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## Pope's precarious condition provokes worry

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

Reports that the pope received his last rites surfaced Thursday afternoon, causing Catholics throughout the world to doubt the stability of the 84-year-old pontiff's health.

Pope John Paul II developed a high fever Thursday due to a

urinary tract infection, according to the Vatican. The complication occurred just one day after he began receiving nutrition from a feeding tube.

Notre Dame associate professor of law Vincent Rougeau

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said the administration of the last rites does not necessarily indicate that the pope's condition is deteriorating to the point where death is inevitable.

Many Catholics mistakenly believe the last rites are carried out just days before one's death, Rougeau said. However, changes in Catholic doctrine have redefined the scope of the sacrament to include not only

the dying, but also the sick — the sacrament is now more commonly referred to as the sacrament for the sick and dying.

"The big thing to remember here is that the Church has changed the sacrament to include the sick and dying, so it is no longer associated with death," Rougeau said. "The last rites means that he is gravely

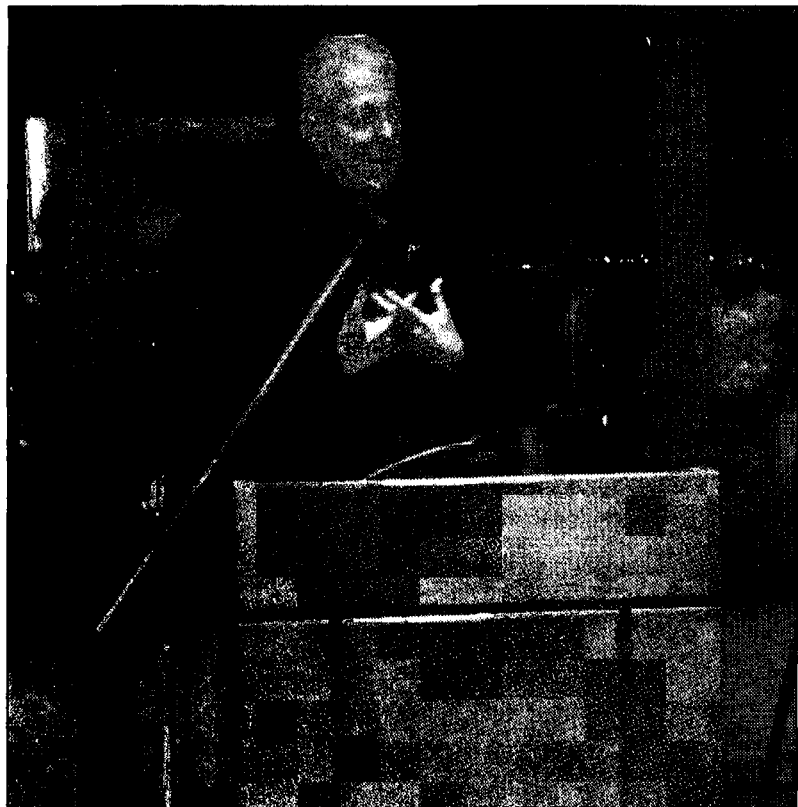
ill but not that his death is imminent."

The pope has received the sacrament once before, after he was shot by a would-be assassin in 1981.

The Vatican has been brief in its supply of information on the pope's state. Even University President Father Edward

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## Monk honored for diversity work



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer  
University President Father Edward Malloy speaks at a reception in his honor on the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library Thursday.

By MADDIE HANNA  
Associate News Editor

Those who attended Thursday night's reception in the Hesburgh Library honoring outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy's commitment to increasing diversity at Notre Dame got to enjoy more than the fourteenth-floor Hesburgh Penthouse's spectacular view of the sun setting over campus.

Personal and sometimes humorous testaments to Malloy's character made by students, alumni, faculty and trustees were the highlights of the event, which offered attendees the chance to mingle and chat one-on-one with an animated Malloy while noshing on hors d'oeuvres.

"We've gathered to honor a great man and a personal role model of mine," Board of Trustees member Phyllis Stone said. "It's to celebrate both his leadership and his

example in Notre Dame's cultural and ethnic diversity."

Stone said Notre Dame saw the most important advances in the University's history during Malloy's 18-year presidency.

"When he took office in 1987, Monk articulated that promoting diversity and international character was one of his top goals," she said.

Stone said that just one year after taking office, Malloy oversaw a comprehensive University-wide plan that increased the number of both minority faculty and students.

From 1986 to 2004, minority students on campus increased from 7.7 percent to 16.6 percent, according to statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research. If international students are added to the statistic, the number increased from 8.1 percent to 25.1 percent.

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## Student vehicles damaged

By JEN ROWLING  
News Writer

A series of vehicle break-ins occurred Thursday in Notre Dame's D6, D2 and C1 campus parking lots.

"We are at the preliminary stage of investigation," Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director Phillip Johnson said.

Four student vehicles parked in the D2 lot were vandalized, NDSP assistant director Chuck Hurley said. All of these automobiles had a broken passenger or driver's side window and a missing stereo system. The interior of each car was dry, suggesting to the police that the break-ins occurred after Wednesday night's rain.

Similarly, NDSP found two break-ins in the D6 student lot and one in the C1 lot. A vehicle

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## Fresh faces take over as new student government leaders

### Baron, Shappell start their term today

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

Seven weeks after being nominated student body president-elect and vice president-elect for the 2005-06 school year, Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell will finally be able to remove the 'elect' from their titles and assume their positions as the chief leaders of the student body today.

They could not be more eager. Shappell and Baron, along with chief executive assistant Liz Kozlow, said they want their administration to restore students' faith in the power of student gov-

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PHOTOGRAPHER/The Observer  
Notre Dame student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell, left, and Saint Mary's student body president Kellye Mitros and vice president Susan McIllduff take office today.



### Mitros, McIllduff ready for transition

By NICOLE ZOOK  
Assistant News Editor

After a bumpy year for Saint Mary's student government, incoming student body president Kellye Mitros and vice president Susan McIllduff are looking forward to a smooth transition to the year ahead.

"We have been very impressed by the work of student government this year, and we look forward with great anticipation to building on the success of our predecessors," Mitros said.

Former student body president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran encountered roadblocks in the form of controversy and

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Goodbye, Mitch

Two weeks ago, I was sitting in LaFortune eating Subway with three of my friends. I looked down at my Sun Chips and immediately smiled.

My friend, sitting across from me, didn't miss a beat.

"But don't bother ringing it up, it's for a duck. There are six ducks outside, and they all want Sun Chips," he said.

**Bobby Griffin**

*Associate Sports Editor*

Mitch Hedberg, the comedian who penned the "Ducks eat free at Subway" joke, as well countless others, was in many ways the next great thing in comedy until his untimely death Wednesday morning at 37 years old.

Instead of writing 500 words about how important a figure he was in contemporary comedy, I'm going to recount other memories of Mitch — which, all in all, will do him greater justice anyway.

The first time I heard Mitch, I was in my friend's car. "Bob, you gotta hear this guy, he's hilarious," he said.

The CD was "Strategic Grill Locations" and I was hooked when Hedberg started ranting about Koalas.

"My apartment is infested with Koala bears, it is the cutest infestation ever, way better than cockroaches. When I turn on the light a bunch of Koala bears scatter. I don't want them to, you know. I'm like, 'Hey hold on fellas, let me hold one of you — feed you a leaf.'"

It was that quirky sense of humor, comments that your lazy friend might make when you are sitting around watching TV that made him so hilarious. But it was his unprecedented delivery that made him memorable.

Jokes rolled off Mitch Hedberg's tongue, in a way that cannot really be described without actually hearing him.

"My friend was walking down the street and he said, 'I hear music.' As if there is any other way of taking it in. I tried to taste it, but it did not work."

I remember buying both of his CD's shortly after hearing him, the other being "Mitch All Together," and playing them for my brother.

I believe it was the joke about frozen banana that did it for Dan.

"My friend asked me if I wanted a frozen banana. I said, 'No, but I want a regular banana later, so, yeah.'"

I think Mitch Hedberg would be happy with his legacy. He never quite made the leap to the point where he was a household name, but he did impact anyone who ever listened to his album, not to see his show or watched him on television.

That's not to say he wasn't on his way to bigger things (he had an HBO special in the works, which actually was his dream) but the way he made people smile was more important than any further success he could have accomplished.

Mitch once said, "So, I sit at the hotel at night and I think of something that's funny. Or, if the pen is too far away, I have to convince myself that what I thought of wasn't funny."

Well, Mitch, what you said was always funny.

And your fans will remember that forever.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Bobby Griffin at rgriffi3@nd.edu*

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPRING SPORT?



**John Thibodeau**  
*senior O'Neill*

*"Frisbee dog contests. No idea why."*



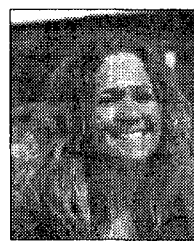
**Grant Van Eaton**  
*freshman Stanford*

*"Baseball, because the Sox are wicked awesome!"*



**Pat Hartendorp**  
*sophomore Sorin*

*"Catching golf balls on the quad."*



**Bethany Anglin**  
*freshman Welsh Family*

*"Naked mud wrestling."*



**Mark Bemenderfer**  
*junior Stanford*

*"What sports? PSP just came out. PlayStation Portable — woo!!!"*



**Katie Killeen**  
*freshman Lyons*

*"Women's lacrosse — come see for yourself!"*



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

**O'Neill Hall residents prepare to light a grill for their outdoor section dinner Thursday night. The recent warm weather prompted students to go outside yesterday. Many students played spring sports like frisbee and baseball.**

## OFFBEAT

### Fortune cookie numbers provide big lottery win

DES MOINES, Iowa — Dozens of people recently got an extra-special dessert with their Chinese food: a winning lottery number.

A record 110 players won \$500,000 and \$100,000 prizes in Wednesday's Powerball drawing, most of whom apparently used the numbers included in a fortune-cookie message. Ordinarily the multistate lottery expects only four tickets to win at the Match 5 prize level.

Several winners in a half-dozen states revealed that they got the winning number

from a fortune cookie, said Doug Orr, marketing director with the West Des Moines-based Multi-State Lottery Association, which operates Powerball.

One ticket, bought by a South Pittsburg, Tenn., family, had all six winning numbers to win the jackpot.

### Confused cops swarm woman after birth in van

KETTERING, Ohio — A woman rushing to a hospital to give birth hit a few stops along the way — first at a gas station where she delivered the baby herself, then when confused police ordered her out of the car at gunpoint.

Debbie Coleman, whose 3- and 4-year-old daughters were asleep in the back seat, pulled over at a gas station just after midnight Tuesday.

A customer tried to give police a heads-up about Coleman's situation, but a mix-up involving the license plate number had them thinking the van was stolen.

With guns drawn, officers ordered her out of the van with her hands up.

"I opened the door and said, 'I just had a baby' and just let them see everything," she said.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

## IN BRIEF

**Latin Expressions 2005**, entitled "Raices," will take place at 7 p.m. at Palais Royale. Bus transportation to the sold out event begins at Library Circle at 6 p.m.

ND Cinema will sponsor the critically acclaimed film "Hotel Rwanda" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The 2005 Annual Student Peace Conference, "Crossing Boundaries in the Name of Peace," will take place today and Saturday at the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies. Registration for the conference is from 12 p.m. to 5 today. The keynote speech will begin at 8 p.m. tonight and the conference will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

RecSports and Notre Dame Food Services will sponsor the annual **Spring Run** to benefit the Building Together/Christmas in April campaign **Saturday** from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration for the 5K and 10K runs and 2-mile walk is \$6 in advance and \$10 the day of the race. Participants will receive refreshments and a T-shirt.

**"Meet Me at the Avenue,"** Saint Mary's accepted students day, will take place **all day Sunday**. The day includes campus tours, meals and professor and coach meet-and-greets for accepted high school students.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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## VATICAN CITY

# Pope suffers heart failure during treatment for infection

*Pontiff's condition called 'very serious'*

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II suffered heart failure during treatment for a urinary tract infection and was in "very serious" condition on Friday, the Vatican said.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement that the pope, who was being treated at the Vatican, was given cardio-respiratory assistance after his heart stopped Thursday afternoon.

"This morning the condition of the Holy Father is very serious," the statement said.

However, it said that the pope had participated in a 6 a.m. Mass Friday and that the pope was "conscious, lucid, and serene."

The pontiff's health declined sharply after he developed a high fever Thursday brought on by the infection. His wish to remain at the Vatican was respected, Navarro-Valls said.

The pontiff was attended to by the Vatican medical team, and provided with "all the appropriate therapeutic provisions and cardio-respiratory assistance," the statement said.

The statement confirmed previous reports that the pope had received the sacrament

for the sick and dying on Thursday evening.

At the edge of St. Peter's Square, hundreds of people gathered early Friday, concerned about the fragile pope. A few knelt on the cobblestones to pray, others wrapped blankets around themselves as they kept vigil through the night.

"There's nothing we can do but pray. We're all upset," said Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno, who was in the crowd.

Formerly called the last rites, the sacrament is often misunderstood as signaling imminent death. It is performed, however, not only for patients at the point of death, but also for those who are very sick — and it may be repeated.

The Rome daily La Repubblica reported Friday that the sacrament was administered by John Paul's closest aide, Polish Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, who serves as his private secretary. Dziwisz had given the pontiff the same sacrament on Feb. 24 just before the pope underwent a tracheotomy to insert a tube in his throat at Gemelli Polyclinic, the newspaper said.

According to its account, John Paul had attended Mass Thursday morning in his private chapel, then did paper-

work from an armchair. Abruptly, at 6:45 p.m., John Paul turned ghostly pale and his blood pressure plummeted, the newspaper said.

After antibiotics were administered, the Italian news agency Apcom reported without citing any sources, John Paul's condition was "stable." ANSA, another Italian news agency, said the pope "seems to showing a first positive reaction" to antibiotic therapy.

At the Gemelli hospital, an emergency room chief said there were no plans to admit John Paul "at the moment," ANSA reported.

While the pope's condition deteriorated suddenly, the Vatican medical staff appeared confident it could handle the crisis with the sophisticated medical equipment installed for the pontiff.

As the crowd gathered to keep vigil near the pope, police kept them off St. Peter's Square, forcing them to congregate at the edges of the giant plaza.

"I was in the car and I heard on the radio about the grave condition of the pope. I immediately thought I would come to St. Peter's," said Antonio Ceresa, a Roman.

As news of the pope's latest health crisis swept the world, the pontiff's spokesman, Navarro-Valls told The Associated Press by telephone



Pope John Paul II delivers an Easter blessing Sunday from his studio window in Vatican City.

that "the Holy Father today was struck by a high fever caused by a confirmed infection of the urinary tract."

The pontiff was started on "an appropriate" course of antibiotics, Navarro-Valls said. "The medical situation is being strictly controlled by the Vatican medical team that is

taking care of him."

Lights in the papal apartment above St. Peter's Square were on until about 11 p.m. Thursday, generally well past the papal bedtime. The light remained on in the Apostolic Palace's nursing station on the same floor as the pope's apartment.

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# THE BANDS



# Panel dicusses political bias in mainstream media

## Writers emphasize necessity for honesty

By KATE ANTONACCI  
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame faculty and distinguished guests debated bias in the media and offered suggestions to students interested in preserving truth in journalism Thursday evening in the Eck Center Auditorium.

A panel discussion entitled "After Objectivity: What Moral Norms Should Govern News Reporting?" was presented by the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy and The Thomas J. White Center on Law & Government.

Panelists included William Donohue, president and CEO of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights; Kenneth Woodward, religion editor and senior writer for Newsweek magazine; Marco Darbazzi, U.S. correspondent for ANSA, an Italian news agency; and Matt Storrin of the media relations division of Notre Dame Public Relations and Information and former editor of the Boston Globe.

Robert Dunikoski, editor-in-chief of the Notre Dame Journal of Law, opened the event by describing the goal of his publication to examine public policy with Judeo-Christian values.

Paolo Carozza, panel moderator and member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty,

opened by addressing the issue of bias and honesty in the news.

"There have been some very serious problems in the area of media," he said.

Carozza said problems range from personal failings of reporters to efforts of systematic attempts to fabricate entire perspectives.

Panelists described today's media and the role of balanced news coverage.

Donohue, the first speaker, opened his talk by saying although many postmodernists today disregard the concept of truth, the idea is essential in journalism.

"As far as I'm concerned, if you're a journalist and not interested in pursuing the truth, then you should leave," he said.

Donohue said today's society is almost worse than in the past in its journalistic integrity because the climate makes inconsistency and dishonesty seem acceptable. He did say, however, that there is more accountability today and that one is "less likely to get away with it."

Donohue said consistency is crucial in reporting and cited many examples of past journalists who were "ideologically disturbed."

Donohue also addressed the issue of liberal bias in the media, citing statistics that demonstrated a strong liberal tilt.

"We have this enormous gap of perception of people in media," he said. "They think of themselves as moderate."

Woodward then spoke about

the role of different news mediums in society today.

"For better or worse, we're stuck with newspapers, magazines, television, radio," he said. "You can opt out of it, but how will you know what is going on?"

While he does not use the word objectivity, as it "suggests disinterestedness," he does believe in intelligent subjectivity, well-informed journalists, accuracy and finding truth and meaning in a story.

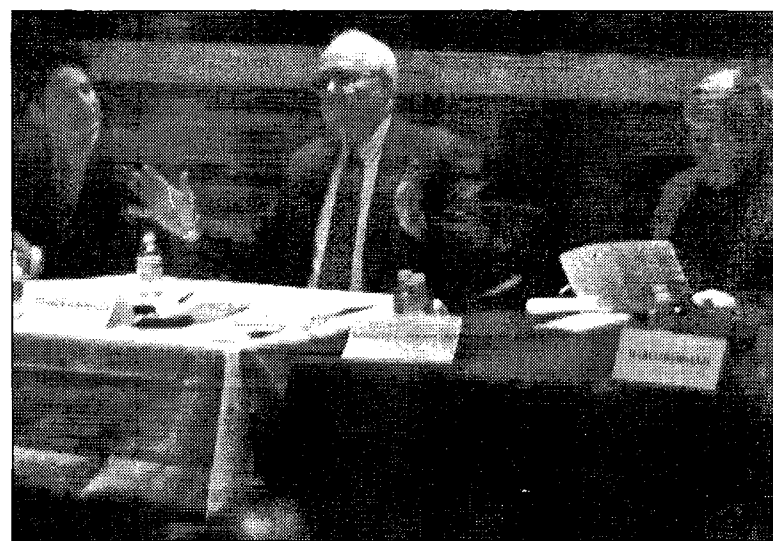
"Objectivity should mean and can mean no advocacy in the reporting," Woodward said.

Woodward also said that magazine writers and editors look for a story line and controlling themes.

"Journalism is not a science and not an art, but it is a craft," he said. "Morality in journalism has much to do with our commitment to the language."

Bardazzi then gave a short presentation entitled "Four Elections and a Funeral," in which he discussed four elections in the past year in which the media incorrectly predicted outcomes. He cited the Democratic primary elections, the presidential election in Afghanistan, the 2004 U.S. presidential election and the Jan. 3 Iraq presidential election as instances where foreign correspondents "failed in just twelve months to tell the story right."

Bardazzi said many in Europe expected John Kerry to win the U.S. presidential election in November.



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

William Donohue, president and CEO of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, speaks in the Eck Center Auditorium.

"The Italians went to bed sure that John Kerry would be the next president of the United States," he said. "It was impossible [for it to go another way] and so we believed that story—and we were wrong."

Bardazzi also said journalists are often "detached from the real men," which can lead to incorrect ideas presented in their writing.

Bardazzi concluded by saying there are two ways to be a journalist.

"Either we inform to set people free or inform to produce consent," he said. "We need to stay in front of these realities."

Storrin began by saying objectivity can only be discussed in a country with a free press system.

"You just hope the reporters get the facts straight," he said.

Storrin said the news operations department gets plenty of things wrong that are not just ideological.

"In my time as a journalist, 80 percent of criticism that a newspaper received was colored by the prism of the critic," Storrin said. "Passion and opinion in a reporter are not, per se, a bad thing if controlled."

Storrin discussed liberal bias in the media, adding that when he took over as editor of the Boston Globe in 1993, he set out to change its obvious liberal bias.

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## Cars

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located in D6-South had a broken left rear passenger window. However, no items were reported missing. In D6-North, another automobile was noticed with a broken window. A construction employee found his car parked in C1 with a broken window. Tools were missing from the vehicle.

Johnson said he does not think the victimized students in Thursday's episodes were

related to each other. He clarified that vehicles are typically targeted by degree of opportunity.

Upon discovering the vehicles, Johnson said NDSP attempted to inform affected students. The police department left a voicemail for each victimized student.

One of the reported victims holds a high editorial position at the Observer. In early February, another highly-ranked Observer editor's car was vandalized in a similar case.

At this time, NDSP does not have a lead on possible sus-

pects. Hurley said NDSP is conversing with the county and city police departments to further investigate the matter.

Johnson said NDSP will remain especially watchful during their regular rounds.

"We will continue to be vigilant on our patrolling of cam-

pus and the parking lots," he said.

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**Sunday, April 3**  
7:00 p.m.  
Reading by novelist and short story writer, Katherine V. Kelly  
7:30 p.m.  
Reading by Jesuit priest, novelist, and poet, Domènec Melé

**Monday, April 4**  
7:00 p.m.  
Reading by novelist and short story writer, Katherine V. Kelly  
7:30 p.m.  
Reading by novelist and short story writer, Domènec Melé

**Tuesday, April 5**  
7:00 p.m.  
Roundtable discussion featuring all four writers  
Chaired by Valerie Evans and Campbell Hoyle

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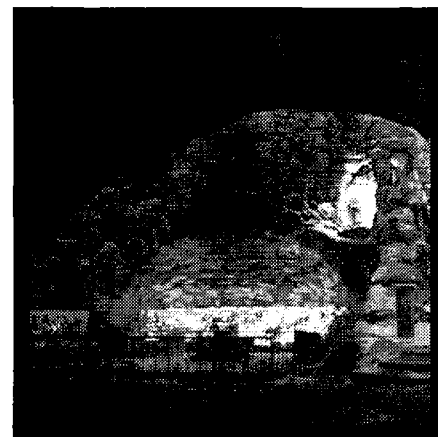
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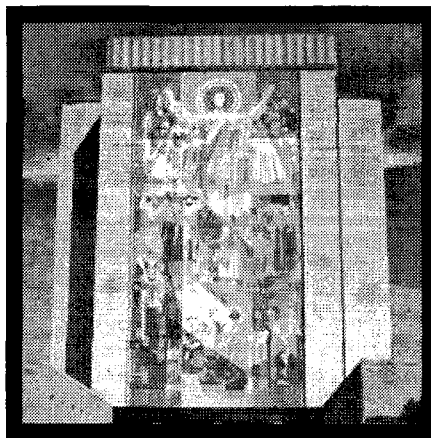
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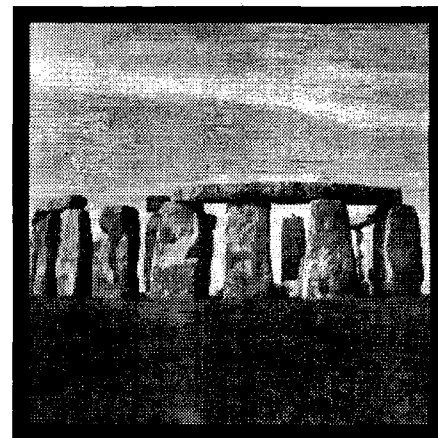
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Deaths decline as attacks decrease

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgent attacks in Iraq have fallen dramatically since the Jan. 30 elections, and the number of U.S. deaths reported this month dropped to the lowest in a year.

But the news isn't all good. Militants are focusing their attacks on Iraqi government and security officials as the new leaders of Iraq assume a greater role in their fragile nation.

Both U.S. and Iraqi officials agree that attacks overall have fallen since the Jan. 30 elections, although it is unclear if the trend is just a temporary lull as militants change tactics, or a sign that the insurgency is weakening.

Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, which has been tracking the insurgency, said attacks against U.S. forces have dropped by at least 25 percent since last fall, when U.S. officials launched a major offensive against the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah. Attacks then ranged from 80 to 90 a day, O'Hanlon said.

### First lady visits freed women

KABUL, Afghanistan — Under heavy protection in this dusty, dangerous capital, Laura Bush on Wednesday talked with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression and urged greater rights. She expressed high hopes, envisioning a day when tourists would flock here for vacations.

There were reminders of war at every turn of Mrs. Bush's visit. U.S. soldiers in camouflage fatigues manned M-60 rifles at both ends of four transport helicopters that flew the first lady and her entourage to events around Kabul.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Court increases job protection

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court expanded job protections for roughly half the nation's work force Wednesday, ruling that federal law allows people 40 and over to file age bias claims over salary and hiring even if employers never intended any harm.

The decision eases the legal threshold for about 75 million middle-aged and older people to contend in court that a policy has a disproportionately hurtful effect on them.

On the other hand, the ruling makes clear employers still will prevail if they can cite a reasonable explanation for their policies, such as cost-cutting.

The decision was applauded by advocates for older workers.

### Parish to reopen after protests, vigils

WEYMOUTH, Mass. — The Roman Catholic parish that sparked a wave of protests against church closings in the Boston Archdiocese will reopen, the archbishop announced Thursday.

The decision by Archbishop Sean O'Malley is a victory for parishioners who staged an around-the-clock vigil inside the St. Albert the Great church in Weymouth.

The church is one of three O'Malley has allowed to stay open after ordering them closed.

Parishioners carrying gold and yellow balloons gathered outside the suburban Boston church entrance and hugged.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Forklift overturns, kills worker

BENTON, Ind. — A delivery man died after the forklift he was driving overturned and landed on him.

Greg L. Harman, 53, was pronounced dead on the scene after the accident Wednesday afternoon, said Anthony G. Coleman, an Elkhart County deputy coroner. He died of massive head injuries.

Harman was making a delivery at a lawn-care company in the town about 15 miles southeast of South Bend when the accident occurred.

# Schiavo's death moves many

*Political figures continue to question the protection of individuals in the legal system*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday urged the country to honor Terri Schiavo's memory by working to "build a culture of life" while House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said "the men responsible for this" will be called to account.

