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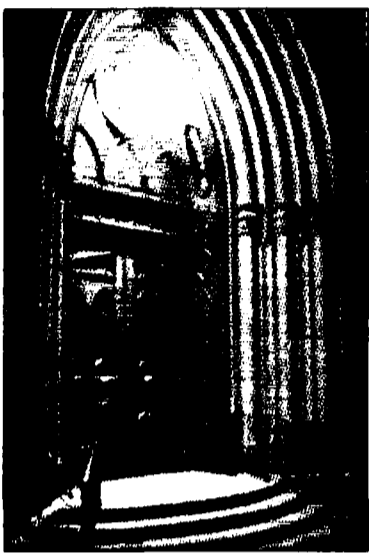
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ND prepares for Easter weekend festivities



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
The Basilica doors will see increased traffic over Easter.

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

Six security guards patrolling the Basilica? Aged pilgrims flocking by droves to participate in the Vigil Mass? A South Dining Hall chef spending the better part of a day hewing a massive sculpture from one solid chunk of ice?

These are just a few of the typical pastimes that occupy Notre Dame staff during this sacred Easter weekend, as the campus community emerges from the introspective depths of the Lenten season to the joys of all things spring.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart hosts over a dozen

Masses and processions throughout Holy Week, all culminating in the single most important event in the Church calendar, the Paschal Vigil Mass, held at 9 p.m. Saturday. The religious importance of this hallowed day cannot be underestimated, said Matt Briel, assistant University sacristan.

"Every other liturgy is based off the Easter Vigil," he said.

Easter weekend will draw anywhere from 8,000 to 15,000 worshipers to the Basilica, as crowds of 2,000 or more cram each service at the building with a normal capacity of 1,600. These crowds make the Easter weekend services the highest attended of the year, topping Christmas masses by several thousand, Briel said.

Students and their families comprise most of the attendees, but "subway alumni" add significantly to the numbers. These "alumni", according to Briel, have never actually attended the university yet still feel a great attachment to it, whether through life as a die-hard Notre Dame sports fan or simply an avid churchgoer.

"A lot of the geriatric set make it something of a pilgrimage," Briel said. "They see this as the Catholic capital of the United States."

In order to handle the crowds, the Basilica adds four more security guards to its standard two, reinforcing the squadron in case of emergency.

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SGA fills chief of staff post

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

The Student Government Association chief of staff and the student member of the Board of Trustees positions were filled this week, according to Saint Mary's student government.

Freshman Susan McIlduff will serve as the student government association chief of



McIlduff

staff, a position created during Eliz-abeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown's presidential term, according to current student body president Sarah Catherine White. Additionally, Brown will serve as the student trustee.

"Basically, Susan will serve as a liaison between all of the branches of BOG and the executive board," White said. "The position requires attending a variety of meetings, keeping track of schedules, relaying information and providing us and others a contact for information."

McIlduff previously served as the BOG public relations commissioner.

"It was a really positive experience for me," McIlduff said of her past position. "I think it's prepared me well for the job at hand."

McIlduff was appointed to the position by White and student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran.

"Susan came very highly recommended from Elizabeth," White said. "She's positive, diligent and hard-working. We can already tell that she's here to get the job done. Everyone around her picks up on her enthusiasm, so I think this will

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Embracing change

Sisters of Holy Cross continue tradition of service, maintain lifetime of commitment

Editor's note: This is the fourth of a four-part Holy Week series focusing on the religious of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Sister M. Campion likes to describe change using body language. Sitting in the Archives and Records office at Bertrand Hall, home to the Sisters of Holy Cross at Saint Mary's, the 84-year-old nun becomes instantly animated at the mention of the topic.

"I have this idea about change. When somebody adjusts to change, they think, 'Oh I don't like that idea' — you know, a gut feeling," she said as she grabbed her stomach and gave a mock wince.

"A lot of people have that idea at first. And then as they think about it, 'Hmm, not a bad idea, if I do that I can do this and this and this,'" she continued, her pale fingers darting across her lap and flailing excitedly through the air.

"And after awhile, the idea goes up here," she said, pointing to her head. "And it's in your whole body." She sat back and smiled.

"They say, 'If you don't change, you die,'" she added a minute later. "Well, it's the truth."

Campion has seen a lot of change during her time at Saint Mary's and is hopeful that — unlike many of her fellow sisters — the 161-year-old order will not die out. While the Sisters of Holy Cross numbered about 1,700 worldwide in the

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Holy Cross Sisters continue a tradition of service. Above, Sister Cecilia Kelly advises a student in 2002. Right, Sister Violet Rodriques of Bangladesh scatters flowers in 1999.



Photos courtesy of Congregation Communications

Religious on Campus
A Holy Week Series

Students applaud ND's ranking in Latino survey

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Latino students said that Notre Dame's ranking of No. 9 in the "Top 25 Colleges for Latinos" reaffirms the University's commitment to promote diversity and provide a welcoming place for all students. This marks the third consecutive year Notre Dame

was ranked by "Hispanic Magazine" as being a university with strong academic excellence and Hispanic achievement.

Kathya Valdez, a senior majoring in science pre-professional and Spanish, is a first-generation Mexican student from East Chicago, Ind. She said that she chose to attend Notre Dame because she really liked the peaceful atmosphere.

"I fell in love with the beautiful campus, the environment and the people," she said. "I've always felt very welcome on campus. I've felt very comfortable."

Valdez said that at Notre Dame there are many resources available to Latino students. She is active in campus ministry and added that many clubs reach out to help Hispanic students. Latin Expressions, a tal-

ent show put on by Alianza, a student Latino organization, promotes diversity and awareness of other cultures, she said. Additionally, St. Edward Hall's Spanish Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. She also said that a retreat early on in her freshman year helped her to make good friends.

"On the Latino Freshman Retreat ... [Hispanic students] realize that they're not alone.

The upper classman help out as a support system," Valdez said. "You can find so many organizations that will support you as a Hispanic student ... I've had a very good experience here."

Alina Dewit is a first-year student from Guatemala who said that she chose to attend Notre Dame in part because of the opportunities available to her.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A fun little Easter game

Let's play a game — though for you Psych majors out there, this may sound a little more like naming pre-associations from your childhood. Nevertheless, we'll have some fun.

Here are the rules. I will give you a word, and you say the first memory or thought that pops into your mind. (If you are sitting alone, you may want to keep your thoughts inside, just in case somebody walks by.) I'll share my answers with you, and the one with the best stories at the end wins. Appropriately, the topic will be "Easter."

Lauren Galgano

Viewpoint Copy Editor

Eggs. The vinegar-water mixture with the red dye does not taste like kool-aid. Basket. Chocolate, one of the top five things ever — except when that is all you eat for an entire day. Rabbit.

Peter. Although, he was one bad little bunny. As I recall, he ate quite a few of Mr. McGregor's vegetables, having to hide later in a watering can that was full of water. I am reminded of a similar incident involving NDSP.

Jelly Beans. I love the black ones. Peeps.

There is a limit to how stale they can get before you should continue eating them.

Easter. Parade, the classic movie starring Fred Astaire. It always puts me in a happy mood, and I get that song stuck in my head: "On the Avenue, Fifth Avenue, the photographers will snap us..."

Ding, end of round one. Do you have the hang of it now? If you are ready to continue, here are some tougher ones.

Passover. Matzos. If you haven't had it recently, you have been living in the Notre Dame bubble a little too long. You can't get it in the Huddle, so you'll have to go to Martin's.

Lamb. Sacrificial, the one of the Passover. Also, a favorite Greek dish.

Feet. Shoes. And Holy Thursday. Jesus spent some of his last hours of freedom on earth washing the feet of his disciples. How would I spend my last hours of freedom?

Passion. The. I saw the movie last week. Definitely beats Casablanca as the greatest love story ever told.

Paschal. Candle. A new liturgical year means a time for renewing your personal relationship with Christ. See "lamb" above.

Resurrection. Easter, minus the parade. You and I have eternal life because death has been conquered and Heaven has been opened. Now that's something to celebrate.

Ding, end of round two. The greatest part about this game is that you learn a lot about yourself as you go along. All right, one more word:

Christ. The way, the truth and the life. What did you come up with? Have a wonderful Easter break!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR EASTER?



Dan O'Brien
Sophomore O'Neill

"Hunting for Easter eggs."



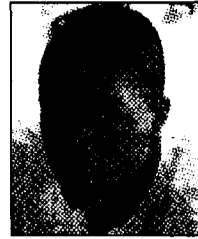
Chriss Tarnacki
Freshman O'Neill

"Attempting to cross-breed pink and yellow peeps."



Shella McLaughlin
Freshman McCandless

"Saying goodbye to my family as they get ready to go to Mexico."



Johnny Griffin
Sophomore O'Neill

"Chillin'"



Charles Riffert
Junior Morrissey

"Laying eggs."



Mellssa Felger
Sophomore Welsh Family

"I have a regatta."



DAVE ROONEY/The Observer

Warm temperatures and sunshine lured students onto the quads Wednesday. Students took advantage of the spring weather to play frisbee, football or just lounge around.

OFFBEAT

Man accused of fatally place-kicking dog

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A man has been charged with killing his neighbor's 2-pound miniature York-shire terrier by place-kicking it into the air like a football.

Chad Daniel Crawford, 23, was booked on charges of cruelty to animals and felony vandalism. He was freed after posting \$25,000 bond.

Jelani Lewis and Jessica McKenzie said they were shocked and outraged by the death of their 17-year-old dog, Gizmo.

Lewis was on the grounds of his apartment complex Tuesday when he said he

saw one of three men holding the dog like a football.

"The other one backed up and kicked him like a place-kicker," said Lewis, who couldn't get there fast enough to save his pet.

Gizmo flew through the air in a high arc, hit the pavement and rolled a few feet beneath a parked car. The dog was dead when he hit the ground and the men were laughing, Lewis said.

Inmate allegedly hides cocaine under fat

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — An obese inmate was caught hiding crack cocaine in a cigar holder under a roll of

fat beneath his stomach, jail officials said Wednesday.

Another inmate told jail officials that 6-foot-2 Jonathan Wilson, who weighs 350 pounds, had the drugs.

A deputy was unable to find any drugs on 27-year-old Wilson in a strip search, the Daily Okeechobee News reported. But a second search "located a small brown cylinder that is used to carry cigars concealed in a fat roll at the bottom of inmate Wilson's stomach," the report said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Celebrate Easter at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Join Father Peter Rocca, Basilica rector, for the Paschal Vigil Mass on Saturday at 9 p.m. On Sunday, Masses will take place at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon with music provided by University choirs. The day will conclude with the Paschal Vespers at 7:15 p.m.

Catch the latest episode of NDTV tonight at 5 p.m. on cable channel 3.

Sophomore Eleanore Strong will deliver an organ recital in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 13 at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Tri-Military Presidential Review will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Loftus. Come honor the cadets and midshipmen of the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force ROTC programs. University Father Edward will deliver an address.

An Interfaith Christian Night of Prayer will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 10 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

SUB movies presents "Kill Bill" on Thursday, April 15 at 10 p.m. in DeBartolo 101.

The Hawaii Club will host a Luau on Saturday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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

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	HIGH 53 LOW 42	HIGH 53 LOW 45	HIGH 46 LOW 25	HIGH 45 LOW 30	HIGH 45 LOW 30	HIGH 50 LOW 30

STUDENT SENATE

Senators swear into office during meeting

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Representatives for the 2004-05 school year were sworn in by Judicial Council chair Brin Anderson at Wednesday's Senate meeting — the first of the new term. The senators took the oath of office, in which they swore to work to fulfill the duties of their office, exercise the highest ethic and preserve the constitution of the student body, before they moved on to their first orders of business.

The new group quickly got down to business, delving into the issue of the new Student Union Constitution. Outgoing student body president Jeremy Lao presented his argument against Article V of the document, which may come up for Senate debate in the future.

The amendment would create an Executive Programming Board to handle the student government event calendar. Lao, however, argued the group would be redundant, as 10 of its 12 members also currently serve on the Council of Representatives.

"There is definitely a parallelism of officers," Lao said. "It is in my best judgment that the Council of Representatives should set programming. Before it was COR, the Executive Cabinet had the responsibility

of setting the calendar ... and with stricter guidelines and timelines, I believe that set-up could work with the Council."

Lao also said that because the Council of Representatives oversees the Collaboration Fund, which holds approximately \$15,000 for events and activities, the top leaders serving on that body should know exactly where the money is going and what events are being planned.

Faculty advisor and director of the Student Activities Office Brian Coughlin explained that the procedure for Senate and the student body president to follow is slightly unclear. In the past, the president has had 10 days to approve an amendment, after which the document would head to the Student Activities Office for examination. Lao, however, only had the Constitution for a matter of hours before his term expired, and the vetoed article was passed to new student body president Adam Istvan.

Istvan, meanwhile, is away from campus due to a family emergency and does not have access to the document, even if it was decided that he had the power to pass or veto it.

"This is very complicated, and there is even debate over whether Adam has the power to sign it since it was not created under his term," Coughlin said.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Student senators take the oath of office during their first meeting in office. After the brief induction ceremony, senators got to work and debated the new Student Union Constitution.

"It would make the most sense for Senate to just redo the article and send it to Adam, if that's what you eventually decide you want."

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni expressed concern over the incompleteness of the Constitution, which is expected to be printed by next week.

"As it stands, no one is designing the event calendar," Bongiovanni said. "That is pretty disastrous."

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate passed three resolutions at the end of meeting, each of which displayed emeritus status on Lao, vice president Emily Chin and chief of staff Patrick Corker, respectively.

♦ Gay Straight Alliance president Joe Dickmann returned for the third consecutive Senate meeting to encourage the new senators to post the letter of support for the GSA in their dorms so students could sign it.

The Senate voted unanimously to sign the letter at last week's meeting.

♦ Next week, the Senate will vote on which senators will serve on the Campus Life Council, the Council of Representatives, the Financial Management Board and the Judicial Council.

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.....Irish Athletics.....



**Softball DH
vs. Syracuse
Saturday, April 10
DH @ 11 AM & 1 PM**

**Baseball DH
vs. Boston College
Saturday, April 10
@ 12:05 & 2:05 PM**

GOLD GAME!

**Irish Baseball vs.
Valparaiso
Wednesday, April 7
@ 6:05 PM**

**Baseball DH vs. St. John's
Monday, April 12
@ 12:05 & 2:05 PM**

- "Brown Bag It at the Eck"

- First 250 Notre Dame Faculty and Staff in attendance will receive a sandwich sponsored by



- Notre Dame Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day

- First 100 fans will receive a Gold Game T-shirt sponsored by **AÉROPOSTALE**

- First 250 fans will receive a mini baseball bat sponsored by **South Bend Tribune**



tailgating party between games

Easter

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The security guards keep an eye on the altar in order to prevent any visitors from breaching the "sacred space," Briel said.

"We really believe that Jesus is there," he said. "[The security guards] make sure that the space is held sacred."

After the Easter Sunday Masses, many visitors stream from the Basilica to South Dining Hall where a buffet awaits.

"When the Basilica lets out, right around that time we really get hit," said Marc Poklinkowski, general manager of South Dining Hall.

Open from noon to 4:00 p.m. for Sunday brunch, the campus eatery offers diners everything from appetizers in the lobby to carved lamb in either of the two main halls.

"It's definitely our nicest meal of the year," Poklinkowski said. "The cooks get in at four in the morning to put the lambs in the oven."

The seafood bisque, another item on Sunday's menu, has been a crowd-pleaser for years, according to Poklinkowski. Patrons typically gulp down over 60 gallons of it during the brunch hours.

"It's kind of a special recipe," he said.

Aside from food, guests should expect to see elaborate decorations scattered throughout the hall, including 300 pounds of Easter candy, spring flowers and a giant Easter basket — carved entirely from one block of ice.

Tony Williams, unit chef at the dining hall, was specially chosen for the task due to his past competition in area ice-carving festivals.

"It takes about a day [to carve]," Poklinkowski said.

Although the preparation is substantial, Poklinkowski said that he and his colleague's work is worth the extra effort.

"It seems that people appreciate it," Poklinkowski said.

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Carozza receives grant to teach law

Special to The Observer

Paolo G. Carozza, associate professor of law in the University of Notre Dame Law School, has received a Fulbright grant to teach comparative human rights law at the University of Milan in Italy during the 2004 fall semester.

Carozza joined the Notre Dame faculty and the University's Center for Civil and Human Rights in 1996. A fellow of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, he teaches and writes on international law, international human rights, European and Latin American legal systems, comparative law and jurisprudence.

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be a good fit."

Along with the physical changes taking place throughout campus, both McIlhuff and White said the new position will only make Saint Mary's a better place.

"With the new student center, the new apartments and the new president coming in, we've fed off that energy of newness on campus," said White. "We're get-

ting ready to embrace change, and this position is part of that. It's going to cut down on communication barriers we sometimes run into."

McIlhuff officially started in the position April 1.

Brown's term on the Board of Trustees begins at the end of June during the annual Board of Trustees retreat.

"I'm really honored to have been chosen for this position," Brown said. "It's very exciting to be at a school where the board even allows a student on it, as a

voting member."

Brown said her position will involve not only representing the students, but the College as a whole.

"It's going to be my job to serve the entire college including students, staff and faculty," Brown said. "It's going to be important for me to keep a broad perspective, in order for me to be objective and take the college in the right direction for the future."

Brown was one of seven applicants that applied for the position. She said that she is looking

forward to beginning her new role in BOG.

"I'm just really excited," she said. "It's a good opportunity, and a good way for me to look back on the past three years to see where we have gone, and where we are going."

The campus food commissioner remains the only positions the Board of Governance has yet to fill.

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State officials discuss issues facing elderly

Panel meets at SMC, focuses on concerns

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
News Writer

A panel of state government officials discussed issues facing the elderly during a community discussion at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

The panel consisted of Les Fox, president and CEO of REAL Services and Area Two Agency on Aging, Mike Cecil, ombudsman for REAL Services, John Broden, an Indiana state senator, JoAnn Burke, a member of the governor's CHOICE board, Ryan Dvorak, a state representative and Penny Titus, an employee in congressman Chris Chocola's office.

The panel focused on issues

facing the elderly, including nursing home care against home and community-based care, Medicare, the idea of raising the retirement age and prescription drugs.

Nursing home care and home-based care are one of the issues that immediately affect the elderly in the state of Indiana, the panel said.

"Most of the time family members do not want to put a person in a nursing home," Cecil said.

The problem for most families is the cost of in-home care. Those who currently want to stay at home may not qualify for government assistance to receive proper funding to remain in their houses, while they do qualify if they are institutionalized.

The Senate Enrolled Act 493, which instituted the CHOICE program. It was passed to begin to remedy this situation. This act mandates the state of Indiana

give the elderly the choice of either home and community-based care or nursing home care.

Even though this bill was passed, some people remain concerned, the panel said. The funding for this program is almost non-existent, and because of that, change has happened very slowly.

"It has not resulted in dramatic change," Broden said. "People think perhaps we oversold the bill."

But this is not the case according to Broden.

"[Indiana] is in a very difficult fiscal situation," he said.

The CHOICE program started in the late '80s and early '90s and after that has stagnated. Government officials are still looking for ways, through private grants or federal funds, in which they can get the program up and running again. Based on compiled statistics from REAL Services, Inc., the CHOICE program

allows for an average savings of \$77,000 per month, \$914,000 per year for 66 people exhibiting different levels of need.

