ND Habitat members spring into action

By KATIE WAGNER
News Writer

Whether they’re slamming a volleyball into the mud, sleeping in a cardboard box or painting a house, Notre Dame students are living out Habitat for Humanity’s “Art! Speak! Build!” advocacy week.

The highlight of this week is “Shack City,” a gathering on South Quad Saturday night. The event involves students sleeping the night sleeping in large cardboard boxes in order to increase awareness of the issue of substandard housing. Students are asked to raise money for the Notre Dame chapter of Habitat for Humanity’s house. Also, 10 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Puebla, Mexico chapter of Habitat.

“We’re recognizing that some people in America really do live this way,” said senior Colin Bowdell, a co-president of Notre Dame’s chapter of Habitat. “We’re not trying to imitate or mock them.

Students will be writing facts about poverty and sub­standard housing on the boxes to further contribute to this visual “reminder that there’s a larger need in the world,” sophomore and Shack City planning team member Shannon Brewer said. “It sets Saint Mary’s apart from other schools and that’s something I really do live this way,” said junior Jim Bell, a Saint Mary’s Habitat member.


college’s ring has rich tradition

By ANGELA SAOUD
Senior Staff Writer

Class of 2003 graduate Shannon Brewer still feels connected to the Saint Mary’s campus when she looks at her ring. On her middle finger she wears her class ring — the one nearly 150 to 200 rings have been sold yearly for the 37 years during which she was a student.

Mary’s Jim Bell estimates that 1968, the class of 1968,” Bell said. While Balfour has been selling rings to the College since at least the class officers, not the Balfour company’s design was in fact the original.

"The first class I sold rings to was the class of 1968," Bell said. “Back then we used to sell them in large cardboard boxes in order to increase awareness. Students, however, differ over how well these events cater to their needs and tastes.

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Interest in SUB events varies

By JARRETT LANTZ
News Writer

South Bend has long lacked a venue for pop stars, a multitude of activities for students and the essence of a true college town, but Notre Dame’s Student Union Board and Legends nightlife are working hard to show students that a good time can be had right here on campus. Students, however, differ over how well these events cater to their needs and tastes.

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2005 football Shirt will be unveiled with Weis

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

It’s only spring, but the beginning of a new football era is already in the air. The 2005 season is full of promise with new head coach Charlie Weis, and it started off the season for fans, it is almost time for the release of the new Shirt.

The process for selection began in November with the submission of between 15 and 20 shirt designs. The president of this year’s The Shirt Project, Katie Fox, narrowed these entries down to a few finalists and asked them to resubmit modified designs.

“One of the things most people don’t know about The Shirt is how intensive the design modification process is,” Fox said. “We don’t select a design. We select a designer.”

Junior David Redenbaugh was chosen as this year’s designer, and he and Fox have worked and reworked The Shirt before submitting the finished shirt design to the vendor.

While Fox was unable to release any details about this year’s Shirt design, it will be unveiled at a ceremony at noon on April 22 at the Hammes Bookstore. Fox did say, though, that Coach Weis will be speaking at the event.

Tryouts begin for new Irish mascot

Six final leprechaun candidates to face off

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

Next fall will be the dawn of the Charlie Weis era for Notre Dame football and the beginning of the post-Chris Thomas era for Notre Dame’s official mascot. There will also be another important change in the world of Irish sports — a new leprechaun.

Tryouts for the prestigious and highly-scrutinized position will take place today at 6 p.m. in the Pit of the Joyce Center. Students are welcome to enter through Gate 2 and watch the rigorous proceedings to see who their new mascot will be.

Interviews have been conducted for the past few weeks in order to narrow the list of candidates. Of the original 14 who strove for the magical pot of gold that is the position of leprechaun at Notre Dame, only six remain going into today’s tryouts.

When all is said and done, just two official leprechauns will remain, as has been the custom. The selection process will contain physical as well as mental tests, cheerleading coach Jo Minion said. A panel of nine people made up of members from Student Activities, Academic Services, the Alumni Office, the Athletic Department Compliance Department, the Academic and Omega House.

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Wherever life takes you...

My experience in life has taught me several life lessons to live by. With the new arrival of spring, and season of change and beginning of new life, we all realize the immensity of new situations and change in our own lives, I urge you to reflect on these lessons.

The people around you, whether it’s friends, family or classmates, are what give life and its journey meaning. They make the journey worth it. People enrich experiences that you couldn’t experience by yourself. Great friends help you take life where you couldn’t go alone.

Life could take you on a smooth ride or a rough one, across the sea, close to home or six feet under. You just don’t know where it will take you. So just work hard on what you can control and don’t worry about what you can’t.

The fact that you don’t know where you will be down the road is why you need to enjoy everything you can control and don’t worry about what you can’t. The fact that you don’t know where you will be is what’s new. It’s not new to you, you have experienced it before.

People enrich experiences which are a void that can’t be filled. It could be not trying to talk to that attractive person sitting next to you in class, or not taking advantage of an opportunity because of the fear of failure. Don’t let life pass you by.

We also get so wrapped up in our goals didn’t turn out how you wanted. You can’t move forward in life until you have. When you are dwelling on something you are missing everything that is going on in the right in front of you. Life is calling you forward. Keep your head up and keep moving.

Wherever life takes you remember that it’s not what you do or how much money you make but who you are and what you stand for. It’s about the people you spend time with and great opportunities that are available.

Enjoy the simple pleasures of life, the smell of freshly cut grass, walks, the sun on your face, holding hands, or a simple smile from someone. We need to stop and enjoy these types of gifts that God has given us that are overlooked everyday. You’ll miss those simple things when they’re gone.

Learn not to dwell on the past, learn from it, and then let it go. You can’t move forward in life until you have. When you are dwelling on something you are missing everything that is going on in the right in front of you. Life is calling you forward. Keep your head up and keep moving.

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**Graduate Student Union**

**Group approves chairperson**

By PAUL SPADAFORA

**News Writer**

In the final Graduate Student Union meeting of the 2004-2005 academic year, the GSU approved a constitutional amendment and proposed new graduate student benefits, in addition to reviewing the year's big events.

The GSU voted 9-2 to approve a constitutional amendment that adds a new committee chair to the GSU. Outgoing GSU president John Young said the External Affairs chair will represent the GSU in two distinct ways.

"It's a two-pronged office," Young said. "One is to attend to external issues that are important to us... the office will be a liaison to the National Association for Graduate and Professional Students (NAGS). The second part is community outreach: it's very vaguely described such that there is strong motivation in Congress to not renew the act."

Young said the GSU will continue to add the NAGS in the group's lobbying efforts in Congress.

The outgoing GSU administration also reviewed the year's significant events, and evaluated the union's goals for the future. Among the major events of the year mentioned were the GSU parking survey and health insurance vote. The GSU parking survey was conducted for two months in the 2004 fall semester.

"According to the students, approximately 75 percent of graduate students are dissatisfied or extremely dissatisfied with parking," Young said.

Young said the goals of the GSU have changed.

"Not only are we a social organization, but we are now a service organization," he said. "On the whole, the outlook for the GSU is extremely positive."

After the formal end of the school year, the current GSU administration's term will end. President-elect Misty Schoenharl will take office after May 6.

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**Monk’s Farewell Mass**

**Sunday, April 17th**

**9:00 p.m. at the JACC**

All students are invited to attend “Monk’s Farewell Mass.” Mass will be followed by a reception in honor of Fr. Malloy in the JACC Monogram Room, featuring:

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at the ceremony to share some thoughts about the upcoming sea-

The Shirt Project is and always has been a firm supporter of Notre Dame football, and I per-
sonally am looking forward to an upcoming season of new leader-
ship and new opportunity," Fox said.

Even though last year marked

Mascot
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President’s Office, the Men’s Basketball Office, Student Development, a “super-fan” from campus and a past lep-
rechaun — as well as the cheer-
leading coaching staff — will
observe the try-
outs.

Each candidate per-
forms an opening to a pep rally, reacts to one
game, situation and then
is drilled with
questions by a
local media per-
sonality. For the finale of the
physical tests, the six candidates will
come to the floor to do push-
ups and the Irish fig.

After these tests, the contes-
tants will be subjected to individ-
ual interviews by the panel in a
conference room above Gate 3.

Minton said the results of the
process will be posted Friday
night and that there is still hope
for those that do not make lep-
rechaun — tryouts for cheerleaders are
Saturday morning at 8:30
a.m.

Once selections are
made, the lep-
rechaun is treated
much like any stu-
dent athlete.

“The leprechaun
and cheerleaders
are regarded as athletes and are
subject to the same, if not higher,
standards of conduct and
academics as varsity athletes,”
Minton said.

