Student Affairs undergoes restructuring

By MARCELA BERTOS

Coughlin promoted to assistant vice president, Poorman reassigned departments to supervisors

The Division of Student Affairs began restructuring its chain of command Thursday with the announcement of the promotion of director of the Student Activities Office (SAO) and LaFortune Student Center, Brian Coughlin, to the recently created position marked the beginning of Student Activities Center, Brian Coughlin, to (SAO) and LaFortune Student Student Activities Office — especially in light of the Coughlin promoted to assistant vice president, Poorman reassigns departments to supervisors.

Protester, Saint Mary’s debate Iraq war

Sheehan encourages nonviolent activism

By KELLY MEEHAN
Senior Staff Writer

Hell froze over last weekend, anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan said, as snow fell on President Bush’s ranch in Crawford, Texas — a place where she has spent many of her days protesting the war in Iraq.

“She will freeze over when our troops can come home,” she said, calling the unexpected southern snowfall a sign from the universe that “we will prevail, and we will be successful” in ending the conflict in Iraq.

Sheehan, who lost her son, see SHEEHAN/page 9

Panel reflects on role of media, White House

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary’s Editor

After anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan’s speech on campus earlier in the day, the debate about the legitimacy of the Iraq War continued last night in the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary’s.

A panel of three Saint Mary’s professors — Linda Berdayes, Patrick Pierce and Joseph Miller — spoke to a house full of students and faculty members to conclude “A Day of Reflection” on the war.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin

Journalist discusses trade’s trends

TV correspondent Woodruff stresses role of reporters despite downsizing

By JOHN-PAUL WITT

Despite a decline in the popularity of print and broadcast media, journalists will continue to be necessary — especially in light of the younger generation’s civic involvement — Judy Woodruff, senior correspondent on PBS’s “The News Hour with Jim Lehrer,” said Thursday.

Students, journalists and University dignitaries, including President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, filled the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library to hear her deliver the annual

Senior PBS correspondent Judy Woodruff delivered the annual Rod Smith journalism lecture Thursday in the Carey Auditorium.

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SMC students spend Easter in Holy City

By LIZ HARTER

While many Saint Mary’s students spent Easter at home with their families and pets, some of their 55 classmates studying abroad in Rome instead joined the Pope in Vatican City.

Saint Mary’s has sent students to a satellite campus in the center of the Italian capital since the Rome program’s inception in 1970, said Peter Checa, the program’s counselor.

Sophomore Meghan Larsen seized the opportunity of being in the Eternal City during Holy Week to participate in events that commemorated Jesus’ death and resurrection with Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the planet in St. Peter’s Square.

Larsen said she saw Pope Benedict XVI six times during the week as she attended Mass and participated in a seven-station Church Walk — a pilgrimage around Rome.

“(The walk) was between 15 and 25 hours,” Larsen said. “We saw the four major basilicas of Rome and the three minor ones.”

Larsen also attended the Mass for the late John Paul II, which took place on April 2. She and fellow Saint
Happy 21st, Buffalo boys

No one will remember them for their so-called contributions to rock and roll or even music in general. The world won’t stop when they dissolve like all great things do.

Their fans aren’t rabid; their egos aren’t insufferable. But—goodness, when they sing, they mean something so much more than so many others.

Watching from the back row as the Goo Goo Dolls captured an audience of fifteen and fifty-year-olds a month ago, it wasn’t too hard to figure out what to like about them.

Front man Johnny Rzeznik first made sure one friend got a little joy on a Saturday night, grabbing a fan’s cell phone and singing two bars of a song with the microphone on one side of his mouth and the mouthpiece on the other. He smiled and laughed.

Later, he pulled out the ND Fight Song just before getting up for a Bookstore sale. Someone staying at his hotel met him in the hallway and gave it to him. He pulled it out of his jacket and put the “Victory March” over the loudspeakers. After a smattering of boos, he responded politely.

“Do you know how hard it was to rob Irish fans growing up in Buffalo as a Polish kid, where all the Irish kids would beat you up?”

His mom was a strict Catholic. Sometimes, it shows in his lyrics.

“And you ask me what I want this year / And I try to make this kind and clear / Just a chance that maybe we’ll find better days / Cause I don’t need boxes wrapped in string / And designer love and empty things / Just a chance that maybe we’ll find better days”

That’s from “Better Days.” It’s a political song, sure — CNN even used it as a symbol its Katrina relief coverage. But more than politics, it’s about morality.

“Let’s say I’m sorry and start over again. That was basically the message,” Fowler said in an interview with EMI. Publishing. “Something better is going to come.”

But in terms of rock, nothing better is going to come than a band with a conscience. The world needs a little more port and can urge a little morality in the listener’s life.

For us, it’s a question of whether or not we’re paying attention.

“And you know I see right through you / When the world goes in your way / What’s the point in all this screaming / You’re not listening anyway”

Eleven years ago, Buffalo proclaimed April 13 to be Goo Goo Dolls day — 10 years since their birth in “the toughest April 13 to be Goo Goo Dolls day — 10 science that maintains mainstream sup-

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Kent Fowler
Managing Editor

OFFBEAT

Rogue seal menaces man, bears in California
JENNIFER, Calif. — Nibbles the elephant seal is defying his tame nickname by killing smaller seals, menacing a kayaker and chopping on a surfer and a dog on the northern California coast.

The 2,000-pound lone male is seen frequently at the Russian River outlet in the Pacific, and local marine recreational outlets are warning the public about the seal’s aggression.

On Easter Sunday, the seal grabbed an 80-pound pit bull and only let her go after he was attacked by the dog’s owner.

“She was throwing a stick in the water for the dog,” Angel Garcia said. The dog started to shake when this torpedo thing launched itself out of the water and grabbed her.

On Tuesday, Nibbles growled at a kayaker, scaring him out of the water, said Suki Waters of Water Treks, a kayaking tour company.

Man sentenced for printing lewd stickers
MANTORVILLE, Minn. — A Byron man, who distributed sexually vulgar stickers featuring his ex-girlfriend’s name, phone number and address, had been sentenced to four months in jail after pleading guilty to a felony harassment charge.

Thomas Carl Tiedeman, 62, who appeared in Dodge County District Court on March 21, was also ordered to serve five years on probation, perform 32 hours of community service and pay a $100 fine.

The stickers included a photo of a woman, along with the phrase “call me now for the best,” according to the criminal complaint.

The Kasson Police Department received reports in September that someone was placing the stickers on vehicles and buildings.

Tiedeman admitted to police that he had printed about 20 stickers and placed them on vehicles.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

Question of the Day: What Game Show Would You Like to Be On?

Andrew Schumacher 
Sophomore 
Siegfried

Heidi Sundry 
Freshman 
McGiffin

Kate Sylvia 
Sophomore 
Howard

Stephanie Klem 
Freshman

Marques Camp 
Freshman 
Keough

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M.O.B.B., a student New Orleans-inspired brass band with a contemporary twist, performs Thursday night at Reckers.

Correction

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 616-1914 so we can correct our error.
SMC to host baseball conference

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Starting today and running through Saturday, Saint Mary's will host the fifth annual International Women's Baseball Leadership Conference. The conference, coordinated by the Saint Mary's College Baseball Program and titled "Getting Girls in the Game of Baseball," will attempt to increase female interest in the sport at the College.

John Kovach, an archivist and faculty advisor to the Club Baseball Program, said he hopes the conference will stress the importance of women's baseball — which they may not know as women themselves replace the sport with softball.

"It is assumed that because you're a female you only play softball. It's something [female baseball players] just have to deal with," he said. "Sports shouldn't be regulated by gender because there are so many similarities between baseball and softball."

Kovach, a former Saint Mary's softball coach, sees baseball as a way to improve softball skills. "After playing baseball, women come back as better softball players," he said. "The softball field just doesn't challenge them like it used to."

A former major league baseball pitching coach, Bob Cluck, will deliver the keynote address. Cluck, a consultant for the San Diego Padres, will also offer baseball lessons Saturday morning in the Angela Athletic Facility.

Kovach wanted to hold the conference earlier in the semester, to avoid sharing the weekend with Junior Moms Weekend. Cluck, however, was unable to attend the earlier date, as he was at Spring Training with the Padres.

Cluck is also an author of many self-improvement baseball books, as was Kovach. "Baseball for Girls," a book focusing on breaking the stereotypes of women in baseball, is one of his several books.

Other speakers include the president of the Women's Baseball League (WBL) and conference founder, Justine Siegal and Terri Lakowski, the public policy coordinator for the Women's Sports Foundation. Siegal will focus on youth girls' baseball, and Lakowski will discuss the ways to cope with discrimination against girls in baseball.

Participants are coming from across the country. Kovach said, "This is the second time the conference has taken place in the Midwest."