"[This program has been stunted by the fact] that in the state of Indiana, there is a very strong lobby in the nursing home industry, and for whatever reason, we got behind the curve," Burke said.

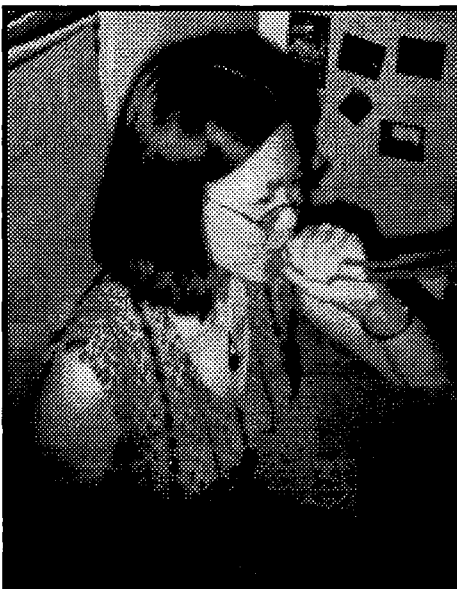
The community and panelists agreed on the need for change within the system.

"Change is always good," Titus said.

Change, however, won't be sufficient if it is merely from the legislation, they said.

"We don't think of aging people as treasures, which they are," said Ken Peters, a member of the community who attended the panel discussion.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Court frees sole 9/11 convict

HAMBURG, Germany — The only Sept. 11 suspect ever convicted walked out of jail Wednesday smiling and laughing, freed less than 2 1/2 years into a 15-year sentence after judges ruled the evidence was too weak to hold him pending a retrial.

Mounir el Motassadeq, whose conviction on charges of aiding the Sept. 11 plotters was overturned last month, seemed euphoric as he left the Hamburg court building with two friends and his lawyer. He said nothing but laughed as reporters peppered him with questions.

The 30-year-old Moroccan, who had been behind bars since his November 2001 arrest, headed home to his apartment in a Hamburg suburb to be reunited with his wife and two children.

Israelis raze olive grove for wall

BIDOU, West Bank — Israeli workers with chain saws cut down a Palestinian farmer's olive grove Wednesday to make way for a West Bank security barrier, sparking a clash in which at least 15 Palestinian villagers and two Israeli police were wounded.

The wrecking crew later replanted some of the 180 stumps on another plot, but villagers gave the trees little or no chance of survival in the dry season.

Construction of the barrier has sparked almost daily clashes as it cuts through Palestinian farmland and isolates West Bank villages. Israel says the series of fences, trenches and concrete walls are needed to stop Palestinian suicide bombers. The Palestinians denounce the barrier as a land grab.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kerry vows to slow spending

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry said Wednesday if he is elected president he will not let government programs outside of security and education grow beyond the rate of inflation, even if it means cutting some of his own campaign promises and existing government programs.

"When I say a cap on spending, I mean it," Kerry said in a speech at Georgetown University. "We will have to make real choices — and that includes priorities of my own."

Kerry said he would freeze the federal travel budget, reduce oil royalty exemptions for drilling on federal lands, cut 100,000 federal contractors and cut electricity used by the federal government by 20 percent, among other programs.

Janet Jackson sales disappoint

NEW YORK — Janet Jackson is now suffering from a sales malfunction.

Her new album, "Damita Jo," sold approximately 381,000 copies in its first week to debut at No. 2 on the charts. Her last album, 2001's "All for You," debuted at No. 1 with more than 605,000 copies sold. It's the first time her album has not debuted at No. 1 since 1989's "Rhythm Nation 1814."

Jackson was denied the top spot this time by Usher, who sold 486,000 copies of "Confessions." He debuted at No. 1 last week with 1.1 million copies sold.

STATE NEWS

Indiana man presumed drowned

SYRACUSE — Authorities continued their search Wednesday for a man missing since he went boating on northern Indiana's Lake Wawasee nearly a week ago.

Officers from the Department of Natural Resources were doing visual searches by boat for Greg Frericks, 45, who vanished Thursday night during a solo fishing trip.

The Syracuse man is officially listed as missing but is presumed dead from drowning, said Lt. John Sullivan of the DNR's Syracuse office.

"We've narrowed it down to about half-square-mile search area," Sullivan said Wednesday.

IRAQ

Marines, Sunnis clash in Fallujah

Dozens killed after U.S. warplanes bomb mosque, touching off six-hour firefight

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — U.S. Marines battled insurgents for control of this Sunni Muslim stronghold Wednesday, calling in airstrikes against a mosque compound where witnesses said dozens were killed in six hours of fighting. An anti-U.S. uprising led by a radical Shiite cleric raged for the fourth day in southern cities.

The Abdel-Aziz al-Samarrai mosque was hit by U.S. aircraft that launched a Hellfire missile at its minaret and dropped a 500-pound bomb on a wall surrounding the compound.

The U.S. military said insurgents were using the mosque for a military fire base. Iraqi witnesses estimated 40 people were killed as they gathered for afternoon prayers. U.S. officials said no civilians died and American commanders gave conflicting reports of insurgent casualties.

An Associated Press reporter who went to the mosque said the minaret was standing, but damaged, apparently by shrapnel. The bomb blew away part of a wall, opening an entry for the Marine assault. The reporter saw at least three cars leaving, each with a number of dead and wounded.

The heavy fighting against the Sunni insurgency coincided again Wednesday with attacks on coalition forces in southern Iraq led by militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. For the first time Wednesday, Shiite militiamen battled Americans in the central city of



U.S. Marines with the 1st Marine Regiment take cover during a gunbattle with Sunni insurgents on the outskirts of Fallujah. Hundreds of Marines fought to regain control of the volatile city, a hotbed of anti-American sentiment.

Baqouba.

Since Sunday, 35 Americans, two other coalition soldiers and more than 230 Iraqis have been killed in fighting. The Iraqi figure did not include those killed at the mosque. Since the war began, at least 630 U.S. service members have died.

Marine Corps spokesman 1st Lt. Eric Knapp said the American force besieging Fallujah has killed more than 30 suspected insurgents and captured 51 since Tuesday night. Fifteen Marines were reported killed in fighting in Fallujah and neighboring Ramadi since Monday.

The Army said a soldier died Wednesday in the capital. Another had died Tuesday in Balad, the Sunni Triangle city north of Baghdad, the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla. said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, at a Pentagon news conference with Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers, discounted the strength of the al-Sadr force, which appears to have been bolstered by disgruntled, unemployed young men.

U.S. officials estimate the al-Sadr force at about 3,000 fighters.

"The number of people involved in those battles is relatively small," Rumsfeld said. "There's nothing like an army or large elements of people trying to change the situation. You have a small number of terrorists and militias coupled with some protests."

Myers said the fighting came in two broad categories. West of Baghdad in cities such as Ramadi and Fallujah, the main opposition is "former regime loyalists," including support-

ers of former president Saddam Hussein, and anti-American foreign fighters loyal to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian-born terrorist believed linked to al-Qaida.

The Marines said they waged a six-hour battle around the Abdel-Aziz al-Samarrai mosque before calling in a Cobra helicopter which fired the missile at the base of its minaret. An F-16 dropped the laser-guided bomb, Marine Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne said.

During fighting elsewhere in Fallujah, U.S. forces seized a second place of prayer, the al-Muadidi mosque. A Marine climbed the minaret and fired on guerrilla gunmen, witnesses said. Insurgents fired back, hitting the minaret with rocket-propelled grenades and causing it to partially collapse, the AP reporter said.

FAA approves private spacecraft

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government announced Wednesday that it has issued the first license for a manned suborbital rocket, a step toward opening space flight to private individuals for the first time.

The Federal Aviation Administration gave a one-year license to Scaled Composites of Mojave, Calif., headed by Burt Rutan. He is best known for designing the Voyager airplane that made the first nonstop, unrefueled flight around the world in 1986.

"This is a big step," FAA spokesman Henry Price said.

The Scaled Composites craft consists of a rocket plane, dubbed SpaceShipOne, and the White Knight, an exotic jet designed to carry it aloft for a high-altitude launch. SpaceShipOne, made of graphite and epoxy, has short wings and twin vertical tails. It reached

68,000 feet in a trial flight.

The license is a prerequisite for the X Prize competition, an international space race that will give \$10 million to the first company or person to launch a manned craft to 62.5 miles above the Earth, and then do it again within two weeks. The craft must be able to carry three people.

The FAA is considering two other applications, Price said. One is an X Prize contestant.

Twenty-seven contestants from seven countries have registered for the X Prize competition.

Rutan declined to comment. The company states on its Web site that its goal is to show that private space flight can be done, and at a low cost.

"We look to the future, hopefully within 10 years, when ordinary people, for the cost of a luxury cruise, can experience a rocket flight into the black sky above the earth's atmosphere, enjoy a few minutes of

weightless excitement, then feel the thunderous deceleration of the aerodynamic drag on entry," the statement says.

Before launching the spacecraft in the X Prize competition, Scaled Composites must give the prize sponsors 90 days notice, Price said. The company can launch its rocket before that, he said, but it must be in an area that isn't risky.

Scaled Composites is located in the Mojave Desert.

FAA inspectors carefully examined the space vehicle to make sure it's safe, said Price.

"There's no sure thing in anything when it comes to rocketry," he said. "We want to do what we can with the knowledge we have to make sure the launch is as safe as possible for the public."

The company also had to demonstrate that it was adequately insured for a launch and that it met environmental standards, Price said.

Two reporters ordered to erase tapes at speech

Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss — Two reporters were ordered Wednesday to erase their tape recordings of a speech by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia at a Mississippi high school.

Scalia has long barred television cameras from his speeches, but does not always forbid newspaper photographers and tape recorders. On Wednesday, he did not warn the audience at the high school that recording devices would be forbidden.

During the speech, a woman identifying herself as a deputy federal marshal demanded that a reporter for The Associated Press erase a tape recording of the justice's comments. She said the justice had asked that his appearance not be recorded.

The reporter initially resisted, but later showed the deputy how to erase the digital recording after the officer took the device from her hands. The exchange occurred in the front row of the auditorium while Scalia delivered his speech about the Constitution.

The deputy, who identified herself as Melanie Rube, also made a reporter for The Hattiesburg American erase her tape.

Scalia gave two speeches

Wednesday in Hattiesburg, one at Presbyterian Christian High School and the other at William Carey College. The recording-device warning was made before the college speech.

At a reception following Scalia's speech at William Carey, the justice told television reporters from Hattiesburg station WDAM-TV to leave. A member of his entourage also told newspaper photographers they could not take pictures, but a college official reversed the order after non-media guests started snapping photos.

"It's standard that his speeches are not televised."

Kathy Arberg
Supreme Court
spokeswoman

William Carey spokeswoman Jeanna Graves later sent an apology to the media.

"I specifically asked for protocol and was told that the media would have access to Justice Scalia during the reception," Graves wrote in an e-mail. She said she was "embarrassed and angry" over the incident.

Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said that it is up to Scalia and his staff to set guidelines for coverage of his events.

"It's standard that his speeches are not televised," she said.

Last year, Scalia was criticized for refusing to allow television and radio coverage of an event in Ohio in which he received an award for supporting free speech.

Court throws out monument ruling

Ten Commandments statue allowed to stay

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A federal appeals court has tossed out an earlier decision that a Ten Commandments monument must be removed from an eastern Nebraska city park.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order Tuesday saying the full court will review a February ruling in which a three-judge panel of the court said the monument in Plattsmouth violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a group that focuses on family and religious issues, had asked for the review.

"This is a very important and encouraging development that clears the way for another opportunity to prove that the display of the Ten

Commandments is not only part of our heritage and history, but constitutional as well," said Francis J. Manion, senior counsel for the group representing the city of Plattsmouth.

Tim Butz, executive director of the Nebraska American Civil Liberties Union, said he was not surprised by the court's decision to hear the appeal.

"We're not scared by this. We're not intimidated by it. We're ready to go forward," Butz said.

The ACLU sued on behalf of an atheist Plattsmouth resident who contends the monument is unconstitutional. The 5-foot tall, granite monument lists the Ten Commandments and is emblazoned with two stars of David.

In 2002, U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln rejected the city's argument that the monument is protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom. He

ordered the removal of the monument, saying it "conveys a message that Christianity and Judaism are favored religions."

The three-judge appeals court panel agreed in a 2-1 decision, saying the monument's "message is undeniably religious."

The St. Louis-based 8th Circuit, which covers Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, North Dakota and South Dakota, has not set a date for oral arguments in the case.

More than 4,000 Ten Commandment monuments are displayed in cities nationwide. Many were donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the 1950s as part of a campaign timed to coincide with the release of the movie "The Ten Commandments."

Courts have issued conflicting rulings on public Ten Commandments displays, and the Supreme Court has refused to hear cases dealing with their constitutionality.

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Composite Volume: 1,456,123,904		
AMEX	1,262.10	-3.29
NASDAQ	2,050.24	-9.66
NYSE	6,675.40	-18.74
S&P 500	1,140.53	-7.63
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,972.34	-47.28
FTSE 100(London)	4,468.70	-4.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	+3.34	+0.13	4.02
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MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.81	-0.21	25.59
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.88	-0.11	12.35
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.66	-0.41	24.24

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IN BRIEF

Judge nixes Lea Fastow's plea deal

HOUSTON — The wife of former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow withdrew a guilty plea to a tax crime Wednesday after a federal judge rejected a sentencing deal that would have given her just five months in prison and five months home confinement.

The proposed sentence for Lea Fastow was part of a larger plea deal involving her husband's criminal case, although prosecutors said her decision won't affect his plea and cooperation agreement under which he faces up to 10 years in prison on two counts of conspiracy.

Now Lea Fastow, 42, is scheduled to go to trial June 2 on all six original charges — four counts of filing false tax forms and two counts of conspiracy.

Top German banker steps down

BERLIN — Germany's central bank president agreed under pressure to step aside temporarily after prosecutors opened an inquiry into a hotel stay that a commercial bank paid for him, the Bundesbank said.

Ernst Welteke became the subject of a Bundesbank review after Der Spiegel magazine reported this week on his New Year's 2002 stay at Berlin's ritzy Hotel Adlon Kempinski to attend ceremonies greeting the introduction of euro notes and coins.

Dresdner Bank reportedly paid the 7,661.20 euro tab — \$9,270 at current exchange rates — for Welteke and members of his family.

Owners sink Eurotunnel board

VILLEPINTE, France — Rebel shareholders ousted the chief executive and the entire board of the company that operates the underground rail tunnel between Britain and France on Wednesday, angry over the company's huge debt and failure to attract more travelers.

In a revolt of historic proportions by individual investors, they promptly installed a new French chairman and other board members of Eurotunnel Group.

More than 63 percent of shareholders voting at the meeting outside Paris backed the dismissal of Eurotunnel CEO Richard Shirrefs, chairman Charles Mackay and the nine other members of the Eurotunnel board.

Bernel grooms future executives

CEO-turned-instructor blends theory, experience in 'Corporate Strategy' course

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a Thursday series focusing on interesting classes in the Mendoza College of Business.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Jeff Bernel knows a thing or two about corporate strategy. As a long-time CEO, he owned and operated a \$50 million manufacturing company.

As a professional specialist in the Mendoza College of Business, Bernel brings that real-world business experience into the classroom.

Bernel teaches a class called "Corporate Strategy," a required course for students in the business school. The course integrates concepts from the college's four departments — accounting, finance, marketing and management — teaching students how to apply those concepts for the benefit of the overall corporation.

"It's the nexus, the pulling together of all the majors in the business school," Bernel said.

The class focuses on obtaining competitive advantage — the edge that marks the difference between a mediocre company and a star performer.

Bernel said his background as a CEO allows him to make the course's material relevant to his students. For 18 years, Bernel ran American Rubber Products, a LaPorte-based manufacturer of seals and gaskets for the automotive industry.

"It's being in the trenches," he said. "I have the personal, hands-on experience in dealing with the issues that a \$40 or \$50 million company brings."

The class centers on Bernel's conviction that a business education should combine academic theory with practical application.

"I try as much as I can to use real-world occasions and cases that I know, from my experience and work," he said. "I'm looking to prove to students that the education they've received at Notre Dame is a very valid one."

Bernel knows firsthand the value of that education — he holds an Executive MBA degree from the Mendoza College of Business.

He said students appreciate the relevance of the material because they anticipate facing the same issues he faced during his career.

"All these students, at some point, are going to be in a leadership position," he said. "[They] need to be competitive, get a competitive advantage, maintain it and make above-average returns."

Bernel uses a variety of methods to keep students engaged, including team projects, case studies, and presentations — skills students will use in their corporate careers.

Harvard Business School case studies — generally regarded as the gold standard in American business education — are used, but students analyze local businesses and even non-profit organizations, as well.

"[Cases] have included big businesses, small businesses and non-profits," Bernel said. "Some-one even did the Boat Club."

"The thrust of my course is very project-driven. Students create their own strategies to plan the future of the company."

Senior marketing major Catherine Hart said

"All these students ... are going to be in a leadership position."

Jeff Bernel
professional specialist



Photo courtesy of the Mendoza College of Business

Jeff Bernel, a longtime corporate CEO, now teaches in the Mendoza College of Business. Students praise the instructor's use of real-world business examples.

Bernel's business experience made the class uniquely relevant.

"He's very worldly and he's done so much," Hart said. "I really like having professors who are part of the professional workforce outside of the University."

Senior finance major Mary Whitehouse said the class emphasizes the long-term, complex planning required to run a successful company.

"He's taught us that there's not one right answer," Whitehouse said. "For every decision you make, there are multiple decisions you have to make after that."

Those strategies include

making difficult decisions, some seemingly ripped from the front page of The Wall Street Journal. Students discuss mergers, outsourcing, layoffs and other tactics designed to maximize the value of the modern corporation.

Bernel said he derives satisfaction from knowing his students will be prepared for life at the top of the corporate ladder.

"People naturally look to our students and put them in leadership roles," he said. "It gives meaning to my life."

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CORPORATE SCANDAL

'Scared' juror caused Tyco mistrial

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The juror who received a menacing telephone call and letter during the trial of two former Tyco International executives told the judge she was "very, very scared," prompting him to declare a mistrial, according to court transcripts released Wednesday.

Ruth Jordan, known as Juror No. 4 during the Tyco corporate looting trial, discussed her fear during meetings in state Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus' chambers.

Obus unsealed transcripts of those meetings after a request from nine media organizations, including The Associated Press.

On Friday, the day Obus declared a mistrial, Jordan entered his robing room and — without a greeting — told him and lawyers in the case: "I am alarmed."

Obus then tried to calm her, according to the transcripts. He asked about a letter she had received the previous evening and whether she believed she could continue to deliberate.

Jordan replied, "I am so frightened about everything, and this says to me that there are people out there that think I am somehow very, very wrong and bad, and done something terrible, and that they are blaming me, and it scares me so. I don't know."

Jordan, 79, was referring to the uproar she caused during deliberations when she made a hand motion that she later said was misinterpreted by some reporters as an "OK" sign to the defense. Jordan received the letter and phone call after her name was published by the New York Post and The Wall Street Journal.

