relieved, because none of his players got injured. Quinn ended the day as the Offensive MVP, having thrown for 263 yards and one touchdown on 17-of-22 passing. And the Blue team, composed mainly of first-stringers, ended the day victorious, having soundly wallowed the Gold team 35-7 Saturday in Notre Dame's final spring practice performance.

In a departure from normal Blue-Gold game routine, the Irish coaches kept most of the first-team players together — a move Willingham said came because injuries prevented that unit from practicing significantly during earlier spring practices.

That suited Quinn fine. Although he lit up a defensive secondary that, due to injuries, was heavily composed of third-string defensive backs, Quinn looked far different from the freshman quarterback who showed flashes of greatness in his rookie season despite throwing more interceptions than touchdowns.

"It was a year of learning, growing and sometimes painful learning," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "Sometimes you learn best with the mistakes you make. You have an opportunity in the offseason to assess what you did right, what you did wrong, and what you can do to work on the things you did wrong and get better at those things.

That's what Quinn — and the rest of the Irish offense — appears to have done. Coaches praised the leadership he demonstrated by working with the receiver corps over the winter, and Willingham said that the "toot-to-be" sophomore quarterback's performance Saturday was indicative of how he improved the entire spring.

The Irish quarterback efficiently spread the ball around, completing passes to eight different receivers. He also looked confident in the pocket, rapidly progressing through his reads and making solid decision-making when it came to knowing when to throw a pass.

His most impressive drive of the day came on the Blue team's final possession of the first half, when Quinn led the Irish on a 98-yard touchdown drive that culminated in a fourth-yard Hashon-Powers Neal touchdown run with 19 seconds left in the half. In that drive, Quinn completed all four of his passes for 60 yards.

Quinn's lone touchdown pass came on a short pass to Powers-Neal, who made a nifty move to elude a defender and scampered 59 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter. The Irish quarterback may have had two more completions had Maurice Stovall not dropped two passes.

"There wasn't any mistakes in terms of not being on the same page or missing blocking assignments," Quinn said. "I think our team did a good job meshing well and taking away from a good opportunity.

Meanwhile, Ryan Grant carried the ball three times for 30 yards. But he scored two touchdowns, including a 16-yard run in the first half when he made a spectacular cut to break into the open field and score.

The Gold team's lone touchdown came when Jeff Samardzija caught a 24-yard pass from Pat Dillingham near the sideline, spun away from Dwight Ickicki and scammed into the end zone untouched.

The defensive MVP was Blue safety Tom Zbikowski, who picked off Dillingham on the final play of the first half and would have added another interception if the Blue team was penalized for being offsides.

"Everyone did a great job today," Quinn said. "You get a lot of confidence from this, and that's something this team needs to get its swagger back.

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to hear his name called, as the Dallas Cowboys selected him with the 13th pick in the second round. Then New Orleans picked Watson with the round's 28th pick.

Sunday, safety Glenn Earl went to Houston with the 24th pick of the fourth round. Two rounds later, the Texans also selected cornerback Vonette Duff with the fifth pick of the sixth round.

Jim Molinaro, the final Irish player to be drafted, was picked with the 152nd pick of the sixth round by the Washington Redskins.

The five Irish players drafted

is the lowest number since 2000, when only Jarious Jackson went in the first round. The Irish haven't had at least two players drafted in the first two rounds since 1997.

One of Saturday's more mild surprises came with Notre Dame's fifth-round pick, who some experts had rated behind other running backs still available (including former Florida State running back Greg Jones and Oregon State back Steven Jackson). But Dallas was impressed with what Jones demonstrated by working with the offensive line, spinning away from Dwight Ellick and scoring a four-yard touchdown.

"He's got the size to get it done and was durable in college," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "There is no reason to think that he can't become a full-time back.

Then the Saints surprised Irish fans even more by picking Watson in the second round — even though some analysts thought it would be a triumph for the Irish linebacker to get picked in the third round. Watson was the fourth inside linebacker to be picked.

"A lot of times you eliminate things when you draft guys; if you get a tough guy, he's not always a fast guy, or a tough or fast guy isn't always instinctive," Saints director of player personnel Nick Mueller said. "If a certain degree, this guy has a little bit of everything. I think all around, he's a good player with versatility and a lot of things we're looking for."

