Committee focuses on environment

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Growing concern for the environment, continued growth of campus and volatile energy prices have brought a renewed focus on reducing the University's energy and environmental impact," the press release said.

The committee, formed this January under the guidance of Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, is chaired by Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lyphout and comprised of administrators, faculty and two students.

Environmental Issues Committee, the University has always made environmental stewardship part of its mission, and the new committee hopes to boost conservation efforts on campus through new initiatives and increased awareness about current ones.

"I thought it would be received well, but I didn't know it would be received that well," said sophomore Brad LeNorie, president of The Shirt project. "I had heard that a lot of people wanted to go back to green, but we weren't sure they would like this color green. ... The color has gone over exceptionally well." Gathering a positive response from students and fans who lined up to purchase it, the 18th edition of The Shirt features a Kelly green base color, a gold leather chevron patch and the slogan "Together as one." The back of The Shirt features the Notre Dame monogram, which is colored with a collage of various Notre Dame football images, including the Irish Guard, Touchdown Jesus and cheering fans in the stadium. The back also includes the words, "Shoulder to shoulder chanting her golden name," which are lyrics from the song "Hike, Notre Dame." "I think this year's design was significantly better than those of the past years because it incorporated more than just the football aspect - it included the Irish touchdown Jesu and cheering fans in the stadium. The event this year was attended by 18,000 people, according to the school's estimates.

Students dance in Angela Athletic Center Friday during Dance Marathon. In its second year, the event doubled its profits. Students dance in Angela Athletic Center Friday during Dance Marathon. In its second year, the event doubled its profits.

The group, Bitter said, referred to the eight Millennium Development Goals, which aim to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty around the world.

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South Quad 'Shack City' benefits children

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

South Quad Saturday evening may have noticed cardboard boxes scattered along the lawn, triggering nostalgic memories of childhood forts and tunnels.

But far from child's play, the cardboard huts this weekend were a conscious reminder of the millions of underprivileged children that are forced to live on the street in similar boxes.

The display, known as Shack City, is an annual event organized by Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter each spring.

"Shack City is a night of raising awareness about the substandard housing conditions of the world," said senior Ryan Lamont, who began the event his freshman year. "We invite the general public to participate and assist us in raising funds, and this year we gained over $2,000 in sponsorship." Focusing on children in poverty, the Habitat team invited speakers and showed a documentary to portray the growing problem of homeless children.

"Habitat's mission is to provide affordable housing for all people, and we wanted to focus on children and how they are affected by homelessness," said sophomore Sophomore Joella Bitter, president of The Shirt project. "I had heard that a lot of people wanted to go back to green, but we weren't sure they would like this color green. ... The color has gone over exceptionally well." Gathering a positive response from students and fans who lined up to purchase it, the 18th edition of The Shirt features a Kelly green base color, a gold leather chevron patch and the slogan "Together as one." The back of The Shirt features the Notre Dame monogram, which is colored with a collage of various Notre Dame football images, including the Irish Guard, Touchdown Jesus and cheering fans in the stadium. The back also includes the words, "Shoulder to shoulder chanting her golden name," which are lyrics from the song "Hike, Notre Dame." "I think this year's design was significantly better than those of the past years because it incorporated more than just the football aspect - it included the Irish
**Listen to 'The Lorax'**

Yesterday marked the 37th annual Earth Day. Traditionally, one would celebrate by partaking of delicious fare and enthusiastically embracing trees, all while wearing an assortment of hemp products. In spite of this widely accepted tradition, I spent my own Earth Day in mud, eating "mud" (chocolate pudding with crushed Oreos and gummy worms — a culinary work of genius), and watching Dr. Seuss's, "The Lorax" — a sing-along.

At the broadest level, "The Lorax" is a story about environmental awareness. But oh, my friends, and oh my foes, there is so much more to this Seussian classic. First, I offer a brief summary. The "Once-ler," a capitalistic entrepreneur arrives via wagon at the pristine Truffula tree land. Recognizing the raw value of Truffula tree tuft, the Once-ler starts to produce "Thneeds," obscure, useless creations that seem to have more practical use than your mother’s bobby pins.

As the Once-ler’s enterprise develops into a full-blown industry, the Lorax, the protagonist protector of the entire ecosystem, objects in horror as he watches the original inhabitants being ousted from their homes due to increasing environmental degradation. The moral conscience of the film, the Lorax continually binds the Once-ler to decrease pollution or more appropriately, "sclergo schlap and plop!" while there is still hope. When the last truffula tree falls, the Once-ler is left with a barren landscape and a very devastated Lorax, who also leaves the Once-ler to ponder the consequences of his greed.

To say that "The Lorax" is a cinematic masterpiece would be a gross understatement. It features a treasure trove of 70s psychedelic style songs comparable only to similarly animated gems (found exclusively in VHS form) such as, "The Hobbit—The Musical," or "ticexpialidocious" from "Mary Poppins" in 15 seconds. The story is punctuated by these songs and offers pearls of wisdom such as, "People aren’t fish, so they can’t understand," or "We’re the only ones with old-fashioned clothes, and live in the past, but sometimes I think progress progresses too fast!"

Though it may seem like I’m mocking the simplicity of the Lorax, I’m actually applauding the delivery of its message. I mean, what was the problem with a grill reality appeal to a mass audience than a string of inconsistent rhyming words and oddly shaped creatures? The Lorax speaks of problems inherent in our over exploitation of the environment and the consequences we reap such as global warming and pollution in well-received nonsensical prose.

The film is 4-inch tall pig weighed about 30 pounds and was filled about halfway with personal change, owner Beth Borgmann said Saturday.

Lincoln police had no suspects, but believed the pig was stolen sometime Wednesday evening or early Thursday. Capt. Genelle Moore said.

"It was just my personal loose change," Borgmann said. "That was my vacation money." Borgmann said she had spent between one and a half and two years avidly filling the bank. She had planned to visit the Bay Islands of Honduras, where she has a house, she said.

"It’s hard to get away when you run your own business," Borgmann said.

Teen pockets $25,000 in text contest

NEW YORK — OMG! Thirteen-year-old Morgan Pozgar, of Claybury, Pa., won Promenade LG National Texting champion on Saturday after she typed "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from "Mary Poppins" in 15 seconds.

"I’m going to go shopping and buy lots of clothes," the teen said after winning her $25,000 prize from the electronics company LG.

Morgan defeated nearly 200 other competitors at the Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan to become East Coast champion and then beat West Coast champion Fill Trenk, 21, of Los Angeles. She estimated that she sends more than 8,000 text messages a month to her friends and family.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

SUB presents SNL speaker, Keenan Thompson tonight at 8 in 102 DeBartolo. The event is free and open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students with a valid ID.

Notre Dame men’s baseball will play Ball State tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

SUB will show the movie "Jaws" tomorrow at 9 p.m. on North Quad. The event is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students. This is a free event.

Notre Dame men’s softball will play Northwestern tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host the Spring Ball on Wednesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the LaFollette Ballroom. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. The cost is $4 per night or $35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students with a campus ID, as well as faculty and staff.

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

**Listen to ‘The Lorax’**

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**Question of the Day: What is your favorite ND memory so far this semester?**

Jessica Lee

"DNE No. 94 was pretty awesome. Plus, now I can cross it off my T-shirt list of things to do before I graduate."
McIllduff, Siefert proud of term

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

As new Saint Mary's student body president and vice president Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne prepare for their second Board of Governance (BOG) meeting after the board turnover, outgoing president Susan McIllduff and vice president Maggie Siefert said they are proud of the year they spent as the College's student leaders.

"Maggie and I fulfilled all of our platform goals," McIllduff said. "We ran on the idea of a checklist, and we checked off all of our items with the students' best interest in mind."

Among those goals was the continuation of Heritage Week, an event McIllduff was involved in creating during the 2005-06 school year as vice president, alongside then-president Kelly Mitros.

"Over the past two years there have definitely been some major additions to the week and I only hope that future administrations continue to make it a stronger tradition within this great college community," Siefert said.

"Heritage week is a great week that allows us to tie together our past with present," said Siefert. She was also a part of the ongoing Student Academic Council's appraisal of the College's general education requirements, an initiative that Payne will oversee in the upcoming year.

"I hope that through the Student Academic Council, she, with the SAC representatives, will continue to have a powerful voice in the evaluation of the current general education program," Siefert said of Payne. "With the combination of student and faculty input, I definitely see this evaluation making progress."

McIllduff did not discount the value of her board and the contributions of past student government boards in the success she had. She called her term a "watershed year," saying her administration's success fed off the foundations of past leadership teams. For McIllduff, the end of her term coincides with the end of her years as Saint Mary's student. But Siefert, a junior, will continue to serve the College as a student representative as she assumes the role of Elections Commissioner in the Hodges-Payne administration.

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Susan McIllduff
former student body president

One-year memorial to be held at Taylor

Associated Press

UPLAND, Ind. — Taylor University will hold memorials this week for four students and a school employee who were killed in a highway crash a year ago.

The parents of two girls whose identities were mistakenly switched after the crash are expected to attend one of the memorials in Upland on Thursday, the anniversary of the crash. The families of Whitney Cerak and Laura Vanllyn have refrained from public comment since the accident.

Five weeks after the April 26 crash, authorities announced they had mixed up the identifications of 19-year-old Cerak of Gaylord, Mich., who was severely injured but survived, and 22-year-old Vanllyn of Caledonia, Mich., who had been killed.

Cerak, a sophomore, returned to Taylor as a full-time student in August and is living on campus.

"I ran into her on campus recently, and she looks fabulous," Taylor spokesman Jim Garringer said. "You would never know that she had been through this ordeal, based upon her physical appearance. And I understand from a number of different sources that she's doing quite well."

As a result of the misidentification, the Indiana General Assembly is considering legislation that would require coroners to be certified in death investigations or forfeit their paychecks. Currently, there are no requirements for coroners other than living in the county where they work and being at least 18 years old.

The truck driver accused of falling asleep at the wheel and causing the collision is scheduled to stand trial in August.

