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PSA descends on Office of the President

Students speak with administrators about Taco Bell contract

By **CLAIRE HEININGER**
News Editor

Hunger-striking students who approached the office of University President Father Edward Malloy Wednesday afternoon seeking comment about Notre Dame's contract with Taco Bell were told that it is not Malloy's "style" to issue a spontaneous statement, but were invited to speak with

Counselor to the President Father Peter Jarret on Malloy's behalf.

About 30 members of the Progressive Student Alliance arrived at Malloy's office to deliver several copies of a letter asking the administration to issue a public statement against renewing its current marketing relationship with the restaurant, on the grounds of alleged unfair wages and labor standards held by Taco Bell's tomato providers. After speaking initially with administrative assistant Susan Barnett, who informed them that Malloy was unavailable, several of the students

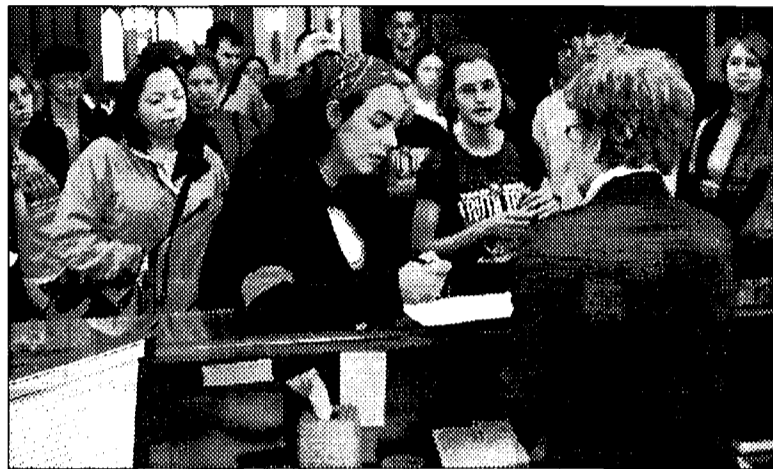
remained outside the office doors.

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, said she noticed Barnett having a conversation with Jarret and decided to brief the students about Malloy's standard practice.

"I know he's not going to come out because historically he doesn't do that," Johnson told the group. "That's not his style."

Johnson said later that although the students could not speak with the President directly, their concerns were

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Cecilla Garza, left, and Melody Gonzalez, center, talk with administrative assistant Susan Barnett in the Office of the President Wednesday.

ROTC holds Pass and Review

By **MATT BRAMANTI**
Senior Staff Writer

Members of Notre Dame's ROTC units gathered in the Loftus Sports Center Wednesday afternoon for the annual Presidential Pass in Review. The event centers on a ceremonial parade, in which cadets and midshipmen present themselves to University President Father Edward Malloy.

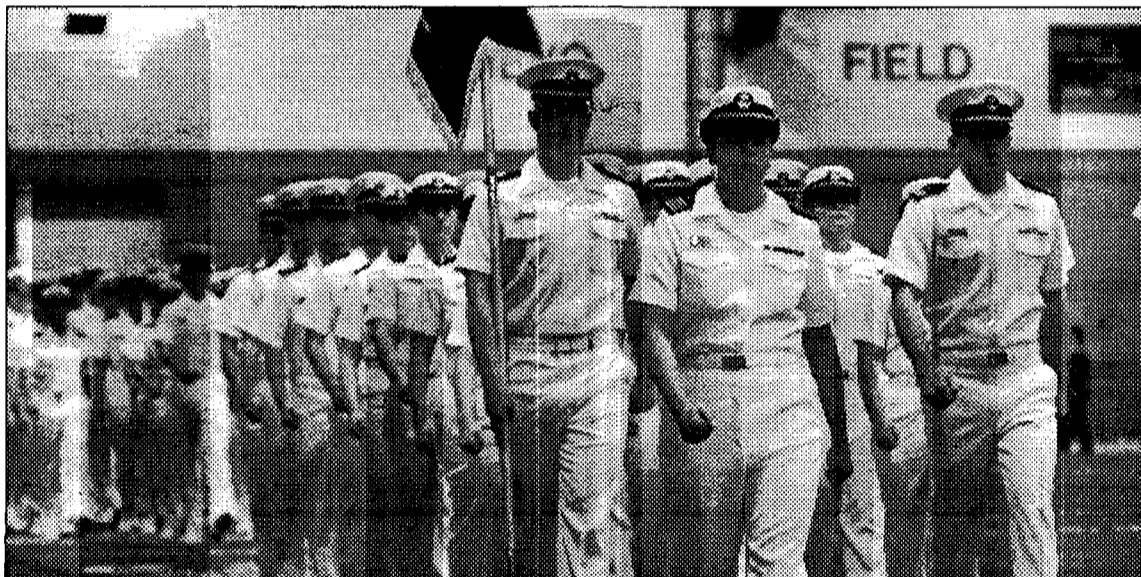
Nearly 400 members of the Army battalion, the Navy battalion and the Air Force wing stood at attention in rank and file, as a color guard marched up to the reviewing platform.

As the Great Lakes Navy Band struck up the first notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner," the color guard dipped the flags of the four armed services in salute to the American flag.

Malloy then conferred several awards — consisting of officers' sabers — on the top cadets from each unit.

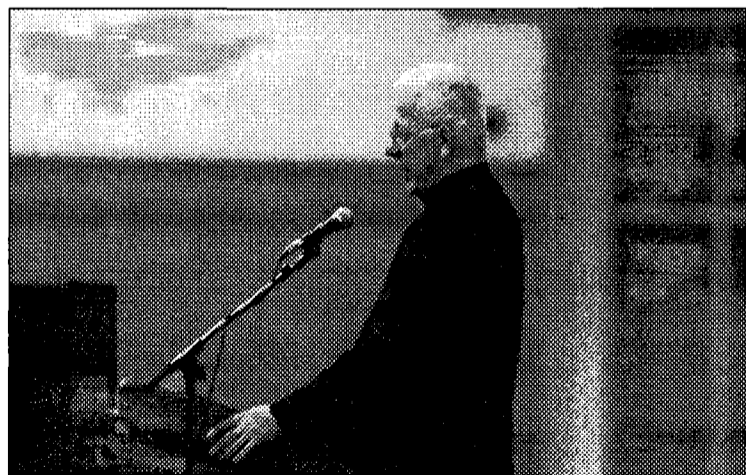
Following the awards presentation, Malloy addressed the cadets. The university president — a native of the Washington, D.C. area —

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Father Edward Malloy, right, addresses ROTC students, top, during the Pass and Review.