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Hanlon earns career-best score, Belles finish first

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

For senior Liz Hanlon, the Tri-State Invitational was a near fairy-tale ending to the season. Saint Mary's took first place in the tournament with a collective 325 strokes as a team, besting their closest competitor, Manchester, by 25 strokes. Further, Hanlon fired a career-best score of 79. This season, Hanlon averaged close to 88 each round.

Coach Mark Hamilton said he couldn't have asked for a better end to the regular season for Hanlon.

"Breaking 80 strokes is hard enough to do when you're out playing with friends. Playing under pressure is an even bigger feat," Hamilton said. "She's come a long way and is as good a player as anyone in the country. She'll give anyone a run for their money."

But for a truly happy ending to this story, Hanlon would like to see the Belles win a spot in the NCAA Tournament. They'll find out May 3 if they are one of the 10 teams in the Division III tournament.

"Getting to the NCAA Tournament means everything to our team," Hanlon said. "We went last year and we want people to realize that we'll keep coming back. Last year wasn't just a stroke of luck. We have to prove our staying power."

The Belles' scores speak for themselves. Junior Julia Adams shot a 78, junior Stefanie Simmerman posted an 80, junior Cheryl Dumont followed with an 88, sophomore Nicole Bellino registered a 92 and freshman Helen Casey rounded out the Belles' success with a 94. Each of the Belles recorded scores below their season scoring average. Hanlon attributed their stellar performance to focusing on individual aspects of their games in practice.

"It's the little things that have been making a difference. We put so many hours in during practice and things really come together for us at meets," Hamilton said. Hamilton said he hopes this weekend's performance is enough to spur the Belles on to a NCAA Tournament berth. The NCAA Championships will take place in Green Lake, Wisc. May 11-14.

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Powers-Neal shows he can double as tailback

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Irish coach Tyone Willingham knows what fullback Rashon Powers-Neal did in Saturday's Blue-Gold game: "Rashon is one of those guys that says to a coach, 'Coach, I'm going to change your mind. The reference is that I've got him at fullback.'" Willingham said. "The other thing be does is say, 'Coach, you've got to get me more balls.' And I was pleased with that.

Two touchdowns and 81 yards on only four offensive touches will make a coach think like that. Especially after Powers-Neal had four rushing attempts for 16 yards and caught seven passes for 50 yards over the 2003 season.

"I'm going to come out there, play hard and prove to everybody that I am able to play that position and play at a high level," Powers-Neal said. "I went out there and had fun today and played the best I can."

The coaches only really used four running backs Saturday — Blue starter Ryan Grant, Gold starter Marcus Wilson, Blue starting fullback Jodi Schmidt and Powers-Neal. After Grant showed off improved speed and cutting ability in the first half of the game, the coaches replaced him with Powers-Neal — who took full advantage of the opportunity.

He scored on a 4-yard run in the opening minutes of the first half, which capped off an efficient and impressive seven-play, 97-yard drive using the two-minute drill. It was when Powers-Neal found the end zone for a second time that really showed where he has made strides.

His third quarter touchdown where Powers-Neal made a little cut to avoid a defender and ran away from the rest of the defense to find the end zone for a 59-yard touch­down is a perfect example of the two areas Powers-Neal worked hard on in the off-season — speed and catch­ing.

In 2003, Powers-Neal dropped a number of passes, especially coming out of the backfield in the flat. That improvement came from what Powers-Neal said is concentrating more when the ball is coming his way.

As for outrunning the defense to the end zone, that's also something Powers-Neal didn't show last year in his transition from running back to fullback. With all the weight he gained, the speed seemed to be missing.

"I worked really hard on that in the off-season, getting my speed up, and it's kind of showing up now," Powers-Neal said. "I like to think I was always fast, especially with all the weight I've gained."

With the small number of running backs on the team Saturday, the coaches gave him a chance to make a statement, and he did.

"If Rashon keeps doing what he's doing, he's going to make me change my mind and move him, so we have some flexibility there," Willingham said.

As for questions about whether he's too big to play fullback, Powers-Neal feels that's not really an issue.

"I could probably play tailback (with the size)," he said with a big smile.