However, along with this
responsibility come the perks
Notre Dame athletes enjoy, in-
cluding great seats at sporting
events and the Adidas practice
clothes and shoes the cheerlead-
ers receive. After one full year, the leprechaun receives a cus-
tom-made suit and after two, he is eligible to receive a monogram.

Of course, along with the material gains comes the presti-
tige, exposure and community
and public interaction that comes with the job. Minton added.

The leprechaun is and will
remain a figure in the public eye. He travels
with the cheering
to competitions for men's
and women's soc-
ter, volleyball,
men's and
women's basket-
ball and football.

According to Minton, the
to especially the
leprechaun — are
the embodiment of the
Dame spirit.

"As ambassadors of our
great University, the cheerleaders
and leprechaun bring Notre Dame
closer to the places we visit —
we go to schools, community
centers, hospitals and also do
dep rallies if of course the
games," she said. "The lep-
rechaun, wearing the ‘green
suit,’ becomes the
speaker for the cheer
in front of crowds
we put on
dep rallies or events —
starting cheers
leading the way.

"The coach also
that more
enthusiasm and
excitement are
essential to a Notre Dame
leprechaun.

"I look for someone that has a
genuine passion for Notre
Dame and its
sports teams.," Jo Minton
cheerleading coach

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russian shuttle begins space flight

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — A Soyuz-FG rocket carrying Russia's space station elements blasted off from Baikonur Cosmodrome at sunrise Friday, launching two astronauts and a cosmonaut strapped into a cramped space capsule on a two-day journey to the international space station.

Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev and American John Phillips were headed for a six-month stay on the ISS, while their colleague from the European Space Agency, Italian Roberto Vittori, was due to return to Earth in 10 days with the current station crews.

Jets of fire and billows of smoke accompanied the liftoff, which was being monitored at Russian Mission Control outside Moscow. The three-stage rocket system was to bring the Soyuz to a speed of 13,420 mph within 7 1/2 minutes of the launch.

A main task for the new crew will be welcoming a U.S. space shuttle to the station after a two-year absence.

China court bans torture as evidence

SHANGHAI — A provincial appeals court has issued what it says is China's first ruling that confessions or evidence obtained by torture, trickery and coercion can't be used in court, a government Web site reported Thursday.

Defense lawyers welcomed the ruling as a sign that Chinese courts might be trying to put an end to police torture. But they said it might be merely symbolic without legal clout, since all defendants are forced to remain silent and to be told they are entitled to lawyers.

NATIONAL NEWS

Teens convicted of killing couple

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. — A 15-year-old girl and her ex-girlfriend pleaded guilty Thursday to stabbing her grandparents to death last summer so the young couple could be together.

Holly Harvey told the judge that while she was killing her 73-year-old grandparents, "my eyes were closed the whole time."

Harvey pleaded guilty to two counts of malice murder and was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences. She will not be eligible for parole for 20 years. Sandy Ketchum, 16, was sentenced to three life sentences. She will not be eligible for parole for 20 years. Sandy Ketchum, 16, was sentenced to three life sentences. She will not be eligible for parole for 20 years.

Police search for missing girl

RUSKIN, Fla. — Authorities investigating the weekend disappearance of a 13-year-old girl from her family's mobile home questioned a convicted sex offender who once had a relationship with her mother, officials said.

One of those picked up had prior arrests for rape or sexual assault charges and more than 600 had outstanding arrest warrants for armed robbery, federal officials said Thursday. Among those captured were 150 gang members and 100 unregistered sex offenders, said Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who held a news conference with U.S. Marshals Service Director Lynne Ten Eyck to announce the results of "Operation Falcon," an acronym for Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally.

José Rivera-Sanchez was among the fugitives who had been on the run for years, living in Waterbury, Conn., until his arrest last week, 11 years after turning out of a prison in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. He had been serving a 37-year sentence for attempted murder, assault and robbery when he fled the prison in 1994.

Others arrested included Eddie Kelly, 24, wanted by Dallas police for allegedly killing a man by shooting him five times after leaving a drug house on Feb. 13, and Marcel Baldwin, 21, of Atlanta, who was found beneath a trap door in his kitchen. He was wanted on charges of assault and sexual offense against a child.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Local News

Bennett to headline Jazz festival

INDIANAPOLIS — Grammy winner Tony Bennett and trombone great Slide Hampton will headline the Indy Jazz Fest June 17-19, festival organizers announced Thursday.

Bennett, 78, will be joined at the festival by the Brooklyn Rhythm & Rhythm Group, the Commodores, the vocal group Manhattan Transfer, saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera and others.

The festival will differ from previous ones because the artists will perform one at a time, and all performances will take place on two stages at the White River State Park's Military Park. In past events, the lawn of RUP's library was also used.

LOCAL NEWS

Turkish troops kill Kurdish rebels

ANKARA — Turkish troops backed by attack helicopters killed 21 Kurdish rebels near the Iraqi border overnight in the biggest clash since the rebels declared a unilateral truce more than five years ago, officials said Thursday.

The Turkish military has intensified anti-rebel operations following intelligence reports that hundreds of rebels had infiltrated Turkey from Iraq, in a bid to destabilize the government, officials said on condition of anonymity.

Three Turkish soldiers and a vigil­­iance guard were also killed in the clash 25 miles from the Iraqi border between the town of Pervari in Sirt province and Erbil in Srinak, the governor's office in Srinak said in a statement. The area is in southeastern Turkey.

Several dozen rebels crossed the border from Iraq on Tuesday, according to a military official said on condition of anonymity.

On Thursday, some 600 Turkish soldiers and hundreds of village guards battled the rebel group. The soldiers were backed by U.S.-made Cobra attack helicopters, military officials said.

The governor's office said the operation was still going on and Turkish troops had captured 19 Russians-made AK-47 assault rifles, 34 grenades, two machine guns, mines, plastic explosives and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Turkey is home to an estimated 12 million Kurds, with half of them living in the southeast. Turkish intelligence sources estimate that some 4,500 Kurdish rebels are holed up in northern Iraq, while a few hundred reportedly operate in southeastern Turkey.

The rebels declared an end to a five-year unilateral truce in June, saying Turkey had not reciprocated to the cease-fire.
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we changed the logo to Saint
Mary's, Notre Dame to show its
independence from the
University.
The current ring presenta-
tion was created by Bell. While
the seal had always been a
part of it, he added to the pres-
etuation pending what students
and faculty wanted to see.
While the ring has varied over
the years, the designs and
styles of the rings have
changed with the needs
and wants of the
Saint Mary's community.
"We used to only sell the two
sizes, the small and the large," he
said. "But in the early
1960s, women started wearing
the ring on their pinkie finger,
so they asked if we could sell a
smaller version as well."

"This is a ring that
meant a lot to me,
when I stopped
wearing it, but
I don't even
remember why."

Jim Bell
ring representative

Symbols
Each ring is individually
crafted with a variety of
components, making it unique to
Saint Mary's, Bell said.

The top of the ring consists of
the College Seal, which was
adapted from the seal of the
Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The center of the ring, and by
far the largest image of the
surface, is the French Cross,
Crisscrossing the French Cross are
two anchors, which
meet to form the Greek letter
Chi — the monogram of Christ,
which stands for virtue and
hope.

In the top quarters of the
ring sit two fleurs-de-lis, represen-
ting the French origin of the
Sisters.
The words "Sponsa Unica"
embossed on the bottom of the
ring stand for "One Hope," again referring to the Cross of Christ.
The rings also come with the
option of having a small dia-
mond or an open book in the
center of the ring.

The Tradition
Alumna Jennifer Jermano
Miller, class of 1993, said her
ring has simply become a part
of who she is.

"I never take off my Saint
Mary's ring, just like I never
take off my wedding rings," Miller
said. "I truly loved every
moment I spent at Saint Mary's —
the education was invalu-
able; the friendships I made
were lasting. I hold Saint
Mary's very close to my heart
and I wear my ring as a symbol
of lasting friendships, the won-
terful education and the rich
history of the College.

Most rings are sold at Senior
Day, Sophomore Weekend and
Mom's Weekend, Bell said.

"Registration and setup for
the night will occur between 5
p.m. and 8, followed by an
opening prayer and guest
speakers Cara Lowe, volun-
teer coordinator at the Center
for the Homeless, and actual
guests at the Center. The
speeches, Iaffiglola said, are
"the highlight of the evening,
because students come to a
better understanding of the
day-to-day plight of homeless
people. A band performance
and marshmallow roast will
round out the event.