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Pollard receives Hesburgh award

By **KATIE LAIRD**
News Writer

C. William Pollard, the chairman emeritus of ServiceMaster Company, received the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Ethics in Business Wednesday at the Jordan



Pollard

Auditorium.

The award was given as part of the Cahill Lecture Series, which recognizes commitment to ethical behavior and integrity.

"I cannot think of two men I admire more than C. William Pollard and Father Hesburgh," said Joseph Maciariello, a Horton Professor of Management at Claremont Graduate University, who was the guest speaker at the series.

Maciariello encouraged students and other audience members to create companies that are "not only economically sound, but morally just." He praised the work of Pollard, who set up four objectives to define ServiceMaster and its practices and stressed the importance of recognizing the dignity of every worker.

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'Best class ever' adjusts, excels at Notre Dame

By **JEN ROWLING**
News Writer

The current freshman class earned the title of the "best class ever" after it statistically surpassed all previous classes with an average SAT score of 1359 and an average ACT of 31.1. Nearly two semesters later — and with a new "best class ever" on its heels — the Class of 2007 has lived up to

the expectations of many but still faced some challenges in adjusting to Notre Dame, according to members of First Year of Studies and freshmen. In addition to academic achievements, the class of 2007 also entered Notre Dame accomplished in a lot of activities. Their achievements also included non-academic endeavors: 84 percent were volunteers, 71 percent played a varsity sport, 36 percent

were captains of their teams, 41 percent had artistic interests, 10 percent held editor positions and nine percent were either student body or senior class presidents. With these statistics, many predicted great success for this class, and, in large part, they have not been disappointed. Academically the class has preformed exceptionally well, according to Kevin Rooney, assistant dean in the First Year

of Studies.

The average freshman GPA increased from 3.28 to 3.33 over last year. Additionally, 65 freshmen received a 4.0 GPA — another substantial increase over freshmen from previous years. During the past few years the number of freshmen receiving 4.0 GPAs has ranged from 38 to 56. While the Class of 2007 has

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INSIDE COLUMN

Interesting roommates

The end of the semester is rapidly approaching and I know y'all are thinking this is going to be a sappy reflection back on the year.

However, to the dedicated readers of the inside column, I have decided to share my experiences as the roommate of two scene-shop gnomes and a music major.

Cheryl Barker

*Viewpoint
Copy Editor*

I believe that I shall start with my very own music major. I myself am not a music major — never have been, never will be. With this in mind, I find it hard to understand why any one in their right mind would ever want to be a music major. I've learned that if you walk up to any music major and say "music theory," you get hit or pierced with killer eyes, or the music major faints at the thought.

Like all typical musicianly people — a word invented by us to describe the normal mental state of a musician — my roommate walks around in her own little world. She is always spouting words like "f" and "g." And she is very good at composing music; the other day she wrote a little ditty about the wonders of gummy worms. My music major fills our room with music. The room just would not be the same without her.

Also here at Saint Mary's, buried in the middle of Moreau between little theater and O'Laughlin, lies a little room. This room would be the envy of every normal male in the world. There are enough screws, hammers, nail guns and other manly toys to keep several men busy for the rest of their life. There are even some welding thingy-majiggers thrown in for good measure. But the amusing part of this is that the men who use these toys are actually talented, kick butt women who are the backbone of every production here at Saint Mary's.

These girls can do things most men will only ever be able to dream about doing. They spend every afternoon climbing ladders, adjusting sound equipment, sawing lumber, building fake floors, 'playing' with nail guns and doing anything else set designers and production managers come up with. In the weeks before a production, they bury themselves in the shop until the wee hours of the morning, yelling at doors that don't close right, lights that don't shine right and sets that don't look right. The night of the production, these women become little black gnomes that scurry back and forth moving heavy sets. The best part of the entire thing is when all the scene shop women gather in our room for an evening of retelling the disasters of the production (and there are always several) and eating leftover cake and cookies.

I encourage everyone to come witness the wonders of the music majors and scene shop gnomes, as they show off their talents in many upcoming productions. Here is a shout out to all of the sects of Moreau — you guys are awesome. Keep up the good work.

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CORRECTIONS

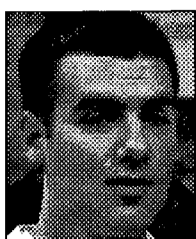
In Wednesday's article titled "Sollmann hopes he can return," the name of umpire Bruce Doane was misspelled. Additionally, the photo for the article "Tough breaks cause Irish to crumble" was from Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to St. John's. The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ANNUAL PASS AND REVIEW?



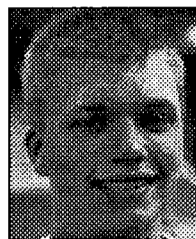
Barbara Sloan
Freshman
Pasquerilla West

"I think it should've been outside because the snappy white Navy uniforms would have been blinding."



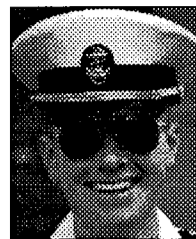
Joe Slnott
Junior
Siegfried

"I thought it was one of those 'punt, pass and kick' competitions, but it would be being cool anyway."



John Sikorski
Freshman
Stanford

"[It] makes me jealous that I didn't do ROTC when they wanted me to."



Nick Matlich
Sophomore
Keenan

"It's pretty sweet."



Phil Moss
Freshman
Stanford

"It was 'uber' sharp."