The Florida woman, who suffered severe brain damage after a heart attack 15 years ago, died Thursday. The feeding tube that had been keeping her alive was removed with a judge's approval on March 18.

DeLay condemned the judges who at both the state and federal level declined to order that Schiavo be kept alive artificially.

"This loss happened because our legal system did not protect the people who need protection most, and that will change," the Texas Republican said. "The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior, but not today. Today we grieve, we pray, and we hope to God this fate never befalls another."

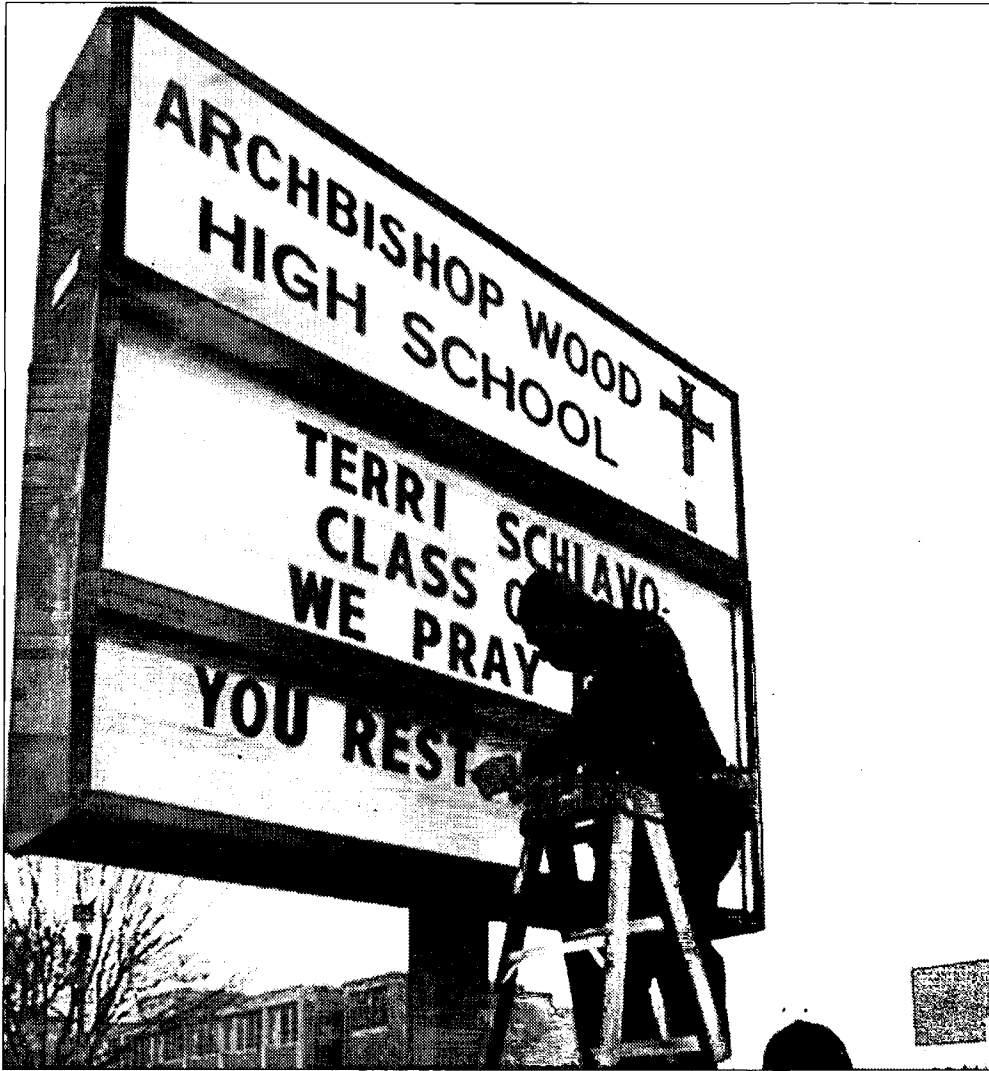
Speaking with reporters later in Houston, DeLay said lawmakers "will look at an arrogant and out of control judiciary that thumbs its nose at Congress and the President."

Asked if that included the possibility of the House bringing impeachment charges against judges involved in the Schiavo case, DeLay said, "There's plenty of time to look into that."

"I never thought I'd see the day when a U.S. judge stopped feeding a living American so that they took 14 days to die," he added.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan declined to sign on to judicial criticism. "We would have preferred a different decision from the courts ... but ultimately we have to follow our laws and abide by the courts," he said.

Bush offered words of



Custodians place "We Pray You Rest In Peace" on the end of the message "Terri Schiavo Class of 1981" in front of Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster, Pa.

comfort and praise for Schiavo's "families" — her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, and her husband, Michael Schiavo.

The two sides battled for years over Terri Schiavo's fate, with her parents believing she could improve and her husband insisting she would not have wished to be kept alive artificially. State court-appointed doctors ruled Schiavo was in a persistent vegetative state, with no real consciousness or chance of recovery.

"I appreciate the example of grace and dignity they have displayed at a difficult time," the president said of Schiavo's relatives. "I urge all those who honor Terri Schiavo to continue to work to build a culture of life where all Americans are

welcomed and valued and protected, especially those who live at the mercy of others."

Other Washington figures who were deeply involved in the extraordinary federal intervention in Schiavo's case, particularly Republicans, also weighed in on her passing.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said her death was a "regrettable loss of life."

House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., called on Congress to pass the broader legislation favored by House Republicans but rejected when lawmakers and the White House compromised to focus only on Schiavo. The earlier bill, giving jurisdiction to federal

courts, would apply to any case in which there are questions about withholding food or medical treatment from an incapacitated person.

"Terri's will to live should serve as an inspiration and impetus for action," Sensenbrenner said.

The White House didn't rule out support from the president for new legislation.

"Obviously we would look at it if it came to our desk," McClellan said.

By contrast, in the hours immediately after Schiavo's death, Democrats — who have treaded carefully in the case for fear of getting clobbered on the "values" issues that hurt them in last year's elections — mostly kept a low profile.

## IRAQ

# Suicide car bomber targets shrine

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber blew himself up Thursday near an Islamic shrine, killing five Iraqis in the latest attack on Shiite Muslim pilgrims marking a major religious holiday.

The blast in Tuz Khormato, 55 miles south of Kirkuk, killed three civilians, including a child, and two soldiers helping guard the shrine, police reported. Sixteen people were wounded, hospital officials said.

Fighters from the Sunni Muslim-

led insurgency staged a string of attacks on Shiite pilgrims in the days leading up to the festival, which marks the end of a 40-day mourning period for Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad and one of Shiites' most important saints.

The day's biggest gathering was in the holy city of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands of pilgrims visited two shrines, marched in honor of Hussein and beat their chests with their fists in a sign of mourning.

Seeking to head off attacks, police in Karbala closed streets to vehicles,

set up checkpoints and frisked people for weapons. No major incidents were reported.

Late Wednesday, gunmen ambushed a truck carrying pilgrims near Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, and killed one person, and an attack earlier in the day killed a pilgrim in southern Iraq. On Monday, two attacks on pilgrims left four dead, including two police officers.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, meanwhile, said his country's troops will leave Iraq by year's end.



# Speaker addresses retirement

## SMC grad advises students to save

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
Saint Mary's Editor

In a presentation born out of the "Justice for All Ages" conference in the fall, Saint Mary's alumna Jane Ann Schiltz spoke at the College Thursday about the importance of planning for old age and the benefits of long term care policies.

Schiltz works for Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, Wis. and is the 2004-05 Shannon Scholar. The Shannon Scholar program was established in 1993 by business professor Bill Shannon in order to bring graduates to campus to share their professional experiences.

Schiltz referred to the current middle-aged generation as the "sandwich generation" and said those who fall into this group face challenges unlike any known before. She and other members of the "sandwich generation" are having children later in life and are then finding themselves stuck between their aging parents and young children, Schiltz said.

"We have to deal with issues with our parents ... while at the same time we are dealing with issues with our children," she said.

Current middle-aged people are burdened with paying for their parents' care, Schiltz said, while saving for their children's education and contributing to their own retirement fund.

Schiltz said individuals must think long term in order to sufficiently plan for their own care once they can no longer live independently. She emphasized the importance of having a "durable power of attorney" — someone to make critical decisions for you if you are incapacitated.

Schiltz also advised those in attendance to take inventory of their estates and maintain an updated will. People need to discuss and express their wishes explicitly in order to avoid later confusion and emotional distress, she said.

The Saint Mary's alumna related a personal story in which



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer  
**Jane Ann Schiltz speaks Thursday at Saint Mary's about the crisis her generation faces as its members near retirement age.**

her mother-in-law suffered a stroke. The only existing copy of her will was locked in a safety deposit box. Her children found the key, but because the will was inaccessible, they did not have legal power to open the box and retrieve it.

"Having these discussions early, rather than later, allows everyone to be more comfortable with the situation," Schiltz said.

According to Schiltz, it is never too early to begin considering who to appoint as your power of attorney and to create a written document addressing any issues that might arise in times of crisis.

Schiltz said long term care insurance has been growing in both popularity and quality in recent years as the average life span lengthens.

She also advised the audience to consider details before making an investment in long-term care insurance, such as whether

you want at home care or nursing home care and how much such care costs in your area. The earlier one buys a plan, she said, the better the financial deal they will be able to acquire.

"The sooner you do this, the better off you are," Schiltz said.

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## SMC

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protests against the Pride Week shirt and the approval of a gay/straight alliance on campus. Mitros and McIllduff observed and realized the importance of achieving their main platform goals — especially integrating diversity awareness into student government — and said they "firmly believe" each goal can be accomplished by the end of their term.

"We have already begun to work on many of these [platform] issues," Mitros said. "During the selection process for [Board of Governance] we interviewed several candidates for the newly created position of Health and

Wellness Commissioner and are extremely happy with our choice.

"We have also made plans for bringing a speaker on diversity to

our Student Government retreat in the hopes of making all members of Student Government more aware of sensitive issues."

Mitros and McIllduff also plan to provide stronger student representation to College administration and to work with the new Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Management to increase enrollment and retention.

The College is currently searching for candidates to fill the role of Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Management, and the Mitros/McIllduff team will have to work to represent student needs through BOG Admissions

Commissioner Annie Davis, who will sit in on the search committee.

Another challenge unique to the upcoming administration is that of integrating the new Student Center into campus life. Mitros said the pair intends to advocate the new facility as "a women's center that promotes a sense of community."

"With the opening of the new Student Center, the women involved in forming the women's center and defining its role on campus have been working furiously to become comfortable in their new space while planning for the future of the organization," she said. "As members of the committee, Susan and I are extremely excited to see the progress these passionate women have been making."

Mitros also said she and McIllduff hope to inspire passion for Saint Mary's among students during their term by promoting understanding and appreciation

*"We have already begun to work on many of these [platform] issues."*

**Kellye Mitros**  
SMC student body president

tion of the College's history.

"Through our work during Inauguration Week, Susan and I have realized the need and the interest on the part of students to learn about our history as a college and the history of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross," she said. "We have begun to plan a series of lectures throughout the coming school year to teach the Saint Mary's community about the amazing history of our college and of the women who have played an integral role in making our college what it is today."

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## MARKET RECAP

Stocks		
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>10,503.76</b>	<b>-37.17</b>
Up: 2,013	Same: 167	Down: 1,268
Composite Volume:		2,216,587,970
<b>AMEX</b>	1,459.70	+10.20
<b>NASDAQ</b>	1,999.23	-6.44
<b>NYSE</b>	7,167.53	+9.03
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,180.59	-0.82
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	11,668.95	0.00
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	4,894.40	-6.30

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100TR SER I (QQQQ)	-0.44	-0.16	36.57
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.04	+0.01	24.17
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.78	-0.14	17.89
MCI INC (MCI)	+1.84	+0.45	24.90
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.11	-0.26	23.23

Treasures		
30-YEAR BOND	-0.85	-0.41
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.36	-0.62
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.95	-0.83
3-MONTH BILL	-1.45	-0.40

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.41	55.40
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+1.60	431.10
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.05	96.25

Exchange Rates		
YEN		107.1100
EURO		0.7706
POUND		0.5292
CANADIAN \$		1.2100

## IN BRIEF

### AIG admits improper transactions

NEW YORK — Amid widening government probes into its financial practices, insurance giant American International Group Inc. acknowledged Wednesday it had improperly booked transactions with a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. that artificially boosted its reserves.

AIG also said that it had not yet completed an in-house review of its accounting and would have to delay filing its annual report until April 30. New York-based AIG earlier had said it expected to file the report on March 31.

The disclosures came as the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer were preparing to question AIG's former chief executive officer, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, and Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, billionaire investor Warren Buffett, next month about the controversial reinsurance deal. Buffett is to speak with investigators on April 11, and Greenberg the following day.

### Car loans exceed worth of trade-ins

NEW YORK — A growing number of new car buyers are finding they owe more on their existing car loans than the vehicles are worth as trade-ins.

The phenomenon, known as being "upside down" on a loan, is the result of a confluence of changes in the ways Americans buy and finance their vehicles.

To begin with, the prices of new cars and trucks have been held down as manufacturers offer incentives and rebates to lure purchasers. As new car prices flatten, so do resale values. Buyers, meanwhile, are choosing increasingly longer-term loans, sometimes extended over 84 months, to reduce monthly payments.

The result is that a consumer who trades in a car that isn't fully paid for can end up wrapping the loan hangover into the financing for a new car, greatly increasing the cost. Or, if a car is destroyed in an accident before it's paid off, the insurance settlement may not fully cover the outstanding loan.

Berkshire Hathaway has said that Buffett was not aware of how the transactions were structured "or on any improper use or purpose" of the transactions.

# Oil rises above \$55 a barrel

Goldman Sachs warns prices may steadily increase to \$105 before dropping

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Crude oil futures rose sharply at the New York Mercantile Exchange Thursday, after a Wall Street firm predicted oil prices could hit \$105 a barrel.

Meanwhile, soybean prices fell sharply as speculators sold.

May crude futures gained \$1.41 to settle at \$55.40 a barrel.

In a widely publicized research note released Thursday, Goldman Sachs analysts said oil markets may have entered the early stages of a "super spike" period that could see prices rising as high as \$105 a barrel before crimping demand.

Goldman Sachs is a major player in the oil market through its Goldman Sachs Commodities Index, which tracks oil and other commodity futures.

Crude futures, already poised to move higher following a sharp recovery late Wednesday, reacted strongly to the report.

"We had a lot of bullish (sentiment) built into the market, and that report accentuated it," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch & Associates in Galena, Ill.

Carl Larry, an analyst at Barclays Capital in New York, said the market overreacted to the report. "It was definitely an overreaction, considering the size of crude inventories," which stand well above their historic average levels, he said.

Still, report came at a time when concerns about tightening U.S. petroleum product supplies have moved to the forefront, eclipsing the bearish effects of growing crude oil inventories. With petroleum products rallying, traders said crude futures could well climb back to their record high of \$57.60 a barrel reached earlier this month.

How much higher than



Gas station manager Lorenzo Salas adjusts the prices on his station marquee in Portland, Ore. Strong demand and tight supplies could cause a "super spike."

that they can go, however, remains up in the air. While speculators continue to bid up futures on expectations of an imbalance in supply and demand, some analysts caution that rising inventories will eventually catch up with the market.

April gasoline futures rose 5.88 cents to settle at \$1.6549 a gallon after setting a record high of \$1.6750 a gallon.

April heating oil rose 5.10 cents to \$1.6576 a gallon. The contract also set a record high of \$1.67 a gallon. Both contracts expired Thursday.

May natural gas rose 19.3 cents to \$7.653 per million British thermal units.

Soybean futures at the Chicago Board of Trade

skidded late in to the session, completely reversing sharp gains seen earlier in the day.

May soybeans slipped 13.5 cents to \$6.2750 a bushel.

Late-day speculative selling erased solid gains established earlier in the session following the release of government data.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said plantings this coming season could reach 73.910 million acres, slightly above analysts' estimates of 73.510 million. The quarterly stocks report, which details domestic and foreign demand for the crop's second quarter, came in under expectations at 1.381 billion bushels, versus the analyst estimate of

1.420 billion. USDA's marketing year begins on Sept. 1.

Although the planting figure was considered mildly bearish, the stocks data suggested demand for soybeans was higher than previously thought. That helped to lift soybeans and attracted initial buying interest.

However, analysts pointed out with Thursday being the last day of the month and the fiscal quarter, firms used the day to square their books and take profits on winning positions.

The losses in soybeans influenced corn and wheat, which also pared early gains, although corn managed to hang on to minimal gains.

# Company shakeup spurs resignations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There was more fallout from Morgan Stanley's management shakeup Wednesday, as the investment bank's global head of institutional equity trading resigned, joining a number of other high-ranking executives who have walked out.

A company spokeswoman confirmed the departure of Guru Ramakrishnan. His decision to leave came a day after the resignations of his boss, John P. Havens, the head of the Institutional Equity Division, and Vikram S. Pandit, president and chief operating officer of its Institutional Securities Group.

The wave of exits follows Chief Executive Philip Purcell's decision to replace President Stephan Newhouse

with two co-presidents, Morgan Stanley veterans Stephen Crawford and Zoe Cruz.

Meanwhile, the firm's former chairman and former president are calling for the ouster of Purcell himself, saying the shakeup he engineered was not in the best interest of the company.

Perhaps to help reassure Wall Street, the company promoted one of its foremost investment bankers, Joseph Perella, to vice chairman; he will report directly to Purcell. Perella, a highly regarded dealmaker, most recently served as chairman of Morgan Stanley's Institutional Securities Group. He's also been a leading member of a small group of senior bankers that focused on the firm's most high profile transactions.

The details of his new role were not clear.

In a statement Tuesday, Morgan Stanley said Crawford and Cruz would help provide new oversight of the company's institutional securities and investment management operations.

However, a group of former executives and major shareholders, led by former Chairman Parker Gilbert and former President Robert Scott, warned that the restructuring could result in the loss of other executives.

The group also released a letter, dated March 3, sent to the current Morgan Stanley board calling for Purcell's departure.

The group blamed Purcell for the company's lagging stock price and financial performance.

# Pope

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Malloy said he felt uncertain about the exact condition of the pope.

"It sounded like he was taking a turn for the worse," Malloy said. "It's awfully hard to sort out the degree of severity."

Evening vespers were held at Corby Hall for John Paul II Thursday night, Malloy said.

Rougeau said John Paul II's resilience — rumors of his impending death have been circulating for years — could be viewed as a manifestation of his firm belief in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

"The pope has tried to get Catholics to be aware that suffering is a part of life," Rougeau said. "Life is not meaningless because we are in pain. We need to respect people at all stages."

The pope's precarious state has also sparked debate about the existence of his living will, a document that would outline whether or not he wants measures to be taken to sustain his life should he reach a near-death state. Catholics are only left to speculate since the Vatican has remained silent on the subject.

"There is some controversy between theologians and the Vatican on the issue of euthanasia," Rougeau said. "But in the pope's case, unless it was pretty definite that there was no possibility of recovery, and even then I'm not sure, I think he would be against not taking measures to sustain his life."

Nevertheless, measures are being taken on campus to prepare for the possibility of the pope's death.

Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry, said he has met with other priests to plan a special mass that will take place if the pope passes on.

"We will have a celebration of his life," Warner said. "It will be a mass in gratitude for

his service to the Church. We will have cards with his picture."

Warner said he predicts such a mass will attract not only the Notre Dame community but also residents of the greater South Bend area.

Several Notre Dame students, like many Catholics the world over, are worried that the preparations like the last rites, though precautionary in nature, indicate the pope is getting weaker as the days pass.

The news reached students quickly Thursday as freshman Kathryn Balbierz received an e-mail from her mother informing her of the situation.

"My mom emailed me and told me, and I just think it's really sad," Balbierz said. "He is a great person and we should say some prayers."

Junior Jennifer De Angelo attended a Mass said by John Paul II while studying abroad in Rome last semester and even then was struck by his poor health.

"I went to mass in St. Peter's Basilica. When I saw him, he was in bad shape," De Angelo said. "He could hardly speak, and would leave out words because he didn't have the strength to say them. In the shape I saw him, I think he will pass away soon."

But for non-Catholics on campus, the condition of the pope, though troubling, does not stir the same emotions.

"Honestly, I'm not Catholic," sophomore Mary Boyer said. "I haven't been following the story and since I don't know much I don't have the same reaction as my friends. They're sad, because this is the only pope they've ever known."

University President-elect Father John Jenkins, having heard the news of the last rites earlier in the day, reflected on the need for faith in times of uncertainty.

"It's just a somber time," Jenkins said. "What can you do? You wait, and you hope. You commend it to God's will."

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*"Life is not meaningless because we are in pain. We need to respect people at all stages."*

Fr. Richard Rougeau  
law school

# Monk

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Lonnie Limon, accounting director at the Bravo Group and a '96 alum, shared how his cousin who lived in Sorin introduced him to Malloy during a pick-up basketball game.

"For a Hispanic boy from Texas to meet Monk Malloy wearing shorts, goggles and a tank top," Limon said, "it showed me that he was a person you could touch, that was real."

He thanked Malloy for an increase in faculty diversity, the instillation of the Latino Studies program and his freshman year advisor.

"It was good to see a person of color in the first year program that I could relate to," Limon said. "I think there's a long way to go, but I think you have made such great strides for us."

In addition to his role as University president, Malloy also played the role of teacher in his popular freshmen seminars, Stone said. His classes became an example of how to teach and discuss diversity.

Academic advisor in the First Year of Studies Celia Lucero discussed Malloy's impact on freshmen in his classes, which she said were designed to "enrich their humanity and empower their minds."

Before presenting Malloy with a gift book, Lucero introduced two former students, Summer Shea and Marques Bolden, who shared their experiences from the spring 2003 seminar.

Shea, who was adopted from South Korea at a young age and raised by an Irish family in a Caucasian community, said she struggled with her identity until taking Malloy's class.

"The University of Notre

Dame has provided me with a way to celebrate my Irish upbringing with my Korean ethnicity," she said. "Thank you, Father Malloy, for introducing me to myself."

Bolden said being introduced to people with experiences different than his had a great impact on him.

"Through our dialogue, we came to realize that our differences were not hindrances, but advantages," he said.

Chandra Johnson, Assistant Director of Cross-Cultural Ministry and Malloy's assistant for the past seven years, said, "It's been quite a ride."

After praising Malloy's integrity and spirituality, Johnson told him, "You know that I love you."

Malloy was also presented with two pieces of artwork. The first, a mirror created by double domer Lem Joyner, was presented by Gina Shropshire of the Black Alumni of Notre Dame. Senior Amy Peterson presented the second work, her painting of the Virgin Mary entitled "Notre Dame, our Universal Mother."

Peterson said the painting depicts Mary outfitted in multicultural attire and gives her "indistinct yet identifiable skin tones," and even represents Malloy with the inclusion of dogwood flowers — a reference to the dogwood tree planted in his honor in front of the Main Building.

After the speakers finished with their anecdotes and presentations, Malloy took the podium and reflected on his childhood and career at Notre Dame.

"One side of me, the Catholic side which prizes ritual especially in times of transition, actually looks forward to these moments," Malloy said. "The other side of me hates these things, because my own personal style has not been to seek

personal attention."

Malloy also referred to his athletic background during his speech.

"The best functioning teams are when people with a variety of talents all pull in the same direction," he said. "That's really what Notre Dame is to me."

Malloy said his upbringing and early awareness of diversity molded him and had a great effect on his future actions.

His father, a claims advisor in Washington D.C., would take Malloy with him in the city — which at the time was predominantly African-American — at night.

"I would sit there in the car and try to take in the world around me," Malloy said. "I just remember how intrigued I was by the worlds out there," he said.

Malloy also cited his experiences traveling to places such as Mexico, Peru, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa as eye-opening and said they expanded his horizons.

"To bypass barriers, I know no better way than to immerse ourselves in culture, and to make friends," he said.

Malloy offered advice that he said was inspired by John the Baptist.

"Prepare the way for the Lord. Try to do the best you can while you have time," Malloy said. "Be confident, under [University president elect] John Jenkins' leadership, that the momentum that's been established will be sustained."

Malloy finished with a gymnastics analogy to describe his future after July 1, when Jenkins will assume the presidency.

"I'm going from the parallel bars to the floor, because it's not as far of a distance to fall," he said.

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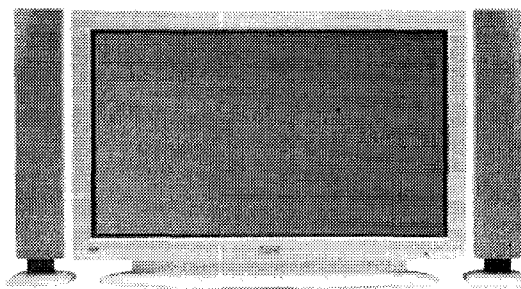
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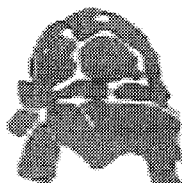
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## Major League Baseball Spring Training

### Cactus League

team	record	perc.
LA Angels	18-10	.643
San Francisco	17-11	.607
Colorado	17-12	.586
San Diego	16-13	.552
Arizona	15-14	.517
Chicago Cubs	14-15	.483
Oakland	14-16	.467
Kansas City	12-14	.462
Milwaukee	13-16	.448
Chicago White Sox	13-16	.448
Seattle	11-15	.423
Texas	10-18	.357

### Grapefruit League

team	record	perc.
Toronto	16-8	.667
New York Mets	15-9	.625
St. Louis	14-10	.583
Baltimore	13-10	.565
Minnesota	14-12	.538
Cleveland	14-13	.519
Cincinnati	15-14	.517
Houston	12-12	.500
LA Dodgers	12-12	.500
Tampa Bay	13-13	.500
New York Yankees	13-14	.481
Atlanta	12-13	.480
Boston	12-13	.480
Detroit	12-13	.480
Washington	11-13	.458
Pittsburgh	11-14	.440
Philadelphia	11-17	.393
Florida	9-19	.321

## ITA Tennis Rankings

Men's		Women's	
team		team	
1 Baylor		1 Stanford	1
2 Illinois		2 Northwestern	2
3 Virginia		3 Georgia	3
4 Mississippi		4 Southern California	4
5 Duke		5 Kentucky	5
6 UCLA		6 Georgia Tech	6
7 Pepperdine		7 Vanderbilt	7
8 Georgia		8 Texas	8
9 Florida		9 Florida	9
10 Texas Tech		10 Duke	10
11 Oklahoma State		11 Miami (FL)	11
12 Southern California		12 Baylor	12
13 Washington		13 UCLA	13
14 Mississippi State		14 William and Mary	14
15 Texas A&M		15 Clemson	15
16 Stanford		16 North Carolina	16
17 Tennessee		17 California	17
18 Kentucky		18 Harvard	18
19 Clemson		19 Washington	19
20 TX A&M-Corpus Christi		20 TCU	20
21 Tulane		21 Tulane	21
22 Louisiana State		22 Oregon	22
23 Harvard		23 Mississippi State	23
24 Louisville		24 South Carolina	24
25 Middle Tenn. State		25 Tennessee	25

## NFL



National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, left, testifies on professional sports drug testing policies before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on Capitol Hill March 10, 2004.

