Bouts organizers predict earnings of $100,000

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Bengal Bouts, alumni boxers gathered this weekend and looked on as the Notre Dame Boxing Club gave birth to 11 new "million dollar babies" at Saturday night’s final rounds.

Well, $100,000 babies, at least.

Through a combination of fundraising techniques — Bengal Bouts alumni donations as well as the sale of tickets, program advertising and merchandise — the club has raised a preliminary amount of $75,000. However, Pat Farrell, Bengal Bouts coach and chair of the alumni reunion committee for this year’s bouts, said he "has no doubt" that the final total will exceed $100,000.

That’s a long way from the 1931 donation of $500. Considering that in recent years the club usually donates

SMC student leaders travel to Middle East

Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership sends students, faculty members to conference

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

With the sponsorship of the Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), two Saint Mary’s faculty members and four students attended the first student leadership conference in the Middle East March 14 through 18.

The Women as Global Leaders Conference invited over 1,000 women from 41 countries to Dubai, United Arab Emirates to participate in the historic gathering promoting women to take charge.

As members of the local diplomatic community and through participation in dialogues on campus with Sister Marianne Farina, a CWIL fellow and director of research and scholarship at SMC, the four Saint Mary’s students were invited in December to attend the conference.

Senior Veronica Fritz and junior Carolyn Madison, both accounting majors; Asma Quddoura, a sophomore psychology major and Angela Johnston, a junior philosophy and religious studies major, all attended.

Planned over the course of only five months, the conference was hosted by Zayed University.

"By hosting the conference, Zayed University aims to build bridges connecting the emerging leaders of the Gulf Region with the world," Fritz said.

"Through leaders’ involvement, the conference offered a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and perspectives with diverse women from around the world," Madison said. "It was an honor to participate in such an important event that promotes leadership in all aspects of life for women worldwide."

In addition to traditional plenary sessions and workshops, "The Leader in You" conference also included panels, small group discussions, and networking opportunities.

The conference focused on leadership in all aspects of Saint Mary’s grads’ lives and looked at both professional and personal aspects of leadership. The conference included a variety of events and workshops, including recognizing personal leadership potential, leading Saint Mary’s into future successes and even attending Friday night’s Midnight Madness event.

Nearly 150 Saint Mary’s alumnae gathered on campus during the weekend to attend "The Leader in You" leadership conference — which was so popular, the audience reached maximum capacity.

"We opened this conference to all alumnae by placing ads in The Courier and by sending targeted mailings," Earley said. "This is the first year we’d offered a conference of this nature, and we were amazed by the fabulous response we

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** INSIDE COLUMN **

You can be Latin too

It’s not about you not being Latin, it’s how you express it. Perfect words to describe Latin Expressions. Never heard of it? Well, I’m glad you asked. Each year, during Spring Vis Weekend, a show is put on that highlights the many talents that can be found on this campus. If you are wondering what this is all about, you’ll see when you go check out the campus. If you are wondering who can shake their “bon-bon.”

I know a few non-latin people who can do that. I believe in miracles, so go Bucknell.”

"University of Wisconsin, because they took down BC tonight."

"I believe in miracles, so go Bucknell.”

"Shaking your bon-bon,” many parts of this country allows people to show their Latin. It’s not about you not being Latin, it’s how you express it.

The view’s expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Lukas Mendoza at mmendozo@nd.edu.

** QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU PREDICT TO WIN THE NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT? **

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** OFFBEAT **

Surfers grab world record with group surf outing

Canberra, Australia - More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003.

More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot, 10-foot-wide board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper Nev Hyman, was carried by semitrailer. More than 20 people carried it to the surf. The riders at the Queensland state tourist city, Gold Coast, where the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro surf competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny Wilks.

Newspaper reports of how many riders the surfboard ranged from 44 to 47.

Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was worth the months-long effort to build the board.

Devil appears on turtle’s shell

MICHTANGTOWN, Ind. — Could it be... Satan? A central Indiana pet shop owner says a turtle that was the only animal to survive an October fire has developed an image of Satan’s face on its shell.

Bryan Dora says it looks like the devil wants us to know that he was there. Dora says he can see a goatee and a pair of pointy horns on the shell of the palm-sized red-eared slider turtle named Lucky.

He says Lucky is healthy and its behavior hasn’t changed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

** IN BRIEF **

Dr. Josette Bijou, minister of health of the Republic of Haiti, will deliver the keynote address today in a symposium entitled “FIRST STEPS: Eliminating Filariasis in Haiti.” The speech will begin at 4 p.m. in McKenna Hall auditorium.

The Krue Institute is sponsoring a conference today entitled “The Ethics of Exit: The Morality of Withdrawal from Iraq,” which will be televised live from Fordham University in the Huschberg Center. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

MIT professor emeritus Gary Marx will make a presentation today on surveillance and society in an age of high technology called “Windows into the Soul.” It will take place at 12:30 in DeBartalo Hall at 4:15 p.m. and is sponsored by the Science, Technology and Values Program.

Yale professor Gerhard Bowering will deliver a lecture entitled, “Islam and Christianity: Clashes of Culture and Religion,” today at 5 p.m. in C-100 Healy Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the Erasmus Institute.

Head football coach Charlie Weis will speak at 102 DeBartalo Hall today at 9 a.m. on the value of people with disabilities. The speech is part of Disability Awareness Month.

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

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** corrections **

Due to a production error, Lt. Greg Denholl’s name was spelled incorrectly in a pull quote on page 1 in the March 14 edition of The Observer. The Observer regrets this error.
Prof examines modern surveillance

Gary Marx, professor emeritus of sociology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of numerous books and articles on social control, mass behavior and race relations, will present a talk at 4:30 p.m. today in 131 DeBartolo. Titled "Windows into the Soul," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Marx will discuss the social, legal, ethical, comparative international, cultural and policy implications of recent developments in surveillance and communications technology.

He is the author of "Protest and Prejudice" and "Undercover: Police Surveillance in America" and co-author, with Doug McAdam, of "Collective Behavior and Social Movements." "Undercover" received the Outstanding Book Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and Marx was named the American Sociological Association's Jensen Lecturer for 1989-90. His works in progress include books on new forms of surveillance and social control across borders.

Marx's talk is sponsored by Notre Dame's Science, Technology and Values Program, the Department of Sociology and the Web Group Faculty Learning Community.

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Peace conference set for early April at ND

Organized by Kroc Institute, event will offer different approaches to ending violence

Special to the Observer

More than 100 undergraduate and graduate students from Notre Dame and some 20 other colleges and universities will participate in the 2005 Undergraduate Peace Conference on campus April 1 and 2 (Friday and Saturday).

Titled "Crossing Boundaries in the Name of Peace," the conference is organized by Notre Dame students under the sponsorship of the University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding at Notre Dame, will open the conference with a keynote address at 8 p.m. April 1 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The conference is free and open to the public.

Registration for the conference, which is free and open to the public, will take place until March 24 on the Web at http://www.nd.edu/~krocinst/events/crossboundaries.html. April 1 at the Hesburgh Center. Dinner Friday and the conference Saturday will be Provided at no charge to those who register by the March 24 deadline.

Haiti health crisis to be addressed

Lymphatic Filariasis tops list of concerns

Special to the Observer

A symposium titled "First Steps: Eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti" will be held today at McKenna Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) causes the grotesque swelling of the body known as elephantiasis, a disease in which progressive lymphatic dysfunction leads to the hideous swelling of legs, arms, breasts, or genitals. LF is aggravated by dangerous skin infections whose heat can become so intense it causes second-degree burns. Notre Dame's Haiti Program, led by biologist Father Thomas Streit, has as its goal the elimination of LF from Haiti by 2012. As many as 2 million of Haiti's 8.3 million people are believed infected with the mosquito-borne parasites that cause LF.

The focus of the Haiti symposium will be fortified salt produced in Haiti. Under the leadership of the Haiti Health Ministry, Notre Dame and principal partners Holy Cross Hospital, the Centers for Disease Control and UNICEF have been working to fortify the Haitian salt supply with the drug diethylcarbamazine (DEC) and ivermectin to interrupt the transmission of LF and ameliorate iodine deficiency standards.

