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Basilica prepares for tridium celebration

By JASON McFARLEY
 News Editor

When it comes to the Lenten season and Notre Dame, the past 40 days perhaps have little on the next three.

That's because when Lent, the traditional Catholic season of sacrifice, ends, the production at the University begins.

"A lot of students have told me that one of their goals is to spend Holy Week at Notre Dame," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry. "I don't think there's anyplace in the country that celebrates the tridium like the Basilica."

The tridium designates the three-day period from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

Traditionally, the events that begin on Holy Thursday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the cathedral-style church situated on central campus, have attracted large crowds. Warner said worshippers usually arrive at the chapel an hour before the events are scheduled to begin. Some churchgoers are from the area, but most represent the University community, Warner said.

"Many graduates come back just to be here, and they do that year after year," said Warner, who will preside at the noon Easter Mass. "It's really unique."

What makes the Easter Mass and the activities leading up to it at the Basilica special?

Start with the fact that Catholics view Easter, which celebrates Jesus's resurrection, as the defining holiday of their faith.

Add to that the return of ornamentation missing from the

church during the 40 days of Lent. During the Lenten season, solemnity and starkness permeate the majority of Catholic churches, as altars are stripped of decorations and flowers.

"On Thursday, the main altar is totally bare. Friday it's austere," Warner said. "Saturday it's magnificent. There are tulips, daffodils, trees É it's absolutely beautiful."

Music by student choirs is also a selling point for the more than 1,500 people who attend annual tridium activities, Warner said.

Of course, weeks of preparation go into pulling off only a handful of liturgical services.

Rehearsals for choir performances and other events began as early as two weeks before their planned dates, according to Father Peter Rocca, the Basilica's rector. He said rehearsals also take place the day of the events.

"A lot of planning and practice goes into the celebrations. Everyone works hard to see that it is a special occasion," said Rocca, who will preside over the Easter vigil Saturday night.

Tonight a Tenebrae service is scheduled for 11 p.m. at the Basilica. A ceremony that remembers Jesus's burial, Warner said the event usually draws between 1,400 and 1,600 members of the campus community every year.

Good Friday ceremonies are highlighted by a celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. and the Vigil Mass is at 9 p.m. Saturday. Four Easter Masses will be held Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 9 p.m.

"This really is a wonderful time of the year. Everything is beautiful and the services are very special," Warner said.

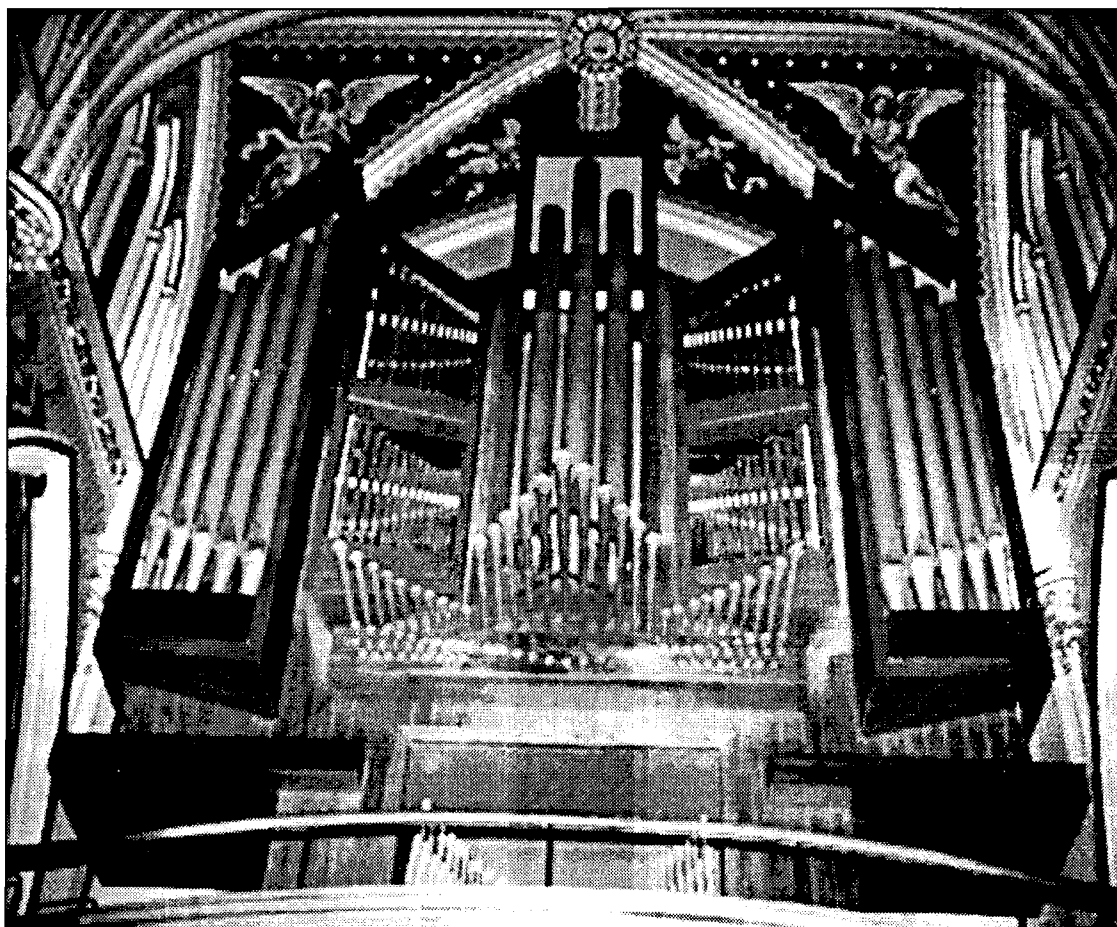


Photo courtesy of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart
 The Basilica's organ is one of the highlights of the Notre Dame campus landmark. From today until Sunday, the Basilica will host hundreds of churchgoers celebrating the tridium.

Easter Mass Schedule

Notre Dame

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 14
 9 p.m. — The Pascal Vigil Mass
 Sunday, April 15
 8 a.m. — Easter Sunday Mass
 10 a.m. — Easter Sunday Mass
 Noon — Easter Sunday Mass
 9 p.m. — Easter Sunday Mass

Saint Mary's College

Church of Our Lady of Loretto

Saturday, April 14
 8 p.m. — Vigil Mass
 Sunday, April 15
 9:45 a.m. — Easter Mass
 11:15 a.m. — Easter Mass

Eldred speaks on faith and prayer

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 News Writer

Speaking about the role faith and prayer play in her life as president of Saint Mary's, Marilou Eldred delivered the keynote address at the 30th annual Michiana Area Community Prayer Breakfast Wednesday.

The breakfast, designed to bring community leaders together to reflect on how prayer can be integrated into their daily lives, is modeled after President Eisenhower's Presidential Prayer Breakfast for

Congressional leaders, which began in 1952. The Michiana breakfast, which has been an annual event since 1971, typically chooses local or national leaders to deliver the address.

"We chose [Eldred] because she has made a strong effort to be a part of this community and not just remain on campus," said Mikki Dobski Shidler, chair-



Eldred

woman of the event. "We chose her because she is a tremendous speaker, and because of the role she plays in the community as the president of a Catholic women's college."

Eldred, who was a nun for 10 years, said she actively chooses to involve prayer in her everyday duties as president of Saint Mary's, and this choice assists her in some of the most difficult parts of her job.

"In this all-consuming job as president of Saint Mary's College, I could either think I have time for a very limited prayer life, or that all my

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Pilon: Vietnam war had 'terrible effects' on Americans

By MYRA McGRIFF
 Saint Mary's Editor

University of Northern Arizona professor Charles Pilon, who served as a consultant for the Vietnamese Ministry of Education, gave the Vietnam war a human face Wednesday during his lecture, "The Vietnam War: What happened and what is happening." Relaying stories from his book "Bridging the Gap: Twenty years after the War in Vietnam," Pilon spoke of the effect the war in Vietnam had on the American conscious.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ready to go home

OK, I admit it — I'm homesick. And I can't really figure out why. Maybe it's because I haven't been home since Christmas, and I'm longing for my own bed and some good cooking. Maybe it's because with these first hints of spring, I'm missing the regular family invasions of fall football weekends. Maybe it's the realization that since I'm going abroad next fall, time with my family is quickly becoming precious.

Laura Kelly

Associate
Scene Editor

But whatever the reason, I'm so ready for Easter break that by the time this paper goes to print, I'll already be home.

It's funny because I have no memory of homesickness during freshman year. I was never one to cry myself to sleep in my pillow or call home every day with another mooney complaint. Sure, I sometimes missed the familiarities of home. But I was so excited for college that I never looked back once my packed car turned out of the gravel driveway that August.

And now? As a sophomore, I should be confident in my routines and life at Notre Dame. But now I somehow find myself calling home more often, just wanting to talk and share a few laughs. I'm excited each time my mom e-mails, and I pounce on my brothers every time they sign online. Ironically, I find myself missing them all more as I'm supposed to be growing up and growing away.

I remember what a novelty it was when my older brother and sister would return from college — how we three "littles" used to tear around the house helping my mom get ready and race each other to the door once we heard their voices in the kitchen. Now I've become that novelty, that long-distance sister and daughter returning home, and it feels strange. For as easily as I settle into the rhythms of life back home, the grooves do not fit me as easily as they once did. I have grown and changed so much, that in some ways, sadly, my family might not know me anymore. But that is the wonderful, constant thing about home — the one place I'll always be able to return to and understand completely.

Back in the summer camp days, my mom used to console my fears with the same words: "We're always here. You know what we'll be doing while you're gone. And now it's your time to go out and explore." I took her words to heart and headed out in the big, scary world. But now I'm itching to get back.

It's the little things I can't wait for this weekend — laughing with my mom as we run errands, fighting with my brothers over how I always skip out on the dishes, staying up late to talk literature and life with my dad. So maybe my mom's words are the reason I'm craving home as of late. I want to be sure that it's still the same, even if I'm not.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: "Toqueville, American Catholics and Democratic Culture," 12:30 p.m., 116 DeBartolo Hall	◆ Good Friday: Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; Passion, 3 p.m.; Stations, 7:15 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart	◆ Morning prayer: 9 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart	◆ Easter Mass: Solemn Mass, 8:00 a.m.; Sunday Mass, 10 a.m., 12 a.m., 9 p.m.
◆ Lecture: "Measuring Migratory flows from Mexico," 12:30 p.m., C-103 Hesburgh Center	◆ Way of the Cross: Buses depart from the Library circle at 8 a.m. for Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood	◆ Easter Vigil: 9 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart.	◆ Easter Brunch: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. South Dining Hall. Open to the public.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Kent State students protest Bush speech

KENT, Ohio
Chants of "60,000 thrown away. What about the fourth of May!" and "Racist, Sexist, Anti-gay! Bush and family go away!" were heard outside Kent State University's Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center Tuesday night.

Approximately 30 people were protesting the Undergraduate Student Senate's decision to give Barbara Bush \$60,000 for a speech instead of giving more money to the May 4 Task Force.

"I felt the May 4 committee was robbed," senior journalism major Todd Fleck said.

"They were robbed to suit a right-wing agenda, to help forget about the Tiananmen Square of America and to maximize the profits of corporate



America within a non-profit university."

The group also sported several signs stating its displeasure with Bush receiving \$60,000 for her speech.

"It's ridiculous. Obscene amounts of money are being spent that could be better used for students," junior psychology major Laura Haring said. "I doubt an 80-year-old woman can relate to students."

Junior visual communication design major Betsy Boetto said, "I think it (May 4) is such an important day. It's such a significant thing, I can't

believe they (USS) gave \$60,000 to a millionaire woman."

One of the more creative protesters called himself Emill Yonare. He sarcastically pleaded with passers by to give Bush more money while paper \$1,000 bills fell out of his pockets.

"She is not getting paid enough," Emill Yonare said. "It's horrible! She is only getting \$60,000 but should not be getting any less than a quarter of a million."

Another unique protester wore a George W. Bush mask and was going by the name "W." He also based his protest on sarcasm.

"I've had a change of heart. I want people to boycott my mom," "W" said.