## Congress questions steroid use in NFL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The same Congressional committee that conducted hearings into steroids in baseball has asked NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue for information about how football regulates the performance-enhancing substances.

The Government Reform Committee also said Thursday it will ask for similar data from the NBA, NHL, NCAA, U.S. Track and Field and Major League Soccer.

"As the committee has stated publicly numerous times, its focus on the performance-enhancing drug

use in sports is not limited to professional baseball," the committee said in a letter signed by committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Rep. Henry Waxman.

"As part of this investigation, we are requesting basic information on steroid policies from a number of sports leagues."

Tagliabue responded in a letter that he has directed his staff to be fully responsive to the committee's request.

"New information has called into question the effectiveness of the NFL drug policy," Waxman said in a statement Thursday. "I'm pleased that our com-

mittee will closely look at that policy as part of our continuing investigation into steroid use in sports."

The committee asked the NFL to provide details on the testing procedures and how they were negotiated between the league and the union. It also requested summaries of all test results during the time the testing has taken place, although not the names of individual players. The committee set next Friday as the deadline for the league to provide it with the information.

The letter to the NFL comes a day after CBS' "60 Minutes Wednesday" reported that Panthers

punter Todd Sauerbrun and center Jeff Mitchell and former offensive lineman Todd Steussie filled testosterone cream prescriptions during the 2003 season, when the team went to the Super Bowl.

In addition to the cream, which is banned by the NFL, Sauerbrun also reportedly obtained syringes and the injectable steroid Stanozolol, which is banned by the league.

The NFL has had random testing for steroids for the past 15 years. A total of 44 players have been suspended during that period for using the performance-enhancing substances.

## IN BRIEF

### Siberian screams into finals

KEY BISCAVNE, Fla. — Maria Sharapova and Venus Williams reached a crescendo in the final game, swapping shrieks that accompanied their shots in a series of furious exchanges.

Sharapova was a little louder and a bit better.

Holding her ground and her serve when Williams mounted a comeback, Sharapova erased six break points to close out a 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday in the semifinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

The second-seeded Sharapova advanced to her first Key Biscayne final. On Saturday, she'll meet the winner of the match Thursday night between unseeded Kim Clijsters and No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo.

Top-ranked Roger Federer and six-time champion Andre Agassi advanced to a semifinal showdown Friday night.

Federer, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, beat No. 6 Tim

Henman 6-4, 6-2. Agassi, seeded ninth, won the final eight games to defeat Taylor Dent 7-5, 6-0.

### Colts closer to stadium plan

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels said Thursday that he and legislative leaders have made progress on a plan that would help fund a new Indianapolis Colts stadium by imposing a one percent restaurant tax on counties surrounding Indianapolis.

Under the proposal, which would also pay for an expansion of the Indiana Convention Center, Marion County's food and beverage tax would rise to two percent, from its current one percent, he said.

The governor said the tax in all eight counties would raise \$21 million a year for the projects, with most of it coming from Marion County.

Without imposing a one percent tax on restaurants in the seven counties around Indianapolis, Daniels said it would be impossible to raise the tax in Marion County because it would

put those restaurants and bars in "an untenable, competitive disadvantage."

### Colorado rape suit dismissed

DENVER — A federal judge Thursday dismissed a lawsuit against the University of Colorado filed by two women whose allegations of sexual abuse sparked a scandal last year over its football team's recruiting practices.

The plaintiffs say they were raped by football players or recruits, but U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn said the plaintiffs failed to meet two key criteria in claiming the school violated federal Title IX law by fostering an atmosphere that led to their alleged assaults.

The judge said Lisa Simpson — who has agreed to be identified in media reports — and the other woman failed to prove the university had actual knowledge of sexual harassment.

He also said they didn't show the school was deliberately indifferent to any known sexual harassment.

## around the dial

### MLB

Yankees at Tigers, 1:05 p.m., ESPN

### PGA

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**Keough Institute for Irish Studies,  
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Next Semester, the Keough Institute is offering  
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**••ANTHROPOLOGY••**

•*Irish and American Dance*, IRST 21601:01, MW 4:30-5:45, James McKenna  
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**••FOLKLORE••**

•*Folklore in Irish Literature*, ENGL 20528:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Julie Henigan  
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**••IRISH LANGUAGE••**

•*Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair  
An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.

•*Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:02, MWF 10:40-11:30, Tara MacLeod  
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•*Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:02, MWF 4:05-4:55, Tara MacLeod  
A continuation of IRST 10101 and further develops the students' linguistic ability and knowledge of Irish.

•*Intermediate Irish*, IRST 20103:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Sarah McKibben  
This class follows on IRL 10101 and 10102, with particular attention to more advanced grammatical structures, speaking and reading.

•*Introduction to Old Irish*, IRST 20105:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Peter McQuillan  
The aim of this course is to enable students with no previous knowledge of Irish, medieval or modern, to take the first steps towards acquiring a reading knowledge of Old Irish [the language of 7th-8th Century Ireland].

**••HISTORY••**

•*Irish History I*, IRST 30404:01, MWF 9:35-10:25, James Smyth  
This course explores the main themes in Irish history from Elizabethan Conquest (1603) to the Act of Union (1800).

•*The Fighting Irish Since 1534*, IRST 30407:01, TR 3:30-4:45,  
Éamonn Ó Ciardha

This course will focus on the cult of the 'Fighting Irish' [the Irish at war] in history, literature, art, iconography, film and media between the reformation [1534] and the Good Friday Agreement [1995].

**••POLITICS••**

•*Conflict and Consensus in 20th Century Ireland*, IRST 40540:01,  
TR 2:00-3:15, William Kissane

This course examines the government and politics of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland through the lenses of democratization, state-development, nationalism and unionism.



Plate 12. An Irish lord (MacSweeney) dines in the open air, ca. 1575. Woodcut, probably by John Derricke. John Derricke, *The Image of Irelande* (1581).

**••LITERATURE [IN ENGLISH AND IRISH]••**

•*20th Century Irish and Native American Literature*, IRST 20229:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Jessica Dougherty-McMichael

From the outset of colonization in both Ireland and North America's literature was employed in similar fashion to romanticize, demonize and, more often than not, silence Irish and Native American cultures. Today, with the surge in post-colonial literatures, Irish and Native American literatures have found new voices that look to the past in order to explore the present.

•*Belfast, Dublin, London and Paris from Baudelaire to Bono*, IRST 20230:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Joan Arbery

As one of the most dominant themes of modernity, the city figures as a poster child of trendsetters, go-getters, floozies and philanderers. This course focuses on four cities intimately connected through literature, art, music and film.

•*Anglo-Irish Literature: Cultured Misrule, Dissolute Lords and Rebel Countesses*, IRST 20518:01, MWF 1:55-2:45, John Witek

This course will examine the role of the Anglo-Irish in the politics in the politics and literary life of Ireland from the Act of Union (1800) to the last decades of the 20th Century.

•*Culture and Politics in Northern Ireland*, IRST 30222:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Mary Smyth

This course explores the politics of culture, and the cultures of politics, in the North of Ireland during the twentieth century.

•*The Hidden Ireland: Themes and Issues in Eighteenth-Century Irish Poetry*, IRST 30107:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Breandán Ó Buachalla

Daniel Corkery's study of the literature and society of Irish-speaking Munster in the eighteenth-century (*The Hidden Ireland*, first published in 1924) is an acknowledged classic of Irish literary history. This course will examine aspects of the corpus of eighteenth-century poetry in the Irish language in the light of Corkery's analysis and of subsequent reassessments of that analysis (Louis Cullen and Breandán Ó Buachalla, for example). Selections from the corpus of poetry will be taken from Ó Tuama and Kinsella *An Duanaire*: poems of the dispossessed (1981).

•*Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRST 40304:01, W 6:00-9:00, Breandán Ó Buachalla

The political poetry of the period 1541-1688 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural trauma of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

**••GRADUATE COURSES••**

•*Theory and Theatre*, IRST 90520:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Susan Harris

This course investigates the history of Western theater and its relationship to the evolution of literary theory. Although the course will focus primarily on the evolution of the English-language theater, it will also locate that tradition in a European context, including figures like Artaud, Brecht, Grotowski and Pirandello, etc.

•*20th Century Irish Literature in Translation*, IRL 13186:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Sarah McKibben

This course examines Irish-language (Gaelic) literature from the Irish Revival at the turn of the twentieth-century to writing from the very end of the twentieth century and beyond.

•*Introduction to Early Irish Literature*, IRL 23101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Peter McQuillan

An introduction for students to the richness and variety of literature produced in the Irish language during the medieval period (700 and 1200 A.D.)

•*Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRL 60303:01, W 6:00-8:30, Breandán Ó Buachalla

The political poetry of the period 1541-1688 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural trauma of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

•*Colonial Fictions, 1880-1930*, ENGL 90525, TR 6:00-9:00, Meets from 8/23-10/14/2005, Seamus Deane

Class participants will read several Irish and English novels of canonical stature from this period in the light of the questions they raise about the nature and experience of colonialism and of its linkages to modernity.



Plate 15. The English return after retaliation on the Irish cattle raiders. Woodcut, probably by John Derricke. John Derricke, *The Image of Irelande* (1581).

## NBA

# Bulls overcome heroics from James, win in OT

*Pacers ride Jackson, Miller to overtime victory over Miami*

Associated Press

LeBron James' game-tying 3-pointer at the end of regulation could have crushed the Chicago Bulls.

Instead, it made them more determined to keep their winning streak intact.

"Going in the huddle we were not demoralized. We were ready to play more. As a matter of fact they were angry about it. We just came right out and took control right away," Chicago coach Scott Skiles said.

That the Bulls did, opening overtime with an 11-0 run to defeat James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 102-90 Thursday night for their eighth straight victory. The winning streak is Chicago's longest of the season and extended the Bulls' lead over Cleveland in the East to 2 1/2 games.

"We are on a roll here. We are four games out of first. We want to continue to move up," Skiles said.

Tyson Chandler scored five of his 15 points in overtime and had 14 rebounds. Ben Gordon scored 21 and had a career-high eight assists, while Antonio Davis added 17 points, four in overtime.

Drew Gooden scored 27 points and had 12 rebounds for the Cavaliers, and James added 26 on 10-of-28 shooting against the tough defense of rookie Andres Nocioni.

"It seemed they wanted it more as a home game, and they outbattled us for loose balls and finished the plays down the stretch," Gooden said.

James missed all three of his shots in overtime when the Cavaliers were outscored 14-2 and didn't manage a field goal.

Chandler converted a three-point play with 2.8 seconds left in regulation after a splendid pass from Gordon to put the Bulls up 88-85 in regulation. But after a timeout, James curled to get the inbounds pass, and when the Bulls didn't foul him, he took one dribble and let fly with his 3-pointer from the left side of the arc.

"I got a good screen from my big guys," James said. "I knew I had 2.8 seconds to go, so I just took my time and let it ride."

In overtime, Davis and Kirk Hinrich hit jumpers, Chandler converted another three-point play. Davis hit two more from the line and Nocioni sank a jumper to cap the 11-0 spurt.

"LeBron hits that big shot and we respond," Davis said. "You got young guys on the floor and you see them put their head down. But they put it down for a second and picked it right back up and a light goes off. That was something all last year we couldn't do."

Eddy Curry, the team's leading scorer, remained in Charlotte for treatment of an irregular heartbeat that prevented him from playing Wednesday night as well. But Chandler and Davis, who played 48 minutes at age 36, took up the slack.

"I think he will be fine and we miss him," Davis said. "We were going in saying, 'We don't have Eddy, we have to make up for all he brings to this team.'"

Davis took an inbounds pass and hit a turnaround jumper just before the third quarter buzzer to put the Bulls ahead 67-61. The Bulls increased the lead to eight early in the fourth when Davis made three free throws and a basket on the break.

Gooden hit his first six shots and scored 15 of Cleveland's first 21 points.

James struggled with his shooting in the first half, missing six of 10 field goal attempts and three of five from the line, but his slashing drive on a break put the Cavs up 48-46 at the half.

## Indiana 114, Miami 108 OT

Stephen Jackson was having an awful night, missing 10 consecutive shots at one point, before everything took a sharp turn for the better.

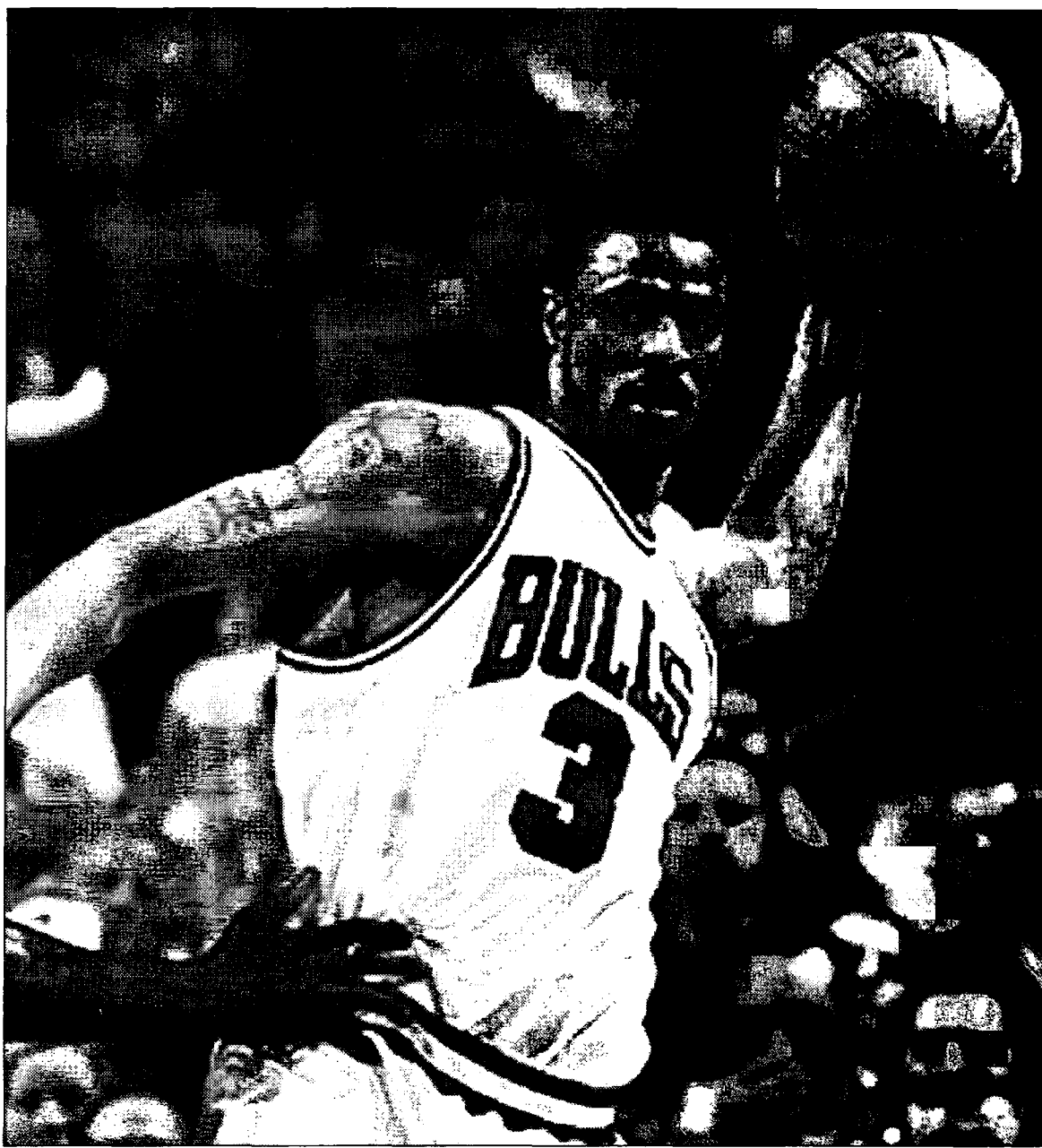
Jackson forced overtime by making a 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds left, then put the Pacers ahead for good on another 3 with 1:54 remaining to lead Indiana to a victory over the Miami Heat on Thursday night.

"I get down on myself a lot, but my team constantly tells me, 'You have one more big one in you?'" Jackson said.

It was the third straight overtime game between the teams, and Indiana extended its winning streak over the Heat to 12 in a row.

Jackson finished with 29 points, while Reggie Miller had 31.

Miller shot 11-for-18 from the field and made all eight of his free throws for Indiana, which defeated the Heat 106-100 in Miami on



Chicago Bulls forward Tyson Chandler saves the ball from going out of bounds against the Cleveland Cavaliers Thursday night. Chandler scored 15 points in the Bulls' 102-90 overtime victory.

AP

Jan. 21 and 93-91 at home Feb. 23.

For Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 37 points, Damon Jones had 27 and Shaquille O'Neal 24. O'Neal, who grabbed 13 rebounds, did not score in overtime after tallying 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Indiana trailed 92-86 with 1:43 remaining, but Anthony Johnson hit a jumper from the free-throw line and a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 92-91 with 29 seconds left.

Wade, who scored the Heat's last six points of regulation, made a shot to give Miami a 94-91 lead with 10.1 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, Jackson missed

a 3, Dale Davis grabbed an offensive rebound and Austin Croshere passed to Jackson just to the right of the top of the key. His 3-pointer tied it, and Wade missed an alley-oop attempt off an inbounds pass on the final play of regulation.

"We had got a drive, and they had to help, and they had to scramble out," Jackson said. "Me and Croshere were open on the weak side, and they threw it to Croshere. He had a wide-open shot, but the guy closed on him well, and he got a late pass to me, and I had a good look from the top."

Shaquille O'Neal said the Heat needed one more rebound, but

Davis grabbed it.

"I went to the corner to help against Reggie," he said. "It was a medium rebound, and it came to him (Davis). We had the game won, and we let it get away. They just wanted it more than we did."

Jackson's 3-pointer with 1:54 left in overtime gave Indiana a 104-102 lead, and Keyon Dooling missed a 6-footer for Miami. Davis made two foul shots after grabbing an offensive rebound, making it 106-102. After Wade missed a jumper, Miller knocked down a 15-footer for a six-point lead. Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds and Anthony Johnson had 16 points.

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### PERSONAL

Littering and... littering and... littering and... smoking the reeler!

I love you, Alison

It's your fault we have so much crime in this country, and it's your fault we have so much violence

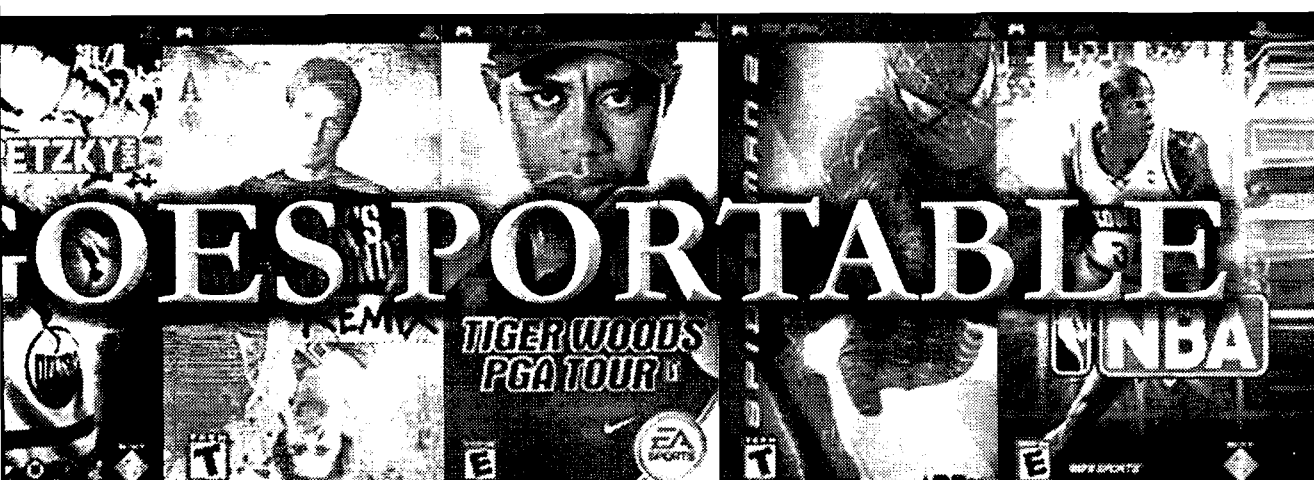
Never have I ever rhymed anything with swords

Bloomington, here we come!

My hands aren't cold yet.

Neither are Ken's





DERFER AND TREVOR GASS

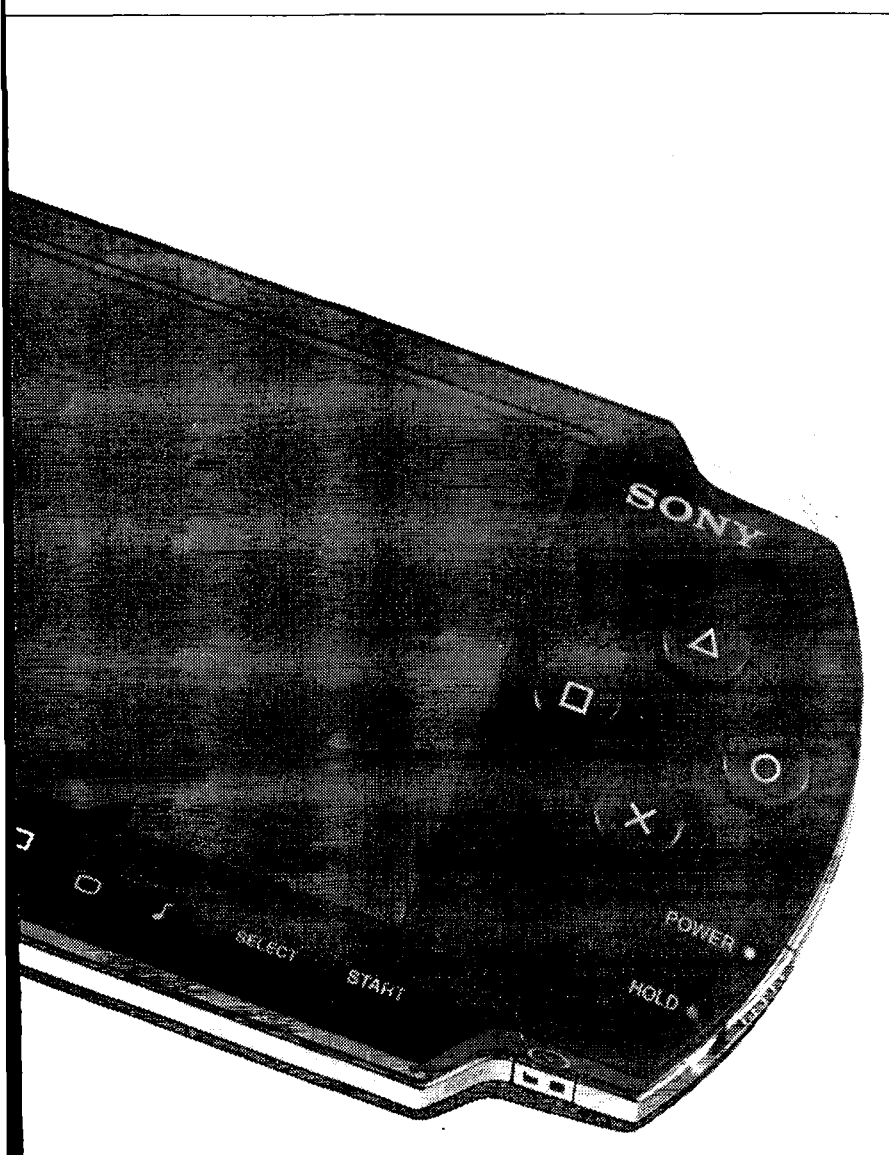


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Overall rating: B

## Games

The PSP launched with a respectable variety of games, including several racing and sports titles. They have the role playing, puzzle, platformer, strategy and fighting categories covered as well. Also worth noting is that all but two of the launch titles support multiplayer. Upcoming releases look promising as well, including "Devil May Cry" and "Final Fantasy."

Gaming outlook.

Overall rating: A

## Versatility

The PSP is the first hand held gaming system that serves as a multimedia platform. Aside from games, it can play MP3's, videos (either on UMD or MPEG4 format), and can hold JPEG picture files. Sony plans on releasing other additional options including the possibility of turning it into a cell phone. Is this more than we need? Most would say yes. Many people already have a portable CD player or iPod for music. The PSP would need a substantial memory increase (costing even more money) to make it worthwhile in the music department, and most joggers would find it too bulky and heavy when compared to the iPod alternative.

The United States launch of the

PSP included the "Spider-Man 2" movie on UMD free with the first million units. The video was quite good, with minimal color bleeding during onscreen movement, and the sound was equally impressive. Sony plans on releasing other movie titles on UMD. However, since UMDs will only work on the PSP, most people would probably prefer to pay for the DVD version that they can watch on a bigger screen. For those who invest in a larger Memory Stick Duo, they can transfer video files from their computer to watch on the PSP. However, I do not foresee any notable success with the PSP in the UMD video department.