Obus declared a mistrial during deliberations in the trial of Dennis Kozlowski, 57, Tyco's former chief executive, and Mark Swartz, 43, the company's former chief financial officer, who were accused of looting Tyco of \$600 million. Obus has ordered them to return to court May 7, when a tentative retrial date is expected to be set.

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early 1960s, there are currently only 525 fully professed nuns and 70 in formation serving today. Many are in their 80s and 90s and 17 died in 2003. At Saint Mary's, 198 sisters are in residence, 92 of whom are retired.

Youth is a rare find within the order, especially in the United States. While the numbers of newer sisters in international branches are on the rise, only one temporarily incorporated sister, one novice, one candidate and four pre-candidates currently live in America. To fight this trend, Saint Mary's will open a house of discernment on April 14. Called Mary's Solitude, it will provide a place for those who are first considering joining the order to test the waters of commitment.

Drastic change

The drop-off in religious vocations increased dramatically after the Second Vatican Council — a time, Campion remembers, when many sisters were caught off guard by a rapidly changing Church.

"Of those who questioned it, partly I think they didn't have a vocation to start with, partly they didn't wait long enough [before deciding to leave the order,] she said. "Some really couldn't take the changes, but for some I thought that that was just an excuse."

Those nuns who stayed on through the turmoil found a very different religious life. Most visibly, the sisters no longer wore the habit — a welcome change for Campion, who said she had been so conscientious that "when I first got it, some of my worst dreams were that I wasn't wearing it."

A less visible, but more harmful change came with the realization that the sisters' unique role was no longer so defined.

"There are so many more things a woman can do now in the church, that she doesn't have to [be a nun]," Campion said. "[This] is why we had so many sisters in the 19th century and the early part of the 20th century, because a woman's life was relatively restricted."

The vast majority of Catholic women, she added, now choose to be involved in lay ministry or



ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

Sister M. Campion, 84, discusses the changes she has encountered during her time as a nun at Saint Mary's.

other areas of the church instead of making the complete commitment the religious life requires.

Those who do make that commitment today are increasingly called to international ministry. The Sisters of the Holy Cross now minister in eight countries on four continents around the world, focusing their efforts in schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Their contemporary goals of justice, nonviolence and gender equality reflect the concerns of this global sphere — and a need to, as the order's mission statement dictates, "reflect on the signs of the times."

An aging community

As Sister Campion chats candidly about how times have changed back at Saint Mary's, describing the sisters' experiences with pre- and post-Vatican II Holy Week liturgy, it is hard to ignore subtle references to the reality of an aging community.

Sisters who used to stand still during the entire three-hour passion liturgy are now told to

sit, she said. For those who are bedridden and cannot attend services at all, Easter Sunday Mass is shown on closed-circuit television.

"Some people just don't have the energy, some people can't walk, some come down in wheelchairs, some have problems hearing," she said. "And some come down just for things like Holy Week."

Those who cannot care for themselves reside in Saint Mary's Convent, also known among the sisters as the "infirmary." Alzheimer's patients live in the Queen of Peace, a smaller division on the convent's top floor. Patches of lighter brick are visible along the rows of windows, revealing the room expansion and addition of private bathrooms that has taken place to accommodate the sisters' dropping numbers and growing needs.

As she charts a path through the wide, pastel-colored hallways of the infirmary, Sister Julie McGuire — still mobile and sharp of mind more than 45 years after joining the order

in 1957 — compares the remodeled convent to a shopping mall that needs "You are here" signs to guide the older members.

"You can walk miles in here and never go outside," she said. The wheelchairs and walkers clustered in the maze, however, show that walking is a dwindling luxury.

Family memories

Tucked away on the fifth floor of the building is the history room — home to what McGuire called, with a wink, "family memories."

The room traces the development of the order, beginning with the four sisters sent from LeMans, France to northern Indiana in 1843 by Basil Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross Congregations of priests, brothers and sisters. It continues through the sisters' current ministries in such countries as Brazil, Uganda and Bangladesh. Exhibits fill the space, illustrating everything from the accomplishments of each of the order's Mother Superiors to the rosary beads sisters used during World War II, worn from black to brown from sisters' fingers rubbing them in prayer.

The displays on the evolution of the habit cause McGuire to linger awhile longer than she does at the other exhibits. Pointing to pictures of the fluted cap, McGuire said she remembers wearing it inside out to avoid "blisters on your ears," and hearing complaints of "a lot of burned fingers" from the older sisters who used the hot wires of the fluting machine to make their own caps.

As she leaves the room, McGuire points to a small, inconspicuous box just outside the doorway, containing small cellophane chips that any passerby can move from one compartment to another to pray for all of the sisters who have died.

"There are two thousand, two hundred and — I don't know, lots and lots," McGuire said as she transferred a chip, depositing another soul into the box.

A renovated Church, a revised religious life

The Church of Loretto, McGuire's next destination, is a perfect example of many sisters' uneasiness with change. Remodeled in 1993, the church today is nearly unrecognizable from the original. Gone are the

routine pews and the elevated altar that McGuire said "could be deadly" in a dress and high heels. Gone is the dark-wooded statue of Jesus that always made her think of a "big brown bear." Gone are the niches, the brass-sheathed confessionals and the steel girders of the 1950s. Gone are the choir loft and the balcony that shook when the organ that used to be "strung together with string, wire, spit and chewing gum" played.

"We were forbidden from seeing what was going on," McGuire recalled. "When I stepped in, I thought, 'Oh, my.'"

"Most of the girls despised it." The gleaming Georgia marble floor still bears scratched indents of where the pews stood, but Loretto — with its modern chair-style seating, octagonal altar, imposing white pillars and 24-hour flowing baptismal font — is far from the same place.

"We can have meetings here now," McGuire said. "It's a more usable space. You can't do that with pews."

From conducting more relaxed Holy Week services in this revamped church to extending the reach of their ministries to Africa, Latin America and Asia, the sisters' activities today would have been hard to imagine back when Campion and her peers joined the order in the 1950s.

"Thomas Wolfe wrote the book, 'You Can't Go Home Again,'" Campion said. "Well, I never read it, but I just know that you can't."

"You can't go back. Even if you do go back, it's not the same."

As she closes her eyes to the maps of Tanzania and Bangladesh that hang on her office walls, glancing quickly at the bit of dried braided palm from last year's Palm Sunday that sits atop her computer, she remembers strained conversations that arose following the Second Vatican Council.

"My mother used to say to me, 'What you've chosen, your life is easy,'" Campion said. "And I'd say 'Mother, if it's so easy, how come you didn't join?'"

Smiling, Campion closes her eyes again, her body content with change and her heart content with commitment.

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Survey

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"I liked the Catholic background ... and the size of the school," she said.

Dewit's older brother also attended Notre Dame.

Dewit said that most Latinos who are involved in clubs and organizations are American-Latinos but she said that she too hopes to become more active next year.

"Every country has its own details ... I want to get involved to see what I can offer as a Guatemalan," Dewit said.

Dewit praised Notre Dame's efforts to promote diversity.

"I do think the University is making a lot of efforts for minorities to relate to others," she said.

Roberto Garcia, an international transfer student from Tec de Monterrey in Mexico, said that academic programs like the Institute for Latino Studies provide opportunities

for all students to learn about other cultures. The Institute for Latino Studies, which incorporates a better understanding of the Latino experience in America into an interdisciplinary minor, was founded in 1999 to help Hispanics and students create a greater awareness of their culture and heritage.

"I've taken classes for Institute of Latino Studies and I think that ND has the most scholars that know a lot about Latino studies," Garcia said. "You find more American white people that know more about your country."

Garcia said that he likes the support for Latino students on campus.

"Sometimes I think they see the Latino guy as only being a Latino," Garcia said. "But I don't feel any discrimination against me."

Since he first took office as university president in 1987, University President Father Edward Malloy said that he has made it a priority

to diversify the Notre Dame population. Hispanics currently total nearly eight percent of undergraduate enrollment and minority enrollment has increased nearly ten percent since then.

"I am very pleased about the dramatic increase in the members of underrepresented groups here at Notre Dame," Malloy said. "We're striving to make Notre Dame more clearly resemble the demographics of the country and of the world."

The magazine collected information from various sources including Hispanic scholarship organizations, universities, the U.S. News & World Report's annual survey "America's Best Colleges," and "Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education," a journal which publishes a list of the top 100 institutions that award bachelor's degrees to Hispanics, to determine the rankings for this year's top 25 schools.

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Ex-LBJ aides praise TV investigation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former aides to former President Johnson welcomed a History Channel investigation that found allegations of his involvement in the Kennedy assassination to be "stuff and nonsense."

"The shameful and despicable lie that President Lyndon Johnson killed President John F. Kennedy was dumped into the trash bin of irresponsible history tonight," the four prominent men said Wednesday in a statement.

They include Tom Johnson, chairman of the LBJ Foundation; Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America; Larry Temple, president of The LBJ Foundation; and journalist Bill Moyers.

A panel of historians, in a spe-

cial that aired Wednesday, found that claims against Johnson made in a History Channel program last November were wrong, the former Johnson aides noted in a joint statement.

"It was a victory for truth and fairness, brought about when The History Channel bowed to urgent requests from Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter that such a panel be formed and its conclusions made public," according to the statement.

The allegations against Johnson and others were contained in the documentary "The Guilty Men," which aired in November as one of a series of programs exploring conspiracy theories surrounding Kennedy's 1963 murder.

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Update Saint Mary's registration

Scheduling classes is a stressful event for any college student — but at Saint Mary's, the process is exceptionally inefficient.

Students at the College can currently register for general education requirements and electives using PRISM, an online system similar to Notre Dame's IrishLink. However, unlike at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's students can only register for classes in their majors in person — leading to overnight lines and serious frustrations with a flawed, outdated system.

The week before registration, students meet with their advisor to discuss class choices, receive their registration PIN number and obtain the advisor's signature on an advising form. On advanced registration day within a specific department, students travel to a designated academic building to turn in their forms and register with the major's secretary. Often, students wake up before dawn only to spend hours waiting in a line of sleeping classmates, hoping to get their desired — and even necessary — schedule of classes. But despite these efforts that involve losing sleep, skipping classes and waiting in long lines, students are not guaranteed the classes required for their major.

Though many departments try to ease the early morning problem by scheduling advanced registration for late morning or early afternoon, this is not a sufficient solution to the

problem. While class waiting lists exist, they are often futile.

The only solution is to completely revise Saint Mary's departmental registration.

Notre Dame has been using the IrishLink system since 2001. Although IrishLink has its flaws, it is a more convenient and organized way to register for classes.

The system randomly assigns students a time, defeating the frustration of waiting in line.

A main reason for the current outdated Saint Mary's system is to keep students from being shut out of classes being filled in their major. Through IrishLink, restrictions are put on courses within individual departments to keep classes required for a student's major from being filled before they get a chance to register for those classes.

An online system utilizing updates to PRISM would be more efficient and less stressful for students and faculty alike.

Notre Dame has shown that online registration can work effectively and efficiently, particularly within departments. Saint Mary's should follow its lead, eliminating the lines and confusion by implementing a complete online registration system.

The Observer Editorial

Et in Arcadia Ego

In the graveyard of Holy Trinity Church in Headington Quarry, Oxford, lies buried a professor of Medieval and Renaissance English. As befits a scholar of literature, the epitaph on his tombstone — carved by his brother, who was later buried beside him — is taken from Shakespeare: "Men must endure their going hence."

Peter Wicks

Englishman
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Spoken by Edgar in the final act of King Lear, these words strike a tone of stoic resignation in the face of death, and some might be surprised to find them engraved on the tombstone of this professor, who is best known as a defender of full-blooded Christian orthodoxy. What, it may be asked, of his Christian hope?

C.S. Lewis did not abandon his faith, but he was not interested in any cheap consolation. Lewis lost his mother — before his 10th birthday — his father and his wife, all to cancer. Like St. Paul, he believed in the resurrection of the dead, but he did not deny death its sting.

Tomorrow is Good Friday, when Christians remember the death of Christ, who was wounded and put to death — we believe — for our transgressions. Crucifixion was the most barbarous form of execution that the human mind had been capable of imagining, and many others suffered similarly horrendous deaths. (Nor is crucifixion a thing of the past; even today it is practiced in the Sudan, where Christians are put to death for their beliefs. In the past decade, the United Nations Human Rights Commission has documented the crucifixion of children as young as

seven.)

It is quite common to make comparisons between the death of Christ and the death of Socrates. Both were innocent men put to death because they were seen as a threat to the social order. There are certainly interesting similarities, but when the accounts of their deaths are compared it is the differences which strike us most forcibly. Socrates is composed, he reassures his friends that death is nothing to fear. Practiced rightly, Socrates taught, philosophy is the preparation for death, and when the time came he was ready to drink the hemlock and pass on.

But when we turn to the accounts of Christ's death in the Gospels, we see a man terrified of the fate before him. He prays that the cup may pass from him, and on the cross he cries out in despair. Mark reports Jesus' others sayings already translated into Greek, but he leaves the cry from the cross in the Aramaic, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? It is here, I think, that we see most clearly that Christ not only suffers, but truly dies.

Theologians have wrestled with the meaning of Christ's cry of desolation. I am no theologian, but speaking autobiographically, I doubt I am alone in seeing it as the ultimate expression of Christ's solidarity with mankind's abjection, or in thinking that any attempt to understand the good news of Easter must begin with an attempt to reckon with Calvary.

The Apostle Paul believed that the resurrection of Christ was the basis for Christian hope in the resurrection of the dead. I have known many people who have insisted that in our age

of science we cannot hold either belief. When pressed as to which particular scientific discovery renders belief in resurrection unsustainable, they usually become vague and speak of "the scientific worldview." But what their arguments typically demonstrate is not that Christ could not have been raised, but only that if he was then his resurrection would have been a miracle, a conclusion which has the merit of being what every sane person has always believed.

Voltaire said that the human species is the only one which knows that it will die, which puts us between the oblivious beasts and the immortal angels in whom Voltaire did not believe. In previous generations we were taught to prepare ourselves from a young age. In 17th century New England, children were given schoolbooks containing a poem instructing them "Go through the cemetery, and you will see graves shorter than you."

But many forces in our culture conspire to encourage us to push the knowledge of our mortality to the back of our consciousness; death, we half-imagine, is something reserved for those who smoke and eat red meat. But our denial is dangerous because, as Saul Bellow once put it, death is the dark backing a mirror needs if we are to see anything.

We are all going to die. How then shall we live?

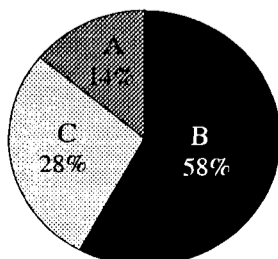
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OBSERVER POLL

What do you think of Notre Dame's admission standards for football players?

A. Raise the Standards	14%
B. Remain the same	58%
C. Lower the Standards	28%



*Courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 321 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I still say a church steeple with a lightning rod on top shows a lack of confidence."

Doug McLeod
author

Passionate about 'The Passion'

Frank Rich of The New York Times called it "a porn movie." To Christopher Hitchens, it was a homoerotic "exercise in lurid sadomasochism." The New York Daily News called it "the most virulently anti-Semitic movie made since the German propaganda films of World War II."

How can we explain the hostility of the elites in the media, Hollywood and the academy to Mel Gibson and *The Passion of the Christ*? Antonio Gramsci can help us understand.

Charles Rice

*Right or
 Wrong?*

Gramsci, an Italian Communist who died in 1937, saw that the proletarian revolution of Marxist theory would not happen in western countries because the workers and their oppressors were united by a common bond of Christian culture and belief. The secular, classless paradise, he thought, would be achieved without a revolution, but only if the people were first separated from their Christian roots and conditioned to ignore the transcendent, i.e., God and his truth, and to focus on the immanent, i.e., living day-to-day without reference to God or objective morality.

Since the 1960s this country has been a Gramscian laboratory. The courts removed any affirmation of God from the schools and public life. Merry Christmas gave way to Happy Holidays. Deconstructionists deprived language of objective meaning. Trendy clerics turned the Commandments into advisories.

"More than in any other historical period," John Paul II, "one must point to a break in the transmission of moral and religious values between generations."

The intentional infliction of death is now an optional problem-solving technique. The contraceptive separation of sex from life provided control over the beginning of life and inevitably over the ending of life through abortion and euthanasia. That separation legitimized sodomy and undermined the status of marriage. Pornography is a bigger business than professional football, basketball and baseball combined. And so on.

Gramsci wrote approvingly of "hegemony" as dominance by a ruling class not by the threat of force but by the willing submission of the subordinate classes. The molders of culture have achieved, in recent decades, the cultural hegemony not of a class but of a secular, relativist and individualist code. That code conditions the public to think only of the materialistic here and now, with God excluded or relegated to the margins.

So why the hostility to "The Passion?" The protests against it were described by Rabbi Daniel Lapin as "morally indefensible and ill-advised."

"Gibson has complemented the Gospel narrative," said Vatican Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, "with the insights [of] saints and mystics ... [The film is] faithful to the meaning of the Gospels, as understood by the church." Maia Morgenstern, the Jewish actress who played Mary, and whose father is a Holocaust survivor, said, "Despite the blood and the violence, it's a beautiful film ... It brings ... a peace message."

If anything, Gibson understated the sufferings of Christ. St. Alphonsus Liguori, a Doctor of the Church, relying on St. Bonaventure, St. Anselm and the visions of St. Bridget, said "the number of the [scourging] strokes amounted to several thousand, the flagellation being administered ... after the manner of the Romans, with whom there was no [limit] ... [T]he bones of his ribs were laid bare ... St. Peter Damian wrote that the executioners exhausted themselves with fatigue in scourging our Lord."

"After the scourging," wrote St. Alphonsus, "[Pilate showed] him to the people, saying, 'Behold the Man!' [because he] was ... so pitiable ... that Pilate believed the very sight of him would have moved his enemies ... to compassion, and hindered them from ... demanding his death ... The appearance of Jesus after his scourging was so shocking ... as to move to tears even those who hated him." Liguori concluded that Christ, a divine person with two natures, human and divine, willed to suffer beyond merely human endurance. The film is a love story.

Why are the liberal elites so hostile to this film? Because it threatens to upset their applecart, worldwide. "The Passion," like a lightning bolt, is a sudden intrusion of the transcendent — God — into the immanent, into the lives of ordinary people.

A religious renewal had been germinating before "The Passion." But "The Passion" reaches beyond the religiously aware to affect many for whom it is a wake-up call. The elites had already overreached, with the Super Bowl halftime and the arrogance of public officials "marrying" sodomy in defiance of enacted law. But Mel Gibson is so hated by the elites because he dramatically reintroduced the American — and world — public to the transcendent and specifically to Christ. The fight is not about Mel Gibson. It is all about Christ.

Antonio Gramsci would understand. Pray for him. And go see "The Passion."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Challenging 'homophobia'

I just can't help myself. I need attention and I've come to the conclusion that the only way for my letter to get published in The Observer is to write about the ever-popular topic of homosexuality. Indeed, the debate has become so heated that even law students have entered the ring.

I, for one, generally support the recent stances of Mr. Hess and Ms. Tawresey, and generally object to the stances of Ms. Leahy and Mr. Gallop.

First, Ms. Leahy states in her April 1 letter that we are "a campus where events are supported that outrightly promote promiscuous, unmarried heterosexual behavior." Could someone please tell me if this is true? I'm serious. As one with virtually no social life, I think I need to attend events of this kind — the announcement of which has mysteriously escaped me for three years.