Kovach, who has worked with Siegal in the past, said getting the conference to Saint Mary's was fairly easy. "Justine [Siegal] liked the idea of coming to a women's college and thought we could make it a diverse program," he said.

Typically, the conferences are hosted in club league locations.

The registration cost for the conference is $65 for adults and $30 for students. The ticket includes access to all sessions, lunch and the Cluck lessons Saturday. The Friday sessions and keynote lunch cost $50. Pre-registration is required.

Previous conferences have been held in Cleveland, Baltimore, Orlando and Toronto. The conference is financially sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). Additional sponsors include the First Source Bank, South Bend Blue Sox Women's Baseball and the United States Girl's Baseball Association.

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Red Smith journalism lecture, titled "Are Journalists Obsolete?"

Woodruff was not optimistic about the current state of journalism, noting that "every sector of journalism — especially newspapers — is losing readers or viewers or corporate money. As corporate executives downsiz[e] news organizations to ensure they are profitable.

The Tribune Company owns the Chicago Tribune and L.A. Times — may soon cease to exist as we know it," she said. "One of the great newspaper chains, Knight-Bidder, vanished last year when it was sold. It was profitable, but not profitable enough."

Woodruff also said the major news networks need to increase the amount of resources they spend on the news. "They have to invest more," she said.

Woodruff also predicted that as the younger generations mature, there will be a need for high-quality content, as opposed to short news sources like the Drudge Report that often provide "false" stories.

"Good content is not just content," she said. "It requires thought, imagination and discussion and planning in the newsroom. What [journalists] should be covering."

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2007 BFA/MFA Candidates' Thesis Exhibit

The Snite Museum of Art and the Art History and Design Department congratulate the following award recipients:

KATHLEEN O'BORUKE
Emil Jacobs Gold Medal for Excellence in fine arts to undergraduates pursuing a BFA.

KATHLEEN MONANAH
Emil Jacobs Silver Medal for Excellence in fine arts to undergraduates pursuing a BFA.

JAMES RUDY
TIMOTHY (MAC) RUSSELL
VANESSA VALENZUELA
The Radwan and Allan Riley Prize in Studio Art to a senior student major for excellence in his or her respective field.

CAROLIN HUSCHER
The Rodman and Allan Riley Prize in Design to a senior design major for excellence in his or her respective field.

MEAGHAN FITZPATRICK
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MELISSA MARTIN
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grams and services." Poorman said in an e-mail to all the employees in the Division of Student Affairs.

Coughlin will join the senior staff of the Division and assume his new duties July 1. In his six years heading the SAO, Coughlin said the number of student organizations on campus grew from approximately 250 to 320 and four full-time employees joined the office during the period to assist with the workload.

The SAO’s budget has also grown substantially in the last decade, Coughlin said. In the near future, he said he plans to continue the department’s expansion by finalizing plans to construct a building to replace the Stepan Center and increase the in-volvement with graduate students. These goals are a part of the office’s 10-year plan, Coughlin said.

Poorman also announced other changes in the Division’s structure, including the retirement of assistant vice president of Student Affairs, Sister Jean Lenz, to a part-time position.

“As part of our restructur- ing efforts, Sister Jean will assume part-time duties as special assistant to the vice president,” Poorman said. “She has been an integral part of student life at the University of Notre Dame for the last thirty-four years. She has served for the last twenty-three of those years as assistant vice president for Student Affairs. Her wis-dom, experience, compassion and insight are unparalleled, and I am delighted that she will continue to serve as a member of the senior staff of Student Affairs.”

The departments under Lenz’s supervision, International Student Services and Activities and Multicultural Student Programs and Services, will be reassigned to Division Assistant Vice President Sister Sue Dunn. Dunn will also take the Career Center under her wing.

Moss will keep supervising the ODAE, but he will also start overseeing the other two departments in Saint Liam Hall, the University Counseling Center and Health Services.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk will continue to work with Notre Dame Security/Police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing. The Gender Relations Center will also keep its present supervisor, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Van Firth.

Poorman and Coughlin said they believed the new organizational structure would only facilitate communication in the Division and enable its staff to work more effectively.

“I regularly tell trustees, alumni, students and parents that the University of Notre Dame has one of the best Student Affairs operations in the country," Poorman said. "I am proud of the level of excellence that we have achieved in our division, and of the wonderful service that we offer to our stu-dents. We are excited to implement these changes over the summer and hope that the new structure will allow us to provide even better opportunities for our students.”

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A Journey of Rwandan Genocide Survivors: Seeds of Hope and Peace

The Commemoration of the 13th Anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide

Keynote Speaker Felicia Middlebrooks, CBS Radio Anchor, will present her documentary “Somebody’s Child: The Redemption of Rwanda” and a powerful testimony by Grace Mukasekuru, a Rwandan Genocide Survivor.

Saturday, April 14th at 3:00 pm
Hesburgh Library Auditorium

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IAEA chief: Iran in beginning stages

A Syrian-American businessman has ties with the Damascus government. While the unprecedented step, once thought to be a double-edged sword, is now viewed as a way to restart peace talks with Syria — broken off in 2000.

NATIONAL NEWS

Duke lacrosse players may sue DA

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LOCAL NEWS

Four tornadoes hit Indiana

An image from AP Television News shows people leaving the area in a U.S. Green Zone in Baghdad after a bombing in an Iraqi parliament cafe Thursday.

IRAQ

Bombing in parliament cafe kills 8

Suicide bomber blows himself up in U.S. Green Zone, video camera captures blast

Imus fired from CBS radio show

LOST: Imus will be a financial hit to CBS Radio, which also suffered when Howard Stern departed for satellite radio. The program is worth about $15 million in annual revenue to CBS, which owns Imus' home radio station WFAN-AM and manages Westwood One, the company that syndicates the show across the country.

The Rev. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson met with Moonves on Thursday to demand Imus' removal, promising a rally outside CBS headquarters Saturday and an effort to persuade more advertisers to abandon Imus.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS fired Don Imus from his radio program Thursday, the finale to a stunning fall for one of the nation's most prominent broadcasters.

Imus initially was given a two-week suspension for calling the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hooligans" in an April 6 broadcast. But Imus found himself at the center of a storm as protests intensified.

On Wednesday, MSNBC dropped the simulcast of Imus' show.

Associated Press

Baghdad — A suicide bomber blew himself up in the Iraqi parliament cafeteria Thursday, killing at least eight people including at least two lawmakers — and wounding about 30 in a stunning assault in the heart of the heavily fortified, U.S-protected Green Zone.

A news video camera captured the moment of the blast: a flash and an orange ball of fire causing a startled parliament member who was being interviewed to duck, and then the smoky, dust-filled aftermath of confusion and shouting. The video was shot by Alhurra, a U.S.-government-funded Arab-language television network.

Iraqi officials later gave wildly varying accounts of how many people were killed and who they were, and some disputed the U.S. death toll given by the government to protect the identities of those killed.

The explosion came hours after a suicide truck bomb exploded on a major bridge in Baghdad, collapsing the steel structure and sending cars tumbling into the Tigris River, police and witnesses said. At least 10 people were killed.

The parliament bombing was believed to be the deadliest attack in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses Iraq's leadership. Al-Qaida in Iraq has been blamed for previous high-profile assassination attempts in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses Iraq's leadership. Al-Qaida in Iraq's suicide bombings.

Security officials at parliament, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information, said they believed the bombings were carried out by a Sunni suicide bomber.

Iraqi officials said the bomber struck the cafeteria while several lawmakers were eating lunch, and at least two of them — both Sunnis — were killed.

State television said 30 people were wounded. "We don't know at this point who it was. We do know in the past that suicide vests have been used predominantly by al-Qaida," Caldwell said.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh suggested that those behind the attack might work in the building. "There are some groups that work in politics during the day and do things other than politics at night," he told Alhurra.