There was a mild interest in the protest as a small group of people gathered to watch.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS

Recruiters discourage students

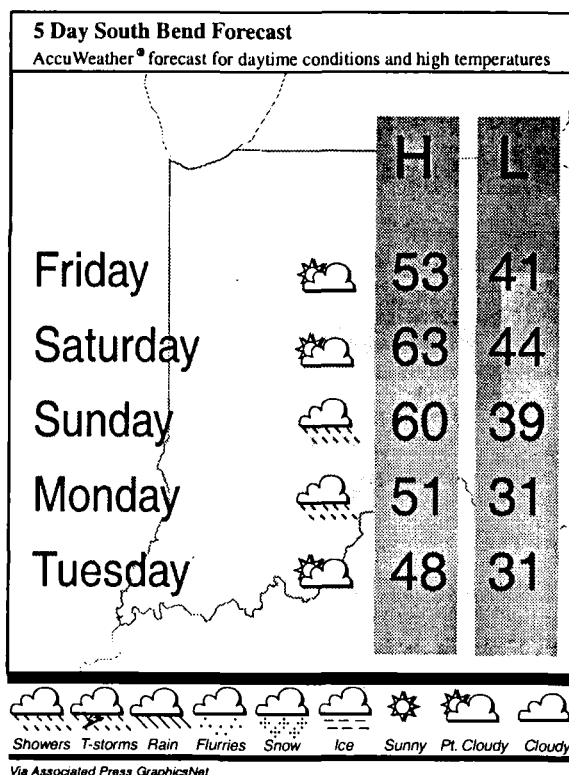
DAVIS, Calif.
Just as campuses across the University of California system have mailed out acceptance letters, some recruitment and retention centers at UC Berkeley have announced that they will actively discourage underrepresented students from attending the university until the UC's anti-affirmative action policies are repealed. The Cal groups, including the Bridges Black Student and Raza recruitment and retention centers, announced prior to the UC Board of Regents meeting in March that if Standing Policy 1 was not repealed, the organizations would not participate in calling or hosting admittees. Additionally, the centers announced that they would send out letters discouraging students from attending Cal. The centers said they will instead concentrate more on retention efforts. During last month's UC Board of Regents meeting, Chair Sue Johnson called for an investigation to determine whether or not Cal and UCLA centers have sent letters to underrepresented high school students discouraging them from attending their campuses.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

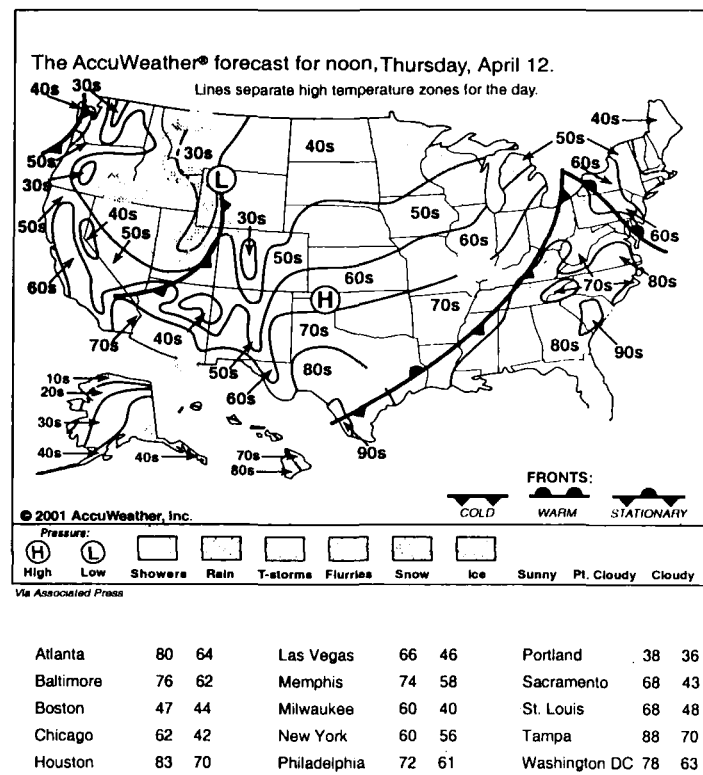
Study links stress to smoking

CHICAGO
New research published by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center (NORC) shows that academic rigor and ethnic composition of high schools can affect teenage cigarette smoking. Adolescents attending highly competitive schools are more likely to start smoking than adolescents who achieve comparable grades at less competitive schools. Ethnic minority adolescents — especially African Americans — are also less likely to begin smoking than whites, especially if they attend predominantly minority schools. The study investigates why adolescents begin to smoke and explores the racial disparity in adolescent smokers. The researchers used data from the National Education Longitudinal Study, which was conducted in the late 1980s with follow-up surveys through 1994. While cigarette initiation occurs almost exclusively among adolescents, who go on to comprise the vast majority of adult smokers, the initiation rate among whites is more than double the rate among blacks and higher than rates among Asians and Latinos.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Tuition for the summer session of 2001 will be \$243 per credit hour plus a \$40 general fee.

Vietnam

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Pilon began a project to chronicle the effects the war had on individuals when he was invited to consult with administration and faculty of the Ministry of Education in Hanoi, Vietnam. Since Pilon had access to areas most Americans were denied, he was able to see a complete picture of what he calls "the terrible effects of war." He visited graveyards, mausoleums and talked to Vietnamese officials, discovering the impact the Vietnam War still has on the people of Vietnam.

"Over one million of Vietnam's soldiers were killed and over one million were [missing in action]," said Pilon.

Pilon also spoke of the effect the war had on him as a teacher in Arizona. Although he did not fight, he stood by those students that grieved over the loss of parents, brothers and classmates. He

described the 60s as a horrible period he was sorry he had to go through.

"I would grieve with and cry with them. The 60s were a terrible time to live," said Pilon.

In addition to the effects the death of service men had on the students, Pilon also spoke about the rebellion students displayed against American involvement in the war. As a high school teacher, he saw students burning flags and wearing upside-down American flags sown onto their clothes. He discussed how the veterans of the war were treated differently from soldiers returning from World War II, which he fought in.

"It was not a fun time.

American service men were not respected. The Vietnam veteran would not dare wear any military apparel."

He also touched on the more memorable moments of his experience in Hanoi. There, he visited the prison for prisoners of war (POW) were held, nicknamed the "Hanoi Hilton."

There, Pilon saw the cell of Senator John McCain, who was held as a

POW, and took bricks from his former cell. Pilon also told a story about giving money to a homeless veteran, missing his legs. He said that after he put

the money into the veteran's tin can, the veteran saluted him and Pilon saluted him in return. For Pilon, the incident connected him to that veteran.

"In that moment our hearts were looking into each other's heart," said Pilon.

It is this connection and the devastation Pilon saw in the veteran that makes him see war as so horrible and causes him to question what he calls "mans inhumanity to man."

"Men die, women always become widows and children become orphans during war," said Pilon.

After his stay and research at Hanoi, he still has no more insight into the justification of a war that he described repeatedly as "terrible."

"Every president, vice president, and chancellor asks me, 'Why did we fight this war?' and all I can say is I don't know."

"Men die, women always become widows and children become orphans during war."

Charles Pilon
University of Northern Arizona
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

11 civilians die in Burndi clash:

Fighting between the army and rebels northwest of the Burndi capital left at least 11 civilians dead and forced thousands to flee their homes, a local government official said Wednesday. The villagers were caught in cross fire Monday night as soldiers fought with Hutu rebels in Rubirizi, seven miles northwest of the lakeside capital Bujumbura, said Philippe Ndikumana, the official. "We have a list of their names. Unfortunately, we have not been able to organize a burial for these people because the area is still insecure," Ndikumana said.

Israeli, Palestinian chiefs meet:

Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs met Wednesday in a U.S.-sponsored effort to reduce violence, Palestinian officials said, hours after Israeli tanks rumbled into a refugee camp and reduced a neighborhood to rubble — the first such foray into Palestinian territory during seven months of violence.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Officials plan for hurricane season:

With one leading forecaster predicting 10 tropical storms, including a half-dozen hurricanes, emergency management officials gathered Wednesday to plan for the upcoming hurricane season. "We can change the impact of disasters. We, as a nation, can reduce the loss of life — by taking effective action now," Joe Allbaugh, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, told the opening session of the 2001 National Hurricane Conference.

Fate of U.S. spy plane uncertain:

The gray-and-white U.S. spy plane still sits on the Hainan island tarmac, a long string of Chinese trucks parked at its side. The Bush administration wants the plane returned, even if the Chinese have stripped it of the sensitive eavesdropping equipment. For now, the EP-3E remains in Chinese hands, but the loss of intelligence information may not be as severe as first feared.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Gary airport needs state funding:

The Gary-Chicago Airport needs money from the state so it can market itself better, Mayor Scott King said. The city of Chicago has contributed considerably more funds to the airport than the state of Indiana even though most of the people who use the airport now are from Indiana, King said. The airport needs to attract more passengers from Chicago, said William Staehle, president of the Gary-Chicago Airport Authority.

SOUTH AFRICA



Rescue workers work around victims of a stampede Wednesday at Ellis Park in Johannesburg. At least 47 people died due to a crowd trying to enter the overcrowded stadium to attend a soccer game.

Stampede at soccer game kills 47

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

A stampede broke out Wednesday night in a packed soccer stadium in Johannesburg, killing 47 people, the sports minister said. The mayhem broke out after a goal was scored, witnesses said.

The stampede occurred during a soccer match between the Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates at Ellis Park Stadium. At least 27 bodies lay strewn on the field after the match had been canceled. A stream of ambulances, private cars and a helicopter delivered injured fans to the hospital.

"We're stunned, we're

shocked and we're sending our condolences to those families," Sport Minister Ngconde Balfour told The Associated Press. "Whatever will need to be done we'll do."

Balfour said between 47 and 50 people had been killed at the stadium in the "freak accident."

Witnesses said the match between two of the Premier League's most popular rivals was vastly overcrowded and erupted into chaos after a Pirates player scored a goal.

"That's when everything happened," Louis Shipalana, 42, a security guard at the stadium told The Associated Press. "The

stadium was full. There was no place to stand. The people were pushing toward the fence, and the fence collapsed and the people in the back stepped on those in front."

The South African Broadcasting Corp. reported that too many tickets had been sold for the match. People outside tried to push into the stadium and were trapped against barbed wire.

Emergency vehicles outside the stadium were unable to move amid the soccer traffic.

Police had earlier fired tear gas at people stampeding outside the stadium, according to the South

African Press Association.

Several fans at the stadium told 702 radio the stadium appeared to have inadequate security to handle the crowds.

President Thabo Mbeki's office promised an urgent inquiry into the tragedy to ensure it was not repeated, according to SAPA.

"The president expresses his sincere condolences to the bereaved on behalf of South Africa," his spokeswoman Tasneem Carrim said, according to SAPA.

Balfour said the Premier League was responsible for security at the match, and the chaos should not affect South Africa's bid to host the 2010 World Cup.

Market Watch April 11

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Even as the Bush administration exulted at the anticipated return of the U.S. spy plane's crew, some members of Congress were gearing up for a new battle over trade with China.

Lawmakers said the incident has focused attention on other difficult U.S.-China matters that must be resolved. They also praised President Bush for his approach toward ending the standoff.

"The way in which the president handled this from the beginning,

keeping sort of a lid on this thing, not letting it get out of hand, not yielding to the temptation of escalating it, not referring to our crew as hostages — all was wise, it showed balance," said Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's top Democrat.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Bush "exhibited mature and responsible leadership throughout this tense situation."

But lawmakers said the United States and China face hurdles in regaining the relationship that existed before the April 1 collision between

the spy plane and a Chinese fighter.

"The real question is what about other reconnaissance flights" in international air space and over international waters, said House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla. "It's critically important that we maintain that for our own national security."

China's detention of the 24 Americans for more than a week gave new impetus to a bill — introduced days after the collision — to overturn last year's law paving the way for China to gain permanent normal trade relations with the United States.

Lawmakers threaten China trade

Eldred

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work life is a prayer," Eldred said. "I believe that the latter is true, although there are days and events that make me wonder how they could ever, in one's wildest imagination, be perceived as prayer. In those times, especially, I find myself asking God's help to make the right decision."

Eldred's faith journey, however, started long before she assumed the presidency at Saint Mary's. Raised in a Catholic family, Eldred said she "was certain" during high school she had a vocation. Her realization led her to spend 10 years as a member of a religious community.

It was her experience as a religious sister, sometimes falling asleep during meditation, that taught her prayer was more than formal, traditional prayer.

"My most vivid memory of the meditation experience is sleeping through much of it, often waking abruptly and slowly falling out of the pew, then confidently pulling myself up straight as if it were all part of my intense experience with God," Eldred said. "But that time in my life was very important, because I began to understand that there is much more to prayer

than the 'formal' prayer experience."

Prayer has to be a personal experience rather than simply routine, Eldred explained.

"It may be possible to pray, in some form, with little or no faith — that is the kind of prayer that may be the rote variety, the non-thinking prayer, the one that has to do with 'getting through' the prayer," she said. "But for prayer to be real, to me, I need to relate it to my faith

that there is a loving God who cares for me, for my family, my friends, my work."