When it comes to showing JPEGs, you can download pictures and show them to your friends. Not much else to say on that.

The PSP definitely goes above and beyond what is expected of the run-of-the-mill handheld gaming system. Is it more than we need? Probably. Do you have a choice about it if you buy one? No. The only gripe so far is the video format limited to the MPEG4 format.

Overall rating: A-

## Value

With a price tag of \$249.99, this is not something the average college student can easily afford. The forced bundle pack Sony has dropped on the United States audi-

ence includes the PSP, battery, charger, carrying case, wrist strap, 32 MB Memory Stick Duo, ear bud headphones, remote, wiping cloth for the screen and UMD video sampler disc. Also, the first one million units include "Spider-Man 2" on UMD.

Sony has not relayed any details on releasing the PSP as a stand-alone unit. The Japanese version of a stand-alone unit launched at \$180 U.S. Based on this price, a stand-alone unit in the United States should be priced somewhere between \$149 and \$200 and will include at least the battery and charger. What is offered in the value pack is useful. The memory stick is necessary to save game data, the remote comes in handy if one is doubling it as a MP3 player and the case is something that one should strongly consider investing in anyway. Depending on the price difference, especially considering the same \$250 can land you a Gamecube and a PS2 or X-Box, the weary gamer could be wise to hold off on purchasing the PSP at the moment.

Overall rating: B-

## Overview

The PSP is one impressive piece of equipment. With its amazing graphics and strong gaming prospects, it is something that Nintendo should be worried about. It does have its weaknesses, including the above listed issues as well as the low battery life (which varies depending on use, screen brightness and volume) and dead pixels. But, for the hardcore gamer - who loves to be on the cutting edge of technology - or the frequent transatlantic flier, the PSP is definitely something to look into.

Overall rating: A

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# PSP game reviews from Mark and Trevor

## Dynasty Warriors

"Dynasty Warriors" is one of the Playstation 2's most profitable franchises. Having already been seven titles on the PS2, it would seem a logical choice for a PSP launch title. However, of all the available launch titles, it may not be the best choice.

The game plays like a weak role-playing game. The player can choose from a huge selection of historical Japanese fighters and then proceed to slaughter thousands of ancient Japanese soldiers. The characters level up as experience is gained. Compared to its predecessors, the gameplay has changed slightly. The huge maps have been eliminated and have been replaced by a playing board. When the player moves his general onto an occupied space, the game reverts to the traditional "Dynasty Warriors" style of play.

Graphically, the game is decent. It deserves some credit for displaying a lot of enemy soldiers at one time, but at the expense of some graphical slowdown. While the game is fun, a lack of depth and Wi-Fi playability keeps it from being one of the more essential titles.

Overall rating: B

## Wipeout Pure

"Wipeout Pure" is definitely one of the more visually stunning titles for the PSP. The vehicles all look terrific, especially considering the fact that it's on a portable system. The gameplay matches the splendor of the visual style.

The player gets to choose from a variety of anti-gravity racing vehicles, all of which are rendered well. The tracks range from the simple to the insanely complex, giving the game lasting appeal. Additional tracks and vehicles can also be unlocked as the player progresses through the game.

The game also supports Wi-Fi, allowing up to eight players to play together. The game doesn't lag when played over the internet - a positive point as lag could kill any racing game. Savvy gamers can also find a way to browse the internet using "Wipeout Pure." Overall, this is one of the must-buys for the system.

Overall rating: A+

## Twisted Metal: Head-On

The classic vehicular combat game has finally become portable. "Twisted Metal" has already made a splash on the original PlayStation, as well as the PS2. With all the hype surrounding the game, the biggest question is whether it lives up to the hype. The answer is an emphatic yes.

The premise of "Twisted Metal" is simple - get into a car and blow everything up. And in this case, I literally mean everything. Anything from pillars to the Eiffel Tower can be destroyed, creating some of the most interactive environments found on a handheld console. The selection of cars is also nice, including fifteen vehicles ranging from motorcycles to construction vehicles.

The Wi-Fi up to six players, which can also be played over the internet. The game suffers from minor lag, but it hardly detracts from the gameplay. There are some minor changes when played online, but they aren't obvious and are necessary for a smooth gameplay. Overall, a ton of unlockables and solid gameplay push this title to the top.

Overall rating: A+

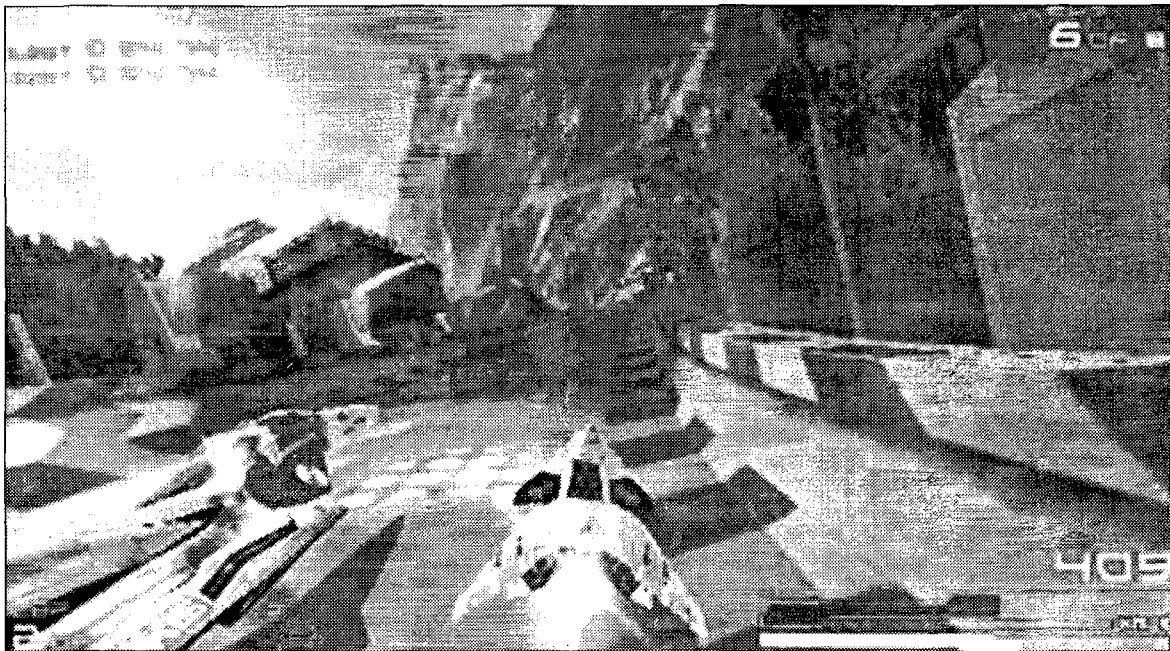


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"Wipeout Pure" features some of the best graphics of any PSP game on the market. This shoot and destroy game lets players destroy just about anything they see.

## Irish almost improve to 6-5

Sources say BC loss left off initial two-month old review

By ARCOT RAMATHHORN  
AND RODNEY FARVA  
Team Ramrod

Sources inside the South Dining Hall basement have reported that Notre Dame's loss to Boston College this season Oct. 23 nearly was erased from the history books, thanks to the green-shirt wearing, rah-rah cheering Scholastic sports department.

Notre Dame's student magazine, which comes out every full moon, had no Boston College game recap initially in its annual February football season review issue, sports department spokesman Ima Homer confirmed.

"We felt that losing to Boston College again wasn't the kind of thing we wanted," Homer said. "So, we just pretended it didn't happen."

However, some outside the Scholastic staff believe the sports department simply forgot to put the recap in the February issue.

"I mean, it's not all their fault," junior Dan Fogelberg said. "They only had since October to figure out Notre Dame did play Boston College in football this season. That's only like four months or so. Give them a break. Plus, it's probably easy to forget a game when you have so many - like

12."

But Homer did not back down when asked if he and the sports staff made an innocent mistake.

"Listen here," an angry Homer said. "Me and my staff wear green shirts in the press box. We do pushups in the press box when Notre Dame scores and we never, and I mean never ever ever ever, pick against the Irish in any team sport, no matter what. We are the biggest Notre Dame fans at this school and we would never criticize any Irish team. We simply wanted people to forget the Boston College loss. If we don't put it in our February issue, maybe no one notices, and the Irish don't get the loss."

The Absurder has learned an Scholastic staffer realized there were only 11 games in the review issue. She thought Notre Dame had played 12. After bringing up the disagreeing numbers to the editors, Scholastic's staff put their collective heads together and finally remembered that Boston College was, in fact, on the Notre Dame schedule this year.

Once the mistake was caught, the sports department continued to whine and moan in opposition of the game being reviewed.

"Our excessive cheering and green shirt wearing didn't help the team win against Boston College," Homer said. "We at least had to try and remove the game from everyone's memory."

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HAIR MELLEY/The Observer

The fourth loss to the backup college in four years was almost erased from the record books thanks to Scholastic.

## Keenan stripped of title

By ROID RAGE  
Sports Writer

The season-long rumors are true.

Validating suspicions held by many interhall football fans, it was confirmed Thursday night the 2004 Keenan Knights would lose their title because of rampant steroid use.

"It's a sad day for interhall athletics at Notre Dame," RecSports director Mitch O'Feary said.

In hearings held because of ResLife-issued subpoenas, the Knights went before members of various departments at the University and were interrogated furiously about such things as their increasing helmet sizes.

"I wanted to give my team a competitive edge. I never thought it would come to this," Keenan quarterback Ihave tinyballs said.

Knott instantly claimed the championship after losing the game because of a missed extra point.

Knott's kicker finally exited his room after locking himself inside since missing the crucial kick.

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## Saint Mary's captures national championship

By ANITA VOLUNTEER  
SMC Sports writer

The Saint Mary's athletic department announced the formation of its first fencing team Wednesday. Thursday, the Belles won the Division III NCAA Championship.

"I'm very proud of our girls," Belles coach Grizzelda Williams-Williams said. "Even though there were no other teams in competition at the championship."

The Belles swept all three events at the Championships, which were held in Olivet, Mich. Senior Matilda Turgsadjladfxv took first place in epee, sabre and foil. Turgsadjladfxv, who is from Romania, was also the only member of the Belles who had ever fenced before.

Turgsadjladfxv went a perfect 15-0 at the championships,

defeating the other five members of the Belles in all three events. In fact, only one other member of the Belles even scored a point against Turgsadjladfxv.

Williams-Williams, who is also the Belles' basketball coach and the college vice president, said the Belles overcame a lot of adversity on their way to the championship.

Turgsadjladfxv was especially impressed with her performance at the championships.

"Ja, I was a very good venger," Turgsadjladfxv said. "Ze oddah girls vere zhust awful, though. I could have von ze meet vith von arm behind my back."

"I remember zis von match vere I von in 12 zeconds. My dead grandvader could venze better zan dat."

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## Hoops teammates long lost twins

By ENAI TEE  
Sports Writer

Men's basketball players Rod Furz and Corbin Fallsinator were shocked Thursday when DNA results proved they are twins and were apparently separated at birth.

"Whenever I looked at him, it freaked me out," Fallsinator said. "It was like looking into a mirror. And that's not a pretty sight."

"It's pretty sweet, he's like my very own Mini-Me," the freshman Furz said. At first glance many fans believed there might be some relation between the two since they looked very similar. Even head coach Pike Trey says he saw a connection between the two since the first practice of the season. "They

were so alike," Trey said. "But they were both so ugly I was afraid to say anything to them about how they looked."

Suspicions increased even more when Furz hit a 3-pointer in the last game of the season.

Teammate Trist Flynn saw an eerie resemblance.

"Mean, when he hit that shot, I couldn't help but think that they were the same person," Flynn said.

It was after that game Flynn suggested to Furz and Fallsinator they have a DNA test done to find out the truth. At first they refused.

"I told Flynn he was crazy," Furz said. "I mean, just look at him, he looks like an alien."

Their minds may have changed, however, when they were allegedly met with an unexpected visitor. A woman,

whose name has not been released, was reported to have contacted both Furz and Fallsinator and claim she was their birthmother. Several students also said they saw her walking around LaFortune last week.

"When she walked in I couldn't tell if that was her head or an ass sticking out of the top of her shirt," explained Zahm sophomore Ima Loser.

"Mean," replied Farley freshman Fem Anazi.

So what's next for Furz and Fallsinator now that they've received the news?

"Well, we've just signed a deal with Doublemint Gum to shoot a couple commercials during the off-season," Fallsinator said. "It's going to be even better than the old Jordan and Bird commercials. McDonald's used to do since I don't need special effects to make ridiculous shots."

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Where is that Notre Dame football story jumping to today? Nope, not that page!

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### JUMBLE

John 43 seconds  
Bob 47 seconds

John wins in first-round action of the interhall jumble tournament.

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Keenan vs. Stanford  
Tonight, 9 p.m.

These North Quad rivals alienate girls on a Friday night.

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Mired in a 19-game winless streak, the Irish can't even beat the interhall champions.

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## Turn off your cell phones

It's bad enough cell phones have taken over the campus during the past four years.

It wasn't that long ago when people would actually talk to the person standing next to them while walking between classes instead of that person on another quad. What a novel concept.

But that's not our problem. It goes much further than that.

The problem stems from people leaving those phones on in class, and sometimes even answering them.

The problem stems from people answering their calls in computer clusters while other users give them dirty looks.

The problem stems from people riding bikes at Rolfs and holding conversations.

Okay, you might think your life is all that important. But there's a simple answer to that question.

No.

Do people even consider what their professors must think when that awkward cell phone ring interrupts

your Tuesday afternoon lecture. It's amazing professors don't throw students out of class for just being courteous.

Again, what a novel concept.

Then, when you're at Rolfs or the Rock, the point of being there isn't to setup what South Bend bar you're going to attend on Friday night, but to actually work out! Once again, your life isn't that important where you can't just get away for 45 minutes.

Maybe this has to deal with another problem plaguing the Notre Dame student body — the disease of incompetence.

tence.

Like does it not dawn on people they might be rude or inconsiderate to hold a conversation in DeBartolo 141 at 12:59 p.m.

Notre Dame campus, especially you freshmen, do us all a favor.

Turn off your damn cell phones.

It's not a novel concept.

The Absurder

## Editorial

## Stop stalking me

This is a last request from Skerd Freshman to whoever has been stalking me through Instant Messenger.

Stop IMing me. I don't care about your problems with your mother, I don't care if you think the government is coming after you and I don't care about how much you miss your pet goat.

Also, I am really disturbed by your habit of sending me 82 winky faces in a row followed by a kissy face. This is not attractive. If using those stupid little faces worked I would send you 100 angry faces and you would NEVER BOTHER ME AGAIN.

In the past week I have blocked StalkRBoi, Stilwat-Ching and DuUH8me from my buddy list. I KNOW ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE YOU. You can't fool me by talking all in caps. You can't fool me by spelling out words instead of using stupid abbreviations like r u alone. And it does NOT make anything you say less creepy when you say "hehehe" after it.

No matter how many times you try to send me mp3s of "Every Breath You Take," I WILL NOT accept the file.

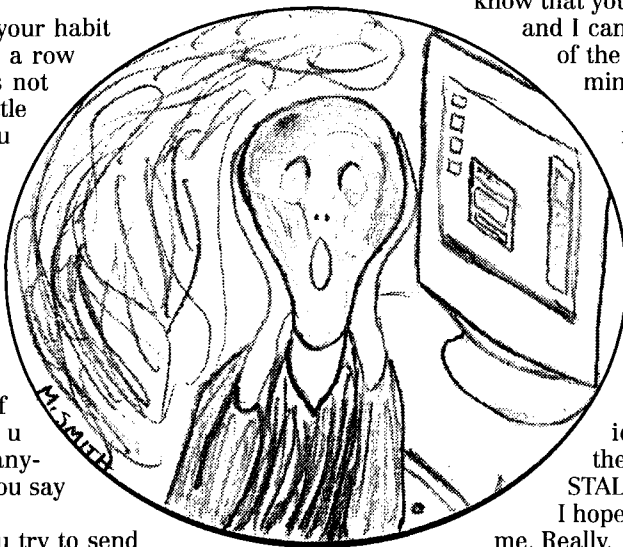
Also, stop using fake facebook names to stalk me. I know this is you - there is no one in this world named Seymour Butts or Harry Bottoms. I WILL NOT BE YOUR FACEBOOK

FRIEND. I AM TIRED OF RECEIVING EMAILS THAT YOU HAVE LISTED ME AS YOUR FACEBOOK FRIEND. JUST STOP.

Also, if you are the person who calls my cell phone four times a day and asks if Irma is there, I just want you to know that you have wasted all my plan minutes and I can't answer my phone until the end of the month without paying 40 cents a minute. I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.

I'm going to give you some advice for your future love life. From everything I've seen I'm going to guess you're the kind of bloodless, computer-caressing troll who spends his life huddled under his lofted furniture because he can't speak to people without cringing. So my suggestion is, move to another country where they don't speak English and can't tell you're an idiot. Or another planet where they CAN'T TELL YOU'RE A CREEPY STALKER.

I hope my advice helps. But don't thank me. Really.



Converted Nun

McGlinn Hall

freshman

March 31

## No pride for the T-shirt (boo hoo)

I am writing to you on behalf of all the women at Saint Mary's who are really upset about the Pride Week T-shirt coverage. You see, while it stayed a current topic for a long time, I feel as though it is not getting as much attention as it should be now.

Yes, the Student Activities Board apologized many times. And yes, they even held meetings so people could talk about the identity of a Saint Mary's woman, but I still feel like it's a really big issue that should not be dropped at Saint Mary's.

I'm asking all Saint Mary's students to take this as a call to action. What we should do is destroy the shirts, and, in fact, make sure there are no longer any sort of Saint Mary's images put out anywhere. We should remove all campus merchandise. We should not make any drawings of students - whether they are real or imagined. And we should definitely remove the logo emblazoned soap dispensers in the bathroom, because I do not feel they represent me, as a Saint Mary's woman. I propose instead of focusing on

new ways to improve the campus such as reveling in our new student center or seeing all the beautiful sights on campus with spring on the way, we should instead continue to focus on this atrocity that was the Pride Week Shirt for as long as the College is in existence. That is the only way to ensure no one

Will Ushutupplease

senior

off campus

March 31

## The Observer is oppressing me

The student government report to the Board of Trustees didn't go far enough in describing the dire consequences of a lack of an affirmative action policy at The Observer. It was right to castigate The Observer's gender imbalance, but it got the situation wrong when saying the problem was that that women weren't moving up in the ranks. It didn't take into account the real problem, which is the plight of the Catholic, white, upper-class male workers like myself who are in the minority on this staff.

We're the ones affected.

I mean really, besides some other dudes in the sports department and scattered in photography and whatever other sections there are, I'm like surrounded by women.

Student government has a problem with too many male editors? Have you seen this year's top staff? There's a girl, a guy, a girl, a girl and another girl. Overall there's about two to three girls for every guy. Don't get me wrong, I love the ladies. I mean, they rev my engines, but they don't belong in the newsroom!

Very few people realize the hardships I face because The Observer refuses to adopt any sort of affirmative action policy that would actively recruit people like me and cater to their interests once hired. The new female Editor-in-Chief has actually issued a statement that says something about not discriminating at all and encouraging all people to get involved with the paper, rendering an affirmative action policy unnecessary. Are you as outraged as I am? It's clear that she is purposely overlooking my demographic and trying to keep male numbers down.

Okay, maybe we need more Asians, blacks, Jews, transgendered South African Buddhists, what have you, to make this staff more diverse. All I'm saying is that the most pressing problem is the fact white Catholic men like myself need someone to speak for them, to represent them in media. Who at Notre Dame will work for our needs? I'm not even talking about how biased the news will be without adequate representation behind the scenes. Really I'm just worried because it makes an uncomfortable working environment since as a Notre Dame guy I don't know how to communicate with girls.

As a disgruntled employee, I support student government's attempt to highlight this problem in their BOT report, but they're going about it the wrong way. Clearly, the problem is The Observer's refusal to allow a minority like myself to have a workplace where I can feel accepted and welcome. Until drastic changes are made and affirmative action geared toward white males is instituted, I'm afraid that The Observer will continue to propagate biased, unfair journalism.

Jon Burgundy

Zahm Hall

sophomore

March 31

### TODAY'S STAFF

Bernie Blozar

Monkey

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### ABSURDER POLL

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by 5 p.m. today.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Are you serious, Clark?"

Fat Hoser  
journalist



# SMC students experience symptoms of tunnel withdrawal

By FRENCHY CROSS  
News Writer

While the weather in South Bend is improving, many students at Saint Mary's are still experiencing a disease, which has been passed around since last semester — tunnel withdrawal.

Last December, Saint Mary's made the decision to close the underground tunnels that many students had used to travel around campus due to exposed water and electrical pipes. This left many students literally out in the cold during the cold and snowy winter months, when the tunnels were most frequently used.

One nurse in Health and Wellness said she knows tunnel withdrawal to have taken its toll on a number of students this semester.

"We've had nearly half the on campus students into the office trying to diagnose their unexplained symptoms: feeling cold, frozen toes due to wearing flip flops in the winter and a general sentiment of feeling glum," she said. "The tunnels may have been scary to some students, but tunnel withdrawal has been even scarier."

One junior who wants to be known only by the name Tina believes she was a victim of

tunnel withdrawal.

"There were times I didn't even want to leave the residence hall because I knew I would have to go outside," she said glumly. "I would just walk up and down the stairs for exercise, hoping the snow would go away or by some miracle, the tunnels would reopen so I could go to the library."

Other students believe they have had absolutely no symptoms of tunnel withdrawal.

One sophomore said she once had a scary experience while traveling through the tunnels to Trumper Computer Center and does not miss them at all.

"I had to print a midterm last semester and was walking through the tunnels when my cell phone rang," she exclaimed. "I freaked out because I knew my cell phone got zero reception down there. Out of the corner of my eye, I swore I saw a man and he whispered, 'Can you hear me now? Good.' I'm glad they're closed — That guy freaks me out!"

Since the closing of the tunnels, many students have been forced to reroute their usual ways around campus. Instead of walking under LeMans Hall through the tunnels to get to the science hall, students must now walk through the building, or even around the building, to

visit the other end of campus.

Luckily, students now have a tunnel option from LeMans Hall to the new student center. The tunnel, while short, is reported to be much less creepy than the other tunnels were and is said to alleviate some of the symptoms of tunnel withdrawal.

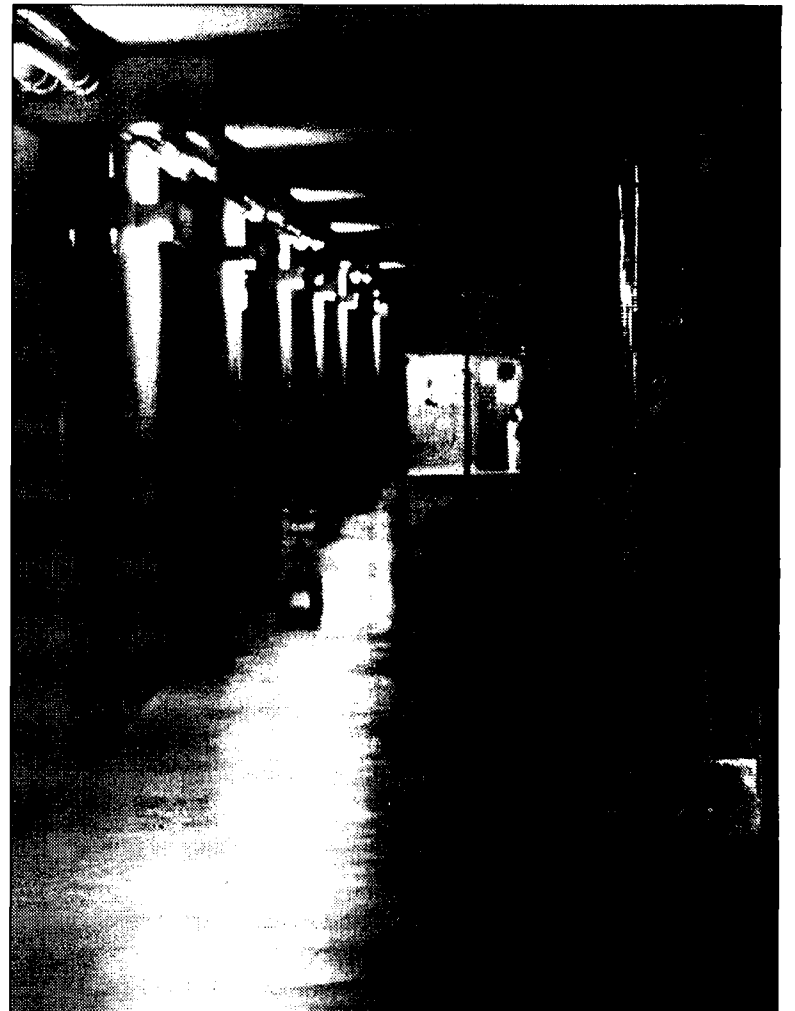
"We believe the new tunnel will satisfy all those in tunnel withdrawal but are much less frightening for any students who were fearful of the other tunnels," the spokesperson said. "It's all the fun of the tunnels without students having to get the willies."

Senior Nosmo King said she is thrilled with the new tunnel.

"Sometimes I just walk back and forth in the tunnel because it makes me feel so much better," King said. "I use the tunnel everyday because that is what truly is making my last semester at Saint Mary's even better."

The Health and Wellness nurse said she believes this tunnel will make all the difference to those in tunnel withdrawal.

"Just wait until the next big snow storm or rain shower, throw on a pair of flip flops, and go for a walk in the tunnel," she said. "You'll be over



A very short person/THE OBSERVER

Saint Mary's students are experiencing withdrawal symptoms from their tunnels and pipes closed in December.

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## Two Colleges make friendly transaction

*Statue of man with camel and needle off to Mendoza*

By FAKEY McFAKER  
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters and the Mendoza College of Business will draw one step closer together with the unveiling of a statue Saturday morning.