The symposium will begin at 8 a.m. and the highlight of the event will be an address titled "Health in Haiti. Charge to the Partners" at 4 p.m. by Josette Biju, Haiti's Minister of Public Health and the Population. Other presenters include Patrick Lammie, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Steven Ali, regional advisor for communicable diseases for the Pan American Health Organization; and Madsen Beauvais, director of the LF Reference Center at Hôpital Sainte Croix in Léogane, Haiti.

At 2:30 p.m., Notre Dame industrial design students under the sponsorship of the University's Design Department, Lederach will present "The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace." The students will make a presentation addressing the need to rebuild Haiti's salt evaporation pools that were destroyed last September by Hurricane Jeanne.

Military and non-governmental organizations in conflict zones, struggles of India's indigenous people, alternate processes of peace and justice, identity crises in the Philippines and Palestine, a multidisciplinary approach to peace in Haiti and genocide are top topics in "First Steps: Eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti."
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"got." McDonald said part of recognizing each individual's leadership potential comes from women who epitomize leadership. "We wanted this experience to reinforce in them what it is like to be Saint Mary's and additionally, we were hoping there would be a sort of discovery — that the attendees would realize that they were already exhibiting a lot of leadership skills, even if they didn't realize it yet," McDonald said. "There are so many different ways to be a leader at Saint Mary's."

The conference attendees ranged from corporate executives to stay-at-home moms to students at Saint Mary's. "I think we got a variety — that the attendees would like to be at Saint Mary's and realize that they were already exhibiting a lot of leadership skills, even if they didn't realize it yet," McDonald said.

"We are hopeful that this is the beginning of a tradition," McDonald said. "This is just another example of what Saint Mary's women can do."

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Before losing to St. John's Serjay Isayenko 15-12. "I know that Patrick made big progress this year," head coach Janusz Bednarz said. "He was competing very well so it was not a surprise for me [that he made the finals]."

Orlando, who had gone from 11th place in the round robin at Saint Saturday to fourth place by the end of Sunday, beat Rudy Burchel of Penn 15-5 before losing to Anna Garina of Wayne State 15-4.

The largest upset of the event came as Kryczalo, the three-time defending champion, attempted to join only 29 other athletes in NCAA history as winners of the same event four years in a row. After triumphing over Fraser Garay of St. John's 11-3, Harvard freshman Emily Cross defeated Kryczalo 15-3 in the finals.

Along with the medallists, freshman foil Jakub Jedrzkowski (17th), senior sabre Andrea Ament (7th) and sophomore sabre Matt Stearns (10th) were All-Americans at the event, giving Notre Dame 9 total.

Despite the individual accolades and troubles, the defining moments of the tournament came when Ohio State's Menta Thompson lost to St. John's Katia Larchanka immediately after Kryczalo had claimed victory over Columbia's Casidy Luitjen, giving Notre Dame its seventh national championship and securing the team as the sole champion.

"If we win first, we win first, we shouldn't tie it,"Providenza said. "We have done that great in a long time, so it was amazing."

This is the second national championship for Notre Dame this year. The women's soccer team won Dec. 5 with a 4-3 penalty kick decision against UCLA.

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Bush signs bill to prolong life

Michael Schiavo indignant at federal government’s intervention in his wife’s case

Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — While Terri Schiavo’s feeding tube was being held without bail, the U.S. Congress and President Bush gave hope to the brain-damaged woman’s parents that her feeding tube would be reinserted.

Following the Senate’s lead, the House early Monday passed a bill to let the woman’s parents ask a federal judge to order Schiavo’s life. President Bush signed the measure less than an hour later.

In cases like this one, where there are serious questions and substantial doubt, our court system, our laws and our courts should have a presumption in favor of life,” Bush said in a statement after signing the bill.

Schiavo’s father, Bob Schindler, thanked lawmakers but acknowledged “we still have a few hurdles yet.”

“T’m numb, I’m just totally numb. This whole thing, it’s hard to wrap your head around what would be the most sweeping changes to the United Nations in its 60-year history.

Michael Schiavo’s attorney George Felos speaks to Pinellas County Circuit Court Judge George Gree, who ruled that Schiavo could have his wife’s feeding tube removed Friday.

National News

Alleged killer returns to Florida

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — The convicted sex offender who authorities say confessed to kidnapping and slaying 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford returned to Florida in shackles Saturday for a colorful welcome and a emotional goodbye for the girl who vanished from her bedroom.

John Evander Couey, 46, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, officials said. The girl’s body was found early Saturday, more than three weeks after she was snatched from her bedroom.

Navy SEAL faces court-martial

SAN DIEGO — The court-martial of a Navy SEAL lieutenant accused of abusing a prisoner at Baghdad’s Abu Ghraib prison was being held without bail.

The court-martial of the SEAL is accused of punching an Iraqi prisoner who authorities say confessed to the Aug. 2004 Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal.

The lawyer for Michael Schiavo said the bill could be read as unconstitutional.

“In our opinion an absolute attack on the notion that we have separation of powers between the co-equal branches of government,” attorney Hamden Bashin III told CNN.

Bob Schindler visited his daughter late Sunday and said he noticed the effects of dehydration on her. He said she appeared to be getting weak but eventually responded to his touching by making a face at him.

“I tell us she’s still with us,” he said.

The president’s brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, praised the actions of Congress. “We in government have a duty to protect the weak, disabled and vulnerable,” he said in a statement Monday. "I appreciate the efforts of state and federal lawmakers on both sides of the aisle who have taken this duty to heart.”

Outside the hospice, a crowd of about 30 people prayed and sang behind signs bearing such slogans as “Let Terri Live” and “President Bush Please Save Terri.” One man played “Amazing Grace” on a trompet, as a pickup truck pulled a trailer bearing 10-foot-high replicas of the stone Ten Commandments tablets and a huge working version of the Liberty Bell.

A shout of joy when news of the bill’s passage came.

Among those cheering was David Bayly, 45, of Toledo, Ohio. “I’m overjoyed to see the vote and see Terri’s life extended by whatever amount God gives her.”

The 41-year-old woman’s feeding tube was removed Friday on a Florida judge’s order. Schiavo could linger for one or two weeks if the tube is not reinserted — as has happened twice before, once on a judge’s order and once after Gov. Bush passed the “Terri’s Law,” which was later declared unconstitutional.

Pakistan

Pilgrims flee shrine after bombing kills 30

Associated Press

FATEHPUR — Frightened pilgrims crammed into buses leaving a remote village in the northwest Pakistan on Sunday after a bombing at a Shiite shrine left 30 dead, and tens of thousands of people fleeing bloodshed and shoes for signs of loved ones.

The blast Saturday night prompted anger and disbelief among the thousands who gather here 500 miles southwest of the capital, Islamabad, for an annual festival that bridges sectarian and religious divides.

Everyone comes here, even Hindus. There is no distinction here between a Shiite and a Sunni, “said the shrine’s caretaker, Syed Sadiq Shah. “God’s curse be on those who did this. They have killed innocent people.”

The explosion carved out a 2-foot deep crater and added to security fears in restive Baluchistan province, hit last week by fighting between government and separatist forces and renegade tribesmen.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, Shaoba Naushervani, Baluchistan’s home minister, said 30 people died and 20 were wounded. She put the number of dead at 44.

A time bomb, packed with about 6.6 pounds of explosive, went off among pilgrims as they took supper in an open area about 500 feet from the shrine.

Most of them had traveled from other regions of Baluchistan or neighboring Sindh province to mark the death anniversary of the 19th century Shiite saint whose tomb is inside the shrine. Up to 20,000 people had arrived over the weekend for the three-day event at Fatehpur, an arid village of about 30 mud brick houses.

“We were busy serving food to the travelers. I went into the kitchen and there was a big blast like an earthquake,” recounted shrine worker Ghulam Mohammed.
Saint Mary’s delegates gather in Dubai for a leadership conference. From left are Veronica Fultz, Angela Johnson, Sister Marianne Farina, Tracy Robinson, Asma Quddura and Carolyn Madison.

Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs also contributed. Other participants in the conference included women and men from the business world.

According to the Saint Mary’s participants, panels and workshops throughout the course of the conference helped to break up the huge amount of women who attended and also served to cater to each woman’s individual concerns.

Participation in the Women as Global Leaders Conference has had profound affects on the Saint Mary’s Women who attended.

Fritz said she initially had reservations about going to a conference like this and didn’t expect to be greeted by women leaders,” said Madison. Even Fritz, who leads the nation’s largest conference for women, was presented in English except for the welcome, which was in Arabic.

