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FACULTY SENATE

Senators define new election rules

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Writer

A fresh start for the 2002-03 Faculty Senate will include a fresh corps of members, senators decided Wednesday.

Members voted at their regular monthly meeting to hold elections for each of the 45 seats on next year's revamped Senate. Traditionally, 1/3 of the Senate is re-elected each year.

Conducting elections for all the positions creates the possibility — while improbable — that none of the members who have worked this year to restructure the group will return in the fall. The group had earlier considered allowing current senators to retain their posts but determined that allowing faculty to elect all the 2002-03 members would better fit the senate's goals.

"I think [having the 45 elections] serve as a more abrupt

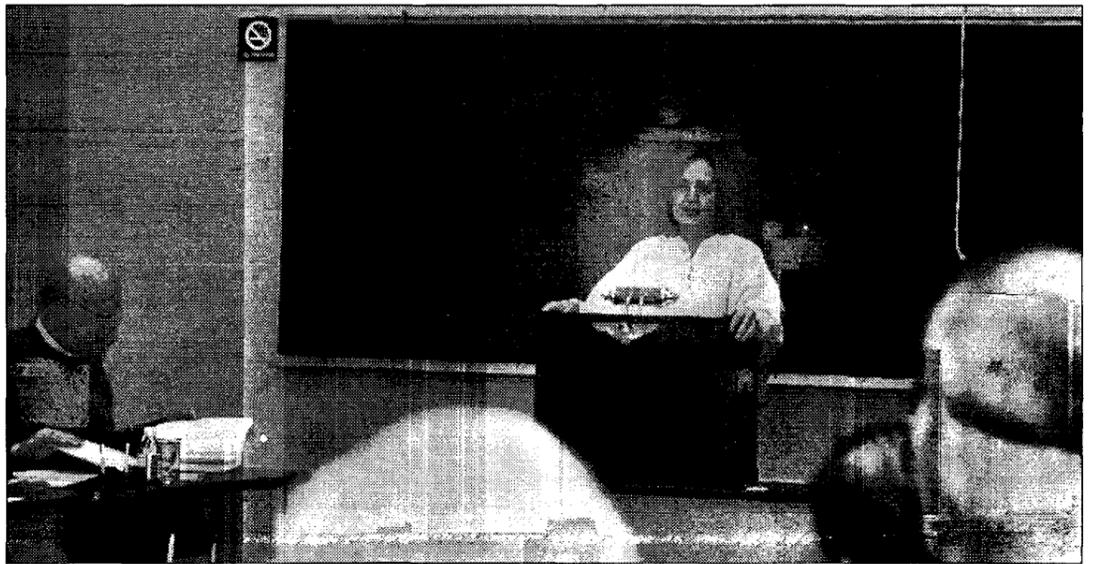
and better introduction to the senate." Michael Zuckert, the body's vice chair, said, answering concerns that faculty weren't aware that the Senate was being restructured or that it even existed.

The embattled Senate for years has struggled with perceptions among faculty and administrators that the group was powerless and ineffective. Last April and May, the Senate considered dissolving itself.

Since last summer, the 2001-02 Senate has worked to restructure the group and align it more closely with its powerful superior, the Academic Council.

The Council last month adopted two resolutions from the Senate.

One resolution overhauls the description of the Senate contained in the Academic Articles of the faculty handbook. It includes key structural changes such as decreasing the number of senators from 53 to 45 and making the senate more rep-



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Jacquie Brogan, Faculty Senate chair, addresses the body during their Wednesday evening meeting. Senators discussed upcoming elections and new rules surrounding election procedures.

resentative by allotting one senator to each academic department and distributing remaining seats to other constituencies. Senators are currently elected through colleges instead of departments.

The other resolution increases faculty representation on the Academic Council by creating new overlap between the council and senate.

University President Father

Edward Malloy has formally approved the restructuring resolutions.

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Cartoonist's work receives honors

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

Senior Observer cartoonist Tom Keeley was recently named as one of 10 finalists for the 2001 Charles Schulz College Cartoonist Award for his daily comic strip "Fourth and Inches." The award, named after the creator of the world-famous "Peanuts" cartoon strip, is the most prestigious award that a collegiate cartoonist can receive.

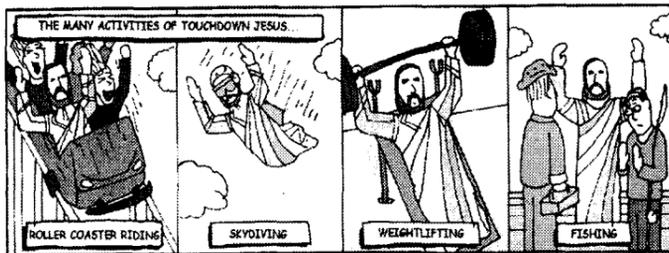
Though Keeley applied for the award himself, submitting 10 samples of his work in addition to a short essay on his future as a cartoonist, he never thought that he had a chance at receiving the honors. These doubts for Keeley stemmed mainly from the fact that his daily cartoon strip has no running storyline, no regular characters, and no political insights or perspectives. Rather, according to Keeley, "Notre Dame is the entire audience," as all of his work deals directly with events and people from Notre Dame's campus.

Despite this limited focus, Keeley earned the highly sought after award and provided daily entertainment for the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for the last three years.

According to Notre Dame junior Monica Stone, "It's always the first thing I turn to when I pick up The Observer, because as much as I love Notre Dame, 'Fourth and Inches' shows how entertaining it is to make fun of ourselves."

Keeley has been interested in cartooning since he was in the third grade, when he first began coming up with his own comic strips. However, it was not until he responded to an advertisement in the Observer at the end of his freshman year that he was given the opportunity to have his work published.

Since then, Keeley has dedicated two or three hours a night, five nights a week, to making Notre Dame students laugh by casting the various campus events that affect them in a more comic light, and thus providing them with



Tom Keeley's comics have entertained Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students for three years.

the opportunity to take things a little less seriously.

Though Keeley admits that it has definitely gotten easier over the years, there is really no set method to his time-consuming work. In fact, he admitted that for those nights when he is really stumped for an idea, "with business majors and dining hall food you really can't go wrong."

Despite the large time commitment, which can be rather burdensome in addition to Keeley's computer engineering studies, he maintains that he has had a great experience producing the comic strip.

"It's a good feeling to know

that people appreciate what you're doing," said Keeley, in reference to the large number of "Fourth and Inches" cartoons that can be found posted all over the dormitories on campus.

Though Keeley is not planning on immediately attempting a career as a cartoonist, he has not ruled out the possibility. In the immediate future, he plans to take some time off from cartooning in order to work in the computer engineering field, but he also plans to polish up his artistic skills in preparation

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2002 marks largest visitation

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

This weekend's Spring Visitation, the Office of Admissions' annual weekend to recruit minority students to Notre Dame, will host 155 minority students, the most in the event's history, according to Arienne Thompson, student recruitment coordinator.

Participants, all of whom have been accepted to the University but are undecided on where to attend college, will have the opportunity to talk with administrators and alumni about Notre Dame.

Thompson has worked with fellow recruitment coordinators Richie Dang and Santiago Gurule and the Office of Admissions to organize the event. She is pleased with this year's increase in participa-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Philosophy proves worth

On Monday night, I was watching Jeopardy and I discovered that after three years of studying Descartes, Aristotle and Kant, philosophy had finally paid off. If I had been a contestant during that Double Jeopardy round, I could have won \$7000 in one category — metaphysics.



Katie McVoy

I've spent the last three years of my college career answering those awful questions everyone you meet asks. Most college students are familiar with "what's your major?" However, very few face the look and the question that follows when you tell someone you're majoring in philosophy.

Associate Sports Editor

"What are you going to do with that?"

My usual answer is that I'm going to live in a cardboard box and be a stand-up philosopher, ala Mel Brooks in "The History of the World Part I."

However, on Monday night I realized that there is hope for me after all. After spending over \$100,000 dollars of my parents' money to attend Saint Mary's, I could earn upwards of \$7,000 playing Jeopardy and hoping the category of metaphysics comes up again.

With money like that, think of the cardboard box I could purchase — perhaps one complete with several other rooms for those students with other practical majors, such as two of my roommates who are majoring in history and theatre. They seem to suffer from the same strange looks and inquiries into the usefulness of such courses of study.

Despite the unhealthy future I may be facing, the library of philosophical thought has provided me with some very useful notions that could help any college student.

For instance, Berkley holds that there is no external world. Therefore, that engineering assignment you have to do is really all about a bridge that doesn't exist, so why not have an imaginary party instead?

Or existentialism, which offers that there are no absolutes except for those which we create, so why not use Absolut as an absolute?

And for all of you who are science majors, my recent reading of a book entitled The Structure of Scientific Revolutions by Thomas Kuhn has opened my eyes to the fact that science doesn't really describe the world as it is, it just solves puzzles science creates for itself. So, instead of doing your chemistry homework, create a puzzle that needs to be solved by getting at least 12 hours of sleep.

This is just a brief overview of things I have discovered in the last three years. So, for those of you who are dreading taking that philosophy class, just think of the useful, everyday things you can learn from the greats who spent their time thinking. Perhaps they were just thinking of ways to convince their parents they couldn't do their chores.

And don't forget, even if these useful tidbits aren't enough to tempt you to philosophy, there's \$7,000 waiting on Jeopardy for you to take home.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

- Thursday**
- ◆ **Lecture:** "Intimacy and Violence in Civil War," 4:15 p.m., Hesburgh Center room C-103
 - ◆ **Dorm event:** The Welsh Family Feud, 8 p.m., Reckers

- Friday**
- ◆ **Lecture:** "Creating a Diverse Corporate Culture", 10:30 a.m., Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business
 - ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration:** 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

- Saturday**
- ◆ **Dorm Event:** Knott on the Knoll, 2-6 p.m., Knott Hall
 - ◆ **Art Exhibition:** Opening reception for student exhibition, 2-4 p.m., O'Shaughnessy Galleries

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Syracuse students prepare for new GRE test format

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

When Xuemei Wang decided she wanted to pursue graduate studies in the United States, she knew she'd have to work hard if she wanted to get accepted to a good school.

For Wang, a native of China, this meant studying for about six months for the GRE and taking a three-month class to help her prepare for the test.

"I studied a long time and I did OK," said Wang, an instructional design, development and evaluation doctoral student at Syracuse University, "but I think the GRE is a really difficult test for international students."

In October, the GRE may become even more difficult for both international and domestic students when the analytic portion of the test will be replaced with a writing assessment measure.



Tom Rochon, executive director of the GRE program for Educational Testing Services, said the changes are a result of feedback from university administrators across the country that the analytical section of the test wasn't helpful in determining whether an applicant should be admitted to graduate school. ETS administers the GRE and other tests, including the Scholastic Assessment Test.

"Many deans and administrators

are in celebration that this measure will get us out of the multiple-choice mode and into one in which students are able to perform more intelligent thinking," Rochon said.

In addition to the analytic portion of the test, which tests the ability to understand relationships between concepts, there are also verbal and quantitative sections on the GRE. These sections, which evaluate the test-taker's ability to analyze and evaluate written material and measure math skills will remain.

Rochon said the changes would allow admissions counselors to see how well students can argue a subject and support what they want to say.

"For the first time it gives the test-takers an opportunity to show their reasoning skills," he said.

Daily Orange

CS SACRAMENTO

Student faces murder charges

SACRAMENTO, Ca.

A California State University-Sacramento senior will appear in San Joaquin County Superior Court Wednesday on charges of murder and conspiracy in the death of a Sacramento lawyer, the latest in a series of events that have stunned her professors, classmates and acquaintances.

Sarah Elizabeth Dutra, 21, is charged as an accomplice in the poisoning death of Larry McNabney, whose body was found Feb. 5 in a vineyard east of Stockton, Calif. Authorities arrested Dutra March 19 after McNabney's wife, the primary suspect in the case, implicated the art major in the crime.

Dutra is not eligible for bail, due to circumstances that includes "murder for financial gain" and "murder by means of poison," said Lester Fleming, supervising deputy district attorney for the homicide division.

The State Hornet

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Slavery group may sue Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Harvard University could soon find itself targeted in a lawsuit demanding reparations for slavery, according to one of its own professors who is spearheading the suit.

Professor of Law Charles J. Ogletree, co-chair of a national committee seeking compensation for slavery, wrote that the group is reviewing possible defendants for a lawsuit it plans to file next fall.

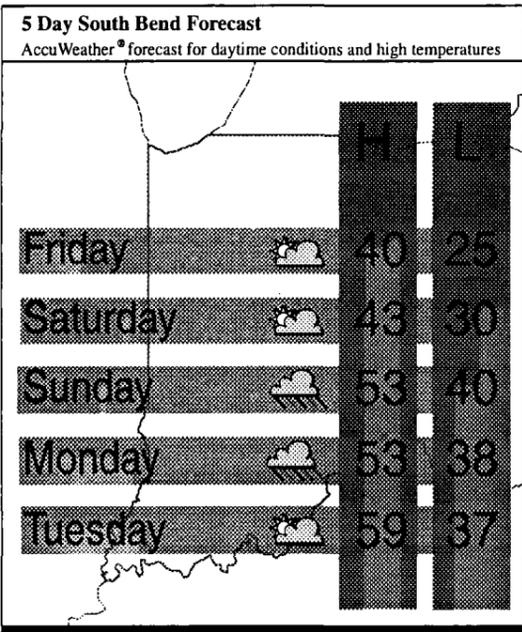
And institutions of higher learning, including Brown, Yale and Harvard, are under review, he said.

In an interview Tuesday, Ogletree said he feels that taking the issue of reparations to court would stimulate public debate on the effects of slavery.

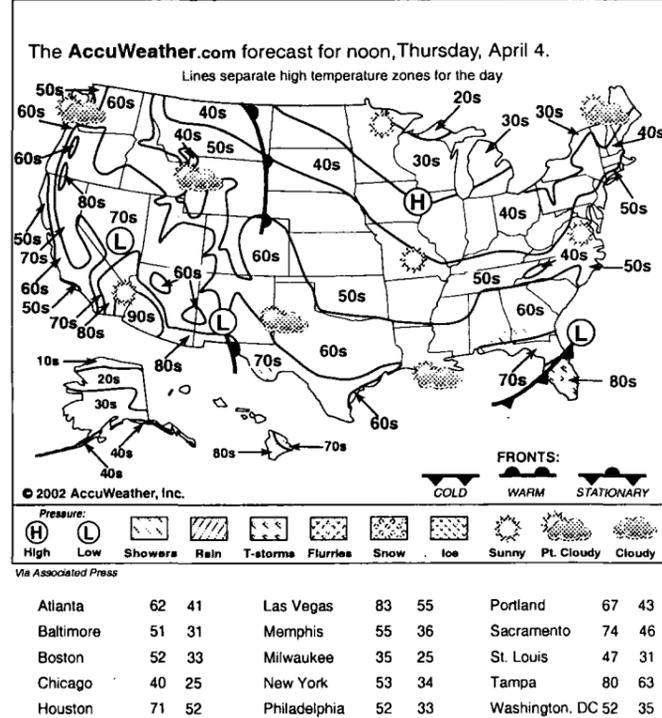
"We are hopeful that this move will create opportunity for discussion of slavery and its impact on culture and society," he said, "as well as how we can move forward as a nation to remove barriers and work for equality to stop racial disparity."

Harvard Crimson

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate announces formal officer nominations

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

The new senators for 2002-2003 were confirmed at Thursday's meeting and transition reports were presented.

Libby Bishop, student body president, briefed the Senate and said the transition process is underway. Bishop and Trip Foley, student body vice president, will be working with Assistant Vice President of Residence Life Bill Kirk to discuss du Lac revisions. Bishop was hopeful that her and Foley's Friday meeting with Father Poorman would be productive and that it would be pivotal with regard to the proposed changes to the alcohol policy.

Bishop formerly announced her nominations for the Office of the President. She and Foley chose Pat Hallahan, Jim Ryan and Jennifer Majcina for the positions of chief of staff, academic delegate and controller, respectively. Hallahan and Ryan served on Senate this past year. Hallahan chaired the Committee on Academic Affairs, while Ryan chaired the Oversight Committee. Majcina was the Class of 2003 Fundraising Chair during the sophomore and junior years.