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Samardzija runs, then flies

Hours after catching touchdown pass, receiver catches flight

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Only a few hours after catching the only touchdown for the Gold team in the Blue-Gold game Saturday, Jeff Samardzija ran to make a 6:20 p.m. flight to Pittsburgh with the rest of the Notre Dame baseball team. After all, he was scheduled to start in game one of Notre Dame's doubleheader against the Panthers Sunday.

"There are literally days where he walks right off the football field and goes over to the baseball diamond," Irish coach Tyone Willingham said. "It's phenomenal that he's able to do both sports, and that he's also able to manage his academics so well.

Samardzija was a high-school standout in football, basketball and baseball when he was being recruited by the Irish, and said that there have been no conflicts so far between the two sports he plays in a Notre Dame uniform.

"It's just something I try to put out of my mind and not let it carry over to the other," Samardzija said. "Willingham and baseball coach Paul Mainieri are fair and understanding and they both know what is best for me and I pay attention to what they have to say."

Samardzija was the losing pitcher in Notre Dame's 8-6 loss to Pittsburgh Sunday.

No more red jersey

Receiver Carlyle Holiday caught a quick pass from Brady Quinn in the second half of the Blue-Gold game Saturday and lowered his shoulder to try and run over safety Freddie Parrish in an attempt to gain more yards on the play.

That's a far cry from previous Blue-Gold games, where Holiday started as quarterback and it was taken away to make any contact with him at all.

They took away my red jersey," Holiday joked. "Now I'm out there working hard and trying to be as physical as I can be and try to use the strength that I have."

"As a quarterback you're always dropping back and getting high, so this spring I had to learn how to run low to make sure that's what I've really been working on."

Just give them all the ball

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed passes in eight different receivers on Saturday for the Blue team, while his Gold counterpart Pat Dillingham completed passes to seven different receivers.

 Tight end Billy Palmer and fullback Josh Schmidt — along with receiver Eben McKenzie — tied for the most receptions with three, and fullback Rashon Powers-Neal had the longest reception of the day, a 59-yard touchdown.

"One of the things we want to do is use all the guys on the field and make it where the defense has to put someone on every player," Quinn said.

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All-Big East honors as well. Sophomore Mark Baldwin was close to repeating his all-conference performance from last year, finishing just out of the top seven, in eighth place with a 13-over 223 (74-76-73).

Finally, Gustafson rounded out the lineup with a score of 224 (73-78-73), landing him in 11th place.

Playing at the par-70 Warren Golf Course, the Irish led by two at the end of the first round Saturday.

Isiban opened with a career-low round of 69, enjoying the support of friends and family and the familiarity of the home-course.

Gustafson, for his part, pulled in a 73, while the other three golfers all shot safe 74's.

The team struggled a little in the second round, dropping to five shots behind Virginia Tech at the end of first day.

Still, coming into the final round on Sunday, the Irish were confident in their abilities. Last year, the Irish had held the lead going into the final day but were defeated by a late push on the part of Virginia Tech. This year, they decided to return the favor.

The Irish made up 11 strokes on Sunday, 10 of them coming on the back nine.

"Everyone played really strong," Balderston said. "Midway through the final round, Notre Dame gained an advantage as the wind started to pick up and the golfers had to factor in gusts of 30-40 mph. While the Irish had been practicing in similar conditions during the preceding week, the other teams were not accustomed to it."

"It gave us a huge advantage," Irish coach John Jasinski said. "It made it difficult to judge distances," Balderston added.

"It helped us make up strokes. Our team plays well on windy days."

With Notre Dame and Virginia Tech even after 13 holes, Balderston made an eagle on the par-5 14th hole.

"That hole was a huge turnaround for all of us," Balderston said. "A lot of birdies. We made up a lot of ground."

The Irish were able to capitalize on those out on and sailed to their fourth Big East title and first since 1997.

"We're a young team, with only two seniors and sophomores playing up to this point," coach Jasinski said. "These young guys have been put in the fire. All those things you learn from playing, they haven't gotten yet. Every week it been learn your lessons the hard way."

"So to have a finish like this, with all the circumstances, it is a huge confidence boost for them."

Notre Dame's final regular season tournament will be held in East Lansing, Mich. next weekend, but Jasinski will not be sending his top players.

The Irish will most likely be assigned to the NCAA Central Regional, which will be held May 20-22 in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Irish played their last tournament of the season with an Invitational and found it to be a good fit for their team. With a few weeks to rest and practice, they should be ready to go.