Entertainment was large-scale, with 15 professors and guest speakers present throughout the conference. Entertainment included four lectures with themes of student accommodations.

We had all shown interest to be in more than just a dialogue, said Fritz. “We still get together every other week and reflect and practice what we learned in the dialogue.”

Upon arriving, Fritz, Madison, Arab Emirates, Farina and Quddura, along with Farina and moderator Tracy Robinson, directed each of the talks. The Living Community, were “graceful and strong waves of black with red triangles around their necks saying Women as Global Leaders,” Fritz said didn’t expect to be greeted by women leaders,” said Madison. Even Fritz, who leads the nation’s largest conference for women, was presented in English except for the welcome, which was in Arabic.

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Keynote speakers at the conference continued from page 1 of the most prominent women leaders of the world today, the University stated on the conference’s Web site. The trip was sponsored by CWIL, which also footed the bill since the goals of the conference aligned with CWIL’s goal of fostering intercultural knowledge. Zayed University, women’s college founded in 1998 in the United Arab Emirates, paid for almost all student accommodations.

Saint Mary’s contributed to three lectures with themes of Muslim-Catholic dialogue, social justice teachings and compassionate listening as a form of reconciliation.

“Ircc” o c c o  s

A nation-wide initiative that began in 2003, the InterCultural Justice (Ircc) is a national Catholic movement that encourages understanding of the roles that can complement and outside families and how those roles can complement each other. Johnston said. “To be a good leader, it involves both men and women working together,” she said.

Madison said she learned the importance of realizing one’s potential as a leader, but also how to follow other’s leadership. "Without one culture, you couldn’t have your own ideas. It's easy to forget that most ideas we have weren't founded by Americans," Madison said. It's good to remember how similar we are, especially in human rights — inalienable rights."

Participants hope to maintain contact with the women they met in Dubai and are already planning future conferences. "Some women exchanged information and are considering coming to Saint Mary's for Compassionate Listening this summer,” Johnston added.

Next year’s conference is slated to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. "We hope the conference will take place every year. I’d love to go back, but I think we have to be invited back, which I’m sure we will,” Fritz stated.

"Saint Mary’s College would love to participate again," Madison said. “You never know who you will inspire.”

Major sponsors of the conference itself included Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority, First Gulf Bank, Microsoft, EmiratesMedia, International Printing Press, Women in Business Magazine and CNBC.

For more information on the conference, visit www.zu.ac.ae/leadership2005.

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Bryan Boyer, MD
Tremor: Better Living through Machinery
Robert Yount, MD
Sleep Disorders

Session 2. Tuesday, March 22, 2005
Gary Fromm, MD
Sleep Disorders
Robert Yount, MD
Lynn Willis, PhD

Session 3. Tuesday, March 29, 2005
Michael Method, MD
Alternative Medicine: Walking a Fine Line
Tremor: Better Living through Machinery
Lynn Willis, PhD

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Cancer: Prevention, Screening, and Treatment in our Community and Beyond
Alzheimer’s Disease

Session 5. Tuesday, April 12, 2005
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Session 6. Tuesday, April 19, 2005
Lynn Willis, PhD

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Place: 102 DeBartolo Hall (west of stadium)
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To register or for more information, call Judy at (574) 631-5573

IRAQ

Nations dispute, remove delegates

BAGHDAD — Iraq and Jordan engaged in a tit-for-tat withdrawal of ambassadors Sunday in a growing dispute over Shiite Muslim claims that Jordan is failing to block terrorists from entering Iraq, while U.S. forces killed 24 insurgents in a clash south of Baghdad.

An American convoy was traveling through the Salman Pak area, 20 miles southeast of Baghdad, when it was attacked, U.S. officials said. The military returned fire and killed 24 militants. Seven missionaries and six soldiers were also wounded.

No further details were available about the attack or the conditions of the wounded soldiers.

The clash was among the largest involving insurgents since the Jan. 30 elections, and came on a day of bloody attacks by militants throughout the country.

Sunday’s diplomatic row erupted even as a Jordanian court sentenced in a 15-year prison term.

Residents say it was attacked, U.S. officials said.

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Residents say
Affair causes executive to resign

CHICAGO — The Boeing Co. executive whose affair with CEO Harry Stonecipher led to his ouster last week has voluntarily resigned, the company said Friday.

The woman's resignation was effective Thursday, spokesman John Dern said. He wouldn't comment further, and the aircraft manufacturer continued its refusal to identify her, citing privacy concerns.

Stonecipher resigned at the request of Boeing's board of directors for what Chairman Lew Platt said was unprofessional conduct related to the affair. Company sources have said the ouster was necessary because of graphic e-mail exchanges between the CEO and the female executive at a time when Boeing's ethical conduct was under heavy scrutiny.

When Boeing announced Stonecipher's ouster March 7, it said it also was investigating the woman's activities surrounding the matter and did not know whether she would remain with the company.

That investigation is now complete, Boeing told employees in a companywide message Friday quoting general counsel Doug Bain. The company said that "by mutual agreement," neither Boeing nor the former executive is releasing further information.

Taser gives active cops stock options

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Taser International Inc. is offering its use of active-duty police officers as trainers as a major ingredient in the company's meteoric rise to become the No. 1 seller of stun guns.

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DeLorean executive and developer dies at 80

NEWARK, N.J. — John Z. DeLorean, the former auto executive who left a promising career in Detroit to develop the stainless-steel DeLorean sports car that became a time-traveling sports car bearing his name and was acquitted of charges he planned to sell $24 million worth of cocaine to support the venture, has died at the age of 80.

DeLorean died Saturday at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., of complications from a recent stroke, said Paul Connell, an owner of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Royal Oak, Mich., which was handling arrangements.

DeLorean, whose namesake car was turned into a time machine in the "Back to the Future" movies, was among just a handful of U.S. entrepreneurs who dared start a car company in the last 75 years.

DeLorean "broke the mold" of said Midwesten auto executives by pushing General Motors Corp. to offer smaller models, auto historians said. While at GM, he created what some consider the first "muscle car" in 1964 by cramming a V-8 engine into a Pontiac Tempest and calling it the GTO.

Although he was a riser if unconventional executive at GM, and was believed by many to be destined for its presidency, he quit in 1973 to launch the DeLorean Motor Car Co. in Northern Ireland.

Eight years later, the DeLorean DMC-12 hit the streets with its unapologetic stainless steel skin and gull-wing doors. Its angular design earned it a cult following, and the car was a time-traveling vehicle for Michael J. Fox in the "Back to the Future" films of the late 1980s.

However, the fact company produced only about 8,000 cars in three years, estimat ed John Truscott, membership director of the DeLorean Owners Association.
U.S. defends Pacific, Rice says China may soon lift embargo imposed on China in 1989

**Lawyer killed by lethal injections**

Prosecutor and family man murdered via forced cocaine overdose

**Countdown of death hurts Atlanta's image**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta has spent years promoting itself as the "Capital of the New South" but is now struggling with an image that many with the city's economic vitality insist is inept. It only gets worse as more details about what went wrong with the Courthouse Rampage become public daily.

National television and radio talk shows have ripped the city's response to the rampage, with some referring to it as "Keystone Kop." A local radio personality even said: "Thank God he left Atlanta, otherwise they never would have found him," referring to the suspect's capture in a suburb.

Among the missteps: A surveillance camera that recorded images of a rape suspect overpowering a petite deputy was not monitored even as he allegedly entered the Sheriff's Office and gunned down a judge and a court reporter.

Legal experts did not take control of the crime scene until some 20 minutes after the shooting, as the suspect carjacked five vehicles within a mile of the courthouse before walking to a train station in the heart of the city's downtown business district.

The first photos of the suspect were not captured until an hour after the initial attack, about the time the suspect escaped from a commmuter train.

Although he asked a reporter whose car he stole for directions to a busy mall, he declined a ride, then made it down eight flights of stairs and walked out onto the street before being confronted by a deputy, who was shot and killed.

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The 52-year-old's body was found in the next day, March 3, near a river in the Ozarks, a couple hundred miles from his small town where he was found, of his own home's front yard.

"Some days he just wouldn't look good, his color wouldn't be good or whatever. He just didn't look rested or healthy," said Judy Roberts, who has been his life's partner, the court of the court, and he took that very seriously."