Stephen Harvey
Freshman
Alumni

"I think we should march on South Quad."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Students join together in song during the Interfaith Christian Night of Prayer. The prayer session took place Wednesday night in the Coleman Morse lounge and was sponsored by Campus Ministry.

IN BRIEF

An information session on Burma's Forgotten War will take place today at 10 a.m. in LaFortune. The event is part of Asian American Heritage Week and is sponsored by the Free Burma Coalition.

James Wetherbee, an astronaut and Notre Dame graduate, will discuss high reliability organizations and the role of leadership and responsibility in creating and maintaining the conditions necessary to sustain a culture of high reliability. The lecture takes place this afternoon at 1:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Class of 2004 will host a dinner for seniors tonight at 6 p.m. at K's.

A march for Sexual Assault Awareness Week will take place tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Hesburgh Library reflecting pool. The event is sponsored by CARE.

The Not So Royal Shakespeare Company will present "King Lear" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

James Keener will deliver a lecture titled "Diffusion" tonight 8 p.m. in Hayes-Healy room 127.

A recitation of the rosary will take place tonight in the Coleman Morse chapel at 9:30 p.m.

Notre Dame alumnus Danielle Rose will deliver a concert tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

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

OFFBEAT

Flasher attacked by schoolgirls sentenced

PHILADELPHIA — A man who was tackled and beaten by a group of Roman Catholic schoolgirls after he flashed them outside their high school was sentenced Wednesday to 10 months to two years in prison.

Rudy Susando, 25, also was sentenced to 5 years probation after his release, Assistant District Attorney Noel Ann DeSantis said. Susando, a native of Indonesia, also might face deportation after his sentence is served, DeSantis said. Susando was arrested Oct.

30 when more than a dozen girls from St. Maria Goretti High School for Girls, with the help of a bystander, chased him and wrestled him to the ground and held him for police. When he resisted, the girls kicked him repeatedly. He was taken to a hospital and treated for minor injuries to his mouth.

World's oldest worker quits at 104

GRANTHAM, Pa. — A man billed as the world's oldest worker is calling it quits.

Ray Crist, a retired scientist who started teaching at

Messiah College near Harrisburg in 1970, put down his pointer Tuesday at age 104. Crist, though, has no plans to rest on his laurels.

Instead, he'll keep up with his research and academic papers.

"When you have a mission, you go after it," said Crist, who worked on the Manhattan Project.

Two years ago, at age 102, Crist was named America's oldest worker by the nonprofit training group Experience Works.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 61 LOW 38	HIGH 67 LOW 58	HIGH 75 LOW 55	HIGH 75 LOW 50	HIGH 75 LOW 40	HIGH 58 LOW 42

STUDENT SENATE

Senators appoint, elect new officers to posts

Chairperson position for Oversight Committee remains vacant

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Senators approved student body president Adam Istvan's nominations for Senate standing committee chairmen and elected members to various committees during their Wednesday meeting.

The Senate unanimously approved Istvan's nominations for chairman of the Standing Committees on Gender Relations, Diversity, Academic Affairs, University Affairs and Residence Life.

Elizabeth Shappell, a freshman from Badin, was appointed to lead the Gender Relations Committee. Fisher junior Russell Morton will chair the Diversity Committee. Alumni sophomore Vijay Ramanan will serve the Academic Affairs Committee. Katie Boyle, a junior from Cavanaugh Hall, will lead the University Affairs Committee. Sarah Bates, a Pasquerilla West junior, will chair the Residence Life Committee.

"We're really going to go far

with this group of people," Istvan said.

Istvan chose not to designate an outside nomination for the Oversight Committee.

"We left Oversight out so the Senate could elect their own chairman because that committee was really in tune to the Senate working within itself," he said.

Senators also elected representatives from within the Senate to serve as liaisons for the Judicial Council and Faculty Senate and representatives for the Financial Management Board, Campus Life Council, Council of Representatives and the Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life.

Liz Kozlow, a freshman from Pasquerilla West, was unanimously elected the Judicial Council Liaison and Chris Harris, a freshman from Carroll, and Jeff Mullin, a sophomore from Stanford, were unanimously elected to serve on the Financial Management Board. All three ran unopposed.

The Senate elected Cavanaugh senator Jordan

Bongiovanni and Siegfried senator James Leito to serve on the Campus Life Council. O'Neill senator Alex French was elected as the alternate member.

"Thank you very much [for electing me to] CLC," Bongiovanni said. "I'll work really hard."

Bongiovanni, Sujal Pandya, senator for Fisher, Josh Pasquesi, senator for Morrissey and Dihan Fernando, the off-campus senator, were elected to the Council of Representatives. Zahm Hall senator Mike McGinley, was elected as the alter-

nate. Pasquerilla East senator Casey Stanton was elected to serve on the Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life.

Welsh Family senator Steph Pelligra will serve as the liaison to the Faculty Senate.