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Rome
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Mary's sophomore Suzy Swygart participated in multiple services and even- tually recognized the different seminar­ inarians and priests that led them — and later befriended them. "Suzy and I ran into semi­ narrians that we recognized from the morning station Masses we had been attend­ ing," Larsen said. "We sat with them, and it was an amaz­ ing experience." She also attended the Chrismal Mass, where priests renew their vows before the Pope the Lord's Supper Mass, known for the rite of washing feet on Holy Thursday and the Passion celebration inside St. Peter's Basilica on Good Friday. "We knew priests that were in the procession of the Chrismal Mass, so it was pretty neat to see the priests that we knew renew their vows with the Pope," Larsen said. "We had good seats [for the Passion celebration] and could see the Pope very well.
Larsen attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday with Swygart, sophomore Lisa Ficker and three other Saint Mary's students.
Before entering St. Peter's Basilica, crowds were lined up outside the gates of the square, Larsen said. "Once the gates open people just start sprinting to the front of the line, and it's every man for himself." Larsen said Ficker scaled the barricades to get inside, an older man present helped Swygart over the fence while Larsen was "sucked into the crowd" but eventually she also man­ aged to enter the Basilica for the Mass.
"We had an amazing view," Larsen said. "It was such a beautiful Mass most­ ly in Latin.
The entire week was a great opportu­ nity to join other Catholics to celebrate the greatest day of the Christian year with the Pope, Larsen said.
"It was one of the most beautiful things I have ever been a part of." - Meghan Larsen sophomore
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moderated the panel, co-spon­ sored by the Justice Education Program and the Political Science Department. Berdways, a professor in the Communication and Performance Studies depart­ ment, addressed the role of the media in the events leading up to the war, as well as their influ­ ence throughout the armed con­ flict.
"Journalism now is not objec­ tive. It is subjective from the very beginning," she said. "There is some bias always because journalists frame sto­ ries from how much to cover, what to emphasize, what to make the foreground and what to make the background.
Her focus was on the manipu­ lative nature of present-day journalism and its effects on the American public.
"Journalism is dangerous dur­ ing wartime in matters of what stories are covered and how," she said. "Propaganda is often a prerequisite of war. Information is a weapon used on all sides."
The most distressing journal­ istic shortcoming, however, is not a marked political orienta­ tion but rather the failure to obtain all the correct informa­ tion, she said.
"Liberal or conservative bias is beside the point. What you see, read and hear may not be true," Berdways said. She also talked about a study that addressed the three major misconceptions of the war, as a result of disinformation, she said. The first truth was the belief in the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The second misconception, Berdways said, had people think the foreign countries supported America's war effort. And, finally, the notion that Saddam Hussein directly linked to the 9/11 attacks constit­ ued the third and most com­ monly misunderstood issue about the war in Iraq.
These misconceptions alone illustrate the undeniable influ­ ence — positive or negative — of the media on the American public. Berdways said.
"The stakes are high, and we cannot be naive," she said. "We must be able to see the bias.
"Patrick Pierce, a political sci­ ence professor, addressed the constitutionality of the war and the accountability of the sitting Bush administration.
Initially, however, he revisited the common misconceptions of the American public, shaken by the "incredible amount of misinformation" that believes untrue and unstandardized rumors.
He also emphasized the importance of activism, an either end of the political spec­ trum.
Reflecting on the President's accountability, Pierce said that looking at the past will help dic­ tate the future of the conflict.
"In terms of administration, the last thing we want to do is go backward, but backward is important because it pin­ points accountability of our elected officials," he said. "Regardless of what situation we face politically now, an important part of a democratic society is to hold the accountable positively and negatively. ... If the president is held account­ able for negative actions, he loses power.
The misuse of intelligence was another key point in Pierce's argu­ ment.
"It is clear that what led up to the war was a manipulation of intelligence," he said. "Did the administration Disregard the truth? Make a good fake argument? A mix of both.
The implications and results of investigating the past for answers to the above questions may determine the electorate's future decisions, he said.
Pierce also said the continued American occupation is detri­ mental to further progress in both countries.
"Our mere presence has made it very difficult for a stable democracy to be established no matter what," he said. "The whole system that was created by poor decision-making leading up to the war. There are no winners in this war.
"The final speaker was Joseph Miller, a journalism professor, who spoke about the impact of the Iraqi conflict on Iraq.
"Presently, there is extensive evidence that Bush, Cheney and neoconservative advisors are trying to justify an attack in Iraq," he said. "They are using the same tactics as Iraq. This time, however, Congress, media and groups of all sorts are speaking out, demanding unnecessary and dangerous preparations with Iraq be replaced with diplomacy.
Miller addressed the impor­ tance of avoiding the repetition of the Iraqi War in Iraq.
"If we launch an attack in Iraq, the tragedy will be even more intense," he said. Miller presented his argument in four parts, starting with a discussion of why this infor­ mation that isn't being acknowled­ ged. He went on to the essen­ tial importance of activism, the unfolding provocative actions that could spark a war and the outlook facing the United States.
There is no evidence Iran poses a nuclear threat in the near future, so there is no need to provoke war, he said. "Unproven information is as unreliable as the claims with Iraq.
Miller also questioned Bush's war aims compared to the provoca­tive actions with North Korea, but not with Iran.
"There is no evidence North Korea is much more advanced than the United States on nuclear weapons. North Korea is much more involved in provocations and with North Korea is much more advanced than the United States, but not with Iran.
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Apple delays launch of ‘Lionard’

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc. said it won’t be shipping its next-generation operating system in June as planned, saying it had to divert resources from the project so that it could launch its highly anticipated iPhone.

The new shipment date for Mac OS X “Lionard” will be in October, the company said Thursday. The iPhone will make its debut in June as planned.

Apple shares dropped $1.75, or nearly 2 percent, to $90.44 in extended-session trading after the earnings report was released.

Apple announced the iPhone — a smart phone that also serves as an iPod media player — in January to much fanfare. The Cupertino-based company said Thursday the iPhone is still on track to be shipped in late June and has passed several of the required certification tests.

Apple, which had previously said Lionard would be available in the spring, had hoped to release the Mac operating system upgrade at its Worldwide Developers Conference, a five-day event that starts June 11.

Instead, a “near-final version” of Lionard will be ready for the developer community to test a the conference to take home, Apple said. Though Lionard’s features will be complete by then, Apple said the company won’t be ready to ship it until a “quality release.”

“It will be the right move for Apple, it will become a greater business in a leading global nutrition company,” Nestle Chairman and CEO Daniel Vasella said in a statement. Analysts said although the price appeared high at first.

Apple plans to ship two versions of the iPhone — a 4-gigabyte model for $999 and an 8-gigabyte one for $1,099. It will be available in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T Inc.’s.

Apple announced Thursday that it will buy Gerber Products Co. in $5.5 billion deal, which will make it No. 1, in the baby-food market.

Nestle plans to purchase Gerber

Company will become No. 1 in baby-food market after $5.5 billion acquisition

GENEVA — Nestle SA, the world’s biggest food and drink company said Thursday it will buy Gerber Products Co. from pharmaceutical company Novartis for $5.5 billion, giving it the largest share of the global baby-food market.

The acquisition helps further Nestle’s recent focus on health and nutrition, following its purchases of the U.S. weight-control company Jenny Craig and Novartis Medical Nutrition.

Nestle, which owns brands such as Nescafe, Perrier and Dreyer’s, is also the worldwide largest manufacturer of infant nutritional products — largely through its leading positions in developing countries such as Brazil and China — but had no presence in baby food in the United States.

Gerber, which Nestle has coveted for more than a decade, dominates the U.S. baby-food market, with a 79 percent share, according to Morgan Stanley.

“The acquisition of Gerber is the perfect complementary fit,” said Nestle Chairman and CEO Peter Brabeck-Letmaud. “It not only gives Nestle the leadership position in baby food, but it also constitutes a decisive step to establish Nestle Nutrition as the undisputed global leader in the nutrition field.”

Adding Gerber will help the company’s nutrition business generate annual sales of close to $8.2 billion. The company said it expects Gerber to generate around $1.95 billion this year.

Nestle sold shares fell 0.7 percent to 406.05 Swiss francs in Zurich. German shares were up at 67.35 francs ($57.27).

Nestle said it planned to acquire Gerber in 1994, but lost to Sandoz AG, which later merged with Ciba-Geigy to form Novartis. Since then, Novartis has taken steps to broaden Gerber’s business beyond jarsed foods.

In 2000, Gerber began selling a line of powders, oils and other toiletries for children, and in 2002 it launched microwavable meals for older toddlers. It also has a life-insurance unit. But the baby-food business has never been a good fit for a parent company that mainly sells medicaments.

Novartis, based in Basel, has shed several noncore businesses in recent years.

In December, Novartis said it would shed its medical-nutrition division to Nestle for $2.5 billion. Nestle is focusing on three main areas: investing in new prescription medicines, vaccines, and selling low-cost generic drugs and over-the-counter medicines.

“This transaction is also the right move for Gerber, as it will become a greater business in a leading global nutrition company,” Nestle Chairman and CEO Daniel Vasella said in a statement.

Analysts said although the price appeared high at first sight, it was in line with similar deals.

“Added to Nestle’s existing baby-food business in the U.S. and its overall North American business, this makes Nestle a very clear leader in infant nutrition in the U.S., where, unlike Western Europe, having babies remains in vogue,” said Bob Mann, a Collins Stewart food analyst in London.

The purchase is expected to be completed during the second half of this year, subject to approval by regulatory authorities, Nestle said.

In Brief

Arkansas court rules case

ARKANSAS - The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a state judge was wrong to dismiss Wal-Mart’s lawsuit to break a retirement deal with a convicted former executive, saying the world’s largest retailer is entitled to have a jury hear its claims.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, wanted a jury to decide if a multi-million-dollar settlement it gave to Tom Coughlin, who later pleaded guilty to defrauding the company through the sale of gift cards and expense reimbursements.