Speakers at the community breakfast are typically lay members of the community, Shidler said. Eldred joins former speakers Ambassador Andrew Young, President and Mrs. Carter, former Notre Dame fullback Anthony Johnson and former Notre Dame All-American and current Minnesota state Supreme Court justice Alan Page.

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LISTENING SESSION

Location: 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall

Date and Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17

The Sexual Assault Advisory Group was created in the Fall 2000 Semester by Fr. Mark Poorman, CSC, Vice President for Student Affairs, and is composed of Notre Dame and St. Mary's students, faculty and staff particularly interested and involved in addressing sexual assault issues on the campuses. The group, intended to advise the University, has met several times this year and looks forward to continuing its examination and review of campus concerns. This listening session, open to all students, faculty and staff, is intended to provide an informal opportunity for students and others to share their experiences and opinions with the Advisory Group.

Oufkir speaks of life as princess, imprisonment

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

Malika Oufkir described her experience the daughter of a high ranking Moroccan general and the changes in her life after her father's failed coup in a lecture Wednesday.

"My life is an upside down fairy tale," said author Malika Oufkir last night to a packed

Hesburgh Center Auditorium. "I started out as a princess and from age 5 to 17 I lived in a palace. I can say it was an exceptional life."

As a child Oufkir, was a playmate of the King Hassan II's half sister and at the age of 5 was unofficially adopted by Morocco's royal family.

In her book "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail" she writes, "The only contact I

had with my family was in the palace. A few times my mother was invited to parties and [I saw] my father when he came to work with the King. For me it was terrible because I looked at them like my parents, but I couldn't go and have contact with them because living in the palace means that first you have to renounce your identity. You can have no past and no future."

Despite her surroundings, Oufkir felt isolated. "I can say a child doesn't need to be in luxury [to be happy]. They only need love, protection, and parents," said Oufkir.

Feeling the need to reestablish her familial connections, she asked the King to allow her to return home.

"At 17 I decided to change everything. I told the King I have an identity and a family, and I don't know them," she said. "So at 17, I went back and discovered my life. For the first two years I was happy. My first dream was to be an actress and I traveled all over the world."

However Oufkir's fairy tale existence was overturned in 1972 when her biological father, a general in charge of Moroccan King Hassan II's security services, led a failed coup against the regime and was subsequently executed.

"After the coup my father was arrested and my family spent about 20 years in prison. After 15 years we decided to dig a tunnel to allow four of us to escape. My mother and sister were too sick to escape," she said. "For five days we

tried to find help. After five days we got in touch with the French but unfortunately the police caught up with us again. So we went back to prison for four and a half more years. I can't tell you the whole story, maybe it's better you read the book."

According to Susan Slyomovics, Chair of Anthropology, who spoke on the social and political context of Oufkir's work, books written by political prisoners such as Oufkir are necessary to enable the people of Morocco to "Turn the page definitively on their past."

"To describe their past they use the terms *les années noir* — the black years — and *les années sombres*. It was a time of mass political trials and torture was applied to elicit confessions," said Slyomovics of Morocco's political past.

Slyomovics stressed writing is a form of deliverance and can help Moroccans deal with their pasts. Slyomovics read excerpts of Moroccan authors and poets whose work focused on Morocco's tumultuous past. The audience also had the opportunity to hear Miriam Oufkir, Malika Oufkir's sister, read poetry based on her experiences in prison.

After discussing her experiences, Oufkir took questions from the audience. During the question and answer session, three women in the audience

became engaged in a heated controversy regarding the role Oufkir's biological father played in political executions. After a five-minute debate, Perry ended the controversy and allowed Oufkir to continue fielding questions.

When she was asked about the conditions she dealt with on a daily basis while in prison she said

"A day is like a year for us in silence, without light, without a book, without anything," she said. "We would spend all the days dreaming about food because we had no food."

"So I started telling my family a story every night. The story lasted for 11 years and through the story was a way to escape from prison."

When she would

punish her torturers she said, "I don't believe in justice. Nothing can give us back our life. Even money. Perhaps prison for those who tortured us. I realized all this when King Hassan died and people came up and asked if I was happy. It was true. I wasn't happy."

"There is no justice for me. That's why the only thing I can say is be vigilant for countries like mine. I don't know if you realize how lucky you are to live in a democracy. People like me and prisoners like us can maybe help move our country towards democracy."

"My life is an upside down fairytale."

Malika Oufkir
author

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The gun control debate: Somebody shoot me

Nietzsche, everybody's favorite atheist anti-philosopher philosopher, wrote that every society feels a debt to its founders. Feeling forever unable to pay back the debt, the society elevates its founders to the level of gods.

This apotheosis has undoubtedly happened in America. We have chiseled the faces of our founding fathers into the gigantic Mount Rushmore, learned mythical stories about George Washington as children and with every cash purchase we are reminded who is responsible for our freedom. God maybe in whom we trust, but it's still all about the Benjamins, baby.

These revolutionaries, who were destined to become deities, built this nation on the Constitution, which included the Ten Amendments. Mistaking these men for gods, subsequent generations have regarded the Bill of Rights as the Ten Commandments. However, just as those commandments about lying and adultery have been reinterpreted by Billy Bob Clinton (what is "is" anyway?), the first and second amendments can be interpreted in different ways, depending on your particular end of the political rainbow (liberal), or ... spectrum (conservative).

The First Amendment, the most highly debated one throughout the years, grants freedom of religion and speech, but has also been used to justify pornography, the exclusion of gays from the Boy Scouts and the career of Britney Spears.

Most say our founding fathers made the amendment purposely vague; these wise men knew the best foundation for a country would be one that would be debated in the Supreme Court in countless cases, using tax payer money, forever. Great job, guys! But of course, I am anything but

anti-First Amendment. Because of it I can say what I think, you can say what you think, and if I don't like what you say, I can bust a cap in yo' face.

Oops, I see I've jumped the gun (I'm very sorry) to the Second Amendment: the right to bear arms. Less debated than the First Amendment over time, but more debated in recent times.

Ah, can't you see the gods/forefathers drafting the Ten Commandments/Amendments now? They envisioned a country where a man could protect his family, a teen could protect his country and an eight year-old could shoot his brother for his sneakers. Certainly not, but because times are not the same as when the Bill of Rights was drafted, we need a new Moses to interpret our Torah. Who is this new Moses? Who else? Charlton Heston.

Heston and his new Israel, the NRA, think they have the Second Amendment and the nation's rising youth violence problem figured out. Clearly, there are not enough guns out there. The solution is to put a gun into the hands of every man, woman, child and fetus in this great nation, and let's open up a theme restaurant while we're at it.

If anyone maliciously uses his mandated deadly weapon, then rest assured the armed good guys will be there to shoot the bad guy (and whatever pregnant woman or third grade class that might be in the line of fire) dead. Our new Moses likes his guns and he'll make sure no tree-hugging liberal will pry our guns from our cold, dead (or unborn) hands.

Alas, however, Moses has a formidable opponent this time — not the Pharaoh of Egypt, but the Pharaohess of Talk — Rosie O'Donnell. Nearly a year ago, Rosie led thousands of mothers in the Million Mom March for a day of encouraging mothers to vote for pro-gun control politicians, unification as a political movement and

discussion of the latest Oprah Book Club selection. Ironically, all the moms shot themselves in the head when Rosie broke out into "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

Rosie and the liberals support gun control because they think when the forefathers gave us the right to bear arms they didn't mean the right to shoot up your high school with a semi-automatic weapon.

Heston and the right argue the more guns the better; if a teacher had had a gun at Columbine, the tragedy might have been averted.

Neither view is absolutely correct. Destroying all weapons, holding hands and singing show tunes is no more a solution than creating an all-inclusive standing militia. There are too many factors in today's society, including the media and the state of the family, for the solution to be so simple.

However, in order to distance themselves from each other, the two sides have become so extreme that their platforms are about as nuanced as bumper sticker slogans. Here's a hypothetical debate between Heston and Rosie:

Heston: Guns don't kill people; people kill people.

Rosie: It's the guns, stupid!

Heston: Let my people go ... let their kids have guns.

Rosie: Kids are punny.

American public: Oh, let's kill them both and go watch "Survivor."

So whom can we blame for our violence problem? Could it be that our forefathers were wrong to begin with, that they were less than perfect?

Hubris. Blame Canada.

Amy Schill is a sophomore arts and letters major. Her column runs every other Thursday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

McVeigh brought fate on himself

I would like to make two comments regarding Mr. Valley's letter yesterday about Timothy McVeigh.

First, since I am from Oklahoma, I appreciate his prayers, both for Mr. McVeigh and for the families of those he killed.

Second, as a Protestant, I question his claim that McVeigh "was taught by the Protestantized, rationalistic culture that war and militarized violence are at times morally acceptable."

For the record, the idea that violence is an acceptable option is not limited to any specific culture, religious denomination or historical period. The Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition and the persecution of French Protestants in the 16th century indicate that Protestants were not the only

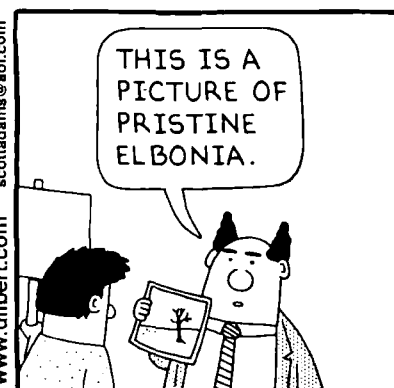
group to embrace the use of violence at will.

What Timothy McVeigh did cannot be justified by past persecution, psychological trauma, contemporary culture or anything else. He chose to kill innocent people, including my friend's aunt. He now insists on an early execution and the government is going to grant him his wish. Pray for Timothy McVeigh if you want, but please make no excuses for his actions. He brought his fate upon himself.

Stacy Davis
graduate student
South Bend, Ind.
April 11, 2001

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff."

Marcus Tullius Cicero
Roman orator

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shopping in support of a green revolution

Looking for that organic futon? I know I am. And after all, what could be more inviting than curling up underneath a homespun wool blanket in hemp pajamas, sipping on a cup of anti-embargo Cuban coffee and resting assured that neither man nor sheep nor tree was harmed by our (excessive) consumerism? Perhaps, even, we could all gather 'round the solar lamp with our Ben and Jerry's and pick through the pages of Peter Singer like the Dead Poets' Society. (AARP need not apply.)

Ahhh, the ecstasy of organic capitalism. What's that? The thought of cloth diapers and chamomile lip gloss doesn't fill your restless heart? Not even the soft welcome of recycled shoes? Well then, perhaps I am speaking to the wrong crowd. I thought, however, I heard a rain stick in the background; an Enya CD perhaps?

OK, OK, if that's not your cup of fair labor tea. So let's get down to business, good business. I think that this'll get your attention: I'll show you where you can find clothing that's made without the cruelties of sweatshop labor. (No, silly, not the bookstore.)

I'll also take you to stores whose shelves or internet sites overflow with

natural bath products, organic cloths, charity-friendly art, electronics-, chemical- and pesticide-free produce and a whole host of other "Mmm-Mmm" granola good products! Books to beer, juice to java, it's all there.

What is it? The "National Green Pages" — a directory of products and services for people and the planet. Yes, throw out the yellow pages (saving of course the Papa John's number, as if you didn't know it by heart) and send out for your copy of the Green.

In an effort that exceeds some 200 pages of bite-size listings, Co-op America, a group based out of the belly of the beast, Washington, D.C., has made an impressive effort to raise consumer consciousness, praise smart businesses and espouse what they dream of as a healthier, more intelligent capitalism.

One can find everything from financial services and landscapers to plastic lumber yards. Odds are, if you need it, there's somebody, somewhere, most likely in California, who can help you do it without having to deny your creed, kill the earth or hire an abused Vietnamese teenager.

No, they aren't chicken crusaders or

tree huggers, if that sort of thing turns you off. There is no one certain philosophy or motivation behind their effort, save, of course, that of adjusting our buying habits and keeping their non-profit afloat in the process.

If nothing else, they deserve a looking over. Aristotle said, "I love to walk through the marketplace and see all of the things that I can do without." If, however, you're really hankering for that certain something, go visit them at www.coopamerica.org and check out their different links.

It'll help you to be better informed about the many issues that surround their effort. One can, for example, at www.responsibleshopper.org, enter the name of any company and see what exactly they have been praised and criticized for. The listings are still a little young, but one can no doubt investigate some Notre Dame staples: JCrew, Nike, Gap, *et cetera*.

Go see for yourself. When you're all done you can even order yourself a copy of the Green Pages to share with your friends. In the meantime, however, watch for my D.C. Seminar friends and me in our new threads from "Knowsweat" and

"Sew Natural." (Word even has it that coordinator Olejnik's briefs are animal-friendly.)