"When you see people in
boxes, maybe it will make you
think back to the actual sub-
standard living, the actual
shacks of the world," Iaffiglola
said. "We want people to
notice it and maybe stop by...
even if you're not staying out,
to come out for the speaker.
Iaffiglola proposed the idea
of having "Shack City" at Notre
Dame last year to Habitat's
board after attending
Valparaiso University's ver-
sion of the event. Although it
took Iaffiglola several months
to convince the board to carry
it out, "Shack City" has now
come to be a major event for
Notre Dame's Habitat.

"Last year we were sur-
prised about how successful it
was," said Knott senior Pet
Maione, a co-president of
Habitat at Notre Dame.

"Obviously, we'd like to do
better than last year.

"One of the differences is
that this year we are trying to
expand it into a weeklong thing," Iaffiglola said.

While last year's "Shack
City" was an independent
event, this year's organizers
made it part of the Habitat for
Humanity week of advocacy
called "Art! Speak! Build! Week!"
The week began this
Monday, included a
Wednesday session for
students to write letters to U.S.
senators and will conclude on
Sunday with a mud volleyball
tournament.

Another big event set for
this weekend is the comple-
tion of the landscaping on
Notre Dame students' Habitat
house on Lyndon Street and
Meadow Street, the group's
11th house.

Notre Dame's group is an
affiliate of Habitat for
Humanity for St. Joseph
County. Dowdell said that his
college raises some funding
from the University and some
from the Habitat for Humanity
Neighborhood Assistance
Grant.
The chapter's other money
comes from the fundraising
that it does throughout the
year. "Mud volleyball is a
huge fundraiser for us," Dowdell
said of the tourna-
mament, which has raised
$7,500 this year. "Next year I
think that we are going to see
new and bigger fundraisers on
campus."

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**Commodities**

**Change** | **Price**

| **Gold (Futures)** | 1.70 | 1,224.00 |
| **Silver (Futures)** | 0.00 | 15.10 |
| **Crude Oil (Futures)** | -0.00 | 52.10 |
| **Natural Gas (Futures)** | -0.00 | 6.90 |
| **Natural Gas (Futures)** | -0.00 | 2.00 |

**Exchange Rates**

**Change** | **Rate**

| **Euro (EUR)** | -0.00 | 1.22 |
| **Pound (GBP)** | -0.00 | 1.58 |
| **Canadian Dollar (CAD)** | -0.00 | 1.24 |

**Treasury Yields**

**Change** | **Yield**

| **10-year Treasury** | -0.00 | 4.10 |
| **20-year Treasury** | -0.00 | 4.60 |
| **30-year Treasury** | -0.00 | 4.70 |

**In Brief**

Comcast users face service problems

Philadelphia — Comcast’s high-speed Internet customers nationwide have suffered Web and e-mail problems since last week, the company said Thursday.

The intermittent nature of the problem made it difficult to estimate by five customers affected. Comcast spokesman Jeanne Russo said.

Some Web pages took a long time to load or were available only after refreshing. E-mail was down for some.

The cause of the problem had not been determined, but the troubles related to Comcast’s Domain Name Server system, which translates easy-to-remember domain names like “Aol.com” into a Web site’s actual numerical address, Russo said.

The latest service disruption started about 8:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday and ended shortly after midnight. Customers experienced similar problems last Thursday and during a three-hour period Tuesday starting around 6:30 p.m.

Russo said the problems have been confined to the East Coast.

“Throughout most of the day it doesn’t seem to be a problem,” she said.

IBM misses Wall Street estimates

New York — International Business Machines Corp., the world’s top provider of computer hardware, is weighing a “substantial restructuring” after it surprised investors Thursday with a first-quarter profit that missed Wall Street’s estimates by five cents a share.

The company said results were hurt by difficulty closing transactions, increased pension expenses and a drop in sales in Western Europe and Japan.

In after-hours trading, IBM shares fell $3.09, or 3.7 percent, to $80.55 a share before being halted earlier in the after-hours session. The stock fell 93 cents earlier at $83.90 Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Details of the restructuring will come with in the next three months, said Mark Loughridge, the company’s chief financial officer.

**Congress enacts tougher debt laws**

WASHINGTON — Bankruptcy attorneys expect thousands of debt-burdened people to turn to courtrooms to beat a new law making it harder to wipe the slate clean of credit card bills and other obligations.

The biggest changes in U.S. bankruptcy law since Republicans increased their House and Senate majorities in last fall’s elections. The Senate passed the bill last month, 74-25.

The measure requires people with incomes above a certain level to pay credit-card charges, medical bills and other obligations under a court-ordered bankruptcy plan.

Opponents say the change would fail especially hard on low-income working people, single mothers, minorities and the elderly and would remove a safety net for those who have lost their jobs or faced crushing medical bills.

The legislation “protects the credit industry at the expense of the consumer,” Rep. Acey Hastings, D-Fla., declared in House debate. "It will drive more Americans deeper into financial crisis and weaken the nation’s economy and social structure.

But backers in Congress and the financial services industry argue that bankruptcy frequently is the last refuge of gamblers, impulsive shoppers, divorced or separated fathers avoiding child support, and multimillionaires who buy mansions in states with liberal homestead exemptions to shelter assets from creditors.
Doctor gets 25 years for drug trafficking

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA — A prominent pain-management doctor who prescribed high doses of drugs such as morphine and OxyContin to patients around the country was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison.

William E. Hurwitz, 59, whose pain clinic drew patients from more than 39 states, was convicted in December of drug trafficking resulting in the death of a patient, along with charges including health care fraud and illegal drug distribution.

Prosecutors said Hurwitz turned a blind eye to patients who were obvious drug addicts and dealers, and that his waiting room was at times filled with stone-faced, sleeping patients with track marks on their arms from drug abuse.

Huwitz frequently prescribed 100 tablets or more of OxyContin for his patients as they developed tolerance to weaker doses and at least one patient apparently received a prescription for 1,600 pills a day. An FBI agent's affidavit showed 17 percent of Hurwitz's prescriptions were for doses higher than anything she had previously received.

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SUB is best known for showing movies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, but the organization has also hosted many different activities this year such as the Collegiate Nite Festi

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Our goal is to bring in up and coming bands and musicians.

Aaron Perri

program coordinator

Legends

Legends is nice if you don't have time to go off campus but still want to do something for an hour or two.

Erich Marx

senior
Flu virus debacle reveals flaws
Critics call for greater precaution in transfer of deadly germs to labs

Associated Press

Every day, deadly germs are shipped across the country and around the globe, right alongside the books, gourmet foods and birthday presents sent through FedEx Corp. and similar couriers.

Often their journeys can be circuitous, too. Follow, for instance, a single vial of the potentially deadly flu virus causing a world health scare because it was included in test kits sent to more than 4,000 laboratories. It was grown in a Virginia lab, spent time in a Cincinnati freezer and passed through a small medical company on the Mexican border before it finally arrived at a Milwaukee lab.

Health experts, government officials and the couriers insist the transportation of these germs is tightly regulated, and that the samples are heavily packaged and labeled to ensure safety. A catastrophic outbreak has never occurred as a result of such shipments.

"The safety level of the transport of biological material is incredibly high," said Dr. Jared Schwartz, a microbiologist and researcher with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University. "The safety of the transport is a primary concern. All the safeguards are in place to prevent any kind of leakage of the biological material that is shipped, and if there is a problem, the shipping company and the recipient are always notified.""The safety of the transport of biological material is incredibly high," said Dr. Jared Schwartz, a microbiologist and researcher with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University. "The safety of the transport is a primary concern. All the safeguards are in place to prevent any kind of leakage of the biological material that is shipped, and if there is a problem, the shipping company and the recipient are always notified.""The safety of the transport of biological material is incredibly high," said Dr. Jared Schwartz, a microbiologist and researcher with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University. "The safety of the transport is a primary concern. All the safeguards are in place to prevent any kind of leakage of the biological material that is shipped, and if there is a problem, the shipping company and the recipient are always notified."

But accidents do occur — and some scientists feel they've been too late to comfort.

Last month, a FedEx truck carrying five boxes of samples of anthrax, flu, tuberculosis, salmonella and E. coli collided with a car in Winnipeg. None of the dangerous germs escaped.

In 2003, a FedEx package containing West Nile virus exploded at the Port Columbus International Airport in Ohio. Firefighters suspected dry ice caused it to burst open. No one was injured, but 50 workers had to be evacuated.