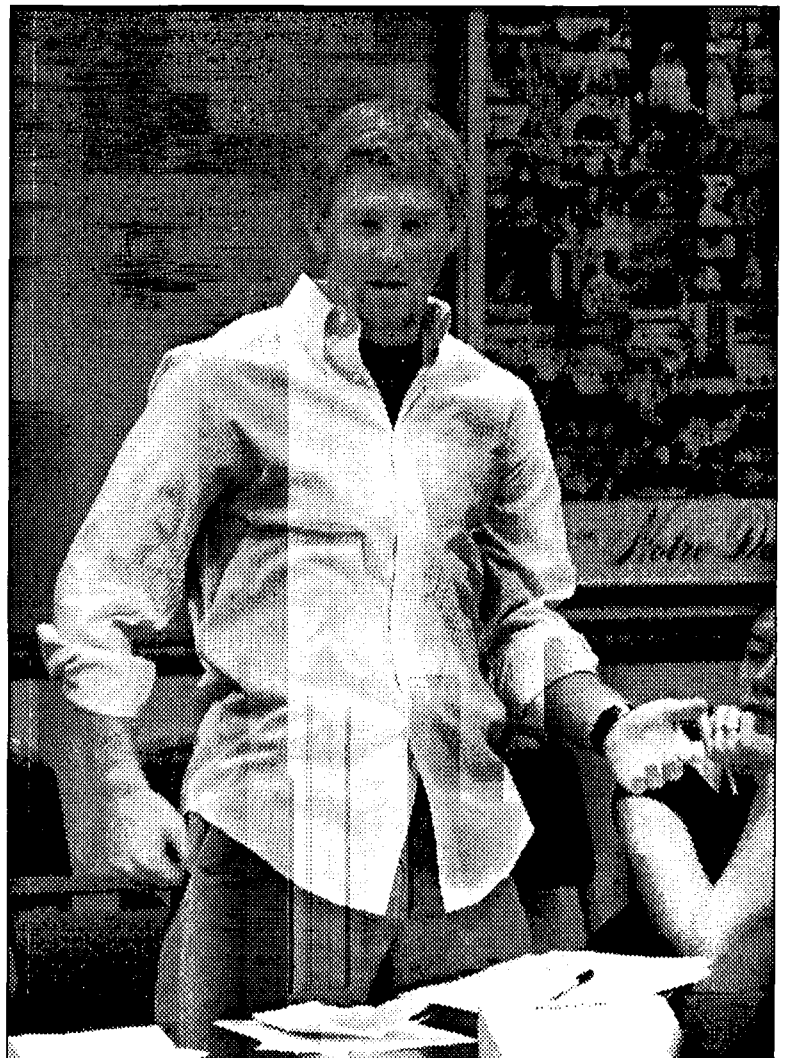
In other Senate news:

♦ Senators will resume the debate on the reorganization of programming within student government during their next meeting.

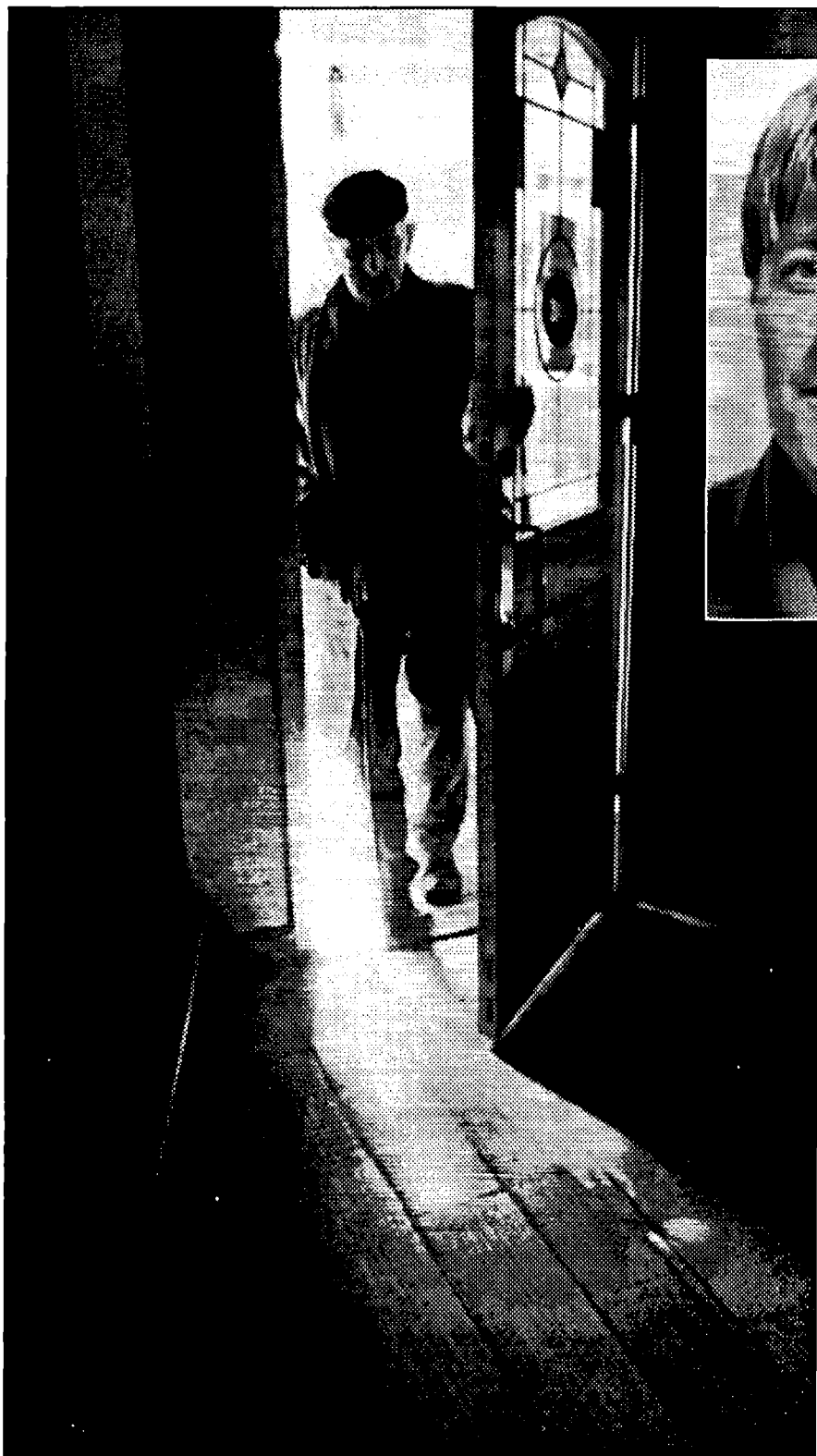
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"We're really going to go far with this group of people."

Adam Istvan
student body president



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
Siegfried Senator James Leito campaigns for a seat on the Campus Life Council during Wednesday's Senate meeting.