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"The authorities' decision to use force against people won't bring any good. It will only pro­voke anger," said Bakiyev, a leader of the opposition People's Movement of Kyrgyzstan.

Sunday's riot came a day after police forcibly evicted demonstra­tors from the govern­or's office in Jalal-Abad and another government building in the town of Talas. The police used gas and stun mon­key darts, including three police officers, were injured in the arrest of the demonstra­tors were arrested, police and the media activists said.

Street rallies across the country have also increasingly gained momentum. On Saturday, about 8,000 protest­ed in three cities.

For Mayne, winning the Pritzker is vindication for the years he spent struggling to maintain the purity of his unorthodox ideas. His stance earned him a reputation as an angry young man and an alienated member of the art world.

"My whole essence was attempting to do something I believed in. I didn't understand how to negotiate that notion of the private and the public world," he said in an interview at Morphosis, his Santa Monica studio. "Your whole life you're told you're an outsider and you can't do that, and then you're honored for it."

Mayne will be awarded a $100,000 grant and a bronze medallion on May 31 during a ceremony at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago's Millennium Park. Past win­ners of the Pritzker Prize, sponsored by the family that developed the Hyatt Hotel chain, include I.M. Pei, Frank Gehry, Brezo Piano and Renzo Koolhaas.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe issued a statement Sunday, urging the government and the opposition to refrain from using force and to begin a dia­logue.

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Busy with basketball, BET founder to resign

President to sever ties, focus on NBA team

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robert Johnson and Black Entertainment Television are known for one thing: Each other. Soon, they could go their separate ways after a profitable 25-year relationship.

Johnson is busy with other projects, including his losing NBA franchise in Charlotte, N.C., while the deal that let him stay on as BET's chief executive after he sold the network in 2000 expires this year. Stepping down at BET would give Johnson more time to pursue his varied interests.

A divorced father of two, Democratic Party donor and consummate schmoozer who counts former President Clinton among his friends, Johnson set his sights high early on.

Not taken seriously when he first talked about serving a then-untapped market, Johnson was 34 when he launched BET — which is celebrating its silver anniversary this year — from the basement of his Washington home in January 1980.

It is the country's first and largest black-oriented cable network, and has proved an unmatched success.

"Nobody had a clue about cable back then," says Herman Penner, a college roommate of Johnson's. "Obviously he dreamed a little bit bigger than that and was successful at it."

A Mississippi native with a master's degree from Princeton, Johnson led in other areas, too.

He became the country's first black billionaire after BET's sale for $3 billion nearly five years ago. He is the first black owner of a major sports team, the NBA's first-year Charlotte Bobcats, which Johnson named after himself.

A lifelong sports fan, Johnson was a partner in the effort to return baseball to the nation's capital, but he pulled out to focus on basketball before the Washington Nationals arrived.

He owns several Hilton and Marriott hotels, one of the country's largest black art collections and several film rights. He has a stake in a jazz record label, is interested in developing real estate and sought unsuccessfully to buy majority control of Independence Federal Savings Bank, one of the largest black-owned thrifts.

His plan to become the first black owner of a commercial airline failed several years ago when the government opposed a proposed merger that would have created a new carrier he sought to own.

Sen. McCain: Baseball cannot be trusted

WASHINGTON — Saying Major League Baseball "can't be trusted," Sen. John McCain warned Sunday that legislation might be needed to force the sport to change its steroids policies.

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"It demonstrates Osgood's philosophy of industrial paternalism. Osgood believed that his employees should be contented, satisfied with their work, and that if Congress decides that federal legislation is appropriate, that he would be supportive," McCain said.

In March 2004, McCain's Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on steroids in baseball, pressured that helped lead to the drug-testing plan that owners and players agreed to in January.

Several lawmakers were critical of two provisions in that agreement: one that allows players to be fined instead of suspended for failing a drug test, and another that calls for testing to be suspended if there's a government investigation.

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Reduced-sugar cereals do not prove healthy

Experts say popular children's options have same calories, no nutritional advantages

Associated Press

Could this be the end of cereal aisle showdowns between parents and sweet-toothed kids? New reduced-sugar versions of popular children's breakfast cereals — everything from Froot Loops to Frosted Flakes — certainly sound promising, but consumers might want to hold off chiming in when Tony the Tiger says, "Hey, it's cool, it's healthy!" Experts who reviewed the lower-sugar versions of six major brands of sweetened cereals at the request of The Associated Press found they have no significant nutritional advantages over their full-sugar counterparts.

Nutrition scientists at five universities found that while the new cereals do have less sugar, the calories, carbohydrates, fat, fiber and other nutrients are almost identical to the full-sugar cereals.

That's because the cereal makers have replaced sugar with refined carbohydrates to preserve the crunch. Officials at General Mills, Kellogg's and Post were unable to explain why the new cereals are as high in sugar as the original. But they did say they give consumers more options about how much sugar they eat.

Company officials said they were responding to parents' demands for products with less sugar and that they aren't claiming these cereals are any healthier than the originals.

That may not be obvious to consumers. On some boxes, the lower-sugar claim is printed nearly as large as the product's name, and only by carefully comparing the nutrition labels of both versions of a cereal would a shopper know there is little difference between them.

"You're supposed to think it's healthy," said Marion Neule, a nutrition professor at New York University and author of a book critical of the food industry's influence on public health. "This is about marketing. It is about nothing else. It is not about kids' health." Only one cereal, General Mills' Cinnamon Toast Crunch, saw a true calorie reduction, dropping from 130 calories to 120 per three-fourths cup serving.

The reduced-sugar versions of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes and Froot Loops; General Mills' Cocoa Puffs and Trix; and Post's Fruit Pebbles all have the same number of calories per serving.

Blame the calorie wars on crunch. To preserve cereals' taste and texture, sugar is replaced with other carbs that have the same calories as sugar and are no better for you. That's also why not even diabetes benefit from these cereals. The body treats all refined carbohydrates the same, whether they are sugars or starches, said Dr. Lilan Cheung of the Harvard School of Public Health.

"The changes don't buy you anything," she said. "From a health point of view, I really can't see the difference."

The new cereals were introduced last year as attention on the nation's obesity epidemic forced food companies to rethink marketing strategies. The $6.2 billion cold breakfast cereal industry has good reason to pay attention. Nearly 90 percent of children ages 6-12 regularly eat cereal, according to consumer research firm NPQ Group. Two-thirds of them eat sweetened cereals.

And while overall cereal sales have been sliding, sales of reduced-sugar cereals grew by almost 50 percent last year, accounts John Nielsen, president of Post. In an effort to appeal to health-conscious consumers, Post and General Mills replaced some of the sugar with the pricier no-calorie sweetener Splenda, upping the cost per pound by as much as $1.12 over the full-sugar cereals.

Researchers at five universities were hard-pressed to find advantages of the lower-sugar cereals. Even the cereal companies had a hard time.
This past week, I couldn't help but think back to that classic "Liar, Liar, scene in which a desperate Jim Carrey is dragged out of a courtroom screaming, "But I'm Jose Canseco! I'm Jose Canseco!" Yes, even though recent events might lead one to believe otherwise, there seems to be a time when emulating Jose Canseco was the cool thing to do. After all, in at least some respects, he was a hero.

Not only did he and fellow "Flash Brother" Mark McGwire lead the Oakland Athletics to three consecutive World Series appearances as a notori­ous tag team of home run hitters, but posters featuring the two bats poking with their hips flexed also floored the bedroom walls of Little Leaguers across America, myself included.

Without fail, throughout most of the early '90s, if my eyes were not glued to the television screen watching the comparably lukewarm New York Yankees and my own personal urban hero, Dan Mattingly, you could bet that I was running around my living room swinging a yellow plastic wiffle ball bat in the hopes of hitting an unlucky household object with the force of a Bash Brother grand slam. Oh, those were the days.

Granted, it was a lot easier to find a hero in the sports world back when we were growing up. The multi-million dollar advertising deals that tend to go to the heads of today's top athletes really only emerged on the scene after the Michael Jordan era, so the bigger-than-thou attitudes of a Barry Bonds or a Kobe Bryant were typically never an issue. Professional athletes were blessed with unthinkable God-given talents, and they never felt the need to appear on ESPN telling us exactly how much better than us they really were, and we loved and respected them for that. Life was good.