Ms. Leahy's vast knowledge of and experience with this University — and apparently, the Catechism — also tells her that its "stance against a straight-Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) alliance approaches base hypocrisy at worst, and homophobic twisting of Catholic doctrine at best."

OK, since no doubt by writing this I'm just asking to be accused of it, what is homophobia, anyway? I've never met someone who is afraid of another person because they are gay. It seems that those who usually keep to themselves about these issues might harbor feelings of either apathy or disgust, but not fear. This seems to be what Ms. Leahy might call an "unfortunate logical error."

Ms. Leahy says it is a "harmful error of assumption" that Ms. Tawresey views the "intent of a straight-GLBT alliance as promotion of the idea that homosexual conduct is acceptable." If not, could someone tell me, then, what the intent is?

The focal point of this issue seems to simply be the act of homosexual sex. If the United in Diversity (UID) or other such groups desperately seeking official club status would come out and proclaim as part of their mission statement that they are strongly against the act of homosexual sex, I doubt there would be any opposition at all

— from Ms. Tawresey or otherwise — to there being an official club promoting acceptance of gay people.

But then Ms. Leahy, who simultaneously scoffs at "those who proclaimed the law of God from pulpits and condemned their fellow persons," says that the Catholic Church tells us "to love and embrace all persons, no matter what their sin," and that "in the bubble-world of Notre Dame, what it means to be a good Christian has little to do with actually imitating Christ."

If there's anything I love more than listening to someone tell me what being a good Christian is, it's someone insinuating they are more Christ-like than I am. Of course, Ms. Leahy is correct in her first point, but it gets us into the enormous grey area of what one defines as love. I think most would agree that Jesus Christ did show people how to love and put himself in the company of sinners, but he certainly didn't approve of or encourage the continuation of sin.

I can't really define love, but I do know that it doesn't simply mean to have sex with or to approve of sexual practices. Indeed, Ms. Leahy, such a leap of logic is both erroneous and unfortunate. Look at your WWJD bracelet and ask yourself, "Would Jesus have sex with a man?" I think not. But that's just my opinion.

Ms. Leahy tries to call out Ms. Tawresey and Mr. Hess for "equating identity and behavior." Am I the only one seeing the irony in this? It seems to me that those pushing the hardest for club recognition and peddling orange shirts are more guilty of this equation than two law students trying to point out immorality in the act of homosexual sex.

I don't get it. It seems like so many UID members claim they just want to be seen as "holistic" people, yet they base a disproportionate part of their identity and purpose on their sexual activity — see Mr. Gallop's April 5 column. Perhaps the University notes this inconsistency as well?

Carl Herickhoff
 junior
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 April 6



Abusing human rights

Last week, three other students and I brought a letter to Notre Dame administrators asking them to make a public statement guaranteeing Notre Dame will not enter into any more contracts with Taco Bell until Taco Bell takes responsibility for the conditions from which their tomatoes come, in accordance with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW).

We also asked them to develop a plan to have Fair Trade Coffee, a widely available way of ensuring that the farmers who grow the world's second-most traded commodity receive fair prices as opposed to poverty-inducing ones, finally available in the dining halls by the beginning of next semester.

As you may know, Florida farmworkers called a national boycott of Taco Bell to get Taco Bell to take responsibility for the poverty and exploitation behind their profit. Notre Dame has a marketing relationship with Taco Bell, and last fall the Progressive Students Alliance (PSA) asked them to cut that contract. Breach of contract rules made them reluctant to do so. We asked for a public statement that

Notre Dame would not enter into more contracts with Taco Bell. They agreed to evaluate the relationship but have not yet made the statement.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote in his famous Letter from Birmingham Jail, "Justice too long delayed is justice denied," and while we wait situations do need to be evaluated. Delaying action for too long is allowing injustices to continue.

Notre Dame has had all year and ample information. Each day that we continue to receive money from Taco Bell — money subsidized by the poverty and sweat of farmworkers — is a day that we continue to profit from exploitation and allow it to exist. Until we clearly state our position to Taco Bell, we are not exempt from the responsibility for atrocious abuses of human beings.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Death Cab for Cutie release evokes emotion

By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

It is probably difficult for most people to believe that the Fox teen drama "The O.C." has the best soundtrack on television. Sure, the plotlines have been recycled through dozens of other shows on the WB and hardly have the originality of "The Wonder Years" or its female counterpart "My So-Called Life," but the music supervisor for Fox's new hit has used some of the most original and vibrant music alive today.

For most people, "The O.C." would have been their first exposure to the music of Death Cab for Cutie, the Washington state quartet who cut its teeth on the indie music scene, and whose latest album, "Transatlanticism," has the potential to spread its music to many more fans and

will surely be seen in a few years as their sell-out album.

None of this, however, should be a distraction or detraction from the fragile beauty on display throughout this record. The musical composition is strong, the lyrics, although bizarre and hard to decipher at certain points, are heartbreaking, and the album flows remarkably well. Death Cab for Cutie is obviously filled with talented musicians and writers. Lead singer and guitarist Ben Gibbard's voice is unique, seemingly only a breath away from collapsing into tears.

"Transatlanticism" can be loosely seen as a concept album, certainly in spirit if not in direct relationship. As can be inferred from the title, the record is concerned with the limits of love and communication across distances — the hardships and barriers that exist in long-distance relationships

and the difficulties that arise in trying to keep it alive. At times there are moments of exquisite happiness and memory, such as the simple narrative of "Passenger Seat," which quietly describes a ride home with the speaker's love. Songs such as this are in stark contrast to the more frequent tragedies, such as the lonely "Tiny Vessels," which takes place in "the moment / when you told her that you loved her but you don't," with a bridge that is almost demonic in its ferocity and suddenness. "Title and Registration," with a stark and bizarre melody reminiscent of Tom Waits, details searching through the glove compartment of a car, maybe even the one from "Passenger Seat," and finding old photos of better times with a lover — pictures the speaker had tried so hard to forget.

Death Cab for Cutie is able to weave an entire narrative from songs that are usually about only single, everyday moments, and that is admirable. To be able to evoke such emotion, sadness and joy from short descriptions of brief events is not an easy task for anyone, let alone someone who writes pop songs.

On a certain level, that is why this album is able to excel through its ability to communicate across each of its songs. Although the centerpiece of its concept may be the obstacles we all face in trying to express ourselves to even the most important people in our lives, especially when they are not sitting across from us, the irony is that the greater message and

its effectiveness are so clear and decipherable.

Death Cab for Cutie's "Transatlanticism" is a beautiful album of sad love songs. It will not save popular music or lead to a songwriting revolution, but for anyone in search of some bare honesty and unabashed emotion, this record is essential. Although sometimes it strays too far into stereotyped emo territory, the songs found here will find a safe place in any music collection.

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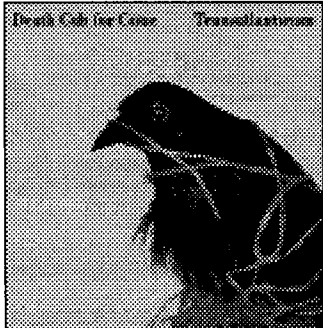
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Indie band Death Cab for Cutie is gaining exposure due to its inclusion on "The O.C.'s" soundtrack.

Transatlanticism

Death Cab for Cutie

Barsuk Records

ALBUM REVIEW

Trio performs jazz standards

By CHRISTOPHER KEPNER
Scene Music Critic

If you've ever wanted to give jazz a shot, check out this album. It's really difficult to argue with a group that's been playing together for over 20 years. Pianist Keith Jarrett's most acclaimed trio, with Gary Peacock on bass and Jack DeJohnette on drums, has been a hallmark in the jazz world for over two decades now. They celebrated this milestone with the release of their latest album "Up for It."

Picture this scene. July is unseasonably rainy in Juan-les-Pins, France, and the 42nd Festival de Jazz Antibes is unable to escape the weather. The days leading up to the 16th, when

Jarrett's trio is scheduled to play, are wet, dark, and bleak. The three veteran musicians sit anxiously in their hotel rooms with fading hopes that the weather will clear up before they are supposed to perform at the festival, which is held exclusively outdoors with no backup venue in case of rain (because they've never needed one!). Having performed at the festival seven times before in beautiful weather, the trio feels out of their element given the current conditions.

The 16th comes without a break in the rain. Clear plastic drop cloths are hung all around the stage to keep the instruments dry, although Jarrett thinks the piano is already waterlogged. While they have the option according to their contract, to cancel

their performance due to the inclement weather, the group reluctantly opts to play.

The stage is an open one, behind which the Mediterranean Sea lies. The sun has gone down. It's dark and it's raining. There are thousands of people on hand. It isn't very often that a musician gets the opportunity to perform in a setting such as this. Once the trio starts playing, all of their hesitation and disdain melts away. It's just Keith, Gary and Jack — three old friends who have enjoyed playing together for 20 years.

And the music that came out of that performance was memorable. All of the songs in the set are standards except for the title track, which was composed by Jarrett. "If I Were a Bell," "Butch & Butch," "Scrapple From the Apple," "Someday My Prince Will Come," "Two Degrees East, Three Degrees West" and "Autumn Leaves" are given fresh, exciting interpretations by these three masters. Every measure of this album will engage lis-

teners and leave them thirsting for the next.

Whether you listen intently to what's going on in the music or simply throw it in your player as background music, anyone will be able to enjoy this fantastic album from one of the best piano trios of all time. Jazz is America's gift to the world. Pick up this album and discover what you've been missing.

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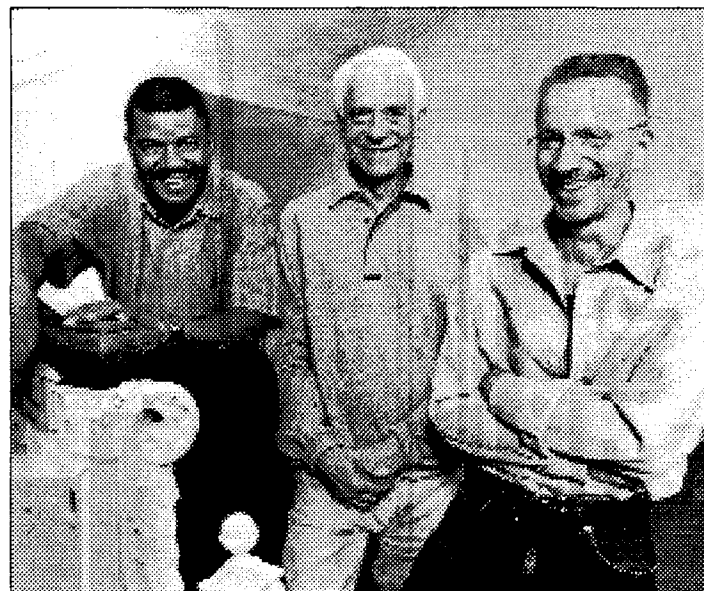



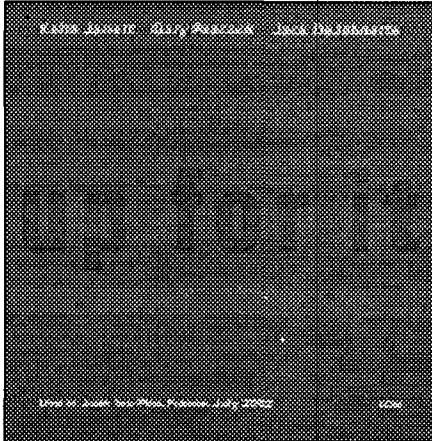
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Keith Jarrett's trio has been performing together for 20 years. Their live album contains several jazz standards.

Up for It

**Keith Jarrett,
Gary Peacock, and
Jack DeJohnette**

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Welcome to
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ARMS RACE

Tom Thornton, Chris Niesel and the rest of the Irish hurlers go head-to-head with the talented Boston College pitching staff

Photo Illustration by Mike Harkin and Seán O'Boyle

Sollmann's injury another hurdle for Irish

"What tho the odds be great or small/Old Notre Dame will win over all."

Those were words written to describe the Irish football team — an American institution of greatness in sports throughout the past century.

But more recently, those two lines seem to fit the Irish baseball program even better.

In 2002, star freshmen Matt Macri and Matt Edwards both suffered season-ending injuries at the start of the year, and the Irish stumbled to a 9-10 start.

But the Irish did not tuck their tails between their legs and run away scared.

A relatively unknown sophomore named Javier Sanchez came off the bench to play short-stop, filling the role admirably. Then Steve

Stanley, the six other Irish seniors and a couple of gutsy freshmen pitchers named Chris Niesel and Grant Johnson led Notre Dame to its first appearance at the College World Series in 45 years.

Last year, when the Irish learned they would be without Johnson for the entire season because his ailing right shoulder required surgery, they

didn't throw in the towel knowing they'd be without their ace. Instead, Niesel stepped into the spotlight, earning Big East Pitcher of the Year honors and leading the Irish to a Big East Tournament title.

Before the start of this season, Notre Dame lost both junior right-hander John Axford and freshman phenom Jeff Manship to season-ending surgeries.

No problem. Sophomore Tom Thornton has stepped in to go 4-1 and defeat some of the best hitting teams in the country in schools like Southern California and Texas Tech.

So last Saturday, when senior second baseman and tri-captain Steve Sollmann was knocked out of Notre Dame's contest against Villanova with a broken jaw, did anyone expect the Irish to wipe the drawing board clean and look to next year?

Of course not. After all, the signature of this Notre Dame ball club for the past few years has been success in the face of adversity.

"I think it's a thing that's been

kind of the hallmark of our program, that when someone has gotten hurt, our hearts have bled for the guy, but it hasn't destroyed our confidence in our team," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said.

True, everyone at that game Saturday watched in horror as the ambulance carried Sollmann off the field. True, even Mainieri said he had



Chris Federico

Senior Staff Writer

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Paul Mainieri
Irish coach



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Javi Sanchez makes a throw in Notre Dame's 15-5 win over Chicago State Tuesday. The senior will be forced to move from catcher to second base to fill in for the injured Steve Sollmann.

trouble turning attention back to the game. But every player in an Irish uniform also knew they must fight on.

Ask Sanchez, who for the third time in as many years, has been asked to step up and bear a new load.

The senior, who switched to catcher just last season, will likely now have to fill the newly-formed void at second base in place of his fellow classmate and co-captain Sollmann.

"It was unfortunate what happened to Steve [Sollmann], but if this isn't fate, I don't

know what is," Sanchez said. "Matt Edwards went down with that leg injury [in 2002], and we ended up going to the College World Series. Steve Sollmann goes down this year, and who knows what could happen."

With that attitude, Sanchez wants to prove to his teammates and the country that this Irish team is best with their backs up against the wall.

"I told the guys, we're not at our best until the situation is at its worst," he said. "Right now we're pretty banged up,

but I think we're going to be able to pull through this."

Now, with Sollmann out for an uncertain length of time, many would say those odds are stacked pretty high against the Irish.

But with this team that's already fought through so much, would they have it any other way?

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	COACHING	STARTING PITCHING	BULLPEN	HITTING	DEFENSE	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	The Irish have reached 40-plus wins in each of their nine seasons under Mainieri. In 2002, he took the Irish to their first College World Series berth in 45 years, and he has the Irish ready for another run to Omaha.	Niesel and Thornton have combined to go 8-2 this year. Some of Thornton's key starts this year have been a nine-inning shutout of West Virginia and eight-inning, one-hit performance over Texas Tech. Niesel has struggled some.	Several strong arms make the Irish bullpen a solid one. Doherty has been nearly unhittable as a closer. Samardzija and Thaman have been pleasant surprises in relief for the Irish this year.	The Irish are hitting the ball better than they have in a few seasons. Notre Dame is just one home run shy of its total from 2003. Macri, Edwards, Bransfield and Cooper have all been hitting the ball hard lately.	After the second weekend of Big East play, the Irish were just one hundredth of a percentage point behind Pittsburgh for the conference lead in fielding percentage. The Irish have made only 29 errors in 27 games.	With Steve Sollmann out of the lineup, the Irish should have even more motivation to make a run to Omaha this year. The Irish also get to play in the comfy confines of Frank Eck Stadium and get the last at bat.
BOSTON COLLEGE	Peter Hughes has taken the Eagles to new heights in his first five years at Boston College. The Eagles have averaged 30 wins a year in Hughes' time at Boston College. He has been named Big East Coach of the Year twice.	Lambert is arguably one of the best pitchers in the country and Shepard is tough, but they will not likely pitch against the Irish. Instead Notre Dame should face O'Donnell and Martinez, who have not enjoyed as much success.	The Eagles have a formidable bullpen that doesn't hurt them very often. Boston College has a team ERA of 4.36. Closer Mike Gauthier has been solid for the Eagles, with a 2-2 record and four saves on the year.	The usually-powerful Eagle bats have been very quiet for the first part of 2004. Boston College has a team batting average of .251 and scores only 4.5 runs a game. Delaney is the only Eagle hitter with a batting average above .300.	Boston College ranks near the bottom in the Big East in fielding percentage at .955 at the close of conference play last weekend. They committed 41 errors in their first 25 games this season.	Boston College has the tough luck of having to play a doubleheader at Villanova just two days before it travels to Notre Dame. This means they will likely have to burn their top two pitchers, Lambert and Shepard, against the Wildcats.
ANALYSIS	Hughes has greatly improved the Boston College program, but he hasn't accomplished nearly as much as Mainieri has at Notre Dame. The Irish skipper has turned Notre Dame from a good Northern school to a national power.	With Lambert and Shepard on the hill, the Eagles might have had the edge here, but with that pair scheduled to pitch today against Villanova, Notre Dame's Thornton and Niesel have the edge.	With such good starting pitching, bullpens may not become much of an issue, but both teams are about even. Notre Dame's Doherty and Boston College's Gauthier are both reliable closers that don't often relinquish a lead in the ninth.	The Irish nine starters each have batting averages surpassing .300, led by Gaston at .381 and Macri at .376. Only one batter in Boston College's starting nine is hitting better than .300 this year.	Notre Dame is a very good team defensively, as their .972 team fielding percentage indicates. Losing the errorless Sollmann at second hurts, but Sanchez is a more-than-capable replacement. The rest of the Irish infield is solid.	The Eagles will have a tough time overcoming the fact that Lambert and Shepard won't be able to pitch against Notre Dame. The Irish are firing on all cylinders on a current 11-game winning streak, and they get the Eagles at home.

Aces up their sleeve

Several talented Irish pitchers look to bear the load against Boston College

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

If President Bush is still looking for powerful arms, he may want to check Frank Eck Stadium Saturday for No. 5 Notre Dame's Big East doubleheader with Boston College.

Irish aces Chris Niesel and Tom Thornton bring their combined 8-2 record to the mound against a talented Boston College pitching staff.

Even though the Eagles' top pitchers, preseason Big East Pitcher of the Year Chris Lambert and lefty Kevin Shepard, will likely pitch against Villanova today, the Eagles still possess a team ERA of 4.36 and several talented hurlers. Senior Matt O'Donnell and junior Joe Martinez — who turned down Notre Dame to go to Boston College — will likely get the ball on the mound for the Eagles.

Meanwhile the Irish possess a bevy of arms to go along with the righty-lefty combination of Niesel and Thornton.