Robert F. Spencer, of Canton Township, Mich., near Detroit, was charged in September with five counts of reckless homicide and four counts of criminal recklessness. Authorities say he had driven at least nine hours more than allowed under federal rules before he fell asleep and his semitrailer slammed into a Taylor van on Interstate 69 midway between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

Spencer is being held in Jay County, where the trial was moved after a judge decided in January the publicity of the crash and the mix-up was too great for him to get a fair trial in Grant County, where the accident occurred.

The students killed in the crash were: Vanllyn, Bradley J. Larson, 22, of Elms Grove, Wis., Elizabeth A. Smith, 22, of Mount Zion, Ill., and Laurel E. Erb, 20, St. Charles, Ill.

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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Inaugural Joyce award given to 17 professors

Special to The Observer

Seventeen University faculty members have been selected as recipients of the first Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, and three faculty and staff members have been selected to receive the first Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising.

The Joyce Award, formerly known as the Kaneh Teaching Award, was established this year and is named for the late executive vice president of Notre Dame. It honors faculty members who have had a profound influence on undergraduate students through sustained exemplary teaching, and, in particular, recognizes professors who create an environment that stimulates significant student learning, elevate students to a new level of intellectual engagement, and foster students’ ability to express themselves effectively within their disciplines. The award was funded through an endowment established by the Notre Dame class of 1937, of which Father Joyce was a member, on the 70th anniversary of his graduation.

The Dockweiler Award, also established this year, recognizes faculty or staff members who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to Notre Dame undergraduates through outstanding mentoring, academic advising or career counseling services. It was created through a gift from the Julla Stearns Dockweiler Charitable Foundation.

The Joyce Award recipients are:

Yun Lee, philosophy; Richard Thompson, mathematics; Susan Schmitz, psychology; John Houle, political science; John Zich, history; Ernie McVey, modern languages; Daniel Baker, music; Michael McCarty, theology; Kathy Hughey, English; Christopher Hitchens, political science; Michael Wild CP, theology; Mark Flowers, history; John Crompton, English; William Byrnes, computer science; Marian Edgerley, religious studies; Michael Sonnichsen, political science; and Christopher Maloney, economics.

The Dockweiler Award recipients are:

Center for the Study of Religion and Culture; the Center for Literary and Aesthetic Studies; the Center for the Study of Social Problems; the Center for the Study of the American Catholic Experience; the Center for the Study of American Catholic History; and the Center for the Study of American Catholic Culture.

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Guard and the band," Cassandra Wilarski, Hammes Bookstore events manager, said.

According to Wilarski, the bookstore and the two varsity shops on campus carry an initial order of 20,000 shirts, and by Saturday night they had sold approximately 17,000. The Shirt 2007 may become the most successful shirt in the 18-year tradition, she said, since The Shirt 2006 took three weeks to sell through its first order last year.

Wilarski credited the students of The Shirt committee for their success in its first weekend. "[The Shirt committee] did a lot more to get more people out there," she said.

Wilarski said bringing in a 64-foot grill for Johnstown brats and $100, a local live broadcast radio station, helped to get the entire community involved.

"Being able to reach outside of the Notre Dame community was very instrumental in getting a lot of people there," LeNoir said.

Sophomore Andrew Parnell, designer of The Shirt 2007, said he was glad to see such a positive response to the shirt after working on the project for one year.

"It was kind of weird walking around seeing everyone wearing the shirt that had been in my mind for the last year," Parnell said. "I smile every time I see people with it on."

Parnell said he and LeNoir developed the basic design for The Shirt 2007 in one night, and The Shirt committee later made revisions concerning The Shirt’s slogans.

Parnell also said the committee’s main goal was to create a shirt that focused on the fans’ unity — an essential aspect of Notre Dame football.

"We talked about what was the best way to think of unity," Parnell said. "The longest process was deciding exactly what we wanted the front [to say]."

Many students and fans were excited about The Shirt’s green color.

"I think [The Shirts] are awesome. I like how they went with a darker green and the slogan is great," freshman Joe Heffrick said.

Freshman Kate Zinsmeister, who was standing in line to purchase The Shirt at the unveiling ceremony, said she wasn’t sure about the slogan, but she was happy The Shirt committee brought back the sea of green.

Joan Leenon, wife of Alumni Association President Chuck Leenon, was also present at The Shirt unveiling.

"I love (The Shirt). The shirt and the color are outstanding, especially when you will see the whole stadium in green," she said. "I think the color will be picked up by others as well."

Junior Alex Waltz, a member of the Notre Dame band who performed at the unveiling ceremony, also thought The Shirt’s design was a success.

"I think it’s awesome — the best shirt we’ve had in the last four years."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Quake causes landside in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile — An earthquake in remote southern Chile shook free a landslide of rocks, sending them smashing into a narrow fjord and causing massive 25-foot waves that swept away 10 beachgoers. Two bodies were recovered Sunday.

Rescuers were searching the cold Pacific waters for the other missing people from the beach. The magnitude 6.2 magnitude quake struck before, authorities said.

Oscar Catalán, the mayor of the nearby town of Puerto Ayen, saw six people at the shore pulled away by the current, according to the Chilean state news agency.

A correspondent for television network Chilevisión, Orlando Ariztú, also reported seeing a man and his young daughter dragged into the water by a large wave. He said he was at the beach to install an antenna for his station.

Hamas calls for new offensive

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas militants called Sunday for a fresh wave of attacks against Israel after troops killed nine Palestinians in weekend fighting, straining a five-month-old cease-fire.

In response to the bloodshed, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' move produced a split in his movement, with Abbas' aide saying they would hold regular meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Hamas and Fatah are partners in a coalition government.

Among the nine Palestinians killed in the weekend violence were two teenagers and a 17-year-old who died Sunday in the West Bank. The fighting also included a Palestinian rocket attack on the southern Israeli town of Sderot that damaged a home.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Congresswoman dies of cancer

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a seven-term congresswoman from southern California, died early Sunday of cancer. She was 66.

Millender-McDonald died at her home in Carson, said her chief of staff, Randelle McQuade.

The congresswoman had asked for a four- to six-week leave of absence from the House last week to deal with her illness. McQuade couldn't immediately provide details on what form of cancer Millender-McDonald had, but said she had been in hospice care.

She represented a heavily Democratic southern California district for 19 years. Millender-McDonald was the first black woman to hold a leadership position in the Democratic Caucus of the California State Senate.

VA Tech students return to campus

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Still grieving and increasingly wary of the media spotlight, Virginia Tech students returned to their beleaguered campus Sunday, preparing to salvage the final weeks of a semester eclipsed by violence.

The scene on campus resembled move-in day in late summer, with parents helping their children carry suitcases into dormitories. There were tears and hugs goodbye. But instead of excitement for the year ahead, there was simply determination to endure and regroup in the fall.

When classes resume Monday, the university will give students three choices. They can continue their studies through the end of the semester next week, take a grade-based course with the full course offerings of a regular semester or withdraw with an incomplete.
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Marathon raised $47,129.60, Voss said, which more than doubled last year's total. After 12 hours of continuous dancing, organizers revealed the total amount of money that was collected. The co-president of the Dance Marathon, Pauline Kitaka, said her fellow organizers displayed each figure in the grand total by taking off their sweaters and revealing a T-shirt with a number on it. The Dance Marathon increased its fundraising total by around $26,000, she said. Kitaka also described the event as a success, although approximately one fourth of the dancers left throughout the night. A lot of people had to leave early but at one point there were about 216 people in attendance, Kitaka said. They would've wanted to see more dancers and less people yielding to exhaustion, but the important part of the night was to raise money for the hospital, she said. Organizers were surprised that some dancers didn't show up but "a lot of people who were there wanted to be there," Kitaka said, referring to the enthusiasm and commitment of the dancers who did not sit down during the night. "I had so much fun," sophomore Libby Singelyn said. "The entertainment committee did a great job of providing everyone with enough to do all night long." The organizers were only trying to beat last year's goal, and they had no idea they would double last year's funds, Kitaka said. "It's a really good feeling," she said. She said organizers wanted to give their feet a day of rest before they started planning next year's marathon. Kitaka also said they would avoid setting a monetary goal in the future, because they don't want to focus solely on the money. They want to try to do some more year-round fundraising to have a more consistent inflow of funds, but there is no set goal, she said. But bringing the total donations up every year will continue to be the team's main objective.

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hunger and the establishment of universal primary education, gender equality and the empowerment of women, a reduction of child mortality, the improvement of maternal health, the advancement of the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and a global partnership for development.

"We really aim to bring all goals together in a framework of sustainability."

Joelis Bitter
Millennium Development Goals
task force president

Monday will bring George Sear, the founder of Building Tomorrows, a nationwide initiative that encourages students to raise funds and awareness for the benefit of children in sub-Saharan Africa to campus to speak about his work in poverty-stricken Uganda, according to the organization's Web site. The group scheduled a banquet Tuesday at the Fieldhouse Mall to benefit of the movement of the dancers who did not sit down during the night. "I had so much fun," sophomore Libby Singelyn said. "The entertainment committee did a great job of providing everyone with enough to do all night long." The organizers were only trying to beat last year's goal, and they had no idea they would double last year's funds, Kitaka said. "It's a really good feeling," she said. She said organizers wanted to give their feet a day of rest before they started planning next year's marathon. Kitaka also said they would avoid setting a monetary goal in the future, because they don't want to focus solely on the money. They want to try to do some more year-round fundraising to have a more consistent inflow of funds, but there is no set goal, she said. But bringing the total donations up every year will continue to be the team's main objective.

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In Brief

Google leads Dow's high earnings

NEW YORK — Wall Street bounded higher Friday after Google Inc. led a series of stronger earnings reports that propelled the Dow Jones industrials further into record terrain and toward its first assault on the 13,000 mark.

In midmorning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 119.54 or 0.93 percent at 12,928.17 after setting a new intraday high of 12,950.44. The blue-chip index has hit 33 record closes since the beginning of October last year.

After tempering their expectations for the first quarter, investors have been pleasantly surprised by the initial torrent of earnings reports, helping major indexes rebound from February's first slide. The Nasdaq composite and Standard & Poor's 500 are both at six-year highs.