Speaking of everyone's favorite Los Angeles Lakers, the typical American sports fan also never had to worry about their heroes showing up on television defending themselves against charges of rape (Bryant), assault (Ron Artest), murder (O.J. Simpson, Jayson Williams), steroid use (Canseco, McGwire, Sammy SOSA, et al.) or drug use (Billy Williams, the entire NBA). Rape, murder and drugs, after all, only existed in Al Pacino movies. I'm pretty sure the only guy I knew growing up who used performance-enhancing steroids was the gargantuan Russian boxer in "Rocky IV."

Professional sports were simply an arena for the best Little League athletes who later were the best college athletes to have the honor of playing the games they loved more than anything in front of millions of hot dog-eating fans. It was a natural progression to greatness that every little boy wanted to take to, and steroids, felonies and ego trips simply were not a part of the picture. That was, of course, until something went terribly wrong, and those heroes on our posters, trading cards and cereal boxes ended up in our courtrooms, prison cells and congres­sional hearings.

Switching gears for a second, I should also note that professional athletes were not the only heroes and role models who provided the driving force behind much of the child development in America. There were the billionaire investors turned businessmen — men like Bill Gates and Steve Jobs — who certainly inspired many of my more financially-savvy peers with imaginations of inconceivable wealth and status.

There were the beautiful and talented heroes of Hollywood — stars like the gorgeous Julia Roberts and the incom­parably-cute Sean Connery — who motivated would-be actors and actresses to stick with their pipe dreams of cinematic success. There were the legendary and inspi­rational political heroes of history — great leaders like President George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt — who helped direct the futures of budding politicians. Generally speaking, no matter whom you were and what you wanted to do with your life, there was always a hero out there to help drive you to reach your dreams.

Canseco and his 304-page piece of literary fluff, "Juiced," and the steroid scandal in Major League baseball found itself reigned. Canseco and World.com, and the world business became a hasten of greed, scam­dul and corruption. Can Paris Hilton, Pamela Anderson and Robert Blake, who forced Hollywood to begin to look more like a hedonistic sin bin than the euphoric Shangri-La profiled in "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," and President George W. Bush's neo-conservative imperialism, and even the presidency lost its luster as the head of state, commander in chief and hero of the free world.

As a result, we have reached a cross­roads in American society in which our youth are now faced with a dangerous hero dilemma. They can either set their sights on a hero as a shady GoDaddy Com, an alleged rapist (Bryant), a loser star (Lindsay Lohan), a thief (Kenneth Lay) or a Republican (see all), or they can set off on their difficult journeys into the gloomy caves of adulthood without heroes by their sides to light the way to success. Call me pessimistic, but I just don't think they're going to make it.

Not without their heroes. Not without their Jose Cansecos.

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

"And youse gonna keep buxin' da season tickets and da rip off beer and da grossly overpriced food and da parking? Whoo, da parking and..."

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but rather the desire, at whatever cost."

— Arthur Ashe, athlete

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Symposium on women in war biased

I find the headlines from the March 18 issue of The Observer, "Symposium to debut" and "Women, War, and Peacemaking: Feminist Intervention in a Time of Conflict" very disingenuous, as no debate exists in this program. Building its case, the organizers have trivialized by terrorist attacks on an unprecedented scale for decades. Israel never deliberately targets civilians, and it has never lacked accountability when tragedy strikes. Accusing Israel of violating the Geneva Accords plays right into the terrorists' playbook.

Perhaps the organizers of this forum — and those supporting the symposium — should have considered the public sphere. There is nothing fundamentally wrong with intermingling devotion into public life if such actions can invoke the betterment of society through tolerance, personal discipline and sacrifice. People should continue to strike out.

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Rachel Corrie had nothing in common with those student demonstrators, thousands of whom were killed or imprisoned for voicing their support for democracy and freedom. CORRIGENDUM: In a propaganda effort against the terrorists in Iraq, Israel has never deliberately targets civilians, and it has never lacked accountability when tragedy strikes.

I am proud of my degree from Saint Mary's, and I am not even disappointed in my school for sponsoring this symposium.

Lisa Budzynski

Thou shall not..."
By MARIA SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

Not many groups out there have been touring as long as Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and it shows. The singer-dancers in the group took the stage so comfortably you would think there wasn't a huge crowd of people watching them. And yet there were nearly 1000 mesmerized spectators at the show.

Mambazo is a cultural icon, and their music is technically excellent, but even beyond that their performance is simply infectious. Mambazo has a goofy stage presence that promptly breaks down any barrier that might stand between a world-renowned group and its audience.

Being able to clown around onstage is a mark of a natural performer, and Mambazo catches its audience by doing exactly that.

Mambazo's performance was certainly not silly. Several songs related to political and other important issues from the group's native South Africa. The group performed "Homeless," its most famous hit ballad from Paul Simon's "Graceland" album, which despite its tranquil sound is about a dark time in South African history.

And yet there remained a sense that just as South Africa's history couldn't keep Mambazo from worldwide fame, neither could it keep the singers from enjoying their music. Some lines of the songs were beautifully poignant, but overall the show was joyful.

Some of the performers in Mambazo have retired and been replaced over the years — four of founder Joseph Shabalala's sons have notably begun to sing with the group — but some have been singing for decades. Shabalala and several others rank right up there with Bono for staying in amazing physical shape throughout a career. All eight performers danced and kicked their feet up through entire numbers and barely broke a sweat. Few men Shabalala's age would have the urge, or the capability, to dance and jump right alongside their sons onstage.

Mambazo recently won a Grammy Award for their release "Raise Your Spirit Higher," proving that as members have come and gone, the quality of the group's music has not decreased. Mambazo sings with the same tight, smooth harmonies that brought them to world attention 30 years ago.

Mambazo also released an album with the English Chamber Orchestra in 2005. While the recording is as excellent as all of Mambazo's crossover work, this performance was proof that the group's music needs nothing else to back it up.

The strong bass, and the distinct tone of Shabalala's tenor, might sound strange to American ears at first, but it doesn't take long to realize that these singers are masters of a capella harmony and performance. The way Mambazo's music started may still be its best face.

Mambazo's universal appeal is obvious — their music, and their shickl onstage, is the kind that can appeal to anyone of any age. Forty years on the road have not slowed the group down, and if Sunday night's performance is any kind of evidence, they won't stop touring anytime soon. Mambazo's recordings are excellent, but seeing the group live shows an entirely different face of their performance style. Anyone who had the chance to get this first-hand feel for the singers of Ladysmith Black Mambazo was lucky to catch the group in action.

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THEATRE REVIEW

‘Angels in America’ full of emotions and laughs

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Aquinas Senior Editor

At the beginning of Part Two of “Angels in America,” the character whose husband left her wanders around in a daze and says, “When your heart breaks, you should die.” She’s not the only character the audience can identify with in the first scene, as Becky (played by Tony Kushner’s two-part “Angels in America” on stage last weekend) has performed the second part last weekend as a staged reading. Even if the audience can’t exactly identify with an apparently insane woman, or any of the other quirky characters, the themes reach out to every person who has ever felt brokenhearted, hopeful, angry, confused or betrayed.

“Part Two: Perestroika” was performed Saturday and Sunday in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre as a benefit; “Part One: Millennium Approaches” was performed last semester. Admission was free, but donations were collected at the door for the American Foundation for AIDS Research. The Pulitzer Prize-winning play addresses many issues that you’ve controversy on this campus — homosexuality, religion, politics, racism and more.

Each part of “Angels in America” is long enough and comprehensive enough to stand alone, tackling these difficult issues freely and with plenty of sexuality, profanity and hysterically funny one-liners. The Los Angeles semi-production introduced the cast of complex characters, who interact during the Becoming Angels show, as AIDS spreads in America.

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Louisville routs Georgia Tech, heads to Sweet 16

Duke drops Miss. St. 63-55; runs end for Vermont, Bucknell

Associated Press

Francisco Garcia scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and Tappun Dean stopped any hope Georgia Tech had for a rally with three straight 3-pointers, sealing a 76-54 victory that sent Louisville to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1997.

Dean finished with 14 points, all but two on 3-pointers, and also had six rebounds and two assists. Larry O'Bannon added 16 for the fourth-seeded Cardinals (31-4), who have won 20 of their last 21.