"[The key] is the same thing it always is — pitch. Pitch well," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "Make the plays and give yourself a chance to win. Then take advantage of the scoring opportunities."

The bulldog

The best way to sum up Niesel's personality as a pitcher is to look at his performance in one of Notre Dame's biggest baseball games in the last 50 years.

As a freshman, and with a spot in the 2002 College World Series on the line, Niesel was charged with the task of beating then-No.1 Florida State in the NCAA Super Regionals, in their back yard, in Niesel's home state.

All the tough 6-foot, 200-pound righty did was hold one of the best hitting teams in the country to one run in eight innings, as the Irish prevailed 3-1.

"I think everybody on our team, when they look at Chris

Niesel, they realize we have a bulldog out there on the mound, and we've got a chance to win," Mainieri said. "He's a great example for all of our younger players."

Last season, when classmate Grant Johnson went out for the season with shoulder surgery, it was Niesel who carried the Irish on his back. The then-sophomore finished the year 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA. For his efforts, Niesel was named Big East Pitcher of the Year ahead of Boston College's Lambert.

This season, Niesel has struggled a little more than the Irish tri-captain is used to. He has a 5.09 ERA and opponents have hit .316 off him. But he still knows how to get the win, as he owns a solid 4-1 record on the year.

"I have no concerns about Chris Niesel," Mainieri said. "He's going to be an outstanding pitcher the rest of the year for us, no doubt."

The godsend

At a school like Notre Dame, you know when a coach refers to a player as a godsend, he must be pretty serious. So when Mainieri described his 6-foot-6 pitcher Tom Thornton in such a pious manner, it's easy to see how important the big left-hander has been to the Irish this season.

"Tom Thornton has been sent straight from God to the Fighting Irish, because he has been an unbelievable life saver," Mainieri said after Thornton's nine-inning shutout over West Virginia. "That performance against West Virginia was one of the most dominating performances we've seen by a pitcher here."

But Thornton has been delivering in the clutch all season for Notre Dame. In his first start of the year, the sophomore held Southern California scoreless in

six innings for the win. Later, against a hot-hitting Texas Tech team, he limited the Red Raiders to one hit in eight innings for another win.

"The big thing for us this year — the guy that's really made the difference for us this year is Tom Thornton," Mainieri said. "Tom Thornton has gone from basically being our fifth guy — our guy who would be pitching in mid-week games — to our No. 2 starter. He's been just a godsend for us. He's been outstanding."

Mainieri says that what has made Thornton so good this year is his ability to pitch ahead in the count and make smart pitches.

"He's always pitching ahead in the count," he said. "If you throw strikes early to hitters and you get hitters out with two or three pitches, then it's going to keep your pitch count down and help you pitch late into the game."

The closer

When Irish closer Ryan Doherty enters the game in the ninth inning, many opposing players gasp — and not just because of the righty's 7-foot-1, 220-pound frame.

The sophomore Doherty has proven a nearly unhittable force this season for the Irish.

"I think [Doherty] has been outstanding for us all year," Mainieri said. "Every single time we have put him out there, he's done the job for us."

In 13 appearances, Doherty owns a 3-0 record and 0.66 ERA to go along with a Big East-leading five saves. In his 13 2/3 innings pitched, opponents have gotten only five hits off the gangly Doherty.

And Mainieri has not been afraid to put Doherty into hairy situations this year. In the series against Villanova last weekend, the Irish skipper put Doherty into the opening game in the sixth inning with the Wildcats storming back, and the big man got two quick strikeouts to end the threat. He then came back in the nightcap of the doubleheader and got the win by pitching a perfect 10th inning.

"I think [Ryan Doherty] has really been one of the outstanding contributors to our early season success," Mainieri said.

The first baseman

In three years as Notre Dame's starting first baseman, Joe Thaman had amassed just a .279 career batting average. With an infield chock full of offensive talent in Matt Macri, Greg Lopez, Steve Sollmann and Matt Edwards, Mainieri knew something was going to have to give heading into the 2004 season.

So he approached the senior Thaman with a proposition: let Edwards take over first base and move into the bullpen as a left-handed pitcher.

Thaman, who had not pitched since high school was open to the change, and the move has paid off dividends for the Irish.

"I think Thaman has pitched outstanding," Mainieri said. "I think what [pitching coach] Terry Rooney has done with him is nothing short of remarkable — taking a kid that hasn't picked up a ball to step on the mound in three years, and then he comes out there and is doing the things

"Tom Thornton has been sent straight from God to the Fighting Irish..."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Irish junior Chris Niesel pitches for Notre Dame earlier this year. Niesel will start in the opener against Boston College Saturday.

that he has done."

Thaman has been a steady force for the Irish this season, notching a 2-1 record with a 3.42 ERA in 23 2/3 innings pitched.

What's more is that the left-handed Thaman has filled a big hole in an Irish bullpen that was very heavy on right-handers.

"I think it's another added advantage," Mainieri said of the lefty Thaman. "He's got a great pickoff move to first. He's throwing from the left side and he gets left-handers out."

So while Thaman may miss the ping of the bat that he would hear as a hitter, he doesn't mind the sound of a "whiff" from batters missing his fastballs.

"It's worked out as well as I would have hoped it could have," Mainieri said.

The football player

Irish reliever Jeff Samardzija told Mainieri he wanted to play baseball through a newspaper article last fall. The Irish skipper was reading the South Bend Tribune one day when he noticed that Samardzija — at the time a wide receiver on the football team — had stated he wanted to try his hand at pitching for Notre Dame.

Mainieri talked with Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham and got permission to let the 6-foot-5 freshman try-out.

Samardzija impressed Mainieri and Rooney, earned a spot on the roster and got his chance to pitch for the Irish.

All he has done since that time is earn a 1-0 record and post a 0.47 ERA in 19 1/3 innings pitched.

"Jeff Samardzija has really exceeded our expectations," Mainieri said. "He has been really outstanding. I'm not sure where we'd be without Jeff Samardzija and how he's pitched for us."

Samardzija has been an early leader in the Irish bullpen, allowing just nine hits in nine appearances with the Irish. Right now, he is in the midst of a 15-inning shutout streak.

"I knew if I went in there and play my game and pitched like I could pitch, I could make a contribution to the team, and it would work out," Samardzija said.

Now, his biggest concern lies with juggling a rigorous schedule that includes classes, baseball games and travel, and football practices and conditioning. As a scholarship football player, Samardzija has an obligation to the football team and has to be present at all of the spring practices.

"I get tired a lot, but it works out kind of nice," Samardzija said.

The young guns

The rest of the Irish freshman pitching class was one that received a lot of hype coming into the 2003 season, headlined by Texas native Jeff Manship, who was listed by Baseball America as the country's No. 3 freshman prospect.

But right before the start of the season, the Irish learned Manship would miss all of 2004 with Tommy John surgery.

Fortunately for the Irish, several of Manship's classmates have stepped up and made a contribution in just their first season at Notre Dame.

"I said going into the season that if our freshman pitchers didn't pitch well for us, we would have a tough time having a great year," Mainieri said. "I wasn't sure which of the freshman pitchers was going to have a great year for us."

The answer has been several Irish freshman that have made key contributions this year, either as relief pitchers on Big East weekends or as starters in mid-week games.

Jess Stewart owns a 3.70 ERA and 3-0 record, Chris Vasami has a 1-0 record and 4.63 ERA in 11 2/3 innings pitched, Dan Kapala has a 5.02 ERA in 11 appearances, and Mike Dury has logged 7 1/3 innings and allowed just one run in splitting time at first base.

One of Rooney's tasks this year has been turning the young Irish pitchers from high school stars to confident collegiate pitchers.

"I think Terry Rooney is really doing a great job with those kids out there," Mainieri said. "They're really buying into his program and what he's teaching them. It's really showing in the way they're pitching."



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Irish left-hander Tom Thornton pitches for Notre Dame in a game earlier this year. The sophomore is 4-1 for the Irish.

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Unselfish Sanchez changes position again

Senior moves from catcher to second base to replace fallen classmate Steve Sollmann

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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Javi Sanchez should never get too comfortable with his position.

Following the devastating injury to second baseman Steve Sollmann in Notre Dame's first game against Villanova last Saturday, the Irish found themselves searching for someone to fill Sollmann's enormous shoes.

The senior Sanchez — who has proved to be a real baseball renaissance man with his ability to play almost any position on the field for the Irish — is just the player for the job.

"He's a natural. He's a natural at any position," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said of his tri-captain Sanchez. "He's just a ball player, that kid. He can play so many different positions, whether you play him at short, third, second or catcher. I could put him in the outfield, and he'd do a good job out there."

In 2002, Sanchez came off the bench to play shortstop for the Irish during their run to the College World Series after Matt Macri and Matt Edwards suffered season-ending injuries.

Last year, when Notre

Dame needed a catcher to replace Paul O'Toole, who had graduated the year before, Sanchez was more than willing to take the job, even though he had never before played the position. Sanchez worked tirelessly with assistant coach David Grewe to learn from scratch how to be a catcher.

Now with Sollmann injured, Sanchez has moved back out from behind the plate to second base — at least part of the time — as freshman Sean Gaston takes over as the Irish catcher.

Sanchez had already started one game at third base this season in an 8-2 win over Penn State March 8. On Tuesday, in his first game at second base in nearly two years against Chicago State, Sanchez looked like he had never missed a beat.

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Miami native credits Mainieri for never letting him get too far away from his roots as an infielder.

"I felt good [Tuesday]. Coach [Mainieri] anticipates things like this happening in the off-season," Sanchez said. "When we were working indoors, he actually had me take some groundballs in the infield, usually at shortstop, just to get a feel for the

infield. If anything happens, he could adjust me from there."

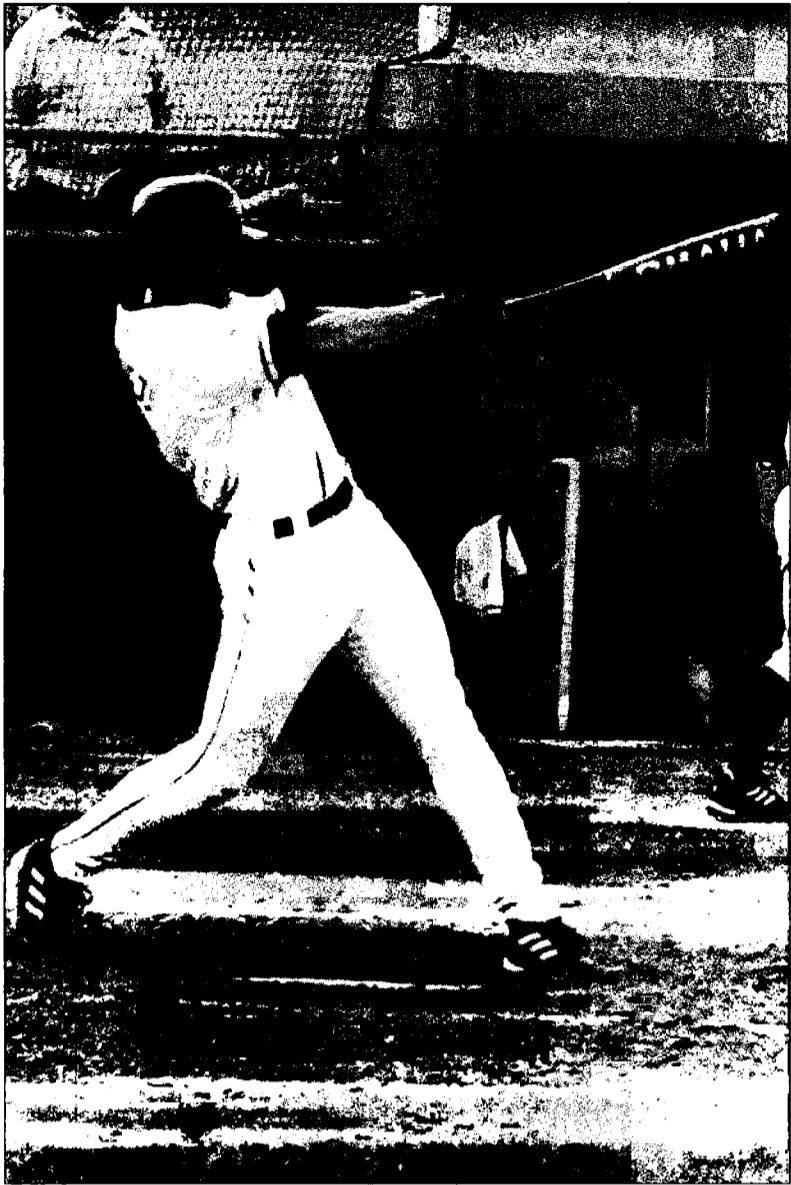
Sanchez — who was recruited as a second baseman out of Christopher Columbus High School in Miami — says he feels comfortable moving back to his old position in the infield. He feels he just needs more time and more practice with fielding ground balls and getting back to playing the position to return to the level of play he reached two years ago as a regular shortstop.

"I actually feel pretty comfortable," Sanchez said. "I just think I need to get more ground balls outdoors on our field out here."

As for Mainieri, he says he just feels fortunate to have a player as flexible as Sanchez, who doesn't mind being switched from position to position.

"[Sanchez] is the kind of kid that you just thank God you have on your ball club," Mainieri said. "Everybody loves him because he is so unselfish, and he plays hard. ... He'd go raise the flag in the outfield if I told him to do that. He'd do anything for this team."


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Irish senior Javi Sanchez connects with the ball in a game against Chicago State April 6 at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame - Defense

LF 36 Steve Andres Avg: .339 4 HR, 17 RBI	CF 17 Cody Rizzo Avg: .317 0 HR, 9 RBI	RF 9 Craig Cooper Avg: .369 4 HR, 18 RBI
SS 4 Greg Lopez Avg: .366 2 HR, 20 RBI	2B 15 Javi Sanchez Avg: .322 1 HR, 15 RBI	1B 14 Matt Edwards Avg: .316 5 HR, 29 RBI
3B 5 Matt Macri Avg: .379 4 HR, 30 RBI	P 10 Chris Niessel 40.2 IP, 4-1 5.09 ERA, 34 K 30 Tom Thornton 45.1 IP, 4-1 2.38 ERA, 30 K	C 11 Sean Gaston Avg: .364 0 HR, 8 RBI
DH 12 Matt Bransfield Avg: .319 6 HR, 22 RBI		

Boston College Batting Order

1. Eric Wright, RF
2. Ryan Leahy, SS
3. Ryan Morgan, 1B
4. Drew Locke, CF
5. Jason Delaney, DH
6. Garrett Greer, C
7. Mike Flynn, LF
8. Josh DiScipio, 2B
9. Marco Albano, 3B

Boston College Bullpen

- 14 Nick Asselin
0-0, 1.0 IP, 0.00 ERA, 0 K
- 34 Kevin Boggan
0-0, 9.1 IP, 0.96 ERA, 10 K
- 31 Mike Gauthier
2-2, 25 IP, 2.52 ERA, 22 K
- 12 Jake Marsello
0-1, 5.2 IP, 7.94 ERA, 4 K
- 41 Matt Meyer
0-1, 2.1 IP, 7.71 ERA, 6 K
- 17 Ryan Morgan
0-2, 6.1 IP, 2.84 ERA, 4 K
- 35 Dave Preziosi
0-0, 5 IP, 10.80 ERA, 3 K
- 25 Mike Wlodarczyk
0-1, 8.1 IP, 15.12 ERA, 12 K


Notre Dame Batting Order

1. Craig Cooper, RF
2. Matt Macri, 3B
3. Steve Andres, LF
4. Matt Bransfield, DH
5. Matt Edwards, 1B
6. Javi Sanchez, 2B
7. Cody Rizzo, CF
8. Sean Gaston, C
9. Greg Lopez, SS

Notre Dame Bullpen

- 47 Ryan Doherty
3-0, 13.2 IP, 0.66 ERA, 16 K
- 44 Mike Dury
1-0, 7.1 IP, 1.23 ERA, 6 K
- 22 Grant Johnson
1-0, 11 IP, 0.82 ERA, 8 K
- 37 Dan Kapala
1-0, 14.1 IP, 5.02 ERA, 16 K
- 45 Jeff Samardzija
1-0, 18.1 IP, 0.49 ERA, 10 K
- 32 Jess Stewart
3-0, 19.1 IP, 4.66 ERA, 9 K
- 21 Joe Thaman
2-1, 22.2 IP, 3.57 ERA, 17 K
- 35 Chris Vasami
1-0, 11.2 IP, 4.63 ERA, 17 K

Boston College - Defense

LF 21 Mike Flynn Avg: .196 0 HR, 9 RBI	CF 42 Drew Locke Avg: .297 1 HR, 15 RBI	RF 24 Eric Wright Avg: .269 1 HR, 11 RBI
SS 3 Ryan Leahy Avg: .250 1 HR, 11 RBI	2B 5 Josh DiScipio Avg: .204 0 HR, 3 RBI	1B 17 Ryan Morgan Avg: .237 0 HR, 1 RBI
3B 1 Marco Albano Avg: .250 0 HR, 3 RBI	P 11 Matt O'Donnell 33.0 IP, 2-2 6.00 ERA, 29 K 18 Joe Martinez 26.2 IP, 1-1 3.04 ERA, 26 K	C 22 Garrett Greer Avg: .276 1 HR, 16 RBI
DH 28 Jason Delaney Avg: .305 3 HR, 15 RBI		

ALBUM REVIEW

Landmark Dylan concert officially released

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

By 1964 America was a nation ill at ease. JFK was dead, the Civil Rights movement was making itself violently known, the Cold War was in high gear and Vietnam was just getting underway. On the musical front, rock 'n' roll was taking the nation by storm, alienating the generations by means of loud guitars. Up to this point, however, the political and the musical cultures had for the most part remained separate entities. There was some crossover with folk music, but the rock 'n' roll popularized by Elvis Presley and the Beatles remained a voice for raw youthful energy and excitement.

Bob Dylan was in the process of changing all this even before 1964. He was tak-

ing the folk protest of Woody Guthrie, the Beat energy of Kerouac and Ginsberg, the rebellious sex of Presley and James Dean and the rough-hewn rock of the Beatles and creating with it something all of his own. For the first time, words were becoming more important than a danceable beat or catchy melody. Dylan was able to use his infamously nasal voice and irregular guitar to transfix audiences. He was able to capture this new musical essence and use it to analyze and critique American society. And, just as important, people were willing to listen.

The 1964 Halloween concert, now officially released as the sixth volume in the Bob Dylan Live Bootleg Series, is one of the most bootlegged shows of Dylan's career. Dylan had just released "Another Side of Bob Dylan" the summer before and his album "Bringing It All Back Home" was under way. This concert, often called his last real folk concert, had a certain zeal and excitement to it. Dylan was deliriously entertaining throughout the show, playing a mix of familiar favorites and samples of

new songs. The audience's reaction and reception to Dylan shows they too knew something special was in the air that Halloween night.

The concert opened with Dylan's most famous song at the time, "The Times They Are A-Changin'." Immediately after his first downstroke on the guitar, Dylan held the audience captive for the duration of his performance. He daringly played "Talkin' John Birch Paranoid Blues," a song that had been banned from the Ed Sullivan Show due to its tongue-in-cheek jibe at the John Birch Society's communist paranoia. Dylan gets applause as he sings the line, "I discovered there were red stripes in the American flag. Did you know about Betsy Ross?"