The Keough Institute for Irish Studies is pleased to announce that Angela Bourke will be the Naughton Fellow for 2004-2005. A Senior Lecturer in Modern Irish in University College Dublin, Angela has published widely on oral culture and literature, including two books *Caoineadh na dTrí Muire* (1983), a study of the Crucifixion in oral religious poetry, and *The Burning of Bridget Cleary: A True Story* (1999), a critically acclaimed cultural history of how a young Tipperary woman came to be burned to death by her relatives in 1895. Her next book *Maeve Brennan: Homesick at The New Yorker* will be published in London by Jonathan Cape in June 2004 and by Counterpoint, New York in October. A highly regarded teacher, she has previously been a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of Minnesota; she was appointed a member of Royal Irish Academy in spring 2004.

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Women in Irish Oral Tradition

Oral storytelling, traditional singing and other verbal arts can offer ways of thinking and knowing that are independent of the linear modes of writing and print. Moreover, like other kinds of art, oral tradition offers individuals and communities ways of constructing and maintaining identity, often against considerable external pressure. This course will explore oral verbal art in Irish and English, through transcribed texts, sound recordings and film, paying particular attention to depictions of and performances by women, and offering gendered readings of the material studied. We will examine and discuss a number of genres of oral verbal art, including the International Folktale, Legends of the Supernatural, and Lament Poetry, and will also pay attention to the use of this material by twentieth-century writers. Translations of Irish-language texts will be available, so no prior knowledge of Irish is required.

ILS offers volunteer, internship positions

By MERYL GUYER
News Writer

Students interested in law school or preparing for a career in the public sector may be able to take advantage of internships for college credit during the school year. Opportunities for students to volunteer and intern at Indiana Legal Services (ILS) in downtown South Bend are increasing as a result of cuts in areas previously manned by Americorps volunteers.

Providing the educational certificate and housing expenses for the volunteers proved too costly for ILS, especially during a difficult economic period where nonprofit organizations, have recently suffered. Instead, ILS will look to supplement its force with volunteers and interns from the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and IUSB, according to Heather Dicks, the volunteer coordinator for ILS.

ILS is a nonprofit law firm that provides legal counsel for low-income citizens involved in civil cases. These cases may range from eviction to domestic violence to divorce, to access to health care and government benefits.

According to Dicks, the role of interns and volunteers is vital to the organization because they handle the majority of first contacts with clients. The volunteer spends time gathering information over the phone according to checklists appropriate to each type of case to ensure that ILS can serve the client according to federal guidelines, she said.

ILS is partially funded by the government, as well as through

private donations, and is therefore committed to serving individuals who fall within 125 percent of the federal poverty line.

After the interview, the intern writes a report for an attorney from the firm to review. The attorneys are not able to take every case they see because of their limited staff, but ILS handles roughly 2,000 cases a year. Interns and volunteers, therefore, serve as the first connection between the client and the attorney.

"It's a detail-oriented position that requires good writing, listening, and interviewing skills, as well as empathy for people in some very distressing situations," Dicks said.

David Stevens, a Notre Dame senior who has worked with ILS since Jan. 2003, will continue to work at the office when he begins his at Notre Dame's Law School next year.

Stevens cited his experience with ILS through an internship in the political science department as one motivation for going to law school. Beyond the influence ILS has had on his plans for law school, Stevens recommends it as an internship for students from all majors.

"It's worthwhile because you can see that the organization does make an impact on people's lives and there are people out there who need the services they provide," he said.

Public information sessions for individuals interested in volunteering or interning with ILS are scheduled for April 20 at 2:00 p.m. and April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

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ROTC

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recalled serving as an altar boy during military funerals at nearby Arlington National Cemetery. Malloy said the experiences impacted his thinking about the American military.

"There was a profound sense of both peace and appreciation," he said.

He praised the cadets for their dedication to military service.

"The profession that you're preparing to enter is about very fundamental things," he said. "It's about life and death; it's about devotion to family, to country and to humanity."

Malloy said the students, who will be commissioned as officers upon graduation, will face difficult and dangerous situations, much as their predecessors have.

"Many who stood before you ... are now in the front lines," he said.

He said that the role of the military has expanded in recent history beyond its traditional role of fighting wars. The modern American soldier helps rebuild communities after natural disasters, conducts international peace-keeping operations, prevents ethnic conflicts and fights terrorism, Malloy said.

Malloy then turned his remarks to the senior class of cadets and midshipmen.

"We hope that [your] time here among us has helped you grow in every possible way," he said. "We're confident that we can be proud of you — that you will be worthy people of integrity in the military profession."

After Malloy's remarks, Capt. Jim Shelton gave the order: "Pass in review."

The units then marched with well-rehearsed precision past the reviewing platform. As they passed, company commanders turned to salute Malloy and their officers.

Several cadets, like Army junior John Dickson, said that the ceremony was an opportunity to reflect on Notre Dame's support of the military.

"It's a great chance to celebrate the end of the year," Dickson said. "Marching before the school is a great honor."

Shelton, the Navy unit's commanding officer, agreed, saying the event honors both the cadets and Notre Dame.

"It's an opportunity for them to show off what they've learned," he said. "It's a neat ceremony and a chance to say 'thank you' to the University."

The event was well attended, despite construction projects which made it difficult to access Loftus directly. More than 200 students, faculty members and area residents turned out for the ceremony in the cavernous facility, which serves as a practice field for Irish athletics.

Among the students in attendance was senior Ed Stocks, who gave a very simple reason for his presence.

"I'm here to support my friends," he said.

At the same time, Stocks said he has wrestled with the juxtaposition between military training and Catholic doctrine.

"Sometimes it's hard for me to understand," Stocks said. "Regardless, it's a very positive thing to support one's country and to be of service."

Senior Andrzej Syski said Notre Dame adds a unique element to the military education cadets receive in their ROTC courses.

"It's important that our military leaders have a good edu-

cation in morality and faith," Syski said.

Although the event was not marked by the protests that have occurred in years past, controversy still touched the Pass in Review.

Last fall, the Student Senate gathered more than 1,000 signatures on a petition to move the event to South Quad, where it had been until 2001. Despite the petition and a request from ROTC officials for an outdoor location, university administrators directed that the ceremony be held on Loftus' artificial turf.