As the final seconds ticked down, the thousands of Cardinals fans who were lining up Saturday night to buy leftover tickets started chanting "Sweet 16! Sweet 16!" Garcia was beaming as he came out of the game and hugged coach Rick Pitino who improved to 29-9 in 11 NCAA tournament appearances.

It was a swift end for the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets (20-12), who made a thrilling run to the title game last year. Though they returned almost the entire team, they looked more like newcomers than crusty veterans against the Cardinals and their 2-3 zone. They trailed by double digits less than five minutes into the game, and ended up shooting less than 38 percent.

Luke Schenscher led the Yellow Jackets with 13, but the rest of Georgia Tech's offense was largely ineffective. Jarrett Jack had 11 points. Will Bynum had eight and B.J. Elder was held to just three.

The Cardinals were sure they'd locked up a top seed in the Conference USA tournament, and made no secret of their disgust when they didn't get one.

Worse, they drew the fourth seed in the Albuquerque Regional, behind lightly regarded Washington, Wake Forest and Gonzaga.

Duke 63, Mississippi St. 55

The celebration was muted, emotions kept in check. Never mind that Mike Krzyzewski had just passed Dean Smith for the most wins in NCAA tournament history with a victory that moved Duke into the round of 16.

The tears will come only when the NCAA's round of 16. He finished with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Michigan St. 72, Vermont 61

An afterthought during the regular season and sentimental second choice in the NCAA's, Michigan State finally is stepping out of the shadows.

The Spartans advanced to the Austin Regional semifinals on Sunday with a 72-61 victory over 13th-seeded Vermont, the plucky school with the wacky coach that upset Syracuse for its first NCAA tournament victory.

"I'm glad it's over," Michigan coach Tom Izzo said. "I thought with the entire state and nation pulling for them, it would be tough to overcome. I tell you, if I wasn't playing against them, I'd be pulling for them."

Michigan State guard Bryant McIntosh, who had announced he would retire after the season, said Vermont coach Tom Brennan had told him he had a scheme to stop Michigan's playmaking veterans.

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### Teams Eliminated

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- **Portland**
  - Record: 23-41
  - Win %: 35.9
  - GB: 1-9

- **Orlando**
  - Record: 32-34
  - Win %: 48.5
  - GB: 3-7

- **Washington**
  - Record: 36-28
  - Win %: 56.3
  - GB: 5-5

- **Utah**
  - Record: 20-46
  - Win %: 30.3
  - GB: 1-9

- **Denver**
  - Record: 34-30
  - Win %: 53.1
  - GB: 9-1

- **Seattle**
  - Record: 44-20
  - Win %: 68.8
  - GB: 6-4

- **Chicago**
  - Record: 33-31
  - Win %: 51.6
  - GB: 4-6

- **Cleveland**
  - Record: 33-32
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- **New York**
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### In Brief

#### Mets acquire Ishii from Dodgers

- **VERO BEACH, Fla.** — The New York Mets plugged a hole in their starting rotation Sunday, acquiring left-hander Kazuhiro Ishii from the Los Angeles Dodgers for catcher Jason Phillips.

#### Alonso wins Malaysian Grand Prix

- **SEPANG, Malaysia** — Fernando Alonso is making the most of Michael Schumacher's struggle with his old Ferrari.

#### Favorites fall: No. 2 seeds ousted from NCAA's

- **Worcester, Mass.** — Julius Hodge looked up and saw Rudy Gay's smile on the game on the line. There was no way Hodge would let the Connecticut freshman man stand there smirking as the final seconds ticked away.

#### Around the Dial

- **BAHRAM** — and the Mountaineers have beat the Wolfpack past the defending national champions in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

- **W. Virginia, Cansey stun Wake Forest**

- **Perry wins at Bay Hill**

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Karwick leads Irish to 22-6 pounding of Butler

Midfielder comes up one point short of tying school record

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Even for Notre Dame’s most loyal fans, the sound of the fight song became a bit repetitive Saturday afternoon.

With the music blaring after each Notre Dame goal, the Irish crushed Butler 22-6 to improve to 3-1 on the season.

It was Notre Dame’s first league game of the season, and a good start for the Irish, who were coming off a close win over North Carolina.

Matt Karwick had eight points for Notre Dame, five goals and three assists, highlighting the team’s offensive domination.

The school record for most points in a game is nine.

Pat Walsh had six points, three goals and three assists, and now has eight goals on the season.

Jim Morrison also scored three goals for the Irish for the fourth consecutive time this season.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan was happy with his team’s performance, even though the level of competition was clearly not the same as Notre Dame’s previous opponents this season — Penn State, Cornell and North Carolina.

"(Butler) had an overtime game on Wednesday night and I think they must have left a little bit on the field there, because we were able to get on them," Corrigan said. "We thought coming into the game that it was going to be important to get a lead on them. They wanted to play a little bit slower and a little bit more deliberately, and they can’t control that tempo if they are down."

That’s exactly what Notre Dame did, getting out to a 12-0 lead before Butler scored their first goal.

"I thought that certainly the key to the game is getting that quick early lead and then forcing them to play our tempo which we were a lot more comfortable with than they are," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame was able to control much of the clock, keeping the ball on offense and in the Butler zone.

"Our face off guys did a great job, our ground ball play was very sharp, and those are the possessions that are up for grab," Corrigan said. "We got the vast majority of those early ... it was hard for them to get settled in."

"I think it went from 1-0 to 4-0 before they got another possession."

In fact, Butler did not score until 5:09 remained in the second period, when Kyle Tietjen put home his third goal of the season.

Notre Dame’s scoring came quickly and often, allowing Corrigan to play some of his other players in larger amounts later in the game.

"It's certainly one game that were thrilled with and especially happy that a bunch of guys who have been working extremely hard in practice and doing a great job got to play a lot of minutes today and did very well with it," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame will take on Hofstra this weekend in Hempstead, N.Y.

The game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Irish attack Matt Malakoff, right, passes the ball upheld against Butler in Saturday’s contest. Notre Dame crushed the Bulldogs 22-6.

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Irish drop two games in Aces Diamond Invite

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The differences between the Irish and their weekend oppo­nents are glaring. Notre Dame has an NCAA Division I record 16 straight 40-win seasons. South Dakota State has won three games in its first year in Division I. Notre Dame has appeared in the NCAA tournament 19 times — six consecutive. Evansville has appeared in the NCAA tournament twice. But none of those statistics mattered over the weekend in the Aces’ Diamond Classic where the Irish fell to host Evansville on Friday 10-3 and to South Dakota State on Saturday 13-7.

Notre Dame (7-9) hoped to build on back-to-back wins after beating Northern Illinois in Thursday’s game. With six players batting over .300, Notre Dame’s offensive production has been solid this season. But the same old problems came back to bite the Irish — pitching and defense.

In three games from Thursday through Saturday, the Notre Dame defense committed eight errors and gave up 29 runs. The Irish ran into a hot Evansville squad (19-5) Friday and a desperate South Dakota State bunch (3-13) Saturday.

Against the Evansville Purple Aces, junior Tom Thornton suffered his third loss for the Irish.

Early on, Notre Dame led 3-0 after home runs by Matt Edwards and Greg Lopez. Edwards leads the Irish with five home runs and 21 RBIs, and owns a .369 batting average. The Aces broke the game open in the middle innings with four runs in the sixth inning and five in the seventh.

Freshman designated hitter Tony Langford, seeing more time after strong performances last week, was 2-4 in the loss. Langford is batting .500 in 16 at-bats on the year.

Saturday the Irish trailed the South Dakota State Jackrabbits 7-2 heading into the bottom half of the fourth inning. Then the offense made its move, as Notre Dame plated four runs.

Senior Scott Bickford entered the game for the Irish and shutdown the Jackrabbits in the top of the fifth. His offense backed him up with a run in the bottom of the inning.

With the game tied 7-7, Bickford took the mound again in the sixth but yielded the two game-winning runs to South Dakota State.

He suffered his first loss of the season. The Jackrabbits added four late runs to cushion the lead. After 16 games on the road to open the season, home could be the remedy for the Irish.

The Irish will try to get back on the winning track when they face Cincinnati Tuesday playing at Frank Eck Stadium for the first time this season.

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By ERIC RETTER
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SPORTS
Irish women find place among all-time greats

By THOMAS BARR
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Irish sprinter Maryann Erigha runs in a recent meet. Erigha won the 200 meters at the Willie Williams Invitational last weekend in Tuscon, Ariz.