"This has been a big concern for us," said Sojatha Byravan of the Council for Responsible Genetics, a Boston nonprofit fighting the U.S. expansion of germ repositories. "The safety level of the transport of biological material you have to be extremely concerned about because the safety of the transport is a primary concern. All the safeguards are in place to prevent any kind of leakage of the biological material that is shipped, and if there is a problem, the shipping company and the recipient are always notified."

Critics call for greater precaution in transfer of deadly germs to labs

WASHINGTON — Blood saved from newborns' umbilical cords could help treat about 11,700 Americans a year with leukemia and other devastating diseases, yet most is routinely thrown away, a panel of influential scientists said Thursday in calling for a tripling of the nation's supply.

Cord blood is rich in stem cells that produce blood — the same stem cells that make up the bone marrow that transplants help many people survive certain cancers and other diseases. When frozen from cord blood shortly after a baby's birth, stem cells are ready to be thawed and transplanted at a moment's notice, much easier than traditional bone marrow donation.

Now the government is preparing to open a national cord blood bank in hopes of providing an adequate supply to help many people survive cancer. Women also can donate, for a fee, a baby's cord blood so that anyone can use it.

Many medical groups caution that odds are slim that privately stored cord blood will be used unless certain genetic diseases are common to a family. But because stem cells from cord blood are more easily transplanted into unrelated people than is bone marrow, specialists have long urged a bigger and better national stockpile.

But public donation is hard for women to learn about: It's seldom advertised and is offered only at hospitals affiliated with 22 public cord blood banks around the country. About 100,000 donations from pregnant women in the next few years would be required to set up the bank, on top of the roughly 50,000 cord-blood donations already in stock at different public banks around the country, the Institute of Medicine said Thursday, in a report requested by Congress on how a better national banking system should be established.

Those donations shouldn't be hard to get, said Kristine Gebbie of Columbia University, a nursing professor and health policy specialist who led the IOM report. "Many women are born every year, and most of the umbilical cord blood is simply thrown away."

Women also can donate, for free, a baby's cord blood so that anyone can use it.
The television commercial promoting tourism for Las Vegas hints that everything "Las Vegas stays in Vegas." Translated, it means keep your past a past. Unfortunately, that is the out-and-out opposite of the meaning of Christianity in this world.

With commencement addresses and the wisdom of many elders about to bombard the Class of 2005, I add my advice. First, seniors should know that time has slowed to a more favorable current events. With a month remaining before graduation, seniors can stretch these precious remaining moments prior to graduation to better interact with others while drinking in every sight, sound and smell on campus. During the InsideND course sign-up system, I consciously tried to appreciate each day which led to many lasting memories. I doubt I otherwise could treasure today.

Secondly, the key to life seems to lie in yesterday. All of the photographs of our loved ones shows us that the meaning of our existence lies in yester­day. How well did we enjoy those around us yesterday? How much did we show our love and respect for others yesterday? For today we grasp but a memory and a photograph.

Last spring I wrote to the senior class after suffering the loss of one of my pets. I commented that God has shown us through the eyes of a canine what heaven’s realm must be. Those animals are vessels of pure unconditional love. Today I offer a more refined outlook.

Throughout the past year, Death has continued to cam on my doorstep. Having lost a parent, two aunts, an uncle and a great cousin, I better realize how we must pass through each season of our lives. I even lost my dog, Potamus, who taught me about loyalty taught me much about myself. My life transformed through patience and strengthened my faith in all living creatures.

I personally believe that we exist here on earth only as long as our souls need to help others and grow. Anyone who has lost a loved one is forever changed with a new perspective from within. It also strikes me that if we open ourselves to our surroundings, we can gain so many subtle insights into life.

The wonders of life during your personal journey are like a spring shower. The first few drops seem to have no meaning since they are absorbed by the earth with time, as the shower continues, it eventually drenches everything. Your years will serve as a spring veritable if you savor each drop as it falls. And remember, you are a drop along the journey of others, so make live incredeli­ble while you’re in this world.

I have learned that nothing in this life is as good or as bad as some may try to portray. In our national political arena, Republicans, while currently in absolute power in Washington, will not solve every ill of the world. Nor did Democrats when they controlled the federal government a decade ago. Yet we have more in common than most would admit, and that is worth remembering as seniors today begin to journey along their careers.

Theologically speaking, being spiri­tual can bring one closer to heaven and is different from you, the meaning of life will be yours, as well.

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"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master; to cut the itk of life out of democracy." - Abraham Lincoln

former U.S. president
Different majors offer different opportunities

Accountancy not for the apes

In Thursday's Viewpoint, math major Eric Staron made the profound insight that business majors "learn to take numbers and put them into the correct 'debts' or 'cred-its.'" I went on to remark that "you could essentially train a monkey to do this." If this be the case, I suggest that they start admitting monkeys to the University — because those would be some pretty brilliant monkeys. However, Staron has grossly underestimated the intelligence of monkeys and underestimated the academic prowess of the accountancy students who learn to "debit" and "credit." If Staron went through the accountancy program, he'd learn that only the first two classes of Principles of Accounting 241 are devoted to learning to make the correct "debits" and "credi-"ts. The rest of the accountancy program is more like upper-level law and less like bean counting. If he wants proof, I will be more than happy to lend him my CD-ROM of Financial Accounting Standards, which includes thousands of minute regulations for obscure transactions in specific industries. I'd also like to see how Mr. Staron's monkeys could handle the details of compliance with Congress' 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Incidentally, a plethora of business periodicals name accountancy as one of the most sought-after backgrounds in America, not to mention one of the most highly compensated professions. If it was so easy, as Staron claims, everyone would major in accounting, but the truth is that there is a vast shortage of accountants in society.

In closing, I cordially invite Staron to sit in on one of my accounting classes before the end of the semester — I know that he'd finally realize that the subject and profession isn't "monkey business."

Lynn Fogarty
junior
McGlinn Hall
April 14

This letter is in response to Kate Gales' April 11 column. Though she clearly states, "I'm not trying to bring down the engineers or the archys or the pre-med," her article does just that.

Let's look at the implications that Gales makes in her article. She states, "the vast majority of engineers, architects and doctors are going to end up working for a business major." If that's not putting down the aforementioned groups, I'm not sure what is. And not only is Gales making ad-hominem arguments, she is making false claims. CEOs of hospitals, for example, tend to be physicians but may even have undergraduate degrees in many other areas.

For example, Gary A. Mecklenburg, CEO of Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, was an Anthropology major who later earned a M.B.A. I'll go out on a limb and say that most of the big research hospitals have presidents and CEOs with a scientific background.

Furthermore, the Fortune 500 has many CEOs who have engineering degrees; according to U. S. News and World Report, 20 percent of the Fortune 500 CEO's have engineering degrees. Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Jack Welch all have engineering backgrounds. Jack Welch, a chemical engineer, who knew?

The fact of the matter is technical backgrounds are often a necessity for running a company in an engineering or scientific field. So no, the vast majority of engineers will not necessarily be working for business majors.

Gales goes on to discuss how business majors learn skills that are immediately applicable in the real world, such as designing Web pages, reading stock quotes and developing detailed budgets.

There is an implication that other majors do not learn these skills, though I feel Gales is again mistaken. As an undergraduate here at Notre Dame, my senior design class required us to maintain a Web page to provide information to the engineers at Sears Corporation who were overseeing our projects.

Additionally, we had to prepare detailed budgets, as our designs were candidates for real world products. Perhaps there exists some confusion on both sides as to what the "other majors" do and learn in their four years at this University. And Gales, perhaps you should step back and get a good look at reality, because you never know who your boss might be some day.

Lastly, I took particular offense to the statement: "Without business majors, this school would crumble." Is it true that the University of Notre Dame has grown in large part due to the College of Business? Yes.

Is the foundation of this University financing, marketing and business administration? No. This University is rooted in Catholic tradition upon which our liberal arts, science and business educations are built.

Kevin Winnike
junior
off-campus
April 14

Want to be a columnist, copy editor or illustrator for Viewpoint?

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By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Senior Staff Writer

Just like cross-dressing Bookstore Basketball teams and rampant procrastination, the Fisher Regatta can always be counted on to storm campus with enthusiasm each spring.

The spirited competition began modestly in 1987 and has since evolved into one of the premier signature dorm events as handcrafted boats race across Saint Mary’s lake in pursuit of the prestigious Fisher Hall Regatta Cup. Rivalry and dorm pride abound as teams prepare for the aquatic battle. While many seem to train seriously, other watercrafts focus more on flaunting creative features like kegs and bicycles for flotation and paddling purposes.