So far, 16 of the 30 Dow components have posted financial results for the first three months of the year — with ten surpassing analyst forecasts. Dow components Honeywell International Inc., Pfizer Inc., Caterpillar Inc. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. all reported results before the open.

Oil reserves in Iraq could be larger

WASHINGTON — Taking into account the untapped potential of Iraq's western desert, the war-torn country's oil reserves could be nearly twice as large as previously estimated, containing more than 200 billion barrels, a new analysis of Iraqi oil reserves says.

The consulting firm IHS Inc., in a report released Wednesday, said there may be an additional 100 billion barrels of oil beneath the surface in the western part of the country.

The report estimated the country's current reserve base to be 116 billion barrels.

The U.S. Geological Survey has been less optimistic about Iraq's untapped potential, estimating there exists an additional reserve base of 45 billion barrels.

The IHS report also said Iraq's daily production, which now stands at 2 million barrels per day, could rise to 4 million barrels a day if conflict subsides and new investments in oil infrastructure are made.

Maine's fishing industry in jeopardy

PORTLAND, Maine — The Bucklin Island Fleishs, an elderly-looking warehouse, its forks balancing plastic crates filled with oil, house pollock, flounder and other catch hauled from the North Atlantic.

Fresh fish hangs heavy in the air on a recent Sunday as more than a dozen buyers for seafood processors and wholesalers slide into their seats at the Portland Fish Exchange, the commercial fish auction that's been around for 21 years.

Spread on the tables before them are sheets listing the types and amounts of fish to be sold. Telephone are pressed to ears.

They've already inspected the catch so auctioneer Paul Dewey begins the bidding, just as he has for the past 20 years.

"I have 88 cents, looking for nine."

"I give the commercial fishing industry a chance. He expects to meet clear skies and sunshine in the future."

"What a deal."

"I have 88 cents, looking for nine."

"Who gives 99 cents for nine?"

"I'm looking for nine."

"You have 99 cents for nine."

"I'm looking for nine."

"I have 88 cents, looking for nine."

"I have 88 cents, looking for nine."

But the fish auction is releasing Dewey from his job to save money.

"I give the commercial fishing industry a chance."

"I have 88 cents, looking for nine."

"I give the commercial fishing industry a chance."

Maine fishermen are battling against strong currents that put them at a decided disadvantage to their counterparts in Massachusetts. Fishermen have to use more of their precious allotment of fishing days to steam to bountiful fishing grounds to the south. Unlike Massachusetts, Maine charges fishermen sales taxes on diesel fuel.

Maine lawmakers last month scrapped a proposal to let trawler fishermen sell lobsters inadvertently caught in their nets. Instead, they must toss the lobsters back or go to Massachusetts where they can be sold.

The net effect: The future of the Portland Fish Exchange is about as certain as New England's bleak weather.

When the Portland Fish Exchange opened in 1986, it was said to be the first wholesale fresh fish display auction in the U.S.

Today, Hank Soule, the auction's general manager, points to a chalkboard that lists the fishing vessels that are scheduled to deliver their catch to the auction in the next week. The board is blank.
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Erica Sanchez, who organized the event this year, "Poverty housing is the main issue of Habitat for Humanity, empowering people toward toward the main focus of our organization," Bigger said.

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"It was really stunning," Lafigliola said. "To think about how substantial housing is such a largely ignored issue on college campuses, since we don't have to worry about where we're going to live each night."

Lafigliola made reference to one homeless student, depicted in the documentary, who earned college degree while living on a park bench.

"We attend the event Saturday, and about 100 of them volunteered to construct their own cardboard homes and spend the night sleeping out on South Quad."

"I provided students with duct tape and scraps of cardboard and just let them use their imagination," Sanchez said. "We were really fortunate to have nice weather, because that allowed more people to come, ask questions, and leave with a better understanding about the situation. Overall, it was fun — but in a serious way.

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"It's been very refreshing to know that the University ... is taking energy saving measures to work on environmental issues," O'Connor said.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) president Morgan Dill — who does not sit on the committee — said its formation is "a step in the right direction.

"I'm glad they're taking the initiative," Dill said. "It's good to emphasize the importance of bringing environmental issues and any existing environmentally-friendly options to the attention of students.

"They do a lot of things that the public isn't aware of," Dill said.

One such initiative may be the University's recycling program.

In 1990, the University started "Recycling Irish," a program that recycles nearly 132,000 pounds of aluminum, newspapers, glass and plastic every year. Today, not only have the types of qualifying waste increased, but in recent years more than 13 million pounds of waste have been recycled, according to the press release from the University.

Building Services Director and "Recycling Irish" coordinator Bigger said that typically the University recycles nearly 60 percent of its total waste, and this academic year the school has recycled approximately 60 percent of its waste.

"That rate — and the rates of recent years — exceeds most of the national norms, and peer institutions," Bigger said.

O'Connor agreed that the program has been an achievement.

"It's one of the University's biggest success stories, in terms of environmental initiatives," he said.

Other recent University initiatives include: "From Old 2 Gold," a program that sells food and items turned in by students; as well as "NSD Surplus," a program that sells any furniture and other equipment Notre Dame's departments no longer use, the committee's release explained.

Both initiatives are designed to reduce the waste stream coming from the University.

Another recent initiative, initiated by Dill's "Dave's use of fuel, led to the purchase of a hybrid vehicle for the University motor pool, a collection of vehicles that can be rented for campus events.

Perhaps one of the most promising initiatives, Dill said, is the environmentally-friendly design planned for the new multi-disciplinary engineering building, scheduled to break ground this November.

"It's definitely one of the most important initiatives," Dill said. "We've built so much here on campus."

"We said with any new construction it's important to look at the impact of new facilities on the environment and the University's sustainability."

O'Connor said a representative from the Office of the University Architect recently told the committee that whenever the opportunity arises, they will make all new building LEED-certified, a national certification for environmental design.

"The green" design of the engineering hall will address water protection, water efficiency, energy efficiency and conservation of resources. While these initiatives are altogether positive and encouraging, Dill thinks there is plenty for the committee and the University to work on and consider.

"We need to focus on where we're getting our energy," Dill said, and "consider what kind of energy we're getting from the University's power plant.

Dill also said older campus buildings could be retrofitted to include updated energy-saving devices like light sensors, among other environmentally-sound changes.

Energy-saving technologies across campus — putting cluster computers to sleep overnight, for example — also need attention, he said.

The University, Dill said, should also consider increasing the number of courses it offers that focus on environmental issues and conservation.

O'Connor said the committee will hear suggestions like these and work with groups like SEA during a campus-wide green campaign scheduled this fall.

Dill said she is pleased the administration will involve students.

"I think that's really key," Dill said. "The intent of a committee like this is to serve the students and University community."

Embracing student groups and working from the bottom up — not just top-down from the administration — is important, she said.

O'Connor said the campaign will focus on ways students can directly become involved in conservation on campus, from reducing energy consumption to increasing recycling, among other things.

"It's something that we're really looking forward to, as a committee," O'Connor said.

A sustainable campus in the near future, he said, is one of the committee's goals, but he recognized achieving it is a long way off.

"It's going to be a long process for Notre Dame, but it's something that we're striving for," O'Connor said.

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Voters put Royal, Sarkozy in French presidential runoff
Nation faced with choice between conservative, leftist would be country's first female head of state

Associated Press

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy and Segolene Royal advanced to a runoff in Sunday's presidential election, presenting France with a choice between a conservative who could shut out 10 other Hopefuls, from a Socialist heavyweights to win her party's nomination, are in their 50s and have traveled long, arduous roads to get to this point. Both Sarkozy, a Hungarian immigrant's son, and Royal, a millennial, are likely to appeal to a generation of voters; one who could push his anxious nation toward a new era as a social and a state that would be the country's first female leader. The first woman to get close to this helm of this major European economic, military and diplomatic power after a campaign marred by suspense, surprise and scandal, dynamic candidates who lured voters to the ballet box in near record numbers.

Sarkozy has the advantage heading into the May 6 runoff. Results from the Interior Ministry early Monday, based on all polling stations reporting, showed Sarkozy winning 31.1 percent followed by Royal with 25.8 percent. Turnout was huge at 84.6 percent — the highest since more than 40 years and just shy of the record set in 1965.

Either way, France will get its first president with no memory of World War II to replace the 74-year-old Jacques Chirac, who is stepping down after 12 years in office in a new generation of candidates.

Sunday's first round of voting saw烟花 hopefuls, from Trotskyists to far right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, Le Pen had hoped to show he would appeal to a strong showing of 2002 but instead finished a weak fourth with 10.5 percent.

Both Sarkozy, a Hungarian immigrant's son, and Royal, a millennial, are likely to appeal to a generation of voters; one who could push his anxious nation toward a new era as a Socialists who has traveled long, arduous roads to get to this point.

Sarkozy would leave labor laws and cut taxes to invigorate the sluggish economy, while Royal would hike government spending and preserve the country's generous worker protections.

Royal, too, champions change but says it must not be brutal. "I extend my hand to all those women and men who think, as do, that it is not only possible but urgent to alter a system that no longer works," she said.

In the early results from Socialist Party headquaters in Paris, supporters reacted to the result with joy, chanting, "We're going to win, Sarkozy," and "Living conditions are getting worse than in the 1930s."

Sarkozy told cheering supporters late Sunday that he and Royal, voters "clearly marked their wish to go to the very end of the debate between two ideas of the nation, two programs for society, two value systems, two concepts of politics."

Despite Sarkozy's lead, he faces a powerful "Anything but Sarkozy" push by those who call him too arrogant and explosive to lead a united France.

The runoff offers "a clear choice between two very different paths," said Bruno Cautres, an analyst at the prestigous Institute for Political Sciences.

Royal, a lawmaker and feminist who says she makes political decisions based on what she would do for her children, shot to popularity by promising to run France differently.

But she has stumbled on foreign policy. In one gaffe, she praised the Chinese during a trip to Beijing for the "swift justice system."

Many voters question whether she is "presidential" enough to run France. Royal, 50, could lose her giant showing of 2002 but finish this time with 18 percent, according to the partial results.