By RYAN KEIFER
Sports Writer

The Irish enjoyed warm weather and fast times at the Willie Williams Invitational, their first outdoor track meet in Tuscon, Ariz., this weekend.

Notre Dame sent a limited number of athletes to Arizona, mostly sprinters and hurdlers, but was able to score five top-three finishes and qualify one athlete for the NCAA regional meet.

Maryann Erigha was the star of the meet for Notre Dame as she notched the lone victory for the Irish in the 200 meters and also finished fourth in the 100 meters.

Manning showed promise in her outdoor debut, finishing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and running on the fourth place 4-by-100 team, which also featured Erigha, Brienne Davis and Crysta Swayzer.

Notre Dame's goals entering this meet were to get some of its younger athletes experience, affording them as many opportunities as possible to qualify for the NCAA regionals. The Irish showed promise in this area, as the athletes showed their ability to adapt to the warm, dry conditions in the desert.

The outdoor portion of the schedule also brings a different NCAA qualification process. Indoors, athletes must hit an automatic qualification mark to be guaranteed a spot in the NCAA field. After that, the NCAA selects a number of athletes from each event among a pool who have earned a lesser, provisional standard.

This number varies from year to year and can leave athletes in limbo as to whether they have qualified for the championships.

Outdoors, athletes strive for one mark, which earns them a place in the NCAA regional where two athletes from each event advance to the championships.

Coach Tim Connelly feels the outdoor process favors his athletes.

"It's so much clearer outdoors. The athletes know exactly what they have to do. We just have to get them to a point where they can achieve those times," Connelly said last week.

The Irish will continue their quest for qualification times next weekend with two meets, one at Baylor University and one at Stanford University.

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In the third round, Galen Hasbrook stepped into the ring against junior Nathan Schroeder. Hasbrook won by unanimous decision. Hasbrook then dealt a blow that knocked Zizic into the ropes. Zizic came back powerful and held his ground. Hasbrook won by unanimous decision.

Mark Basola, left, evades the punch of Robert Gorynski in the final bout of the 160-pound division Saturday.

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Saracino said he was impressed with the coaches' decision to let him into the recruiting process from the alternative perspective of an admissions director.

Weis said he and his assistants understand the guidelines Saracino has laid before them.

"I think the admissions [department] is on the same page with athletics here and vice versa," Weis said. "I think that not every athlete can be a solid student." Saracino said, "Overall, what I've learned is that they are students that can be successful at Notre Dame, and really that's no different than the way it's been for the student-athletes at Notre Dame."

Recruiting relationships

Irish assistant coaches have already brought potential recruits to campus to impress Saracino to evaluate.

"We're meeting individually with coaches to call "passionate" and "hard-working" who exhibit serious interest in becoming experts in operating recruiting practices with the expectations of the student-athletes at Notre Dame."

"In talking with them, I was really struck by how interested they are in the type of student who comes to Notre Dame," Weis said. "One of the coaches has a son who's applied to Notre Dame, and he recognizes it will be coming next year... his son could pretty much go anywhere and look at Notre Dame."

"But the knockdown didn't faze them, and they're really getting excited about the recruiting process."

"What's happened," Weis said, "is that the student body at a BCS football program comes to get higher and higher recruiting."

"It was a pretty tough, back-and-forth the whole round," Hasbrook said. "The crowd was especially loud. Weis used his reach to overcome some of the punches.

"I think they try to get those guys, realizing that not everyone has the admissions ability to handle the Notre Dame curriculum."

"We have not been any tougher on the admissions process this year than last year," Weis said. "We're all looking for good athletes. We're all looking for high-character kids. And we're all looking for kids that can graduate."

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**Irish prepare for deep Arizona State team in 2nd round**

By MATT LOZAR  Senior Staff Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Shutting down one Sun Devil won't send the Irish to their third straight Sweet 16. Arizona State just has too much depth.

Facing a team with 10 players logging double-digit minutes and no one scoring more than 11.4 points per game, overcoming Arizona State's deep bench will be the challenge for Notre Dame in tonight's second-round NCAA tournament game at 9 p.m. on ESPN2.

"They have a very balanced attack," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at Sunday's press conference. "We can't just shut down a Kristine Mann to win this game." 

Tonight's game figures to be a defensive struggle since both teams normally play that type of the style. Unlike the 67 points Arizona State scored in its first-round win over Eastern Kentucky Saturday, the Sun Devils averaged 65 points per game. 

The Irish played their normal style of game in the 61-51 win over UC Santa Barbara. McGraw knows her team needs that type of performance on defense again tonight.

"They are really physical and play great defense," McGraw said. "I was pleased with our defense tonight, and we need it again tonight."

"We're not a team that blows people out."

More than just Batteast

With junior Batteast struggling from the field and the post players in foul trouble, McGraw needed her role players to step up on Saturday to defeat the pesky Gauchos.

She got just that.

"Our interesting lineup McGraw used late in the first half saw three freshmen — Charel Allen, Tahyah Gaines and Melissa D'Amico — on the court with sophomore Breona Gray and Batteast. McGraw hadn't used that combination very often this season, but she was pleased with the results.

"It was great to get them some minutes. You're not sure what to expect," McGraw said. "I was pleased to see the freshmen play like that."

What may have been most satisfying for McGraw was seeing her team excel with Batteast only scoring eight points.

"I thought that was one of our best games of the year," McGraw said. "I was glad to see us win with [Batteast] getting eight points and 10 boards and [the other players] stepping up."

Quick hits

• Saturday's win gave the Irish 27 on the season, the third highest total in school history. Notre Dame's 1996-97 team, which advanced to the Final Four and won more games than any team in history, won 31 games.

• Batteast started her 96th consecutive game against the Gauchos, which set a school record. Katryna Goitxoa, who played at Notre Dame from 1994-97, previously held the mark.

• McGraw earned her 499th career victory Saturday.

• Since the Irish joined the Big East for the 1995-96 season, the Irish have qualified for 10 straight NCAA tournaments. Each year, the Irish have advanced to at least the second round.

• Current Notre Dame athletic director Gene Smith, who is leaving for the same position at Ohio State in Columbus, is a former football player at Notre Dame and graduated in 1977.

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**Coaching**

McGraw is now 22-1 in NCAA Tournament games and running for career victory No. 500 as a head coach. She knows how to prepare her teams for second round match-ups with six of the past nine reaching the Sweet 16.

**Style of Play**

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"As a team, we had really, really high expectations. Every year we come in expecting to win, and especially this year because Ohio State only qualified 11, that was huge for us," said sophomore箔te Matt Stearns.

Stearns joined his four other teammates in competition Thursday and Friday, as the men took to the strips first in the championships. Senior epeeist Mikhail Sobieraj led the team, going 18-5 in the round robin before beating Ohio State's Denis Tolkachev and Wayne State's Marek Petzak in the semifinals and finals to claim his first individual NCAA title.

In his semifinal bout with long­rival Tolkachev, Sobieraj avenged his 5-4 loss in the round robin, knocking out the No. 4 seed, taking the final touch to claim his victory.

"I expected that Michel would be winner because I know that he had a strong drive to do this," said.

In victory, Sobieraj closes out his career as a four-time All­American and leaves Notre Dame with a 68- 24 record in the NCAA championship rounds, third best in the school's men's fencing history behind sabre Mike Sullivan and foilist Ozren Debic.

However, Sobieraj was not the only Notre Dame men's fencer to make it to the championship bout, marking the second time in as many years that two Irish men's fencers have made it to the finals. In 2000, both Irish sabre fencers, Patrick Ghattas also made it to the finals, where he fell to Popovic, capturing the bronze medal. This year, together, they were able to make it to the final once again, Ghattas held on to a slim 9-8 lead before finding his rhythm and winning the bout 15-10.

"Initially, in the pools I was losing 4-0, then I kind of figured out that he was just hitting to my hand, so I adjusted and came back 4-4 but he scored three out of the four finals, I felt real confident after that 4-4 go in the pool. I sabre and two­time defending beating him."

The championship bout with bayonets again proved to be one of role reversals, this time work­ing out against Ghattas as bayonets bounced back from a 5- 0 shutout to capture the title. The bout was close from beginning to end. After losing the first two rounds going down 5-4, Ghattas never regained the lead and fell 15-12.