Continuing with light, tipsy banter between songs, Dylan continued with the suggestive "If You Got to Go, Go Now (Or Else You Got to Stay All Night)" before testing new ground with "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)." The endless stream of dark lyrics laid before the audience in this manifesto gives a hint of the direction Dylan would be going with his next album. Besides a taste of what the future held in store, the Halloween concert also treated fans to several duets between Dylan and his rumored romantic partner at the time, Joan Baez. It was a pairing of the king and queen of the folk movement, and the result is spellbinding. Dylan's harsh nasal vocals and Baez's rippling voice



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Bob Dylan's 1964 Halloween concert is one of his most bootlegged shows.

combine in an inexplicable, though pleasurable harmony over songs like "Mama, You Been On My Mind" and "It Ain't Me, Babe."

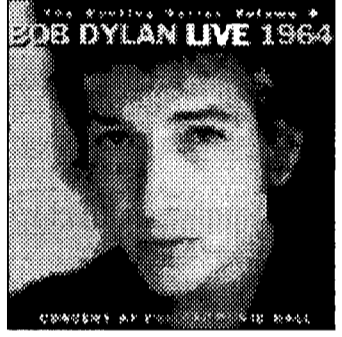

As the concert comes to an end, Dylan leaves the stage humbly despite the forceful cries of appreciation and esteem by the audience. The lonesome hobo and traveling troubadour was paving the way for rock 'n' roll to come, and Halloween 1964 was a glimpse into the future for many fans. Now, 40 years later, Dylan's continuing Bootleg Series renders this glimpse an immortal reflection on the history and importance of his music.

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Bob Dylan Live 1964
The Bootleg Series Vol. 6

Bob Dylan

Columbia Records

ALBUM REVIEW

The Von Bondies wail on debut

By MICHAEL TENNANT
Scene Music Critic

"I'm a broken man, this here is my broken band," howls Jason Stollsteimer, lead singer, guitarist and songwriter for the Von Bondies. Ironically, this "broken band" he sings about has it all together when it comes right down to it.

Hailing from Detroit, the Von Bondies come crashing into the mainstream with guitars blazing in their major label debut "Pawn Shoppe Heart," bringing with them a mixture of unrelenting garage punk and screaming blues. Numerous comparisons were made between them and the White Stripes. While Jack White produced the band's first independent release and has dated the Bondies' other guitar player Marcie Bolen, he has since severed all ties with

the band after an altercation at a small Detroit club left Stollsteimer a bloody mess.

The Von Bondies have developed their own style with "Pawn Shoppe Heart," announcing they are better off without White's tutelage. The pounding guitar riffs hurl decibels of energy at the listener. It really makes you feel like you are in the middle of a bar fight, and you find yourself singing along to one of the band's hooks just before ducking out of the way of a flying barstool.

"No Regrets" gets the album rolling with a barrage of hammering guitars and thumping drums that can only be described as slightly wicked. In fact, the whole song takes on a sinful edge as Stollsteimer wails on behalf of reckless youths everywhere, "You really haven't lived life yet / If you ain't got no regrets!"

The first single from the album, "C'mon C'mon," showcases more pounding rhythms from Bolen and bass player Carrie Smith, as the band makes everyone remember how "things were good when we were young." The song is the

first on the album that makes use of the female voices in the band and ends itself almost perfectly with a back and forth boy/girl chorus.

The boy/girl routine is carried throughout the rest of the album, reaching its peak on "The Fever" and "Not that Social." In "The Fever," while Stollsteimer testifies about an old girlfriend, Bolen and Smith become high school cheerleaders, turning the title into a chant that forces the listener to reminisce on a cheerleader tune from the '80s.

On "Not that Social," Stollsteimer hands the vocal duties over to the women completely. Sadly, this song proves that nothing is perfect, even in the world of garage rock. Although brilliant lyrically, the tune itself falls short of the rest of the album. Smith takes over the lead and delivers an uncaring performance, robbing the album of the energy the previous six songs worked so hard to obtain. It does not help that she is singing over fuzzy power-pop guitar riffs, making the song sound like little more than a bad mid-90's Veruca Salt cover. Hearing Smith sing "I'm not that social, just a good drinker" almost makes up for it though.



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The Von Bondies have entered the mainstream with their major label debut, "Pawn Shoppe Heart."

The rest of the album shines. "Mairead" is a dirty, bluesy number that shows the band is capable of slowing it down just a bit. And the title track is a fitting way to end the album, beginning with a down and dirty rolling drum beat and ending with fed-up Stollsteimer finally crooning out loud with every inch of his soul what he has been thinking the previous 30-some odd minutes. "Take everything you want, take all you can / I'm your pawnshop lover, I'm your pawnshop broken-heart man."



You can almost hear the sweat falling on the dirty floor.

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Bruins shut out Canadiens in playoff opener

Goalie Raycroft stops 31 shots in playoff debut, Boston wins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston goalie Andrew Raycroft felt good before his playoff debut and even better once it was over.

The rookie stopped 31 shots, and the Bruins — with Joe Thornton back from an injury — won their playoff opener 3-0 over the lackluster Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night.

"You're going to have some butterflies in the playoffs regardless of a player's experience," Raycroft said. "You can only get so nervous, and I was pretty close to where I like to be. It keeps you focused."

The Bruins expected Raycroft to play well after watching him all season. What they couldn't have counted on was taking an early lead and scoring two power-play goals. Boston had the worst power play among the eight Eastern Conference playoff teams, scoring on 16.6 percent of its chances.

Boston led 2-0 after one period on goals by Sergei Gonchar and Michael Nylander, both obtained from Washington early last month. The Bruins made it 3-0 on Mike Knuble's goal late in the second. Gonchar and Knuble scored on power plays.

"The power plays were the difference," Knuble said.

The return of Thornton, who missed the last two regular-season games with an upper body injury, didn't hurt. He played 14 minutes, 53 seconds — below his season average — but he wasn't needed late in the game.

"It responded pretty good," Thornton said of the injury. "It's going to be a big day [Thursday] to see how it reacts."

The second-seeded Bruins can take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series against the seventh-seeded Canadiens at home on Friday night.

"We have to do a lot of things better to win the next game," Montreal's Saku Koivu said.

The Canadiens can start by playing harder from the beginning. They were outshot 23-9 in the first period and gave up Gonchar's goal 5:12 in.

"That might have been the best period we played all year," Bruins coach Mike Sullivan said.

It may have been among the Canadiens' worst.

"We need to be more disciplined," Montreal coach Claude Julien said. "Our thinking caps were not on as well as they should have been. When we are not capable of making two passes in a row, we are in for a tough night."

Canadiens goalie Jose Theodore faced 39 shots behind a sometimes porous defense. Two years ago, Theodore was outstanding when eighth-seeded Montreal eliminated top-seeded Boston in the first round.

Raycroft, who shared playing time with Felix Potvin for most of the first 25 games of the season, started the next 11. He excelled as the first-stringer the rest of the way, finishing with a 2.05 goals-against average and three shutouts.

Red Wings 3, Predators 1

DETROIT — The story line was not lost on Manny Legace.

Detroit's goaltender was just glad this one had a happy ending.

Tomas Holmstrom and Kris Draper scored early in the third period to lift the Red Wings to a victory over the Nashville Predators in the opening game of their first-round series.

"I was thinking, 'Here we go again,'" said Legace, who made 23 saves in his first playoff start.

For the first two periods, there were striking similarities to Detroit's playoff appearance last year when a young franchise with a goalie making his playoff debut rocked a star-studded team.

Tomas Vokoun played like Jean-Sebastien Giguere, and the Predators looked like the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Giguere set a record for a playoff debut with 63 saves last year when Anaheim knocked off the Red Wings in Game 1. Anaheim swept Detroit en route to the Stanley Cup finals.

Vokoun, in his first playoff game, made 18 saves during the first two periods and finished with 26.

Avalanche 3, Stars 1

DENVER — Colorado scored two goals in the first nine minutes and Aebischer stopped 37 shots in his first playoff start, helping the Avalanche open the playoffs with a victory over the Dallas Stars.

Peter Forsberg, Alex Tanguay



Boston's Michael Nylander is congratulated by teammates Sergel Gonchar and Patrice Bergeron after his first period goal against Montreal in Game 1 of their playoff match.

and Joe Sakic scored to put the Avalanche up 3-0. Game 2 is Friday in Denver.

The defensive-minded Stars were sluggish on both ends early and lost in the playoffs by more than a goal for the first time in two years.

Dallas picked up the pace with 32 shots over the final two periods, but they couldn't beat Aebischer until Niko Kapanen's wristed trickled through the goalie's pads with 6:30 left.

Aebischer spent three seasons as Roy's backup and took 35 minutes of playoff experience into the series. It was hard to tell that he wasn't a seasoned veteran.

He faced just six shots in the first period but kept his composure — a lot like Roy — when the Stars picked up the pressure.

Aebischer blocked one shot through traffic on a power play midway through the second period, then stuffed Jason Arnott from the edge of the crease with a sprawling save that led to a chant of "Abby! Abby!" from the crowd.

He also stopped Jere

Lehtinen, as the horn sounded, after his stick went flying into the corner. Aebischer got his stick back just in time after a shot bounced over his head with three minutes left.

The Avalanche were hoping the start of the playoffs would produce some sort of spark after they ended the regular season with just two wins in 10 games.

It sure did.

Colorado was crisp from the start, with numerous good scoring chances early and tight checking at the blue line. The Avalanche outshot Dallas 15-6 in the first period and had two goals in their first seven shots.

Canucks 5, Flames 3

VANCOUVER — Sami Salo, Henrik Sedin and Brendan Morrison also took advantage of Calgary penalties and Mattias Ohlund added a goal during a delayed penalty to lift Vancouver to its seventh straight win, dating to the regular season.

That late push lifted the Canucks to the Northwest Division title and the No. 3 seed

in the Western Conference.

Vancouver is undefeated since going 1-3-2-1 immediately after star forward Todd Bertuzzi was suspended throughout the playoffs for punching Colorado's Steve Moore.

Dan Cloutier made 26 saves, Markus Naslund had three assists, and Morrison set up two goals for the Canucks, who will host Game 2 of the best-of-seven series on Friday night.

Chris Simon and Oleg Saprykin both had power-play goals, and Krzysztof Oliwa also scored for the Flames, making their first playoff appearance in eight years.

Miikka Kiprusoff, who set a modern-day NHL record with a 1.69 goals-against average this season, made 17 saves and allowed more than two goals for just the seventh time in 39 games.

The Canucks came in with the worst power play in the playoffs at 15.1 percent after converting just four of 53 chances in their final 16 games. But they scored on their first two opportunities and finished 4-for-6 with the man advantage.

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MLB

Clemens surrenders one hit in 10-1 Astros win

Ace earns 311th win, ties Tom Seaver for 16th in all-time wins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hard to imagine a better homecoming for Roger Clemens.

Looking nothing like a guy who had called it quits, Clemens dominated Barry Bonds and the Giants, holding them to one hit over seven scoreless innings in his Houston debut and pitching the Astros past San Francisco 10-1 Wednesday night.

"It sure was nice coming home," Clemens said. "It was just real enjoyable."

Only Ray Durham's clean single to center field in the third inning prevented a most special night at Minute Maid Park from becoming a truly historic one.

Boosted by an emotional talk with former boss George Steinbrenner, Clemens posted his 311th victory and tied former teammate and mentor Tom Seaver for 16th place on the career list.

"It's nice to get the first one underway," Clemens said. "It's been a long time coming since I first decided to play."

Not a bad comeback for a guy who retired — albeit for only 78 days — after last season. At that time, it appeared the standing ovation he drew from Florida Marlins players and fans in Game 4 of the World Series would be his farewell.

Instead, a sellout crowd of 42,863 that included former President Bush and Hall of

Famer Nolan Ryan, plus family members and friends in Clemens' suite, began cheering even before the first pitch of his NL debut.

"I was just hoping my energy level would stay at a high level and it did," Clemens said.

Phillies 5, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — This is just how the Philadelphia Phillies planned the late innings: Tim Worrell in the eighth, Billy Wagner in the ninth and Jose Mesa nowhere in sight.

The Phillies got 3 2/3 scoreless innings from their upgraded bullpen and rallied for two runs in the eighth to beat Pittsburgh — their first victory of the season.

After losing 2-1 to Mesa, the closer they cast off following a terrible 2003 season, and the Pirates on Monday, this was more like the Phillies scripted it. Their bullpen was in control and they had just enough timely hitting.

Pat Burrell had two more hits, giving him five in two games, and drove in two runs. Burrell, the left fielder, also made an excellent throw to shortstop Jimmy Rollins as they threw out Raul Mondesi trying to stretch a double into a triple to start the Pirates' eighth.

Cormier (1-0) preceded Worrell and Wagner with 1 2-3 scoreless relief innings.

"You sit at home at night and go 'Rheal Cormier, Tim Worrell and Wagner, hope it works,'" manager Larry Bowa said. "There will be times when it doesn't work, but the percentages are in our favor when we get to them. Over 162 games, we'll be in good shape when we

go to those guys."

The Phillies trailed 4-3 until Pirates reliever Brian Boehringer couldn't get an out in the eighth, allowing Mike Lieberthal's single and Jimmy Rollins' double ahead of walks to David Bell and pinch-hitter Ricky Ledee that forced in the tying run. Marlon Byrd's RBI force out with Brian Meadows pitching made it 5-4.

"Are we going to blow leads? Of course we are," said manager Lloyd McClendon, whose bullpen was the NL's worst last season. "But you hope it's just one bad outing. Brian Boehringer threw well in spring training."

After that, Worrell pitched a scoreless eighth and Wagner struck out the side in the ninth for his first save with the Phillies.

"It worked just like they drew it up, but I think our whole bullpen is loaded," Worrell said.

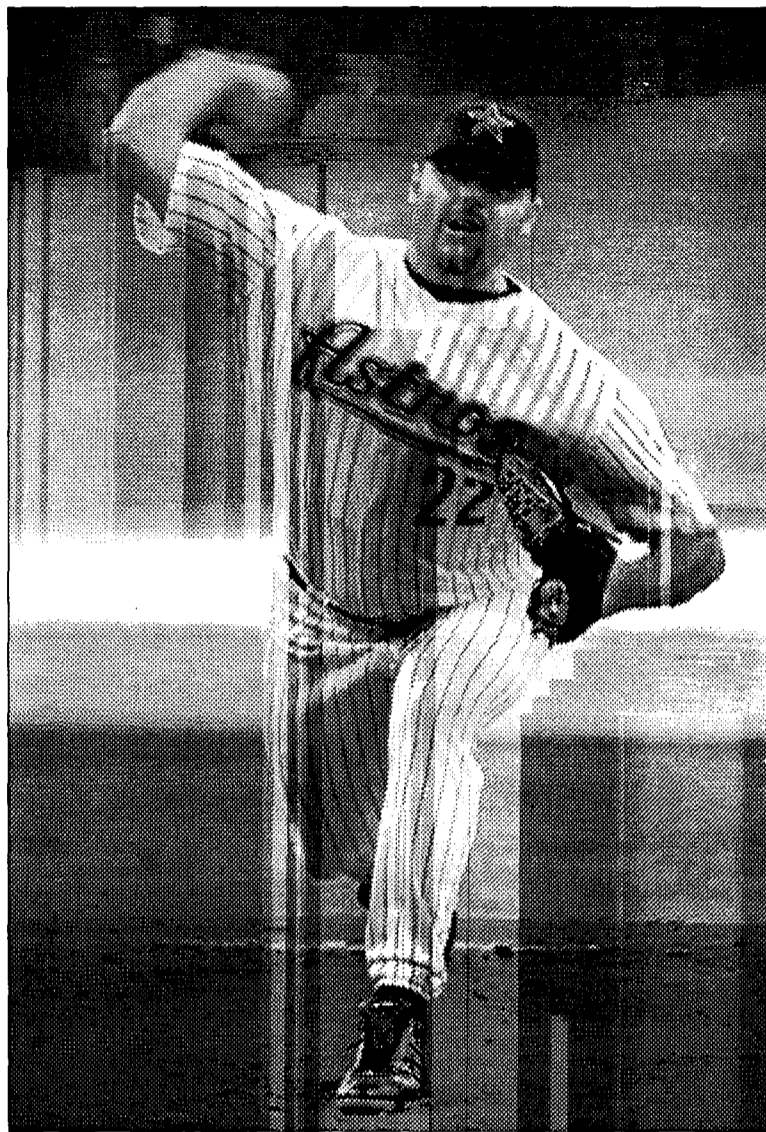
Braves 18, Mets 10

For one game, at least, the Atlanta Braves' new-look lineup was just as impressive as last year's record-setting offense.

Adam LaRoche got his first two hits in the first game of his big league career during an 11-run inning, helping Atlanta beat the New York Mets.

Johnny Estrada and pinch-hitter Julio Franco also had two hits in the fourth — the biggest inning for the Braves since they scored a team-record 13 runs against Houston on Sept. 20, 1972. LaRoche also got his first RBI.

"That was an amazing inning," Franco said.



AP
Roger Clemens earned his 311th win Wednesday, putting him in a tie for 16th all-time with his mentor, Tom Seaver.