Formal nominations were also made for the Student Senate Officers. Bishop nominated freshman Erik Smith as the Student Senate President, citing his background in student government and his position as District Secretary for the Illinois Easter Iowa District

of Key Club International. Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president and former parliamentarian, nominated Ricky Sadowski for the position of parliamentarian. Sadowski is a transfer from Rhodes College, where he was the student government parliamentarian. Although now a senator, he served on the Senate Residential Life and Oversight Committees this past year. Old College nominated Paul Dockery as chaplain.

Senators will decide whether or not to approve these nominations in their next meeting.

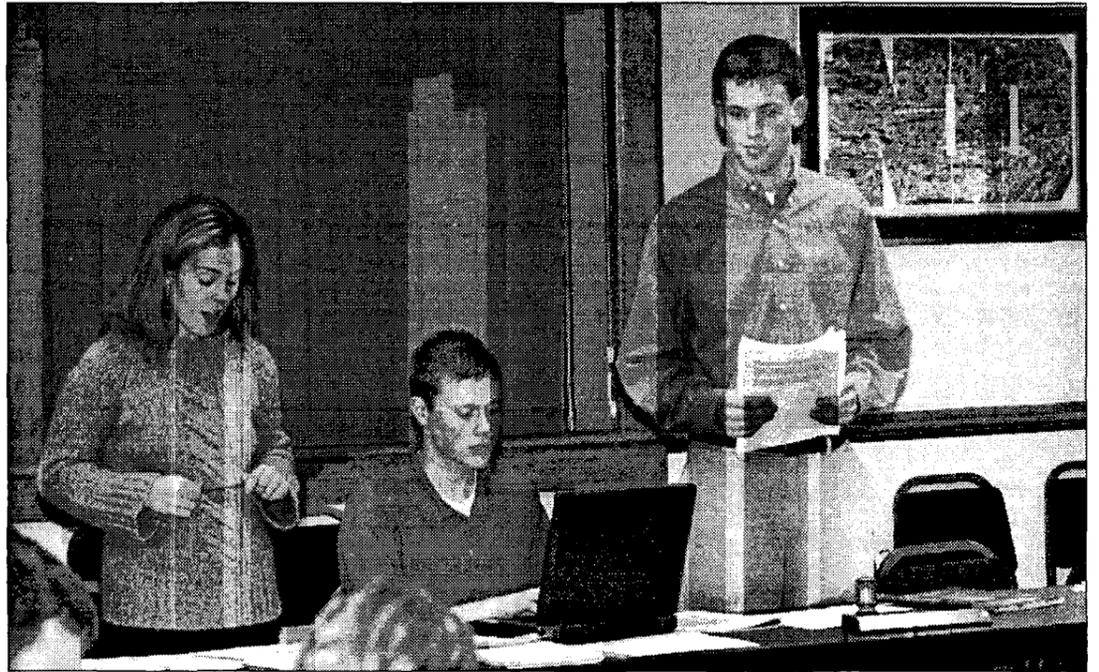
Bishop welcomed the new and returning senators in a letter stating, "As senators you will play a vital and integral role in the Student Union, and I hope that you will find your role challenging and yet always rewarding and enlightening."

Bishop also implored the senators to be responsible in their new tasks stressed that they adhere to their mission to "improve the quality of student life here at Notre Dame."

"I am really excited to be in a position where I can make change and where I can represent the whole student body," said Neil Vargas, Fisher Hall senator. "We can make changes because we are in a direct position, and I hope to continue what the Senate did last year."

Several senators expressed hope that the Senate would be able to address the proposed alcohol policy and possibly modify it.

"I would like to work towards the possibility of reinstating



FINN PRESSLY/The Observer

Libby Bishop, student body president, addresses the Senate at its Wednesday meeting. Bishop briefed the Senate on her administration's transition into office.

SYRs in the dorm because I think they are an important part of dorm life here in Notre Dame," said Katie Boyle, Cavanaugh Hall senator.

In an effort to increase student voice on campus, Rick Harris, Siegfried Hall senator, said, "On issues that are really of importance, such as the alcohol policy, I think it would be better to get more student voice. Possibly by starting a petition and distributing it in the dining halls and other places."

"I believe that the administration respects the opinion of student government. However,

I would like to see more provisions for student government have more input," said Boyle. "I would like to see student government have more power in influencing the administration with legislation."

In order to stay connected with the students, Harris intends to hold weekly in-hall meetings in order to bring the concerns of students from his hall to the committee and senate meetings that he will be attending.

Courtney Kohout, Badin Hall senator, hopes that the committees will be effective in making positive changes.

"I think that especially gender relations issues are very bad and I hope that we can make some changes," said Kohout. "Possibly by designing some events to bring students together and to review other programs such as Frosh-O which I think have a negative impact on gender relations. I hope that through our efforts different things can be incorporated into campus life that can change the ways that males and females interact on the campus."

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The Center for Social Concerns is seeking nominations for:

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This is a monetary award of \$5000 of which \$2500 will be given directly to the recipient and the remaining funds made available for professional development activities and materials expenses in the area of community-based research.

Nominees should be Regular Faculty* who have completed one or more research projects that address a need or concern of a local non-profit or community based organization. Priority will be given to a Faculty member whose project has been:

- oriented around a challenge articulated by a local community group;
- conducted in collaboration with a member or members of the South Bend or nearby community whose issues are being investigated;
- inclusive of graduate and/or undergraduate students; and
- published in a refereed journal or presented in other forms (juried exhibitions, distributed films, etc.) recognized as highly valued in the recipient's area of expertise.

A nominating letter should describe how the candidate's research project fits the above criteria and the impact this work has had in the community and on Notre Dame students. Please name a particular article or outcome that has resulted, if possible. Nominations are sought from anyone familiar with the efforts of the nominee. Individuals may nominate themselves.

Nominations, which may be submitted by email, should be sent to the FCBR Award Committee, c/o Mary Beckman, Ph.D., Associate Director, Academic Affairs and Research, Center for Social Concerns (beckman.9@nd.edu), by no later than 5pm, Monday, April 15.

Rodney Ganey, Ph.D., who is funding this award, served as Associate Director of Notre Dame's Laboratory for Social Research and in the Department of Sociology from 1980 to 1996. He is now President of Press, Ganey Associates, the nation's leading research firm specializing in patient-satisfaction measurement.

* Regular Faculty includes Teaching-and-Research Faculty, Research Faculty, Library Faculty, and Special Professional Faculty, as described in the Faculty Handbook.

AACSB appoints Woo chair

Special to the Observer

Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, has been named vice chair and chair-elect of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the international accrediting body for business education.



Woo

A member of the AACSB International Board of Directors since 1999, Woo will begin her term July 1 as vice

chair and serve as chair in the 2002-2003 academic year. She currently chairs the organization's Accreditation Branding Task Force and has served on the Business Accreditation Committee and as board liaison for the Mid-Continent East Regional Deans.

"I am convinced that Carolyn will be a highly successful and effective leader of AACSB International," said Jerry Trapnell, the current vice chair and chair-elect. "As our organization continues to focus on growth in our globalization agenda, continuous improvement in our accreditation processes and standards, enhancing member services and critical issues facing management education worldwide, her energy and

vision will be huge assets."

Woo earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in strategic management from Purdue University and later directed the university's professional master's programs in the Krannert School of Management.

After serving as the associate vice president of academic affairs at Purdue, she assumed the deanship of the College of Business at Notre Dame in 1997. She also holds the Ray and Milann Siegfried Chair in Management.

Woo was selected in 1998 as one of 40 Outstanding Young Leaders of American Higher Education by Change Magazine and serves on the boards of Beta Gamma Sigma and four publicly traded corporations.

U.S. Mint limits dollar coins

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Weak demand for the Sacagawea dollar coin is forcing the Mint to limit production. For now, it won't make any more new dollar coins for banks, retailers and others to use to make change. But it will produce some coins for collectors.

Since their much ballyhooed debut just more than two years ago, the golden-colored dollar coins have struggled to catch on and become a staple in cash registers, change purses and pockets. The sour U.S. economy, which ended up slipping into recession in March, knocked demand for the coins. In fact, demand for all other U.S. coins is down, experts say.

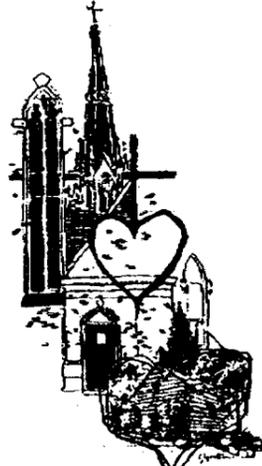
The Mint ended fiscal year 2001 with about 324 million

Sacagawea dollar coins in storage, according to a report by the Treasury Department's Inspector General.

The Mint planned to produce 40 million Sacagawea dollar coins in the second quarter of this fiscal year, something the Inspector General's office didn't think was warranted, the report said. As a result, the Mint recently stopped making new Sacagawea coins for circulation and plans to suspend production through this year.

But at least 10 million Sacagawea coins will be made this year for numismatic sales, such as coin sets, often purchased by collectors, said Mint spokesman Michael White. Mint facilities in both Philadelphia and Denver will make those dollar coins.

"It's not unusual to adjust production through the year," White said.



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Folklore, National Culture and Irish Identity

The notion of folklore emerged in the late C18th and early C19th. Closely associated with ideas of cultural relativism, from the romantic period on it became an important resource to national movements in search of cultural authenticity. This course explores the idea of folklore within the history of ideas, examines the relationships between folklore and popular culture and modernity and outlines the development of folklore as an academic discipline. It looks at the Irish case in detail, from the beginnings of scholarly interest in popular culture in Ireland to the central intellectual engagement of the literary revivals with it at the end of the C19th, leading ultimately to the institutionalization of folklore study in the southern Irish state.

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Diarmuid Ó Giolláin

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Irish Traditional Culture

To examine Irish peasant culture, this course focuses on materials accumulated by folklorists since the late C19th. Folklorists recorded a huge volume of information as part of a project to rescue and rehabilitate the Gaelic tradition within a modernizing Ireland. This information was from peasant society, but was often seen as transcending it (Gramsci's 'national-popular'). The course interrogates the notion of 'traditional culture,' implicit or explicit in the work of folklorists, and relates that work to anthropological and other writing on Ireland. There will be particular emphasis on narrative traditions (stories and storytelling), popular religion (folk belief) and material culture (folklife), traditionally the core areas for researchers in folklore and folklife.

Professor Diarmuid Ó Giolláin of University College Cork, is the leading authority on Irish Folklore. He has published extensively on Irish folk belief, including seminal studies of the Leprechaun, Fairies and Dwarfs and the 'pattern' or local saint's festival. His *Locating Irish Folklore* (2000) won the prestigious Katherine Briggs Folklore Prize. Ó Giolláin is a highly regarded teacher.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Longest-serving prisoner freed:

After 19 years in prison, China has freed an elderly Tibetan teacher – a release one leading activist said was an attempt to please the United States. Tanak Jigme Sangpo, 76, was set free Sunday from Drapchi Prison in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, said John Kamm, president of the San Francisco-based Duihua Foundation. Chinese officials said he was released on medical parole, Kamm said.

Iraq compensates suicide bombers:

Saddam Hussein has increased money for the relatives of suicide bombers from \$10,000 to \$25,000, drawing sharp criticism from Washington. But Palestinians say the bombers are driven by a priceless thirst for revenge, religious zeal and dreams of glory – not greed.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Virginia launches anti-smoking ads:

The nation's sixth-largest tobacco producing state and home to a major Philip Morris plant is using some of its national tobacco settlement money for anti-smoking radio and TV ads aimed at 10- to 14-year-olds. The seven TV commercials and eight radio spots, which began airing Tuesday, feature cartoon characters Lumpy, Addicted Robot and Ciggie Boy promoting the slogan, "Smoking sounds stupid and I choose not to be."

Cincinnati settles racial dispute:

A year after Cincinnati erupted in riots over the police shooting of a black man, the city agreed to restrictions on the use of force and announced plans Wednesday to establish an independent agency that would investigate police brutality complaints. The moves are intended to satisfy U.S. Justice Department concerns and settle a lawsuit accusing the police force of harassing blacks for the past 30 years.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Children's Center close contested:

Supporters of the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center, including some doctors and parents of the children treated there, are arguing against Gov. Frank O'Bannon's plan to close the 28-bed hospital because of the state budget crunch. Janet Corson, director of the state Division of Mental Health, said last week that closing the center would save the state about \$3.3 million a year, the amount of its operating costs.



Graham Morrison

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah and fellow Christian leaders attempt to enter Bethlehem in hopes of quelling the violence that has recently escalated to unprecedented levels in the West Bank.

Christians intervene in West Bank

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM
Senior Christian clerics on Wednesday urged Israel to let religious leaders mediate between the Israeli army and Palestinian gunmen holed up for a second day inside Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

Father Raed Abusahlia, a senior official with the Roman Catholic Church in Jerusalem, said the proposal was passed to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, after troops prevented Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah from leading a march from the out-

skirts of Jerusalem into nearby Bethlehem on Wednesday.

Israel's Foreign Ministry was in touch with the Vatican in an attempt to find a peaceful solution to the standoff at one of Christianity's holiest shrines, said Raanan Gissin, a Sharon adviser.

On Tuesday, priests at the church, built over the traditional birthplace of Jesus, were forced to give refuge to Palestinian police and militiamen, who shot their way in after running battles with Israeli troops firing from helicopter gunships and from tank-mounted

machine guns.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said negotiations between the military and the gunmen Tuesday evening failed to resolve the deadlock and that Palestinians continued to fire at troops from the church on Wednesday afternoon.

Those inside the church, including the Palestinian governor of Bethlehem, Mohammed Madani, denied shots were fired from the shrine.

The Israeli incursion into Bethlehem was part of a broader West Bank offensive – dubbed "Operation Protective Wall" – which

seeks to halt a wave of terror attacks against Israelis.

A tank was stationed Wednesday at the edge of Manger Square, adjacent to the church, the mayor said. Bethlehem Mayor Hana Nasser said soldiers had occupied the municipality building overlooking the square and the church.

As Israeli soldiers encircled the church, the Palestinians rested in pews and on the stone floor, said Samir, a Palestinian policeman inside the church. Ten of the gunmen were wounded, including one who was in critical condition, Madani said.

YUGOSLAVIA

Milosevic allies refuse surrender

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia
Former top associates of Slobodan Milosevic vowed Wednesday to resist arrest and extradition to the U.N. war crimes tribunal – defying the Serbian leadership and its attempts to avoid U.S. sanctions.

The most direct challenge was issued by retired Gen. Dragoljub Ojdanic, who commanded the army under the former Yugoslav president during 1999 NATO airstrikes launched to end Milosevic's military

crackdown on the Kosovo province.

Ojdanic was one of four Milosevic associates for whom arrest warrants were issued earlier this week. But he said in a statement relayed to The Associated Press by his family that he is "not afraid of an arrest" and would resist any detention attempt.

Congress gave Yugoslav authorities until March 31 to cooperate with the tribunal or else lose \$120 million. Because the deadline has expired, no U.S. assistance checks can be written for economically struggling Yugoslavia until

Secretary of State Colin Powell certifies the country has complied.

Ojdanic said he would surrender only if the Yugoslav parliament passes a law on cooperation with war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. Serbian leaders said that because of the U.S. step there is no time to pass an extradition law before the arrests are made.

Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica and other opponents of extradition have used the lack of such a law as a platform to resist delivering citizens to a court they consider anti-Serb.

Market Watch April 3

Dow Jones 10,198.29 -115.42

Up 1,160 Same: 173 Down 1,023
Composite Volume: 1,198,130,944

AMEX:	907.98	-7.87
NASDAQ:	1,784.35	-20.05
NYSE:	590.68	-5.64
S&P 500:	1,125.24	-11.52

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-0.17	-0.06	35.03
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-0.45	-0.04	8.90
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.10	+0.18	16.60
ADELPHIA COMM-A (ADLAC)	-6.68	-0.79	11.04
WORLDCOM INC-WO (WCOM)	-3.98	-0.27	6.51

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for a possible later attempt at entering the highly competitive field of syndicate cartooning.

However, regardless of what the future holds for Keeley, it is hard to argue that he has had both a positive and a humorous impact on his fellow Notre Dame students during the last three years. In fact, as a culmination of his past three years of work, a book entitled "The Best of Fourth and Inches" will be available to students in the near future.

In addition to three years of positive student reactions to the strip, Keeley said being named as a finalist for the highly competitive Schulz award is a very satisfying end to his career as a Notre Dame cartoonist.