Purging into the depths of the human soul, St. Augustine once wrote that "our heart is restless until it rests in you [Lord]." But, hey, just so long as that Starbucks double latte keeps you "awake," you ought not participate too much in evil.

Who knows, it may change some day, but so long as we bear the weight of western capitalism we should be more conscious and supportive of those certain few whose motives are more socially and environmentally sound. We are after all, "keepers" and "stewards," even when buying toilet paper.

No doubt, it is difficult. Hemp chocolate bars are not exactly a dime a dozen. Even the most dogged can reach their ends, rope sandals or not. Rest in knowing, however, that when you are weary you may find repose on the magical comfort of my organic futon.

Anthony Pagliarini

junior

Dillon Hall

April 3, 2001

Argument irresponsible

In Monday's issue of The Observer, Anna Barbour wrote a column calling gun control a wasted argument. I started reading with an open mind, thinking there might be a well-reasoned argument somewhere but what I found was senseless dribble from a gun nut.

The article ended with Barbour saying, "Once everyone has a PFA [gun], walking around with it slung over his or her shoulder, life will be so much more pleasant."

All through the article I was looking for some redeeming value to it but I found nothing. I was expecting the end to say something like: "This is what I would expect someone against gun control to say and they are all blabbering morons." Unfortunately, I found no such thing. I have never heard of someone taking such an extreme view toward anti-gun legislation.

So my mom and dad should send me to school packing an uzi just to protect me from my fellow classmates? Heck, lets give guns to five-year-olds who don't know better. If they shoot themselves its sad, but hey, at least they are protected from everyone else who packs.

Lets make guns available to the mentally ill, criminals and kids who want to shoot up schools. Who cares if there is another Columbine? I don't mind seeing 15 of my classmates die while pleading for my own life.

In case you didn't notice, that last paragraph was full of obvious sarcasm toward Barbour's viewpoint. This is exactly the sort of world she advocated when she wrote this piece because she advocated guns be available to anyone and everyone.

You might wonder where my statistics are to back up my claims that having more availability to guns will be a threat to society. I think I really don't need any statistics since that last paragraph obviously sums up a lot of the problems with allowing anyone and everyone to have a gun.

This idea of giving guns to everyone so you can feel safe just because you know everyone packs is not exactly new. My

dad told me of an episode of an old television show called "All in the Family." The main character was named Archie Bunker and he was probably television's first Homer Simpson. Archie said that a way to prevent airplane hijackings would be to give everyone a gun as they boarded the plane. This way, anyone thinking of hijacking the plane would think twice because they knew that everyone had a gun. Of course he was joking. I saw no hint of humor in Barbour's column.

This article was so irresponsible in its viewpoint that I also question the editorial decision to run the article. If the point of it was to start a conversation over gun control then it has accomplished its purpose but there are other less extreme and more responsible ways to start conversations.

No one denies that, as the author says, "it's a jungle out there" and crime does happen. Gun control as it exists today is far from perfect, but the solution is not to give guns to everyone. You might condemn me for pretty much slandering the author. The author might also consider this letter offensive. My response to that is that her viewpoint article was equally as offensive for displaying such a reckless disregard for human life by advocating the "let's give guns to all" view.

Gun control definitely has a place in this society because it prevents needless deaths from too many firearms being available to the wrong people. Advocating more guns is not the answer, preventing them from getting into the wrong hands is the answer. You might debate about which way to go about gun control but don't say that gun control is pointless. Try telling that to the parents of the students killed at Columbine. If the author really believes her own press then she would be able to do one thing: Look them in the eye, tell them that gun control is a "wasted argument," and see how far she would get.

Stephen Carroll

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April 9, 2001

Plan goes beyond protest

I am very glad to see that Adam Turner is concerned about the situation of migrant farmworkers, as he expressed in his Inside Column on Tuesday, and agree with him that our protest last Sunday afternoon isn't going to change the entire world.

However, I would like to address some of the issues that he raised, so that he and others on this campus can better understand what we are trying to do.

The problem of exploiting workers to produce cheap products for consumers is a complex issue that is ingrained in our society, and of course we realize that Taco Bell is just one of many companies that do this.

Something needs to change. If you know a good idea about how to end all repressive labor practices once and for all in one easy step, please share it with us.

Otherwise, we have to tackle this problem step by step, which unfortunately might mean company by company. Taco Bell was chosen to be boycotted by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers for several reasons.

There are several companies that pay pickers in southwest Florida, and the wages had not been raised in years. Through negotiations, hunger strikes and other tactics, several growers raised the wages paid to workers from 40 to 45 cents per bucket — not a huge increase, but it is something.

However, Six L's refuses to raise the wages. Taco Bell is one of the major buyers of tomatoes from Six L's. The Coalition tried to convince Taco Bell to pressure Six L's to meet with them, but Taco Bell did not want to get involved.

Another step was needed, and a nationwide boycott was set to start April 1 unless progress was made before then. It wasn't.

As consumers we have power because companies depend on us to buy their products. Taco Bell specifically markets to 18-24 year-olds, so they care what we, as consumers, are interested in.

We all need to stand in solidarity to

encourage Taco Bell to be responsible consumers so that we too can be responsible when we eat there. In order to do this we can write letters to Taco Bell, and we can also withhold our purchases, because that is what companies feel.

Taco Bell is part of the world's largest restaurant chain and hopefully we can convince them to be a leader and model for other companies in terms of being responsible for what they purchase.

However we cannot convince Taco Bell of this alone, so we need to raise the awareness of other people. We are doing this in several ways, just one of which was holding a protest on Sunday. Rallies get the attention of people, including those at Taco Bell.

Maybe, just maybe that manager will mention to the higher-ups that he is concerned, which might contribute to a decision at the top. We handed out many fliers giving details on the situation to many people who drove by, but did not force them upon people.

We did not mean to be annoying. In fact, I thought the bagpipes sounded pleasant. We were yelling so that people could hear us, but not disturbing the peace. The police came and left because we were not doing anything wrong.

Adam, you are very right in saying that "bringing about a change for [migrant farm workers] is going to take a little more than spending one Sunday afternoon," which is why this is only one step and we will not stop here. I hope you join us in our further efforts against the exploitation of workers, and look forward to hearing your ideas.

This is our society and the food we eat. Together we can achieve change.

Brigitte Gynther

freshman

Pasquerilla West

April 10, 2001

MOVIE REVIEW

'Spider' satisfies its detective story formula

By CHRIS BANNISTER

Scene Movie Critic

There is, inherently, a puzzle to be solved in every detective film. Having a puzzle gives the genre an advantage over other movies because as long as the puzzle is there to be examined, people will watch the film, no matter how poor the acting, writing or theme. Even movies that can be unequivocally classified as bad will still leave a viewer with some sense of satisfaction because the audience is allowed to engage in solving the crime.

In that regard, "Along Came a Spider" never had far to go to become an enjoyable movie; however, although the film is thoroughly enjoyable, it attempts no demonstration of any cinematic skill.

Based on the best-selling novel, "Spider" is a prequel to the earlier literary adaptation, "Kiss the Girls," which starred Freeman and Ashley Judd. "Girls" was not a very remarkable film; thus, most had little hope for the success of its prequel.

Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman) is a star profiler for the Washington, D.C. police when a sting operation goes bad. At the outset of the film, Alex is still trying to recover from the trauma of the death of his partner, who was killed in the debunked sting operation. However, plans are rapidly changed when a senator's daughter is kidnapped and the perpetrator wants to pull Alex into the web of the case.

Morgan Freeman chose to return to the role of Cross because he feels that the character allows for a great deal of dramatic exploration.

Freeman craftily explores Cross and puts in a good performance. However, Cross just isn't all that different from the characters Freeman has played in the past, such as his aging detective in "Seven."

Freeman does his job well but never throws any real ingenuity into the character.

To be fair, Cross, while probably much more developed in the novel, is written as a tired archetype, which is unremarkable on the screen.

As "Spider's" story progresses, Cross is joined by a secret service agent (Monica Potter), who leads the ineffective protection team for the kidnapped girl. Together, they set off tracking down the culprit.

It appears Potter may have to write this particular film off as a learning experience. She doesn't seem to have taken any tips from Mr. Freeman at all, and she therefore delivers a performance that lacks the subtlety to reveal any depth.

As the two characters continue to investigate, the kidnapping plot gets more and more complicated, leading all the way up to the rather surprising climax.

Of course, as mentioned before, this mystery and its unraveling are the film's strengths. The mystery is interesting enough that it carries a lot of the film's weight. Thus, the film's mild success at being entertaining lies in the plot that was created in the novel.

However, the filmmakers did not pay much attention to the cinematic aspects of the book adaptation process. For example, none of the cinematography is anything above standard Hollywood sludge. While one would think that a film called "Along Came a Spider" would be a perfect chance to utilize some beautifully dark shot composition, the screen is splashed with light as much as anything else on the typical Hollywood menu.

Finally, it is the close alignment with the status quo that makes it impossible for "Along Came a Spider" to bring anything but brief amusement. However, the film works because it uses to the fullest the inherently intriguing structure of all detective films.

"Along Came a Spider"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Lee Tamahori

Starring: Morgan Freeman and Monica Potter



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

In "Along Came a Spider," detective Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman) must stop a methodical killer.

In an age when so many films are neither above average nor entertaining, "Along Came a Spider" provides a kind of guilty pleasure. Of course, most of the film's elements could be torn apart by a discerning eye, but they ultimately defy criticism because the inherent puzzle entertains the audience until the very end.

MOVIE REVIEW

Cinema bottoms out in 'Just Visiting'

By MARIO BIRD

Scene Movie Critic

Ask any slack-jawed yokel's opinion of a particular movie, and he'll most likely tell you it was one of two things: good or bad. Movies that are universally acclaimed as "good," such as "Toy

Story" or "Schindler's List," usually generate copious revenue and popular appeal for the stars and director.

Surprisingly, the same is true for universally "bad" movies, as any fan of the "Evil Dead" series would proudly testify. Though "good" and "bad" are undoubtedly subjective, occasionally a film will transcend that subjectivity

and become entrenched in the public consciousness as an objective exemplar of achievement (or delinquency).

"Just Visiting" transcends bad, good and everything in between, coming to rest as the archetype of 21st century film mediocrity, a title that thousands of subsequent movies will undoubtedly strive to wrest away from this half-baked spectacle.

Appropriately, the television preview encapsulates the plot in 30 seconds: a 12th-century knight and his jester-slave are mistakenly sent into the future, where they shock, stupefy and inevitably enamour two beautiful, young, blond women.

Adding to hackneyed atmosphere is the womanizing, money-grubbing fiancé who projects a clean-cut image in order to fleece his innocent wife's bank account.

The film is a Hollywood Pictures/Gaumont remake of the original 1993 French release, and reprises Jean Reno ("Mission: Impossible") and Christian Clavier (various French films) as the Count Thibault and idiot Andre. Christina Applegate (TV's "Married: With Children") stars opposite Reno as Thibault's direct descendant, Julia, and 12th-century bride, Lady Rosaline.

Rounding out the cast is Tara Reid ("American Pie") and Matthew Ross ("Carnal Crimes"), a couple of very

American actors trying very hard to Americanize a movie that never should have crossed the Atlantic.

"Just Visiting" is hard to describe in a cinematic context, due in most part to its forgettable-ness.

Though the opening scenes reek of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," complete with narrator, slapstick humor and obtuse bloodshed, it quickly abandons this humor genre for the typical modern fare: bodily excrement, sustained yelling and brazen stupidity.

At times there is a buffoonish brotherhood between the Frenchmen Reno and Clavier as they play a medieval Abbott and Costello, but these vaguely entertaining segments are eclipsed by garish Disneyisms — the pretty, made-up Applegate getting sprayed with slime, the villainous Ross unknowingly eating a toilet freshener-disc, ad infinitum.

One would be lying to say that there wasn't humor in the film, especially during scenes when Clavier is amicably vying for tablescraps amidst the dogs and other lesser creatures. But one would also be forced to admit that a certain type of melancholy guilt accompanied the aftermath of each chortle.

The length of "Just Visiting's" stay in theatres can, fittingly, be found in the title.