University spokesman Matt Storin said concerns about inclement weather were the impetus for the move.

"The primary reason that the request for an outdoor ceremony was turned down was weather," he said. "It can be very raw this time of year."

Some cadets and non-ROTC students privately suggested that administrators deliberately put the ceremony in an out-of-the-way location, hoping to avoid criticism of the military's role in a Catholic university.

Storin dismissed those concerns, noting that several key University administrators were in attendance, including Bill Kirk, associate vice president for residence life, and Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry. Storin said Notre Dame administrators believe in the ROTC program.

"By no means is there a loss of faith in ROTC," he said.

But senior Army cadet Sean Williams suggested otherwise.

"It was decent attendance, considering the fact that that it was all the way in construction-filled Loftus," Williams said. "The weather sure was good for having it outside."

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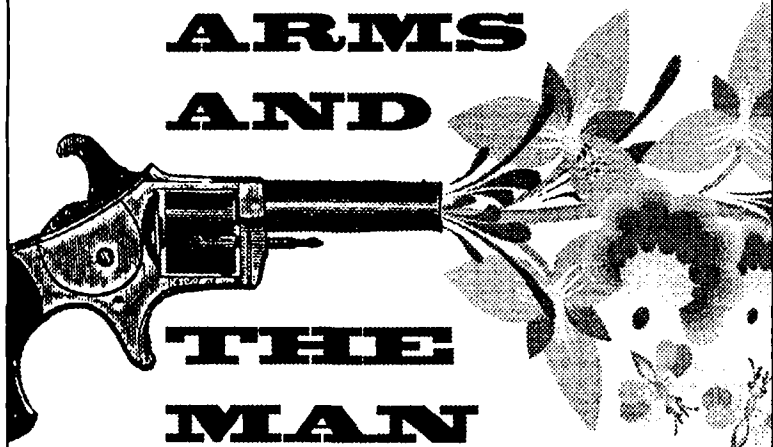
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fallujah shaken by more fighting

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. warplanes strafed gunmen in Fallujah on Wednesday, and more than 100 guerrillas with rocket-propelled grenades pounded a lone Marine armored vehicle lost in the streets — a sign of heavy battles ahead if Marines resume a full assault on this besieged city.

With a truce crumbling and President Bush calling for a key U.N. role to keep the country's political transition moving amid the violence, a top U.N. envoy proposed an Iraqi caretaker government in a formula that abandons a U.S.-favored plan.

Meanwhile, Iraqi militants executed one of four Italian hostages, Italy confirmed. The captors issued demands including the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq and threatened to kill the three others, according to the Arab TV network Al-Jazeera, which said it received a videotape of the murder.

Cheney tells Taiwan to be wary

SHANGHAI, China — Vice President Dick Cheney on Wednesday suggested a link between Chinese efforts to restrict self-government in Hong Kong and China's tense dealings with Taiwan. He also defended U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

"I didn't come to alter Chinese policy. I did come with the mission of making clear what our views were. I think we achieved that," Cheney told reporters after meetings with Chinese leaders in Beijing.

The vice president was ending the China leg of his weeklong Asia tour with a foreign policy speech Thursday at Shanghai's Fudan University. He next goes to South Korea.

In his Beijing meetings, Cheney suggested to Chinese leaders that people in Taiwan might view current activity in Hong Kong.

NATIONAL NEWS

Years needed to correct CIA flaws

WASHINGTON — The CIA intelligence-gathering flaws exposed by the Sept. 11 attacks will take five years to correct, agency Director George Tenet said Wednesday. The chairman of the commission investigating the 2001 hijackings called the time frame frightening.

The panel released statements harshly criticizing the CIA for failing to fully appreciate the threat posed by al-Qaida before Sept. 11 and questioning the progress of what commissioners say are the FBI's badly needed reorganization efforts.

Tenet, appearing before the commission for the second time in three weeks, said that in the 1990s the CIA lost 25 percent of its personnel, was not hiring new analysts and faced disarray in its training of clandestine officers who work overseas to penetrate terror cells and recruit secret informants.

Driver steals car, hits pedestrians

FUQUAY-VARINA, N.C. — Police said a man in a white T-shirt and boxer shorts mowed down five pedestrians with a stolen van in separate hit-and-run incidents Wednesday, leaving a dying man pinned under the vehicle and another victim critically injured.

Police said the driver was arrested in central North Carolina after crashing another stolen vehicle. Abdullah El-Amin Shareef, 25, was charged with murder and taken to a state mental hospital.

INDIANA NEWS

Meth cook hurt in explosion

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Reed Skelton was kicking it back on a Saturday night in his hotel room, sipping a beer and watching porn when the methamphetamine he was brewing exploded in the bathroom.

The flash fire blew out his room window and severely injured him. In the chaos that followed, 156 guests were evacuated from the Baymont Inn and the hotel's water sprinklers went off, contributing to about \$120,000 in damage, said police Sgt. Mike Lauderdale.

Bush endorses West Bank plans

Sharon decides to retain settlements, will not allow Palestinian refugees in Israel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a historic policy break, President Bush on Wednesday endorsed Israel's plans to retain West Bank settlements in any peace accord with the Palestinians. Bush also ruled out the return of Palestinian refugees to Israel.

An elated Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his plan to pull back from parts of the West Bank and Gaza, hailed by Bush, would create "a new and better reality for the state of Israel."

But Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia — with whom the Bush administration deals while boycotting leader Yasser Arafat — strongly criticized Bush's move.

"He is the first president who has legitimized the settlements in Palestinian territories," Qureia said of Bush. "We as Palestinians reject that. We cannot accept that. We reject it and we refuse it." Arafat had earlier called the idea "the complete end of the peace process."

Palestinian leaders had previously said they had been assured by the Bush administration they would be consulted before any endorsement of Sharon's plan. No Palestinians were present during the announcement by Sharon and Bush — in what was sure to be seen by the Arab world as a strong favoring of Sharon and a slight to the Palestinians.