Wal-Mart and Coughlin had signed a pact in which they agreed to give Coughlin $36 million after the judge in his case was to retire. Coughlin said he was not mentioned.

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Stocks advance despite oil prices

NEW YORK — Stocks resumed their advance Thursday following a one-day hiatus as investors looked past higher oil prices and a somewhat cloudy picture for retail sales. The Dow Jones industrial average has shown gains in nine of the last 10 sessions.

Retailers’ reports on sales at stores open at least a year, an important measure known as same-stores sales, initially concerned some investors Thursday because of scattered reports that sales at Wal-marts would be light during April. Investors seemed to shake off those concerns as well as unease about inflation and oil prices as they awaited a deluge of earnings reports set to begin in earnest next week.

“I think investors are trying to figure out what the next Fed move is. We’re really at the point of chicken — where the Fed is trying to ward off inflation without submarginal growth,” said Mark Coffelt, portfolio manager at Empire Funds, referring to when the Federal Reserve might adjust short-term interest rates. Sentiment on the health of the economy has wobbled as investors have looked to each new piece of economic data for direction.
DEUS CARITAS EST

I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others
—Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est Encyclical Letter

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

— 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass at Alumni Hall Chapel (Fr. Jenkins presiding)
— 5:15 p.m. Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
— 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
— 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

— 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
— 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
— 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
— Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
— 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

— Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
— The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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outside President Bush's
Crawford ranch during his
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women's Catholic college, par-
ticularly because the religious and leadership values Saint
Mary's intends to instill within
graduates attracted her.
"Leadership is not being
elected or hired," she said.
"It means leadership is about
living your life in an authentic
way that honors your values
and the values of humanity.
As a convert to the Catholic
religion and former youth
leader within the Church,
Sheehan relayed concerns over
the state of today's Church.
She said she will not believe
priests, bishops, cardinals and
the Pope are truly against the
war until they join the nun
who are willing to physically
sit in and protest the unjust
bleeding in the Middle East.
This reference resounded in
Audience members who were in
support of the Sisters of the
Congregation of the Holy
Cross recently announced
stance in favor non-violence.
The lecture's introductory
speaker, Begin Wilson, said
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University, and the scholar-
ship money should instead be
used to finance student peace-
makers' scholarships — an
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Sheehan.
Sheehan said a shortcoming of
domestic anti-war activism in the
individual protestor's unwillingness to make
sacrifices.
The first change she urged
was the end of Saturday
marches on Capitol Hill, jek-
ningly saying that even the
person responsible for clearing
dog waste from the sidewalk
is in the neighborhood on
a Saturday.
In turn, she extended an
invitation to the 10,000
Mother March on Monday,
May 14 — a date when she
said she is confident the mani-
festation will draw the atten-
tion of lawmakers.
Sheehan said the ultimate
sacrifice; however, lies within
the individual, as every citizen
has the responsibility to con-
tribute his talents to the
improvement of society.
"Look inside and figure out
what more you can do," she
said. "Don't worry about what
you will eat, where you will
sleep or your clothes. Step out
in faith and that will be pro-
vided for you.
A mother of three other chil-
dren, Sheehan said she would
gladly stay in her California
home to cook and clean for
them, but after Casey's death
and the loss of thousands of
innocent Iraqis, she realized
that was no longer an option.
"If we want true and lasting
peace, we must lose the belief
that we can make our children's
future, but after Casey's death
People always ask me,
"Where are all the young peo-
ple?" she said. "It seems they
are not involved like they
were in Vietnam, but there is
a big difference... if young
people started burning things
people would take more
notice, but young people are
doing it in a peaceful, authen-
tic way.
Sheehan began her personal
crusade in August 2005, when
she protested at a peace camp
outside President Bush's
Crawford ranch during his
five-week stint camped out-
side the ranch. She demanded
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It's generated strongly worded Letters to the Editor, prompted plenty of angry complaints and often required significant changes before publication. So why is Kaleidoscope McDaniels still in The Observer? It's a fair question, and the short answer is, usually, it's pretty funny.

Concerns about Observer comic strips have surfaced frequently in recent years. Readers have questioned Kaleidoscope since it began in January, and before that Jocular was a frequent target of criticism. Although other cartoons, from time to time, have drawn objections as well. Whatever the case, a common theme has emerged. When a joke is made — unless it's the mildest, safest and, more often than not, least funny option — someone gets offended.

And when a joke is made that touches a nerve with a broader group of readers, it's often because it exposed an underlying issue. What do men at Notre Dame think of the school's women? Do people understand the magnitude of problems caused by eating disorders? Why is there tension between the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses?

These are serious subjects, and they aren't caused by stereotypes or jokes found in a comic strip. Those jokes stem from pre-existing problems — and while it's easy to blame a cartoon for inflaming a situation, it's not addressing any root cause.

These observations are not meant to undermine complaints. After all, a newspaper's role is to serve its community, and upset readers deserve explanations. What's important to remember, however, is that the purpose of a comic strip isn't to infuriate people — it's to make them laugh. Some may see those laughs as coming at others' expense, but that's ascribing a baser motive to the cartoon than what its author or the newspaper had in mind. Humor is subjective. That doesn't mean anything goes, however. When we think one of our cartoonists has crossed the line, we tell him. When we judge a particular submission to be in poor taste, we ask for a replacement, or we run a gray box apologizing for the comic strip's absence. (That's not what happened with Kaleidoscope McDaniels this week, though — the cartoonist took three days off.)

Eventually, it comes down to a value judgment. Maybe the cartoons stimulate productive discussion, and maybe they don't, but we aren't asking our cartoonists to lead that discussion. We're asking them to make people laugh. That's what Kaleidoscope McDaniels does, and that's why we value it.

We hope that readers will continue to tell us when they think we've stepped over the line. But we also hope the community will take these jokes for what they are, and what they're always intended to be — jokes.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

We have to let you go, muds. It's not just losing advertisers over racism, now we're being sued for plagiarism by hundreds of highly respected gangsta rappers.

McDaniels' presence justified

Do you feel the Notre Dame Law School is well respected?

a. Yes

27%

b. No

27%
The madness of the poets

In the middle of the seventeenth cen-
tury, the diverger, propagandist and
future regicide, John Milton, claimed
that to write well hereafter he needs to broaden his standards, that he needs to
lower his standards and to go after the
least of the known standard. Taking pride
in your appearance is in no way a crime, nor does it take away from the
ability to learn and increase one's intel-
ligence. We all have hard days where we
can not look, but in no way is it acceptable to make this an everyday occurrence. If you do, you will not only be boys who are turned off by your appearance
but girls and teachers as well. I respect well-dressed men and women alike. Take note boys, women and sweat-
shirts everywhere are not that hot. I take
dine in the morning to make myself pre-
sensible, I wear some hot shoes and I am
a good student. I don't think this little bit
of self-pride will offend you since you were
so inclined to declare your GPA. See,
you're not that hard to have it all. Some of the smartest girls I know are also
some of the most beautiful girls I know
say that they do not take care of themselves in this regard, as for them already have boyfriends, but to feel good about themselves. It's called self-esteem and self-love. And let me tell you
that combination is awesome. So don't
take it person. What comes out of a
the comics, the opposite of serious. But do
listen to the self-care of yourself that
makes you feel good.

I would say that judging on your strong
point, you do not a law.

not know you and therefore will not
com-
ments to your physical appearance, but one
can look at him, you do not know me. I see
as you are doing bashing someone (who
produces comics that the majority of the
student body enjoys) for his actions, you
turn around and do the exact same thing
by stereotyping him and telling him not to
lower his standards and to go after the
sexy unintelligent bimbo that you are sure he
is.

Someone does not practice what they
preach. As a fellow Katherine and some-
one who was a member of not only her
high school team but also one at the collegiate level and I never took
Moral comics serious. I never
felt like a Gremillion; it was you who called me a Gremillion. You don't
know me, I'll tell you. I am a LIAM, therefore you do not know how
I feel or what kind of woman Liam is interested in.

At a University that prides itself on hav-
ing the finest students of all races, cultures who obviously put forth a great deal of
effort, I can say I am ashamed of your
actions. You do not put too much effort in
to your appearance and therefore could be
considered unattractive by Liam Moran
or possibly other male students. If you
consider yourself unattractive due to lack of effort, it is only nature that other people will too. You call yourself a Gremillion. I do

Katharine, Katherine, Katherine. As
someone who has a GPA 1.66, I am sure
that you wear your pants at your waist and that you are not the best of the best. I believe that the student body needs a voice. Someone who is not someone who the College should be so willing to be affiliated with as her prayer to God is not valued in the
College's mission.