"Just Visiting"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Jean-Marie Poiré

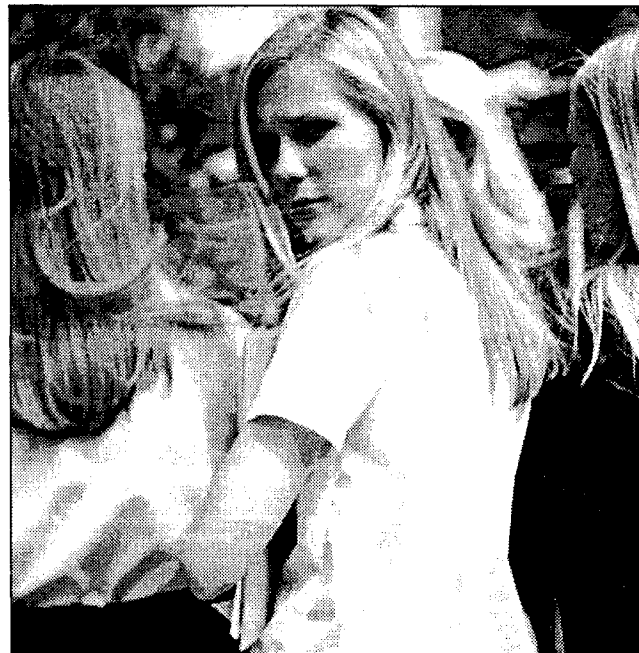
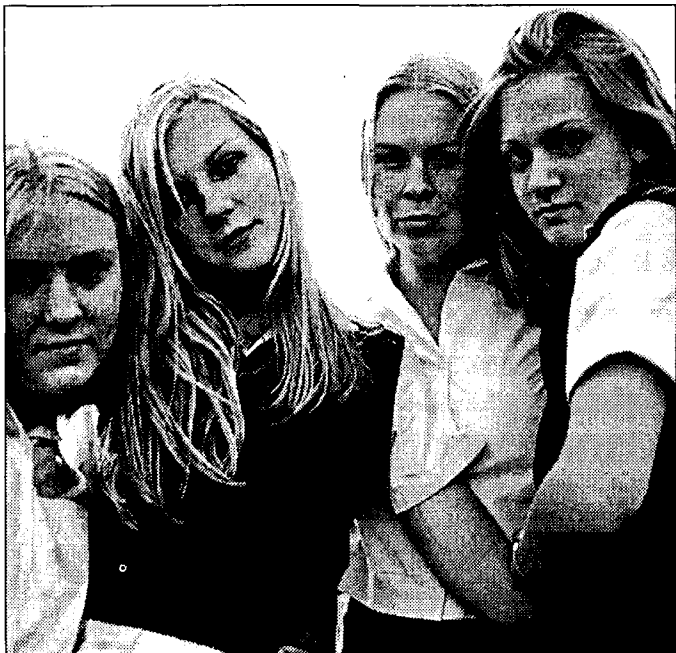
Starring: Jean Reno, Christina Applegate, Christian Clavier and Tara Reid



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

Christian Clavier (left) and Jean Reno star in the fish-out-of-water comedy "Just Visiting."

MOVIE FEATURE



Photos courtesy of Paramount Classics

"The Virgin Suicides" tells the story of the Lisbon girls, five teenagers whose enchantment caught the attention of the neighborhood boys. Kirsten Dunst (far right) stars as Lux, the free-spirited sister who tries to rebel against her oppressive mother and father.

'Virgin Suicides' captures the contradictions of adolescence

By LIAM DACEY
Scene Movie Critic

Anyone who has tried to recommend "The Virgin Suicides" to a friend has come across the difficult task of finding the words to describe it. In most cases, the friend will take a look at the cover and put it back on the shelf. After all, many moviegoers find it risky to watch an independent film that separates itself from classical Hollywood conventions. This is understandable, that's the way the system is meant to work.

Sometimes a few excellent films get lost in the shuffle, however. These independent films challenge the norm and leave the viewer actually thinking about what they saw after the film ends. Sofia Coppola's "The Virgin Suicides" is a superb example of this type of film.

In her directing debut, Coppola tells the story of the Lisbon girls, who grow up in a stereotypical suburban neighborhood (Gross Point, Michigan) in the 1970s (the story is adapted from Jeffrey Eugenider's novel). The five girls, Cecilia (Hanna Hall), Lux (Kirsten Dunst), Bonnie (Chelse Swain), Mary (AJ Cook) and Therese (Leslie Hayman), ranging between ages 13 and 17, are characterized through the eyes of the teenage boys of the neighborhood.

The boys are captivated by the mysteri-

ous girls and begin to worship their mysterious nature. As is common in adolescence, the girls seem to be alien to the fascinated boys, who try to do everything in their power throughout the film to understand them.

Mrs. Lisbon (Kathleen Turner) is an overbearing Catholic mother who tries to protect her daughters from the temptations of the flesh. In doing so, she strips the girls of any social interaction and holds strict guidelines for them to follow. Mr. Lisbon (James Woods) plays a more submissive role and is slightly more favorable to his daughters' relations with the opposite sex.

This dysfunctional and restrictive atmosphere adds to the longings of the girls, who are unable to experience any of their deep passions and wishes.

After Cecilia tries to slit her wrist, the Lisbon parents decide to have all of the neighborhood boys over for a birthday party. Cecilia takes this opportunity to jump out of her window, and plummets to her death. This is the last straw for Mrs. Lisbon, who responds by keeping the girls from socializing with anyone. The girls begin to gain a legendary status among the neighborhood boys, who are only more intrigued with their being.

Finally, the school jock, Trip Fontaine (Josh Hartnett), convinces Mr. Lisbon, apparently somewhat amused with the teenager's fascination with his daughters,

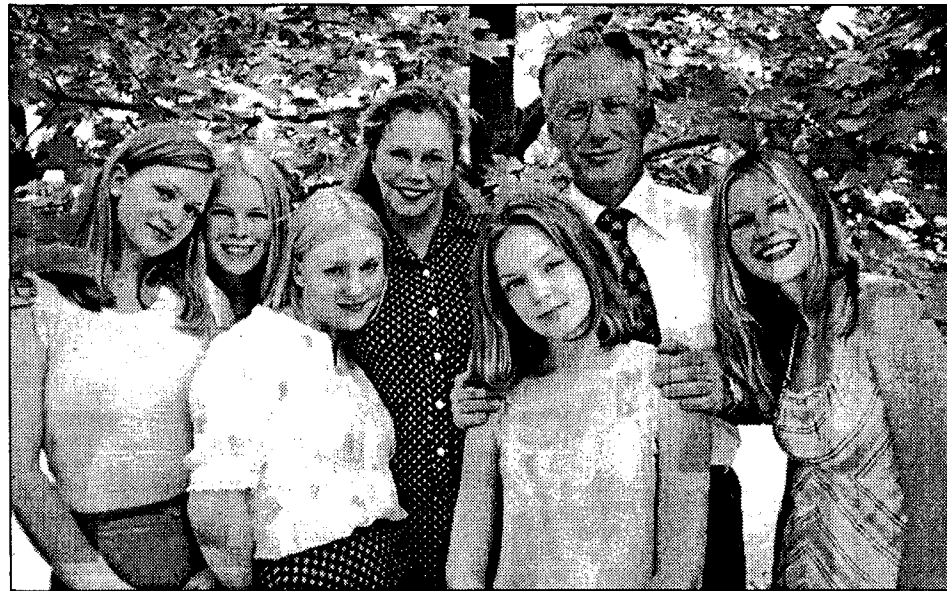


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James Woods plays Mr. Lisbon, the father of the five girls who are the focus of "The Virgin Suicides."

to allow the girls to go to the prom with him and the neighborhood boys on a quadruple date.

The girls are just as thrilled as the boys are, and the ensuing prom scene gives a vivid portrayal of both the awkwardness and pleasures of youth. Ultimately, however, the prom turns to disaster for Lux and only strengthens the girls' repressions. Mrs. Lisbon decides to pull her daughters out of school and lock them up in the house.

The boys see all of this from the outside, and because the story is told from their perspective, the viewer is just as puzzled as the boys are about the girls' behavior. The boys begin to communicate with the Lisbon daughters on the phone and look at them through their binoculars. Their detached communication with them is symbolic of the detachment that the girls experience with society.

The performances by Woods and Turner are first-rate as the Lisbon parents. Woods' restraint only augments the deep pain which he experiences, while Turner's overbearing protection is only a shield for her to hide under in order to avoid her own pain.

Dunst makes a noteworthy performance as Lux, encompassing innocence and intelligence with naiveté and pain to create a realistic teenage character. The

rest of the cast compliments the film wonderfully and are especially praiseworthy due to the complexity of their roles.

The soundtrack is also a fantastic supplement to the film. The songs help to move the film through critical scenes, and show how significant the music of any era becomes to someone when they're 15.

In the end, the viewer is left with a haunting party scene in which a thick fog of green algae surrounds the area. Through the fog we see the adults laugh in their phony manner, apparently forgetting about the Lisbon girls. The boys, however, look on in distress through the fog of adolescence. They are not able to forget; they are not able to be phony. Their outer arrogance was shredded when they experienced the Lisbon girls, and now they are forced to unmask their insecurities that were hidden underneath.

Adolescence is captured best in "The Virgin Suicides" due to its complex and mysterious characters who depict the torments of youth. And perhaps that's how one should describe it to a friend: tell him to think of the awkwardness of his or her youth. For, ultimately, this eerie little story is meant for us to reflect on our own adolescence, our own mysterious selves.



Photo courtesy of Paramount Classics

"The Virgin Suicides" co-stars Josh Hartnett, who plays school jock Trip Fontaine. Trip manages to get Mrs. Lisbon to allow her daughters to attend the prom.

BASEBALL

Baseball

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innings to see what he could do for us."

After Porzel's blast expanded the lead, Mainieri had removed all but one of his starters to give the younger guys some playing time. This was when Detroit made their move.

Having already shown some control problems in the sixth and seventh innings, Kaplan gave up four hits in the eighth and also had an error on a ball hit back to

him. Another freshman, Nick Colagiovanni, came in on relief and walked in one run before getting three straight ground balls to end the inning.

"Brian had some trouble throwing strikes," said Mainieri. "He fell behind some of the batters and gave up a few walks. He was able to get out of a couple of jams, but it caught up to him in the eighth. But you can only find out about guys by putting them in the games, and I wanted to see Brian pitch."

Notre Dame took a 9-6 lead into the final inning but again ran into some trouble with one

out and runners on second and third. Mainieri brought in Matt Laird, his closer, to end the game, but he gave up a two-run single after going to a full count on the hitter.

Two wild pitches from Laird then moved he tying run all the way to third base, but he would advance no further as Laird knuckled down and got Detroit pinch hitter Tim Andrzejak to ground out to short.

Just as in the 11-inning win at Rutgers, Laird found himself in a tough situation with the game on the line, but he battled through the pressure.

Stavisky

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hard as anyone."

The Player

Stavisky the baseball player is imposing at the plate. With 220 pounds spread over a 6'3" frame, there's no missing the sophomore from Port Allegany, Pa. As a freshman, Stavisky had a monster campaign, hitting .298 while slugging 14 home runs with 45 RBIs, a season so impressive it landed him a spot on the 2001 Preseason All-American Team.

But don't peg him as some Mark McGwire home-runs-only hitter. "I definitely say I'm more of a power hitter," said Stavisky. "But this year I've been able to be a finesse hitter too, sacrificing power for hits."

Stavisky's transition to an all-around hitter shows in his 2001 stats. He has

raised his average 60 points to .358, while hitting 3 home runs and knocking in 29 runs through the first 31 games. Big East pitchers are on notice that Stavisky is a human ERA killer, and he has seen fewer fastballs this season.

Stavisky is an especially difficult out because his aggressiveness at the plate. Rather than taking the first pitch of an at bat, common in baseball,

Stavisky says he "goes aggressive at the first pitch. Some pitchers will throw a fastball the first pitch to try to get a first strike, and I'll hit that pitch."

In right field, Stavisky has been solid this year. He has only made one error in 27 games, having missed four games earlier this season with a hamstring injury. Surprisingly enough, Stavisky also has eight stolen bases in nine attempts this year, an anomaly for a cleanup hitter.

Still, Stavisky seeks to improve his game. He points to defense and throwing as areas he wishes to polish. In addition, he has been working on strengthening his arm, and his hitting of course.

Mainieri knows the source of Stavisky's success at the plate. "He has a major league swing," said Mainieri. "His wrists move lightning fast through the hitting zone."

Still, there are areas Mainieri believes his star right fielder can improve.

"He needs to develop more consistency, and the ability to hit all kinds of pitchers. He's made big improvements in those areas from his freshman to sophomore seasons," said Mainieri.

The Teammate

Stavisky is rare in that he dedicates himself to his team. He has set no personal goals for the season, no amount of home runs he wants to hit or RBIs he wants rack up.

He just loves his school and Irish baseball.

"He's just one of those guys that loves ND," said Mainieri. "He cares so much about our program and the success of the team."

Stavisky enjoys playing with his teammates as much as he enjoys belting baseballs, citing fellow outfielder Steve Stanley and designated hitter Ken Meyer as his two closest friends on the team.

"I get along real well with everybody," he said.

With his teammates, Stavisky has created lasting memories in his first two years at Notre Dame.