The 16 foot and 6.6 inch high statue, which depicts a businessman holding the reins of a camel in one hand and a needle in the other, was commissioned as a gift from the College of Arts and Letters to the College of Business. The two have sometimes been viewed as rivals, a conception both colleges hope can be dispelled.

The statue is entitled "The Spirit of Capitalism." Other names considered include "The Judgment of Our Lord" and "Crossing the Barren Desert of Commerce."

"Many people are under the impression that there is some kind of animosity between the colleges," said Dean of Arts and Letters Ronald P. Snodgrass. "I hope this gift will show that here in Arts and Letters, we believe in unity even between developed and undeveloped souls."

Seymour Kash, Dean of the College of Business, expressed appreciation for the generosity and effort that went into the gift.

"In the past we've heard a lot of talk from the faculty over in

Arts and Letters, but we haven't seen nothing come out of it," Kash said. "I am grateful and amazing at the initiative they have shown in producing something."

Notre Dame graduate Willow, a former art major who currently works in a bagel shop, created the statue out of pure stainless steel.

"It was difficult to work with such a hard, unyielding material," Willow said. "But I wanted something that would, so to speak, get to the heart of the matter."

Faculties of both colleges have been enthusiastic about the reaction to the gift.

"I wasn't sure if the professors in business would be offended by our metaphor," theology professor Holly Erthenhou said. "But everyone has been very receptive. I

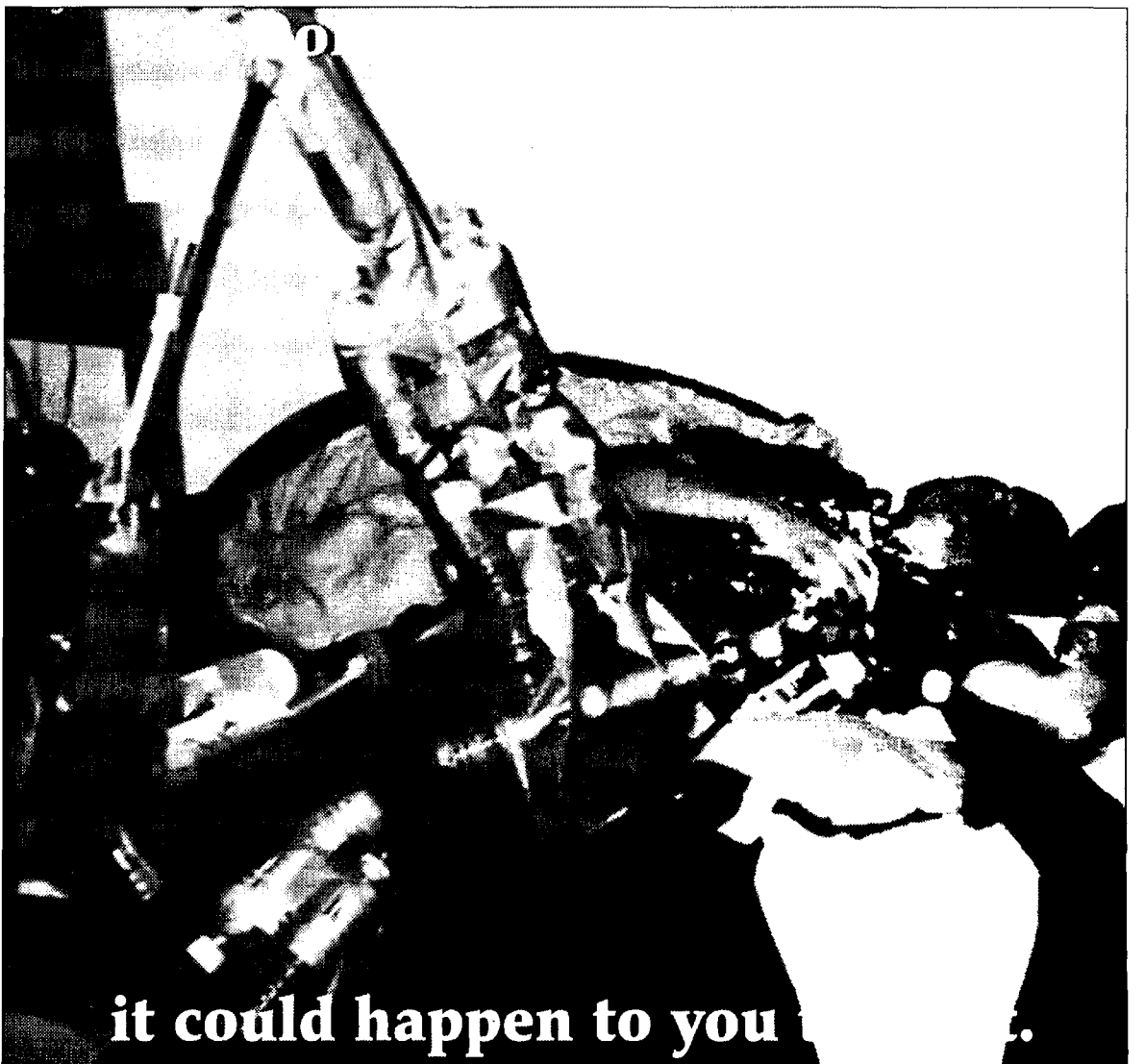
guess they do have a capacity for self-reflection over there."

"I've found this piece a little hard to interpret," marketing professor Ty Kuhn said. "But then I realized the camel represents the need to expand American markets in the Middle East. I think it's great the people in arts and letters find that so important."

The statue will be unveiled at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at the Mendoza College of Business, followed by a reception. Entertainment will be provided by whichever members of the Glee Club make it out of bed.

All students are invited to attend, provided they are willing to make a \$200 donation.

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# Tau Beta Pi busted for hazing

*Engineering honor society members Tasered at initiation*

By TAZERD NERD  
News Writer

South Bend police broke up an initiation ceremony last weekend for potential new members of Tau Beta Pi, the academic fraternity for engineering students, who were inducted into the honor society with aggressive acts of hazing.

Unruly Dean's List engineers had to be sedated by police with the controversial stun guns Tasers, as a party held at their frat house on St. Pete Street spun out of control. Underclassmen eligible for honor society admission had beer poured on them by upperclassmen who were already members, taunting them with vicious threats such as having to recite elements from the Periodic Table.

"I had to stop at Ununnilium because I forgot the chemical symbol," said sophomore Poindexter Curie, who with a 3.93 grade point average decided to participate in the Notre Dame version of most colleges' Rush Weeks. "I'm so stupid! I knew it but they kept pouring beer on me and I got it mixed up with Ununoctium, which isn't even close."

His eyes filled with tears as he described how his older brother had been in Tau Beta Pi when he was at Notre Dame.

"He was always telling me stories about how his brothers

in engineering made Greek life guys at other schools look like pansies," Curie said despondently. "Once, a bunch of them stayed up all night drinking Mountain Dew and typing messages to girls on their graphing calculators. Now I let him down because our frat is on probation again before I got a chance to join."

Officers dispatched to the scene of the hazing said they were shocked at the severity of the harassment among honors students.

"Hazing among academic fraternities is reaching new levels," Captain Taser-Crazy said. "I haven't seen the likes of this kind of hazing since that bust at the Pi Sigma Alpha frat house last January."

He referred to the rampant hazing within the political science honor society, where potential members have been known to be blindfolded and sprayed with hoses in the snow until they name every Congressman from their own state. Hazing first came to the attention of ResLife when a Pi Sigma Alpha hopeful from California contracted frostbite after two days of forgetting Congressman Devin Nunes of the 21st Congressional District.

A Tau Beta Pi member who spoke on condition of anonymity said the recent regulations on honor societies were another attempt by administration to stifle tradition.

"I know there's rivalry between the fraternities, but I

still think it's total crap that [pre-med honor society] Alpha Epsilon Delta is still on probation for that dissected cat incident last May," he said. "I mean, some of the initiations get wild, but this latest bust with Tau Beta Pi is just another attempt to exert control over studious kids having fun."

*"Hazing among academic fraternities is reaching new levels."*

**Taser Crazy Captain**

He declined to comment further because he was late for lab.

Among the fraternities, none has been hit harder than math club Mu Alpha Theta, which is no longer

permitted to hold its annual "Algorithms 'n Alcohol" party. With ResLife and Student Affairs keeping a close watch, the honor society has been relegated to organizing lectures about math. Other fraternities fear this will become of all of them.

"What if all Pi Sigma Alpha can do is e-mail members twice a year about officer elections?" asked president Corr Upted. "That's what the university seems to want from us, all academics and no hazing, no initiations, no throwing kids into St. Joe's lake for not knowing which president signed the Presidential Succession Act."

A look of fear came over his face.

"I'm afraid that in a few years, honor societies just won't be cool anymore."

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Another Observer Concoction

La Baron, left, holds the incriminating chocolates at a recent student government meeting where nothing was accomplished.

## Bribe

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she picked up the box.

A note attached to the box said, "Something for all the late nights ahead."

"Fifteen measly pieces of inferior chocolate to buy my love, affection and journalistic ethics?" the disgruntled editor cried.

She concluded this implied she was cheap and actually became offended. However she did add that had the intruder left two pounds of Godiva truffles, or perhaps the ears off some chocolate bunnies, her sentiments towards the hopeless lothario might have been more favorable.

In response to the pitifully absurd pick-up line, the editor said she would have been interested back in the day had he joined her during her "sailing" phase. She then questioned why he didn't just deliver a bottle of chocolate sauce if he really wanted some late night fun, adding that the boy scout's

advances might then have been more titillating.

However, the editor admitted that La Baron might very possibly have been trying to sweeten her up in hopes of more favorable student government coverage next year.

"Well it can't get much worse than last year, though there are holdovers from last year - so you never know," the editor said. It was unclear whether she was talking about her staff or his.

The note ended with: "Congrats again and good luck next year."

The editor said she accepts the congratulations, but added that given his ineptitude in matters of romance among other things, the Jedi Chief should reserve the love for himself.

"Let's be honest," she said. "He's going to need it a lot more than I am."

The Absurder opted not to contact La Baron as it believed the evidence spoke for itself.

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# Dome project replacing chocolate Mary statue

By I PREFER HERSHEY'S  
News Writer

Students' questions about the importance of the current Dome refurbishment were finally answered Thursday afternoon.

In an unexpected press conference, University officials revealed the real reason for the construction is to replace the statue of Mary, which is actually made of chocolate, before the onset of summer heat causes it to melt. The original statue was replaced with a chocolate duplicate in an act of vandalism earlier this school year.

The replacement was first discovered when students in a freshman astronomy class spotted a Nestle logo on the bottom left side of Mary's robe through the telescope. Closer inspection revealed a foil-wrapped pure milk chocolate figure in the place where the gilt statue had once stood.

"The doggone thing looked exactly the same as the old one," university spokesperson M. T. Wallet said. "We're not really sure how they did that without a crane or a helicopter. But they sure pulled a doozie on us."

Although the replacement statue has held up in colder South Bend weather, officials are worried about how it will be affected by the spring thaw. As temperatures increase, Mary may begin to lose her shape.

"We wanted to wait until after commencement," Wallet said. "But then we thought about all those graduation pictures with chocolate oozing down the dome. And we figured, taking it down now is easier than cleaning that sticky mess off the gilding."

University officials considered releasing

the real reason for the refurbishment earlier, but were pretty embarrassed that they lost the first statue.

"I mean, what kind of a bonehead loses a huge gilded statue?" Wallet said. "We just it would be better to try to pass it off like routine maintenance. But people were so mad anyway, we thought we might as well own up."

Plans to keep the next statue from being stolen include covering the Dome with cooking spray every night so vandals won't be able to scale it, and surrounding the Main Building with large angry dogs.

"Notre Dame has always worked for this friendly, loving image," Wallet said. "It's time to get mean. The new Notre Dame won't let just anyone saunter up on the Dome."

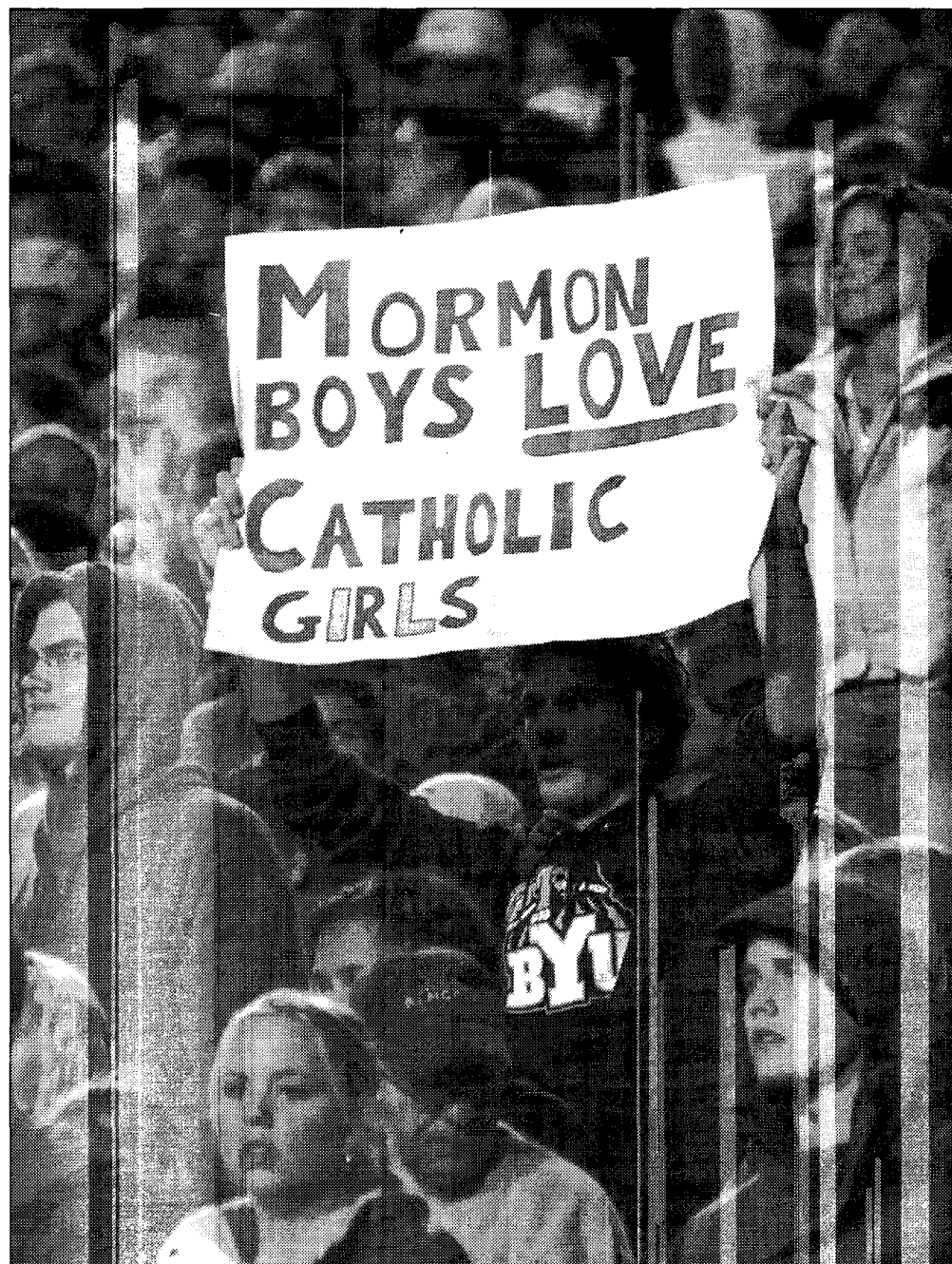
As a consolation for covering up the dome during graduation, the university plans to use the melted down statue to throw a giant fondue party for the graduating seniors and their families. The party will be held on the football field, where officials will also let people wear the football team's actual gold-colored helmets.

"We figure, we'll swap one golden dome for another one," Wallet said. "See, that'll make for some pretty good pictures too, right?"

Notre Dame Security/Police is still looking for old statue, which they hope might turn up during end of the year dorm searches.

"It's not so easy to get a thing like that past the security gates," Wallet said. "That thing's gotta be on campus somewhere. And when it turns up, we're putting them both up there, side by side. Two Marys... that's better than all those other Catholic schools."

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HAIR MELLEY/The Observer

Looking to add to his multitude of wives, a fan of the how-the-hell-did-we-lose-to-the Brigham Young Cougars searches for some innocent Catholic school girl.

## Work for SCHONASTIC

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## adidas

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ty of their graduation."

Baffled-Ways reacted with surprise when it was suggested that money was a factor.

"The fact that Adidas is giving us \$5,394 million a year for this has nothing to do with it, we're doing this because we truly care about our students," Baffled-Ways said, as he fondly admired the complimentary adidas trainers on his feet.

In addition, there was a compromise about the scaffolding itself, which will remain in place after the logo is pasted to the dome with glue.

"As a special treat for our seniors, we will also allow them to climb up on the scaffolding with their loved ones so they can take pictures right there next to Mary herself, instead of that lame in front of the Main Building shot," Baffled-Ways said proudly.

"In lieu of taking down the ghastly visual reminder that we don't give a rat's ass about undergraduates — I mean, that we care about them very much — we will give them this special opportunity. What more do they want than their family, The Virgin Mary and the ginormous three-stripe logo?"

Baffled-Ways expected seniors to be elated about the turn of events and hold adidas as close to their hearts as the vision of the dome, because they got those free white adidas visors freshman year. He hoped the new plans would

alleviate speculation the administration is more concerned about football season with a new head coach than the celebration of receiving a diploma as a culmination of four years of learning, allegations that he dismissed as "hogwash."

Student Senate held an emergency meeting to discuss whether it was acceptable to still be pissed about the dome, eventually passing a resolution entitled, "We're Still Pissed About the Dome." Sorin senator Free Kinannoying said he

wanted his picture taken next to the Virgin Mary, and was then slapped by Senior Class Council members present. Senior class president Pharrell Nott was too stunned to speak after learning of the latest develop-

ment in the dome uglification saga, but recovered in time to present a new hypothetical contract to Baffled-Ways.

"I'm impressed with the hard work of the students," Baffled-Ways said as he casually dropped the document into a paper shredder and lit the shreds with a lighter. "It just kills me that these students are so dedicated to having the freakin' dome look like it has the whole time they've been here."

Unlike the Oct. 1 deadline for the re-gilding process, the new adidas logo should be complete as soon as OfficeMax gets another shipment of Elmer's.

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*"We're doing this to show that we really do care about our graduating class."*

**Sean Baffled-Ways**  
executive vice president

INSIDE COLUMN

# Seniors get shafted

With this being my senior year and my time here coming to an end, I would like to thank the University for all they have done to help keep the senior class's morale high this year.

Thanks for deciding to cover the dome with scaffolding this spring so it wouldn't be visible during our graduation. The dome really isn't a symbol of anything about the University anyway, so I really would rather that such an insignificant part of campus be covered up during my last weekend as a student here. Why would people want to take a picture in front of the dome anyway, when you could have a picture taken in your cap and gown in front of the beautiful Stepan Center?

Thanks for moving the SYRs out of the dorms, as well as instituting the new alcohol policy during our freshman year. The University really enhanced the dorm experience for the following years. I really didn't have any fun at those SYRs my freshman year when you could go up and have a few shots whenever you wanted and there were parties in every other room. It's been so much more fun being sober and listening to "Like a Prayer" 10 times while dancing in the dining hall for 33 minutes.

Thanks for the bookstore and their great prices. And also for thinking that selling shot glasses is a great idea. It makes me proud the University would try to make an extra buck on shot glasses when the whole reason for its existence is banned on the campus they sell it on.

Thanks for the construction being done all across campus. I am so happy that I stayed on-campus all four years, the construction around Dillon this year has been a wonderful experience. I love being woken up by construction workers early in the morning and listening to their loud machines throughout the day. And who doesn't love the construction tape blocking off the sidewalks and the entrances to the dorm? I know I do.

Thanks for the football and men's basketball teams for having awesome seasons this year. As someone that attended every game in my four years here, the last home games for both sports were such a great way to go out, and I couldn't ask for a better finish to such brilliant seasons.

Oh, and also, on a more sincere level, thanks for eliminating the security guards in girls dorms so that I could break parietals easier this year.

And that's all I've got to say about that.



Mark Markens

Stuff Insider

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO'D YOU RATHER — NOTRE DAME OR SAINT MARY'S?



Hott Dogg

SDH Grill

"Both — at the same time."



Trim da Bush

Maintenance worker with cool vehicle

"Whichever one is neatly trimmed."



Nice stache

Security peeping tom

"Whichever one leaves her curtains open."



Ellen

Bad talk show host

"Three letters — S-M-C."



Big snout

North Quad Resident

"Notre Dame, especially those BP girls."



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My shirt says At Ease

"Notre Dame boys, especially the ones in that Zahm 'Call on Me' video."



FUY CHENITEZ/The Observer

An academic representative for worthless student government explains the birthing process to an uncomfortable group of professors.

## IN BRIEFS

A Barely Legal Party will be held in Keough Hall Saturday, starting at 9:01 a.m. and running until 1:59 a.m. Sunday morning. The beverage of choice being served will have 13.9 percent alcohol.

Water balloons will be dropped and launched from St. Edward's Hall at 3 p.m. onto unsuspecting passersby this afternoon. The targets of these balloons will be females wearing white T-shirts.

A lecture will be held in the Mendoza College of Business at 7:30 p.m. Some bigshot CEO will be talking about how he resurrected his company from the ashes. Attendance is expected to be one Observer reporter and two MBA students.

The Career Center will be holding a workshop Monday afternoon entitled, "It's not just you, interns really don't do anything on their summer internships." Topics covered will be tunneling around company firewalls, maximizing trips to the water cooler and shooting the breeze with other cubicle dwellers.

A "Sex and the City" marathon will take place in Badin Hall this evening starting at 6:30 p.m. Any males that show up will have his manhood questioned.

The Notre Dame Fraudit department is sponsoring a "How to pay three football coaches at once" seminar Saturday afternoon somewhere in Grace Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, well, we really don't care.

## BEATOFF

### Student attacked on treadmill

ROLFS — A Notre Dame freshman punched a Notre Dame senior Thursday afternoon when the senior wouldn't get off her treadmill.

The incident occurred when the freshman confronted the senior who was running on treadmill number three. The freshman said she had signed up for the 3:30 p.m. to 4 time period on this treadmill.

The senior insisted the freshman was mistaken and acted calmly while suggesting the two check the signup log.

But the freshman insisted she was right.

Checking the signup log showed the freshman signed up for treadmill number four.

### Squirrel mates with duck

SOUTH QUAD — Not following any of the rules outlined in duLac, a squirrel happened to be mating with a duck in the middle of South Quad Wednesday afternoon.

Talking to biology professors revealed a race of fat and happy animals could be created if this mating ritual continues.

It was not known if any

of the animals had escaped from the Radiation Lab.

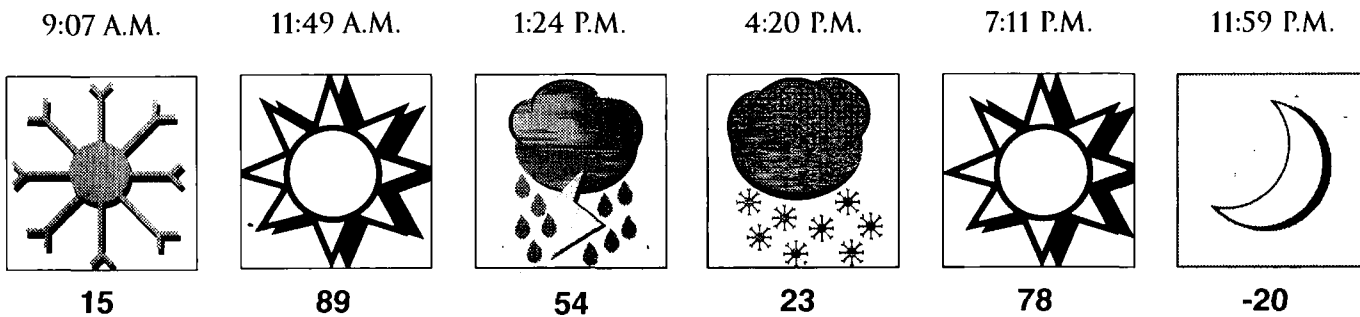
### Girl and boy slit together at dining hall

NDH — Attempting to actually foster gender relations on campus, a girl and boy were spotted sharing a meal at North Dining Hall Thursday afternoon.

The two ate chicken nuggets, steakhouse fries, corn and drank water.

When asked how long it took to set up this date, the two refused to classify the meal as that, falling back in line with the Notre Dame community stereotype.

## LOCAL WEATHER



The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of The Observer, since we can't remember which editor was too drunk to read this.

## CORRECTIONS

We never make mistakes. Ever. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from little runts like you. Call us at 1-4541 to hear Mr. Garrison from South Park say, "You go to hell. You go to hell and you die."