"We're getting better and better," Balderston said. "This win was a stepping stone. If our team plays to their potential, we have a realistic shot."

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**Women**

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"There's really a more younger influence (this year as compared to previous one's)," said junior Karen Lotta, the oldest Notre Dame golfer competing this weekend. "The freshmen and sophomores have helped lead the team, and they've pushed upperclassmen to play their best."

Individually, these young stars consistently shined, with four of Notre Dame's five entrants finishing in the top 10. Freshman Noriko Nakazaki finished third with 222, with her tournament low 70 coming between rounds of 75 and 77. Finishing right behind her teammate was sophomore Katie Brophy, who played consistently well, shooting two 75s and a 74 to finish in fourth place with 224.

Lotta finished in seventh, shooting 81, 72, 76 in her three rounds to finish with a 229. Sophomore Sarah Bassett finished fourth strokes behind her, finishing with round of 74, 76, and 83 to total a combined 232. Sophomore Suei Hayes rounded out the Irish contingent, scoring 243 with rounds of 78-84-81.

Despite their best performance of the spring this past weekend and the fact that they are conference champions, the Irish still may not be invited to next weekend's NCAA Regionals.

"A lot of it will have to do with things out of our control," King said.

Since the Big East has only held a women's golf tournament for two years, its champion does not earn an automatic spot in the NCAA Tournament, with automatic invitations only being issued to teams whose conferences have held championship tournaments for three years or more.

As such, The Irish must compete for an at-large bid.

Notre Dame must also rely on a little luck, hoping that no spots open in other conference tournaments, which could take away one of the few remaining slots from the Irish.

"It really depends on what other teams win their conferences," said King. "You hope teams ranked ahead of you win their conference's automatic spots."

Regardless of whether Notre Dame gains an NCAA bid, which would be a first for the program, the Irish can be satisfied in the accomplishments of this young team in a year that has been called the best in program history.

"It's the start of a new beginning," King said.

However, as one era begins another must necessarily end, and the Irish are left with the satisfaction of victory and the optimism of future success is made bitter-sweet by the quiet departure of the team's two senior captains, Rebecca Rogers and Shannon Byrne.

"We're really going to miss our seniors," said King. "We dedicat ed our win to them."

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**Rowing**

**Irish crowned Big East champions**

Notre Dame eclipses Syracuse by 34 points

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG

For the first time in the rowing program's short history, No. 17 Notre Dame was Coach of the Year. Notre Dame's coach, Martin Stone, has been the driving force behind the Irish's dominance in the rest of the Big East this season. Stone has been instrumental in the Irish's success, helping the team to its first place finish in the Big East.

While the Irish didn't win the Grand Final, they did put together a streak of three goal victories. The Irish scored four goals in each of the first four races, with their last goal coming in the final race. This streak has given the Irish a lead in the Big East standings, and has put them in the driver's seat for the rest of the season.

In the second varsity eight race, the Irish crossed the finish line in 7:09.17 to win the Grand Final, more than four seconds ahead of the competition. The Irish's success in the second varsity eight race followed a strong performance in the first varsity eight race, where they finished in 7:04.81.

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**BIG EAST GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**A clean sweep**

Men rally late to win first Big East title since 1997, earn bid to NCAA Regionals for first time in history

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

With their season on the line, the Irish finally pulled it all together.

After a thrilling come-from-behind rally, the men’s golf team won the Big East Championship and is headed to the NCAAs for the first time in 38 years.

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“The only thing I played for and winced about every time somebody got hit or moved was that they get up and move about at the end of the day,” the Irish coach wryly said.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn surveys the defense Saturday. Quinn completed 17-of-22 passes for 263 yards to earn Offensive MVP honors.

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Notre Dame’s strong performance in the 2004 Big East Tournament may translate into an even brighter future for the program.

The team cruised to a 14-stroke victory in this weekend’s event held at Notre Dame’s Warren Golf Course, turning in a three-round score of 905, only five shots over the team’s goal of 900 per round.

Perhaps even more noteworthy is the fact that the Irish did so with such a youthful lineup, perhaps serving as a sign of things to come.

“We’re moving in the right direction,” Irish coach Debby King said.

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