In the runoff, Sarkozy should be able to count on votes from the far right, whose champion Le Pen suffered his second-worst showing in five presidential elections. Partial results had him at 11 percent. Royal's score was the highest for a Socialist since Mitterrand in 1988. But she could struggle to make up the gap, with Sarkozy rounding second. Candidates to her left took only 11 percent. They immediately swung behind her after their elimination, but their votes alone will not be enough to put Royal in power.

IN INDIA

Conservationists say reserve loses 8 tigers

NEW DELHI — Eight tigers are missing from a wildlife reserve in western India, raising new concerns about a species once numbering in the thousands in the country where it is now adrift in cat population, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The rare adult tigers have vanished from the Ranthambore National Park, which covers 60 square miles in the state of Rajasthan, The Indian Express newspaper reported, citing the Wildlife Institute of India.

India has laws to protect wildlife and imposes severe punishment on violators. But its enforcement, high prices for tiger skins and the use of their bones and clots in traditional Chinese medicine, have fueled a thriving trade.

According to a census held in August 2005, Ranthambore had a total of 50 big cats — 21 adult tigers and five cubs younger than 20 months. By October 2006, a survey team counted a total of 31 tigers in the reserve but only 18 adults and 13 cubs.

"The sex ratio has improved a lot and we have a very good young generation, but all is not well," Fatheh Singh Rathore, a former conservationist at the tiger reserve, told the newspaper. "We need better patrolling and tracking by the park management if we are serious about saving the tigers."

In 2001, the U.S. National Geographic Society estimated that 5,000 to 7,000 tigers in India — tigers vanished in the wild, about half in India. However, conservationists believe official estimates of the 1,211 tigers in the country are greatly exaggerated and that the true number may range from 2,000 to 3,000.

This is not the first time that a large number of tigers have gone missing from Ranthambore. In early 2003 news reports had said that many as 18 big cats had vanished from the park.

With results for the nearly 1 million French voters registered in the country, the runoff turned just short of the 48.8 percent for a runoff. That year, modern France held its first direct presidential election, in 1988. The Bush infant France led its first direct presidential election in 2000, won.

No government has led its first direct presidential election in 2000, won.

French socialist presidential candidate Segolene Royal walks through a crowd of supporters in Melle, France Sunday.

Soviet symbols to be removed

TALLINN — The life-size statue of a Red Army soldier stands at a crossroad in this Baltic capital, the first fenced and head bowed, marking the spot where Soviet warplanes shot down a Korean Air Lines plane in 1983.

But the statue is engulfed in bitter debate over whether to remove it, a monument to the Soviet role in European history, which could come to a head this weekend if the Estonian government goes ahead with plans to dig up the tomb and move the statue to a park outside Tallinn.

Russians are appalled, and the Kremlin has described it as a "repulsive" act by Estonia.

"This is not a monument to the victims of the war but a monument to the destruction of the Soviet Republic," said lawmaker Mart Laar.

The disputed Soviet and its former satellite have a long history of historical wrangling.

The statue is the only remaining Soviet-era statue in Baltic capitals. It was erected in 1988. But she could struggle to make up the gap, with Sarkozy rounding second. Candidates to her left took only 11 percent. They immediately swung behind her after their elimination, but their votes alone will not be enough to put Royal in power.

The Associated Press

A memorial to the novelist Vladimir Putin has only widened the gap as countries from the Baltics to the Balkans seek to

died in the Holocaust. The Poles vehemently rejected this, saying those victims, mostly Jews, were from territories occupied by the Soviet Union in 1944.

针对 regaining independence, the communist bloc nations tore down statues of Lenin, Stalin and the idealized socialist laborer. But respect for the Soviet role in defeating Hitler was not entirely erased. In Hungary and Lithuania, many of those statues now stand in parks and are major tourist draws.

In Estonia, there are scores of Soviet statues that stir no anger — one-third of the population is ethnic Russian — but the Bronze Soldier statue here because it has become a popular staging point for pro-Russian rallies.

Poland's governing Law and Justice party has called for changing street names that have a communist tint. Romania has issued a 650-page report defending and condemning communist atrocities.
If I were a valedictorian...

Ladies and gentlemen of the Class of 2007: Congratulations. Each of you has spent the past four years being slapped around like Tina Turner by the harsh rig­ors of Notre Dame academic life, the cus­tomary trials of Notre Dame athletic life and the indestructible awk­wardness of Notre Dame social life. We’ve laughed together at Paul Hogan’s running and loose pants, we’ve cried together at bowel games whenever coach decided to take us to Temple, and we’ve vomited together under Indiana State Excise Police on horseback at tailgates. The important thing, however, is that we have all survived — as they say — to begin the next chapter of our lives.

Unfortunately, life is not a book. There are no pages, no illustrations, no dust jack­ets and certainly no chapters. Life, boiled down to its very essence, is nothing more than a case of beer. Sure, some lives are more raucous of Natty or Keystone — fre­quently quite bitter, and tending to go down in huge gulps so as to ease the pain of consumption. Others, like that of this year’s commencement speaker, GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt, are tiny four-packs of Guiness Extra Stout — smooth, rich and impressive to drink in public, yet at the same time extremely dark and only at their best when lightened up with some Irish cream. The rest of us, though, with our bright futures and tanned-skin-dimples (unless you’re a lamb-humping hippie who ordered a paper one), are merely amorous varieties, filled with the potential for both great success and bitter disappointment. As such, we’re depending upon the choic­es that we make over the coming years. While college may have been "the best four years of our lives," it’s highly unlikely that they will go down as the most defin­ing. Sure, we have been given countless opportunities to sample the variety of choices available at the open bar of life — medicine, law, business, engineering, aca­demia, service or whatever it is that Arts & Letters majors do to make money the next two or five years will truly be our chance to put those sampled choices to the test.

Some of you might run from this Midwestern sanctuary of Catholicism, red­heads and five bars for the bohemian­ism and dubiousity of New York City or Los Angeles. While there, you will probably reach for a variety pack of life and start with a trendy Belgian or German brew — perhaps a Stella, Arrants or a St. Pauli Girl — and sip slowly on this Western European wonder while pondering your existence from the lonely back wall of a chic tapas bar on the corner of Wall and Water Streets in Lower Manhattan. As you casually nurse one of these frothy, golden lagers, most likely from the chilled rim of a peculiarly feminine and steamed glass, you will soon find yourself basking in the free questions and goals of your post-collegiate life. Are 100-hour weeks crunching numbers at Goldman Sachs worth the personal costs? Is it possible to find love or start a family in a big city? Is marketing a real job or just an outlet for B.S.? And why is Stella Artois always served out of these girly wine glasses?

Some of you will likely be spending the next two to five years engaged in service toward the world’s neediest people. While treating malaria patients in Africa, teach­ing impoverished schoolchildren in the rural South or building community infra­structure in Third World countries, you will most likely find yourself too busy at times even to think about experimenting with your variety pack of beer. When you eventually have a free moment, perhaps you imagine that you would probably grab for a 25-ounce oil can of Foster’s as you battle with the stresses of service. A million ques­tions will certainly rattle through your head as you imagine your i-banking test.

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James Breen wrote: "Finish what you start. That's what my mother always taught me about life" (April 19 Letter to the Editor, "Iraq pullout net logical"). He hit the nail on the head. The Vietnam war was a draw for students, the cost (in terms of life, money and reputation), and finally what we achieved with it." (April 24 Letter to the Editor, "Vietnam with potential withdrawal from Iraq"). There are obviously more parallels to be drawn between the two about the reasons we went to war (democratizing the region and removing the non-military-industrial complex?), what we did while in those countries (including not only reconstruction but also rape, murder and destruction) and how much it costs us (in terms of life, money and reputation), and finally what we achieved by it (isolationism at home and shame abroad, not to mention a war memorial with too many names). 'Start what you finish' is a good motto for life. I would like to offer two other mottos to keep in mind about the Iraq war, though: 1. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," and 2. "You broke it — you bought it." Mary Ann Hennessey, Weyersheim, France April 20

U-Wire

All-nighters: A survival guide

As my first year of college comes to an end and I look back on all that I’ve learned, the one thing I’ve come to realize is that the people who sit around in your dorm room all day and night can’t help but think to themselves: My god, how many all-nighters did I pull? I know I would be proud of such a feat. The term pulling off schoolwork (ill after dinner, a lengthy nap and after The O.C. became more and more popular as my high school career progressed) and as all the glimmering teen media would have it, all-nighters are supposed to happen in college. They’re the ultimate college-work-life-stereotype. But it wasn’t until I sat here in deep reflection that I realized they’re more than just a stereotype.

As we stare into the face of death (a.k.a. final exam week), I’ve decided to devote my final column to that which has facilitated so many sleepless nights for college students near and far: all-nighters. It will continue to be there for us through the ups, the downs, the good times and bad, and the fact which has been my personal savior: Caffeine.

It has come to my attention that caffeine, after being viewed with suspicion by parents, is starting to make a serious comeback. Word of its newfound health benefits has been circulating in newspapers and the Web for the past couple of weeks. Evidently, there’s new proof that caffeine defends against diabetes, Parkinson’s disease, asthma symptoms, and so much more.

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‘Awakening’ brings new life to musical genre

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

"Spring Awakening," a new Broadway show written in part by '90s singer-songwriter Duncan Sheik, is probably unlike anything you’ve ever heard coming from a musical.

The music is fresh, the harmonies are sublime and the subject matter is surprising and complex. It’s a musical that, based on an 1891 work by German playwright Frank Wedekind that was banned in its home country for decades, is a nuanced and complex look at youthful innocence, burgeoning sexuality and the fallout between the two.

"Spring Awakening" takes place in Wedekind’s stifling original setting of German society, and from this repress a lush and beautiful score springs forth—a collection that stands solidly on its own as an album.

The soundtrack opens with "Mama Who Bore Me," Wendla’s confused musings to her traditional mother. The play’s female characters then take up the song again, with increased energy and a faster pace, in a reprise that highlights the irony of a generation of mothers who chose not to teach their daughters the most humane of urges—sexually. It’s not the first time on a soundtrack that the music voices criticism of society, and "Mama Who Bore Me" sets that precedent well and with subtlety.