"Being up there in front of everyone, it’s so hard to stick to your game plan, because there so many outside factors that come into the mix. I feel like I was able to focus and do my routine so I couldn’t do it because of all these things."

In his semifinal, Ohio State's Rouz Ellis easily tri­umphed over Gabriel Stinkin of New York University to claim the Ohio State second title in as many years. The two​time defending champions, the two other Notre Dame fencers, Stearns and Jedrzejkowski, also performed well enough to be named All-Americans. Stearns went 14-9 in 10th place and Jedrzejkowski's 15-8 record was good enough for a seventh­place finish.

Sophomore Aaron Adjemian rounded out the Irish contingent, going 5-18 on the weekend.

Notre Dame went 11-17 in the position against their major rivals, going 4-4 versus Ohio State and 5-3 and 5-4 against St. John's, the men did keep the fight going, but after losing the lead and end, but after losing the lead and

As Friday's events unfolded, the championship still seemed to be viable option.

"Ohio State qualified six guys but was girls, so we were able to keep the girls could keep it close after losing the lead and end. And when we were behind, the girls could pick it up and win a lot of bouts for us," said.

Although they fenced with one man less than Ohio State and St. John's, the men did keep the score relatively close, and when the women began Saturday afternoon, the Irish were in fourth place and trailed leader Ohio State 94-76.

"Ohio escaped us, so we have to chase these, but we did escape so far that we will feel as we are lost. We have to make it to 24 bouts on Ohio State," Bednarski said. Friday it will make it, but if we will make it at 24, but she was never able to take the lead and lost in her first NCAA finish the round robin in second place.

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Overcoming a difficult day on the offensive end by Jacqueline Batteast, the Irish (27-5) used their 2-3 zone to contain the Gauchos’ (21-9) attack and an unorthodox shot from Megan Duffy in a 61-51 win to advance to tonight’s second-round game against Arizona State.

“We did a great job on Mann. We really worked hard in our zone,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I think that was the key to the game.”

Mann finished with seven points on 2-of-14 shooting. Every time she touched the ball on the perimeter, an Irish defender was in Mann’s face, not allowing her to get an open look. When Mann got the ball down on the post, at least two Irish defenders collapsed on her, making Mann’s shot free throws down the stretch to seal the game for the Irish. Batteast struggled for Notre Dame, finishing with eight points on 4-of-14 shooting after making three of her first four shots. The senior made up for her shooting troubles by grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds.

Breona Gray and Courtney LaVere each had 10 points for the Irish who finished with five players scoring at least seven points.

Duffy led UCSB with 18 points, the only Gaucho to score in double figures.

Starting the second half up 31-28, the Irish took advantage of Duffy’s 4-of-4 shooting that looked tentative and was feeling the pressure of the NCAA tournament more than during the first half. A 16-7 run during the first 10 minutes of the half extended Notre Dame’s lead to 47-35.

We kept our poise (in the second half),” Duffy said. “We had more turnovers in the first half, but we settled down.

In the locker room, we said we have 20 minutes to prove what type of team we are, and we wanted to leave it on the court.”

Duffy made tipsy hard on themselves, scoring three points during the next 7:32 which allowed the Gauchos to get within four at 50-46 before Gray’s layup and Duffy’s shot put the game away.

“Duffy saved all of her St. Patrick’s Day karma for that shot she made,” French said. “If she doesn’t make that and we get one, it’s interesting down the stretch.

“She’s a great leader, and that’s what great leaders do.”

The Irish looked like a team that hadn’t played in 12 days, committing three turnovers on their first four possessions to start the game. The Gauchos opened up a quick 8-4 lead.

Switching to a 2-3 zone after opening in man-to-man, the Irish forced the Gauchos into long shots. In the first half, the Gauchos did a good job of doubling the Irish, but the Gauchos couldn’t maintain their double teams.

The Gauchos responded with a run of their own, an 11-2 spurt highlighted by a deep 3-pointer from Erin O’Brian that put the Gauchos ahead 23-21.

NOTRE DAME 61, CALIF-SANTA BARBARA 51

at the SAFE MART CENTER

NOTRE DAME (27-5)

Batteast 5-14 3-8, LaVere 5-10 0-0, Fish 2-8 4-6, DuFFY 5-12 4-5, Gray 4-8-10, Games 1-3 0-0, Allen 1-6 0-0, Richardson 2-7 0-0, Erwin 1-2 0-0. Totals: 22-52 15-22 51.

UCSB (21-9)

Reichert 4-10 3-8, Nicholls 2-3 2-4, Gray 3-4 2-2, Fisher 8-9 4-6, Bond 0-4 0-0, Wilson 1-5 0-0. Borton 1-2 0-0, Gray 9-13 3-4. Totals: 17-44 14-31.

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Coffee and Conversation

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

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

316 Coleman-Morse

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

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

"Coffee and refreshments will be served"

Freshman Charel Allen struggled to just 1-6 from the field, but added 5-of-6 free throws to score seven points in 19 minutes off the bench. Crystal Erwin did not start either, but complimented Allen’s points with six rebounds in just 14 minutes.

And even Batteast, who finished with just eight points on 4-of-14 shooting, made her mark by grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds and dishing out three assists.

All Notre Dame players who saw action did their part to beat Santa Barbara. In past games, in past seasons, the Irish might have folded when Batteast wasn’t cold. They might have lost confidence and lost faith in their abilities. Or they might have just plain lost. But this version of Notre Dame didn’t even flinch when Batteast missed time and time again.

This 2004-05 squad just found a way to win.

Now the Irish face challenge number two on their path to Indianapolis. No. 5 Arizona State looked impressive in its win over No. 12 Eastern Kentucky. The Sun Devils drained 60 percent of their shots and had 49 points at halftime. Crystal Erwin had her hands full against an athletic, big, physical team tonight.

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DILBERT

TED. I DON’T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS.

PEANUTS

YOU’LL USUALLY JUST FIGURE OUT WHAT TO SAY.

CHARLES SCHULZ

WILL SHORTZ

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Swear to
3. "What’s the that can happen?"
10. Noise (ouf)
14. Ending with hard or soft
37. Intrigued, as a point
38. Jump for joy
39. A barber has to work around it
40. Faculty member
42. Burn ___ crisp
43. First-class
46. Nebula
47. Gym shoes, for short
49. "Golden Boy" playwright
51. Clotheshorse
52. "Son kiss."
53. Writer
55. Companion for Tarzan
56. "Clock Jump." (1900's hal
57. Jazz phrase
58. Not flexible
59. Choose, select
60. Written
61. Smile
64. Oak-to-be
65. Gaming table
66. Hence
67. Four (backpack)
68. Marsh plant
69. Always
70. Perfect places
71. Luke
72. Skywalker's mentor

DOWN

1. In your home.
2. We need to lean up
3. To Smartsize
4. A barber has to work around it
5. To Smartsize
6. Collector
7. A barber has to work around it
8. Updated
10. To Smartsize

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on what you can accomplish today. Property, investments, antiques or anything else that can grow in value should be looked at closely. An older relative may need your help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your sensitive nature will enhance your appeal today. You will be in a subtle high key that will help you draw a project you've been working on. Consider all sides and make a decision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financially, this is your best day of the month. You can profit by thinking positively. You will have the power to change situations with the right words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Peace for your accomplishments will come your way. A new opportunity to engage in an interesting project will come your way and you'll realize your desire to have fun and enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Today, you'll be looking at many opportunities. The ones you want to accomplish and get things done. This is the time to think big and dream dreams.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider what you can do to improve your health. Our own well-being is what matters most. You can probably do more than you think.
FENCING

National champions

Irish come from behind to win ninth title

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

HOUSTON — There were a lot of smiles on Sunday afternoon when Katia Larchanka of St. John's touched Ohio State's Metta Thompson to secure victory in the pair's women's foil bout.

Those happy faces all belonged to the men and women of the Notre Dame fencing team, who saw themselves move into sole possession of first place at the first and best time. Moments earlier, senior Irish foilists Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament embraced after Kryczalo's victory in her final bout clinched a share of the NCAA title.

"Overall I'm so happy with the pair's performance," said Daniel Gallegos. Throughout the second round with Sarpong, he had Sarpong stumbling. "I was excited to see how the Irish would come into the second round with Sarpong's loss, he had Sarpong stumbling.

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