During her visit, Sheehan received an
overwhelming amount of support from
official entities of the College, including the Center for Women's Inter-Cultural
Leadership (CWL), the Women's Resource Center, Peacemakers and
bition, which in which she has chosen to protect this war in Iraq. Please do not misunderstand my position. I believe in the First
Amendment. I believe in the right of every
citizen to question her govern-
ment. These are values of our American
democracy. Nevertheless, Sheehan has
routinely abused those rights.

First and foremost, she continues to
represent the war through false
facts while casting unwarranted asper-
tions upon those who dare to disagree with her. She has been arrest-
ed on numerous occasions due to
her peaceful protests from the U.S. and
the world. The most despic-a-
ble of these her 2006 attempt to
peacefully protest at the White
House for President Bush's annual
State of the Union Address. As
she most certainly knew or should have
known, protests are not allowed. Her
actions were disrespectful and political in nature. There is a
time and a place for this type of activity. This certainly was not the time.

I am disappointed that my alma mater chose to allow Sheehan to speak
on campus. There are certainly many more scholar and activists who did
agree with the war that would have
been a better alternative than her. She
is not someone who the College should
be so willing to be affiliated with as her
words are not valued in the College's mission.

As an alumna of Saint Mary's College, I was ashamed when it was announ-
ced that "anti-war activist to speak," in the April 15 issue of The Observer was disdisap-
ented to learn the College had extended an
invitation to Cindy Sheehan to speak
Thursday morning. I was horrified at her behavior and conduct disrespectful and
undeserving of Saint Mary's sup-
port.

While I admit I am not an enthusiast of
Sheehan's views on the war in Iraq, I have
real reservations over the manner in which
she has chosen to protect this war in Iraq. Please do not misunder-
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intend when they say all things possess truth, goodness, and beauty insofar as
they exist. In the madness of Achilles,
we encounter the very form of courage,
seeing that the practice of a virtue takes
tarative shape, and that shape
we discover as beautiful. In Achilles also we
discover as beautiful. In Achilles also we
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discover as beautiful. In Achilles also we
and respect yourself.

As a fellow Katharine and some-
one who was a member of not only her
College Democrats or other politically-
affiliated clubs on campus. Would the
CWL, or the other groups — ever
sponsor a visit by a supporter of the
Iraq war, or even just a conservative, to
speak on campus? From my four years
spent in Mary's, I have not seen any
such visits. If the goal of Sheehan's visit
was to allow her opportunities to partici-
pate in democracy and to aid Saint
Mary's women in becoming informed
students, I believe it was a missed chance.

Sarah Vabulas
Clm of 2006
Saint Mary College
The writer is a former Viewpoint editor for The Observer.
Much of the humor in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" comes from the mechanicals, a troupe of actors led by Bottom (Steve Soebbing, back row).
CD REVIEW

‘Devils and Angels’ is divinely uninspired

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

With their newest release, “Devils and Angels,” pop-rock band Melee have somehow managed to create one of the most generic albums ever put to digital disc. This album is what Rob Gordon once called “music I can ignore,” and its polish seems so overdone that it has virtually eliminated any semblance of originality or talent.

“Devils & Angels” opens with the especially ignorable “Built to Last.” Frontman Chris Cron’s style feels something like Goldy, melded to a sad imitation Motion City Soundtrack and with a dash of The Shins — only, well, not as good. When Cron seems to croon, he often tries to mimic the tinny guitars in an attempt to sound epic. Unfortunately, it only sounds like over-produced babble. Without a sense of the singing to guys like Modest Mouse frontman Brock — someone who actually knows how to croon with his instruments — and return to the delusions of grandeur from whence he came.

This is not to say that every song on the album is horrible — some of them manage to be only quite bad. The third track, “Frequently Baby (She’s a Teenage Maniac),” kicks the album into second gear past the feeble “first gear” of the rest of the album. Sadly, for listeners, this is where the placid excitement ends. Trying to sound like British rockers Muse, they throw in piano for good measure. But where Muse is epic, Melee sings about a teenage maniac with her heart of the dance floor. If Muse wants to sound and look like British rockers, it should stop singing about high school girls. It’s just plain creepy.

The rest of album follows along like a pop music cookbook. Producer Howard Benson seems, like numbers before him, to have followed the path of least musical resistance, and “Devils and Angels” feels like an unspired combination of our tenencies and pseudo-hipster sensibilities as a result. It’s as though Benson and Melee consulted the library of generic blue conventions, added a quarter of a cup of rhythm, mixed in a dash of monotonous guitar and covered it with a bland production glaze.

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The finished film plays out a lot like its first half of the album, tries to be edgy with some crunchy guitars. Sadly, it’s just too little too late — and Melee hasn’t hit the middle of the album. The rest of the “Devils and Angels” continues along the same well-trod path.

The only decent song on the album is its bonus track, “You Make My Dreams.” This song is actually catchy, with its fuzzy guitars that seem to have escaped the producers’ spic–n–shine routine. Cron sings with some real feeling, and the rest of the band provides decent background vocals. The best thing about this track is its honesty — the band isn’t trying to be epic or ground-breaking. They are, strangely enough, having fun with the song. It’s too bad for Melee that this diamond in the rough is a bonus track, and that they couldn’t take a cue from it for the rest of the album.

All in all, Melee’s “Devils and Angels” is a horrible piece of recorded music. It knows what it wants to be, which is more than many bands can say, and it is what it is — very bad. Go check out Modest Mouse. Muse or even Coldplay before you go near this one.

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DVD REVIEW

‘Dazed and Confused’ gets high on teen spirit

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Senior Staff Writer

In hindsight, high school really was one big haze. At least, that’s the impression you get from “Dazed and Confused,” writer-director Richard Linklater’s cheerfully droopy and hilarious revue of his ’70s teen years. Emulating an ensemble cast with the talent to match the prowess of his prose, Linklater drives the movie forward by parading his characters, one group after another, in front of us. He flexes his rare Simplicity never gets old and instead elevates it to one of our great teen pictures.

In this way, “Dazed and Confused” becomes one of the most singularly character-driven movies in recent memory. Even Linklater, on the director’s commentary to the new DVD, admits to the film’s lack of an identifiable plot. Do we miss having a plot? Not really. But if you need one, here it is: Posey all shine here — several of them in their very first screen appearances.

Like Zach Braff with “Garden State,” Linklater’s lovable little film with a two-disc special edition DVD that captures its semi-doc feel, the Criterion Collection has bestowed a result. It’s as though Benson and Melee consulted the library of generic blue conventions, added a quarter of a cup of rhythm, mixed in a dash of monotonous guitar and covered it with a bland production glaze.

Linklater’s motivation for making the movie was simple and two-fold: to capture the energy of being a teenage and playing lead music. Everything else is nonessential. He hoped to capture “what it was like in that moment-to-moment reality, looking around for something to do, trying to be cool, and not really going on,” he admits on the commentary. “But I still wanted to capture the essential boredom of being a teen and trying to find something to do.”

The finished film plays out a lot like its simple premise, with teens amusing themselves, realizing their boredom before moving on to another pursuit. Its refreshing simplicity never feels fake or insincere despite the fact that it’s one of our great teen pictures.

And as a testament to Linklater’s storytelling skill, it never feels like a string of eight cartoons, which is what it could have easily degenerated into in the hands of a lesser filmmaker.

As promised, the soundtrack is bumping. The characters tool around while Aerosmith, War, ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd carry the plot with ease.

McConaughey and superb character actors like Adam Goldberg and Parker Posey all shine here — several of them in their very first screen appearances.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers prepare for home tilt against Georgetown

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame will look for a crucial win Saturday, with the Irish looking to get Brook in some Northwestern today in order to improve to 22-1 overall as a part of their winning streak, are coming off seven of their last eight, will don’t know when for sure. It doubles this weekend but we Loudback said. “We’re going to carry the momentum this will not be an easy match

Louderback understands that “It’s going to be doubles because they have good doubles teams and their number one team just beat the No. 1-ranked William and Mary’s number one doubles last week.”

The two teams are no strangers. They faced each other in the semifinals of the ITA Indoor National Tournament in February. The Irish ousted the Wildcats 4-3 in that match, and Louderback feels that the team has improved greatly since that match.

“Irish aren’t fresh anymore because they’ve played a lot of matches,” Louderback said. “I just think that we’ve had a lot of experience playing against a lot of good teams. I really think our doubles birth right now is very good because all the kids have played a lot.”

If they go with the lineup they’ve been going with, I feel pretty good about the matchups.”

Jay Louderback

Irish coach

Northwestern’s doubles strength, reputation, Louderback has placed a lot of emphasis on doubles in the practices this week.

“We did quite a bit of doubles work this week because doubles is going to be very important, and our singles are pretty sharp at this point because we’ve played a lot. I figured we needed to be ready to give ourselves the best shot of winning the double.