Another early number, "The Bitch of Living," is a frenzied, frenetic explosion of the frustrations that Moritz, Melchior and their fellow schoolboys feel in their stifled environment. The song is anchored by quick, energetic guitar riffs and the impassioned, strained voices of each boy’s struggle to retain their innocence. It’s a female counterpoint, the subterfuge "My Junk," describes the girls’ increasing sexual awareness as they crush from afar.

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More than 50,000 see Gold take down Blue 10-6 in run-dominated spring game

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

On the day Notre Dame's four inexperienced signal callers were supposed to have their coming-out parties in front of more than 50,000 fans, David Bruton and Junior Jabbie had other ideas.

Bruton, a reserve free safety in 2005 and 2006, and Jabbie — Notre Dame's fourth-string quarterback — stole the show from the four young Irish quarterbacks in front of a record-setting crowd at Notre Dame Stadium for Saturday's Gold-Blue Game.

Dedicated to running the ball, Irish coach Charlie Weis kept quarterbacks Jimmy Clausen, Demetrius Jones, Zach Frazer and Evan Sharpley in check.

Jabbie took full advantage of this ground-oriented play calling. The rising senior had 52 yards on seven carries in the first half before finishing with 87 yards on 13 attempts.

That's what we've seen out of Jabbie the whole spring," Weis said of Jabbie. "He's definitely played himself into deserving to be in contention." And while Jabbie failed to find the end zone on any of his runs, Bruton had better luck from his position in the secondary.

The rising junior on the Gold team got the first points of the game on the board with his 35-yard pick-six off a wobbly and errant pass from Jones. Bruton grabbed the ball in mid-air, cut left and found a seam in the end zone, where he flipped over the goal line before leaping into the crowd in the southeast corner of the stadium.

"I got a good break, and then I ended up over-breaking it, so I had to stop back and catch it and take off running," Bruton said of the return. "I was just going to stick the ball out, then I just decided to throw the flip in and do the Lambeau leap. I had always wanted to do that and took advantage of the situation.

Bruton's interception and the play of the entire Irish secondary impressed Gold team honorary coach Lou Holtz.

"I think defensively, you have to be impressed," Holtz said. "The secondary moved well. Very well coached. I did not expect to see a defense that was as physical and played as well as they did in the spring game."

The four quarterbacks finished just 11-of-24 with two interceptions and a lone touchdown. Wide receivers caught just three passes, with every other completion going to either a running back or a tight end.

Though Jones finished with the only touchdown pass, only Clausen escaped the afternoon uncathed. Rising senior defensive lineman Justin Brown forced Sharpay to fumble late in the first quarter, though the quarterback recovered the loose ball. Jones had a fumble — recovered by fifth-year senior tight end John Carlson — to go along with his seven-point pass interference call by John Herrin of the Gold team to return to Blue's 23-yard line.

Of the rising sophomores, Frazer threw 3-of-6 for 23 yards, and Sharpley was 5-of-7 for 31 yards.

Clausen had a chance to be the hero for the Blue squad with two minutes left, but a dropped pass and offensive pass interference call by John Carlson stymied the drive. Starting at its own 35, rising senior Travis Thomas rushed four yards on a delay on first down. Next, Carlson dropped a pass that could have gone for a first down.

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The secondary's performance marked a distinct contrast to the last time Bruton and starting strong safety Tom Zbikowski, also on the Gold team Saturday, played most of a game side-by-side. Southern California quarterback John David Booty completed 17-of-28 passed for 265 yards and two scores last Nov. 25, when Bruton filled in much of the game for former Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe.

"I've tried to get better day by day," Bruton said. "Right now is just a chance to get better and work on the things we weren't sharp on in the spring." The Blue team responded to Bruton's score halfway through the second quarter with a scoring pass from Jones to rising sophomore Bobby Parrish. Parrish, on the left side, hit the corner Jones' throw came out short, but Parrish adjusted to catch the ball at the two and scurried in for the touchdown.

After fifth-year senior cornerback Ambrose Woods illegally blocked the point-after attempt (Blue-Gold Game rules prohibit rushes on extra points), walk-on kicker Nato Whittaker missed the second try wide left, giving Gold a 7-6 lead it held throughout halftime.

Rising sophomore kicker Ryan Burkhart finished the scoring with a 29-yard field goal capped a 59-yard drive for Gold that ended at the Blue 6-yard line.

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More questions than answers in QB derby

No passer stands out in defensive, run-heavy Blue-Gold contest

Saturday’s Blue-Gold Game was going be the unveiling of the four quarterbacks competing to replace Brady Quinn. Or so most Notre Dame fans thought.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis had other ideas.

As part of installing "a toughness offensel" I think we’ve been missing the last couple years," Weis heavily skewed the play calling of both the Blue and Gold squads toward the running game.

In fact, with Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz roaming the sidelines, the game resembled a three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust contest that either of those two may have called.

The Gold and Blue squads combined for 54 run plays and 24 pass plays. Rising senior Junior Jabbie’s 87 yards on 13 carries made it clear that he should get some action next season, but what is more unclear than before is who should be handing off to him, fifth-year Travis Thomas, rising sophomore James Aldridge and early-entry freshman Armando Allen.

With all the rushing attempts Saturday, it was hard to get a bead on where the four quarterbacks stand. Weis said that no one played himself "out of competition," but none of them was truly spectacular either.

The best quarterback Saturday was rising junior Evan Sharpary. He went 5-for-7 for 31 yards through the air and oversaw the most complete drive of the day by either team — the Gold squad’s 15-play, 59-yard field-goal march in the fourth quarter. He also had a swing pass to Jabbie for 16 yards that wasn’t counted in his stats because it was tossed backward.

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Clausen had an opportunity to bring the Blue back from behind, trotting onto the field with two minutes left and down by four, but the drive stalled quickly due to a penalty on tight end John Carlson.

Rising sophomore Demetrius Jones had an up and down game, looking nervous early on and throwing an ugly interception on his first pass attempt that safety David Bruton returned for the Gold squad’s only touchdown.

Jones was basically unable to use his running ability since he was more or less playing touch football, but he did take advantage of a defensive breakdown to pick up a third-and-long on a 31-yard scamper. He also threw the game’s only touchdown pass, but Parris had to make a great play on the ball to catch it.

Weis has all summer to prepare the starter and first backup for game action. Even after that, however, Irish fans will have to wait and wonder, and maybe bust out the rosary beads a few times, before a starting quarterback finally takes the field against Georgia Tech.

And then whoever it is can begin the four-year-long odyssey of trying to replace Brady Quinn.

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Notre Dame quarterbacks, clockwise from top left, Zach Frazer, Evan Sharpary, Jimmy Clausen and Demetrius Jones compete in the Blue-Gold Game Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Irish coach Charlie Weis said no quarterback played himself "out of competition" for the starting job.
Weis concentrates on run game

Coach wants to install 'toughness' offensively

By CHRIS HINE
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A record crowd of 51,852 filed into Notre Dame Stadium for Saturday's Blue and Gold game expecting to see an exhibition from next year's four potential replacements for Brady Quinn.

But those that came to see the changing of the guard might have seen another kind of change — a change in philosophy.

Saturday's scrimmage included a total of 24 running plays and 24 passing attempts — a marked departure from the pass-heavy playcalling Irish fans were accustomed to with Quinn under center.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said after the game that he wanted to control the number of throws each quarterback had on the field, but no matter who starts behind center in September, Weis said Irish fans could expect to see a more balanced attack.

"I kept the number of passes to a minimum because I wanted them to come out there and run the football," Weis said. "I think the one thing, one of the main things I wanted to come out here in the spring was establish a toughness on the offense that I think we will start seeing get away from a little bit.

"That's why I want to see a heavy dose of running."

Weis said over the past two years he felt there was too much on Quinn's right arm to lead Notre Dame to victory, but inexperience at key positions on offense made it a change the gameplan this season. Aside from the quarterbacks, no starter return at wide receiver while only two starters at offensive lineman — center Jeff Sullivan and right tackle Sam Young — return.

The Irish, however, do have experienced players coming back at tight end and running back, Rising fifth-year seniors John Carlson and Travis Thomas both return.

"So if we can establish a mentality we can run the ball with the whole offense opens up," Weis said. "What you can do now is throw a drop back. But the first thing is first, you have to be able to have power, and I think that he've gotten away from that a little bit and we're trying to get back to that."

On Saturday, the power running game was on display. Gold squad senior running back Jabbie Toby tore up the Blue team for 82 yards on 13 carries.

Jabbie — whose name had been forgotten by many in the running back position battle — earned offensive MVP honors for his performance.

Thomas had 36 yards on nine carries, while early-entry freshman Armando Allen had five carries for 19 yards for the Blue team.

Thomas and Allen, however, gained their yards against a Gold defense that included returning starters Maurice Crum Jr. and Trevor Laws — two of Notre Dame's top defenders from last season. Jabbie and rising sophomore James Aldridge, who finished with 34 yards on nine carries, had the luxury of having Crab and Laws wear white while for the scrimmage.

No matter who starts at running back September, Weis seems to be moving in the direction of a more run-oriented offense.

But over the summer, one of the other quarterbacks could prove he is capable of leading Notre Dame's offense as Quinn did for the past two years. And Weis has always been known for his unpredictability as a play caller.

So while opponents will start gearing for a power rushing attack from the Irish, Weis and company could come out throwing the ball in a five-receiver set with an empty backfield. Or, they could split the running back out wide — as Weis did with Allen more than once Saturday — to match him up against a linebacker and then throw it deep down the sidelines.

Regardless, Weis said, Notre Dame will have more 'toughness.'

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Sullivan suffers only high ankle sprain

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Fifth-year center John Sullivan suffered a high ankle sprain on the third drive of the second half, Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

In this post-game news conference, Weis said Sullivan's X-rays came back negative. If the injury had occurred in mid-season, Weis said, Sullivan would likely miss two to four weeks of action.

"But I'm listing him as probable for Georgia Tech," Weis said with a laugh, referring to Notre Dame's season-opener against the Yellow Jackets on Sept. 1.