"It's an honor to even be mentioned in the same sentence as Charles Schulz," he said.

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Russia warned U.S. about FBI spy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Nearly a decade before Robert Hanssen was convicted of spying, Russia complained to the United States that a "disaffected" FBI agent tried to give U.S. secrets to one of its military intelligence officers, according to a new study on security at the bureau.



Hanssen

The disclosure that Russia itself provided details that might have led to Hanssen's arrest is the latest in a string of embarrassments suggesting the FBI flubbed the investigation into its most damaging spy case ever.

The bureau previously

acknowledged that Hanssen's brother-in-law, an FBI agent, had voiced suspicions to the FBI as early as 1990 that Hanssen might have been spying for the Russians. And another FBI agent caught spying for Russia — Earl Pitts — told the bureau in June 1997 that Hanssen deserved a "look-see" because of suspicious activities.

The FBI study, which runs more than 100 pages, reveals that in 1993 Hanssen identified himself to the Russian officer as "Ramon Garcia," the cover name Hanssen used while spying for Moscow since at least 1985, according to people familiar with the report. Fearing discovery, Hanssen had curtailed his spying during the previous two years and apparently was seeking to re-establish contact.

But the Russian officer — unaware of Hanssen's previous espionage activities —

rebuffed Hanssen's offer of documents and convinced his government to formally complain to U.S. officials about the incident, the new FBI study said. The Russians told the U.S. government at the time that Hanssen described himself as a "disaffected FBI agent" during the encounter, which took place inside the parking garage of the Russian officer's apartment outside Washington.

Assistant FBI Director John Collingwood said Wednesday the FBI investigated the mat-

ter when it was first brought to the bureau's attention "and there was simply not enough information to identify the agent."

The FBI report does not suggest why the Russians might have lodged a formal complaint with the U.S. government about the 1993 encounter, but diplomats have complained when they believe they were being entrapped in a counterespionage sting.

FBI spy-hunters investigated the Russian complaint, the FBI study said.

Spring

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tion — especially since one of the student recruitment coordinator goals for the year is to increase the African American student population from 3 to 5 percent.

The weekend also features activities sponsored by University minority clubs including Latin Expressions on Friday and the Black Cultural Art Council's fashion show themed "I see you, I want you, I'm yours" on Saturday evening.

"Even though they're sponsored by ethnic groups a diverse group of people participate," Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, said of the events, which are open to all Notre Dame students. "It's about broadening your experiences. Learning doesn't have to take place in the classroom."

The activities have traditionally been held throughout the spring, according to Outlaw, but the Office of Admissions approached her office in the past requesting that the events be scheduled over Spring Visitation in an effort to offer more opportunities to pro-

gram participants.

"It's a good sign," Outlaw said of the increased number of prospective students attending Spring Visitation. "It would be an even greater coup if we could have more commit [to attending Notre Dame in the fall]."

Cindy Santana, Assistant Director of Admissions, refused to comment on Spring Visitation. Other members of the Admission's staff did not return Observer phone calls.

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Professor Montoya was the first Hispanic woman accepted at Harvard Law School. She focuses her research on race, ethnicity, gender, language, and cross-cultural discourse. She is forever giving back to her community and exploring new areas of interest, last year introducing a new class entitled, "Lawyering for Social Change."

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WorldCom to lay off 3,700

◆ Layoffs limited to Internet and high-growth data divisions

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. WorldCom Inc. is eliminating 3,700 jobs in the United States to better align costs with projected revenue this year. The cuts announced Wednesday were limited to the company's WorldCom Group, which includes the high-growth data, Internet and international businesses. They amount to 6 percent of WorldCom Group's employment and 4 percent of the company's 75,000-member global work force.

WorldCom also is the nation's second-largest long-distance provider, which it operates through its MCI Group.

The Clinton-based company said the job cuts were spread throughout offices across the country.

Company sources earlier had said as many as 7,500 people could be laid off. The cuts had been planned for last week, but WorldCom president and chief executive Bernie Ebbers postponed the move at the last minute for unspecified reasons, the

sources said.

Late Wednesday morning, several employees left the company's Clinton headquarters with their belongings packed in boxes.

In trading Wednesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market, WorldCom Group shares fell 27 cents to \$6.51. The shares, battered in recent months, traded as low as \$5.93 in February after peaking at \$64.50 on June 21, 1999. MCI Group shares rose 17 cents to close at \$5.76, also on Nasdaq.

Analyst Ramkrishna Kasargod with Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis said WorldCom, like others in the telecom industry, is suffering from lingering sluggishness in the sector.

He said investors continue to have concerns about overcapacity and profitability. WorldCom's worries also include some \$24 billion in debt and an ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into its accounting as well as loans made to executives.

In early February, when

WorldCom reported fourth-quarter earnings, it significantly reduced its 2002 revenue-growth and profit expectations for WorldCom Group.

"When you look at all those concerns and the fact the sector is under pricing pressure, I suppose it would make sense to see companies try to reduce costs," Kasargod said. "It's the prudent thing to do."

WorldCom's last major job reduction came a little more than a year ago when the company laid off about 6,000 U.S. employees.

Lehman Bros. analyst Blake Bath on Wednesday lowered his revenue growth forecasts based on tougher-than-anticipated demand and pricing. He also predicted the company would announce significant capital expenditure cuts in coming weeks.

The company said last month the SEC had requested documents regarding loans and financial practices dating to 2000. The inquiry focuses on disputed customer bills and sales commissions, loans by WorldCom to officers or directors, customer service contracts and organizational charts and personnel records for former employees.

In a report, Bath said the SEC's 24-point inquiry "is not going away anytime soon and will likely create ongoing overhang on the stock."

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Morgan Keegan Analyst

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Blake Bath
Lehman Bros. Analyst

Bloomberg's old Co. switches cards

◆ Company abandons Diners Club card for American Express

Associated Press

NEW YORK On several occasions he took office in January, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has offered effusive praise to the American Express Co. for planning to stay in lower Manhattan after the World Trade Center terrorist attack.

During his State of the City speech, the mayor even pledged to leave home with only his American Express card in gratitude for the company's civic loyalty.

So on Wednesday, eyebrows were raised when Bloomberg LP, the financial information company Bloomberg founded — and resigned from last year — announced it would switch its corporate credit card account from Diners Club to American Express for its 8,000 employees worldwide.

Bloomberg resigned as the company's chief executive last year before he entered the mayoral race and has said he has no role in the company's management.

However, the mayor still owns more than 70 percent of the privately held firm.

On Wednesday, representatives for Bloomberg and Bloomberg LP denied the mayor's endorsement of American Express had any-

thing to do with the decision to change accounts.

"The mayor has no role in the day-to-day operations of the company," mayoral spokesman Ed Skyler said.

Asked whether Bloomberg's praise for the company might have swayed Bloomberg LP to switch cards, Skyler said: "That's unlikely because the decision was made in September," before Bloomberg was elected.

Bloomberg LP spokeswoman Chris Taylor said the decision was made simply because American Express is more widely approved than other cards.

"Our employees were finding it difficult to get them accepted," Taylor said.

American Express spokeswoman Melissa Abernathy said she knew nothing of what may or may not have gone on behind the scenes.

But she said the mayor's company made a smart business move.

"It makes sense," she said. "We are the largest issuer of corporate cards in the United States"

Diners Club did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Since Sept. 11, American Express has had to temporarily disperse offices to other parts of Manhattan, New Jersey and Connecticut because its headquarters, in the World Financial Center, adjacent to the twin towers complex, was damaged in the terrorist attack.

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Mass Schedule

■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 6

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Terrence P. Ehrman, c.s.c.

Sunday, April 7

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Terrence P. Ehrman, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

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■ Around Campus

Sunday, March 24

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

Rejoice! African American Catholic Mass

10:00 p.m.

Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

CAMPUS MINISTRY

A response to the current, inexcusable and sinful scandal of clergy abuse of minors...

■ by Fr. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

Counselor to the President & Director, Campus Ministry

As hundreds of stories about sexual abuse of minors by a relatively small number of priests, 200 to date out of 46,000, continue to dominate the front pages of newspapers in the United States, as well as hundreds of other television and print media, many faithful Catholic people are understandably scandalized and confused, while others are defensive. Boston's incarcerated defrocked man, who set off the current situation upon his conviction this past January, is becoming as familiar to the public as is or has been any other private subject of criminal accusation or conviction in many, many years. The majority of these articles and reports included his name and the crimes for which he has been convicted and incarcerated.

I believe that at least two direct and unambiguous statements must frame any discussion of this matter.

First, the development or modification of policies regarding this situation in a growing number of dioceses is a welcome and overdue reality. These policies usually state that every accusation of abuse of a minor by any member of the clergy must be thoroughly investigated and action must be taken to provide full assistance to the alleged victim. The accused member of the clergy must be removed from ministry until the matter is resolved, or permanently if he is guilty. The rights of the minor are more important than the rights of anyone else, in the situation of a credible accusation.

Secondly, while it is true that knowledge about the causes, possibilities for behavioral modification and a more complete understanding of what is entailed in pedophilia has only become clear in the past fifteen years, this is not an excuse. Clergy abuse of minors is wrong and inexcusable. It is the deepest betrayal of a responsibility conferred on an individual in the name of the Church. While most Church leaders have articulated this position previously or recently, and sometimes under pressure, it is the only defensible position to take in this matter.

But it is essential to note that the following affirmations are also at the heart of Catholic belonging, life and ministry.

St. Paul wrote that "Jesus is like us in everything except sin." That is as wondrous an affirmation as it is a daunting challenge and a deeply personal call for each of us.

For Catholics, the Catholic Church, human and divine, is God's instrument of salvation for all people. We believe that Jesus Christ established the Church as the institution and the means which will carry out His salvific mission until the end of time for God's people. The Church – one, holy, Catholic and apostolic – gathers together into one people, all the baptized who participate in the priesthood of Jesus, each according to a specific call.

Through the Church's sacramental ministry, entrusted for its administration to priests who serve *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, the Church carries out its apostolic ministry. It powerfully enables people to be baptized into the life and death of Jesus, confirms the baptized with the manifold gifts of the Spirit who completes the mission of Jesus, enables full participation in the celebration of the Eucharist which makes present to all generations of believers the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross through sharing in His Sacred Body and Blood, and offers sacramental reconciliation – confession – through which the sins of men and women are forgiven. Through the anointing of the sick, Jesus, who cared so much for the sick, is present to those who look to God for their strength and their

salvation. And, through the sacraments of ordination and matrimony, Jesus is present to believers who make their lifetime vows and commitments as baptized, confirmed and faithful people.

St. Paul wrote that "Jesus is like us in everything except sin." That is as wondrous an affirmation as it is a daunting challenge and a deeply personal call for each of us. It is especially a challenge for men who are ordained as priests. In another place, St. Paul traces his growth, through years of suffering and of apostolic service, as one who begins by lamenting the weakness which causes him to do what he does not want to do, and not to do what he really wants to do. Several years later, when St. Paul gradually understands that Jesus acts forcefully through him through grace, which is all he really needs, he comes to a culminating time in his life when he realizes that he no longer exists but that Christ Jesus, who has taken full control of his life, lives fully in him. This is the thrilling moment when St. Paul realizes that there is no distinction between Jesus and himself. It is the culmination of a lifelong search for holiness.

Each of us is called to a similar journey to holiness because of our baptism into the death of Jesus so that we might rise to him for everlasting life. This is especially the path a priest must take with joy because of his commitment to Jesus, to the Church and to the service of all God's people.

God chooses men, sinful men, men with "feet of clay" to be priests. Jesus does this so that through human weakness his strength might be all the more manifest. These men, these priests, also experience a burning desire to serve God and to serve God's people all the days of their lives. They believe in the depth of their souls that they are called to be the men who will carry out the mission of Jesus and the sacramental ministry of the Church, as priests, until the end of time, when Jesus will be "all in all" as Paul tells us.

...a wonderful sign of hope as four Notre Dame graduates are ordained Holy Cross priests...

So many of my Holy Cross friends and brothers are priests who offer me an inspiring and challenging witness to the life to which each of us has been called. I hope that I offer them the same enthusiastic witness which others for many years now have offered me – a stirring example of what it means to be a priest.

My fellow Holy Cross religious, priests, brothers and seminarians, are committed to the Church, to the congregation and to the ministries entrusted to our care. My brothers in Holy cross who are priests and seminarians, are men who had other options and possibilities for their lives. Yet they were and are willing to commit themselves, as I have, to serve the Church as priests forever.

My fellow Holy Cross priests are zealous and generous men who are grateful for the vocation they received and for the many ways they will serve Jesus Christ and the Church as priests.

If I had my life to live over again, my only prayer is that I would be given, once again, the grace and privilege to serve God as a priest in the congregation of Holy Cross. I know that this sentiment is common to so many of us, and this fact spurs me on!

This Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, four finally professed Holy Cross seminarians, who were ordained as deacons last fall, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.. My prayer is that Brad, Eric, John and Mike fully enjoy their lives as Holy Cross priests and accept their privileged and graced role of being servants of God through the ministry of the Church.

When I was ordained, I did not know what the Church, society and our culture would be like during my years as a priest. Neither do my four Holy Cross brothers who will be ordained Saturday. But we will try as sincerely as we can to live and serve as celibate men, through our promise to the Church offered to the bishop which reiterates our religious vow of celibate chastity. There will be many challenges which we all will face, but my prayer and I am sure theirs as well, is that we will discover the grace we know God will offer us so that we might face with integrity our privilege and responsibility to serve God and the Catholic Church as Holy Cross priests.

■ Sunday's Scripture Readings 1st Rdg Acts 2:42-47 2nd Rdg 1 Pt 1:3-9 Gospel John 20:19-31

CONSIDERATIONS...

Hospital ponders relocation

◆ Notre Dame may use land after hospital relocates

Special to the Observer

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Inc. recently signed an option to acquire approximately 90 acres of land in the Edison Lakes Corporate Park area and expressed interest in selling its South Bend property to Notre Dame

"Our intention is to develop an exciting new health care campus at the site," said Robert Beyer, president and CEO of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Inc. "This is a long range plan, moreover it's not just the building of a new health care campus, but a plan to further evolve our regional system and raise the level of health care in our community."

"This is about developing a total environment of care in a healing environment that enhances the ability of our staff to better meet the needs of those we serve. This is the first step in a long process that we anticipate will lead to the construction of the first new hospital in this area in nearly half a century," he added.

Pondering Possibilities

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center explored a range of options before this decision was made and has worked extensive-

ly with both City administrations in South Bend and Mishawaka in its exploration.

"Both Mayor Steven Luecke and Mayor Bob Beutter have been very cooperative, and for that matter aggressive, in bringing very realistic options to the table," Beyer said. "Every option was examined carefully, but building a new facility would allow us to complete the project within the next four-five years with little or no patient disruption."

"Each hospital in St. Joseph County has cobbled together their buildings throughout the last century. The prospect of building a new facility from the ground up for greater patient comfort, convenience and care is exciting," he added.

Remodeling cost prohibitive

Remodeling at the current South Bend and Mishawaka sites would approximate the cost of building a new facility and would take nearly 10 years to complete with a great amount of inconvenience and disruption among patients, physicians and staff.

"Both of the current facilities have landlocked and minimally accessible sites. We are a regional provider; convenience and accessibility for our patients is critical," said Beyer. "As census data reflects, the population center of our region has shifted to the northeast portion of St. Joseph County. Growth has increased between 7.3 percent and 14.3 percent in that area over the past 10 years.

The Edison Lakes site will position us closer to where the majority of our patients live and work and at the same time provide much improved regional access to our campus."

Moving to Mishawaka?

The proposed site covers approximately 117 acres, including current and optioned land, and extends from the company's current Edison Lakes Medical Center on Day Road, northward across Edison Lakes Parkway to Douglas Road.

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center already has a strong presence in the Edison Lakes area with the Edison Lakes Medical Center, an outpatient surgical center and physician office complex that was opened in 1992.

"While making this decision, we looked at many of the community suggestions made two years ago when we first began evaluating our facility options," Beyer said. "We also examined the success of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth where we faced similar facility issues and decided to rebuild on a new site rather than renovate nearly 15 years ago. Our successes since relocating have encouraged us that we are making the right decision."