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## University plans more changes for graduation

*Dome to sport adidas logo, scaffolding can be climbed for pictures*

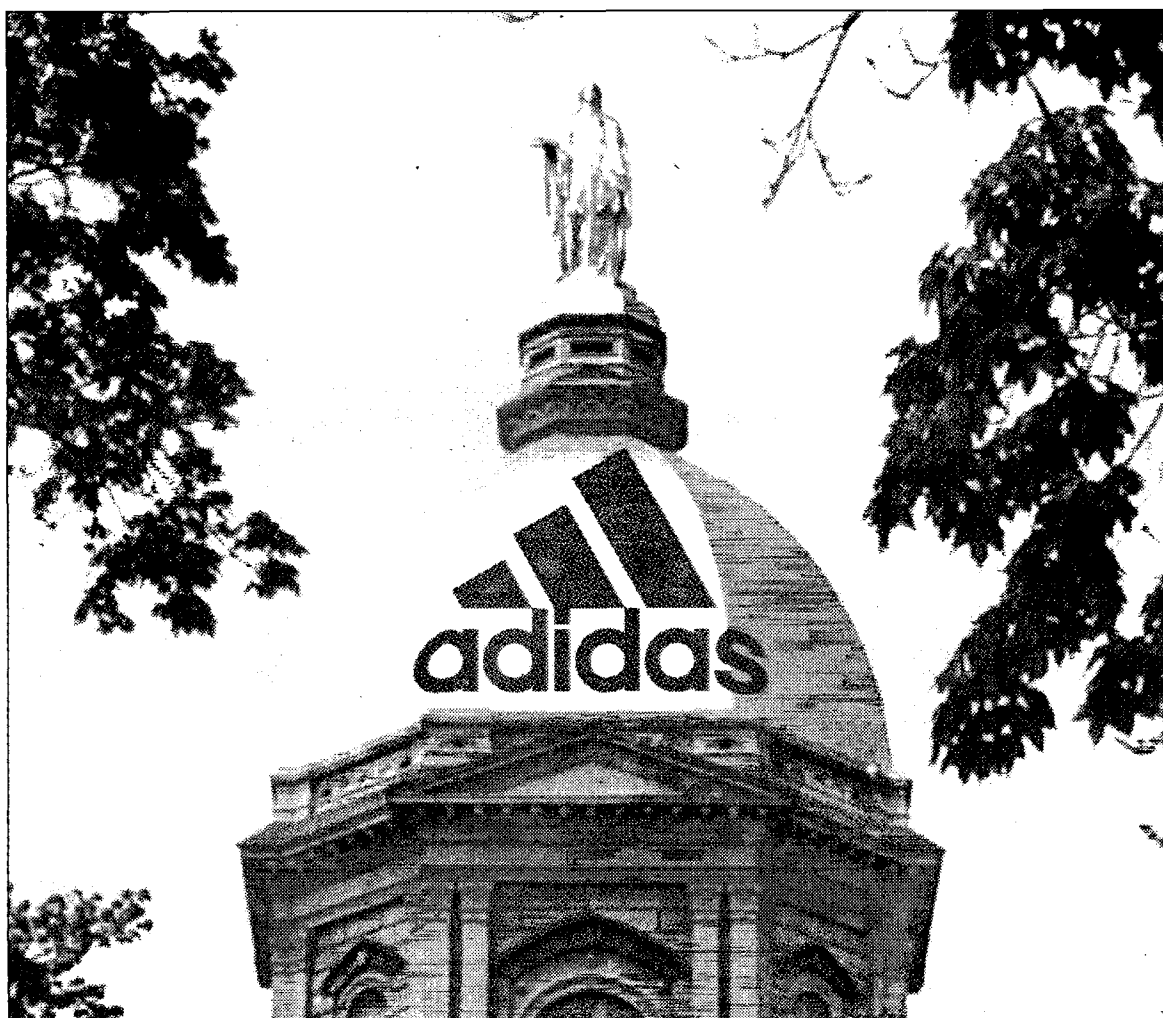
By SCRUI DOVERSENIOR  
News Writer

In response to the vehement student outcry about re-gilding the famed golden dome during spring graduation, university officials agreed to halt the re-gilding and announced that they will instead have a giant adidas logo fastened to the front of the dome's surface just in time for commencement.

"We're doing this to show that we really do care about our graduating class," said Sean Baffled-Ways, executive vice president. "It hurt me personally that students said the scaffolding was 'ugly,' or 'a hideous monstrosity of an eyesore.' We thought that having the adidas logo was a great way of showing that we do care about the aesthetic quali-

### Also See

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Observer Concoction

There aren't any advertisements in Notre Dame Stadium, but the administration decided to sell out and slap one on the top of the good ole Golden Dome.

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*Ceremony moved from JACC to attractive Stepan*

By HUGH JASSCLOWN  
News Writer

With one dome out of commission, seniors will be able to have an up close and personal encounter with another dome - Stepan Center's geodesic monstrosity.

Emergency improvements are required to the Joyce Center, University executive vice-president Ron Aflac-Duck said Thursday. Senior class graduation, which was originally scheduled to be held in the 12,000-plus capacity facility, will now be held in Stepan Center, with a capacity of about 500.

"We understand how important having graduation in a large spacious building is for our seniors, but there's an arts and crafts show coming into the Joyce the weekend after graduation, and we need that facility to be in perfect condition," Aflac-Duck said.

"Stepan is a fine facility that will provide our seniors with a unique opportunity that has never been enjoyed by a previ-

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## Campus drinking age increases to 23

By HOE JETTLER  
News Writer

In a move that made Father Spark Richwoman cry with joy, Father President Medbard "Dunk" Corduroy changed the drinking age for all Notre Dame students to 23 years old, at a press conference Thursday.

"This campus was having way too much fun," Corduroy said. "I had to put a stop to that fun immediately."

Corduroy has also overseen the SYR's being taken out of dorms and hard alcohol prohibited from campus. He said upping the drinking age so no undergraduates could drink was, naturally, the next move.

"This is one instance when the motto, 'God, Country, Notre Dame,' should be changed to God, Notre Dame, Country," Corduroy said.

Additionally, Corduroy said any student under 23 caught drinking any alcohol anywhere in the world will be forced to watch film of Notre Dame's football games against Southern California during the past three sea-

sons. On top of that punishment, students will be suspended from class and forced to move into the radiation building.

Former student body president Never Getanythingdone welcomed the change with open arms.

"I think this is great," Getanythingdone said. "I think students should focus on studies more, rather than spending all their time and money having fun drinking. This will not only make students lives filled with far less fun, but also allow them to have more money to donate to Notre Dame."

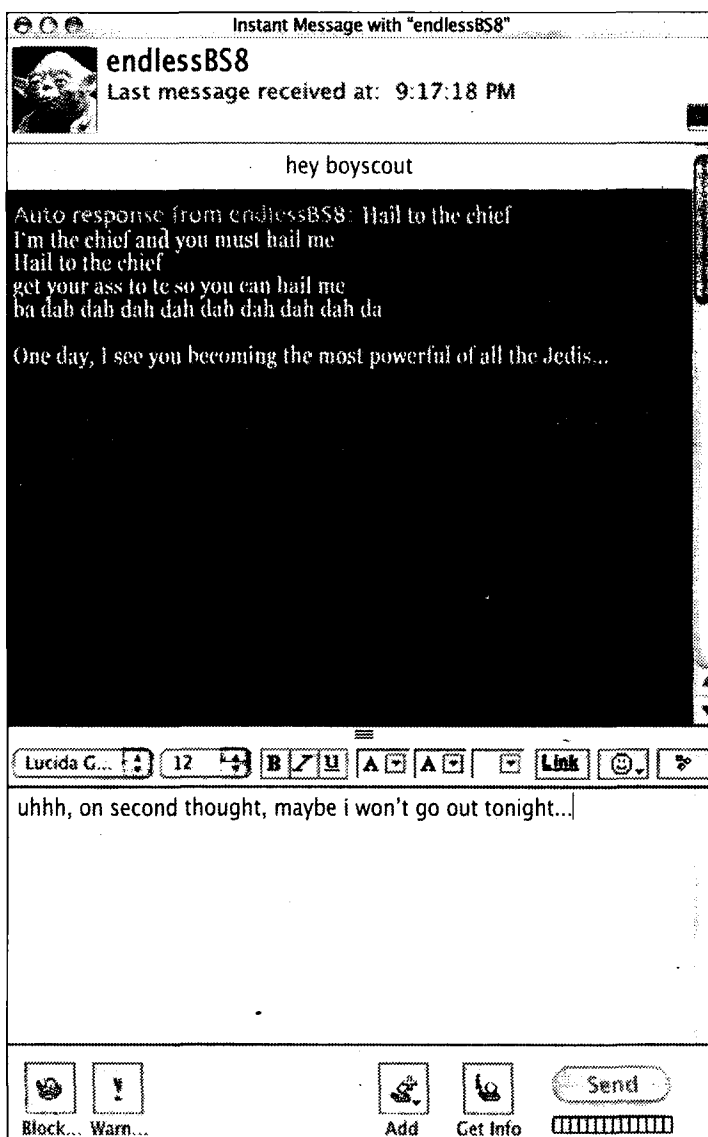
Students, however, were quite enraged.

"How can they do this to us?" Iluv Boat said. "What will the administration do next? Put scaffolding up around the dome for graduation?"

Fellow student Corbys Isthebest agreed.

"I'd much rather drink heavily and kill my brain cells then study and get good grades," Isthebest said. "I guess I'll have to go to class

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The above graphic, taken from a certain president's away message who assumes the position today, shows we find out about everything. Read the story at the right for another true event.

## SHADY DEALINGS La Baron bribes editor

By FIRST COOKIE AT 18  
News Writer

In a thinly veiled attempt to solicit a "favor- and flavor-filled" relationship, the top student government official recently preyed on the top editor's heart and sweet tooth with a love note and chocolates, The Absurder has learned (and has been waiting to report).

The editor in question returned to her unlocked dorm room in February and discovered an 8 oz. box of assorted chocolates from the South Bend Chocolate Factory.

At first she was alarmed that the alleged perpetrator, known as La Baron or even sometimes the Jedi Chief, entered her room when neither she nor her roommate were present. She suspects he used his stealth-like skills he learned from his time as a baby-faced boy scout to enter her room undetected. Alarm turned to anger when

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## PSP game reviews from Mark and Trevor

### Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade

The role-playing game selection at launch was relatively weak, consisting of only one game. Considering it was role-playing games that pushed the initial Playstation, the lack of such games is noticeable. Fortunately, "Untold Legends" is not a bad one.

"Untold Legends" is an action role-playing game, similar to "Diablo" and "Baldur's Gate." It can be played either solo or with 3 friends, giving the player a chance to test the Wi-Fi. The difficulty ramps up according to the number of players, giving the game a decent challenge.

The graphics are decent, as is the sound quality. Neither one is particularly impressive, but simultaneously not distractingly bad. The loading times are a major drawback for this game since they are frequent and run on the long side. Nothing can interrupt a good ogre slashing like having to wait almost half a minute for the next area to load.

Overall rating: B+

### Darkstalkers Chronicles: The Chaos Tower

The "Darkstalkers" series is an odd choice as one of the launch titles. The series has been more of a niche title than Capcom's more popular fighters but it still has a small, but devoted, fanbase. Hopefully this situation will change with "Darkstalkers Chronicles."

The game is one of the most beautiful animated 2D fighters on the market. Each of the characters is a fluid, colorful Capcom creation. The game revolves around the Darkstalkers, who are based on the famous monsters of cinematic and written history. Frankenstein's monster is present, as are an assortment of vampires, werewolves and other mythological creatures.

The game also has a ton of unlockable game features. Cinematics, artwork and Darkstalkers tunes can all be unlocked, adding to the replay value of the game. The only deterrent would be based in the gameplay itself. Being a fighting game, the replay value relies on the gamers love for the genre. While the game may not convert anyone, fans of the fighting genre would be amiss to overlook this title.

Overall rating: A

### Ape Escape: On the Loose

The Gameboy DS has "Mario 64," and the PSP has "Ape Escape." While solid in its own right, the game doesn't bring anything new to the table.

A platforming game similar to Mario, the game begins with a horde of evil monkeys hell-bent of rewriting history. It is the player's job to go through history and capture all the monkeys, setting things right. As more monkeys are collected, humorous descriptions are unlocked. Comedy is key throughout the game, as the cinematics, sounds and the monkeys themselves can be pretty amusing.

The game controls well, even though the original used dual analog controllers. The graphics don't quite push the PSP capabilities, but they aren't distracting. The game also uses the Wi-Fi for up to two players and multiple players can face off in the unlockable mini-games. Overall, the PSP's current sole platformer is worth picking up.

Overall rating: A-



STORIES BY MARK BEMEN

When addressing anything that has impact on the world of handheld gaming, it is only right to first acknowledge the legacy of the Nintendo Gameboy. Since 1987, Nintendo has shrugged off every competitor attempting to enter the portable gaming arena with ease.

But on March 24, handheld gaming changed forever.

Enter the PSP, PlayStation Portable. It boasts 333 MHz of processing power, 4 MB of embedded DRAM (on top of the 32 MB of system RAM), a 4.3 inch 16:9 TFT LCD widescreen, built-in stereo speakers and IEEE802.11b wireless communications ability. This tidy package weighs in at approximately 280grams/6.2lbs and is the sexiest piece of electronic equipment since the Apple iPod. Essentially, the PSP sports the power of the PlayStation 2 in the palm of your hand.

### Graphics

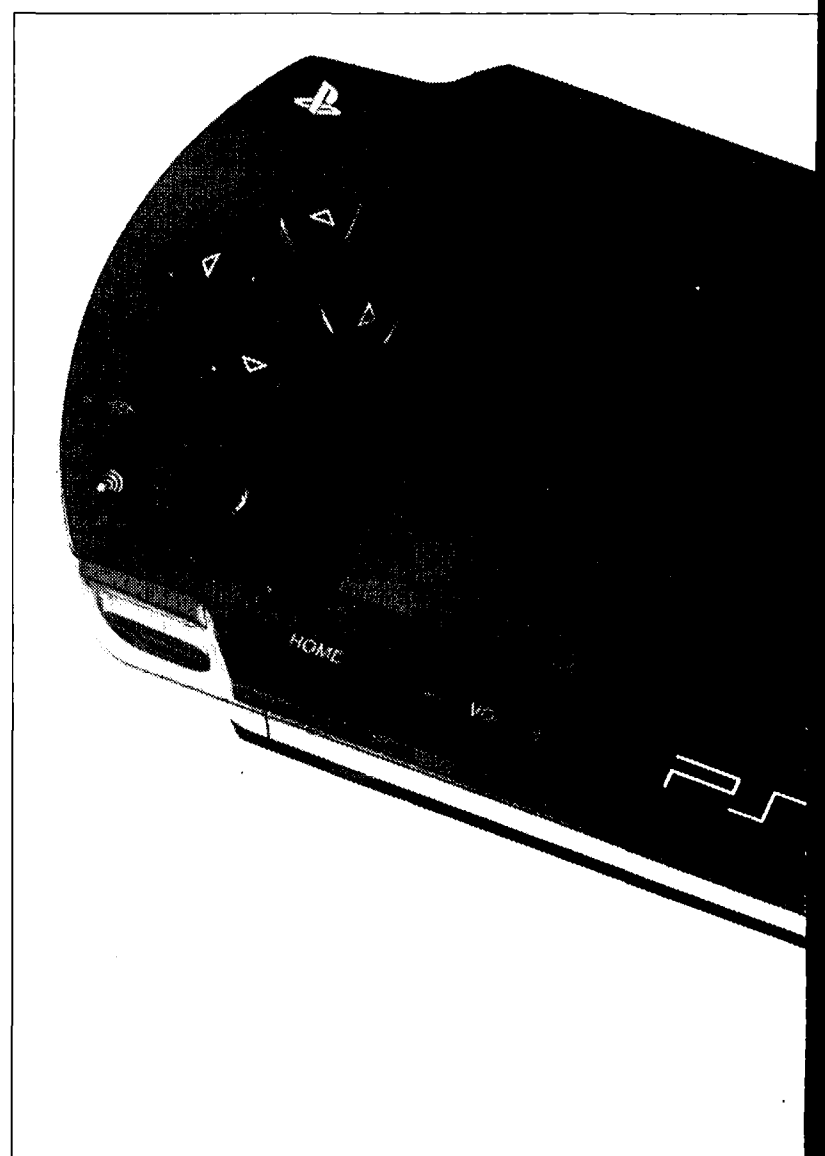
Though some critics doubt the PSP's capability to produce PlayStation2 graphics (due to smaller screen size), nobody will deny the PSP's graphics are spectacular. When comparing them to Nintendo's recent DS portable system, it's easy to see there is almost no comparison. The PSP's launch games boast polygons that the Nintendo DS will not even touch at the end of its life cycle.

All games currently available for the PSP showcase crisp graphics, superb textures and, for the most part, silky smooth framerates — a high amount of frames per second. While "Untold Legends" has framerate issues when the enemies become too numerous for the processor to handle comfortably — this can also be an issue in multiplayer due to lag time — all in all, I give the graphics a solid 10 out of 10.

Overall rating: A+

### Sound

The built-in stereo speakers are



very capable in themselves (loud enough that I can hear my roommate in the center room of the quad slashing through "Untold Legends" while working on my paper in the next room over). But, as always, the headphones included with the value pack are necessary to gain the full experience. The PSP is also capable of playing MP3 music files, which are saved to the removable and upgradeable Memory Stick Duo.

Overall rating: A

### Design

The same familiar buttons — X, triangle, circle and square — make another appearance on Sony's latest creation. An analog control "nub" is located in the lower left of the hardware, but unfortunately its position can become very uncomfortable. I also am concerned about its durability in the long run.

The standard D-pad located above the analog control functions adequately but is a little sloppy to use in games requiring tight control. The L and R buttons at the top of the PSP are unnervingly flimsy. A line of smaller buttons that run along the bottom underneath the screen include a "home" button that returns the PSP to the OS launch screen, volume control, display brightness with four settings, music tone for MP3 playback that switches between Heavy, Pops, Jazz, Unique,

and Off and the all too familiar Select buttons. Instances of these buttons sticking have been reported. Also, problems with square button sticking plague a small percentage of the units released in Japan on Dec. 12, 2004.

The power button, wireless enable/disable switch and (Universal Media Disc, formerly release are all located on the side of the PSP. The power button also doubles as a "hold" switch for enabling all button commands, which is handy during MP3 or video playback. Also located along the perimeter are the USB port, headphone port and power jacks, as well as the slot that houses the Memory Stick Duo.

There is no doubt that when it comes to looks, the PSP is one of the most beautiful machines. However, the avid gamer will find that the controls are cramped on one's hands. The overall sturdiness of the PSP is another point of concern. The door covering the Memory Stick Duo is flimsy, and the UMD drive seems to be particularly vulnerable to damage when it is open.

Finally, the giant 4.3 inch LCD screen, great as it is, seems to be begging for smudges and scratches. Luckily the PSP value pack comes with a protective case to help avert any possible tragedies from occurring.



Photo courtesy of www.us.playstation.com

"Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade" was the only role-playing game to be released at the same time as the PSP. Role-playing games helped drive the original Playstation to the market.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# An open letter to John Affleck-Graves

After reading "Seniors, administrators still divided over the dome" in the Observer on Wednesday, March 30, I was most dissatisfied with both your response and the University's response to the needs of students, especially to those of the graduating senior class.

Had this been the first instance of the administration's indifference to the student body, I would have been peeved but nowhere near as enraged as I currently find myself. I will not, however, dwell upon the numerous instances of outright indifference and/or concern for mere profit that I have observed through my years at the University of Notre Dame. Nevertheless, I will use the controversy over the re-gilding of the golden Dome as symbol of the administration's apathy and outright antagonism to the needs and desires of students.

To say, as you are quoted as saying, "We realize this is a disappointment to the senior class," is the ultimate understatement. While you attempt to downplay the importance of the physical symbol of the golden Dome, you neglect to mention the heavy importance that the administration places upon the very symbol you seek to deny the importance of. The question arises as to why the administration chooses to place the golden Dome on the forefront of applications, brochures and media guides. To say the least, the golden Dome is one of the most important marketing images that the University of Notre Dame employs. The importance of the Dome, however, extends well beyond marketing. If the importance of the Dome were minimal, would Notre Dame students and alumni be referred to as "Domers" throughout the world? Would the football team have kept their golden helmets for so long? Clearly, the importance of the golden Dome as physical symbol of the university is undeniable.

You, sir, however, deny the importance of the Dome continually, as you state, "Graduation is not about the physical Dome. You don't remember standing in front of it getting your picture taken." Contrary to your assertion, the main building and Dome form an essential part of the graduation festivities. Since you state that you have had two children graduate from Notre Dame, I am sure you are aware of the tradition that demands undergraduates do not set foot on the steps in front of the

main building until they graduate. Throughout my four years, my fellow classmates and I have looked forward to the day where we can set foot on the steps and have our picture taken on the steps of the main building with the golden Dome glinting in the sun above. Such a moment was meant to signify the completion of the enormous journey that we undertook as freshman four long years ago.

Upon graduation this year, my classmates and I will stand proudly on the steps although the Dome will not be glinting above, as the view will be replaced by a grotesque network of metal scaffolding obscuring the Dome. At first, I was enraged by the prospect of not possessing the picture I had dreamed of taking as a freshman. Now I am excited about the photo opportunity. What other photograph could better convey the administration's complete indifference and antagonism towards students?

Perhaps your two children could have alerted you to the outrage that the scaffolding would provoke from the graduating senior class, as you claim that you "did not anticipate the huge reaction from the class." Although you insist that undergraduates are your top priority, one would assume that a person's top priority would be at the forefront of his mind when confronted with new developments that would affect that supposed top priority. Although you suggest that at "other times the Dome has been re-gilded the students have not been so upset," what you shrewdly fail to mention is that the last time the Dome was re-gilded the process began one week after graduation. Of course with no students present on campus — as they all headed happily home with their memories and photographs documenting many of these memories — few students would express their outrage of the scaffolding obscuring the Dome.

While the administration and you use the length of time necessary for the re-gilding process to justify the early start date for the process, I am left wondering whether your decision reflects a desire to save money by not springing for overtime costs or just mere ignorance concerning the needs and desires of students. I can hardly help laughing to myself when I remember a story I was told on the tour of the University of Notre Dame, a tour, which

was instrumental in my desire to attend this university. The story proceeded as follows:

"During the spring of 1879, tragedy befell the still young University of Notre Dame, as the main building burned to the ground, destroying classrooms, eating facilities, offices and much of the library collection. Father Sorin, founder of Notre Dame, however was undeterred by the tragedy. In a famous speech he vowed, 'If it were all gone, I should not give up ... Tomorrow we will build again, and build it bigger.' Through hard work and determination, 300 laborers rebuilt the entire main building larger and grander in just one summer. The new main building was ready by the time students arrived in September despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacle that Father Sorin faced three short months previous when the building burned to the ground."

Having listened to such stories and being transformed by such a beautiful and unique campus, I was determined to attend the University of Notre Dame, even if it was beyond my family's means. Now we are told merely the re-gilding of the Dome will take over six months and will be completed by October. How is it that men working in the heat of the summer of 1879 can build the premier symbol of Notre Dame in three short months but the technology and professionalism of laborers in the 21st century cannot refurbish the Dome and statue of Mary in less than six months?

Finally, I feel compelled to respond to the invitation for suggestions about how to deal with the situation and how to make up the horrible loss to the senior class. I offer my suggestions in reference to your appeal: "If seniors have suggestions we will entertain everything ... but I know the seniors are paying a price and we can never fully compensate." To you sir, I humbly ask that you refrain from soliciting donations from members of my class, for your requests will fall meekly upon deaf ears hardened by four long years of neglect.

Darren Luft  
senior  
Zahm Hall  
March 30

## Rethink 'protesting'

It's not that I don't value my right to free speech and peaceful assembly, but I am always irked by protesters, usually for a liberal cause, irresponsibly overstepping the bounds of civility and disrupting entire city centers for their all-important credo — one that is dwarfed by the causes of those in Uganda last week or Tiananmen square fifteen years ago.

In his article, "Inject potency into American protests," (Mar. 30) Peter Quaranto, lamenting about how "protests have become trivial in our times," glorifies the protesters of the 1960s who took over administration buildings, blocked traffic and disrupted the lives of as many people as possible, all for their liberal agenda — probably under the impression that masses of a repressed proletariat would thank them one day. He goes on to mock modern protests, belittling their efforts as they "sing the usual protest hymns and perhaps march down the sidewalk — sure not to bother traffic." I have to wonder why Quaranto is so eager to force his zeal upon those who may, God forbid, be satisfied enough with this great country to choose to affect change either through respectful and legal protests, or their vote (a right that the demo-

graphic Quaranto targets traditionally and conspicuously wastes).

Quaranto hardly deserves to invoke the sacrifices of those in Uganda for causes here that are petty by comparison. He ought to count his blessings that in this country we have the freedom to debate issues such as the war in Iraq in a vibrant public square, and face no risk of being shot at during peaceful protests.



Next time irresponsible protestors of the Iraq war illegally flow onto Lakeshore Drive to stop traffic and make their point (as they did in 2003), I have to say a prayer that my brother is not trying to drive up to Children's Memorial Hospital with my eight-month-old niece, whose heart condition may require this at any time — impeded by an ideology that he, like a majority of this country, doesn't care for.

So for Advocacy Week, I would ask Peter Quaranto to consider writing a more "potent" letter to his congressman instead.

William Weicher  
freshman  
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## Sex and the City? Not this city

Upon reading "Sex and Ivy League isn't an oxymoron" [Associated Press, March 30], I was surprised at the casual tone of the article and how casually the contents of the book, "Chloe Does Yale," were being treated. In a way, I was somewhat jealous.

Recently, I happened to come across Natalie Krinsky's novel and couldn't help but notice its premise. Krinsky was able to write a "Sex and the (Elm) City" column for the Yale Daily News and it was no big thing. It was just a daily column. I then asked myself why a prestigious institution like Notre Dame did not have anything comparable to that. In fact, we have nothing remotely close. If the Ivy leagues can talk about sex, why can't we? There is no dialogue about sex, relationships or drunken hookups. We like to call ourselves the "Harvard of the Midwest," but even Harvard has a sex magazine, H Bomb, which started last year. The mere mention of the Vagina Monologues causes an overwhelming controversy here. We seem to find conversations about relationships, gender issues and gender interactions trivial and unimportant. If it isn't an "intellectually stimulating" conversation or debate about Conservatives or Liberals, Notre Dame students can't be bothered. I mean, who has time to actually date someone? A random hookup on the weekend will suffice as long as no one mentions it again. No one wants to look like a floozy, so it must be better not to talk about it.

I understand that this is a Catholic institution and, of course, we, as students, strive to adhere to the Catholic teachings, but that does not mean sex and drunken hook-ups do not happen. It also does not mean we cannot talk about these issues either. I am not saying that this behavior is always moral but rather suggesting the possibility for dialogue. Maybe, a dialogue of sorts would help to relieve the awful tension between genders. I think most will agree that the dating scene at Notre Dame is less than stellar. However, maybe if we weren't so hesitant to discuss the conflicts of the many different relationships, there wouldn't be as much of a strain.

Or maybe if we can keep pretending that if these topics of conversation should cease to be brought up, then we can pretend that sex and hook-ups don't happen.

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# Keep the same turnover date

Every year, this day marks a major change in one of the most well-known campus organizations — student government. April 1 is the turnover date for student administrations, the day on which a new student body president, vice president and their staff take the reins and begin their term.