"My best memory from baseball here was going back to Mississippi State early this season and beating them twice. It was a great start to the season," he said, referring to the Bulldog team that knocked the Irish out of the Starkville Regionals in last year's postseason.

The Potential Major Leaguer

Because he will be 21 years old before July 15, Stavisky is eligible for this year's Major League Draft. But don't expect this selfless player to take off for the minor leagues just yet.

"I've thought about it, and I'm really happy here," said Stavisky. "Just being at Notre Dame, you can't duplicate it."

For now, the plan is for Stavisky to sign after his junior year, and then return the next two falls to finish his degree.

"I'm pretty set on signing after next year," he said. "Then I will have three years of school done, and I'll be able to finish in basically four and a half years."

Fortunately, Irish baseball fans will be able to enjoy the sight of Stavisky giving opposing pitcher fits the next season and a half.

Irish look to carry momentum into Big East doubleheaders

By COLIN BOYLAN

Sports Writer

A pair of doubleheaders this weekend against Big East rivals Georgetown and West Virginia look to test the Notre Dame Men's Baseball Team's tenacity.

Although neither opponent has been particularly impressive in regular season play this year, both the 9-26 Hoyas and the 18-15 Mountaineers have shown the ability to score runs in a hurry.

At 27-5-1, with a conference leading 8-2 Big East mark, the Irish certainly aren't overlooking their competition.

"I think we're going to bear down and concentrate this weekend," said Irish second baseman Steve Sollman. "You can't overlook any teams in the Big East because each game is so important."

At a point in the season when victories are at a premium, Notre Dame seems to have peaked at the right time. Their hitting has been outstanding in recent games, even bailing the outstanding pitching staff out at times.

Most notably, the hitters came up big in the late innings of 5-4 win at Rutgers, and provided just a large enough margin in a 9-8 victory against Detroit Mercy last night.

Leading the charge is the freshman Sollman, who added three hits last night to his team leading .430 average.

"Coach Mainieri just told me to concentrate on hitting the ball up the middle and I've been doing that pretty well," Sollman said.

The first doubleheader begins today at Frank Eck Stadium against Georgetown.

Notre Dame will be starting J.P. Gagne in the first game and Drew Duff will take the mound for the second contest.

Gagne has rebounded nicely from a tough first half to pick up key wins in his last two starts, but much of the scrutiny will focus on Duff, who is making his first start for the Irish all season.

"It's a completely different feeling when you're starting as opposed to

relieving," said Duff. "There's a lot less pressure because you know that you'll be pitching. You can prepare a lot differently."

Saturday, the team will take the field again at Eck Stadium for a pair of games against the Mountaineers. Staff ace Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo will be pitching in the first and second games respectively.

Barring any major lapses of concentration, the Irish look to solidify their position in the Big East standings with victories this weekend. But of course, they are not taking anything for granted.



Tamayo

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you to be our guardians at
Heartland. We have decided after
encountering numerous shady
characters last week that we defi-
nitely need a chaperone — or at
least someone who can REGU-
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Cassie and Nell, have a safe trip to
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12 More, O-Staff

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—Nelson Mandela

Give me one last chance
And I'm gonna make you sing
Give me half a chance
To ride on the waves that you bring

You're honey child to a swarm of
bees
Gonna blow right through you like a
breeze
Give me one last dance
We'll slide down the surface of
things

You're the real thing
Yeah the real thing
Yeah the real thing
Even better than the real thing

hello
goodbye

i need a nap
a nap with the best

SPORTS

And then there was 256
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BASEBALL

Stavisky has rare dedication to teammates, program

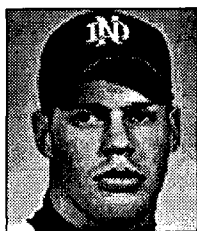
By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish rightfielder and cleanup hitter Brian Stavisky is a superstar, but in many ways, he's the anti-superstar.

Stavisky is a superstar in the classic sense, being an outstanding athlete, mentally tough and confident in competition.

But Stavisky is the anti-superstar in the modern sense, when superstars flash their jewelry, act

too good for the fans, and are interested only in personal glory and money.



Stavisky

Stavisky's team mindset, com-

"He's not the typical superstar," commented Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "He's always putting the team before himself."

combined with a God-given talent to hit baseballs, makes the right fielder a truly unique athlete and a standout player on a standout Irish squad.

Coming to Notre Dame

Stavisky is an athlete in every sense of the word. He lettered and excelled in football, basketball and golf, in addition to baseball while in high school.

His senior year he put up 23.5 points per game while grabbing

14.2 boards for Port Allegany High School.

Why baseball?

"I've played baseball the longest. I got into baseball all-stars before junior year and I knew baseball was the future, and then all the recruiting stuff," said Stavisky. "I still like to shoot some hoops or play a round of golf."

When Notre Dame was recruiting Stavisky, it helped that his cousin Dan Stavisky was a former Irish pitcher that graduated in

1998. "Growing up I always looked up to him, when we were at our grandparents' house. I got to see what Notre Dame baseball was all about," said Stavisky.

But recruiting Stavisky was no slam-dunk for Mainieri.

"He could have gone to any baseball powerhouse or signed professionally," said the Irish coach. "But he was a perfect fit for Notre Dame. He's an outstanding student and works as

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Irish escape with 9-8 win, Porzel reaches 30/30 plateau

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

For a day that was supposed to be a routine mid-week game to prepare for the two upcoming Big East series games, the baseball team experienced a great deal of drama Wednesday afternoon in a 9-8 victory over the Detroit Titans.

The Irish surged to an early 9-1 lead, and then held off a late fight from the Titans in the eighth and ninth innings to escape with the victory.

Earlier in the game, the sparse crowd of 125 enthusiastic fans was treated to a bit of history as senior shortstop and co-captain Alec Porzel became the first Notre Dame player ever to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in a career. The feat earned him the rare title of a "30/30 man."

The senior leader remained modest about his accomplishment after the game.

"I think the most important thing was getting the victory and allowing the guys that don't play that much to get some experience," said Porzel. "These are guys we're going to count on down the road and in the post-season. The 30/30 distinction really didn't mean that much to me — it just shows I've been around a while."

The Irish got on the board in their first at-bat when Steve Sollmann, 3-4 on the day at the plate, singled up the middle. Porzel then advanced Sollmann to third with a single of his own, taking second on the throw to third.

Matt Bok, playing right field so sophomore Brian Stavisky could rest a sore hamstring for the Big East series, brought Sollmann in with a sacrifice fly to center. Kris Billmaier then improved on his .316 average with runners in scoring position by knocking in Porzel with a single.

Notre Dame added four more runs in the fourth, starting with Billmaier's leadoff walk. After junior Andrew Bushey singled, first baseman Mike Holba hit a single that brought in Billmaier. Center fielder Steve Stanley and the freshman Sollmann would then both add RBI singles to open the Irish lead to 6-1.

Porzel's record-setting homer, his first of the season, came in the seventh inning and followed a leadoff double from Stanley and another single from Sollmann. The two-run shot moved the lead to 9-1.

Starting pitcher Ryan Kalita had a strong performance, giving five solid innings allowing only one run on three hits. He gave way to freshman Brian Kaplan in the sixth inning, exiting with a 6-1 lead.

"I thought Ryan threw pretty well for us today," said coach Paul Mainieri.

"The plan was for him to go out and give five good innings like he did. I just wanted to give Kaplan some



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Irish catcher Paul O'Toole takes a cut in Wednesday's game with Detroit. The Irish withstood a seven-run comeback by the Titans to win 9-8. O'Toole went 1-3.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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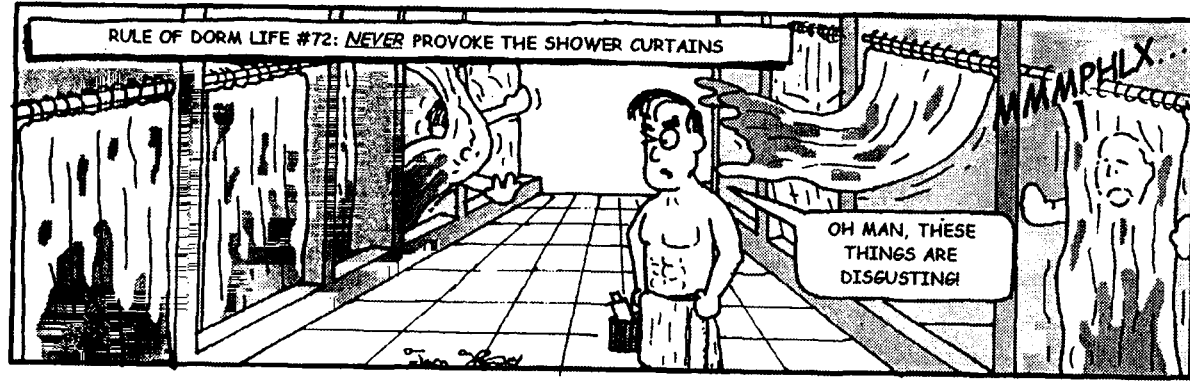
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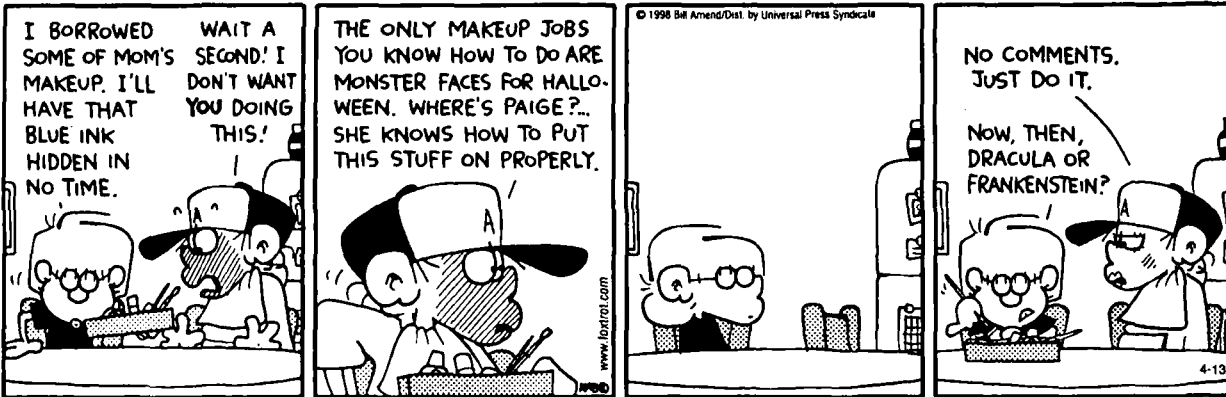
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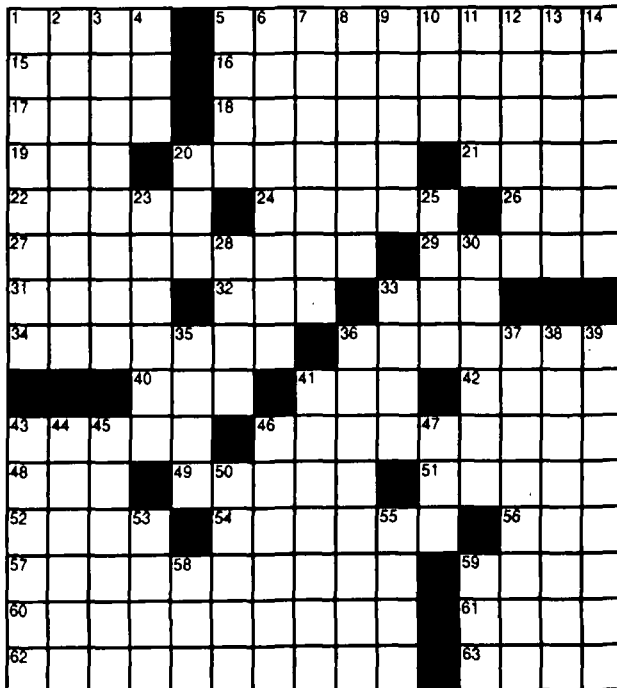
Graduating can be a bit of a shock.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Find ways to improve yourself and your image. Social events will lead to a romantic adventure. Make sure that the person you're attracted to can keep up with your fast pace. ☼☼☼

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't go crazy buying luxury items for your home. You need to bank your money for the time being. Unexpected bills will be a cause for alarm if you spend all your cash on unnecessary items. ☼☼☼

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your emotional partner may no longer be providing you with the mental stimulation you need. Talk to him or her. If you work together, you can regain the magic. ☼☼

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be able to make career moves that will lead to professional advancement and more money. Travel will probably be necessary, but the package will be too good to turn down. ☼☼☼

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When you least expect it, the perfect mate will come waltzing into your life. Past romantic partners will try to find a way back into your heart as well. Remember the reasons why you broke up before. ☼☼

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're gifted when it comes to seeing both sides of an issue. Friends will lean on you for advice. Don't let them take advantage of your good nature. You'll get run-down if you take on too much. ☼☼☼

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be the center of attention at social events. Your competitive nature and refusal to admit defeat will lead you to the winners' circle. New relationships will be tempting. ☼☼

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Opportunities to make some extra cash will surface. Keep your eyes peeled for unique ways to invest your money. You'll be riding high if you make the right choices. ☼☼

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Surround yourself with individuals who can offer you intellectual stimulation. You can meet potential new mates, but make sure that they aren't already committed elsewhere. ☼☼☼

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't confront your boss. It would be wise to make sure that you have a new job lined up first. You're not likely to get much sympathy from loved ones if you quit. ☼☼

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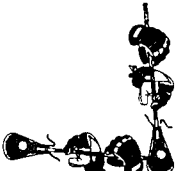
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXX

Field narrowed to 256, 31 seeds advance to second round

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

They started with 580 teams. Now they're down to 256.