These playful entries do provide entertainment for the crowds watching from shore, but water safety personnel have raised concerns that an increasing number of participants have been mixing alcohol with water in recent years. Since the Regatta organizers emphasize water safety, rowers who are deemed to be noticeably intoxicated will be disqualified and asked to leave the premises. Even sober paddlers have a tendency to fall overboard each year, so everyone is required to wear a life jacket on the water.

Many teams take their boating endeavors more seriously, though, and make earnest runs for the cup. Last year’s showdown in the men’s final saw the Angry Mob of O’Neill defeat the Siegfried Ramblers, while the women’s final pitted two Welsh Family boats against one another for the title. The host dorm’s own boat made it to the semifinals before being edged out by Siegfried and will make its third Regatta appearance this year.

“We are happy that our boat is still in working condition,” said Chris ‘The Boat Guy’ Tilton, Fisher’s master craftsman who built the Green Wave’s current vessel for the 2003 contest. “With some skilled rowers, we’ll have a good chance to win the race.”

Due to controversy last year stemming from close heats, the finish line officiating will be upgraded. “In years past, the races have not been that close, and usually someone runs away with it,” Regatta co-chair Mike Bufalino said. “And last year, there were a couple really good boats. O’Neill, Siegfried and Carroll all had really good boats, and it all came down to the last second. Last year, we didn’t really have an official at the finish line, so this year we’re going to make a bigger effort to do a better job to declare winners.”

Bufalino and co-chair Mike Coogan encouraged all dorm presidents to rally support within their respective halls for the tradition. As usual, free food and drinks will be available all day so rowers and their fans can enjoy burgers, hot dogs, pizza and snacks. Sponsors include Coca-Cola, which agreed to supply soft drinks for the duration of the event, and all proceeds

A dunk tank was set up on South Quad along with games, live music and food for Fisher’s Spring Bling on Thursday afternoon.
ail away

The Regatta hits campus Saturday

from the Regatta will directly benefit Andre House, a ministry to the poor and homeless in the Phoenix area.

"The residents of Fisher Hall are enthusiastic about this event, knowing that the Regatta provides a day of campus-wide entertainment and an atmosphere of healthy dorm competition," Bufalino and Coogan said in a letter to all hall presidents.

Tilton echoed this sentiment that it was an all-inclusive fun time, not only for Fisher.

"The Regatta is a great event for both Fisher and the rest of campus," Tilton said. "It creates some friendly rivalries between the dorms."

Part of Fisher's excitement is generated in the week leading up to the actual Regatta. Events each night amplify dorm unity for the main event and began last weekend with a dorm poker tournament at a former Fisher resident's Lafayette apartment.

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Mike Coogan
Regatta co-chair

what always seems to happen."

A few brave Fishermen did sacrifice their hair for the sake of their sections, including hall president Jake Benedict, now sporting an F on the back of his head.

Next up was Traditions night on Tuesday, with guest speaker Patricia O'Hara, dean of the law school. Wednesday night the notorious Red Mock Awards took place, where honors were handed out for questionable distinctions like being smelly or lazy, or for antics from throughout the year. There were also contests running throughout the week, like a photo contest of random subjects, where the pictures were shown at the awards ceremony.

An ongoing game of Assassins also took place during the week, where partners armed with squirt guns hunted down their assigned victims. The Spring Binge ensued Thursday, with live music, grilling and other entertainment on South Quad. Tonight's event is the Zoo, the annual dorm-wide bash where each section throws a party. Wrapping up the week Saturday night, there will be a dorm dance in the Fisher/Pangborn courtyard after the Regatta.

"The dorm comes together as a community all the time," Coogan said. "But everyone gets really excited about this. It's a really big deal. It's just a lot of fun to do all this crazy stuff and have a really big week of dorm pride."

The Fisher Regatta will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Christie Bolsen at cbolsen@nd.edu

Fisher vice president Jeremy Moreno arm wrestles Tom Bufalino at Section Wars night on Monday.
Iverson spoils Shaq's return as Sixers keep on winning

LeBron James and the Cavaliers fall to the Knicks as playoff hopes quickly fade for a struggling Cleveland team

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson again is leading Philadelphia to victory, this time over the New York Knicks on Friday night, as the Sixers spoil the return of Shaquille O'Neal to the Eastern Conference finals.

Iverson scored 37 points and had 10 assists, but the Sixers won for the sixth time in seven games against the Knicks in playoff history.

"We played with intensity, we played with purpose and we played with the ball on our side," Iverson said after the 126-119 overtime victory.

Iverson scored 38 points and had 13 rebounds, leading the Sixers to their first win in four meetings with the Knicks.

"I think we've got some work to do," Iverson said.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 27 points for the Knicks, who defeated Miami 126-119 on Friday night in a game that was postponed by a day because of a power outage.

The Sixers made 33 of 34 free throws and the Heat went 22-24. O'Neal missed eight of 11 attempts.

"I looked like Shaq to me," Iverson said, smiling.

"O'Neal was a non-factor in the first half of regulation with each team trading baskets before a boisterous crowd, giving the game a playoff atmosphere.

Wade said he was a driving and pounding jumper at the beginning of the fourth, and Iverson connected on the 104-104 tie with a couple of free throws with 11.5 seconds left.

Wade, who scored 18 points in the fourth and had a chance to win it in regulation, but his jumper was blocked by Iverson near the basket.

"I hit some shots, but missed the one at the end of regulation," Wade said.

"I got some good looks at the basket tonight.

Wade made 18 of 32 field goals and was 10-for-13 from the line. Everywhere Wade was on the floor, he found a way to score.

"He showed he's a different kind of player by shooting the ball from the outside," said Iverson.

"Our scouting report said let him shoot jumpers. But it didn't work. He just played great,

New York 95, Cleveland 89

A promising season has turned into something else for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Ponte.

Not long ago, the playoffs looked like a sure thing. Now, nothing about the Cavs' future is certain.

Jamal Crawford scored 25 points and Maurice Taylor had 19 for the Cavaliers, who lost their fourth straight game, as the New York Knicks damaged Cleveland's playoff chances with a win over the Cavaliers on Thursday night.

"It was like we were just playing to play," LeBron James said. "It wasn't like we were playing for a playoff spot. We had no sense of urgency. I don't know why. Hopefully, this loss will give us the kick we need to get it going.

With guard Stephon Marbury watching from the bench for the entire fourth quarter, the Cavs held off Cleveland 126-119 in overtime.

Cleveland leads New Jersey 38-38 for two games in the series, with the next two games on the road.

"We just turned the ball over in the first half, said Cavs interim coach Brendan Malone. "We didn't handle it well.

James, though, made a pair of 3-pointers and fed Robert Traylor, for a dunk as Cleveland cut it to 93-89 with 1:26 to go. But James couldn't come up with a big 3-pointer, and the Knicks held on despite making just 2-of-8 free throws in the final minute.

The Knicks, who were beaten here by 25 on Jan. 30, snapped a seven-game losing streak in Cleveland. They did it by making James beat them from the outside.

"We wanted to make him into a jump shooter," said New York coach Herb Williams.

"We wanted to keep him out of the lane.

All-Star center Zydrunas Ilgauskas returned to the Cavaliers' starting lineup after missing four games with a dislocated right ring finger. He finished with 13 points in 27 minutes.

Down by 10 points midway through the third quarter, Iverson and the Cavs finally began playing as if their season was on the line. He hit a 3-pointer and scored on a dunk during an 11-2 run that brought Cleveland within 67-64.

James made two free throws to give the Cavs a 70-69 lead and then pulled down another rebound, his ninth of the period, before Eric Snow's layup put Cleveland up 72-70 going into the fourth.

With filmmaker Spike Lee fantasizing about him in a Knicks uniform and daily rumors swirling that he'll demand a trade, James said he's just focused on getting the Cavs to the playoffs.

"He's a good dude," James said of Lee, whom he filmed a commercial with last year. "I don't want to get into that. I'm more worried about wearing the Cavs uniform every night.

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**Women's Lacrosse**

Hoyas to visit Irish in a Big East matchup

Foote expected to be impressive for Notre Dame in order to win

**Women's Golf**

Youth key in weekend tee-off

By CHRIS KHOREY

The Notre Dame women's golf team travels to Columbus, Ohio this weekend for the Lady Buckeye Invitational, its third of four tournaments in the month of April.

Despite the rough stretch that includes a tournament away from South Bend every week this month, Irish coach Debbie King is not worried about her team tiring.

"They're all drive trips so it's not too bad," King said. "Plus, I've been going light on practice during the week."

The tournament features 15 teams, all of whom the Irish have faced already this season. Six of the 15 - Notre Dame, Ohio State, Kent State, Purdue, Michigan State and Northwestern - are ranked on practice during the month of April.