After battling Northwestern today, the Irish will look to finish their regular season on a high note as they take on the Buckeyes, Ohio, for the Kepler Intercollegiate at the Scarlet Course of the Ohio State Golf Club.

“The course is going to play tough,” Irish senior co-captain Cole Ibdan said. “It’s difficult to begin with and the wind and snow we’re expecting is just going to add to that.”

Last week, the Irish curbed an eighth-place team score amid rain and snow at the Midwest Regional Bollermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

In Columbus, Notre Dame will take on a number of regional foes, including the Buckeyes, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Michigan and Michigan State.

“We’re just looking to get some district wins against some of those teams,” Ibdan said.

This tournament will also mark the first one of the season in which the Irish will have the opportunity to take on Louisville, a team Ibdan calls Notre Dame’s most formidable Big East opponent.

“We get to take on Louisville so that should give us a good idea of where we stand,” Ibdan said.

Along with Ibdan, the Irish will send senior co-captain, junior Greg Rodgers, sophomore Josh Sandman, and freshman Doug Forte to compete in the team’s final tune-up before the conference tournament. Freshman Mike King will also play in the Kepler Intercollegiate as an individual performer.

“It’s going to be an important weekend for us,” Ibdan said.

Each team will play two 18-hole rounds Saturday and one Sunday. Temperatures are expected to top out in the 20s with a high wind and precipitation likely throughout the weekend.

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IRISH look to maintain dominance

Team travels to Evanston to take on No. 9 Northwestern

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish will attempt to continue two recent trends that have come to opponents ranked in the top-12 nationally.

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  - Toronto: 5-3 | .625 |
  - Baltimore: 6-4 | .600 | 1
  - Boston: 5-3 | .625 |
  - Minnesota: 5-3 | .625 |

- **American League Central**
  - Team: record | pct. | GB
  - Cleveland: 4-2 | .667 | 2.5
  - Detroit: 5-3 | .625 |
  - Kansas City: 3-6 | .333 |
  - Minneapolis: 3-3 | .500 |

- **American League West**
  - Team: record | pct. | GB
  - Seattle: 3-2 | .600 | .5
  - Los Angeles: 6-4 | .600 |
  - Oakland: 4-6 | .400 |
  - Texas: 4-4 | .500 |

- **National League East**
  - Team: record | pct. | GB
  - Atlanta: 7-1 | .875 |
  - New York: 5-3 | .625 |
  - Florida: 5-4 | .556 |
  - Philadelphia: 2-4 | .444 |
  - Washington: 1-11 |

- **National League Central**
  - Team: record | pct. | GB
  - Milwaukee: 50-39 | .557 |
  - Cincinnati: 49-38 | .513 |
  - St. Louis: 39-40 | .487 |
  - Pittsburgh: 37-40 | .481 |
  - Houston: 32-45 | .416 |
  - Chicago: 35-37 | 1.5 |

- **National League West**
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**American College Top 20**

- **NCAA Men's Basketball**
  - Team: record | GB
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  - Virginia Tech | 27-7 |
  - North Carolina | 25-7 |
  - Florida State | 25-7 |
  - Wake Forest | 25-7 |
  - Virginia | 20-12 |
  - Texas | 20-12 |
  - Iowa | 20-10 |
  - Oregon State | 19-12 |
  - Arizona | 19-12 |
  - Arkansas | 17-14 |
  - Mississippi State | 15-15 |
  - Duke | 14-14 |
  - Wisconsin | 14-14 |
  - Arizona State | 14-14 |

- **American College Top 20**
  - Team: record | GB
  - Florida at Atlanta | 7:35 p.m., ESPN
  - North Carolina | 29-5 |
  - Virginia | 29-7 |
  - Texas A&M | 27-7 |
  - Stanford | 26-6 |
  - Michigan State | 26-6 |
  - Texas Tech | 26-6 |

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**TFNS**

- Team: record | GB
  - Florida & South Carolina | 28-10 |
  - Florida State | 31-4 |
  - Arizona State | 26-10 |
  - Arizona | 28-6 |
  - Oklahoma State | 23-8 |
  - Texas | 27-12 |
  - UC Irvine | 23-8 |
  - Cal State Fullerton | 19-12 |
  - Coastal Carolina | 28-5 |
  - Texas A&M | 27-7 |

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**In Brief**

**Tennis**

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**Chicago, L.A. compete for site of Olympic games in 2016**

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One of America's two iconic cities will get the nod Saturday as the country's candidate to host the 2016 Olympics. Although winning this part of the selection process will be something to celebrate, it will only be the start of the hard work.

The real race is in the quest to win over the International Olympic Committee and earn 60 votes in 2009, when the games are awarded. The field is expected to also include Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo.

Finding a way to win those 60 votes has been the crux of every speech, every presentation, every detailed list of instructions the U.S. Olympic Committee leaders have given the cities since the USOC commandeered and retained the domestic selection process 21 months ago.

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**NBA**

- **Indiana at Miami**
  - Team: record | GB
  - Indiana: 8:00 p.m., ESPN

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**Around the Dial**

- **MLB**
  - Florida at Atlanta: 7:35 p.m., TBS

- **NBA**
  - Indiana at Miami: 8:00 p.m., ESPN
The Irish travel to Redwood Shores, Calif., to compete in the fifth-annual Windermere Real Estate Rowing Classic this weekend.

The regatta is the team’s largest competition this season, featuring more than 100 races among the nation’s top universities. Rowers will compete in two days of Henley style racing, in which all the races consist of just two boats. Notre Dame kicks off the weekend with a varsity-eight race against California on Saturday. The varsity-four boat will also race against California later in the morning.

On Saturday afternoon, Notre Dame’s varsity-eight and second varsity-eight boats will race Stanford. Saturday’s competition ends with the novice-eight boat racing UCLA. The second varsity-eight boat returns to action on Sunday morning in a race against UCLA. The varsity eight and varsity-four boats will also race UCLA Sunday. UCLA’s last competition was in the San Diego Crew Classic. In which the Bruins won the Laurel V. Korholz Perpetual Trophy for the novice-eight race and placed in the top-four in three other races. Stanford and California also competed in the San Diego Crew Classic. No. 9 Stanford placed third in the varsity-eight race and third in the novice-eight race. California placed second in the varsity-eight race and the open eight race, third in the second varsity-eight race, and fourth in the novice-eight race.

Notre Dame is ranked No. 14 in the Collegiate Coach’s Rowing Association/US Rowing Poll. Last weekend’s regatta in Indianapolis was cancelled due to inclement weather. In their previous competition, the Irish won the Lubbers Cup at a regatta in Grand Rapids, Mich.

So far the team has enjoyed success, due in part to the novice-eight boat, which went undefeated for the earlier part of the season. After this weekend’s regatta, the Irish will travel to New Jersey, where they will face No. 6 Princeton and George Washington, before in the Big East Championships.

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Irish, Demons rained out

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's doubleheader against No. 18/14 DePaul, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, was postponed until April 29 to be played in Cacciatore Stadium in Chicago. This marks the second time this season the two teams have had to cancel a doubleheader due to inclement weather.

The Irish (19-13, 8-0 Big East) and Blue Demons remain the only undefeated teams in conference play, and their set of games could be crucial once the Big East championships start.

The Irish, however, have to focus on a pair of doubleheaders this weekend at conference rivals Providence and Connecticut.

On Saturday, Notre Dame will face the Friars in Providence, R.I., at 12 p.m. Providence is currently ranked ninth in the Big East with a 3-7 conference record.

Against Providence, Notre Dame will face senior pitcher Sara Surosky, who is 7-8 with a 2.87 ERA and freshman Danielle Bertolotti, who has a 3-3 mark with a 3.65 ERA.

On the offensive side, senior catcher Rachel Bartholomew is the Friars' main threat with a .472 average and five home runs.

Notre Dame will then travel to Storrs, Conn., to face the team-leading seven home runs of the Huskies, who currently occupy seventh place in the Big East with a 4-4 conference record. The Huskies are 15-15 overall.

Huskies freshman pitcher Tricia Sullivan will take the mound with a 2.5-5 mark and 3.82 ERA. Also, the Irish expect to see senior hurler Krista Michalczyn, who has a 7-5 record to go along with a 4.31 ERA.

Sophomore utility player Jillian Ortega is the main offensive threat for the Huskies, batting .358 with 23 RBIs. Senior catcher Holly Cacalone can also do damage at the dish with her .342 average and five home runs.

Notre Dame's pitching staff will rely heavily on its pitching staff, especially sophomore Brittany Bargor, who has a 12-7 record to compliment a 1.94 ERA. Senior Kenya Fuemmel has also been solid, compiling a 7-6 record and 2.58 ERA.

Irish senior outfielder Stephanie Brown brings a nine-game hitting streak into this weekend's contests. She also boasts a .472 average and has scored 25 runs this season.