Wednesday night marked the end of the final first round games of the Bookstore Basketball XXX tournament. Second round competition begins Wednesday.

According to several Bookstore Basketball commissioners, the tournament is running pretty smoothly.

"We're very pleased with how things are going," said executive commissioner Dan Reidy. "We've had some real competitive games so far."

Unlike last year, where commissioners had to suspend some players for fighting in the first round, no fighting has been reported this year, something Reidy attributed to the changed rules.

Reidy said the Bookstore committee is pretty happy with the seeding. So far, the only seeded team to lose in the tourney was No. 25 Rucker Park All-Stars, who fell Tuesday night to Good to the Last drop. Every other seeded team blew out their first round opponent.

"To the best of our knowledge, we did the best job seeding possible," he said. "The top eight are really solid, and I think they showed that in the first round."

Aside from the occasional intoxicated team, Reidy said the funniest thing he has seen during the first round was Kelly Siemon's team.

"They had choreographed dances moves and everything," Reidy said.

Although Siemon's team lost, they still have a chance at winning the women's bracket. Tournament play for women's teams — where all five players must be women — begins after Easter break.

With most of the serious teams advancing to the second round, Reidy said the competition should get more and more intense.

"A lot of the mid-tier teams are really competitive," he said. "And most of the teams who moved on are pretty serious."

Most of the ranked teams that were supposed to play today rescheduled their games. Among the teams that were supposed to make their 2001 Bookstore debut included No. 19 If We Only Had Warren, of which former Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby is a member, as well as the team former basketball player Hans Rasmussen plays for, No. 17 Check Your Head.

No. 16 Raw Dog powered past Les Incompetents 21-3. Mike Harper led Raw Dog by scoring nine points and grabbing four rebounds. Chris Golden added six points and five rebounds.

Irish football players led No. 18 Nerd Bashers to a 21-8 win over Team 513. Michael Goolsby led all scorers with six points, while teammate Al Ranando pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

The second round of Bookstore Basketball begins Wednesday after Easter break.

"As we start getting further and further in the tournament, we start getting more and more competitive — and fun," Reidy said.



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Bookstore XXX continues at the Stepan courts on Wednesday. 256 teams have advanced to the second round, with 31 seeded squads among them.

Bookstore Basketball Results, April 11

Nerd Bashers def. Team 513, 21-8
Team 569 def. Team 308, Forfeit
Team 462 def. Irish Infringers, 21-14
Team 236 def. Superstars Violating Reslife, 21-15
Team 430 def. Team 267, Forfeit
Team 514 def. Team 313, 21-11
Team 277 def. Darcy's Digital Playground, Forfeit
Handsome Boy Modeling School def. Bellybutton Lintel, 21-9
Team 440 def. Aussie Power, 21-17
Team Boat Club def. <yousuck.h>, 21-7

Team 32 def. Bud Bowl, 21-8
Colonel Lingus' Army def. Off in the Shower, 21-18
McGee's Minstrals def. Pedro's First Swim, 21-17
MBA Extreme def. Schmogle, Forfeit
Team 212 def. Mahatma's Hotties, 21-4
Team 514 def. We're Five Undersized College Teammates, 21-12
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 7 Irish dominate Purdue 6-1, Dasso sets record for wins

Special to The Observer

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis swept the doubles and won four singles matches in straight sets to beat Purdue 6-1 and record its fourth straight 20-win season and fifth in the last six years.

Senior All-American Michelle Dasso won her 102nd career doubles match to break the 15-year old Irish school record in her final regular-season home match. Notre



Dasso

Dame improved to 20-4 with the win — its 12th straight over Purdue — and continues its best start under 14th-year head coach Jay Louderback. The Irish close out their regular season with a 3:30 p.m. match at Wisconsin on Monday.

The Irish took a 1-0 lead into the singles competition after winning all three doubles matches. Juniors Lindsey Green and Nina Vaughan won 8-1 at No. 3 doubles before the fifth-ranked team of Dasso and junior Becky Varnum won 8-4 at No. 1 doubles to clinch the point.

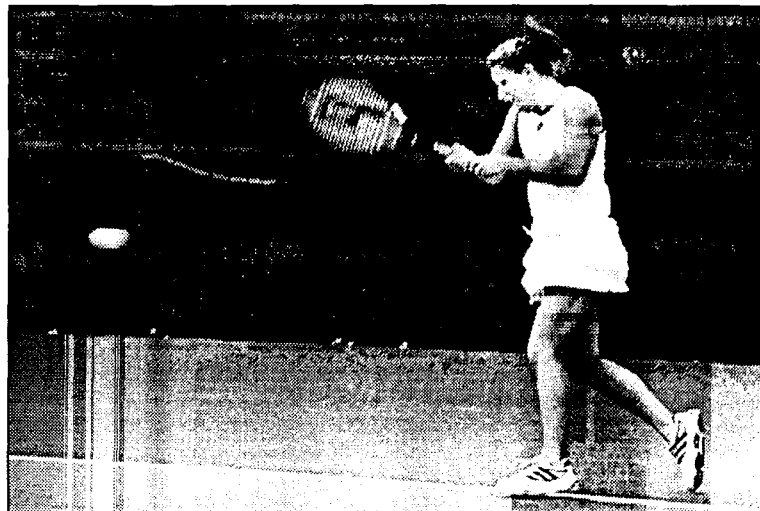
The first-time team of freshman Alicia Salas and Kimberly Guy completed the doubles sweep with an 8-3 win at No. 2.

After finishing last in doubles, Guy was the first off in singles

with her 6-1, 6-4 victory over Lynsey Fick at No. 6 singles. Dasso made it 3-0 when she beat Melissa Iqbal 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.

Freshman Caylan Leslie then clinched the win with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Missy Wright at No. 4 singles. Varnum held off Melissa Woods 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 2 singles for a 5-0 lead, before Green defeated Lisa Walgenbach 7-6, 7-5 at No. 5 singles for a 6-0 Irish advantage.

Dasso passed former Irish great Susie Panther for the most career doubles victories. Panther won 101 doubles matches during her career from 1982-86. Dasso also owns school records for singles victories (133) and combined singles and doubles wins (234).



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Michelle Dasso hits a backhand against Purdue Wednesday. She broke the Notre Dame career doubles wins during the match with 102 victories.

SOFTBALL

Notre Dame returns to Ivy Field to take on Loyola

Associated Press

The No. 11 Notre Dame softball team (32-3) returns to the friendly confines of Ivy Field to face Loyola-Chicago after posting six road victories last week, sweeping doubleheaders over Purdue, Connecticut and Syracuse.

The Irish are riding a 14-game winning streak, all of those victories com-

ing in seven doubleheader sweeps since the team returned from a Spring Break trip to California. Notre Dame also is 8-0 in Big East competition, good enough for first place in the league.

The team's 14-game win streak is currently the second best in the nation behind DePaul's 18-straight victories. The Irish and the Blue Demons will meet on April 19 at DePaul.

Liz Miller enjoyed a victory in her 500th game as Notre Dame's head coach on April 1 against Seton Hall. The Irish defeated the Pirates 8-0 in five innings to earn Miller her 349th victory under the Golden Dome. She is now just four wins away from 900 career victories (896-294).

Notre Dame has remained at its highest-ever ranking (No. 11) for three weeks after an impressive run to third place in the Kia Klassic and

rattling off seven-straight doubleheader sweeps. Notre Dame finished third in the prestigious Kia Klassic, knocking off No. 7 Fresno State and No. 10 Arizona State during the competition.

Notre Dame entered the season ranked 19th in the preseason poll and moved to 14th in the Feb. 21 poll. The Irish then dropped a spot to No. 15 in the Feb. 28 poll, but moved back up to 14th for two weeks (Mar. 7 and 14).

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Thursday, April 12

5:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Romance Language Department's Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131

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11:00 p.m. Tenebrae, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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FOOTBALL

Notre Dame to play Maryland in 2002 Kickoff Classic

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame football team will open the 2002 season against Maryland on Sunday, August 25, in Kickoff Classic XX at Giants Stadium.

"We're thrilled to be coming to the Meadowlands once again in 2002," Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White said.

"Notre Dame has had a long history of playing at Giants Stadium, including the Kickoff Classic in 1989. It's a great opportunity for us to play in front of many fans and alumni on the East Coast — and it is a strong matchup against a team in Maryland."

"Maryland is honored to be selected for this premier collegiate football event," Maryland Athletic Director Deborah Yow said.

"To face Notre Dame for the first time in our university's history only adds to what should be a landmark event for our program. With a sizable

alumni base within a three-hour radius of the Meadowlands, the Terps will be supported by thousands of fans. And, the national television exposure will be a plus to our recruiting efforts."

This will mark the second appearance for Notre Dame in the Kickoff Classic and the first for Maryland. Notre Dame defeated Virginia, 36-13, in the 1989 game. Notre Dame has a 9-0 record at Giants Stadium, most recently a 28-27 win over Army on October 14, 1995. Maryland will be facing Notre Dame in football for the first time in the 2002 Kickoff Classic.

"The 2002 Kickoff Classic captures the essential character of our college football tradition with a match-up of the country's leading intercollegiate athletic programs," NJSEA President and CEO James A. DiEleuterio, Jr. said. "We look forward to hosting the student-athletes, coaches, families and fans of these two great schools."

Two teams that played in the Kickoff Classic have gone on to win the national championship — Florida State in 1993 and Nebraska in 1994.



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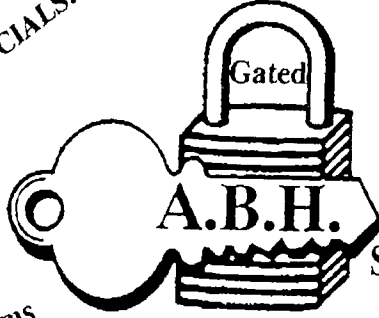
Freshman quarterback Matt LoVechio eludes a USC tackler during last year's game. LoVechio will return to his native New Jersey when the Irish play in the 2002 Kickoff Classic.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saint Mary's travels to prestigious Midwest Invitational

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team has taken another step down a path that runs through a fairly tale season.

After defeating hope College to take the top spot in the MIAA, the Belles earned an invitation to the prestigious Midwest Invitational in Madison, Wis. Saint Mary's is the only MIAA invited to the event.

"We're very honored and very excited to be going," team captain Annie Knish said. "At this point in the season, which has been a dream season, we're going out there with a positive attitude."

After earning a 12th place

ranking in the Midwest, Saint Mary's will join 11 other top tennis teams in a four round tournament.

Saint Mary's will face Luther College (9-6) at 8 a.m. on Friday. The Belles did not receive a first round bye.

While the Belles would like to walk away with the trophy, their main goal is to gain valuable experience for future league play.

"We're going in with a positive attitude and we're going to try to better our games."

Annie Knish
Team captain

"We're going in with a positive attitude and we're going to try to better our games and play to the best of our ability," Knish said. "From my experience, the better you play and you will raise yourself to the next level."

Saint Mary's is 10-0 when all

its starters are present and have picked up impressive wins against Div. 1 Valparaiso, the University of Chicago and Albion.

Along with Knish, Natalie Cook, Jeannie Knish, Kaitlin Cutler, Kris Spriggle, Elisa Ryan and Trisha Jones, head coach Dee Stevenson will take Angie Sandner as an alternate.