The event is FREE and open to the public. Donations will be taken for SOS of Madison Center.

**Men's Lacrosse**

The Irish are still looking for their first Big East loss.

King said. "It's also tight on the field with a No. 13 ranking. Unfortunately for Notre Dame, the Irish come into the tournament a woeful 1-10-1 against those opponents."

The good news is the Irish are 22-0 against the remainder of the field - Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Marshall, Ohio University, Penn State, Toledo and Western Michigan.

King is not worried by the disparity between the top and bottom of the field.

"We don't really look at stats like that," King said. "Golf is so much day to day, any team can beat any other on any day."

Taking the course this week for the Irish will be junior Katie Brophy, sophomore Stacey Brown, senior Karen Lotia, sophomore Noriko Nakazaki, freshman Jane Lee and junior Suzie Hayes.

The young lineup is not new for the Irish. Getting the youth experience will also help the Irish in coming years.

"Our goal is to get into the top 25," King said. "We seem to be improving each year."

The Lady Buckeye Invitational is played every year at Ohio State's Scarlet Course, one of the most difficult courses the Irish will play this year.

"Ohio State's Scarlet Course is known to be one of the toughest in the country," King said. "However, if you look at some of the past events we've played in, our team plays well in tough conditions, like bad weather or a hard course."

King explained the Scarlet Course challenges golfers in several ways.

"It's fairly hilly and long," King said. "It's also tight on quite a few holes. You have to hit it long and straight at the same time."

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Some teams in bookstore basketball like to get pumped up for their games by playing boom boxes and blasting music. The Apostles were no different, though their introduction music wasn’t exactly “Eye of the Tiger” or any other classic pre-game song. The Apostles began their game by playing chants and other choir music. This was only the beginning of their pre-up ritual, as the large crowd that gathered soon observed the yoga-clad Apostles on their knees at mid-court devoutly praying Our Father.

They then rose from their circle revealing the names John, Peter, Thomas and Judas painted on their forearms. It was clear from the first possession that the actual game would take a back seat to the Apostles’ display. The Best Hands team used their size and speed to jump out to a quick 7-0 lead and never looked back. Thunderous applause greeted itself as one of the top teams in the tournament with a dominant performance. Overall quickness and smothering defense that extended to half court allowed FUBU to get numerous steals that led to fast break opportunities. FUBU jumped out to an 8-3 lead and closed the game on a 13-3 run.

Paul Pogge led the effort in the second half, scoring four points and starting a number of successful fast breaks. Bert Lenny’s slashing ability allowed him to earn his team easy points in the paint, and John Rompf’s size and rebounding ability gave FUBU a big advantage inside.

Team members agreed that this wasn’t their best performance, but that didn’t concern Pogge. He was more concerned about his teammates’ wardrobe. “Honestly the most disappointing thing about the game for me was John Rompf’s lack of FUBU gear,” he said. Rompf would look to find some FUBU clothing before his team’s next game on Sunday.

STCC 21, MBA Ballers 19
In one of the closest games of the night, the STCC squad outlasted the MBA opponents. The game was an epic, lasting almost 90 minutes. It was clear from the outset that this game would be a war of attrition as both teams struggled to score. STCC, clad in black uniforms with a crab and the words “Boca loo holes” on the back, came out in a 2-3 zone. This defense proved to be successful as the MBA Ballers could not consistently hit the outside shot.

STCC was methodical on offense, looking to work the ball inside for a high-percent age shot. They succeeded at the end of the first half scoring eight of the 11 baskets of the half to jump to an 11-6 lead. Jason Ryan established himself as an inside presence, scoring three baskets in a row to end the first half. His persistence was evident on the glass as he exclaimed “Get to your home!” as he made a shot on his third attempt of the possession.

The Ballers would not go away cutting the gap to 12-11 early in the half, stealing an inbound pass and scoring an easy layup. The see-saw battle would soon turn in favor of STCC, however, as they scored the next six to go up 18-11, led by Joe O’Brien’s three driving layups.

The Ligers were dejected with the score 19-13, but stingy defense and hot shooting allowed the Ballers to score six in a row to tie the score at 19. After enduring an almost 15-minute drought, Peter Wu and O’Brien scored on consecutive possessions to cap the victory for STCC.

STCC was pleased with its win, but puzzled at its second half cold streak. “In the first half, everything went right, but in the second we couldn’t get anything to go our way,” O’Brien said. When asked about their use of the zone defense, captain Jason Ryan was frank is his explanation. “We can’t run because we can’t dribble. We have to slow it down, but we don’t want it to take two hours,” he said.

The Ligers 21, Johnny Appleseed and his Band of Thieves 11
In a game that featured a sloppy start, the Ligers cleaned up their play and hit their stride in the second half to pull away. The Ligers displayed teamwork throughout the contest. Their unity was seen best in an 8-0 run which inflated their lead to 16-4. During this stretch they were able to take advantage of several Johnny Appleseed turnovers and covert them into easy baskets.

James Rogers showed great court sense in leading the fast breaks throwing numerous no-look passes to teammates for easy lay-ups. Rogers was able to find teammate Brendan Venter for four consecutive lay-ups during the eight-basket run. Jesse Rockenbiller’s hot shooting added to the Ligers’ onslaught as the lefty was able to connect on six shots.

While the team appeared as though it had been playing together for some time, the Ligers admitted this game marked only its second outing as a team. “We’re just a bunch of freshmen and transfers thrown together,” Rogers said. Looking ahead to the next round, the Ligers anticipate a match up with CoGo Butter, the 11th-ranked team featuring former wide receiver and current law student Bobby Brown. Braden Turner offered his thoughts on the game. “I’m not sure we’ll be able to beat that team with Bobby Brown,” Turner said. “But it’s cool because I have his autograph, and that’s no lie.”

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**In Brief**

**Utah federal judge lifts ban on ephedra**

**SALT LAKE CITY** — A federal judge Thursday struck down the FDA ban on supplements containing ephedra, the once-popular weight-loss aid that was yanked from the market one year ago after it was linked to dozens of deaths.

The judge ruled in favor of a Utah supplement company that challenged the Food and Drug Administration's ban. Nutraceutical claim that ephedra has been safely consumed for hundreds of years.

Research shows ephedra — an amphetamine-like herb — can speed heart rate and constrict blood vessels even in seemingly healthy people, but it is particularly risky for those with heart disease or high blood pressure or who engage in strenuous exercise. Among the deaths linked to the substance was that of Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler, who collapsed and died during spring training two years ago.

**Bulls’ Curry out for remainder of season**

CHICAGO — Chicago Bulls center Eddy Curry will miss the rest of the season because of an irregular heartbeat, but doctors are optimistic he’ll be able to play again.

Curry will undergo further tests that will take another six weeks, meaning he’ll miss the team’s first playoff appearance since 1998. Doctors still aren’t sure what caused the heart arrhythmia, which hasn’t recurred in the last two weeks.

“We’ve been as diligent as we can to rule out anything possible that would put him at risk,” Dr. Kathy Weber, a Bulls’ team physician, said at a news conference Thursday night. “We’re going to continue to do that until we feel it’s safe for him to play.

The 22-year-old has been sidelined since March 30. He was a late scratch from the Bulls’ game in Charlotte that night with what was listed as flu-like symptoms, but the

**The judge said Curry would undergo further tests that will take another six weeks, meaning he’ll miss the team’s first playoff appearance since 1998.**

**Winston-Salem, N.C. — Chris Paul got advice from his coach, his teammates and his family. He even talked with former Wake Forest stars Tim Duncan and Josh Howard.**

In the end, when it came time to make a decision, Paul relied on himself.

The All-America point guard is giving up his final two years of eligibility with the Demon Deacons to enter the NBA Draft Thursday as head coach Skip Prosser looks on.

The 2003-04 Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year and 6-foot-0 guard is giving up his final two years of eligibility with

**Prosser, who was there, too, along with assistants Jeff Battle and Pat Kelsey.**

As a sophomore, Paul was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press’ pre-season All-America team, and he was selected to the first team after the season. He averaged 15.3 points and 6.6 assists for the Demon Deacons (27-2), who set a school record for victories.

**Winston Forest also was ranked No. 1 for two weeks early in the season, the first time that’s happened, Paul plans to sign with an agent soon, which would make his departure final.**

“IT was Chris’ decision, and as he said, I think it’s an irrevocable decision,”

Prosser said. “I don’t think it’s necessarily a financial decision. I think it’s a decision based on challenges.”

Without Paul, Prosser likely will rely on Justin Gray to fill in at point guard, a position Gray played a bit as a freshman. Williams, a 6-foot-9 center, averaged 16 points and 7.7 rebounds in a breakout season, and he admitted he’s also thinking about entering the NBA draft.