Previous U.S. administrations have described Jewish settlements as obstacles to peace. One of Bush's predecessors, Jimmy Carter, went even further and called them



Ahmed Qureia, prime minister of Palestine, speaks to reporters on Wednesday regarding his rejection of U.S. statements about a West Bank peace agreement.

illegal.

Sharon, in gaining Bush's backing of his unilateral plan to withdraw all Jewish settlers and military installations from Gaza and from some areas of the West Bank, offered several concessions in a letter to Bush. The Israeli leader said he would limit the growth of Jewish settlements and remove all unauthorized outposts on the West Bank. And Sharon said a security fence Israel is building to deter Palestinian attacks was "temporary rather than permanent."

Bush called Sharon's plan historic and urged Palestinians to match Israel's "boldness and courage."

In his break from long-standing U.S. policy, Bush said it was unrealistic to expect Israel to disband all large Jewish settlements in the West Bank — or to return to the borders it held before capturing the territory in the 1967 Mideast war — in any final peace deal.

Behind the scenes, administration officials tried to cast the day's events as Bush gaining concessions from Sharon. A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Palestinians' statements were viewed as simply reflecting anxiety that would be eased once they read Bush's and Sharon's statements on the issue,

released separately.

But Bush, in a news conference with Sharon at his side, gave a key concession the Israeli leader had sought, saying there were "new realities" on the West Bank since Israel captured the land along with Gaza and east Jerusalem in the 1967 war.

Past U.S. presidents have operated on the assumption there could be some changes in Israel's borders. But Bush went much further.

He committed himself to Israel's retention of parts of the West Bank in a letter to Sharon in which he said that approach was necessary for Israel's security — an approach long taken by the former general.

Student faked own kidnapping

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A college student accused of faking her own kidnapping last month was charged Wednesday with lying to police in what they suggested was a desperate attempt to get her boyfriend's attention.

Audrey Seiler, a 20-year-old sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of obstructing officers. Each charge carries up to nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Seiler disappeared from her off-campus apartment March 27 without her coat or purse. She was discovered curled in a fetal position in a marsh four days later, and told police that a man had abducted her at knifepoint.

But police concluded Seiler made up the story after obtaining a store videotape that showed her buying the knife, duct tape, rope and cold

medicine she claimed her abductor used to restrain her. Seiler confessed after she was confronted with the tape, according to authorities.

"I set up everything. I'm just so messed up. I'm sorry," they quoted her as saying. But she later recanted the statement, insisting she had been abducted.

Hundreds of people from Madison and Seiler's hometown searched for her after she disappeared, and her claim about an armed man touched off a major manhunt that authorities said cost the police about \$96,000.

Her first court appearance was scheduled for Thursday, but her attorney was expected to appear in her place.

Lawyer Randy Hopper would not say Wednesday whether she would contest the charges. He called Seiler a "model student, a model citizen."

The criminal complaint depicts Seiler as a young woman upset by a fading relationship with her boyfriend, Ryan Fisher.

Friends said the two had been fighting, and Seiler's roommate, Heather Thue, told officers that Fisher did not pay as much attention to Seiler as she wanted. Seiler's mother told police her daughter had not been herself lately and was "extremely needy" of Fisher.

Three days before she disappeared, her laptop was used to log onto Fisher's e-mail account and read exchanges "with romantic overtones" between him and another woman, according to the complaint.

A message left at Seiler's home in Rockford, Minn., was not immediately returned. There was no answer for the campus telephone number for Fisher, Seiler's boyfriend.

Hopper said Seiler was home with her parents and receiving "medical care and the care and support that she needs from her family."

Seiler had also reported an unexplained attack in February, saying she was struck from behind and left unconscious.

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performed well academically, Rooney said that on an individual level these students do not differ significantly from the average Notre Dame class.

"Every year there is a new group, I haven't noticed a great difference," he said. "As people, the freshmen are the same as other ND students." Rooney said that he believes the true test of success will occur when the freshmen are entering their junior and senior years. Since statistics cannot measure the success of a per-

son, the freshman class will be evaluated by the degree in which they immerse themselves into their majors, as opposed to merely completing requirements, he said. First Year Studies advisor Kenneth Deboer acknowledged the higher grades of the class of 2007, but he added this is a nationwide trend. While Deboer has not observed a dramatic difference in the freshman class from the previous year, he said that over the past few years Notre Dame has seen its student portray "a heightened seri-

ousness."

"[I have students] who want to do more than one degree, they also ask what it takes to graduate with high honors," he said. "I know students go to parties, get wild on weekends, but I think they work extremely hard and want their education to mean some-

"I don't think high school prepared me for the academics at ND."

**Meghan Ryder
freshman**

thing."

And what do students think? While some of the members of the "best class ever" have dominated the classroom, others said that they felt a little

overwhelmed.

"I don't think the work load has been any harder, I just think it has been harder to figure out how to manage my time and be organized because there is less structure and a lot more independence," freshman Julie Pearce said.

Fellow freshman Jamie Denning said his adjustment to Notre Dame has been relatively smooth.