The fate of the downtown site

The new campus location is approximately three miles north and east of downtown South Bend and a similar distance from downtown Mishawaka. Under current assumptions, some operations would be main-

tained at both the South Bend and Mishawaka locations including Urgent Care and support services. To that end, SJRMC is absolutely committed to finding a viable way to reuse any remaining property, the company said.

Notre Dame expanding?

The company said it has worked with both South Bend

"This whole process has been and continues to be about finding solutions."

Robert Beyer
SJRMC CEO

and Notre Dame on potential future uses for the South Bend site. Given the common heritage that St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Notre Dame have shared historically, and the company's longstanding institutional partnership, they invited Notre Dame into conversations on future potential uses of the South Bend campus.

As a consequence, the hospital intends to focus our deliberations about future uses of the South Bend campus with the University of Notre Dame in the coming months and plans to demolish those facilities which have no practical future use.

"This whole process has been and continues to be about finding solutions, for us and our neighbors," Beyer said. "From the moment that we realized moving might be an option we wanted to make sure the property would be redeveloped responsibly ... we've been an active partner in the South Bend North-East Neighborhood Development Group, and are committed to that initiative."

Minnelli sued by stepmom

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Liza Minnelli's 94-year-old stepmother has sued her for elder abuse and breach of contract, claiming the performer has neglected her.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday in Superior Court claims that Lee Anderson Minnelli was guaranteed housing in the will of her late husband, Vincente Minnelli. Liza Minnelli, his daughter with Judy Garland, sold the Beverly Hills home and "has instructed her representatives to remove Lee by whatever means necessary," according to the lawsuit.

Minnelli spokesman Warren Cowan said in a statement that the actress treated her stepmother generously, paying all of her expenses during the years she lived in the home, including housekeeping and gardening costs.

"In addition, Liza has offered to buy Lee a condominium, but apparently her generous offer has been refused," the statement said.

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Current Volunteer Needs

Geometry Tutor - Brenda Madison - 233-3997

She is looking for a tutor for her 16 yr old son for geometry. Time commitment would be 2 hours a week max, preferably after 5pm. Transportation to ND can be provided.

Tutor for 12 yr old — Reading Help

Ken Stacy - 287-2316 x 334 - ken@tirerack.com

He is looking for a tutor to help his son Joshua with his reading skills. Time commitment would be about 3 hours a week. He can bring Joshua to campus if the tutor would like.

Tutor for 6 yr old & 10 yr old — Need Help in Reading - Wendy - 254-7652

She would like a tutor for her children who are struggling with reading. She can bring the children to ND on Tues and/or Thurs after 5 pm.

Tutor for 7th Grader - Loise Trefl - 256-5070

She is looking for a tutor to help her 7th grade son Raymond with his science and english skills, including sentence structure. He can come to campus if the tutor prefers.

McKinley Elementary After School Program - Tom Werge - 631-7679

Starting an after school program that will take place on Weds. from 2:30-3:30 and looking for some students to assist the kids with their homework, especially Math & Reading. Transportation from ND to the school can be provided.

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LOGAN Camp Amigo Trip - Marissa Runkle - (574) 289-4831 x 1043

marissar@logancenter.org

Several students are needed to accompany adults with disabilities on the annual camping trip to Michigan. We will leave in the morning on Sat., April 6th and return in the afternoon on Sun., April 7th. Transportation, meals, and lodging are provided free. Volunteers will assist the Logan campers in basketball and volleyball games as well as games using the pool table, ping-pong, and foosball tables.

Library Program at St. Joseph County Jail - Jane Ragle - 245-6578

They are trying to improve their library program for inmates and need help with computerized entry of reading material, physical help arranging books, and distribution and pick-up of reading materials. Volunteers wouldn't have to have inmate contact; they will work with the comfort level of the students.

If you have any questions about these volunteer projects feel free to email cscvols@nd.edu.

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

~Gandhi

VOICE

The Official Student Advisory Board to the Center for Social Concerns

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ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, April 4

- 5:00 p.m. Michael Colacurcio, 'Excessive and Organic III': *Melville, Evil, and the Urgency of Politics*, McKenna Hall 112-114
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 5:30 p.m. ND Women's Softball vs. UIC, Ivy Field
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Class of 2004 Dinner, Alumni Senior Club*
- 6:30 p.m. *Why International Politics is a Nasty and Brutish Business*, lecture by John Mearsheimer, DeBartolo 102
- 7:00 p.m. Film: *George Washington*, featuring a talk with director David Gordon Green, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. Reading: Melanie Rae Thon, Hospitality Room of Reckers
- 8:00 p.m. Welsh Family Feud, Reckers
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Acousticafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt, DeBartolo 102
- 9:30 p.m. *Remember the Titans*, DeBartolo 102
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Mulholland Drive* and *South Park*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Class of 2005 Dance, Alumni Senior Club

Friday, April 5

- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 7:00 p.m. Latin Expressions: Noche de Ritmo Latino, O'Laughlin Auditorium, St. Mary's College*
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *Mulholland Drive* and *South Park*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Loft Show: Alison Pipitone, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Flower Planting/ Flower Pot Decorating, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room
- 10:00 p.m. - Midnight - Dance Party, St. Mary's College
- 10:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. Stanford After Hours Dance Bash, Alumni Senior Club
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Mulholland Drive* and *South Park*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Dominoes, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room

Saturday, April 6

- 5:00 p.m. Knott on the Knoll, outdoor band concert, Knott Knoll (event begins at 1:00 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. Black Cultural Arts Council Fashion Show, Century Center*
- 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Band Performance: Battle of the Bands, North Quad. Indoor weather plans: Locations: Alumni Senior Club (bands) and LaFortune Student Center Ballroom (acoustic acts)
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *Mulholland Drive* and *South Park*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Lecture, *Grant Wacker's Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture*, McKenna Hall
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Mulholland Drive* and *South Park*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 12:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. Class of 2004 Spirit Event, Alumni Senior Club

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VIEWPOINT

Thursday, April 4, 2002

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The nerds are coming

This school, as we know it, will be gone in 10 years. Don't get me wrong. It'll still say "Notre Dame" on the signs. There'll still be the Dome, football, the Fight Song and the whole Jesus thing.

But the students will be different.

Joe Muto

Livin' on a Prayer

Those of us coming back for reunions, football weekends and the occasional nostalgia-laden visit will notice something new on campus: dead silence. Where there used to be sounds of music, laughing and general partying wafting from the dorm windows on any given night, there will be nothing. This will be a campus full of nerds.

Some might object to my use of this word. But it is the one word on the tip of everyone's tongues, hovering just below the surface of this new debate over the alcohol policy. It seems Fr. Poorman wants the new rules to protect the "silent minority" of students who object to alcohol use and are personally offended, peer-pressured and irrevocably traumatized every time a hallmate innocently offers them a single beer. But we all know what the "silent minority" means. It means the nerds.

Those who call me insensitive should know that I am finely attuned to the nerd plight. I myself am a recovering nerd. I'm still getting over a nasty bout with nerdism in my grade school years.

Nerdism snuck up on me. I was following my own interests, which I assumed were perfectly legitimate child interests. I was the first person in my grade to have a deck of "Magic the Gathering" cards. My comic book collection took up three full shelves in my

closet. My bookshelf was covered with Star Wars novels. X-Men action figures adorned my dresser. I had no concerns at the time that I was perhaps uncool — I was happy and my parents seemed relieved that I wasn't into drugs and had finally stopped wetting my bed after my urine-soaked childhood.

Self-realization came at my school's Halloween dance, my seventh grade year. The cool kids in my grade came dressed as pimps. I came as Luke Skywalker. As I proudly brandished the light saber I had made out of a collapsible toy sword and some green day-glo paint, I couldn't help feeling that I had somehow taken the wrong path in life.

It took several years, countless gallons of beer, hours of guitar lessons and the discovery of my penis to pull me out of my self-imposed pit of nerdosity. I don't regret my nerdy past — instead I value it for the insight it has

given me. While even today I could sit in my room and argue the merit of playing a Mageta the Lion card against a Greel's Caress, I choose not to.

I'd rather go out, meet people and yes, drink a few frosty alcoholic beverages.

Fr. Poorman's protection of nerds is well-intentioned but misguided. They don't need University-imposed rules to protect them from any social situations. They need someone to storm into their room on a Friday night, rip the X-Box controller out of their hands and force them at gunpoint to Turtle Creek.

This place will no longer be fun in 10 years. I say that not as a warning, but as a statement of the truth. My perception is that Notre Dame has been heading steadily downhill since the mid-80s anyway, and the new rules will just change the character of the student body even

more. While there will never be a shortage of people who want to attend this University, I foresee a shortage of fun people who want to attend this University. While some in the administration will no doubt applaud a student body that attends Mass regularly, studies nine hours a day, gets to bed by 11:30 and doesn't even think of partying on the weekend, let alone a week-night, this is not what Notre Dame is all about. Last time I checked, we were not a small Southern Bible school. We used to be one of the top party schools. No more. Notre Dame social life is in danger of becoming a national joke.

I see signs of an increased nerd population already. There has been very quiet this year. A conspicuous amount of freshmen do nothing but sit in their dorm rooms on weekends. Some members of the "silent minority" actually agree with the new rules, and write into *The Observer* to say so.

The school is eventually going to have to face the reality that the rules are attracting a certain type of applicant. I'd love to send my children here, but I fear that by the time I do, the dorms will be full of pasty-faced, computer-loving, Jesus-quoting virgins. I never thought I'd say it, but Georgetown is looking better by the minute.

Joe Muto is a sophomore FTT and English double major who slightly resembles Booger from the "Revenge of the Nerds" movies. His parents are proud of him, thank you very much. His column appears every other Thursday. He can be reached at jmuto@nd.edu.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Destruction of dorm residentiality is a crime

My letter today is in response to Peter Schmidt's letter, "Noting flawed reasoning," printed Mar. 28. His rude dismissal of the motivations of student protesters requires response.

In his letter, Schmidt dismisses the desire of students to uphold Notre Dame tradition, wondering if they "somehow experienced those traditions in a previous life" because they "have [only] been a part [of them] for a few years at most." The purpose of tradition on a college campus is to create a connection between members of the University family who were not campus residents at the same point in time. Students have been waving their arms to the band's performance of the "1812 Overture" for two decades. Should the current students' efforts to uphold that tradition — and even the value of the tradition itself — be devalued simply because they've only been doing it for up to four years?

In instituting the recent policy changes, the University administration jeopardizes Notre Dame's most unique tradition of all: stay-hall residentiality. During my tenure at Notre Dame, my friends at other schools (usually state-affiliated with strong Greek systems) thought the fact that I stayed in a dorm for four years was complete lunacy on my part. At their

schools, dorms were only for geeks who couldn't get into frats or find apartment roommates.

They failed to see the beauty of stay-hall. I got to know people in the six classes that surrounded mine and keep in contact with them until this day. Even though my dorm was converted into women's quarters, I still feel a strong affinity with fellow Cavanaugh alums — even those who were not on campus during my time.

These policies remove some of the traditions that help bind dorm-mates together. With those traditions gone, students will migrate off campus and dorms at Notre Dame will become just like those at any other school.

Gone will be the opportunities to meet and learn from those who may be different from you. I remember my dorm-mates as vividly now as I did 10 years ago at graduation. I couldn't tell you the name of the guy who lived next door to my first apartment if you gave me a million dollars to do it.

And that's the true crime here.

Mike Coffey
class of '91
April 2, 2002

Protest closing of children's hospital

Last Thursday, Governor O'Bannon announced that the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center would be closing on June 30, 2002. This is the only state facility that admits only children. This facility serves severely mentally-ill children. It is a necessary part of the mental health program of Indiana.

In his statement regarding the budget, Governor O'Bannon cited budget cuts as the reason for the closure of the facility. When in fact, the facility makes a revenue above and beyond the \$3.3 million dollars for operating costs.

When this was brought to the attention of the Governor, it was then stated that there was a need to return these children to their communities. The community-based services are not equipped to handle the types of children that are admitted to the Center. The children who are admitted to the Center have severe mental illnesses and have already exhausted their community resources. So, in essence, by closing this facility the Governor is saying that he does not care what happens to these children.

These children do not have a voice in this matter, so we, as residents of the state of Indiana, need to let the Governor know that turning these children out into the community is not an acceptable alternative to the stable, therapeutic environment that the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center provides. Please email Governor O'Bannon and your local legislator.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michelle M. Hallock
April 3, 2002

SCENE

movies

'Panic Room' finds captive audience

By JUDE SEYMOUR

Scene Movie Critic

As the Darwin Awards will provide testament to, the dumbest people are not always the criminals. Often times, ordinary people will have lapses in judgment, overlooking an insignificant detail that would have saved them from peril. "Panic Room" is a look at those insignificant details under the microscope of director David Fincher, who has taken his audiences to the brink of paranoia before with films such as "Seven," "Fight Club" and "The Game."

Fincher, as a craftsman in this genre, respects his audience too much to set up vague caricatures of bumbling criminals while cowardly protagonists summon untapped channels of intelligence and courage to defeat the criminals at their own game. Instead, "Panic Room" presupposes both intelligence and fear in its criminals and victims. No longer does the audience wait patiently until the criminal makes a dastardly mistake that allows the victim to triumph. Fincher wants his audience to squirm while his protagonists snatch tragedy from the jaws of victory.

Meg Altman (played by Jodie Foster), the protagonist, is a recently separated graduate student who is apartment hunting in New York with her only daughter, Sarah (played by Kristen Stewart). The two commit to an extravagant apartment so that Meg can alleviate her resentment toward her ex, Steven (played by Patrick Bauchau), by draining his bank account for an oversized residence. The main bedroom features a curious addition installed by the apartment's previous owner: a panic room.

The panic room is to protect anyone inside of it from exterior harm, using its

steel reinforced doors and walls as ample protection as well as being stocked with amenities such as food, blankets and a phone line that is separate from the main line of the house. Perhaps this room should have frightened potential buyers instead of attracting them, but Meg and Sarah move in without any hesitation. After all, are not Fincher's protagonists allowed errors in judgment?

The action in "Panic Room" commences immediately; three robbers plan on extracting the remains of a hidden safe located within the panic room. When they discover someone has moved in while they were planning the heist, they have to reevaluate their willingness to carry out the plan. The one with the gun, Raoul (played by Dwight Yoakam), does not seem to mind the presence of unwanted houseguests. The soft-spoken master locksmith (played by Forrest Whitaker) is worried; dealing with people creates the potential for more serious crimes and harsher penalties should they get nabbed. That leaves Junior (played by Jared Leto) as the deciding vote.

Sandwiched between dozens of kids and left without a significant piece of his grandfather's inheritance, Junior knows his only chance to cash in on the old man's death is in that safe. The plan proceeds and, since the robbers are mere amateurs, they manage to wake both Meg and Sarah, who escape to the panic room. The robbers want in; the Altmans want to be left alone. Each group cautiously waits for the other to act.

Initially, a break-in at the Altman residence on the first night seems poorly imagined, but that plot point is not without purpose. The brief time between the closing on the apartment and the robber's break-in highlights Meg's compounding stupidity.

"The Panic Room"



Director: David Fincher

Starring: Jodie Foster, Jared Leto and Forest Whitaker



Photo courtesy of www.rottentomatoes.com

Jodie Foster delivers a strong performance as a woman besieged in her own home in the new thriller "Panic Room."

She has not bothered installing the separate phone line, she has not properly rigged the alarm system on the house and she has jumped into the panic room without her daughter's vital insulin medication.

Fincher, with help from screenwriter David Koepp, keeps his oppositional foes balanced, depicting criminals with intelligent ideas but little planning. At one point, a clever tactical move by Foster gives her the visual advantage in the ordeal, to which one of the robbers remarks, "Why didn't we do that?"

While it is certain that good will eventually triumph over evil, Fincher makes the 112 minutes as interesting as possible. He keeps the audience's curiosity by starting the conflict early, by maintaining the tension of the movie and by continuing to

show off his stunning visual array of computer-generated shots that became the trademark of "Fight Club."

In addition, Foster and Leto both turn in performances that rank among their most expressive work. Leto continues to mature through Fincher's films, finally leaving behind his uninspired work as Jordan Catalano on the television show "My So Called Life."

With two good performances and a frantically paced movie, Fincher has once again fashioned an engaging film that promises to bring a little luxury, a little crime and a little paranoia to curious audiences of the "Panic Room."