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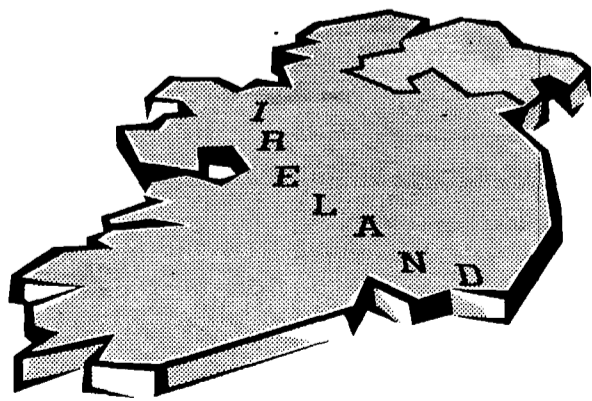
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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	45-32	.584	4-6	-
Miami	38-39	.494	8-2	7.0
New York	36-42	.462	5-5	9.5
Boston	35-42	.455	6-4	10.0
Philadelphia	33-45	.423	5-5	12.5
Washington	24-53	.312	3-7	21.0
Orlando	19-59	.244	0-10	26.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	57-21	.731	7-3	-
Detroit	51-27	.654	8-2	6.0
Milwaukee	40-38	.513	6-4	17.0
New Orleans	38-40	.487	2-8	19.0
Cleveland	32-45	.416	1-9	24.5
Toronto	31-46	.403	2-8	25.6
Allanta	25-53	.321	3-7	32.0
Chicago	22-55	.286	4-6	34.5

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	54-24	.692	8-2	-
San Antonio	52-25	.675	8-2	1.5
Memphis	49-28	.636	7-3	4.5
Dallas	49-28	.636	7-3	4.5
Houston	42-35	.545	3-7	11.5
Utah	41-37	.526	7-3	13.0
Denver	40-37	.519	5-5	13.5

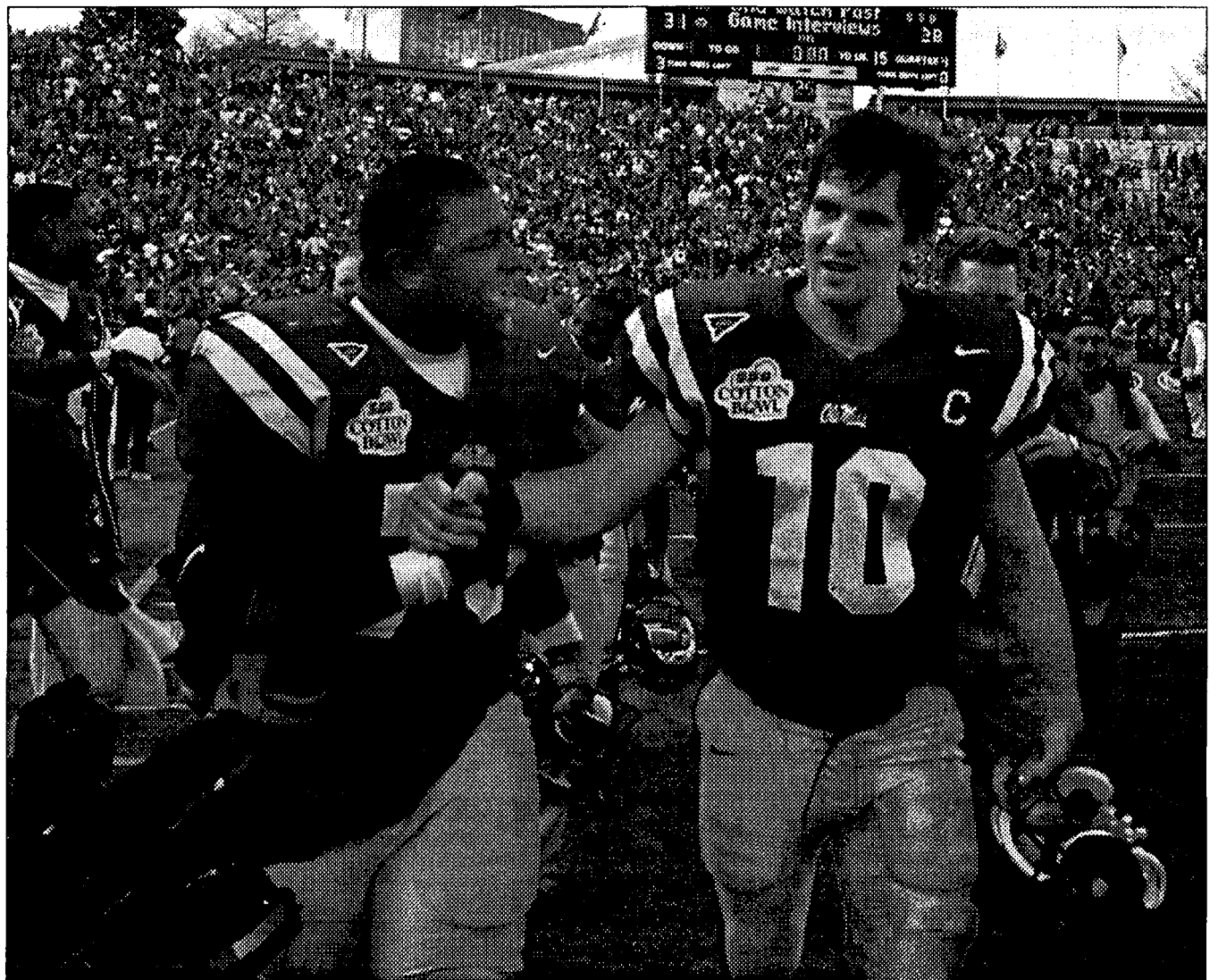
Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	54-23	.701	5-5	-
LA Lakers	53-25	.679	8-2	1.5
Portland	40-37	.519	6-4	14.0
Golden State	35-42	.455	8-2	19.0
Seattle	35-43	.449	5-5	19.5
LA Clippers	27-51	.346	0-10	27.5
Phoenix	26-51	.338	4-6	28.0

Big East Baseball

	team	record	overall
1	NOTRE DAME	6-0-0	23-3-0
2	Pittsburgh	5-1-0	17-6-0
3	St. John's	5-1-0	16-9-0
4	Rutgers	4-2-0	12-13-0
5	Villanova	3-3-0	18-8-1
6	Seton Hall	3-3-0	7-17-1
7	Georgetown	4-5-0	18-15-0
8	Connecticut	2-4-0	13-11-0
9	Boston College	1-2-0	9-16-0
10	Virginia Tech	0-6-0	13-13-0
11	West Virginia	0-6-0	8-17-0

NFL



The New York Giants are interested in trading the No. 4 pick to the San Diego Chargers for the No. 1 pick in the 2004 NFL draft to obtain Eli Manning, right.

Giants interested in trading up for Manning

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The New York Giants, known to covet Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning, have spoken with the San Diego Chargers about obtaining the first pick in the NFL draft on April 24.

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith confirmed he got a call from Giants GM Ernie Accorsi on Tuesday.

"They would like to move from four to one," Smith said on Wednesday.

Smith wouldn't discuss specifics.

"Anything we discuss is football business between the two of us," Smith said.

San Diego was 4-12 last year, the same record as Oakland, Arizona and the Giants. But the Chargers got the No. 1 draft pick based on strength of schedule.

The Chargers worked out Manning and the other two highly regarded quarterbacks in the draft, Ben Roethlisberger

and Philip Rivers.

But trading down and acquiring additional picks would allow San Diego to address its many other needs. The Chargers don't have a left tackle or a standout wide receiver or defensive end.

The Chargers also had the No. 1 pick four years ago and traded it to Atlanta the day before the draft. Atlanta got Michael Vick, while San Diego took LaDainian Tomlinson at No. 5. The Chargers also got receiv-

er-returned Tim Dwight and two other picks.

Also Wednesday, the University of Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald, one of the top receivers in the draft, visited the Chargers.

"This was kind of like a recruiting visit today," said Fitzgerald, who met with coach Marty Schottenheimer and receivers coach James Lofton. "It's fun. I got to out and have lunch with Coach Lofton, somebody I looked up to as a child."

IN BRIEF

Stern believes Jordan will become NBA owner

Not much has been heard lately from Michael Jordan, who has flown under the radar since he played his final game for the Washington Wizards nearly one year ago.

But this phenomenon is only temporary, according to commissioner David Stern, who expects Jordan to become an NBA owner.

"Yes, I would predict that in the next few years Michael Jordan will be an owner of an NBA team," Stern said Wednesday in his annual pre-playoff conference call with reporters. "It's something I want to happen."

Jordan was on vacation and unavailable for comment, said his spokeswoman, Estee Portnoy.

"Michael has continually expressed an interest in becoming an NBA owner, and that interest is still very strong," Portnoy said.

Only one NBA franchise, the

Phoenix Suns, is currently on the market. Owner Jerry Colangelo is looking to sell a minority share of the franchise to an investor who would have the right to buy the remainder of the team in several years.

It is not known whether Jordan has held any discussions with Colangelo about the Suns. Colangelo was not available for comment Wednesday, Suns spokeswoman Julie Fie said.

"We're not going to comment on any prospective ownership group. It's not fair to the process," Fie said. "When something is worth talking about, we will."

Jordan has kept a fairly low profile throughout this NBA season, appearing at the All-Star game in Los Angeles and showing up at a handful of Chicago Bulls games.

Browns' president Policy decides to step down

BEREA, Ohio. — Carmen Policy

arrived for work on an early morning in October nearly two years ago and realized his days as president of the Browns were numbered.

After the death of Cleveland owner Al Lerner, his close friend and partner, Policy sensed it was time to move on.

"It was surreal," Policy said. "I had a feeling it would be different from that day on."

On Wednesday, it changed for good as Policy announced he will step aside and let someone else run the Browns.

Policy's five-year run as the club's president and chief executive officer will officially end May 1, but he will stay on as a consultant through the 2004 season.

John Collins, the NFL's senior vice president of marketing and sales who has negotiated more than \$1 billion in sponsorship deals for the league, will replace Policy. Collins received a five-year contract.

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New York Mets at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m., TBS

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NBA

Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., TNT

Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m., TNT

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"I thought everybody threw well, even Mike Dury who gave up the home run but got the next three guys," Mainieri said. "Jess was great and all the guys that followed him all threw well."

With the score tied at one, Steve Andres led off the sixth with a walk and scored on a Matt Bransfield double. Bransfield advanced to third on a pickoff attempt and scored on a wild pitch.

After a Matt Edwards walk, Javi Sanchez singled to right and Edwards and Sanchez advanced an extra base after an error. Greg Lopez drove home Edwards with a single to make it 4-1. Sanchez scored on a Sean Gaston fly ball dropped by the left fielder to extend the lead to 5-1.

With two outs in the inning, Matt Macri doubled down the left field line to drive home Lopez and Gaston to close out the scoring in the sixth.

The Irish got two more in the seventh, while Valparaiso scored two in the ninth off Tyler Jones.

With Boston College coming

to the Eck this weekend, the Irish are facing their toughest conference opponent this season. But the Irish have won 11 straight, and Mainieri feels his team is ready for the Big East showdown.

"I feel confident, really confident going into this weekend," Mainieri said. "I think our guys are ready and primed to play. You don't have to talk too hard to them about who we are playing. There's a natural little adrenaline rush when the other team says Boston College across their chest."

"We'll be ready to play Saturday."

"I feel confident, really confident going into this weekend."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

"[We] just feel like if we stay close, we'll win [games] late if we have to."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

Notes

Notre Dame (24-3) and Texas (32-4) are currently tied for the best winning percentage in the country with a mark of .889.

The Irish and Albany (16-3)

are tied for the least losses in the country.

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Purdue

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change helped him improve on the green and shoot his best round of the season.

"We've been really struggling in the four and five spots this season," Jasinski said. "If Mark can keep that going and the rest of the guys come through, we'll be very competitive."

Baldwin will be joined in the line-up by freshman Cole Ishan and sophomores Scott Gustafson, Tommy Balderston and Eric Deutsch.

They will face a talented field that includes No. 5 Oklahoma State, No. 9 TCU, No. 18 Oklahoma and other golf powerhouses such as Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Northwestern and Purdue.

"Our ultimate goal is to be competitive at the very top," Jasinski said. "The only way we can do that is to get constant exposure to a highly-ranked national schedule. It's a learning experience, and when a team is as young as we are, that can take some time."

"We're moving in the right direction, though. Each tournament we advance little by

little." Although the tournament boasts several highly-ranked southern teams, the Midwestern climate and conditions may prove to be a bit of a challenge.

This is a prime opportunity for the some of the northern teams to pick up big wins against talented southern schools.

"We're just hoping to be one of those teams," Jasinski said.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Streaky Belles face Hope

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

Coming off a split with Calvin on Tuesday, Saint Mary's looks to continue its recent solid play on a visit to Hope today.

Hope has an 11-9 overall record, including a 3-1 mark in the MIAA. Hope sits in third place behind Alma and Calvin.

Saint Mary's has won six of its last eight games, including five of the last six. The Belles have

picked up the pace after beginning the season winning just five of 16 games. The rough opening included a seven-game slide in late March.

Pitching has been consistent lately for Saint Mary's, especially from Kate Sajewich and Libby Wilhelmy. Going into Tuesday's doubleheader against Calvin, Sajewich had a 2.14 ERA and Wilhelmy had a 3.14 ERA.

"Overall, we just need to improve on a few little things so we can not only make the tour-

namment but be contenders out there," captain Erin Sullivan said.

Saint Mary's experienced a heartbreaking ending to their second game of a doubleheader with Calvin Tuesday, as they were the victim of a pinch-hit, game-winning home run by Abby Konyndyk.

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Mickelson searches for his first green jacket

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The man in the green jacket raved about Phil Mickelson's record at the Masters — seven times in the top 10, no worse than seventh since 1999.

Mickelson saw what was coming and beat everyone to the punch.

"But no wins," he said.

Then, he reached over and playfully tugged at the sleeve of the Augusta National member sitting next to him.

"I want what you have," he said. "I want one of these. Those are nice."

Getting one has proved to be a major challenge for Mickelson, who comes into the Masters riding a streak — 0-for-42 in the majors as a professional — that has come to define an otherwise impeccable career.

No one questions his awesome ability. Mickelson has won 22 times on the PGA Tour, more

than any other active player besides Tiger Woods. He is long off the tee and has a short game that even Woods says is the best in golf.

But his lack of a major became even more glaring last year when another Lefty — Mike Weir of Canada — showed the mettle of major champions by making clutch putts down the stretch to win the Masters.

What about Phil?

"I think he's going to win a major championship," Mark O'Meara said. "And I think it's going to happen soon."

Mickelson's hopes are higher than ever this year, and for good reason.

Coming off his worst season on the PGA Tour — so bad that one golf publication failed to list him among the top 30 players going into the year — Mickelson looks stronger than ever.

He refused to start practicing until Jan. 1 to emphasize that last year was behind him, then

came out of the blocks by winning the Bob Hope Classic and getting into Sunday contention every time he has played.

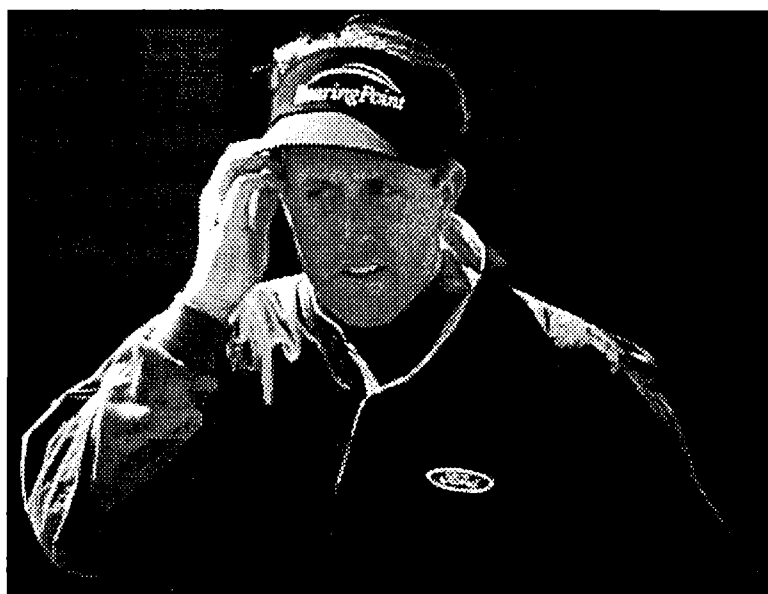
He has toned down his swing, costing him some 15 yards off the tee that he could afford to lose in exchange for playing out of the fairway. He is controlling his irons with three-quarter shots instead of swinging from the heels.

"Phil, he's probably played the best out of the whole lot," Ernie Els said.

This might be the place for Mickelson to prove it.

Mickelson is so serious about this year's Masters that he came to Augusta National last week for two practice rounds. He identified his problems the last three years — all of them third-place finishes — by working with coaches Rick Smith and Dave Pelz to figure out where he can save a shot per round.

"I certainly feel like I have a very good chance," Mickelson



Phil Mickelson ponders a putt during the second round of the Bell South Classic last weekend. He has never won a major.

said. "I've played very consistently, which is something I didn't do last year. I have a lot more confidence that I'll be there come the weekend. I'm playing well enough to get into contention without having to do anything extraordinary."

It all starts to unfold Thursday in a Masters that is far different from a year ago.

The storms have passed — not only the rain that turned the course into a soft and soggy mess, but the cloud of controversy over the all-male membership at Augusta National.

"I really think the American public is ready for us to talk about golf," club chairman Hootie Johnson said Wednesday when asked about Martha Burk's campaign to get a woman into the club.

The course has never been this firm and fast since officials beefed it up two years ago by adding some 300 yards. The last time it was this crusty and dry was in 1999. Legend has it the sun used to shine under players'

feet because their spikes couldn't penetrate the turf.

"This is what we've been looking for," Johnson said. "I couldn't predict a score, but I think it will be pretty tough out there if the course stays in the same condition."

One reason so many people consider Mickelson a strong favorite is because Woods, a three-time champion, doesn't appear to be on top of his game.

"I don't know if he's not playing well now or he just is waiting for the majors," Vijay Singh said. "I just speak for the rest of the guys. I think our play has gone a step higher, and that's closed the gap — if there was one."

Mickelson looks poised to close the gaping hole in his resume.

Only two other players in PGA Tour history have won more than Mickelson without capturing a major — Harry "Lighthouse" Cooper (31 victories) and MacDonald Smith (24).



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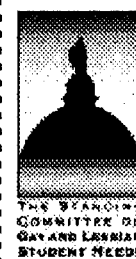
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TRACK AND FIELD

Runners translate passion to track success

Irish gear up for Missouri Invitational

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Surveys have shown the most productive workers are the ones who enjoy their jobs. If running track were a job, Dan Driscoll would be employee of the month.

"It's not hard to stay focused

when you enjoy it," Driscoll. "Running is something I really love to do," he said.

The Irish distance runner, who won the 5,000 meters in last week's Spring Opener, will join his teammates in the Tom Botts Invitational this weekend at the University of Missouri. The meet begins Friday with the field events and ends Saturday with the sprinting and distance races.

Both the Irish men and women will compete against

Big XII trio of Iowa, Iowa State and Missouri while trying to qualify still more people for the Big East Championships.

"I'm feeling pretty confident going into this weekend," Driscoll said. "I want to qualify for the Big East, and I really think it can happen."

Molly Huddle did not run in last week's meet and has not had a chance to formally qualify for the conference meet.

She is expected, however, to be a major contender for confer-

ence and national honors this outdoor season.

"This is a pretty early season meet, and I look at it as a tune-up for high pressure meets like the Big East and Nationals," she said.

Early season or not, Huddle will be prepared to run her best this weekend.

"If you really look at it, there aren't a whole lot of meets," she said. "Each race is a valuable thing, and you only get so many chances to run."

After being stuck inside through the long South Bend winter, Huddle is happy to be able to run outdoors. The indoor track can be hard on her body, and the spring weather has been downright pleasant.

"I enjoy outdoor more," she said. "I feel fresher running outside."

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Albion

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win the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 4 singles matches."

Jeannie Knish won her singles match, as did Palombo and Spriggle. Kaitlin Cutler, who held the team's best record entering the match, lost 7-5, 1-6, 4-6 to drop to 13-3 on the year.

The loss was Cutler's first defeat in a conference match in three and a half years; however, the rest of the team was still able to rally for the victory.

"Albion is a very tough opponent, and we lost to them last year 8-1, so we were looking to get some revenge this year," Spriggle said. "I think we achieved that with our 5-4 win."

"We really played together as a team. I think we showed Saint Mary's, and the conference, that we're ready to pull out another MIAA conference title. And we're looking for an invite to the NCAA regionals after wins like these."

This weekend's Midwest Invitational will have a large impact on the Belles' chances of making the NCAA tournament.

The Midwest Invitational is an annual tournament held in Madison. The top 12 teams in the Midwest are invited to compete. Two years ago, Saint Mary's placed 6th and went to the NCAA Regionals. This year, however, they were snubbed.

"At first, we were not invited. Calvin College got the invite. But they turned down the invite, which let us in," Spriggle said. "Our match on Wednesday proves we belong there."

"Albion was ranked No. 5 [in the Midwest Invitational], and this win shows we belong just as much as they do. We beat a team ranked higher than us, and this way we screw up the rankings and stick it to the committee for not inviting us."