“This is Chris’ day, I don’t want to do anything to take away from that,” Williams said. “But his decision doesn’t affect me. It’s a decision that I’ll make for myself, by myself and with my family.”

“I’m just here to support Chris.”

**Wake Forest guard Paul enters NBA draft**

**BLOUNT HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Peter Lonard flirted with a 59 and finished with a two-stroke lead after Thursday’s opening round of the MCI Heritage.**

The 9-under 62 was one shot off the tournament record and brought some life to an event that doesn’t have Masters champion Tiger Woods and his Big Four buddies.

Lonard was two strokes ahead of Thomas Levet, who birdied six of his last eight holes to shoot a 64. Darren Clarke was at 65 with Patrick Sheehan another stroke back.

Lonard, a 37-year-old Australian in his fourth season on tour, didn’t look capable of a landmark round after opening with a bogey. But he made 11 birdies over the next 15 holes to take the lead and briefly flirt with golf’s magic number.

**Wake Forest point guard Chris Paul, right, announces his intention to enter the NBA Draft Thursday as head coach Skip Prosser looks on. The sophomore averaged 15.3 points and 6.6 assists per game for the Demon Deacons.**

**Nearby area golfers also are taking note of the once-popular weight-loss aid that was yanked from the market one year ago after it was linked to dozens of deaths.**

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SMC TENNIS

Belles to battle against Albion in MIAA game

Saint Mary's ready to see solid opponent with a tough lineup

By PATRICK MCCABE
Sports Writer

The Belles, seeking to recover from two crippling losses, play the Albion Britons at 1 p.m. Sunday in a critical conference match.

"This match is really important because our conference record isn't that good. We hope to make amends," co-captain Kristen Palombo said.

Belles' coach Dee Stevenson elaborated on her captain's sentiments regarding the tough losses this season.

"The losses are disappointing, but we somewhat expected it. We're a brand-new team that needs match experience," she said. "We can't dwell on that. We're excited, too." Palombo echoed her coach's sentiments regarding the tough losses this season.

The Belles' coach said the team needs to focus on the technicalities of the matches.

"We change our game plan for each opponent," she said. "On Sunday, we have to play our best, and our players realize that.

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ND WOMEN'S CREW

Irish rowers to host Bears

Notre Dame's only home regatta of the season occurs Sunday

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles will receive extra preparation time for their performance against the Irish this weekend.

"We're excited, too," Palombo said. "Last year's graduated players are returning to watch the match."

Meanwhile, Stevenson is focused on the technicalities of the matches.

"The Belles'arsity, the course that will be used for the regatta is radically different than the section of the river plated by the Irish women on a regular basis. Although the course's location may be strange, coach Stone is optimistic.

"The familiarity of the team with the river will help," Stone said.

He feels that his team will be able to recognize certain landmarks along the way that will help to give a sense of bearing and progress through the course, perhaps giving the Irish an advantage.

Cincinnati is fresh off of a successful Southern section where the Bears defeated strong field of teams, including, North Carolina, Navy and Delaware, at the Carolina Rowing Invitational.

"The familiarity of the team with the river will help," Martin Stone, Irish coach.

"The Irish are heading into the final 20 strokes of the season with the two weekend's regattas. It is at this juncture that much less than a first place finish in any varsity eight race will make it tough for the NCAA selection committee to make a case for an Irish bid.

A clear victory over Cincinnati is key considering next weekend brings to bat the twin dangers of Harvard and Yale in the chilly confines of Boston, followed by the Big East Championships. The Irish women were faced with a minor stumbling block earlier this week when their regatta with Virginia was delayed due to inclement weather.

The cancellation hindered Stone's chances to improve his different crew lineups.

"It had a dramatic effect with our selection pieces," the coach said.

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**ND Men's Track**

Irish to compete in Mt. SAC race

By JOHN EVERETT Sports Writer

Five Notre Dame men will compete in one of the largest and most prestigious track meets in the world this weekend. The Mount San Antonio College Mt. SAC Relays will feature all the top teams from across the country, and Notre Dame will be represented by the nations of Michigan, Stanford, Florida State, Michigan, Michigan State, Stanford, USC and many others. There will also be competitors representing the nations of Canada, China, Japan and a host of others. In addition to these top performers, there will also be teams of athletes sponsored by Nike, Reebok and athletic apparel companies.

Notre Dame will send a much larger contingent to the Mt. SAC Relays in Indianapolis, a meet hosted by Butler University on April 16. On the track, Chris Jacques and Tommie Lee will lead Notre Dame in the 100-meter dash. Geoff Bennett will run in the 110-meter hurdles, and the trio of Todd Placet, Kaleb Vanfort and Jake Watson will compete in the 1500-meters.

Notre Dame will also have a strong presence in the field competitions at Indy. Along with Derek Goguen in the javelin, the Irish will have a heavy hammer throwers competing. Chip Roberts, Kyle Anne, Garrett Kodlin, Michael Schubert and Kevin Moffitt will all participate in the event. Irish jumpers will include Dave Viken and Justin Oppel in the pole vault, with Derek Goguen in the high jump, with Jacques also competing in the long jump. Hammer thrower Kevin Moffitt explained the need to get through the split.

"Mt. SAC is more of a national meet, and therefore has higher qualifying standards," Moffitt said. "Indy is a more local meet and is a good opportunity for us to get out there and work on improving our Big East or Regional qualifying times." Contact John Everett at jeverett@nd.edu

**ND Women's Track**

Meagher to lead team in event

By RYAN KIEFER Sports Writer

California, here they come. For the second time this season, a portion of the Notre Dame women's track team will be traveling west to compete in a meet in California. Much like the Stanford Invitational earlier this season, this weekend's Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Ca. will feature NCAA-level competition. The Mt. SAC Relays is recognized as one of the premier events on the college track schedule, both for its size — more than 100 teams will be represented — and its level of competition. Many post-collegians run in the meet along with some of the best athletes from colleges across the country.

Irish coach Tim Connelly spoke highly of the meet.

"Conditions are always perfect for fast times, and it is always a great environment out there," Connelly said. "They always get a lot of fans out — people who are really interested in track." Connelly will bring his best athletes this weekend, as a select group of nine has been chosen to compete for the Irish in the triple jump. While he spoke highly of all the athletes competing this weekend, Connelly was especially excited for Kerry Meagher.

"It'll be a big weekend for Kerry," Connelly said. "She'll get her first chance to run against some really tough competition." Meagher was an All-American in the 5,000 meters last spring, but a lingering cross-country injury has limited her time on the track this season. The senior ran her first race of the track season two weeks ago at Purdue and was victorious in the 1,500.

The Irish will also be looking for strong performances from Stephanie Madia and Sunni Olinger in the 5,000 meters. Katie Delluso in the steeplechase, Lauren King in the 10,000 meters, Okochi Ugbokiri in the 200 and 400 meters, Maryann Eligba in the 100 and 200 meters, Emily Loonis in the high jump and Petra Dankova in the triple jump. All of these athletes are expected to push for NCAA qualifications this weekend.

The team will be in California through Sunday as the size of the meet requires three days of competition. Connelly talked about the pros and cons of the long weekend.

"The travel will be tough on the girls," he said. "Anytime you have to go that far in a weekend it's difficult, and we'll have to be careful and make sure the girls recover next week in training."

"But it also gives people like Okochi a chance to run two competitive races on separate days (Friday and Sunday). She'll be able to recover for her second race."

The rest of the Irish squad will travel to Butler University for the Indy Relays on Saturday. This meet will be much smaller, featuring schools exclusively from the Midwest, and will have only running events. The goal of this meet will be to qualify athletes for the Big East meet, an attainable goal for many team members.

With the Irish inching closer to the end of the season, Connelly likes his team's position.

"We had a good two weeks of training and I can see that we're headed in the right direction," he said.

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World Series in Omaha, Neb.
We've got a lot of young guys on
tires about this thing," junior
of the season because it's time
can be done.
In his last performance, Thornton hurled a complete-
game outing against his home
state team.
"After the game, there were
about fifteen of my friends and
family there. My dad and my
mom, who can't come to a lot of
baseball games, were there," he
said. "It was great to be back
home. It was a lot of fun to get
some quality wins against a
good team like that."

He believes the team is confi-
dent and poised to make a move
up in the Big East standings this
weekend.
"I think without a doubt we’re
very positive about this. I
believe I can go in and get the
done any time against any
opponent," Thornton said. "It's
going to be a big weekend for us
just like last weekend — really
every weekend from here on out. We've really got to come
to grips with that. We need
these games."