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'Donnie Darko' travels to DVD for second chance

By JUDE SEYMOUR

Scene Movie Critic

"Donnie Darko" is an insignificant blip in a throng of mainstream Hollywood releases. At its height, it played on 58 screens across the country. Its budget was \$4.5 million dollars and it only made around \$500,000 in box office receipts.

Multiplexes may have not shown "Donnie Darko" to their audiences, but this omission was certainly not for its lack of quality. On the contrary, "Donnie Darko" is an engaging story from begin-

ning to end, thanks to the feature film debut of writer/director Richard Kelly.

Kelly, who is 26 years old and a recent grad of the University of Southern California's film school, is not the most literate of fellows, but the film does not give away that secret. Instead, the movie is a well-written piece that follows a mysterious and slightly unbalanced teenager named Donnie Darko (played by Jake Gyllenhaal), whose brilliance has mixed with his emotional problems to give the high school student a unique look into his own future.

Darko struggles with the typical teen problems when his parents (played by Mary McDonnell and Holmes Osborne) do not understand his vulnerability and his need for attention. Donnie, a permanent outsider because of his eccentric nature, finds an outlet for his emotions when he meets Gretchen Ross (played by Jena Malone), a newcomer to Darko's quasi-picturesque suburb. Noah Wyle and Drew Barrymore play teachers at Donnie's school; one becomes an ally in tearing down the establishment, the other a curious confidant in the ways of time travel.

Kelly's movie is a concoction of a couple different movies, most notably "Harvey" (like Stewart, Gyllenhaal's imaginary friend is also a rabbit) and "Back to the Future." These citations are forgivable, however, because Kelly is willing to add to the discussion, spicing the major plot points up with a couple fascinating turns.

For a first time director, "Donnie Darko" is very tight in its construction. Scenes are neither extraneous nor too detailed, providing an even flow that most directors do not accomplish in their first significant attempt. The DVD includes 20 deleted/extended scenes that

highlight Kelly's keen sense of what moments to keep and what scenes to cut. Kelly remarks that several of his favorite scenes got cut, including one that explained a theme that Francis Ford Coppola insisted the whole movie was based around. After viewing the deleted scenes, Kelly looks like a director who has a knack for sacrificing his ego in order to manufacture a better film.

Most of the special features on the disc are essentially garbage items, ranging from stills in a fictional book to fake infomercials that served as background pieces in the movie. The commentary is particularly boring, with Kelly and Gyllenhaal spewing out anecdotes, but adding little commentary that lends to the understanding of the film. Kelly comes off the worst for having agreed to comment on his own film, often stumbling through passages or repeating himself which is incongruous with the polished dialogue in the movie.

While Kelly may not have scripted his commentary, this is not a reason to pass over "Donnie Darko" now that it has found a home on DVD. "Donnie Darko"

may not have made a legendary step in the futuristic psychological thriller genre, but it is unfortunate that so many potential viewers missed its theatrical run. Now, with a nice looking transfer and an exciting soundtrack

with classic '80s tunes, audiences have the chance to experience the enthralling twists and turns of overlooked movie from an up-and-coming director.

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Photo courtesy of imdb.com

"Donnie Darko" revisits a number of older movie premises but adds enough twists to warrant renting the recently released DVD.

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Real life and cinema meet in 'George Washington'

By LIAM DACEY
Scene Writer

"George Washington" is certainly not a typical film that contains a plot, climax and resolution. Instead, it intensely depicts the philosophies and feelings of pre-adolescence. Using a unique stream of consciousness style, director and writer David Gordon Green is able to craft his story based on memory, on how someone would actually perceive the events of childhood.

The film develops through a subtle progression of situations that a child would experience them. For instance, instead of just focusing on the events leading up to a death, its aftermath is vividly depicted and the film shows how the children deal with the tragedy. Redemption is a central theme of the film, both redemption from poverty and redemption from God.

Green says that the movie is filled with little collages of things that he experienced himself or that happened to people he knew.

"Some of it came from personal situations that made me just step back and think," Green said.

The film was constructed to be organic in nature, meaning that Green had to feel his way through the characters. Most of the actors were people who he had met or who lived in Green's neighborhood. These children gave him notes on things they wanted to say or do and then Green wrote the script based on their comments. In this way, Green created a "controlled freestyle" of dialogue — not quite improvisation, but as close to it as possible in a structured environment. In fact, Green says the reason he created some structure was so that he could edit out any unnecessary profanity or vulgarity. With the lack of more crude behavior, Green was able to highlight the often overlooked maturity that many 12-year-olds possess.



Photo courtesy of David Gordon Green

"George Washington" director David Gordon Green will show his film and hold a short question-and-answer session tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

"Kids think about real things and have dramatic philosophies," Green said.

Shot over 19 consecutive days, Green invested a tremendous amount of energy into his feature film debut. He developed an intimate atmosphere with the children to allow them to become comfortable and relaxed in their roles. Inspired by films like Malick's "Days of Heaven" and Carroll Ballard's "Never Cry Wolf," Green never cared for the standard Hollywood fare. Instead, he appreciated movies that were rich in emotion and more personal in nature. Much

like "Days of Heaven," "George Washington" is a film that remains in the viewer's mind long after watching it.

The movie takes place in an industrial setting in North Carolina during the summer. It follows the lives of mostly black pre-teens between the ages of 10 and 13. Race does not factor into the relationships of the children because they share the common bond of trying to grow up and, most of all, companionship. A few adult workers seem to blend into the dull landscape and they also have a bond with the children. Everyone is trying to get by.

Everyone is trying to be redeemed.

One of the main characters is George (played by Donald Holden), who wants to be president some day. All of the characters see George as someone who has the potential to get out of the town and be somebody. Despite the fact that the plates on his skull do not align correctly and he has to wear a protective helmet, he is a hero of sorts. Eventually, he even starts to walk around with a cape. George strikes a chord with some of the older workers in town, as they see his character as uncorrupted and nobler than they see themselves; George will find redemption.

There is not much to do for the children in the town and this boredom seems to plague them as much as the thick summer heat. Over the summer one of the kids, Buddy (played by Curtis Cotton III), disappears and some of his friends who really know where he went try to justify what happened and George risks damaging his head to jump into a pool and save a drowning boy. At the same time, a giddy girl talks about the first time she French kissed.

All of these moments, these brief fragments of memory, paint a picture that is as tragic as it is profound. It may be the fact that all the children, like George, are at a point in their lives before the awkwardness of adolescence sets in. Their lives are shaped by innocence. In this light, "George Washington" is more than a simple portrayal of poverty and childhood; it is about a summer of innocence before the pains and regrets of real life set in. It is about finding redemption.

"George Washington" will be showing tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Green will have a short question and answer session after the film.

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Photo courtesy of David Gordon Green

Most of the cast of "George Washington" are not professional actors, but people who lived in Green's neighborhood or acquaintances.



Photo courtesy of David Gordon Green

"George Washington" follows the lives of pre-teens during a dull and depressed North Carolina summer.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Romar leaves Saint Louis for Washington

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Lorenzo Romar is returning to Washington as the school's basketball coach, the university announced Wednesday.

He replaces Bob Bender, who was asked to resign last month after nine seasons.

Romar, the coach at Saint Louis University since 1999, announced his decision in St. Louis.

"If it were not for my alma mater calling, if it were not for that, I would still be coaching at Saint Louis University," Romar said. "It just so happens that the school where I played my collegiate basketball needed a coach."

Romar, a starting guard for Washington from 1978-80, interviewed Sunday with Washington athletics director Barbara Hedges.

"We are excited to have Lorenzo come back to the University of Washington and direct our basketball program," Hedges said. "Lorenzo is very highly regarded in the coaching profession and I think we are extremely lucky to have him back as a Husky."

Hedges has already struck out with three other candidates: Missouri's Quin Snyder pulled out of consideration Sunday; Gonzaga's Mark Few did the same thing Monday; and Minnesota's Dan Monson, a former Gonzaga coach, said Tuesday that he was staying put.

Hedges hasn't commented on the search since it began. At a news conference last month to say she had asked for Bender's resignation, Hedges said the school was willing to pay for a high-profile coach.

Bender's teams had consecutive 20-loss seasons for the first time in school history, then finished 11-18 and eighth in the Pac-10 this season.

The 43-year-old Romar played at Washington and coached against the Huskies while working as an assistant at UCLA from 1992-96. Romar also is known for his strong recruiting on the West Coast.

Romar, who played five seasons in the NBA, has a 93-88 record in six years as a coach.

He took Pepperdine to the NIT in 1999, and the following year his Saint Louis team swept through Conference USA to reach the NCAA Tournament.

Romar's Billikens have gone 51-44 in three seasons, and his past two teams have beaten the Huskies.

In announcing his departure, Romar said he regretted leaving the Billikens program he has worked to build.

"Our team has a chance to be really good next year," he said pausing to regroup as tears welled. "I love those guys. I love them like they were my sons."

MLB

Salaries top \$2 billion

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baseball salaries topped \$2 billion for the first time this year, with Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez atop the list at \$22 million.

The New York Yankees led all clubs with a record payroll of nearly \$126 million — \$92 million more than last-place Tampa Bay.

The figures are the result of a study by The Associated Press of contracts for 849 players on Opening-Day rosters and disabled lists.

Players will earn \$2.023 billion, up from \$1.934 billion last season. Owners, however, did slow the increase during a troubled offseason in which baseball unsuccessfully tried to eliminate two teams.

The average salary of \$2,383,235 was up 5.2 percent from last year. That was less than half of the 13.9 percent increase of 2001 and the smallest percentage jump since 1998.

"It goes up every year," New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "The only time they didn't go up was in the col-lusion years."

While the average salary has increased 126-fold from 1967, when it was \$19,000, the Consumer Price Index has gone up only five-fold since then. And while baseball players average \$13,000 a day during the season, the average annual household income in the United States is \$57,045, according to latest figures from Census Bureau. That's about four days' average pay for someone who wields a bat and wears a glove.

Still, baseball's average is almost half the \$4.2 million in the NBA last season, according to figures compiled by the league. The NHL's average was \$1.43 million last season and the NFL's average was \$1.1 million, according to their unions.

Just behind Rodriguez are Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado (\$19.4 million), Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown

(\$15.7 million) and Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez (\$15.4 million). Barry Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers for San Francisco, is tied for fifth with the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa at \$15 million.

Figures include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income, and for some players parts of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to present-day value.

With high-revenue teams adding stars, the gap between rich and poor increased for the seventh straight season since the 1994-95 strike.

The Yankees were No. 1 for the fourth straight season and sixth time in seven years at \$125.9 million. Boston was second at \$108.4 million, followed by Texas at \$105.3 million and Arizona, which ended the Yankees' run of three straight World Series titles, at \$102.8 million.

"You just go out there and play," said the Yankees' Jason Giambi, whose \$120 million, seven-year contract was the richest of the offseason. "We had one of the lower payrolls when I played in Oakland and we did well."

The Devil Rays were last at \$34.4 million, and just above were Montreal (\$38.7 million), Oakland (\$39.7 million) and Minnesota (\$40.2 million).

"It's always going to be a challenge until we get the payroll up to compete with those other teams," Tampa Bay general manager Chuck LaMar said. "If you continually sign young players and develop players through your system, it's truly the only way you can compete with teams with a higher payroll."

While the Yankees have 14 players at \$4 million or higher, the team says it spends within its means and points to its almost complete lack of deferred salaries. New York estimates it will have an actual cash outlay of about \$119 million this year and revenue of more than \$240 million.

In contrast, the Diamondbacks have deferred \$51.75 million of

this year's salaries, more than half their payroll.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says the difference between top and bottom is part of the reason the sport needs a new economic system, saying the low-revenue teams can't complete.

"Obviously, there are some clubs that have been very cautious in their spending," he said.

Selig said fans of many teams have lost "hope" and "faith" because of the spending imbalance.

"I don't concern myself with money. I concern myself with what goes on between the lines," said Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon, whose club is 24th at \$42.3 million. "I prepare my team to play on a daily basis. Let the experts tell you if we can compete or not."

Reflecting the concentration of wealth among the top stars, the number of millionaires dropped from 425 to 413. But players at \$2 million or more increased from 312 to 321, and those at \$14 million and higher went from two to eight.

The median salary — the point at which an equal amount of players are above and below — dropped to \$900,000 from \$975,000.

Selig has proposed slowing salary growth with a luxury tax on high-payroll teams and a vast increase in the sharing of locally generated revenues, proposals the union had been cool to accepting.

Union head Donald Fehr said the failed attempt to eliminate the Twins and Expos slowed the growth in salaries but the players had not yet estimated by how much.

"You didn't know what players were going to be available and under what conditions," he said. "It obviously has to affect people."

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, said a relatively weak free-agent class and events outside baseball contributed to a slowing.

"It was a unique offseason, given Sept. 11 and the economy," he said.

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NBA

Jordan ends season after knee swells

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A day after his worst scoring game ever, Michael Jordan woke up with a swollen right knee and decided enough was enough.

Jordan was placed on the injured list Wednesday by the Washington Wizards, and he said he is done for the season.

"I think it is best at this point to rest the knee and let it heal properly," Jordan said in a statement. "I tried to get back and play as soon as possible and, early on, the knee responded well. But after the swelling this morning, I think it's best to give it rest."

Jordan ends his season with a 22.9-point scoring average, the second lowest of his career. He averaged 22.7 in his second season with the Chicago Bulls in 1985-86, when played just 18 games because of a broken foot.

"He's a great competitor and he demonstrated that he can come back and be a top-10 player," NBA commissioner David Stern said in Toronto. "I hope he's better for next year."

Unless the Wizards overtake Indiana for the last Eastern Conference berth in the final two weeks of the season, Jordan will have played for a non-playoff team for the first time.

The 39-year-old star reiterated

ed he plans to play next season if he is able.

"I signed a two-year contract to play," Jordan said. "Obviously, my health will always determine my playing status. But at this time, my plan is to play next season."

Jordan rushed his rehabilitation from the arthroscopic surgery Feb. 27 that repaired torn cartilage in the knee. He missed just 12 games and returned March 20 in Denver. He was a reserve in all seven games after he came back, and his knee bothered him so much that he wasn't able to play unless he pedaled an exercise bicycle in the tunnel during games.

"I think Michael realizes he pushed the envelope trying to come back too quickly," coach Doug Collins said. "Last night before the game I went in to see him and I could see it was physically swollen. I didn't even want him to play last night, and you know Michael, being the competitor that he is, said, 'I want to give it a whirl or whatever,' and I said OK."

"Now I got the call this afternoon that he recognizes the fact that the only way that knee is going to get better is to rest. And what he said to me was he's going to shut it down, let the thing heal, get the inflammation out of there. And whether that's six weeks or eight weeks or whatever it might be.

"And he's doing it with the idea that he wants to play next year."

Jordan played a career-low 12 minutes and scored a career-low two points — all in the first half — in Tuesday night's 113-93 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. For the first time in his career, he was a marginal, no-factor player off the bench.

Collins said he didn't play Jordan in the second half because the game was one-sided. Afterward, Jordan said his knee felt fine, but Lakers coach Phil Jackson, Jordan's former coach with the Bulls, knew better.

"He was a shadow of himself. ... You could see it coming by the way he played that it was a struggle," Jackson said Wednesday night before the Lakers game at New Jersey.

"At this point it's trying to beat a dead horse, the situation of trying to get into the playoffs takes the best effort Michael can give at this time, and it doesn't look like he's got that."

Jordan traveled to Milwaukee late Tuesday for the game against the Bucks, but he returned to Washington on Wednesday. Bobby Simmons was activated off the injured list for the Milwaukee game.

Jordan battled tendinitis in both knees and his wrist, and he had to overcome back spasms and two broken ribs as he prepared for his second comeback last summer. Nevertheless, he vowed to play all 82 games.

The major blow came when he knocked knees with teammate Etan Thomas in the final game before the All-Star break. Neither Jordan nor the Wizards have been the same since.

Jordan struggled for five games after the break before opting for surgery. The Wizards, who were five games above .500 at the break, are 8-19 since.

After he posted his all-time low numbers Tuesday night, Jordan said he wasn't concerned about statistics. He has maintained throughout his comeback he is playing "for the love of the game," a feeling he addressed a few days earlier.

"As a young kid, you take a lot of things for granted," he said. "You got out and you play because you're young enough that you can deal with it and do it every single day. As you get older, when you know and you can sense that it's coming to an end, you appreciate every moment."