However, the timing of the turnover date has recently come under scrutiny. Student government groups have discussed postponing turnover until the day after commencement to allow outgoing administrations to take advantage of the time new administrations would waste acclimating to their new jobs. This, certain senators argue, would provide time for the outgoing administration to finish its projects and educate the new officers through observation.

But while this sounds sensible on the surface, a date change would not allow for increased productivity in student government.

At its heart, government includes the continuation of work from one administration to the next. Student government routinely takes on long-term projects which span more than one year. A new administration should be able to continue projects begun during the year, and the previous administration should take the month between elections and turnover to brief new officers on these projects so they are fully prepared to continue

them. Furthermore, the previous administration can be a valuable resource to the new administration, a resource that will not exist if turnover doesn't take place until after graduation.

Regardless of when turnover occurs — and no matter how much preparation is involved — there will be a period of acclimation for the new administration. It is better for this period to occur in the spring rather than in the fall, when the student body expects its government to hit the ground running and begin major work on its projects.

Most other campus clubs and organizations have their turnovers in the spring.

Because most clubs must interact with student government on some level, a later turnover date would mean these clubs' new officers would be working with two different administrations. Potential confusion stemming from this arrangement could be avoided if student government is kept on the same schedule as the other clubs.

Finally, a later turnover date means more work for seniors who are getting ready to graduate. They should be given the last month of their college careers to spend time with friends, reclaim their lives and take in their final views of campus from the dorms and quads — not from a window in LaFortune.

## The Observer Editorial

# A time for fools

Why is it that complications in today's religious and social life seem to always date back to a time when one of the many Popes named Gregory initiated change?

Gary Caruso

## Capitol Comments

Today's Roman Catholic priests can thank an early Gregory for their celibacy which began around the sixth century. It seems that celibacy was a byproduct of ownership. Until that time, married priests, upon their deaths, could leave their property to their wives rather than to the Church. Pope Gregory demanded celibacy as a means for the Church to gain more property.

Fast forward to the 16th Century for Pope Gregory XIII, who was never one to march to another's calendar, thus turning the known civilized world on its head and creating today's April Fool's Day. Of course, a fool's day is but one of many divisions resulting from the edicts of Gregory. Our medieval instigator has wreaked havoc throughout the year with branches of the Church celebrating a different day for Christmas and Easter as well as the mark of the new year.

Today we mark the 443rd anniversary of the creation of April Fool's Day. In 1562, Gregory ordered a

new calendar, modestly named the "Gregorian Calendar," as a replacement for the old Julian Calendar. It seems that back then, God spoke to Gregory much like He emphatically and clearly speaks today to Pat Robertson or Gerry Falwell about the excesses in the Christian's life. At that time, the New Year celebration began on March 25 and ended on April 1. The neatness of closely following the vernal equinox by celebrating the Feast of Annunciation as the beginning of the new year did not seem neat to Gregory.

Pope Gregory must have firmly believed the Bible passage in Corinthians 1:27 which reads, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

Therefore, Gregory's new calendar dictated that New Year's Day be celebrated on January 1, leaving Jesus' birth to correspond to the winter solstice. Many countries, however, resisted the change. In fact, it is astounding to think that some European countries held out for centuries — Scotland until 1660; Germany, Denmark and Norway until 1700; and England until nearly two centuries later when in 1752, King Charles IX offi-

cially adopted the Gregorian Calendar. By the time of the American Revolution, the British had exported a January New Year and April Fool's Day from England to the American colonies.

It is ironic that Gregory, a man quite serious about his mission in life, inadvertently created today's modern April Fool's Day silliness. It began during the 16th century when France adopted the reformed calendar in 1564. Many refused to acknowledge the new date, did not learn about it or simply forgot, and still celebrated the new year in April. Others began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "fools' errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false like sending foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The French came to call April 1 "Poisson d'Avril," or "April Fish."

Today, French children still tape a picture of a fish on the backs of their schoolmates, yelling "Poisson d'Avril" or "April Fish" when their pranks are discovered. However, in England, tricks can only be played in the morning, which makes you a "noodle" rather than a fool. In Scotland, you are called an "April gowk," or a cuckoo bird. Regardless of the many subtle variations, the Gregorian Calendar still is

not infallible. In Portugal, April Fool's Day is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before Lent when pranksters usually throw flour at their friends. Mexico's counterpart of April Fool's Day is actually observed on December 28. Originally, the day was a sad remembrance of the slaughter of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

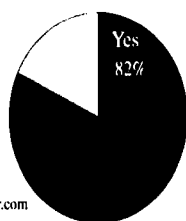
In a recent survey of American Catholics, nearly 67 percent agreed that it was time for the Church to update its practices to address the complexities of our modern international society. After studying how the calendar change can affect our way of life for centuries, our next Pope may want to carefully consider the consequences of what may come to pass in the future. Until then, throw flour, paste fish on others' backs and try to avoid becoming a "noodle" or "gowk" today.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

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ernment.

"We are going to make a concentrated effort to dispel the belief that student government is stuck in bureaucracy and weighed down by an administration that doesn't care about students," Baron said.

Baron also said the number of applicants for open student government positions had increased from last year's pool. All who applied were assigned to a suitable position.

"We read every application, conducted interviews with each applicant, and then assigned a position to them according to their interests," Kozlow said. "Anyone who wants to be involved can be involved."

Baron's plans for a swift transition will allow the administration to begin accomplishing its goals prior to the school year's end.

The new administration has already created the "Catholic Think Tank," an initiative aimed at bringing prominent Catholics to campus. Baron said he hopes to find an inaugural speaker for the project to visit campus in April.

"We are going to try to get someone here by the end of the year," he said. "We are looking around for prominent speakers to kick off Catholic Think Tank."

Baron and Shappell have also begun working on the cornerstone of their campaign's platform — communication. Both said they will increase on all levels — from the dialogue between student government and student body to the dialogue between student government and the greater South Bend community.

To ensure students know their voices are being heard, Baron, Shappell and Kozlow have decided to grant

unprecedented access to their offices on the 2nd floor of LaFortune student center.

"In April, we'll start student government happy hour, which will take place Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 pm," Kozlow said. "We will open student government offices for anyone who has suggestions, concerns, or frustrations."

They hope to encourage better interaction between Notre Dame and the South Bend community, an initiative Mishawaka native Shappell has a personal stake in.

"Lizzie is from Mishawaka.

I didn't realize the extent of the Notre Dame bubble [before now]," Kozlow said. "A big part of our campaign was to bridge the gap between Notre Dame and South Bend. This is the first time anyone has taken on this issue. The community has much to offer."

In addition to these goals, Baron hopes to have printers, wireless access and cable television in the dorms by the time students return to campus in the fall.

Baron said his experience as chief assistant to former student body president Adam Istvan provided him with valuable insight into the most effective way to manage student government and reach the goals he has set out to accomplish.

"I learned a lot from [Istvan and former vice president Carla Bell's] style of leadership," Baron said. "Adam showed me the importance of having strong convictions and not always compromising on them."

Though their platform was thorough and their promises are plentiful, one over-arching theme defines it all, Baron said.

"Our entire focus is to unite and mobilize 8,000 people," he said.

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**Dave Baron**  
student body president

## ND WOMEN'S CREW

# Irish hoping to make a splash in Mission Bay

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

The waters of Mission Bay in San Diego are traditionally reserved for vacationers and tourists.

This weekend, those same waters will play host to a different kind of guest as the Irish travel west to compete in the 33rd San Diego Crew Classic.

This weekend, an Irish team seeks to secure a rare win in the inhospitable domain of southern California.

The Crew Classic is set to host a number of elite teams this weekend, from Harvard all

the way to California.

"In last year's heats of the Jessop-Whittier Cup [the top women's trophy in the Classic] there were four of the sixteen teams that later were present in the NCAA Championships," coach Martin Stone said.

While not the most meaningful of the season's regattas, the Classic is clearly one of the most popular and publicized.

Past Classics have seen the dramatic entrance of Navy SEALs to kickoff the races, and it draws rowing enthusiasts from across the country.

The women seek to charge ahead of the national competition while remaining classy

throughout their weekend-long San Diego odyssey.

"We're going to see the best crews from the West, East [and] South," Stone said. "There will be crews from Tennessee, Texas and Purdue."

Also competing will be Yale and many other teams from the East coast.

The results of the races are still critical to each team's season though.

"When the NCAA selection committee makes their choices,

they are going to look back at this race and use it to determine who should be in the Championships," Stone said.

*"We're going to see the best crews from the West, East [and] South."*

**Martin Stone**  
Irish coach

This weekend's heats will differ from what most collegiate eight's are used to — the races will be held in salt water.

Salt water is known for its increased buoyancy in comparison to fresh water.

The crew shells will ride noticeably higher in the water, providing a variable that the

teams must deal with.

Stone has his priorities straight in preparation for this weekend.

"We are going to use this weekend to see where we are at as a team," Stone said. "We've made some improvements over the past few weeks, along with some lineup changes."

The racecourse for the Crew Classic will begin at the quintessential Southern California family water park, Sea World, and winds its way to the entrance of Mission Bay.

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## SMC GOLF

## Belles head to Columbus for Invite

By ANNA FRICANO  
Sports Writer

The spring season will kick-off for the Saint Mary's golf team this weekend as the Belles travel to Capital University in Columbus, Ohio to compete in the Purple and White Invitational. Saint Mary's will begin its season with much the same expectations it has had the past couple of years.

The Belles are looking to be selected for the third year in a row for the NCAA competition, which will take place in early May.

This weekend's event is one of five that Saint Mary's will compete in throughout the month of April, and the team's primary goals are simple — play well enough to qualify for the tournament and peak at the right time.

The outlook is definitely positive for the Belles, who have a roster composed almost entirely

of juniors and seniors.

Coach Mark Hamilton is confident in his players' ability, especially since the core of the team has been together for three years.

"They know the ropes," Hamilton said. "They've played in some big tournaments...they have the experience that it takes."

One thing that will not be on the Belles' side this weekend will be the weather. The team is playing on an unfamiliar course and has a history of giving a substandard performance when the weather is less than decent — the forecast for Columbus, Ohio calls for rain.

Hamilton looks at this invitational as an opportunity for the team to improve on its overall performance in bad conditions.

"One of our focuses is on learning to be better mudders, to be able to perform better than everyone else when the weather

is poor," Hamilton said.

Saint Mary's will certainly want to be at the top of its game this weekend, competing against some of the top programs in the region.

The Purple and White Invite is in its fifth year and will play host to Ohio Athletic Conference champion Otterbein College, American Midwest Conference champion Walsh University and defending tournament champion Wilmington College.

This is the first year that the Belles have taken part in the invitational, as it was a good fit in the schedule and, according to Hamilton, a good test to see what the ladies would need to improve on in the next month.

The competition begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and will continue through Saturday.

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## SMC TENNIS

## Saint Mary's, Adrian schedule scrimmage

By KATE SERYAK  
Sports Writer

On Saturday, younger members of the Belles tennis team will travel to Adrian College in Michigan to scrimmage the Bulldogs.

Although Adrian is usually an MIAA conference member, this year it lacked the sufficient interest in the program to field a team. Nevertheless, MIAA teams have scheduled scrimmages with the remaining members so that they still have a chance to play this year.

The Belles are sending seven girls, mainly freshman.

"All of them are really excited to play in their first college match," captain

Miranda Mikulyuk said. "This is a chance to give the regular players a break and allow the backup players to gain some valuable experience."

The Belles' season has gotten off to a slow start, with a match against Olivet College having been rescheduled on two different occasions. Saint Mary's match against the University of Chicago is its only match of the regular season so far, aside from preseason matches played over spring break.

"It's hard to say how our season is going because we've only had one match," Mikulyuk said. "But we had a really good doubles performance at the University of Chicago match. 'Due to an injury, we had to switch the lineup, and we played with partners that we hadn't really practiced with at all. The fact that we performed well in such a situation is awesome, and I think that will dictate how our season will go.'"

The Belles are looking forward to better weather in coming weeks so they can start consistently practicing outside.

The cold weather has forced them inside to do conditioning training, and the team can't wait to finally hit the courts.

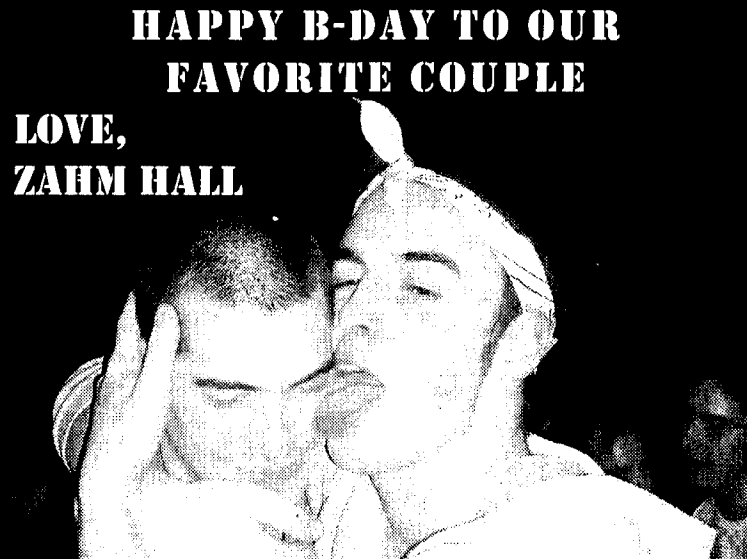
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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Thompson twins, team welcome 49ers to Eck

*Irish look to rebound from disappointing loss to Wisconsin*

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

The No. 28 Irish (8-8) will compete against No. 67 Long Beach State (5-5) tomorrow in a match that will leave the victor with an overall winning record.

Although Notre Dame has the advantage of being ranked in the top 30 as a team as well as on its home court, it is still anticipating a tough match at 10 a.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"After losing to Wisconsin,

we're not taking any match lightly," sophomore Christian Thompson said. "We're definitely looking at this upcoming match as a way of redeeming ourselves."

Notre Dame is looking to bounce back from a 4-3 loss to Wisconsin this week, its fifth 4-3 loss this season.

"We have had several close matches this season to tough teams, so we know we can compete with the best," sophomore Catrina Thompson said. "It is just a matter of finishing them."

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**Catrina Thompson**  
Irish player

The team will be looking to get off to a strong start by securing the doubles point.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish will be the No. 2 doubles team of Christian and Catrina Thompson.

The No. 2 team will be junior Lauren Connolly and freshman Brook Buck, followed by

the No. 3 team of junior Kiki Stastny and senior captain Sarah Jane Connolly.

In singles, it is questionable whether Christian Thompson

will be making a return to the lineup after suffering a knee injury during the BYU match in March.

"I'm just taking it day by day right now," Thompson said. "But I've been playing more and feeling more comfortable on the court so hopefully it won't be too much longer."

With the loss of Thompson, the lineup will most likely remain with No. 44 Catrina Thompson playing at No. 1, followed by No. 100 Buck at No. 2.

Playing at No. 3 will be Lauren Connolly with Stastny, Sarah Jane Connolly and Liz Donohue at Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

*"I've been feeling more and more comfortable on the court so hopefully it won't be too much longer [until I return to singles]."*

**Christian Thompson**  
Irish player

"It has been great having Christian back in doubles because we know how the other one plays," Catrina Thompson said. "It has also gotten me to appreciate her presence more. But

hopefully we can get her back in singles."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Streaking Irish journey south to battle SMU

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

Good things come in threes, and wins are always good things.

The No. 29 Irish look to extend their winning streak to three games on a road trip to Dallas this weekend as they take on the No. 41 Mustangs of Southern Methodist University.

"We're excited to go to Dallas," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It's supposed to be 75 degrees and sunny."

As weather improved in South Bend, the Irish got a taste of what they would find in Dallas on the Mustangs' outdoor courts. Although the Irish carry a more favorable ranking, SMU boasts a perennially competitive squad.

"They're a dangerous team," Bayliss said. "They just lost a real close 5-2 match to Oklahoma State, who's No. 10. ... They had chances to really make it pretty darn competitive. I'm anticipating a tough match."

Notre Dame and SMU are 2-2 in the four-year history of the series, which Bayliss started because the Big East does not require round-robin play in the conference.

"The way the series has gone, we've won the two matches in South Bend and they've won the two in Dallas," he said. "Both were 4-3 matches, with the last match on the court [clinching the wins]."

Bayliss anticipates a challenging match in the Lone Star State this Sunday.

"We want another close-hard fought match and they're pretty good," he said. "Their team is

predominantly international players and most of them are returning from last year. I think five of the six starters are back."

The Irish recovered from a difficult 6-1 loss to No. 2 Illinois on March 17 to win matches at Michigan and Purdue. The lineup has seen a number of changes this season, as the top spot has been back and forth between sophomore Stephen Bass and senior co-captain Brent D'Amico.

"He had the best fall of anyone," Bayliss said of Bass. "We have the type of team where our guys are pretty close to each other in ability. There's not a great disparity ... Stephen had to play some outstanding players early in the season and took some losses, and I think his confidence suffered a little bit."

Bayliss moved D'Amico into the top position but saw little change in the overall results of the match.

"Stephen immediately started winning at two, and Brent encountered some of the same problems Stephen had," Bayliss said.

Although the lineups for this weekend are not set, Bass has occupied the No. 1 spot in the most recent matches.

"We've had good solid results throughout our lineup all year, especially in singles," Bayliss said.

The coach does not plan to change the doubles combinations, although the lineup is always subject to change.

The Irish will face the Mustangs at 1 pm.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Saint Mary's hopes to end streak

By TOM STILES  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (5-8) will look to end its current five-game skid this weekend when it plays in the Trinity International Tournament. The tournament will likely serve as a good test for the Belles before they begin a string of games against MIAA rivals.

Most recently, the Belles lost both ends of a double-header to Manchester College by scores of 4-2 and 1-0 on March 17. Both games saw quality pitching performances squandered by poor fielding and weak hitting.

In game one, junior Bridget Grall gave up two earned runs and nine hits — only one

of which went for extra bases — but the Belles committed three errors and could muster only one run on offense. Game two saw freshman McKenna Corrigan pitch a two-hit gem, but the offense was shutout with three hits and the defense gave up another unearned run.

The season has been a roller coaster ride for the Belles thus far, as the team won four straight earlier in the year only to drop the next five.

The Belles have yet to put it all together, with the offense and the pitching rarely performing well in the same game.

As of late, both the pitching and the hitting have struggled, as the Belles have been outscored 31-7 in the last five

games.

The Belles have been marred by inconsistent play, which can be expected of a young team.

Mother Nature isn't cooperating either, as the Belles' last two home games have been postponed. Finding a rhythm has been difficult for Saint Mary's, as the tournament will be the first action they have seen since March 17.

Upon returning from the tourney, the Belles will begin a stretch of 19 games in 25 days before the MIAA Tournament in early May. The Belles will face Tri-State University on Monday and Albion College on Wednesday.

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## MEN'S TRACK

## Irish reschedule, travel to Purdue

*Timing allows team to attend Friday classes*

By NATE DYER  
Sports Writer

After setting school and individual records last week in California, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will stay in-state this weekend, as a large contingent heads to the Purdue.

Though originally scheduled to compete in the Indiana Relays on the campus of the University of Indiana, in Bloomington, weather concerns and the timing of the relays caused the team to choose to compete at Purdue instead.

The team heads to West

Lafayette, Ind. to compete in the Poehlein Invitational, named after former long-time Purdue coach Mike Poehlein. The non-scoring invitational meet was originally scheduled as a two-day meet for today and Saturday, but all events were moved to Saturday.

The meet will be another early opportunity for the Irish athletes to qualify for Big East and NCAA regional competitions, but assistant coach Tim Connelly cautioned against peaking too soon.

"The NCAA's are a long ways away," Connelly said. "You have to spread out the competition, and build up so that you peak for the NCAA's."

As a result of already having qualified for NCAA's and the large amount of time before the

NCAA's, sophomore distance sensation Kurt Benninger will not be competing this weekend.

Benninger shattered the Notre Dame school record in the 5,000-meter race last weekend at the Stanford Invitational with a time of 13:33.05, a full two seconds under the previous record. The performance was the third fastest in the world thus far.

The majority of the team will be competing, however, as the number of NCAA qualifiers looks to grow.

Throwing events begin at 9 a.m. with the women's hammer throw and running events beginning at noon with the women's 5,000-meter run.

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## MEN'S GOLF

## Competitive field slated for invite

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Since Jim Kubinski took over as head coach on Jan. 28, the Irish have posted low scores and earned exceptional finishes.

This weekend, though, the team will face its toughest test in the Augusta State Invitational, where 18 of the best squads in the country will square off in a mid-spring showdown.

Ten of the nation's top 25 teams will tee it up this weekend at Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., including No. 4 Georgia, No. 6 Wake Forest and No. 9 Duke.

Notre Dame, entering the weekend at No. 62 in the Golfstat rankings, have earned one win and two other top-five finishes in three tournaments this spring under the tutelage of their new head coach.

However, the team will be hard pressed to replicate the early-spring success they have enjoyed against this field.

Among the golfers in the field for opposing teams are three of the top 15 individual golfers in the country — Ryan Blaum of Duke, Georgia's Chris Kirk and Georgia Southern's Aaron Price. Blaum, Kirk and Price each have a scoring average below 70. In comparison, Notre Dame's best scoring average belongs to Cole Isban, who is ranked 117 in the country with a 71.71 average.

According to the Invitational's official website, 31 of the country's top 100 individual golfers will be competing. Isban and his teammates will have to play their best if they want to stay competitive on Sunday.

But history is not on Notre Dame's side.

Last year, Minnesota won the tournament going away. The Golden Gophers outpaced Duke and UCLA by five and six strokes, respectively. No other team finished within 10 shots of the winners.

The Irish ended last year's tournament in a tie for fourteenth with Georgia Southern and Toledo at 892 (+28). That was thirty-one strokes behind Minnesota's winning score. This year, the team hopes to at least have a fighting chance come the final round.

The competition is not the only factor that is working against the Irish, though. The course, itself, also offers a significant challenge for Notre Dame.

While the Irish's home course of Warren consists almost entirely of bent grass on the fairways and greens, as is customary for northern courses, Forest Hills is 100-percent Bermuda.

Reading the greens well on the different surface will be pivotal for the Irish, as the 7,231-yard, par-72 course punishes poor drives with lengthy second shots to heavily contoured greens.

The forecast for Saturday's initial 36 holes calls for clouds and strong winds, which should bring scores up from their low levels last year. Sunday is set to be warm and sunny with a light breeze for the tournament's final round.

This is Notre Dame's penultimate team tournament before hosting the Big East Championship Apr. 23-24.

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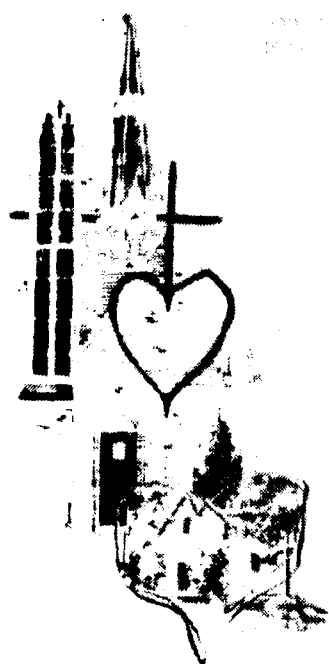
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## ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish set to welcome pair of Big East foes

By MATT PUGLISI  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame may only have seven of 15 regular season contests under its belt, but for the Irish (2-5, 0-1 Big East), the must-win games are already beginning.

After a 2004 campaign that saw the Irish drop just five contests all season — they finished 12-5 overall — the 2005 squad has already equaled last year's loss total in its first seven games.

For the team to have any hope of making a run at the Big East title and qualifying for the NCAA tournament come May, it must begin to turn the tide.

This weekend provides a perfect opportunity when Notre Dame hosts a pair of conference foes in Connecticut (5-2, 0-1 Big East) and Rutgers (3-4, 1-1 Big East).

The Irish battle the Huskies tonight at Moose Krause Field at 7 p.m. before facing the Scarlet Knights Sunday at noon.

Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne realizes the impact the next two games will have on the floundering 2005 season.

"It's a huge [weekend]," Coyne said. "At this stage, every game is important, and we can't be overlooking anyone. We've only started Big East play, and this is a big weekend in the conference."

"I think if we want to keep our hopes alive for winning our first conference championship and getting the automatic bid, we have to win this weekend."

The Irish haven't had much trouble disposing of the Huskies in the past, taking five of the six all-time matchups between the teams, including a 14-8 victory last season.

Connecticut enters this evening's game on the heels of a tough 13-12 loss to No. 15 Syracuse on Saturday.

Historically, Notre Dame has had a little more trouble with Rutgers, though the Irish have still managed to win three of five all-time meetings. The Scarlet Knights were one of four teams to beat the Irish last year, picking up a hard-fought 7-6 victory in Piscataway, N.J. last April.

Rutgers was edged by Old

Dominion, 9-8, in its most recent contest on Monday.

The Irish take the field tonight after a heartbreaking 10-9 overtime loss to Big East rival Boston College on Saturday — Notre Dame lost by an identical score in overtime to Vanderbilt on March 9.

Falling behind 6-2 at half-time, the Irish battled back to tie the game seven minutes, 47 seconds into the second half at six and then traded goals with the Eagles for the remainder of regulation.

Although attack Crysti Foote was able to knot the score at nine with only 1:07 left on the clock and force overtime, it was the last time Notre Dame found the back of the net on the afternoon.

Eagle Katherine Wagoner's unassisted tally 26 seconds into the extra period proved to be the difference.

In the end, Coyne felt it wasn't dominating Eagle play, but instead, poor Irish execution that dropped the

team to 2-5 on the season.

"It wasn't a situation where talent-wise we were over-matched and we had to play out of our heads," Coyne said. "I think it was more a case our lack of execution led to mistakes and then Boston College was able to capitalize."

According to Coyne, an inability to prepare for the fiercely competitive contest could also have contributed to the loss.

"It's slightly a one-sided rivalry — [Boston College] had never beaten us, and they have some girls on their team that wanted to come to Notre Dame," Coyne said. "I thought we were prepared for it, but I just think that they came out with a lot more intensity."