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Irish senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmel winds up during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Syracuse April 1 at Ivy Field.

Squad heads into last regular season event

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Notre Dame will look to add another win to its record as the team travels to Louisville for its final regular season matchup.

The No. 6 Irish enter the match after sweeping Kentucky 7-0 in their final home match Wednesday. The win put Notre Dame at 9-0 on its home courts and 20-3 overall. After struggling in doubles play earlier this season, the Irish rallied to sweep doubles play for the second time in a row — the team also won the doubles point in its 7-0 win over Ball State Tuesday.

The Irish had swept their last two matches with the same pairings against Louisville, but they may face a different challenge.

Senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmel defeated Kentucky's Bruno Agustinelli and Keaney Hodge 8-5 at No. 1 doubles in just their second match together this season. The duo hadn't played alongside each other since Sept. 18, 2004.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said Bass and Keckley's recent success at No. 1 doubles has been a result of the pair's great chemistry.

"We put out two best sets of hand at No. 1 doubles," Bayliss said. "Ryan's ability to push off Stephen's serve has been helpful."

New pairings also include junior Sheeva Parbhoo and sophomore Brett Helgeson at No. 2 doubles and senior Barry King and junior Andrew Roth at No. 3 doubles. All three doubles teams have won the past two matches in which they have been paired together, and Bayliss hopes they will see the same success in Louisville.

"We've been successful with (doubled) the last two matches, and we hope that this will continue to make us a more viable threat to win the doubles point," he said.

Louisville enters Saturday's matchup with a record of 8-13 on the year. The Cardinals were swept by No. 3 Virginia Commonwealth April 8. The team was defeated at doubles but rallied back in singles play.

Louisville jumped ahead to a 2-1 lead as No. 60 Slavko Radman made quick work of No. 79 Petr Obak defeating him in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. But VCU took four points at No. 3-6 singles and captured a 5-2 win.

Even though Louisville fell to VCU, Bayliss said that Notre Dame is prepared for a challenging match.

Notre Dame defeated No. 41 in the 2006 Big East championship final last April. En route to victory Radman defeated Bass 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 at the No. 1 spot. The lone Irish point came from Helgeson as he cruised past Johnson in a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 decision.

The Irish had defeated Louisville 5-2 earlier that month during a regular season match.

Bayliss said that the team hopes to average last year's showing in the Big East championship as they travel to Louisville Saturday. The team will look to doubles to continue posting strong performances as well.

The junior has been a key player for the Irish at No. 6 singles. Roth's ability to secure wins for the Irish at the bottom of the lineup has been crucial to their success.

"The growth in Andrew Roth's game has been important," Bayliss noted. "We were happy with the year not really knowing what we were going to get from him. Now he's our no. 6 player, he plays with a lot of emotion."

The Irish are prepared to be challenged by Louisville but will look for strong performances at doubles play to jumpstart the match. Bayliss said the memory of last year's match won't hurt either.

"We are expecting a big challenge and our guys remember the loss we had a year ago," Bayliss said. "That's been firmly implanted in their heads the whole year, and they are anxious to make amends to that match a year ago."

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Belles ready to take on streaking Tri-State team

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Facing a team with a nine-game winning streak may seem daunting to some, but Saint Mary's said it was ready.

Tri-State, currently third in the league, has a conference record of 2-0 and an overall record of 18-4. The doubleheader with the Belles will be Tri-State's second in two days. The Thunder take on Olivet today in a series that was postponed from Thursday.

After dropping three of its first three NCAA contests, Saint Mary's sits in third place in the MIAA. Sweeping Tri-State is important if the team wants to reach its goals of postseason play, Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

"We always want to win all of our conference games," Sullivan said. "Tri-State is doing a great job this year, so they are a team we can beat as long as we're prepared."

The Thunder, who are 7-1 at home, have a potent mix of power hitting and pitching. Only three players are hitting below .300.

Their bullpen is deep, too—their five pitchers feature a combined ERA of 2.57. But the Belles pitching is just as stingy. Talented sophomore pitchers Calli Davison and Kristin Amram have a 2.03 ERA between them.

The Belles recently split a doubleheader against Calvin, which squeaked out a 4-3 win in the second game. Sullivan said her team needs to maintain focus in order to sweep one of the league's best teams.

"I think we have to realize that once game one is over, game two is a completely separate game," Sullivan said. "We have to come out with the same intensity and the same motivation to want to win."

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's suffers first conference defeat

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

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The Best of the Best 21, Los Bombones Asesinos 19

In a game that lasted over an hour, these two powerhouses battled it out on Bookstore Court Thursday. The game, rescheduled from Wednesday due to inclement weather, was marked by turnovers, half court heaves, long passes and a lot of over the backboard shots.

Despite the win, Best of the Best captain Paul Laughlin was disappointed by his team’s effort. “We probably had 30 turnovers ... and I got blocked by my own teammate. I think a blacked-out team could have beaten us,” he said.

Los Bombones Asesinos (The Chocolate Assassins) jumped out to an early lead, helped by their pump-up Spanish music that played throughout the match. They were quick to pull the trigger. And their first couple of shots hit nothing but net, but they soon cooled off.

The Best were quick to respond, battling back with fast break opportunities and capitalizing on turnovers committed by Los Bombones. Both teams scored in bunches, as well, going long stretches of time without a basket.

In the end, Best of the Best were too strong for Los Bombones, as Laughlin, the leading scorer for The Best, took over down low. “I think five really tall parkinsons could have beaten both of our teams combined,” The Best’s Andy Gloss said.

PT on the ET 21, Team 335 1

In a game that was over shortly after the opening basket, PT on the ET was able to make quick work 21-1 of Team 335. It was obvious at the outset of the game that PT on the ET was much more athletic and talented on the basketball court, and until Team 335 made an off-balance jump shot late in the second half, PT on the ET was poised to shut out its opponent.

After a dominating first half, PT on the ET head coach Ryan Kelley was pleased, but critical of his team’s performance. “We got an 11-0 start to start the first half of the game, so I really can’t complain because that’s the best you can do,” Kelley said. “I’m not liking the defensive output, though, and we just need to step up and stay focused. I don’t like the work ethic right now, but I think we should be able to pull this one out in the end.”

Much in the delight of the head coach, however, PT on the ET came out firing in the second half jumping out to a quick 17-0 advantage.

Team 335’s lone bright spot in the game came when a fade-away jump shot somehow tickled the twine to cut the lead to 16 points.

However, PT on the ET was not ready to relinquish any more of their lead and they turned up the heat to eventually secure the 21-1 victory.

With the brutal wind and temperatures in the 30s, PT on the ET was somehow able to overcome the adversity and put together a solid all around performance.

“It’s all about heart,” birthday boy and key contributor Graham Austin said. “We just wanted it more. It’s also the off-season conditioning. We’ve been running sprints for four months now, and I grew like three inches in three weeks so we had a solid height advantage.”

PT on the ET hopes to carry their momentum into the third round next week.

Engineering Giants 21, That’s What She Said 9

After a somewhat slow start, the Engineering Giants were able to overcome the weather as well as That’s What She Said’s aggressiveness to prevail 21-8.

According to the Giants after the game, it was all about the basics as they were able to take control late in the first half. “We got rebounds,” team captain Brian Seger said. “They played pretty tight at the beginning of the game, and the score really wasn’t indicative of how close the game was.”

The Engineering Giants jumped ahead early and appeared ready to end the game, up 20-8, but couldn’t finish it off for 20 minutes.

In addition to not giving up going up at the end, That’s What She Said opened the game strong and for the first few minutes of the first half out hustled and even overpowered the Engineering Giants.

When the Engineering Giants took the lead at 5-4, the game was theirs for the rest of the way.

The Engineering Giants were able to step up their play and eventually matched the intensity of their opponent, but it was the fundamentals that ultimately secured the victory.

Turnovers and rebounds were huge,” Seger said. “We were able to commit a few less turnovers, and that was a big key to the victory.”

The Engineering Giants will look to continue their aggressive play as they will matchup with a formidable opponent in round three next week.

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Championships in 2006, Molnar won the 400 meter hurdles, his main event, in 51.97 seconds as well as the 400 dash in a time of 47.63 seconds. It was his performance at the 2005 European Junior Championships, however, that paved the road to success at the 2005 European hurdles, his main event, in Championships in 2006, one year later. An American coach was at the meet scouting talent, and word of Molnar’s performance got back to John Millar, Notre Dame’s assistant sprints coach.

“Coach Millar wrote me an e-mail and invited me to come to Notre Dame,” Molnar said. “After that, I really wanted to come here and race here because I knew that the competition and atmosphere is way better than in Europe. It’s a higher level. You can race better competition.” In an unexpected show of interest, Millar then made the trip to Hungary to meet with Molnar and his family.