"So every little thing in the locker room becomes monumental to you. ... I appreciate that a lot more now than I did when I was a young kid and everybody else was putting ice on their knees, and I was questioning them why they need ice."

"And now young kids are asking me why I'm putting so much ice on."

But that desire, which caused him to hurry back from his injury, has brought an anticlimactic finish to a wildly interesting season.

Jordan and the Wizards were in "we-stink" mode in November as he worked himself into shape. In December, they hit full throttle and tied the franchise record by winning nine straight.

Jordan scored a then-career-low six in a game in late December at Indiana, and that was at least one case in which the stats did matter to him — he came back with 51 two nights later against Charlotte, saying, "I can still play this game."

Richard Hamilton's injury contributed to a January slump, but the Wizards won five straight when he returned and were 26-21, cruising toward homecourt advantage in the playoffs.

The momentum stopped when Jordan banged his right knee with Thomas.

"It's been an interesting year to say the least," Collins said.

"I think it is best at this point to rest the knee and let it heal properly."

**Michael Jordan
Wizards guard**

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on at one 36-hole tournament at the end of the season. The MIAA adopted her plan, which fell more in line with other golf programs around the country, and this season's MIAA champion was determined at a 36-hole championship tournament that the Belles hosted at Brookwood Golf Course.

"She is just absolutely, just a class act," Kachmarik said. "She has so much integrity with this program. Theresa Pekarek was instrumental in having the MIAA do golf in a different way. She has not only brought Saint Mary's golf to a higher level, she has helped to get the MIAA to compete the way other Division III schools compete."

The women Pekarek has been coaching were both shocked and dismayed at the news of her resignation. For some of the golfers, Pekarek had been their only coach and for all of the women she had been their only collegiate coach.

"I had no idea, actually," said junior Liz Hanlon. "It was kind of shocking to find out that she was leaving."

Younger players who Pekarek recruited were also shocked to hear that she was leaving the program. They had taken it as a given that she would be at Saint Mary's all four years that they played.

"I wasn't expecting it," said freshman Stefanie Simmerman. "I thought it would be a given that she would be here for all four years, but I realize family priorities came up. I was shocked. I didn't know what to say about it. It came as a shock to everyone because she's been so into our team."

In addition to current players, the loss of Pekarek may affect incoming recruits. Kachmarik will be hoping to move quickly but carefully to find a new coach in order to answer the questions of recruits.

"It's very difficult because we have a lot of excellent recruits ... that Theresa had recruited and Bobby [Johnston] that are kind of on the line," Kachmarik said. "Even though I can talk to

them, they still want to talk to the coach. You need to move quickly but at the same time we have to do that in the right way."

Pekarek and some of her golfers will join the search committee. As the athletes look towards a new coach, they are facing something several teams at Saint Mary's have been facing — getting used to a new coaching style. Pekarek has been the only collegiate coach these women knew and now they know there will be a period of adjustment.

"It was hard enough for me coming from high school into college with a different coach and how having to switch coaches already, a year into college, and its not even that we're going to have to adapt to their coaching style but they'll have to adapt to us as a team," Simmerman said.

For the remainder of the spring season, the team will be taking advantage of their time with Pekarek and she will continue to move the team forward.

"I think every time we're with her we'll make the best possible," Hanlon said. "It's going to be hard knowing it's her last year."

Although the golfers may be partially focused on saying their goodbyes, Pekarek is still focused on the business of running a team.

"No. 1, I want to get the underclassmen some very strong tournament experience," she said of what she would do in her final months. "No. 2, we're traveling to Tri-State and we're going to play their golf course because that's where next year's national championship will be held."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles continue dominance

◆ Team improves record to 9-0 after beating Adrian

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

For the second time this week, the Belles may have been wondering what sport they were playing.

As they faced off against the Adrian Bulldogs on courts that could have housed basketball, volleyball or tennis, Saint Mary's had to stay focused on playing their game — tennis.

"They had basketball and volleyball lines on the tennis courts," said senior captain Annie Knish. "So it took us a little while to get warmed up and get used to them."

But the Belles managed to adjust very well. In nine matches, 18 sets, the Belles won eight sets 6-0 and allowed Adrian to get within two points in a set just twice. Saint Mary's bettered its MIAA record to 3-0 with a 9-0 victory against Adrian.

Adrian, that finished seventh in the conference last season, stood little chance against a Saint Mary's squad that graduated only one member of its 2001 MIAA Championship team and has handily defeated both of its MIAA opponents this season — Albion 7-2 and Olivet 9-0.

With the last three matches being blowout wins and weather

forcing the Belles indoors, their biggest concern right now is getting back into the feeling of a real season.

"We're undefeated, we're having a great time," Knish said. "We wish that the weather would be a little nicer because we haven't had a chance to practice on our courts. The season is well under way but it doesn't really feel like it."

The closest match of the afternoon was a No. 1 singles win in two sets, but Knish did allow her opponent to score a total of seven points. She took home the win 6-4, 6-3.

"We had a couple of rough starts, I had a rough start," Knish said. "But after that we just had to be consistent with them and wait for them to be the first to make mistakes."

The Belles dominated in singles play, with two set wins in every match. Jeannie Knish took home a 6-0, 6-2 win and Kaitlin Cutler wrapped up top three play with a 6-0, 6-1 win. Kris Spriggle, Elisa Ryan and Angie Sandner took home wins at No. 4, 5 and 6 singles with scores of 6-2, 6-3; 6-0, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-3 respectively.

"You cannot allow yourself to play down to their level," Knish said. "You have to take control of

the match and stay focused and stay down on your unforced errors. You have to stay in the match and remind yourself to play your game."

The doubles teams fared just as well. The doubles team of Knish and Knish took home the win 6-3, 6-0. Cutler and Ryan won 6-0, 6-0, sending Ryan home without having allowed her opponents a single victory in a game. Sandner and Spriggle wrapped up play with a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

"You can never sell your competition short. Every match counts, especially in conference."

Annie Knish
Belles captain

Despite the fact that the Belles have taken solid victories against all of their conference competition, they know that the competition is for real.

"What we've learned, even though they're lower in the conference, they are conference matches and they do deserve our respect and we obviously have to go in and do well," Knish said. "You can never sell your competition short. Every match counts, especially in the conference."

The Belles will have two days off before facing off against Alma in their home MIAA opener on Saturday.

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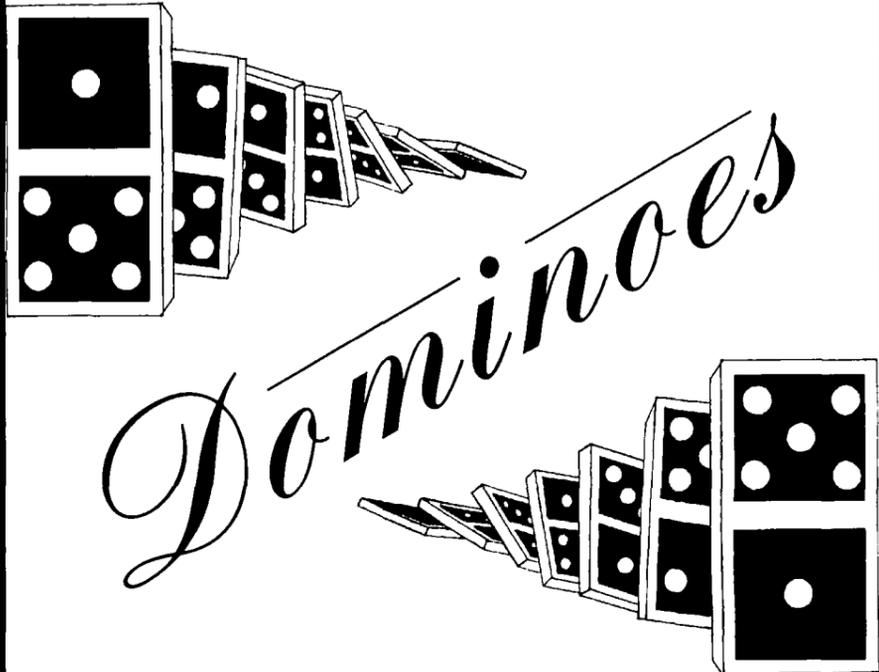
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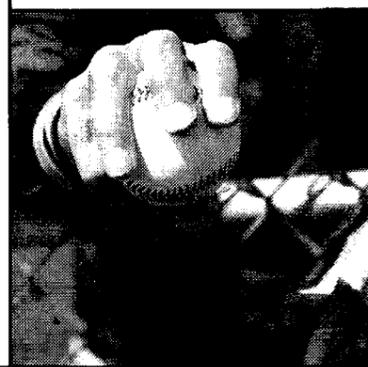
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Cancer

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According to Cunha, the goals of

the weekend are twofold. First, the team hopes to raise the level of awareness about the disease and second, they hope the weekend serves as a fundraiser for colon cancer research.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at both North and South Dining Halls, and through ticket offices at both the Joyce and Eck Centers.

The cost for the event is \$3 for students and seniors and \$5 for adults. Thanks to the generous efforts of the St. Joseph Medical Center, all tick-

et sales and donations will go directly towards cancer research.

As for Cunha, who has worked hard to assemble this promotion from the ground up, her family's prospects are hopeful.

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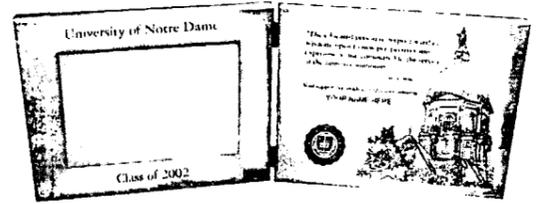
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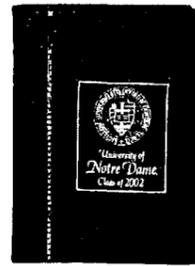
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish grab two key conference wins

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes.

Just one week after suffering a crushing 15-5 home defeat at the hands of Hofstra and seeing its record drop to 1-5, the Notre Dame lacrosse team has turned its season around. Thanks to two impressive road wins within the past three days against the University of Denver and Air Force, the Irish currently sit atop the Great Western Lacrosse League with an unblemished 2-0 record in league play.

"We had a tough week of practice after the Hofstra loss," said freshman attackman Brian Giordano. "We really came together as a team this past week. Offensively, we worked really hard to get open and that created better scoring opportunities. We showed a lot of

patience and that was the difference against Denver and Air Force."

On Sunday, the Irish routed the Denver Pioneers 15-8. The game marked an offensive explosion for the Irish who have struggled all season to score goals. John Flandina, senior captain, led the Irish with three goals and three assists. Flandina was rewarded for his efforts and named the GWLL player of the week for the first time in his career.

Devin Ryan, also a senior captain, and Travis Wells, junior attackman, each contributed hat tricks as well. After holding a tentative 2-1 lead after the first quarter, the Irish took decisive control of the game in the second quarter outscoring the Pioneers 7-1 to take an insurmountable 9-2 lead into halftime.

"We came out much more aggressive in the second quar-

ter," Wells said. "We really put some pressure on them, and we were much more efficient as a result."

Giordano continued his sharp play with his fifth goal of the season in the third quarter. Irish leading scorer sophomore Dan Berger extended his scoring streak to seven games with a late goal in the fourth quarter with 4:30 remaining in the game. Junior Nick Antol recorded the win in the net, making 15 saves during the game.

Kevin Corrigan, Irish head coach, has relied heavily on freshmen contributions this season and freshman Chris Richez answered his coach's call against Air Force on Tuesday.

Richez netted his first career

hat trick helping the Irish to a dominant 9-3 victory against the host Falcons. Fellow freshmen Matt Malakoff and Giordano also scored goals in the contest.

Flandina followed his solid performance against Denver with a goal and an assist in the contest. Berger also registered a

goal in the contest, extending his scoring streak to eight.

While the Irish offense corrected its early-season problems with its second

straight strong offensive performance, the defense had its finest outing of the season, limiting the Falcons to a season-low three goals. The Irish defense kept the Falcons scoreless in both the first and third quarters

in the game.

Goalie Nick Antol had another strong performance in net en route to saving 15 shots during the game.

With their overall record sitting at 3-5, the 18th ranked Irish must finish at the top of the GWLL to qualify for the playoffs.

"At this point, we must win the rest of our games to make the post season," Giordano said. "We have to treat every practice like it's a game situation in order to prepare for our opponents."

The Irish will travel to Indianapolis to take on GWLL foe Butler University Sunday at 1 p.m. This marks the third of four straight league road games for Notre Dame. The Irish do not return home again until April 21st when they host Fairfield.

"We really put some pressure on them, and we were much more efficient as a result."

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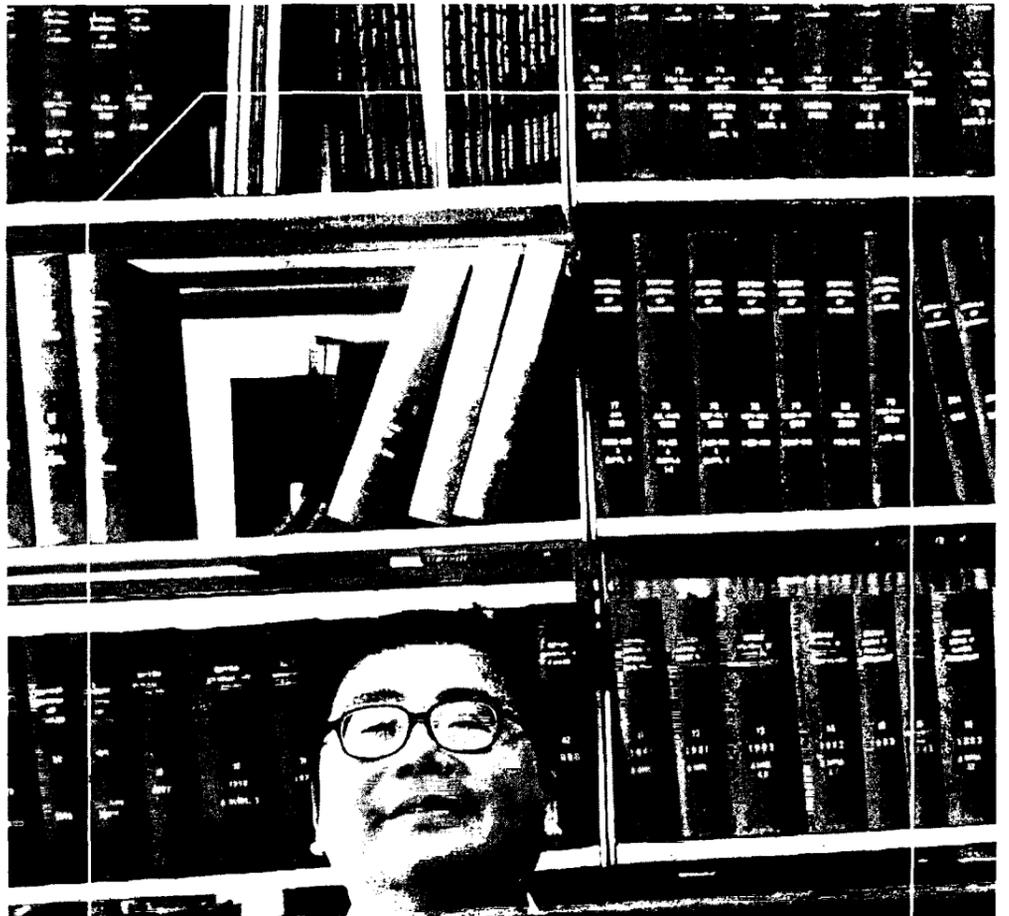
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BASEBALL

28-run explosion dismantles Crusaders

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

It must have been a long, quiet trip down I-80 back to Valparaiso Wednesday night as the visiting Crusaders returned home from Notre Dame having been completely dominated by a much stronger Irish squad.

The Irish defeated their in-state foes by a combined score of 28-1 in the doubleheader at Frank Eck Stadium to improve to 15-10 on the year.

The series provided a much-needed breath of fresh air for an Irish team on the rebound after a disappointing start that saw them drop a three-game Big East series for only the second time since joining the conference.

Since then, however, the Irish have come on strong, going 6-1 with a six-game winning streak culminating in Wednesday night's 28-run, 28-hit outburst.

"I think we've done a good job in the last week or so in getting runners on base and then moving them up," said Irish coach Paul Mainieri. "Guys are feeling more confident when they're coming up with runners in scoring position. All the guys are doing their job, and I think we're really starting to get as a team offensively and defensively."