Sullivan was on a 6-yard run up the middle by early-entry freshman Freeman蹲.</div>
TRENCH WARFARE

Aiming to "establish a toughness on offense that I think we've started to get away from a little bit," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis had both the Blue and Gold squads run the ball, run it again — and then run it some more. The result was a defensive battle punctuated by a long, game-clinching drive by the Gold team. More than 50,000 fans came out to see the four quarterbacks, but the running backs and defense stole the show — especially Junior Jabbie, who had 87 yards rushing on 13 carries, and David Bruton, whose interception gave the Gold team its only touchdown.
“With great power comes great responsibility” is the mantra that drives Peter Parker’s dual lives, but it also can be just as aptly asked of Sony Pictures, the movie studio that made "Spider-Man" and "Spider-Man 2" the summer movie events of 2002 and 2004.

With each progressive film in the archetypal superhero’s saga costing more and more to make, the studio is on Sony to make the third installment of Sam Raimi’s trilogy the most extravagant and exquisite hero adventure yet. And to drum up further anticipation for the massively-hyped, $258-million "Spider-Man 3," Sony has released an extended cut of the first Spider-Man sequel on DVD, which runs eight minutes longer and is billed as “Spider-Man 2.1.”

This sequel picks up two years after the events of the first “Spider-Man” film. Peter (Tobey Maguire) has drifted away from high school pal Harry Osborn (James Franco) and love interest Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst) always encounter problems because of Parker’s secret identity. He precariously bonds four artificially-intelligent men under the guise of Dr. Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina), a brilliant physicist who uses his invention of mechanical tentacles to attack Spider-Man. In “Spider-Man 2,” Spider-Man (Maguire) faces Doc Ock (Alfred Molina), a brilliant scientist who uses his invention of mechanical tentacles to attack Spider-Man.

This time, however, Parker, the college student, as much as the superhero, is challenged. The phone number on Peter’s wallet shows that Doctor Octopus is on his trail, and that number doesn’t sound all that impressive, especially against the formidable 35 minutes Peter Jackson added to “The Return of the King” on that film’s extended edition. But just about every addition here is a solid one. Nearly every scene in the movie benefits from a few extra shots, and "Spider-Man 2.1" benefits from this even distribution. Mostly, this accounts for quiet character-revealing moments such as the scene where Peter sits alone in his cramped one-room apartment, listening to a police scanner while fighting thoughts of Mary Jane and a quieter life.

For bonus features, “Spider-Man 2.1” includes a new commentary track with writer Alvin Sargent and producer Laura Ziskin. While not as engaging as the track with Raimi and Maguire, it reveals more about the all-important story and character choices that made this film so special.

Among the new featurettes is "With Great Effort, Comes Great Recognition," a compelling look at the Academy Award-winning special effects team that keeps the franchise on the cutting edge of its field and "Visual Effects Breakdown," which reveals how the spectacular train sequence was accomplished.

"Spider-Man 2.1" is the third release of the film on DVD. This fact alone should set spider-senses everywhere tingling, particularly since movie studios swindle away a fortune on re-releases. But rest assured Spider fans, this one may actually be worth a fair shake. It makes a great movie a little bit better, and sets the bar that much higher for the wall-crawler in "Spider-Man 3."

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The “Spiderman” franchise has been extremely successful, and many people are looking forward to the third installment, which will arrive in theaters on May 4th.

**SPIDER-MAN 2.1**

*Swings onto DVD*

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MLB

Tigers beat White Sox in extra-inning thriller

Bonds moves one home run closer to Aaron's record; Rangers use Blalock's two-run single to take down A's

Associated Press

DETOUR — Marcus Thames hit a tying sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, Placido Polanco singled home the winning run in the 12th and the Detroit Tigers rallied to beat the Chicago White Sox 6-3 on Sunday.

Thames hit a two-run shot off Dave Koza to lead the Tigers to a 3-1 lead. The White Sox rallied for three runs in the ninth to tie it at 4-4.

In the 12th, the Tigers loaded the bases with two outs after giving up three runs in the home this year and hadn't won one in Detroit since June 24 against Baltimore.

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Giants 2, Diamondbacks 1

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**Rangers 4, Athletics 3**

Hank Blalock hit a two-run single and Texas scored three times in the eighth to beat Oakland.

Erie came out one in the ninth for the Rangers before leaving with a strained right side.

He landed awkwardly after throwing a pitch to Mark Ellis. Gagne eventually limped off the field and is day to day. Akinori Otsuka came on for his second save.

Blalock's third hit of the game came on an 0-2 pitch from Oakland closer Huston Street. Street's first blown save in five opportunities.

**Royals 3, Twins 1**

Jorge De La Rosa pitched a career-high eight innings and retired 16 in a row during one of the few Kansas City closeouts for Minnesota for its first series victory of the year.

De La Rosa (2-2) allowed five hits, struck out four and walked one. Joakim Soria earned his second save.

**Indians 6, Mariners 1**

Ervin Santana allowed one run over seven innings and Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep by handing Seattle its sixth straight loss.

Santana (2-2) scattered six hits, struck out five and walked one.

The only run against him came in the fifth when he led off with a tape-measure home run into the rock formation at Safeco Field.

Jeff Weaver (0-3) went 3 2/3 innings, giving up five runs on seven hits in his first career start against the Mariners.

**Braves 9, Mets 6**

Kelly Johnson started the day with a home run against Tom Glavine and finished off the Mets with another homer off Aaron Heilman (1-2).

Johnson homered on the first pitch of the game, then hit a three-run drive in the eighth inning for Atlanta.

A sellout crowd of 55,671 came out on a sunny spring afternoon to watch Glavine face John Smoltz, his golfing buddy and former teammate. Jose Offero's three-run triple in the sixth put the Mets ahead, but Edgar Renteria erased a 3-7 deficit in the seventh with a three-run homer off Scott Schoeneweiss.

Ex-Minor Tyler (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh and Bob Wickman got three outs for his sixth save in six chances.

Smith allowed six runs and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings. Glavine went six for the Mets giving up three runs and seven hits.
## MLB Standings

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## Champ Car

Bourdais wins race despite faulty car

**HOUSTON — Sebastien Bourdais couldn't stop his car toward the end of the Champ Car Grand Prix of Houston.**

Not a bad problem for a driver when he's trying to win a race—unless he's totally out of control.

But if the 28-year-old Frenchman was having car problems Sunday, he hid them well, winning in Houston for the second straight year and grabbing the inside track for his fourth consecutive Champ Car title.

"There was just no bite anymore on the brakes," he said. "It wouldn't slow down. I don't know what happened. It was a weird feeling, very uncomfortable." His car was still the best of the field.

Bourdais earned his 25th career win in his 62nd start, continuing his unprecedented dominance of the circuit. Brakes or not, Bourdais decided to finish his second win of the season in style, turning his fastest lap (58.018 seconds) on his 93rd and final trip around the 1.69-mile street course next to Reliant Stadium.

Bourdais has won 14 of his last 24 starts. With his victory Sunday, Bourdais overtook points leader Will Power in the standings. Power, who started on the pole, damaged the nose wing on his car three times and finished 11th.

Beyond his own car problems, Bourdais got some luck at the end when another one ran out of gas. Bourdais went for a pit stop on the 60th lap, while rookie Tristan Gommendy stayed on the track, gam­bling that he wouldn't have to stop again for fuel.

If a caution flag had come around the drivers, the drivers would've held their positions and Gommendy would've been able to save gas and cruise to victory.

But like they do most times in Champ Car these days, things went Bourdais' way. The yellow never came and Gommendy ran out of gas on lap 87 as Bourdais slipped past him.

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## In Brief

### Another first-timer takes top prize at Zurich Classic

**AVONDALE — Nick Watney offered a slight wave to the applauding crowd as he walked away from his car putts on the 17th hole, took a deep breath, his cheeks puffing as he exhaled.**

There was only one hole to go for his first career PGA triumph, not to mention a check for nearly $1.1 million.

He was nervous, he admitted later, but not that nervous.

"I loved being in this position," Watney said. "That's one of the funnest things about it is to be in position and pull it off and conquer your nerves."

Five strokes later, the lanky, clean-cut Californian tapped in for par on No. 18, smiled broadly as he raised his arms, then hugged his caddy.

The 25-year-old, now in his third year on the tour, had prolonged a recent pattern of first-time winners at the Zurich Classic.

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### Champ Car Grand Prix of Houston winner Sebastien Bourdais, center, is joined on the winner's podium by second-place finisher Graham Rahal, left, and third-place finisher, Robert Doornbos, after the race Sunday.

King proved her worth in tennis match, singing

**DELRAY BEACH — With Serena Williams sidelined, Fed Cup teammate Vania King showed she can do more than sing.**

The 18-year-old King won raves for her rendition of the national anthem at the start of the weekend, then substituted Sunday for Williams and sealed the U.S. team's victory over Belgium.

King beat Kirsten Flipkens 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, giving the Americans an insurmountable 3-0 lead in the best-of-five match. Serena and Venus Williams won in singles Saturday, then became cheerleaders from the bench rooting for King.

"It's a great feeling, because they're champions I really look up to," King said. "It's really honoring."

Serena Williams pulled out a few hours before she was to face Flipkens, citing slight inflammation in the right knee.

### USB coach heads to Butler University

**INDIANAPOLIS — Butler has hired Micah Shrewsbury as its coordinator of basketball operations, the university said Sunday.**

Shrewsbury, who had been head men's basketball coach at Indiana-South Bend, replaces Joel Cornette, who left to join former Butler head coach Todd Lickliter at Iowa.

"Micah brings a wealth of experience," said Butler coach Brad Stevens. "We feel very fortunate to add a person to our staff who has had experience as a head coach and who is an Indiana Pacers guy."

Shrewsbury played basketball at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and played college basketball at Hanover, where he was a three-year starting point guard.

He has guided Indiana-South Bend the past two seasons.
SMC TENNIS

Belles defeated by No. 50 Albion

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The Belles couldn’t pull off a victory to maintain their sec­ond place standing in the MIAA, falling 8-1 Saturday to nationally No. 50 Albion at Saint Mary’s. The Belles now hold an overall record of 11-5, good enough for third place.