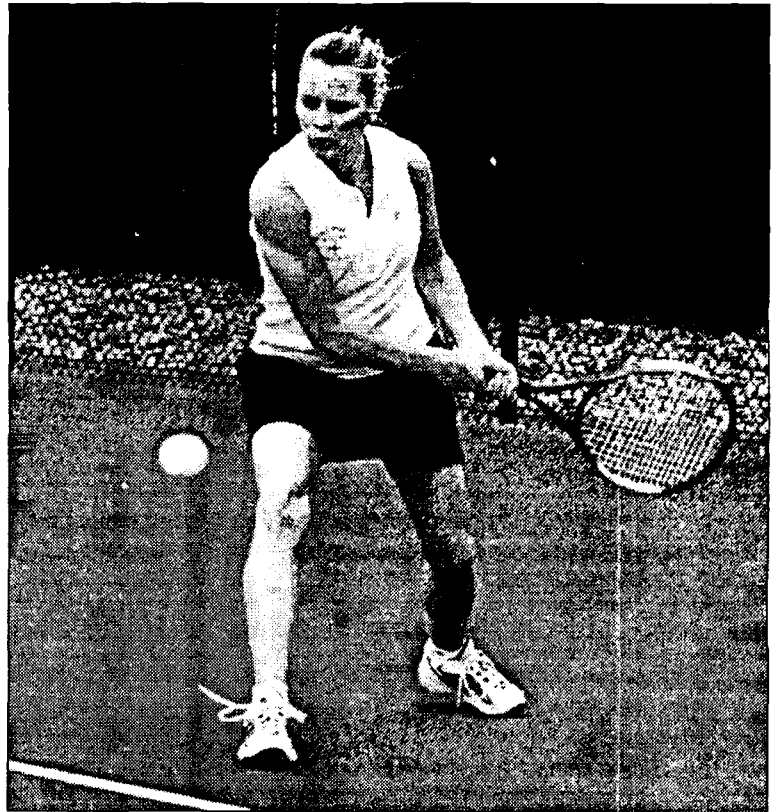
The tournament will be the first match for the Belles since Sunday. Tuesday's match against Calvin because of weather.

"We've been playing a lot of points and scrimmages," Knish said. "We've been focusing on strategy and working on fine tuning our weaknesses."

However, competition promises to be difficult.

"It's going to be a tough tournament," Knish said. "We're just excited to go."

The Belles were invited to the Midwest Invitational in 1999, but did not receive an invitation last year.



ALLISON DOUGHERTY/The Observer

A Saint Mary's tennis player hits a backhand during a recent match. The Belles will be in action against Luther College this Friday at 8 a.m.

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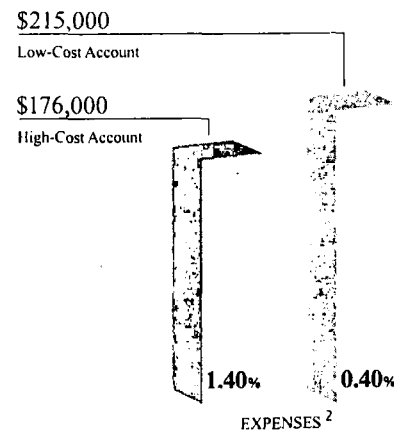
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SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's to face Alma College

◆ Belles in for tough weekend of conference games

By MOLLY McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team faces a tough weekend of league match-ups, and are in serious need of MIAA wins.

Saint Mary's will face Alma College on Saturday afternoon and will play the rescheduled game against Calvin College on Monday. The Belles hope wins against these two league opponents can turn around their 1-5 league record.

"Conference games are really key for us," said John Kovach, the Belles head coach.

Alma, now ranked eighth nationally, will be a tough contest for the Belles. Last season, Alma took both games they played against the Belles, 12-2 and 12-3. Kovach is looking for his experienced starters, senior co-captain Anne Senger, and junior Kristin Martin to keep the team in the game.

"If our pitching is like it has been most of the season, they'll keep us in the game," Kovach said. "It'll be up to us to put something together offensively.

Anne and Kristin will be starting because we want to throw the experience against them."

Senger and Martin have ERAs of 2.80 and 4.30 respectively. They will start the doubleheader with freshman Libby Wilhelmy (1.00 ERA in seven innings pitched) in the bullpen if necessary. They face an Alma team that has an ERA of 2.70, a 7-1 league record and a 23-8 record overall.

"[Alma's] pitching is pretty strong," Kovach said. "Their pitchers don't have tremendous strike out totals, but they also

"We have to go into a game like this with good hitting, good pitching, and no mistakes."

John Kovach
softball coach

don't give up a lot of walks. They seem to always keep the ball around the plate."

The key for the Belles, according to

Kovach, will be to put several hits together and score some runs. The Belles' hitting has been streaky this season, and the team has to play close to perfect to upset Alma.

"We have to go into a game like this with good hitting, good

pitching and no mistakes on the field," Kovach said.

The Belles will then take on Calvin at home on Monday. Calvin is currently 2-4 in MIAA and ranked two places ahead of the seventh place Belles. Last season, Saint Mary's and Calvin split the doubleheader with Calvin winning the first contest 5-4 and Saint Mary's taking the second 7-4. Kovach expects an even match-up on Monday.

"We stack up very well against Calvin," he said. "Between Calvin and Alma, we'll probably hit a little more strongly against Calvin. We'll put a few runs on the board against them."

Calvin's pitching has posted a team ERA of 5.66 this season, and a record of 7-10 overall. They are batting .282 in comparison with Saint Mary's average of .272 at the plate.

The starters for the Calvin game are undecided as of yet. The decision will depend on the number of innings Senger and Martin pitch against Alma and how well those innings go.

"The starters will depend a lot on how pitching fairs on Saturday," Kovach said. "I'd like to pitch Libby in one game, but I really want to see who throws what."

"Conference games are really key for us."

John Kovach
softball coach

MEN'S LACROSSE

Seniors guide Irish to date with Army

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The 11 seniors on the men's lacrosse team have played the largest role in Notre Dame's success this season.

With an impressive 8-1 record and top 10 ranking, the Irish seniors look to go out in style as they enter the home stretch of the season, returning to action this Saturday against Army at 1 p.m.

Coach Kevin Corrigan directly attributes the Irish's success to the hard work and dedication of the seniors.

"We're eight and one right now. You don't get to that spot without senior leadership," he said. "These guys lead in the locker room and on the field. They set an example for the younger guys."

Seniors Todd Ulrich, Jon Harvey and goalie Kirk Howell were the stars of the last game as Notre Dame had little trouble defeating Air Force. Both Ulrich and Harvey had three goals apiece while Air Force was unable to get a shot past the strong goaltending of Howell.

While Howell has been stellar in net all season, he is quick to give credit to the defense.

"The defense in front of me has made my job easier," said Howell. "These next two home

games against Army and Butler are going to be tough. Hopefully, we can keep playing well."

The seventh-ranked Irish are halfway through a four game homestand. After dominating against Denver and Air Force, the Irish believe the next two games will be more difficult. Playing at home, however, makes the task a little easier.

No player has enjoyed playing at home more than Todd Ulrich, who has been on a scoring tear of late with seven goals in the last two home games.

"It's nice to play at home," said Ulrich. "You don't have to worry about traveling or staying at hotels. You can just concentrate on playing the game."

With a hard-nosed style of play and a record of 5-3, Army will certainly be no pushover on Saturday. With the seniors leading the way, the Irish will need to rely once more on a balanced, patient offensive attack to compliment strong, cohesive team defense.

Corrigan expects the Irish to be tested once again.

"I have really been pleased with our play over the last two games — especially our team defense and balanced offense," said Corrigan. "Kirk Howell has been fantastic in net. We need to continue these things against Army."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Eldred's career in jeopardy after 7-6 White Sox win

Associated Press

Cal Eldred felt a pain in his right elbow that was all too familiar.

He thought a 5-inch screw implanted in his arm last fall was the answer after a career-full of injuries, surgeries and stress fractures. And during spring training, he felt fine.

But in just his second start of the season, in just the second inning of Chicago's 7-6 win Wednesday against the

Cleveland Indians, Eldred experienced pain he described as "intolerable."

Now his season — and perhaps his career — is in jeopardy again. He'll have a bone scan Thursday to determine the extent of his latest injury.

"What you hope right now is tomorrow it's not lit up that much and maybe it's just a bump in the road and we can get over it," Eldred said after the White Sox completed a three-game sweep.

"I want to pitch and I believe I

can. I think at this point, it's not why. It's what do I have to do next."

Eldred lasted just two innings and gave up three hits and a run. His start Wednesday had been moved back two days because of a sore neck.

"On the second to last pitch he looked my way and grimaced. He was in a lot of pain," first baseman Paul Konerko said. "I was just hoping it was his neck."

Eldred underwent elbow ligament replacement surgery in 1995 while with Milwaukee and his career has been a series of trips to the disabled list, mostly with elbow problems.

After starting last season 10-2, Eldred missed most of the second half. In September, he had the screw surgically implanted in his elbow to keep a stress fracture from recurring.

"I have no regrets about anything I have done," Eldred said.

"It hurts in a sense that a guy went through the upmost measures to get back. Not many people would accept putting a screw in their arm to go back out there," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said. "We thought it was behind us, but obviously it crept up once again."

Jose Valentin and Tony Graffanino homered to get the White Sox out to a 7-1 lead Wednesday before Cleveland rallied.

Juan Gonzalez hit a long two-run homer in the eighth off Antonio Osuna to make it 7-5. And after a double by Ellis Burks, reliever Kelly Wunsch gave up an RBI single to pinch-hitter Marty Cordova.

Einar Diaz then grounded to Jose Valentin, who'd just been switched from center field to third, and his throw to second

went into right field for an error.

Cordova raced to third and Diaz to second. But Jolbert Cabrera popped out and Omar Vizquel hit back to Wunsch to end the threat. Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his third save.

"They've beaten us four out of five games so far," said Indians manager Charlie Manuel, who was ejected with two outs in the ninth for arguing with umpire Bruce Froemming after Roberto Alomar was called out on a foul-tipped third strike.

"We're just not playing good heads-up baseball right now," he said. "We're in one of those deals where we can't do much right. We have to play through it."

Royce Clayton hit an RBI single in the second and Graffanino's suicide squeeze bunt scored Carlos Lee from third to give the White Sox a 2-1 lead off Dave Burba (0-1).

After Valentin homered, Chicago loaded the bases on two walks and a single by Konerko. Herbert Perry had an RBI fielder's choice and Clayton a sacrifice fly.

Valentin and Konerko doubled in the fourth for a 6-1 lead, finishing Burba, who gave up seven hits and six runs in 3 2/3 innings. Graffanino homered in the fifth off Jake Westbrook.

The Indians got a pair of runs in the seventh off Bobby Howry on Cabrera's RBI double and Vizquel's run-scoring grounder. Sean Lowe (1-0), who threw 12 straight balls without retiring a hitter Tuesday, had his control this time. He allowed just one hit in three innings with a lone walk.

Braves 2, Mets 0

Greg Maddux was nearly perfect for seven innings, combining with a pair of relievers on a one-hitter to pitch the Atlanta Braves past the New York Mets Wednesday night.

The Mets wound up with only one runner against Maddux, Mike Remlinger and John Rucker. Todd Zelle lined a single barely beyond the reach of second baseman Quilvio Veras with one out in the second inning.

Rafael Furcal's RBI double in the third gave Maddux and the Braves all the offense they needed. Chipper Jones' 21st career homer against the Mets provided an insurance run in the seventh.

Rick Reed (1-1), who won with a three-hitter at Atlanta last week, pitched a four-hitter and took the hard-luck loss. The Braves beat the rival Mets for the second time in five tries this month.

On a cool, rainy night, Maddux (2-0) gave a command performance in extending his scoreless streak to 12 innings this season. He is the only Atlanta starter to win this year — the others have a combined 6.57 ERA.

Maddux struck out six, walked none and allowed only two fly balls to the outfield. He clearly was in control — the only time he was far off the plate, it was a purpose pitch that made Mike Piazza spin away and lose his batting helmet.

Maddux earned his 241st victory and needed only 74 pitches to do it. He was pulled two innings shy of what would have been his 100th career complete game.

Rocker was booed, as usual, when he ran in from the left-field bullpen at Shea Stadium.

Still despised for his disparaging remarks about New Yorkers after the 1999 season, Rocker seemed unaffected by the reception and worked a perfect ninth inning for his second save. He set down three pinch-hitters, finishing off a game that took only 2 hours, 4 minutes.

Reed quickly retired the first seven batters and had no trouble, either, with No. 8 hitter Paul Bako. But Bako got a break when he swung at a curve that bounced in front of the plate for strike three — the ball skittered to the backstop for a wild pitch that let Bako reach first base.

Maddux followed with a perfect sacrifice bunt and Furcal made it pay off with two outs, looping an opposite-field double in front of diving Darryl Hamilton in left. It was Furcal's first hit in 13 career at-bats against Reed.

Jones, a main Mets' nemesis, led off the seventh with his second home run of the season.

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