In the first of a pair of seven-inning ballgames, Irish freshman pitcher Martin Vergara encountered some trouble early in the first start of his career, loading the bases with one out in the first inning. The right-hander fought through

the trouble, however, and went on to retire the next 11 batters with seven strikeouts in four innings of scoreless work.

"I wasn't really nervous up there on the mound in that first inning, but maybe a little anxious because I wanted to do well," Vergara said. "I had thrown three or four times before, so it's not like I had never been out there before."

The Irish offense provided plenty of help for the youngster, scoring 15 runs in the first four innings to grab a practically insurmountable lead.

"It definitely helped to get those first two runs in that first inning and get some support early," Vergara said.

Notre Dame got to work right away in the first when senior centerfielder Steve Stanley walked with one out and then moved to second on a balk by Valparaiso pitcher Tom Starck. Sophomore second baseman Steve Sollmann then brought Stanley home for the first run of the game on an RBI single to left.

After catcher Paul O'Toole dropped a pop single to left, both runners advanced a base on another Starck balk. Senior third baseman Andrew Bushey then pushed Sollmann home on an RBI groundout to the second baseman.

The Irish hitters stayed on the Crusaders in the next inning, adding three more runs on and RBI single by sophomore Joe Thaman and another two-run single by Sollmann.

In the fourth, the Irish enjoyed their most potent inning all season, plating ten runs to put the game out of the

grasp of the struggling Crusaders.

Freshman Tyler Jones came on for Vergara and worked three solid innings of relief to preserve the shutout and earn a save.

Sollmann, settling back into the everyday lineup at second base after an early season injury, had one of his best days of the season going 3-3, scoring two runs and driving in four.

"I think I'm starting to settle back into things," Sollmann said. "I've been working on my swing a lot lately and have just been trying to get back into the groove. I'm trying to get back to where I'm relaxed, and I think I'm getting to that point."

In the nightcap, the Irish offense refused to relent, scoring 12 runs on 13 hits and sending the Crusaders home with their second double-digit loss of the evening.

Like Vergara before him, junior pitcher Peter Ogilvie fell into some trouble early for Notre Dame.

The right-hander allowed a leadoff double to shortstop Marc Boggio and later surrendered an RBI single to centerfielder Mark Pedersen to give Valparaiso the early 1-0 lead. The one run would be all the Crusaders could muster, as Ogilvie got the next batter, right fielder Jeff Mandsager, to ground into an inning-ending double play.

The Irish quickly tied the score in their half of the inning as left fielder Ken Meyer led off with a single and then moved to second on Pedersen's misplay for his first of two hits in the game. After Stanley's sacri-

fice bunt moved Meyer to third, Sollmann knocked him in with a groundout to second for his fifth RBI of the day.

Ogilvie would cruise through his next three innings, retiring nine batters in a row and getting five strikeouts before yielding to reliever Ryan Kalita in the fifth inning with the victory all-but secured.

Over the course of the next four innings, the Irish brought 11 runs across home plate, getting four in the second, three in the third, one in the fourth, and three more in the fifth for the final tally of 12-1.

Right fielder Kris Billmaier led the way for the Irish at bat, going 3-for-3, driving in three runs while scoring two. Thaman contributed his second strong game hitting 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI's and a run scored. Bushey pushed his batting average back up near .400 for the year at .392 going 2-for-3 in the nightcap with two RBI's and two runs scored.

On top of the offensive production, the Irish defense really stepped up for the series, allowing only one run and falling to have an error. After a series of early-season injuries threw the normal starting lineup into disarray, the Irish are finally starting to get healthy and settle in their day-to-day roles.

"I think we've really solidified our defense in the infield in that things don't feel as shaky as they did in the beginning of the year," Mainieri said. "Now when the ball is hit, I think our guys feel very confident that someone's going to catch it and throw it accurately. When you

do that, your pitchers don't feel like they have to strike everybody out, and they can be more aggressive and challenge some hitters."

The Irish return to Big East play this weekend at Eck Stadium. Notre Dame will host St. John's to a noon doubleheader Saturday, followed by the final game of the series Sunday again at noon.

Notes:

◆ The team received some disheartening news Wednesday as it learned that freshman shortstop Matt Macri will undergo "Tommy John" surgery on his elbow next Wednesday, rendering him unable to play for the remainder of the season. Macri was one of the highest-rated players coming out of high school last year and had seen some significant playing time this season for the Irish in the designated hitter role.

"We feel if he has the surgery now, he should be able to come back in time to play next year," Mainieri said. "He's a really great kid, and I feel brokenhearted about it really."

◆ Irish centerfielder and senior co-captain Steve Stanley broke another Notre Dame career record when he stole his third base of the day to surpass Scott Sollmann for the career record in stolen bases at 102.

◆ Irish head coach Paul Mainieri recorded his 319th career victory as head coach at Notre Dame in the second game Wednesday night to surpass his predecessor Pat Murphy and move into second place on the list.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles still confident despite tough start

◆ **Team loses four conference games during weekend**

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Despite the scores of their first four conference games, the Belles think they have what it takes to be conference competitors.

After losing to Adrian twice on Monday and dropping two more matches to Albion on Wednesday, the Belles are at the bottom of the conference, but they believe they have the skills and the determination to pull themselves back out of the basement.

"We played just as well, if not better than both the teams we played this week," said senior captain Rachel Deer. "We have just as much talent. We unfortunately haven't had a good break. We had the same number of hits but we haven't been able to string hits together."

In both games that opened the doubleheaders, the Belles gave up nine runs, closing the gap in each of their second games to 5-3 and 3-0, respectively. Deer attributed the large disparity between the scores to the problems the team encounters during practice.

"We've practiced outside maybe twice this whole season," Deer said. "It is a lot harder for an infielder to take a hard ball off the dirt than it is a rubber ball off the gym floor. It actually snowed [Wednesday] at our game."

According to Deer, the weather normally improves after spring break, enough to allow the team to practice outside. But that hasn't been the case so far this season, and the Belles have struggled because of it.

"This has been a rather unusual season," Deer said.

The first Adrian game was a battle between pitchers. Saint Mary's pitcher Kristen Martin took the first loss for her team against Adrian, allowing nine runs and 14 hits, but achieving six strikeouts. Michelle Marshall, Adrian's starting pitcher, struck out two and scored a home run.

The scoring was even until Adrian drove home five unanswered runs in the third and fourth innings.

Walsh scored the lone run for the Belles

"I think we are at a disadvantage starting conference play with only ten games [played so far this season,]" said sophomore shortstop Marnie Walsh.

After playing several games over spring break in Florida, the Belles were forced to cancel several games, for various reasons.

"In the games before [conference play] we did have a lot more errors and we weren't hitting as well," Deer said. "Conference team games tend to be more of a challenge."

In the second game of the doubleheader against Adrian, Libby Wilhelmy pitched the Belles into a much more even contest, holding the Bulldogs scoreless until the fourth inning.

Saint Mary's beat Adrian pitcher Laurie Applin to draw first blood in the first inning. Adrian rallied in the fourth inning to score all five of its runs between the fourth and fifth inning. Walsh, outfielder Katrina Tebbe and first baseman Lynn Lapshan all scored for the Belles. Wilhelmy finished with four strikeouts for Applin's two.

On Wednesday, Saint Mary's allowed nine runs but answered with four in the opening game of the doubleheader. Martin opened again for the Belles, finishing with two strikeouts, along with a hit and run of her own.

"Kristen has a really bad knee, but she batted well [Wednesday,]" Deer said.

Sophomore fielder Katie Frigge, third baseman Melissa Hayes and catcher Susan Kutz also brought in runs for the Belles. The game was scoreless for the first two innings, before Albion scored a run in the third. Saint Mary's answered Albion's challenge in the fourth, but allowed six runs in the fifth to seal the loss. Albion's freshman pitcher, Michaela Adams, finished with eight strikeouts. Albion's Mandy Wilhelmi and infielder Justinn Steffe each scored two runs to lead their team to victory.

"In both games [Wednesday] we played solidly the entire game," Deer said. "It was just that one inning they strung a bunch of hits together. It is really frustrating but we really

played well."

In this week's last game and Wednesday's second, Saint Mary's held Albion to just three runs, and scoreless through the fourth inning, although they failed to answer them. Walsh led the Belles with two hits. Wilhelmy allowed seven hits and three runs. Albion's infielder Sarah Caskey hit two home runs, and Nicole Anderson allowed only four hits, striking out two more to cement their win.

"We've realized the areas we need to improve on," Walsh said. "We have 12 more conference games left, and we'll be able to finish strong."

Albion's record sits at 16-4, 4-0 in the MIAA, while Saint Mary's slips to 5-9 overall, and 0-4 in conference play.

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Tennis

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The Deacons quickly extended that lead to 3-0, jumping all over Varnum and Vaughan at the top two singles spots. But the Irish were not ready to give the match away.

Green and Salas gave the Irish another chance, earning 7-5, 7-5 and 7-5, 7-6 victories respectively, and pulling the Irish to within 3-2.

Connelly then made things even tighter by topping Schwartz in singles 6-2, 6-4. However, in the deciding match, Cunha was unable to overcome a large deficit early in the match and dropped her match 6-0, 6-3 to the Deacons' Karin Coetzee.

The 4-3 loss was disappointing, especially since a win would have earned the team its first victory over a top three school. However, Louderback was not overly concerned with such details.

"Even though Wake Forest was ranked the highest, I think Duke was the best team we played last weekend," he said.

The Irish had a much tougher time putting everything together against the Blue Devils.

On the doubles side, Cunha and Green earned their first win as a team, topping Duke's Hillary Adams and Kelly McCain 8-6, but this time Varnum and Vaughan couldn't pull through, losing a close 9-7 contest. When Salas and Connelly lost by the score of 8-4, the Irish were faced with another tough 1-0 deficit.

Only this time, the Irish could not bail themselves out so easily in singles matches.

Duke's top two singles players, 39th-ranked Amanda Johnson

and 18th-ranked Julie DeRoo ensured that there would be no comeback. Johnson knocked off Varnum 6-3, 6-4 at the No. 1 singles spot, while DeRoo downed Vaughan 6-1, 6-1.

With the Irish down 3-0, the Blue Devils shut the door when Connelly lost a close 7-5, 6-4 match to Adams at No. 6. Only Salas prevented a complete shutout, earning the only win for the Irish with a three-set win against 64th-ranked Saras Arasu, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Despite the 6-1 score, Louderback was not displeased with his team's play.

"Three of the singles matches went to three sets and we played well in doubles today. I thought we did alright," he said.

The Irish had one last chance to avoid a sweep when they played North Carolina on Tuesday, but it wasn't to be.

Once again, doubles proved to be an initial stumbling block for the team. Only Vaughan and Varnum were able to post a doubles victory. But, the Irish gave the Tar Heels a scare.

After Connelly and Salas dropped their match, Varnum and Vaughan responded with an 8-5 upset win over Carolina's Aniela Mojzis and Kendall Cline, the 26th-ranked team in the nation. At the top doubles spot, Cunha and Green fought to a tiebreaker, but were unable to pull out the deciding match, losing 9-8.

From there, North Carolina began to dominate singles action. The Tar Heels top three singles players were able to down the Irish in straight sets.

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ND SOFTBALL

Home opener may finally be played

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

With today's weather forecast to be a cold, but dry, 40 degrees, the Notre Dame softball team should finally play their home opener. After three home doubleheaders have been rescheduled, the Irish will open their home schedule against Illinois-Chicago this afternoon.

"It's a great feeling to finally play the home opener," said senior captain Kas Hoag. "We have had family come out and with all the cancellations, it has been disappointing."

Notre Dame played eight of its first 20 games against ranked opponents. Only a single win in those eight games was part of the reason for their 8-12 start to the season. However, due to rain and snow, the Irish had two weeks off after spring break and were able to recharge their batteries.

"Anytime you have a break like we did, you are able to get yourself back," Hoag said. "People got run down with all the games we played over spring break. We were able to get some extra sleep."

That extra rest helped the Irish bats. During their current three-game winning streak, the Irish are hitting .404, with 36

hits, six home runs and 28 RBIs.

Junior first baseman Lisa Mattison and senior catcher Jarrah Myers have been leading the offense. Mattison is six for eight in the last three games and batting .328 on the season.

Myers was named Big East Player of the Week on Monday for her offensive output against Pittsburgh over the weekend. In those two games, Myers went five for six, hit two home runs and drove in five.

The pitching is also heating up for the Irish. Freshman Steffany Stenglein has struck out 18, walked six and only given up three runs in her last four appearances. She has 91 strikeouts in 95 1/3 innings pitched.

Illinois-Chicago is 19-13 this season and defeated No. 9 Nebraska in February. The Flames are led by senior shortstop Jennifer Tiffany, who is hitting .432 this year with 48 hits and 30 runs scored. Sophomore Alison Aguiar has been the top pitcher for the Flames with a 1.91 ERA, 78 strikeouts and a 9-6 record in 102 and two-thirds innings pitched.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Lacrosse gets revenge

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

Don't call it an upset.

While the rankings may imply that No. 7 Syracuse had an edge over No. 11 Notre Dame yesterday, once the teams took the field it was clear who processed the advantage.

But the Irish know rankings don't matter.

"What matters is what's in here as apposed to the publicity and rankings," captain Kathryn Lam said as she pointed to her heart.

The Irish defeated the Orangewomen for the first time in school history by a score of 12-7 yesterday and improved Notre Dame's overall record to 7-1.

The top-ranked Irish defense, which allows an average of just six goals per game, shut down Big East Offensive Player of the Week Kim Wayne and the rest of the Orangewomen. Notre Dame only allowed two goals in the first half.

Big East Defensive Player of the Week Jen White made 12 saves, including seven out of nine shots on goal in the first half and also had three shots deflected by hustling defenders.

The Irish broke out of the gates fast with point leader Danielle Shearer scoring in the first minute off a free position shot. Shearer looked like she was going to pass the ball to a team-

mate but then used a spin move and sent the ball over Carla Gigon's right shoulder. Things would get worse for the Orangewoman keeper.

Notre Dame's Meredith Simon, who has had five goals in two games, then took on her mark one on one and scored easily. Teammate Alissa Moser, a senior captain, then added another, purely beating her defender.

Syracuse scored, making it 3-1, but when Shearer scored again after an offsides penalty, Syracuse called timeout to regroup.

But Lauren Fischer quickly scored off a free position shot.

The dominating player at the end of half was Anne Riley, who broke up a scoring opportunity then assisted Kate Morrata's third goal of the year. When Syracuse answered that goal, Riley came back with a goal of her own, making it 7-2.

And typical of the half the Irish defense was having, defender Maureen Henwood ended the half with a long run and score, making it 8-2.

"The girls were ready to play," said Irish offensive assistant coach Danielle Gallagher. "They scored the first three, and from then out they lead the way."

The second half opened with Syracuse stealing the draw and scoring 12 seconds into play. Shearer then found Moser with an open look to make the game 9-3.

Syracuse could have given up, but pushed offensively, scoring three in a row to make the game a very close 9-6 with 15 minutes to play.

The game was tense for the next few minutes and was getting constantly rougher. Moser then challenged the keeper one-on-one and forcing her to commit and flipped the ball to a ready Simon who could have walked into the goal. She shot the ball however, and the Irish went up 10-6.

The Irish then added insurance with goals from Natalie Loftus and Eleanor Weille to make the score 12-6.

"This says a lot about our team," said junior manager John Conte. "They had us [momentum-wise], and we come back and score three."

The Irish then focused on controlling the ball and even got a standing ovation from the crowd with 30 seconds left as they passed the ball around.

"It's not unbelievable, because we knew we were going to do it, but wow, it feels really good" said Moser, whose senior class finally beat Syracuse.

"I'm so happy for this team," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "It's a big statement for the Big East. We are one step closer to winning a Big East title."