While Notre Dame certainly didn't expect the 2-5 mark that accompanies its name in the standings, the results this season may not be as bad as the record might indicate.

"We lost two overtime games and one game by three goals, so our record could easily be 5-2," Coyne said. "We're there — we're doing some things well, we're just not finishing the play."

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## ND WOMEN'S TRACK

# 'Pace' remains key for team

By RYAN KIEFER  
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Pace is a word that is used in track jargon constantly. Usually the term "pace" describes how fast someone is running in a race.

But Irish coach Tim Connelly isn't concerned with this type of pace. Instead, his team's ability to pace itself throughout the season has been the coach's focus this week.

Following one of the most successful weekends of the year for the women's track team — when it notched six NCAA qualifying times and proved itself to be competitive with top level teams — Connelly refused to let his team get ahead of itself.

"We need to temper our enthusiasm a bit," Connelly said. "Last weekend was simply a good starting point, a good first race. There's still two months until NCAA Regionals."

In an effort to establish this

theme, the Irish will take on lesser competition this weekend but will send their entire team to the Poehlein Invitational tomorrow at Purdue.

The team was originally scheduled to compete at Indiana University this weekend but chose instead to go to Purdue. The meet in West Lafayette, Ind. held on Saturday will allow athletes to attend Friday classes.

The Purdue meet will give athletes who have not yet participated in an outdoor meet the opportunity to compete in the elements.

"You have to look at the conditions when you run outside," Connelly said. "So many times performances can be dictated by the elements. We have to get used to these conditions. Saturday provides us with another race in which to do this."

Connelly also said some of his top distance runners will be competing in shorter events such as the 1,500-meter to help pace some of the less experienced run-

ners. This will allow the distance team to get some rest after last weekend while helping teammates in the process.

With the outdoor season still in its early stages, the Irish's goal is to gain racing experience. Technique and strategy were strong points of Notre Dame's performance last weekend, and Connelly will be stressing those areas again this weekend.

"We raced very well last weekend," Connelly said. "We were patient and waited for our opportunities. That was our biggest accomplishment last weekend, and it was much more important than just burning ourselves out like in a time trial. Smart racing is the ultimate goal."

Louisville, Indianapolis, Illinois-Chicago, Chicago State, Marquette, Loyola Chicago and Purdue are among the schools expected to compete against the Irish this weekend.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Squad returns to action in Indiana

## Cold climate expected to present problems

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Writer

Three weeks after its victory in the St. Croix Collegiate Invitational in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Notre Dame women's golf team returns to action this weekend in a much cooler climate in Bloomington, Ind., home of the Indiana Invitational.

The competition will mark the first northern tournament for the Irish since the weather last permitted for outdoor competition in early October, when the team participated in the Shoot Out at the Legends in Franklin, Ind.

Junior Suzie Hayes said the three-week layoff is common at this point in the season.

"[Spring break] is a great time to get practice in the heat and the sun, but then we usually have a break because of the weather," she said. "The next three tournaments are up north."

The Irish did their best to stay sharp during the off weeks, taking a trip to Rochester, Ind. last weekend to practice away from the Warren and Notre Dame golf courses.

"We've been working hard on our games," Hayes said. "We've been outside most of the last three weeks."

Taking to the links for the Irish will be sophomores Stacy Brown and Noriko Nakazaki, juniors Katie Brophy, Sarah Bassett and Hayes and senior Karen Lotta.

Brophy leads the team with a 75.83 stroke average but shot a 75-82-79 in three rounds at St. Croix. Brown paced the Irish in the Virgin Islands with 75-79-74 scores.

The Irish are a combined 23-0 against opponents they will face in Bloomington.

Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 45 by golfstat.com. Challenging the Irish will be No. 70 Wisconsin, No. 84 Minnesota and No. 99 Iowa, among 14 other teams.

Rounding out the field will be Indiana, Arkansas-Little Rock,

Ball State, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley, Illinois, Indianapolis, Iowa, IPFW, Marshall, Minnesota, Ohio, St. John's, Toledo, Wisconsin and Xavier.

The Hoosiers will also enter six individual competitors who will not count toward the team's score.

Despite the mediocre competition, Hayes said the team is not overconfident.

"We know we want to win, but we're not going out there saying 'oh, this is an easy tournament,'" she said. "We just want to play well and lower our scoring averages."

The forecast for Saturday is sunny and 45 degrees, much cooler than St. Croix but dry and playable.

"We're used to the conditions," Hayes said. "This tournament always seems to have cold weather. It won't affect us too much."

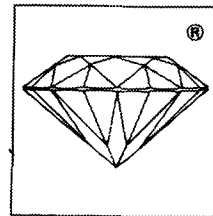
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with him like Matt Karweck and Brian Morrison, who's done a great job scoring goals for us.

"[Karweck and Walsh] are good friends and have worked really hard together the last couple of years. It didn't surprise me that they have been playing so well together."

Corrigan believes the Irish can still make strides as they enter the last month of regular season competition before the NCAA tournament starts

in May. "Scoring is part of it, but making good decisions and taking care of the ball is also part of it," Corrigan said. "I think we've done a good job of making plays, but I think we can still make a lot of progress in our decision making offensively."

Saturday's game will be the fourth all-time matchup between Notre Dame and Dartmouth.

The Irish won last season's meeting in South Bend, Ind., 10-3.

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**Irish attack Pat Walsh looks to pass earlier this season against Butler. Notre Dame plays Dartmouth this weekend.**

## Rutgers

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appeared to have sealed the victory, but a controversial call on a play at first base kept the game going. The Irish lost in an epic 19-inning battle.

"We've got a little bit of a sour taste in our mouths from that game because we thought we won the game," Mainieri said. "The game should have been over. We were running off the field to celebrate, and the umpire made a call that we thought was wrong."

"When our first baseman went back to argue the call, the runner ran home from third to tie the game. It cost us the regular season championship."

Junior Cody Rizzo is one of six players on the current Irish roster who was involved in the 5-3 loss two seasons ago that lasted almost five hours. Rizzo remembers it well and is excited to face such a quality opponent this weekend.

"It's going to be a test," Rizzo said. "We've sort of started to turn the season around a little bit, and this is going to show us how we're doing."

"It's a rivalry every year. To go out there and have their fans cheering against us gets you going every game."

Rutgers is coming off an 11-2 home-opener victory over Rider. First baseman/outfielder Ryan Hill leads the Scarlet Knights with a .393 batting average in only 28 at-bats. The top every-day hitters for the Knights are infielder Cory Rodriguez (.369, 84 at-bats), outfielder Johnny Defendis (.351, 97 at-bats) and first baseman Rich Canuso (.323, 65 at-bats). Infielder Todd Frazier has six home runs.

The Knights have already knocked off No. 3 Georgia Tech and swept Big Ten power Minnesota this season.

Irish freshman second baseman Brett Lilley continues to pace the Notre Dame offense with a .384 batting average. Senior first/third baseman Matt

Edwards has blasted his way to a .382 average after a solid midweek game against Western Michigan in which he homered three times over the left field fence. His home run total is nine through 23 games.

Though this weekend's series takes place early in the conference schedule, the two perennial conference title contenders are tied atop the Big East standings at 3-1. Mainieri recognizes the importance of the series.

"I think they're very important games, very critical games because if you want to beat teams out for the championship, you better beat them head to head," he said. "They're critical because you know that they're [Rutgers] going to be a main contender for the [Big East] championship."

Junior lefty Tom Thornton will try to earn his third win of the season in Saturday's seven-inning game one. With a 2-3 record, Thornton leads the team with 33.2 innings pitched and is second on the team with 17 strikeouts.

The game two starting pitcher for the Irish will be either sophomore Jeff Manship or sophomore Derik Olvey, depending on the weather. Manship, still easing his way into the rotation after elbow surgery, will throw two innings unless the weather is cold. Otherwise, Olvey will get the nod.

Two-sport standout Jeff Samardzija will pitch game three of the series. With a 3-0 record, Samardzija should be an imposing third game pitcher. He will fly to Newark Airport on Saturday night after an afternoon football practice.

Since 1998, the Irish and the Knights have dominated the Big East, appearing in 12 NCAA tournaments, winning 5 Big East tournament championships and seven Big East regular season championships combined.

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## Season

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and earned first team All-Big East for Notre Dame this season.

"That is so important to have a good leader, you can't win without a leader," McGraw said. "I think Megan's going to run the team like she did this year, and she's improved every year."

Duffy will be joined in the backcourt by defensive stopper Breona Gray, who had a solid sophomore season, and freshman Tulyah Gaines, who gained valuable experience in a backup role this season.

"Tulyah really came on at the end of the year," McGraw said.

Borton's inside presence will

be filled by another freshman, Melissa D'Amico. The 6-foot-5 forward/center saw limited action this season, but McGraw thinks she will be a big contributor next season, playing in the post next to returning starter junior Courtney LaVere and sophomore Crystal Erwin.

"[D'Amico] is going to be a dominating presence in the lane for us on both ends of the floor," McGraw said. "I think that she is talented, she works hard, and I really feel like she is going to play a major role for us inside. Not so much in scoring, but just in contributing."

And even with these three freshmen seeing increased roles next year, Notre Dame will get even younger with two top recruits coming in: McDonald's All-American Lindsay Schrader

and honorable mention All-American Chandrica Smith.

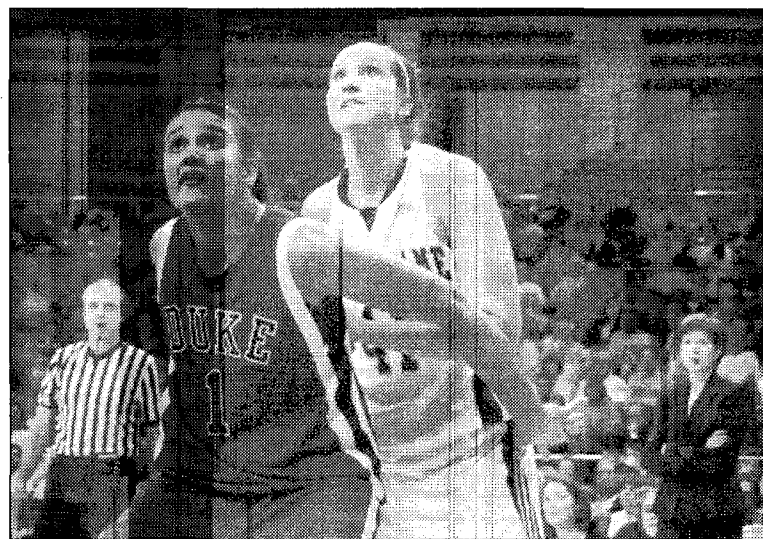
Schrader will join the Irish out of Bartlett, Ill. The 2005 Illinois Ms. Basketball is a pure scorer, averaging 22.1 points per game her senior year.

"She's someone who can shoot the ball, score from the perimeter, rebound — she's got a lot of strengths on offense," McGraw said of Schrader, who scored nine points in the All-American game Wednesday night at the Joyce Center.

Smith will bring an athletic presence to the Irish.

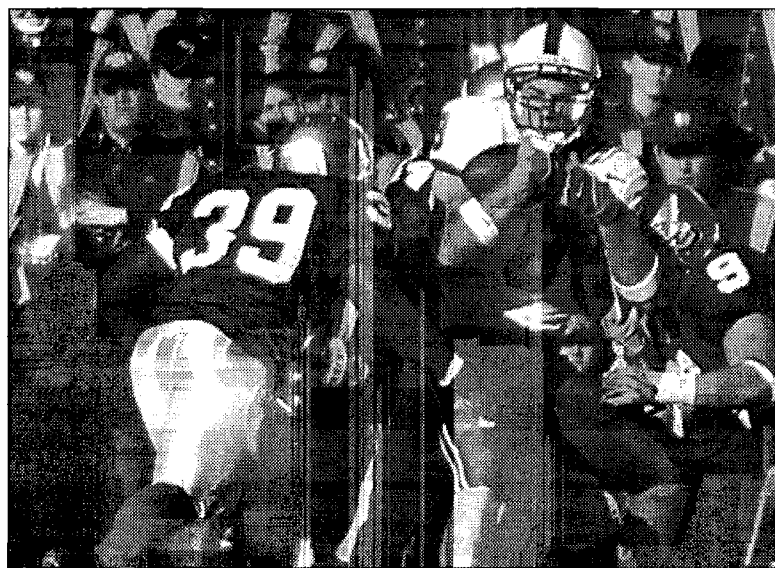
"Chandrica is a great defender who can rebound, which was a huge weakness we had this year," McGraw said.

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Irish forward Courtney LaVere looks for a rebound against Duke earlier this season. LaVere was the team's third leading rebounder this season.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

The Notre Dame defense wraps up a Stanford player during last October's game. Next year's defense will have to replace two starting linebackers.

## Defense

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returning Irish linebackers with sizable game experience. They will need to fill holes left by the departure of Mike Goolsby and Derek Curry and also adapt to the terminology used by new Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

"There is some different lingo here and there, but there's a lot of carryover in everything we do," Mays said. "There will be a little change, but just like class, you have to study and get everything down. If you just spend 15 to 20 minutes of dedication every day, you can get things down pat."

Despite the inexperience of this year's linebacking corps, there is plenty of talent to compensate.

Juniors Mitchell Thomas, Joe Brockington and Nick Borsetti return and will compete for a spot in the 4-3 set. Sophomores Abdel Banda and Maurice Crum, Jr. are expected to push the veterans.

Chinedum Ndukwe, who logged minutes at safety as a sophomore last year, will play a hybrid position, mixing duties of a safety and linebacker.

"I don't think it's anything ingenious," Minter said. "I think the best thing for us to do right now is to play with [Ndukwe] on the field as a 'nickel-backer' type guy."

According to Minter, Hoyte and Mays are the frontrunners for number-one spots, along with Ndukwe, but no one is assured of anything just yet.

"Right now we're just competing for spots and not locked in too

much," Minter said Wednesday after Notre Dame's second spring practice. "But when the dust settles I'd like to see [Mays] at [middle] linebacker. He's that prototypical, big, thick-bodied guy that plays in the middle, and then I'll put Hoyte on the flank somewhere."

Despite his coach's confidence in his ability to contribute this season, Hoyte is taking nothing for granted.

"It's really simple," Hoyte said. "I need to prove myself. Some people would say as a fifth-year linebacker that's already been done, but I don't think so. I don't think I've played up to the possibilities I'm capable of, so in my viewpoint, I'm no different than a freshman."

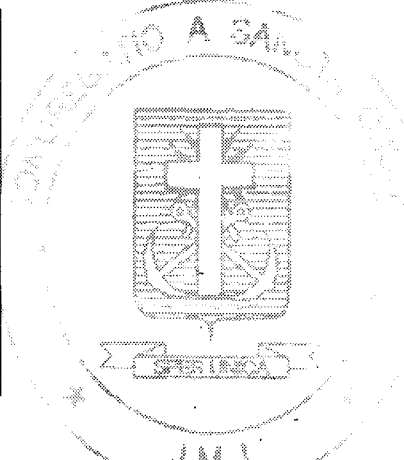
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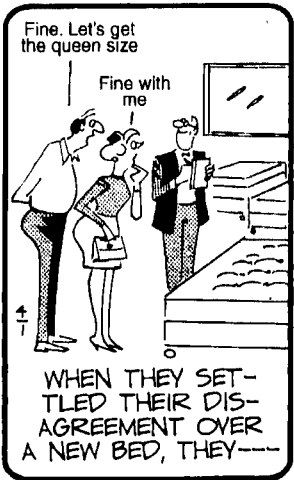
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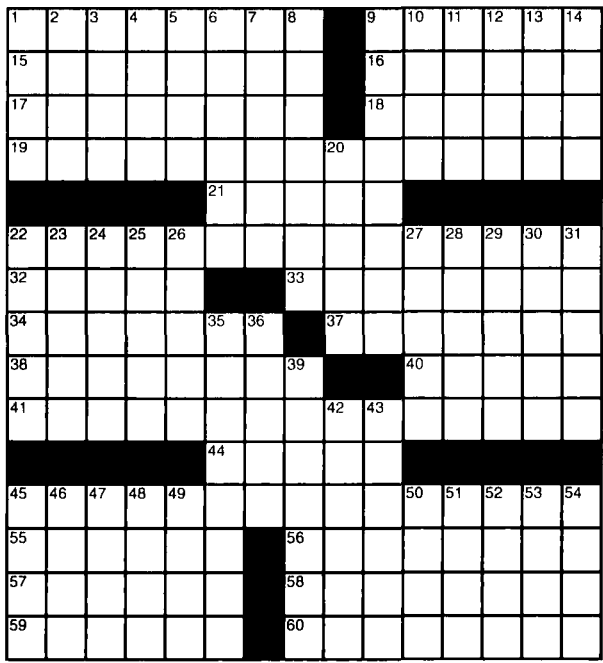
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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# McGraw, players reflect on season

*Tournament upset brought campaign to sudden conclusion*

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

The women's college basketball season concludes this weekend in Indianapolis, but the Irish will be watching on their television sets. After their season started with high hopes of Notre Dame's first Final Four since the 2001 national championship, the Irish were upset by fifth-seeded Arizona State 70-61 on March 21 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We met and watched the film and really I wanted them to take the pain with them," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I wanted them to remember the pain they felt in the locker room after the game and not to ever want to go through that again. It's all a mindset, it's an attitude that you have to have, and we just didn't seem to have it in the beginning of the second half of that game."

The Irish finished the season 27-6, the third most victories in school history, won the pre-season WNIT tournament and finished second in the Big East conference.

They return three starters next season. But next year's

team will have the tough task of replacing graduating seniors Jacqueline Batteast, a third team Associated Press All-American, who led the Irish in scoring with 16.9 points per game, and Teresa Borton, who never missed a game in her four years.

"It's really going to be hard to replace them because they scored and rebounded," McGraw said. "Jackie, we wanted her to have the ball in every clutch situation, so we're going to have somebody else to do that."

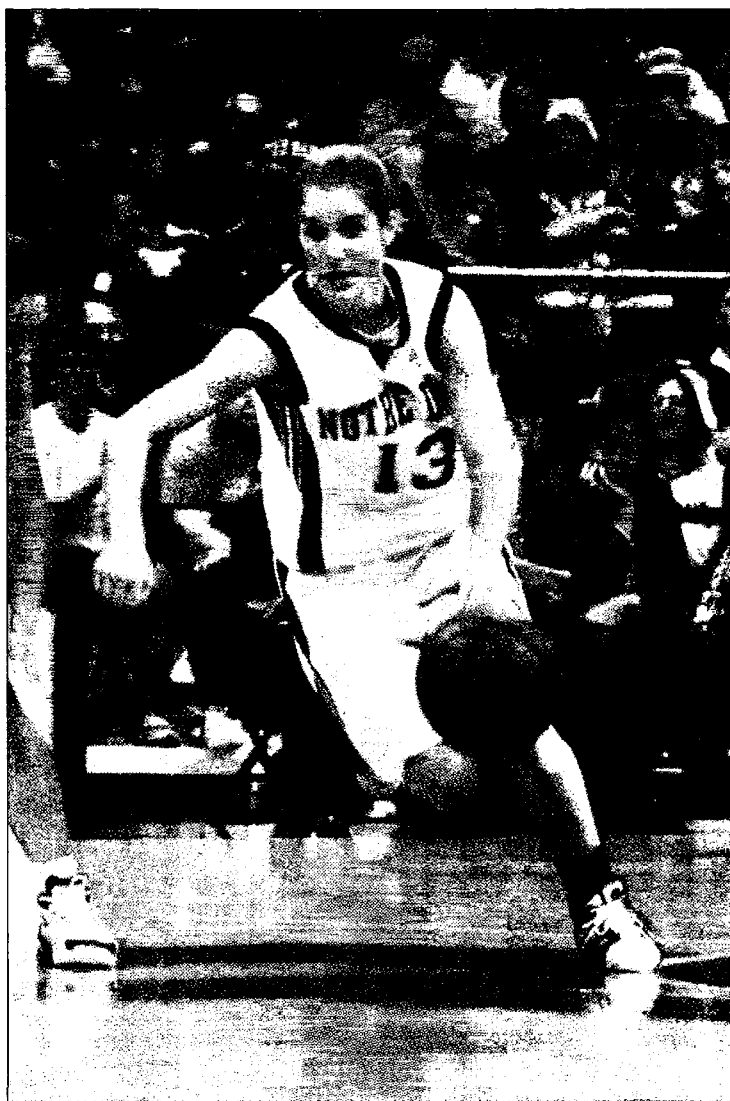
First in line was freshman Charel Allen, named to the Big East all-freshman team this season. However, Allen suffered a torn ACL and MCL in her left knee and will have surgery in about a month once the MCL heals, McGraw said. Allen is expected to return for practice in October.

"She should be ready for practice," McGraw said. "We don't expect her to be 100 percent, but she'll be cleared to play."

"Charel was going to step up and maybe be our go-to scorer next year, even as a sophomore."

While Allen should give the Irish a scorer, junior point guard Megan Duffy will return as the team's leader and heart and soul. The gutsy guard was named honorable mention Associated Press All-American

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Irish point guard Megan Duffy drives against Washington earlier this season. Duffy averaged 12.3 points per game in 2004-2005.

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## BASEBALL

# Team takes road trip to Rutgers

By TOM DORWART  
Sports Writer

If the Irish baseball team seems bitter this week, it's because they're focused. If they seem a bit jumpy in classes, it's because they've got something else on their minds.

Notre Dame (13-10) — winner of four straight — takes on longtime Big East rival Rutgers (13-9) in a noon doubleheader Saturday and a single game at noon Sunday in conference action at Rutgers' Class of '53 Baseball Complex.

"It's hard for me to even say the name Rutgers," coach Paul Mainieri said. "When it's the week that you play Rutgers, there's a little extra bounce in the step, a little extra fire in the heart to go play."

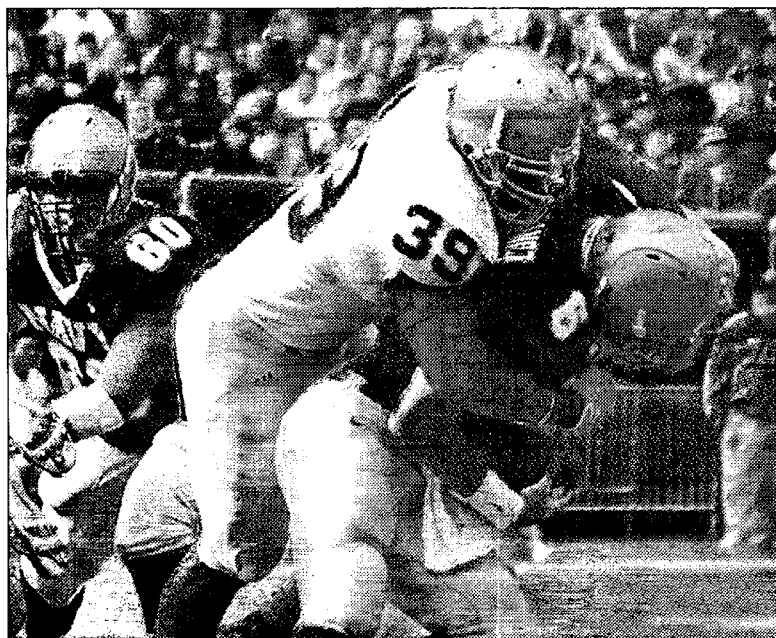
The last time Notre Dame traveled to Piscataway, N.J. to face the Scarlet Knights — during the 2003 season — the Irish dropped the final two games of the three-game series, dropping behind the Knights for first place in the Big East and ending any hope of contending for the top seed in the Big East tournament.

In the final game, the Irish

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## FOOTBALL

# Mays, Hoyte lead defense



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte tackles Navy Quarterback Aaron Polanco October 16. Hoyte will be the only returning starter at linebacker for the Irish next fall.

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Writer

Corey Mays turns heads when he walks into a room. His thick, bouncy, dreadlocked hair tends to stand out. But entering his last season in an Irish uniform, the senior linebacker hopes to attract attention from his play alone.

"I'm trying to do more this year with action," Mays said. "Because I believe people believe in someone who's doing more action rather than just talking. Really, I'm trying to combine talking and action to get the guys emotionally charged during practice."

Mays and fellow senior Brandon Hoyte are the only

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish travel to take on high scoring Big Green

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has already played three Inside Lacrosse top 20 teams this season, but its most difficult test might come Saturday when the No. 6 Irish travel to Hanover, N.H. to take on No. 17 Dartmouth.

The latest NCAA statistics rank Notre Dame first in the nation in scoring with 12.8 goals per game. But Dartmouth has the 12th-ranked scoring defense in the nation, and Irish coach Kevin Corrigan expects a stiff challenge.

"Defensively, they're very athletic and very aggressive," Corrigan said. "When you look at their scores on the year, they've done a really nice job."

They haven't given up the shots they don't want to give up because they have an excellent goalie [in Ivy League player of the week Andrew Goldstein].

"Offensively, they've got some very good players. They don't have the depth that some people have, but the guys that they have in the midfield and attack are very good players."

That defense will be tested by the quick-striking Notre Dame offense. Junior attack Pat Walsh leads the Irish with 14 goals and 17 assists.

"Pat is an outstanding player," Corrigan said. "I give him all the credit this year. He's played extremely well. But I think a lot of credit has to go to the guys that are playing

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Long Beach State at Notre Dame  
Friday, 10 am  
Thompson twins welcome 49ers to Eck Tennis Pavillion  
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**MEN'S TRACK**  
Poehlein Invitational  
Saturday, 9 am  
Postponed meet to be made up this weekend at Purdue.  
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**MEN'S TENNIS**  
Notre Dame at SMU  
Sunday, 1 pm  
Irish hope to extend win streak to three against Mustangs  
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**WOMEN'S CREW**  
San Diego Crew Classic  
Saturday-Sunday  
Notre Dame slated to compete in San Diego's Mission Bay.  
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Purple and White Invitational  
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Belles travel to Columbus for Capitol College tourney.  
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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**  
UConn/Rutgers at Notre Dame  
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Irish host two top Big East foes.  
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