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Baldwin’s performance at Warren easily a record

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Golfers worldwide know Masters’ Saturday as “Moving Day.” This year, Moving Day was the perfect title not just for Tiger Woods’ move into contention at Augusta, but also for Mark Baldwin’s move into the record books with a stellar round for Notre Dame at the Warren Golf Course.

Playing against Texas Christian in a dual-match competition Saturday, Baldwin went out on a tear and etched his name in the Irish annals, shooting a seven-under 65.

“Everything just really fell into place,” Baldwin said. “I felt comfortable.”

He felt so comfortable that it wasn’t until the 13th hole when he realized just how impressive his round was.

“Quite honestly, I really didn’t know where I stood until the 13th hole,” he said.

After two birdies in his previous three holes, teammate Eric Deutsch opened Baldwin’s eyes to his unknowing pursuit of a record.

“Eric said to me, ‘Dude, you have a chance to shoot 59 today if you birdie the last five out of the 18th turn,’” Baldwin said. “I was battleing my swing a little bit too. But I just told myself to play that afternoon. ‘Just to get it on the green, that fits anyone’s eye well,’” he said.

On the 185-yard, par-3 ninth, he posted a specific score.

“That was kind of how I got my round jump-started,” he said. “The first few holes, I hit it pretty close but missed a few putts. Then I hit a 50-footer to finally get under par.”

One hole later, he hopped in from just off the green for an eagle, reaching three-under through five.

With an improbable birdie on the 181-yard, par-3 ninth, he had reached four-under at the turn.

“That shot wasn’t a real shot that fits anyone’s eye well,” he said. “Just to put it on the green, you’re pretty happy. I hit a smooth six iron to four feet and made it.

“At that point, he could have played the back in even-par and still have tied the course record. But that was not his intention in the least.”

Baldwin said that he was unable to maintain good starts to rounds earlier in the year because he was too focused on posting a specific score.

“I had been concentrating too much on trying to make a number or passing out to shoot a number,” he said. “That probably led to the downfall of those rounds.”

He didn’t have that problem this time because he wasn’t thinking about his round in those terms Saturday.

Playing in the same group as Deutsch was Baldwin. “I got to see that round first-hand,” he said. “It was amazing.”

Deutsch was most impressed with the way Baldwin continued to attack even when he had reached deep into red figures.

“It was very impressive to watch [Baldwin] handle himself,” he said. “Usually people get nervous when they are under par. But I wasn’t wanted to make more birdies.”

Baldwin stayed aggressive, playing six birdies on the back nine. Notre Dame posted a score nine strokes higher than his morning 18.

“Two-seventy-one is a score I didn’t think I’d ever see on the Warren,” he said. “It was just unbelievable.”

The nine-under for TCU came largely thanks to David Schultz, who nearly broke Baldwin’s hours-old record, eventually carding a six-under 66.

As chance would have it, Baldwin and Deutsch were in the same group with Schultz all day, and their foursome witnessed the nine-under’s historic score on the same day.

Perhaps that’s only fitting — it was a perfect title not just for Tiger Woods but also for Mark Baldwin.

Two golfers moved into Warren and one moved into Irish lore.

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with Providence. Irish coach Mike Brey sup-
ported Francis’ decision, even if he has reserva-
tions.

“We might gut tells me that
Torin Francis is a four-year play-
er for us here at Notre Dame. I fully support the decision he has made to explo-
the option he has of playing in the NBA next
season,” Brey said in a state-
ment Thursday afternoon. “My
job now is to help him collect
information on where he stands
in regards to the June draft.

“We need to keep in mind that
this is a young man that has
undergone major back surgery,
and I understand that he may
have reservations.

Francis said he appreciates
the support of his coaching staff.

“I feel comfortable with the
decision I have made to look
into the opportunity of playing
at the next level, because I have
the full support of Coach Brey
and the entire Notre Dame com-

As a sophomore, Francis
played in 20 games before
undergoing the surgery. An all-
Big East honorable mention
selection, he averaged 14.2
points and a team-leading 8.8
rebounds.

In his freshman season, Francis averaged 11.1 points
and 8.4 rebounds en route to
earning Big East all-rookie team
honors.

Francis has started all 83
games he has played and owns
career averages of 11.2 points
and 8.3 rebounds (931 points
and 686 rebounds).

He is tied for fourth on the
career blocked shots list with
126 and ranks fourth all-time
with a 1.5 career average.

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been real competitive and I
think that’s been good for us.”
Fairfield (8-3) is ranked 20th
in the latest USHL coaches’
poll and brings a six-game win
streak, highlighted by an 11-10
 overtime victory at Penn State
on March 26. The Stags have
made a living on close wins this
year, averaging 10.38 goals per
and giving up 7.08.

“They’ve had a great year,”
Corrigan said. “They’ve won
four one-goal games. They’re
competing very well. In a cou-
p of the games they’ve been
down three or four goals in the
second half and still found a
way to come back and win. I
think more than anything else
they’re just really getting after it.”

Greg Downing and Mike
Becket lead the Stags with 15
goals apiece on the year but no
single player has stood out
above the rest.

“It’s been something different
for [Fairfield] in every game,”
Corrigan said. “They’re getting
very good goaltending and I
think they’re getting a lot of
different people contributing
on the offensive end.”

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SMC SOFTBALL

Hope College sweeps doubleheader with Saint Mary’s

Struggling team loses 9th and 10th straight
conference games

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s (5-14, 0-10) dropped both games of a dou-
bleheader yesterday to a tal-
ented Hope College (17-6, 8-2)
3-1 and 10-4. The two losses extended the
Belles’ losing streak to 13 games,
with their last win coming against Emmanuel
College more than a month ago
during the team’s spring trip.

In the game one loss, Saint
Mary’s put up quite a battle in
a losing effort against one of
the best teams in the MIAA.
Freshman pitcher/first base-
man McKenna Corrigan and
junior center-
fielder Audrey Gajer each had a
double to lead the offensive
attack, with Gajer scoring the Belles’ only
run.

Junior pitch-
er/outfielder
Bridge Grall
turned in a qual-
ity pitching per-
formance by scattering six hits
over seven innings of work and
surrendering only three runs.

“We didn’t do much to the
goals apiece on the year but no
team lead.

Game two was
a little loss-
gaped as the
Hope College
bats touched up
both Grall and
Corrigan for 10
downs. Each pitch-
er is still search-
ing for her first
career victory. Gajer again
had a double, and sophomore
third baseman Laura Heline
erupted for a three-run home
run, her first of the conference
schedule, giving her seven RBIs and
losing the game one. I
was very happy
with how we played,” head
coach Kristi Beechy said. “We
were hitting the ball hard, but
Hope did too, and they
found a way to come back and win.
I
thought we
were doing the things
that we’re doing and
keeping building on our last
career averages of 11.2 points
and 8.3 rebounds (931 points
and 686 rebounds).

We’ll get a few
wins at the end
of the season.”

Next up for
the Belles will be
Beloit College over at
Ivy Field tonight
at 6 p.m. followed by a show-
down with MIAA conference
powerhouse Alma College (19-7
-7, 11-3) tomorrow afternoon at
1 p.m.

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Junior forward joins 2005 NBA Draft pool but does not hire agent

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame junior forward Torin Francis declared himself eligible for the NBA Draft Wednesday. Francis said he does not plan to hire an agent and has the option to withdraw from the draft until June 21. An underclassman that declares early can return to school and pull his name from the draft until a week before the draft's scheduled date as long as he does not hire an agent.

In the meantime, Francis will continue workouts with Notre Dame and will participate in the NBA predraft camp June 7-10 in Chicago.

"I feel like I owe it to myself and my family to explore this option," Francis said in a statement Thursday afternoon. The team's fourth-leading scorer this season, Francis averaged 9.3 points and grabbed a team-high 7.9 rebounds per game, becoming the team's leading rebounder for the third straight season.

The 6-foot-10 forward scored double figures in 14 games and grabbed 10-plus rebounds in eight games.

Francis scored a season-high 21 points as the team's only consistent threat in a first-round loss to Rutgers in the Big East tournament March 9.

Francis also struggled at times this season, however, coming off back surgery March 8, 2004 to return to school and pull his name from the draft until a week before the draft's scheduled date as long as he does not hire an agent.

According to the draft guru of Irisheyes.com said. "I wasn't exactly sure where he's going to rank. But I think that [Notre Dame coach] Charlie Weis has far more experience evaluating talent than the recruiting gurus.

"You spend too much time talking about other people and not enough time concentrating on yourself."