Generally, only one MIAA team is invited, but this year's field featured three teams, which many attribute to the growing strength of the conference.

Saint Mary's is already undefeated in the conference with a 4-0 record. The Belles look to prove to all that they really do belong this weekend by turning in a strong performance.

Players like Spriggle hope to lead the charge.

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Make an effort to attend Holy Week Services and let your prayer these days unite you with the church community in a spirit of transformation and renewal.

~ Thoughts on the Triduum taken from the Notre Dame Book of Prayers

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African American Catholics

Welcomed by an Uncommon Faithfulness

by Marcee Turner
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Have you ever immediately felt comfortable when you arrived in a new unfamiliar place? Known that you are welcomed, loved, and accepted unconditionally for who you are without question? I believe that this is all too often an uncommon experience. Nonetheless, I pray that you've had this experience at least once during your life time. For it is truly an amazing experience. Please allow me to share my most recent encounter of this type with you. I attended the "Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics" conference during Spring Break. And, my soul continues to be filled with its essence.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism in conjunction with several campus co-sponsors hosted this conference. Over 300 individuals, almost all of whom were African American Catholics, from all over the country participated in the conference. Bringing together a community of academics, religious and laity; the conference was a truly a catholic – in the universal sense – spirit-filled gathering. This was a truly once in a lifetime opportunity.

I did not have any expectations prior to attending this gathering. Although I knew that I was truly blessed to have the opportunity and would be refreshed for having attended. I could not, however, have imagined the magnitude of the blessing I'd receive. Through shared scholarship, Eucharist celebrations, pastoral ministry, shared meals, and informal conversations, the conference truly touched our souls. My connection with the Spirit was deepened and became even more personalized within the context of this community. We reflected upon African American catholic history, considered current opportunities and challenges and gazed upon future directions which might be explored. What an awesome experience. I can not describe the serenity of being invited back into session with an acapella rendition of the spiritual, "Amazing Grace." The convener began to sing and as a community our voices completed the song. This was a gathering of not only intellectuals sharing academic research, but also strong individuals who wanted to share their faith and be enriched in the context of community.

As a community, we journeyed back in history to revisit and relearn about our history and also propelled ourselves into the future to examine opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Throughout the conference, we invoked the memories of our ancestors to honor, appreciate, and ask them for continued support and guidance. We shared common ground, common faith, and common expression.

This conference, for me, was an example of the continuance of an "uncommon faithfulness." "Uncommon Faithfulness" was a spirit filled celebration for which I am truly thankful. I not only gained wisdom, knowledge, rejuvenation and connection with conference participants, but also felt a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit.

This was a gathering of not only intellectuals sharing academic research, but also strong individuals who wanted to share their faith and be enriched in the context of community.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Deja vu is not an option for Irish

Team poised for a win against No. 43 William and Mary

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Don't bet on déjà vu. This year, a more aggressive and poised Alicia Salas will step onto the courts to face William and Mary's sophomore Megan Muth. The No. 10 Irish senior dropped her singles match last season against Muth 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in part due to her timid approach to the meet.

"Alicia got up in the third set, but [she] got a little tentative, and [Muth] realized that and came to the net more," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "This year Alicia is much more aggressive."

The No. 23 Irish fell to No. 43 William and Mary 4-3 last year, losing four of the six singles matches. William and Mary extended three of the singles matches to three sets and one match to a tiebreaker.

"They're always a good team to play," Louderback said. "They play hard and fair. If everyone's playing, they'll be tough all the way down the lineup."

In addition to hard-nosed competitors, the Irish must also com-

bat the elements, as matches will likely take place outdoors. Outdoor matches have been speed bumps in Notre Dame's record. Louderback said outdoor practices this week should prevent the Irish from hitting any potholes, so to speak.

"We've had a good week of practices this week because we've been outdoors. Our kids seem more comfortable with the elements," Louderback said. "Playing indoors is very different from outdoors because there aren't as many factors affecting the match. You can hit the ball harder indoors."

Last weekend, the Irish defeated both Marquette 7-0 and No. 18 Miami 5-2, claiming the doubles point in both meets. The win against rival Miami spurred Notre Dame to the top of the Big East. This is the eighth time in nine years the Irish are nearly guaranteed the first seed in the Big East tournament.

"The kids were very excited to get two wins like that last weekend, especially against Miami," Louderback said. "They know that from here on out, meets are especially important because of seeding."

Notre Dame is set to meet

"If everyone is [healthy], they'll be tough all the way down the lineup."

Jay Louderback
tennis coach

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish revamp their lineup

Team adjusts lineup before this weekend's Florida State match

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

They have reached a bend in the road, but not the end of it.

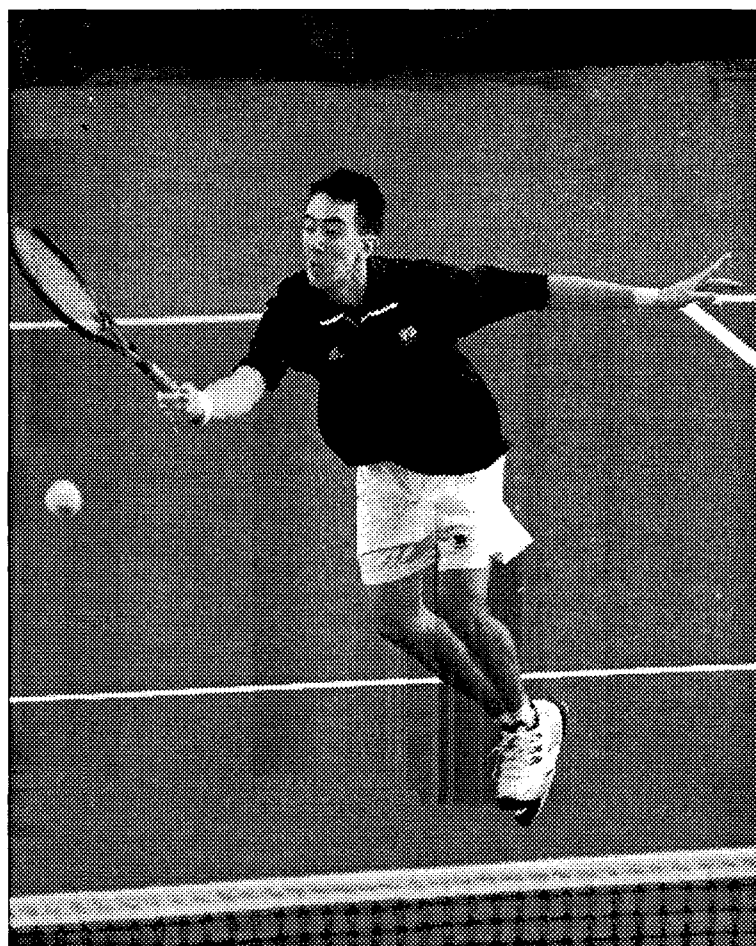
The Irish travel to Florida State (10-8, 3-3 ACC) for the final match of their regular season this weekend while also looking forward to the Big East tournament and possibly the NCAA tournament.

The No. 35 Irish will play the No. 33 Seminoles in a match that can have a significant influence on momentum heading into the postseason.

Notre Dame is 12-8 on the season, and the team is hungry for a win after a disappointing loss at No. 50 Virginia Tech. The weeklong break following that loss may help the Irish recover from several lackluster doubles performances. After revitalizing the lineup for some mid-season success, the Irish have been unable to capture the doubles point in several key match-ups.

Still, seniors Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott are playing in their final regular season match, and the two seniors have one last chance to prove their experience and leadership before postseason play begins.

Brent D'Amico, Steven Bass, Barry King and Ryan Keckley, who will return next season, look to finish a solid season on a positive note.



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Senior Paul Hidaka lunges to hit the ball during a meet earlier this season against Wisconsin.

The trip to Florida State, however, will be no cakewalk for the Irish. Although the Seminoles dropped their most recent match to Georgia Tech 5-2, they boast a strong doubles lineup and dangerous singles players.

Chris Westerhof and Jeff Groslimond of the Seminoles garnered their 25th doubles match victory this season. They are ranked No. 41 and

present a challenge to Irish coach Bobby Bayliss as he continues to modify his doubles lineups.

In singles, Mat Cloer is ranked No. 19 nationally, and teammate Jonathas Sucupiera is the No. 51 ranked player. Cloer is the defending ACC Player of the Year.

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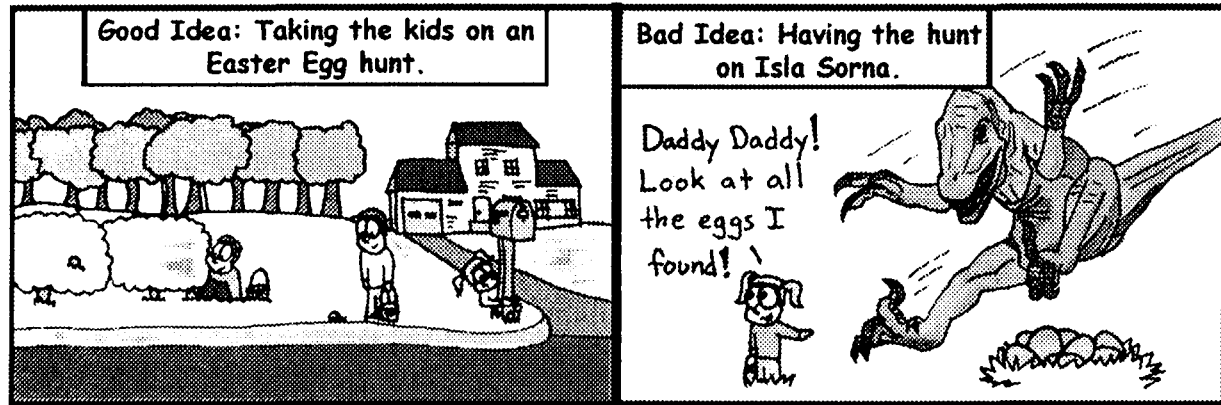
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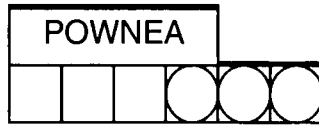
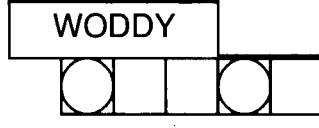
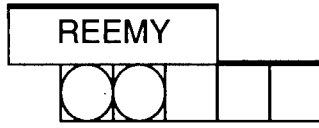


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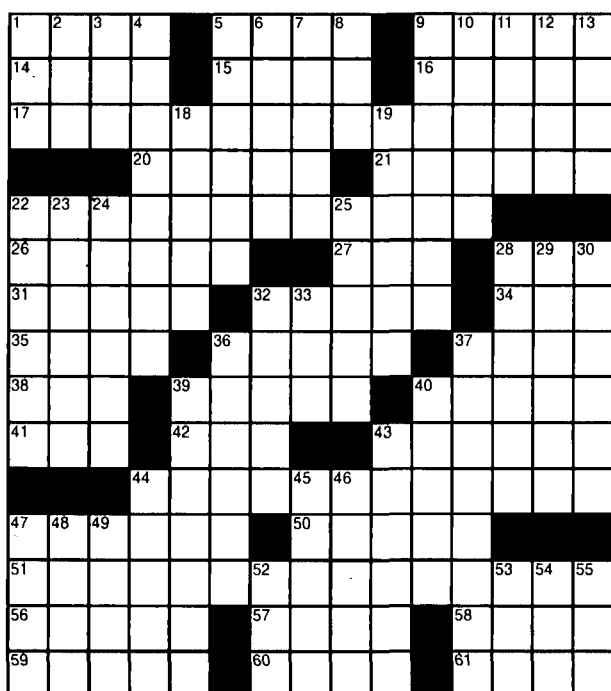
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ROWING

Rowing down Highway 31

Team looks to build off strong performance in San Diego Crew Classic

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish hope to repeat last year's sweep in the Indiana Classic when they travel to Indianapolis this weekend. Coming off last weekend's strong performance in the San Diego Crew Classic, No. 20 Notre Dame now readies itself to compete with local rivals.

The Irish varsity eight boat raced against top national teams and took seventh place in the esteemed Jessop-Whittier Cup Final last weekend. The second varsity eight boat boasted a second-place finish in the petite final.

Maureen Gibbons, cox, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Rachel Polinski, Melissa Felker, Katie Chenoweth, Danielle Protasewich and Jacqueline Hazen led the first varsity eight to a praise-worthy third place tie in their heat Saturday. Adverse weather conditions, however, were an ominous sign for the team on Sunday as the Irish fell to seventh place.

"I felt we pulled our hardest but there were a lot of outside factors that held us back," Felker

said. "It was just a bad race starting right at warm-ups. The boat was full of water, we were in a horrible lane, and the weather was not on our side"

No. 2 California won the race in 6 minutes, 57.1 seconds, followed by No. 10 Washington, No. 14 Tennessee, No. 12 Washington State, Wisconsin and No. 11 Southern

California. The Irish first varsity eight crossed the finish line in 7:16.90.

"Overall, our boat was pleased with our performance in San

Diego, especially in the first heat on Saturday," Protasewich said. "I have never been in a boat that has had this much power, speed, technical ability and competitive drive. Everyone has an outstanding work ethic and we are learning how to row within our boat in order to maintain an internal focus during races."

In the petite final, Notre Dame's second boat narrowly lost to Texas. The crew of Kacy McCaffrey, cox, Katie Sedun, Kathleen Welsh, Elizabeth Specht, Jenna Redgate, Jessica Guzik, Andrea Doud, Ashley St. Pierre and Megan Sanders finished in 7:12.36, just seconds behind Texas' winning time of 7:07.67. Finishing behind the

Irish boat were UCLA (7:15.66), Stanford (7:18.81), Clemson (7:22.20) and Kansas State (7:23.34).

"This weekend reassured us of the potential we have in our boat, but also the work we have ahead of us in order to compete consistently with the best in the country," Ladine said. "Our goal for this weekend is to perform up to our potential, and to win of course."

The Irish return to Midwest racing this weekend. Notre Dame will race a 2,000-meter course Saturday against Indiana, Purdue and Michigan State.

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Natalie Ladine
Irish rower

BASEBALL

Pitching staff dominates Valpo

By MATT LOZAR
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Heading into their biggest series of the season, the Irish are hitting on all cylinders.

Breaking the game open with a six-run sixth inning, Notre Dame defeated Valparaiso 9-3 and extended its winning streak to 11 games Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"I didn't really think it was us, but [it was] that kid making some good pitches. They made some good plays," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I don't panic anymore with these kids. Sometimes it takes a little while longer to get going, but once they get going, they never lose confidence. They just feel like if we stay close, we'll win it late if we have to. I thought we played a real solid game."

In his fifth collegiate start, Jess Stewart threw five shutout

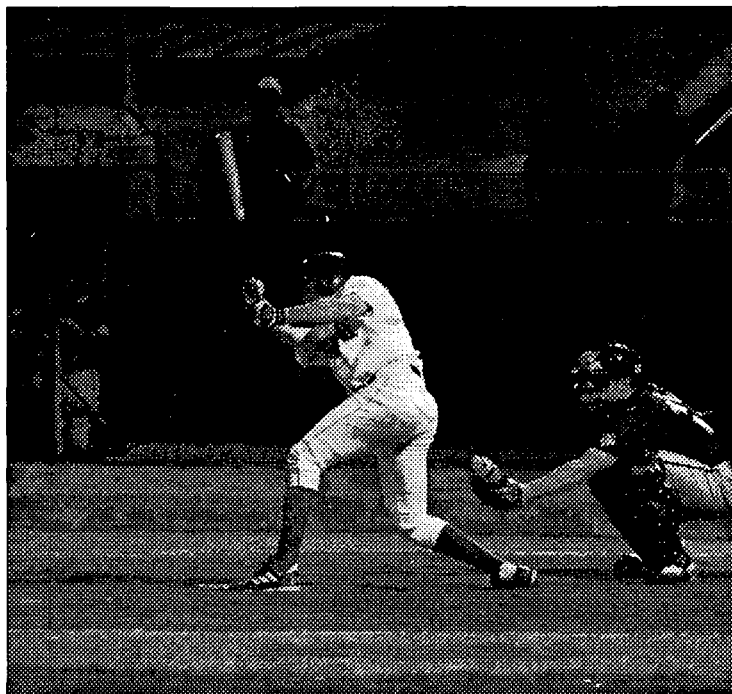
innings, gave up only one hit and struck out six. He faced just 16 batters — one over the minimum — and left with a 1-0 lead.

Mike Dury picked up the win after relieving Stewart to start the sixth. Dury gave up a lead-off homerun before retiring the next three batters and getting some help from the Irish offense in the bottom of the inning.

"It's a shame [Stewart] didn't get a win," Mainieri said. "Everybody is really hitting Dury about vulturing a win. That's the definition of a vulture right there. You relieve a guy that threw five shutout innings on one hit, give up the game-tying homerun and watch the team score six runs so you can pick up your first win."

Overall, Mainieri was pleased with his staff's performance Wednesday.

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Sophomore Matt Bransfield takes a cut against Valparaiso Wednesday night. The Irish won the game 9-3.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish travel to Boilers tourney

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

The Irish will be hard at work this Easter weekend, but at least they won't be far from home.

After a strong final round at last weekend's tournament, Notre Dame hopes to carry that momentum into West Lafayette, Ind. for the Boilermaker Invitational this weekend. The tournament, hosted by Purdue, is being dubbed the Central Region Preview because it also will be the site of NCAA Regionals.

If Notre Dame turns in a solid performance at the Preview this weekend, the Irish will be one step closer to returning to the venue come postseason play.

"We just want to play up to our potential," second-year coach John Jasinski said. "That's all we try to do every week. We try to execute our shots to the best of our ability, and let the results take care of themselves."

The team is hoping for another solid performance by No. 4 golfer Mark Baldwin. Baldwin led the team in the last tournament after a putter

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SMC TENNIS

Belles beat Albion, stay undefeated in MIAA

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team continued to disprove doubters with a 5-4 victory over Albion Wednesday, improving its record to 13-4 overall and 4-0 in MIAA conference play. The team's recent per-

formances have been worthy of an appearance at this weekend's Midwest Invitational Tournament.

"Our match Wednesday against Albion was very challenging and one that we were very eager to win," Kris Spriggle said. Spriggle was victorious in her No. 4 singles match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

"We started off with wins in our No. 1

doubles [Jeannie Knish/Kate Bowler, who won 2-6, 7-5, 6-3] and No. 3 doubles [Kristen Palombo/Grace Gordon, who won 7-6 (8), 6-3] matches," she said. "So we went into the singles matches knowing we only needed to take three of the six matches to win, and we managed to

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame at William & Mary

Saturday, 11 a.m.
William & Mary presents a challenge over the break.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame at Florida State

The No. 35 Irish travel to take on the No. 33 Seminoles.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Tom Botts Invitational

Distance runner Dan Driscoll and teammates will compete at the University of Missouri.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's at Hope

Today, 3:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's pitching must remain consistent.

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NHL

Bruins 3 Canadiens 0

Boston shut out Montreal in Game 1 of its Eastern Conference playoff match-up.

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BASEBALL

Boston College at Notre Dame

Two solid pitching staffs square off in a Big East doubleheader Saturday.

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