“We were surprised,” Molnar said. “I had never heard of an American coach coming. We just spoke about this university. I didn’t know anything about this university. After that, I decided to come love it, and I decided to come here.” Another Hungarian runner who had come to Notre Dame and now works as a commen-

tator in Hungary visited Molnar, an event that cemented Molnar’s decision to come to the US.

“I’m really thankful to my father, because he told me all the time if I want to be a unique person and if I want to see other places and other cultures, I would be different than other people who just stay in one place,” Molnar said.

Used to a vibrant social life in Hungary, where everyone was eager to go out and Budapest was a short car ride away, the smaller venue of South Bend took some getting used to. He believes it to be the best, at least for the time being.

“I think it’s good to me that I can’t go to a lot of parties and go out, because I can just focus on study and training,” he said. “When I go home during the winter break and during the summer, I have some fun. Home is the common subject of his musings, and it’s mainly his friends, whom he says he misses very much. Thoughts of his family don’t quite tally with this sentiment. “I’m surprised, but I don’t really miss my family,” he said, shrugging. “I don’t know why. Maybe I grew up, I don’t know.”

Training in America, especially in a closed setting like a university track team, benefits Molnar’s running. Molnar never ran track for his high school; instead, he joined clubs to race. The clubs met for weeks at a time in training camps, but outside of those camps the athletes could not run together. The team atmosphere gives Molnar more training partners.

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Willingham, Notre Dame never received a verbal commitment before July. Frank credited part of the improvement in early recruiting to the hard work of new Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown. “Corwin Brown has done an outstanding job,” Frank said. “He’s kept in constant contact with Anthony, telling him ‘you’re my middle linebacker.’ I can’t remember anyone who works as hard as him at landing these guys.”

Pauluszyner is the younger brother of former Penn State standout Paul Posluszny. Frank said the linebackers have very similar styles.

“David reminds me a lot of his brother,” Frank said. “He’s got a real knack for playing linebacker, and he does a heck of a nice job in pass coverage.”

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at Moose Krause Stadium, look­
ing for a school-record 11th and 12th straight win at home.

After splitting to a 3-3 mark to begin the season, Notre Dame is 9-0 all-time versus Air Force at home, but the Falcons won last year’s contest in Colorado Springs 9-8. Overall, Air Force carries a 2-5 record into this weekend’s game, but Corrigan expects the Falcons to pose a difficult challenge.

“I can’t believe they’re 2-5,” Corrigan said. “When you watch them at their best, you see a very good lacrosse team. Whenever you prepare to play somebody, you prepare to play them at their best, and their best is very good.”

After taking on Air Force, the Irish will return to action Sunday afternoon when they take on Denver. The Pioneers will carry a 6-5 overall record into this weekend’s action, and they will play Bellarmine on Friday before facing South Bend on Sunday.

Denver has defeated the Irish in each of the past two seasons, and the Pioneers are also coming off a GWLL title in 2006 when they went 5-0 en route to an NCAA tournament berth. Denver lost 16-8 in the first round to Maryland.

Junior goalie Joey Kemp said the Irish “definitely” have extra motivation for the Denver game given last year’s results.

“You always want to beat a team coming off a loss to them last year,” Kemp said. “With them winning the league last year and getting an automatic qualifier, they’re obviously a good team. Getting our league’s automatic qualifier is something we’re going to accomplish this year.”

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**Hoyas**

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In its last conference series, Georgetown was swept by St. John’s in a three-game set in South Orange, N.J. The Hoyas’ last conference win was an 8-3 decision over Cincinnati March 30.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame dropped two of three to the Bearcats last weekend and was swept in a two-game series with Pittsburgh the weekend before.

Schrage said both squads have had the same problem — defense.

The Irish have made 52 errors in 31 games this season, and unearned runs were the difference in both of their losses to Cincinnati.

“The times we’re making the errors are hurting us,” Schrage said. “We’re making errors that are causing unearned runs.”

The Hoyas have made 78 errors this season, including 15 by shortstop Matthew Bouchard.

Schrage changed his pitching lineup last weekend against the Bearcats, moving former closer Kyle Weiland into the confer­ence starting rotation in place of junior lefthander Wade Korpi. Weiland is scheduled to start Sunday’s matchup.

Weiland, who made 16 saves last season, has only appeared in six games this spring because Notre Dame hasn’t had many save situations. Schrage said he will be more valuable as a starter.

**Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky slaps a single to right field in Notre Dame’s 14-4 win over Oakland April 3.**

The forecast for this weekend is cold with scattered showers. Schrage said that makes pitching and defense even more important than usual.

“You have to pitch and play on cold weather days, because it’s hard to get a lot of hits,” he said.

The bad weather also increases the chance of rain­outs, which would be frustrating for a team that has already had three this season.

“The players get used to play,” Schrage said. “Anytime you show up to the park and don’t play, it’s frustrating.”

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**By CHRIS KHOREY**  
Sports Editor

Just days after Notre Dame received a verbal commitment from Pennsylvania prospect David Posluszny for the recruiting class of 2008, another line­backer has committed to the Irish.

Anthony McDonald, 6-foot-3, 220-pound junior at Sherman Oaks-Notre Dame High School outside Los Angeles, gave his verbal to Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis Wednesday.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irish Eyes, said McDonald had been excited about the Irish from the very beginning of the recruiting process.

"The first time we talked to him he was very excited about Notre Dame," Frank said. "Notre Dame was the school he was most interested in to begin with. As soon as the offer came, it didn't take very long [for him to commit]."

Frank said McDonald likes contact and should be an excellent run stuffer.

"The thing that I like about this kid is that he's a very physical player," Frank said. "He loves to hit and he's got a real good feel for the position. He recognizes things very quickly."

McDonald also possesses a linebackers instinct — a knack for being in the right place that is hard to teach, Frank said.

"He looks like a natural linebacker, not an athlete playing linebacker," Frank said. "He really understands what he's supposed to do." 

McDonald's father Mike played at USC, but despite showing interest in Anthony, the Trojans did not offer him a scholarship.

"They only need one or two linebackers in their entire class," Frank said of USC. "He was a guy that they liked, and they were recruiting him, but they haven't offered too many guys at linebacker. That was the one thing holding Southern Cal back."

Scout.com lists Boston College, Ole Miss, Nebraska, North Carolina State and Oregon as schools that gave an offer to McDonald.

McDonald is Notre Dame's seventh commitment for next February's signing class. Three of the verbal — Posluszny, and Woodstock, Ill., native defensive tackle Sean Coyne — play in the defensive front seven, a key need for the Irish this year.

In the past two recruiting seas­sons, Notre Dame has had just two verbal commitments each by the time the second week in April rolled around.

In the three years before that, under former coach Tyrone Willingham, the Irish had four verbal commitments by April 14.

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**Back on the courts**

**By DAN MALOOF and JAY WADE**  
Sports Writers

After getting rained and snowed out at the same time Wednesday, Bask­etball XXXVI returned to the courts Thursday for second round action.

Team Cougar 21, Team Forfeit 5

Team Cougar came to play in this male vs. female match-up. "We had to re­present for the men ... plus it was really freaking cold," Cougar captain Jason Larch said.

While the score was lopsided, Team Forfeit gave a

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**Track and Field**

**Hungarian sensation emerges for ND squad**

Freshman Molnar leads team into Mount SAC Relays in California

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Eight months ago, Balazs Molnar was a member of the Hungarian National track team, was coached by his father and had a knowledge of American teenage culture that came only from "American Pie." 

Now he's a full-fledged college athlete who, going into this weekend's Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif., has qualified for the NCAA Midwest regional competition and has a Big East Championship plaque placed proudly on his desk.

The culture shock of coming to America and keeping up with the Notre Dame workload is difficult enough. Add the commitments of a varsity sport, and life can get downright crazy. But Molnar takes it all in stride.

"It's kind of hard, but I'm getting used to it," Molnar says in clear but heavily accented English. "I really like the university in terms of aca­demi­cally. And now I really like the track here."

"In track you have to mentally prepare and get ready for the next race. In America. At the European Under-23 Outdoor Championships." 

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**Men's Lacrosse**

**Team chases school record**

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame takes the field this weekend, it will have an opportunity to set the program record for consecutive home victories.

"I think it's going to be a very spirited weekend because both teams are fighting for their lives," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

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**Baseball**

**Irish host last-place G'Town**

By CHRIS KHOREY  
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Notre Dame (12-16, 2-6 Big East) will host Georgetown (12-21, 2-7) tonight at 6, Saturday and Sunday in a three-game series that is crucial for each team's chances to climb back into the conference race.

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI**

A Bookstore Basketball player defends a defender at the Bookstore Courts Thursday. The tournament's second round continued Thursday after rain and snow cancelled Wednesday's session.

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**American teenage culture that was coached by his father**

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