The Belles have one more match in the regular season. They travel to Aquinas today in advance of the MIAA tournament that will take place at Kalamazoo, Mich., this weekend. Last season, the Saints narrowly defeated the Belles 5-4. The match will begin today at 3 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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SMC GOLF

O’Brien leads Belles to fifth place

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

The Belles faced tough com­petition this weekend. Saint Mary’s traveled to The Medallion Golf Club in Marshall, Mich., to compete in the MIAA NCAA qualifying tournament Friday and Saturday. The Belles narrowly defeated the Belles 5-4. The match will begin today at 3 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles take down Comets

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s moved up two spots in the MIAA rankings to No. 6 after blasing conference nemesis eighth-place Olivet 13-7 and 9-1 at Gainey Field Saturday.

Beating the Comets (15-12, 3-5 MIAA) was no easy job for the Belles (18-6, 3-5 MIAA). Olivet hit Saint Mary’s hard out of the gate, scoring seven runs in the first inning, including a first-pitch leadoff home run from shortstop Katie Rosencrantz and Belles sophomore pitcher Calli Davison (3.66 ERA).

The Belles went hitless until the third when sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid homered and knocked in senior designated hitter Laura Helene. Sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro continued the Belles comeback as Helene scored on an error. Sophomores Cathy Kureczak and Rashid also scored unearned runs in the fourth.

Davison, who gave up just four hits after the first inning, struck out Comet second baseman Heather Jones to end the game at 13-7.

Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said the team’s strategy to close the 7-0 deficit in the first inning was simple.

"It was win every inning. That was our goal — win every inning," she said.

In the second game, the Belles had five hits on Comets pitcher Danielle Kapral. Kapral was replaced by reliever Bailey Van Eggs after the third, but the Belles could not be stopped, plating three more off Eggs in two innings.

The Belles’ 9-1 pounding of Olivet in the second game was largely due to sophomore pitcher Kristin Amran’s (1.05 ERA) near-perfect form — the Comets managed just two hits off her.

The rest of the team came out swinging too, driving in nine runs and 10 hits. In the first, junior designated hitter Mckeena Corrigan singled to score freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, and Helene knocked in senior shortstop Sarah Miesle on a single. The Comets responded with one run in the first.

But the Belles’ retooled lineup and work in practice allowed them to keep pounding away at the Comets’ pitching.

"We made some changes in our lineup. We switched around the top three which gives Mo [Healy] more chances as a slapper," Sullivan said. "We practiced like we were warming up for a game. I feel like everyday we’re ready for a game."

The Belles continued their dominance in the fourth and fifth innings. Miesle, Corrigan, Rashid and Helene all scored to make the score 6-1. In the fifth, freshman second baseman Maureen Healy singled to knock in Rashid. Healy scored on Davison’s double after she stole second. Healy now leads the team in stolen bases with three. The Belles brought the score to 9-1 later in the inning when Miesle doubled and ran in Davison.

The Comets attempted to score in the fifth to stop the slaughter rule from taking effect but they had little chance against the Belles’ defense. Peterson made a spectacular dive to catch a foul ball but just missed. The miss didn’t matter as Amran struck out three batters and gave up only one hit to end the game 9-1 in five innings.

Sullivan said the change in the team’s attitude on the field came from their past performances.

"The team feels very good obviously," she said. "It was a good confidence boost. We came back against Goshen [April 19] so strong that it carried into today.

The Belles will next face MIAA rival Albion (10-20, 3-9 MIAA) Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Gainey Field.

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ND loses heartbreaker 8-7

Irish fall to Rutgers after leading with under two minutes left

By MICHAEL BRYAN 
Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame finished the regular season in tough fashion Saturday, losing its second straight game — this time 8-7 to Rutgers — a week before the inaugural Big East championship this weekend.

In a close game that featured six ties and five lead changes, Notre Dame led the Scarlet Knights 7-6 with less than two minutes remaining. Rutgers senior midfielder Katie Batiuk, who leads the Big East in points, scored an unassisted goal with 1:43 remaining to tie the game at 6-6. Batiuk scored off a loose ball in front of the Irish net for the game winner.

After Rutgers struck first with a Mary Cryan goal, the Irish responded to take a 2-1 lead with goals from junior Caitlin McKinnon and sophomore Jillian Byers. The Scarlet Knights quickly matched the Notre Dame goals, however, taking a 3-2 lead.

Two more goals from Byers in the final three minutes of the half gave the Irish a 4-3 lead at the break.

Scarlet Knight attack Nina Frankowski's 35th goal of the season tied the game at 4-4 to open the second half after a 10-minute scoring drought. Byers, who led the Irish offense, took the lead back for Notre Dame with a goal off a pass from senior attack Lena Zentgraf.

McKinney's second goal of the game gave the Irish a two-goal lead, the largest either team would enjoy all afternoon. As was the case all game, the lead did not last long. Rutgers scored two quick goals to tie the game at 6-6.

Byers' fifth goal on the day gave the Irish a 7-6 lead that looked like it might hold up. Down the stretch, however, Batiuk and the Scarlet Knights took the victory.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she thought the team was concentrating too much on last week's close loss at Vanderbilt. "In a lot of ways we were replaying the Vanderbilt game instead of playing Rutgers, second-guessing ourselves and playing tentatively," Coyne said.

The five goals by Byers gave her 55 on the season, second-best in Notre Dame history. McKinney provided the other two goals for the Irish, and five Notre Dame players each had an assist.

Batiuk led Rutgers with three goals and an assist, and junior Katy Lawrence also added a goal and a feed. The Scarlet Knights outshot the Irish 26-23 and received 12 saves from goalkeeper Erika Paige.

"We're really determined to move forward from this game," Coyne said. "We've renewed our commitment since the loss, and everyone's back on a level playing field in the Big East tournament."

With the loss, the Irish — who entered the game in a three-way tie for first in the Big East — finished tied for third with a 3-2 conference record. With Rutgers taking the tiebreaker over the Irish based on Saturday's match, Notre Dame will be the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament.

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Four Notre Dame athletes won their respective events and 41 placed in the top-10 this weekend as the team — spread from Michigan to Oregon — headed toward the end of the regular season before the Big East championships.

Some team members competed in the Oregon Invitational and others made the trip to the Central Collegiate championship in Ypsilanti, Mich. It was a challenge for the Irish that the Irish had the most success; the men’s and women’s teams both came in third place overall.

Senior Garet Kokoli finished fourth, throwing for 53.92 meters.

Junior Jake Watson won the 5,000 meters, finishing with a time of 14:51.95.

Junior Mike Popejoy came in third with a time of 15:06.39.

To round out the first-place finishers, freshman Elise Knutzen won the javelin throw with a distance of 39.63 meters.

"If you go out and improve, it motivates you to go out the next meet and just do better."

Eric Quick Irish freshman

"You always keep looking towards that you and always keep looking towards the Big East meet."

Junior Kyle Annen won the hammer by throwing for a distance of 56.88 meters.

"Hammer’s my new event, so I practice just kind of concentrate on the new," she said. "I don’t know if I can work; it just seems natural to me, I guess."

Junior Ben Peine Davis placed second in the 100-meter dash, crossing the line in 12.68 seconds. Senior Aaron Mirici took second place in the high jump, clearing a height of 1.63 meters.

Sophomore Lauren Bascardi tied for second in the high jump, clearing a height of 1.63 meters.

Sophomore Becca Bauman capped the second-place finishers for the Irish, running 11.24 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Junior Liz Philipp came in third in the event, running 11:30.41.

Put in Oregon, freshman Jaclyn Espinoza took third in the discus with a throw of 146 feet 9 inches. Junior Jake Watson took sixth in the first section of the 1,500 meters, finishing in 3:43.59.

Senior Kurt Benniger and sophomore Patrick Smyth finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the second section of the 1,500 meters. Benniger finished in 3:47.07, with Smyth right behind him at 3:47.15.

Senior Todd Ptaszek finished sixth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, ending with a time of 8:49.35. Senior Thomas Chamney also took sixth in the 800 meters, finishing with a time of 1:49.67.

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By LORENZO REYES Sports Writer

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By BILL BRINK Sports Writer

Irish fire record score in Big East first round

Squad leads seven-school field after first round; Louisville in second, six strokes back

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Conference foes sweep reeling Irish

Notre Dame infielder Christine Lux fields a ground ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Valparaiso Thursday.

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame struggled this weekend, dropping a pair of doubleheaders to conference foes South Florida and Louisville at Ivy Field. The Irish fell to 9-5 in the Big East and 24-15 overall.

On Saturday, Notre Dame lost both games of a doubleheader to Louisville, 8-2 in the first and 6-5 in the second contest. The Irish offense couldn't get a substantial amount of support to foil the Cardinals' pitching.

Louisville got out to an early, two-run lead in the first inning after Cardinals freshman Melissa Roth brought in an RBI with a sacrifice fly to bring in a run. which was set up by three consecutive singles.

In the second game, senior Kenya Fuemmeler took the loss as Louisville scored the only five runs of the game in the third inning. Moore singled in the frame with the bases loaded, driving in two Cardinals.

Red-shirt sophomore Brooke McGrain drove in two runs in the frame when she doubled down the left-field line. To end the scoring rally, freshman Rebecca Sakowski singled in a run.

Fuemmeler pitched well the rest of the game, but the damage was already done and Louisville leapfrogged the Irish in the Big East.

On Sunday, South Florida took both games 3-1.

In the third frame, Bulls freshman Cat O'Neill drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double, which was set up by three consecutive singles.

Notre Dame responded with a run in the bottom half of the frame, on an infield single by senior Olivia Brown, the lone hit of the frame for the Irish.

Senior Courtney Moore homered to give the Cardinals a 3-1 lead. Later in the fourth, the Cardinals added two insurance runs to give them a four-run lead.

Sophomore pitcher Brittany Bargar added another run for the Irish with an infield single that scored classmate Linda Kahan, who reached base on a single of her own. Bargar's hit extended her hitting streak to three games.

Louisville took care of the rest of the game's offense with a three-run inning in the sixth after two Irish errors on the field.

Notre Dame infielder Christine Lux fields a ground ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Valparaiso Thursday.