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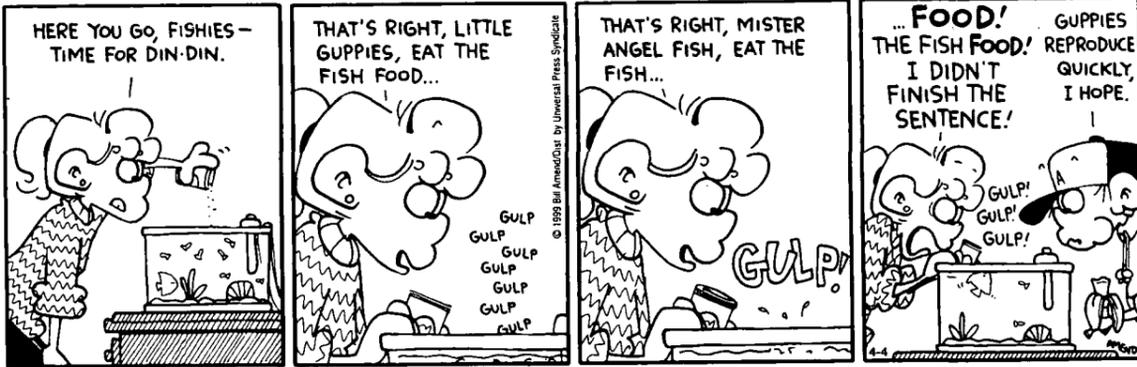
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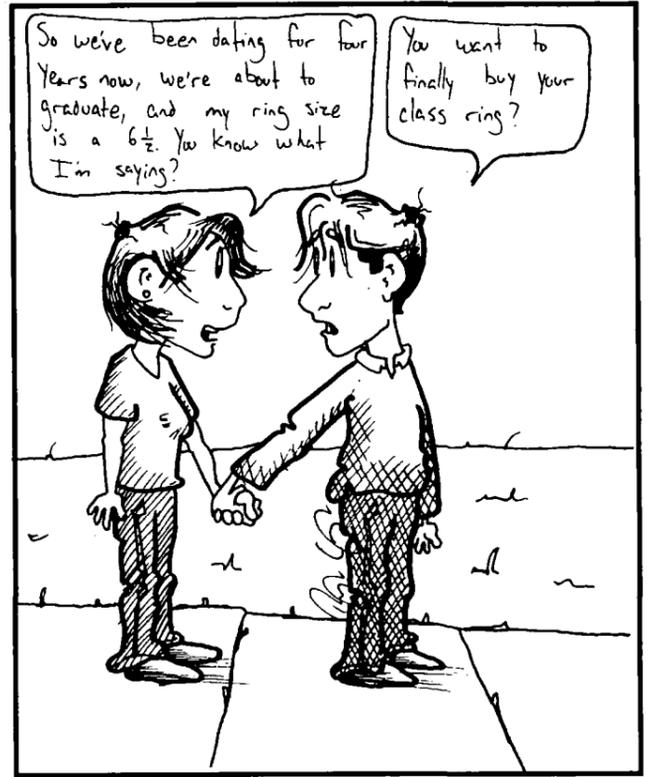
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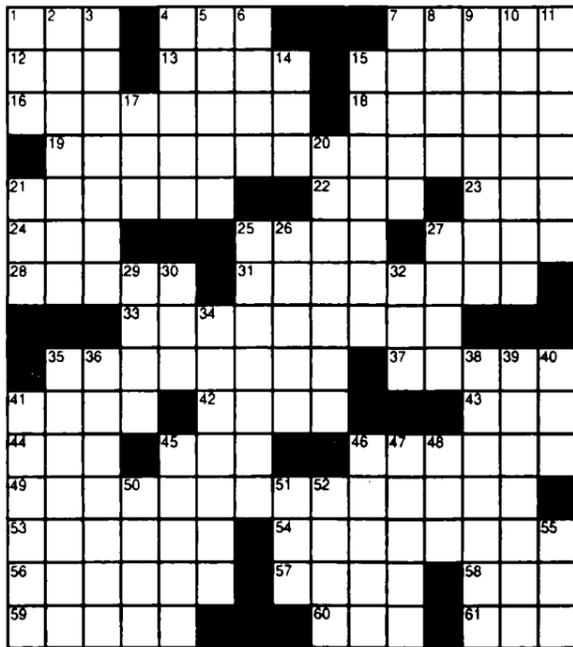
RYAN CUNNINGHAM



A good try my friend, but your cause is helpless.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Natl. Hot Dog Mo.
 - 4 House of Commons members: Abbr.
 - 7 Charged
 - 12 "Season of Glass" artist
 - 13 Where football's Pro Bowl is played
 - 15 California wine town
 - 16 Start of a quip by Alfred E. Neuman
 - 18 Clowns
 - 19 Quip, part 2
 - 21 "Tristram Shandy" author
 - 22 Half of a half-and-half
 - 23 Poetic preposition
 - 24 ___ room
 - 25 Frenk in a mixed drink
 - 27 Highlander
 - 28 Common place for a sprain
 - 31 Titanic
 - 33 Quip, part 3
 - 35 Railroad support
 - 37 Wrung out with white
 - 41 Rust sprinkled with white
 - 42 "Deutschland ___ Alles"
 - 43 Greenwich Village sch.
 - 44 Three months from 1-Across: Abbr.
 - 45 Mexico City Olympics prize
 - 46 Degraded
 - 49 Quip, part 4
 - 53 Star in Aquila
 - 54 End of the quip
 - 56 Old Spanish coins
 - 57 Statistics calculation
 - 58 Elton's john
 - 59 Eastwood's "Rawhide" role
 - 60 Human Genome Project topic
 - 61 Laboriously make
- DOWN**
- 1 Old Testament book
 - 2 Like leftovers
 - 3 Décolletage
 - 4 Fool
 - 5 Dolley Madison's maiden name
 - 6 Pump, e.g.
 - 7 Roulette bet
 - 8 Not pro
 - 9 Beaujolais
 - 10 Current units
 - 11 Fez attachment
 - 14 Cesar Chavez's org.
 - 15 Hanks's "Bosom Buddies" co-star
 - 17 Historic Scottish county
 - 20 Queen Victoria's royal house
 - 21 Sp. woman's title
 - 25 Natural fuel source
 - 26 Film not made by a Hollywood studio
 - 27 Attendee
 - 29 City on the Rhine
 - 30 Daughter of Hyperion
 - 32 Year that Chaucer died
 - 34 Some sharks
 - 35 Part of the inner ear
 - 36 Knocking sound
 - 38 Trendy
 - 39 Simple fastener
 - 40 Turkey
 - 41 Traffic circle
 - 45 Tony's cousins
 - 46 Dam that formed Lake Nasser
 - 47 Safari head
 - 48 Luxury car standard feature
 - 50 Yarn that is spun
 - 51 Deep Blue maker
 - 52 Poverty
 - 55 Adversary



Puzzle by Peter Gordon

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 MIA ALDENTE
 NORMALSCHOOL
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HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Robert Downey Jr., Craig T. Nelson, Anthony Perkins, Nancy McKeon

Happy Birthday: You will easily win the hearts of those you encounter this year. You will actively pursue all that offers both mental and physical stimulation. Jealousy and intrigue could be your downfall if you aren't careful. This is a year of change and the more open and accepting you are the further you will go. Your numbers are 3, 17, 20, 29, 35, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have to be careful that you pay enough attention to your family. Although you will be able to make new friends and meet some pretty exciting individuals today, it is best to include the ones who have stood by your side the longest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel will enhance romance and adventure today if you take advantage of the opportunities. You will expand your circle of friends if you get involved in group endeavors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Money can be made today. Take time to find out about an investment that sounds intriguing. Romantic relationships can grow closer if you spend time with the person you care most about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be emotionally up and down today. Heated arguments will erupt if you are negative about everything. Real estate or investments pertaining to home improvement will be profitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes at work may not appear to be to your benefit at first glance. If you are accepting and professional about the alterations you can expect to see

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be highly competitive today. Your endurance and stamina level will far surpass any opponent you face. Get involved in sports activities; you will gain satisfaction from your accomplishments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Changes in your home may be disruptive but probably necessary. Your insecurity will show if someone criticizes your attempts to find solutions. Don't waffle now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be observant and learn all you can about the people you like the most. A good listener will always gain the confidence of those he or she listens to. You'll be right where you want to be and that's in control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Behind-the-scenes financial activity will be in your best interest. Talk to superiors about your intentions. If you travel for work-related purposes you will achieve exactly what you are trying to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay calm and don't let someone you love push your buttons. Your emotions may get the better of you if you aren't careful. You may want to spend some time by yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is not the best time to go against the rules. You may end up paying the price if you push your luck. Involvement with clubs or fun organizations will bring you good fortune.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be able to make a difference if you push for the underdog today. You will be drawn to group endeavors and, if you take control, you will find yourself in a position of leadership.

Birthday Baby: You will not be one to waste time. You will form an idea and act upon it immediately. You will be competitive and always want to be first.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Double trouble

◆ Irish struggle in doubles, lose three straight matches

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

A brutal four-day stretch of matches against a trio of top 10 opponents left the Notre Dame women's tennis team with a three match losing streak, but more importantly, a number of unanswered questions on the doubles side.

Despite a significant lineup shift by Irish coach Jay Louderback, the Irish could not take the doubles point in any of their matches — a 4-3 loss to third ranked Wake Forest and a dropped pair of 6-1 decisions to fourth-ranked Duke and No. 7 North Carolina. Louderback made the decision to split his number one and two doubles teams, matching Katie Cunha up with Lindsey Green and pairing seniors Becky Varnum and Nina Vaughan.

"We had struggled a lot at No. 2 doubles in the past, and I think the change really helped things," said Louderback.

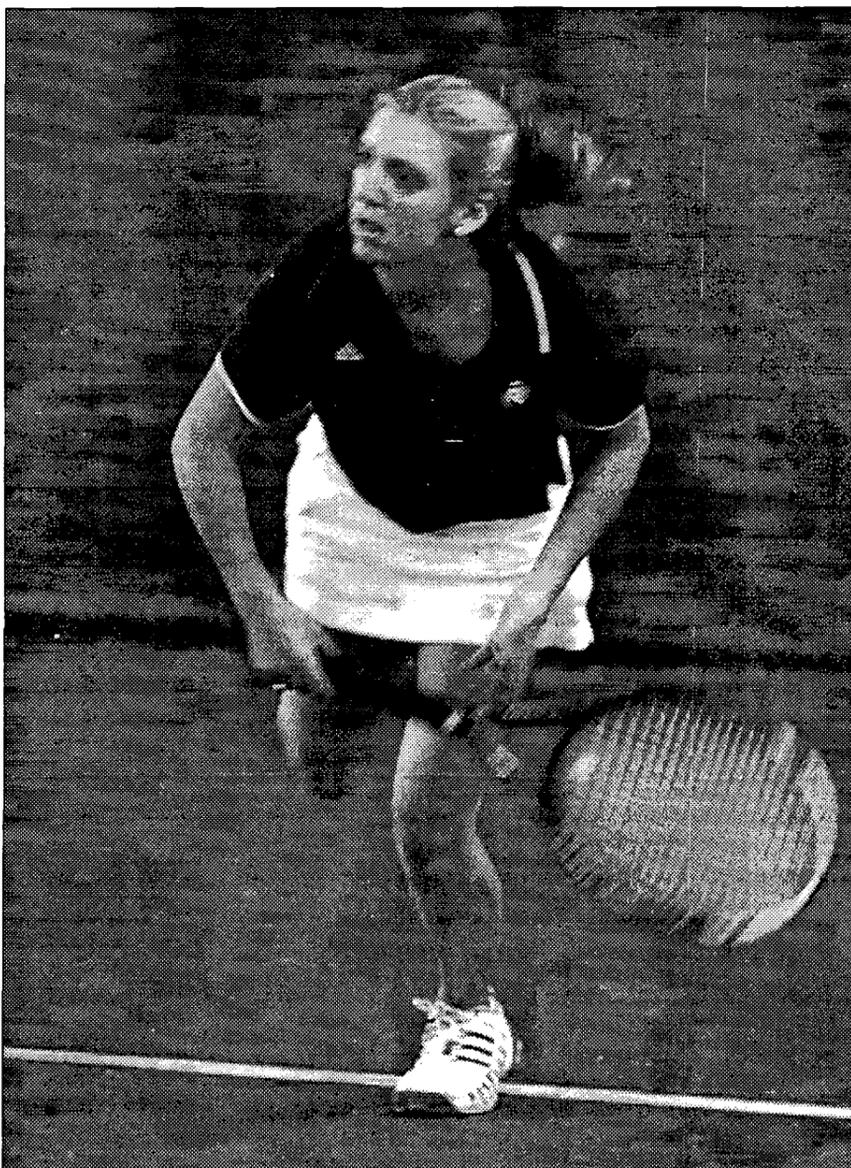
Nonetheless, the Irish were never able to string two doubles wins together in any one match and hurting their chances of victory from the start.

The doubles point was especially significant in the team's Saturday match against Wake Forest.

Vaughan and Varnum did their best to make Louderback's decision look good, earning an 8-6 victory against the Deacons' Katie Martzolf and Danielle Schwartz. However, when Cunha and Green, couldn't pull out a win, the burden fell on the team of Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly to come through.

Despite a strong performance, the tandem lost an 8-6 decision and Notre Dame dropped to a 1-0 deficit in the match.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

All-American captain Becky Varnum returns a shot during a recent match. The Irish have lost three straight matches to highly-ranked opponents.

◆ Cunha's mother diagnosed with colon cancer earlier this year

If the administration's iron-fisted stance on the new alcohol policies has made you feel that you can't make a difference on this campus, think again.

While the issue of hard alcohol on this campus is not one to be taken lightly, it pales in comparison to the more significant things in life. Just ask junior tennis player Katie Cunha.

Earlier in the year, Cunha's mother was diagnosed with stage-four colon cancer. A devastating illness that has been dubbed "the silent killer," colon cancer is the second-leading cause of cancerous deaths (only lung cancer is more fatal). For stage-four cancer, the rate of survival is approximated at only 8 percent.

"I was completely shocked," said Cunha. "My mom had just lost a lot of weight and I couldn't believe that someone who looked so healthy on the outside could be so sick on the inside."

Nonetheless, Cunha resolved not to let the cancer catch others off-guard as it had caught her family.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about colon cancer," Cunha said. "A lot of people think that it is something that only affects older men, and that's really not the case. I wanted to do something to let people know just how dangerous this disease really is."

And thus the Ace for the Cure promotion



Colin Boylan

Boylan's Banter

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SMC GOLF

Second Belles coach resigns in two months

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Just two months after soccer coach Bobby Johnston announced his resignation, Theresa Pekarek, head golf coach, turned in her resignation, effective at the end of spring golf season.

In a meeting on Wednesday, Lynn Kachmarik, athletic director, announced that Pekarek had told her team last Thursday that she would finish the spring season but would not return in the fall. The four-year head coach cited family reasons and a need to take the program to a new

level — a need she could not meet.

"It mainly stems from my family," Pekarek said. "I have two daughters and the program is ready to go the next level. What I mean by that is the team needs to start traveling more, take at least a spring break [trip], if not a fall break [trip]."

In the last four years, the Saint Mary's golf program has moved to the top of the MIAA, missing a first-place finish by only three strokes this year. The Belles took home a first-place finish in one of four conference tournaments and finished in the top three in all four tournaments.

With her women playing at

this level and with several talented players coming to Saint Mary's next fall, Pekarek did not believe she could offer the time the program required to move forward.

"The reason why I am stepping down now is because we have a lot of talent on the team, a lot of really good talent coming in next year," Pekarek said. "This team is ready to go to the next level and that means traveling a lot. ... It's not that I can't take the team to the next level, I know I have the ability to do that, but it requires someone who is willing to give the time to do that."

Unlike Johnston, Pekarek did

not cite her part-time status or her salary as reasons for her resignation. However, she does believe that if this program is to be a national contender, it will eventually need a full-time coach.

"If the program were to get to the level I think it can go, winning the conference championship and qualifying for the NCAA, you would need someone in there to be full time," she said.

The loss is a great one to both the Athletic Department and the MIAA of which Saint Mary's is a part. During her four-year tenure at Saint Mary's, Pekarek began the Saint Mary's golf program and moved it to a top-spot

in the league.

"[Pekarek's] the one who started golf at Saint Mary's and she's developed it over the last few years to one of the top programs in the MIAA," Kachmarik said. "And because of that talent, she's brought in women who need to compete more, to practice more."

In addition to the changes she has instituted at Saint Mary's, Pekarek was also instrumental in changing the format of tournament play in the entire MIAA. Last season she proposed to change the format of MIAA play, determining the league champi-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Softball vs. Illinois-Chicago, today, 1 p.m.
- ◆ Men and Women's Track at Spring Opener, Saturday, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Baseball vs. St. John's, Saturday, noon

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