The Irish lost four games this weekend, two each to Louisville and South Florida.

Sports Writer

By CHRIS DOYEN

The Irish ended the day within striking distance — they sit in fourth place — only eight strokes behind the Cardinals after posting scores of 289 and 290, respectively.

Kubinski was expecting big things from his two stars, senior co-captain and All-America candidate Caleb Isban and last year's tournament clincher, sophomore Josh Sandman. The best round of the day, however, came from Irish co-captain, senior Adam Gifford, who is playing in his first-ever Big East championship.

Reclaiming the magic from his eighth-place finish at Augusta State earlier this month, Gifford finished the day in third place on the individual leaderboard, shooting a three-under-par 69, tying his career-best mark for the third time in the past six weeks. Gifford was the only Irish golfer to end the day in the top-10 and was the only one to shoot under par.

Fortunately for the Irish, the closest thing to a bad day anyone had was Isban's four-over-par 76, which was good enough to keep him in the top half of the individual leaderboard. Sunday's opening round marked just the second time that Isban's score did not count toward the team total.

Sandman contributed a one-over-par 73, good enough to put him in a tie for 13th heading into Monday's second round. Rounding out the lineup for the Irish were freshman Doug Fortner and junior Greg Rodgers, who shot a two-over-par 74 and a three-over-par 75, respectively.

If Gifford maintains his momentum while Isban and Sandman solidify their positions as two of the top golfers in the conference, the Irish could put themselves in an excellent position by the end of Monday's second round. The Irish will tee off at 8 a.m. this morning.

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David Simon and Robert Household contact the Irish duo of junior Sheerva Parbou and sophomore Brett Helgeson 8-4.

With doubles tied at one apiece, Bass and Keckley battled at the top spot against No. 22 Damar Johnson and Slavko Radman. The match was back and forth for over an hour until Bass and Keckley broke serve to take the win 9-7. It marked the second time this season that the Irish duo has knocked off the No. 22 Cardinals doubles team.

With the doubles point in hand, Brett Helgeson quickly polished off Kenneth Nordheim at No. 3 singles.

Helgeson defeated Nordheim in straight set victories 6-1, 6-0.

With the 2-0 lead, Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss noted that Louisville began to feel the need to step it up. "Brett really set the tone when he got off the court so quickly," he said. "He put a lot of pressure on the Louisville guys."

"Knowing the tone set by Helgeson, King was off the courts next for the Irish. King made quick work of Robert Rotaru as he defeated him 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 4 spot to bring Notre Dame within one point of the win. King dominated play with his aggressive on all ends.

He totaled the ground, got to the net, and asserted his authority in good solid fashion," Bayliss added.

Bass once again stepped up for the Irish at No. 1 singles as he clinched the win for Notre Dame with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Slavko Radman. It was the second time in the past month that No. 9 Bass has defeated No. 68 Slavko Radman.

Bass has been a guiding force on the Irish squad this year.

"It's exactly what you want to see as a coach," Bayliss said of Bass. "To assume that amount of responsibility and take the ball."

Notre Dame defeated Villanova and St. John's by scores of 4-0 and 4-0 en route to the championship against Louisville. The 4-0 win over the Cardinals guaranteed the Irish a berth in the NCAA Championships this year.

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Weis' offense before the coach moved to Notre Dame in 2005. His unrelenting, physical approach quickly set the tone for the Irish in that first year.

"He dictated off the ground, and for that I have to give him credit," Bayliss said about Rotaru as he defeated him 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 4 singles spot.

"It is a testament to our coaches in the spring semester who put in the hard work and got us into the right condition," Bayliss added.

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West Virginia Tuesday, Irish senior midfielder Adam White bagged two goals against the Mountaineers while allowing just two earned runs. The Irish had collected seven hits, including over .300 heading into the contest.

Phipps threw 144 pitches in nine innings of work, striking out a career high of nine batters while surrendering just two earned runs.

"He's our best guy right now," Schrage said. "He's 6'10" and he's going to ride our best guy.'

The Irish started Phipps, even after he surrendered a two-run, two-out rally in the third inning and ran up his pitch count as the game wore on.

"I had that look in his eye like he wanted the ball," said Schrage. "So we kept letting him go out there.

Phipps held the Mountaineers hitless over the last two innings but ran into trouble in the third. After second baseman Jason Poteet singled with one out, Phipps got center fielder Davey Leach and first baseman Matt Weglarz out to end the inning.

But West Virginia came up with a pair of key two-out hits to take the lead early. Shortstop Brett Lilley started the two-out rally with a triple in the first inning before scoring on a sacrifice fly by right fielder Austin Markel.

"He had that look in his eye like he wanted the ball," said Schrage. "So we kept letting him go out there.

But the Irish put together a two-out rally of their own in the bottom of the second inning,بهذية المسافات لتحسين وظائفنا في الوقت المناسب.

But West Virginia added three runs in the top of the fourth, tying the game after just 3.1 innings.

Bretton put the first run on the board, but Barnes and the Irish were able to break loose in the bottom of the fourth. The Mountaineers added two more runs in the inning on an RBI double by Belnome and an RBI single by Brett Lilley, but Barnes got back on track after a sacrifice fly by catcher Justin Jenkins and a single by right fielder Austin Markel.

The Irish added to their lead in the bottom of the second on a monster solo home run by designated hitter Byran Cum. Barnes responded with a two-run double to drive in a run in the third.

West Virginia jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the top of the fifth inning.

"We're going to have to get better tomorrow," Schrage said. "We're going to have to get better tomorrow."
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Football Recruiting

Two more recruits give verbal commitments over weekend

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Assistant Sports Editor

Not all the action was on the field at Saturday's Blue-Gold Game as Notre Dame added two more top recruits to the class of 2012 — tight end Joseph Fauria and linebacker Darius Fleming.

Overall, the Irish have landed 10 prospects for the class of 2012, including two other linebackers — Anthony McDonald and David Posluszny — and one tight end — Kyle Rudolph.

Players cannot sign binding letters of intent until February, but Notre Dame has now signed 10 players for the class of 2012.

Fauria, a 6-foot-7, 250-pound high school junior from Encino, Calif., played well last season at Crespi Carmelita High School. In his junior season, Fauria caught 22 passes for 339 yards and four touchdowns.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, said Fauria is a great fit with Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis' offense mostly because of his soft hands.

"Weiss wants a guy who's pretty athletic, who can stretch the field deep and cause some problems," Frank said. "And there's nothing better than third and six when you got a big 6-foot-7, 225-pound tight end you can just throw to and who's got great soft hands and is just a real physical mismatch for any linebacker that's out there. And that's really what he is." Frank also said Fauria's size is another important factor in how the tight end will fit in with the Notre Dame offense.

"He has just really nice hands and does a really good job of getting open and he's such a big target, a quarterback can throw the ball up fairly high and nobody will be able to get it but him," he said.

Fauria said one of the main reasons he wanted to come to Notre Dame is because he likes how Weis keeps the tight ends involved in the passing game.

"And just watching the (Blue-Gold Game), the tight ends got the ball quite a lot, so, you know, that ensured it even more," he said in a telephone interview with The Observer. "I knew how Charlie Weiss runs most of his offense, and I knew how he gets the tight ends the ball.

Fauria had experience watch-

ND Tennis

Win some, lose some

Men's squad avenges loss to Louisville to capture this year's title

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame may have lost last year's Big East championship to Louisville, but that was a mere memory Sunday when the No. 4 Irish cruised past the Cardinals 4-0 to capture the 2007 Big East title.

Senior Stephen Bass proved why he holds not only the captain's position but also the No. 1 singles and doubles spots.

Bass aided Notre Dame in its win by capturing the deciding singles point with senior partner Ryan Keckley.

The No. 3 duo of senior Barry King and junior Andrew Roth opened up doubles play for the Irish with a 6-1 rout of Chris Herrlinger and James McArthur. Louisville battled back at the No. 2 spot when see TITLE/page 21

No. 39 South Florida upsets No. 2 Irish to claim Big East crown

By CHRIS HINE and DAN MALOOF
Sports Writers

Notre Dame thought it had everything under control.

Ahead 3-1 against No. 39 South Florida, all the Irish had to do was win one of the remaining three singles matches to clinch its third straight Big East championship.

But South Florida had other plans.

The Bulls swept the final three matches and shocked the No. 2 Irish 4-3 to claim the Big East tournament title.

"After we won the doubles, I felt like we should win three singles," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "They're a good team, but against a team like that we should not lose four singles matches."

No. 39 South Florida upset Notre Dame.

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Baseball

Irish take series from Mountaineers

By CHRIS KHOREY, FRAN TOLAN and DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writers

It was two steps forward and one step back for Notre Dame this weekend.

The Irish extended their season-long win streak in five with victories Friday and Saturday over West Virginia, but then saw that streak end Sunday against the Mountaineers in a conference series at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (21-13, 6-8 Big East) now sits in seventh out of twelve Big East teams.

Notre Dame 5
West Virginia 2

In Notre Dame's victory over see SERIES/page 22

Men's Lacrosse

Defense prevails in blowout victory

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame held the Mountain Hawks of Lehigh scoreless in the first three quarters of Saturday's game at Moose Krause Stadium and took a 14-2 victory to extended its school-record home winning streak to 13 games.

Sophomore attack Dunan Sweeney aided the effort on the offensive end with a career-high four goals and an assists.

"This was a great win for us on the tail end of the home stretch," Irish junior defender Ross Zimmerman said. "It was another great team defensive performance. When our goalies do that well, you can afford more mistakes on defense."

The Irish (9-3) used a strong defensive start to carry a 2-0 lead into the second quarter. Then Notre Dame erupted by scoring six straight goals on route to an 8-0 halftime edge over the Mountain Hawks.

In the third period, the Irish scored two more goals to assure the victory.

"We finally got on the board early in the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 10-1. But both teams knew that the game was over," Zimmerman said. See BLOWOUT/page 22

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Above, Sheeva Parbhoo lines up a forehand. At right, Cosmina Ciobanu follows through a shot.

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Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes went 4-for-4 with 3 RBIs as Notre Dame took two of three from West Virginia this weekend.