"I don't think that the academic workload is as challenging as I had predicted upon entering Notre Dame," he said. "I did not put forth much effort in the majority of my classes, yet I still managed to do relatively well in all of them first semester." Some freshmen,

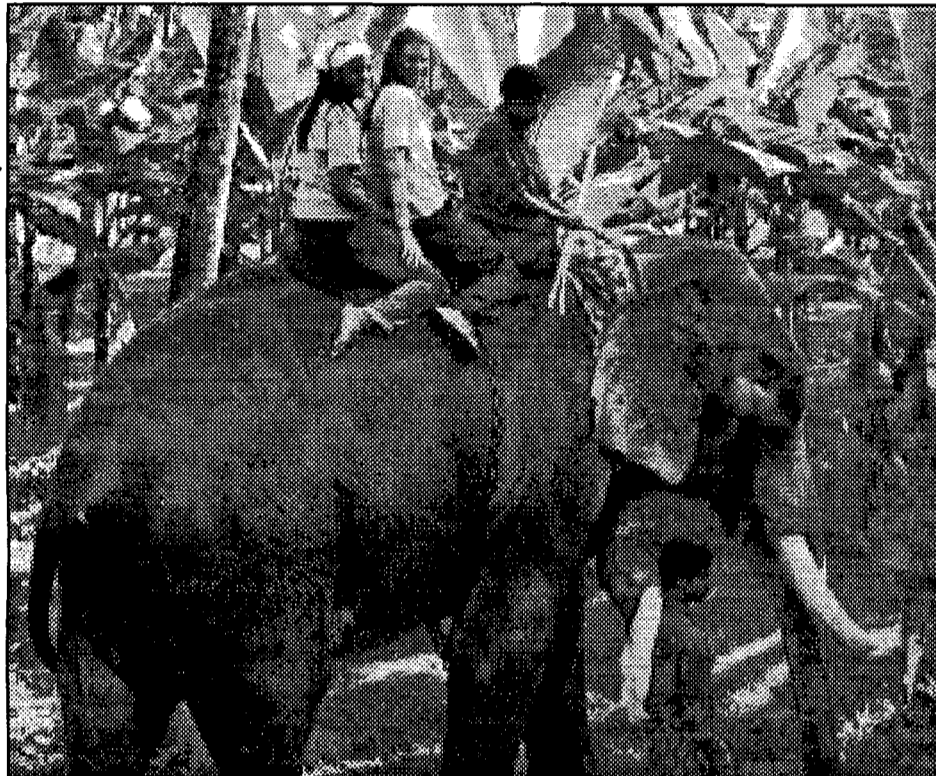
however, said the transition from high school to college has been slightly more difficult than they anticipated.

"Academically it is harder than high school because you have to take responsibility on your own to keep up with your classes. There are fewer grades," freshman Lauren Hoffman said.

Freshman Meghan Ryder agreed.

"I don't think high school prepared me for the academics at ND, I was really surprised when I came here," she said. "My GPA is still pretty good but not as high as high school."

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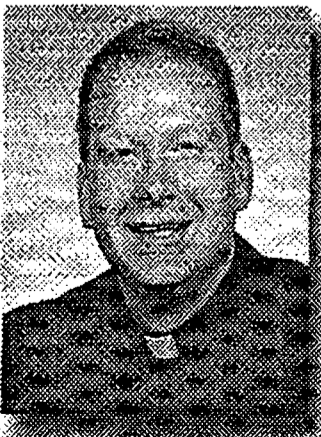
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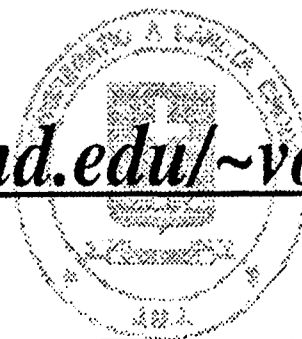
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Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,377.95	-3.33	
▲ Up: 749	Same: 119	▼ Down: 2,676	Composite Volume: 1,548,003,584
AMDX	1,233.82	-10.83	
NASDAQ	2,024.85	-5.23	
DAX	6,551.17	-32.46	
S&P 500	1,128.17	-1.27	
Nikkei 225	12,098.18	-29.64	
FTSE 100(London)	4,485.40	-30.40	
Companys			
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.08	-0.30	27.37
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	-0.27	-0.01	3.75
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.24	+0.06	25.51
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.52	-0.36	23.26
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.49	+0.06	12.37
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.41	+0.21	51.69
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.97	+0.42	43.82
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.84	+0.62	34.35
3-MONTH BILL	+1.30	+0.12	9.34
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.26		36.42
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-7.20		400.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.875		103.875
Exchange Rates			
YEN			108.7
EURO			0.836
POUND			0.5585

IN BRIEF

Starbucks keeps high standards

SEATTLE — The coffee urns at Starbucks Corp. aren't likely to run dry anytime soon, but the company is worried that its brisk growth could create a big problem: finding enough high-quality beans to satisfy increasing demand for its lattes and macchiatos. The Seattle-based coffee retailer is rapidly expanding, opening more than three stores a day and planning to more than triple the number it operates to around 25,000 worldwide. "Clearly we're concerned, at our company growth rate, that there's going to be enough high quality, Starbucks-quality coffee available," said Willard "Dub" Hay, the company's senior vice president for coffee. It's not that Starbucks is using up all the world's coffee; the company said it only buys around 2 percent of the coffee produced. But Starbucks is a major buyer of high-quality coffee, and there is much less of that to go around.

Scandalous Levitra ad aired

NEW YORK — She asks in a sultry voice if you want to know a secret. And when she spills the beans, she is quite explicit. The latest ad for an erectile dysfunction treatment is taking the battle for dominance in the \$2 billion market up a notch with its frank description of the medicine's purpose. The Levitra ad, slated to begin airing Thursday, features an attractive brunette saying the drug improves erection quality and how that experience increases her partner's desire to "do this more often." "For him Levitra works — just look at that smile," she purrs. Erectile dysfunction advertising has changed considerably since a somber Bob Dole explained the medical condition in a 1999 ad paid for by Pfizer Inc., maker of market leader Viagra. Levitra's initial ads, which began last fall, were criticized by some for being too racy and aggressive. But it was the ad for Cialis, the third entrant into the market, that was the first product to actually mention erectile dysfunction in a national television campaign earlier this year.

CONSUMER SPENDING

Consumer costs increasing fast

Gasoline, air travel and clothing prices force costs rose 0.5 percent in March

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rising prices for gasoline, air travel and clothing propelled consumer costs 0.5 percent higher in March, raising the possibility that the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates this summer. Wednesday's reading on the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation measure, revived concerns about the prospects of an inflation flare-up now that the economy is rebounding, economists said. The report by the Labor Department "confirms my worst fear: Inflation is rising," said Stephen Cecchetti, economics professor at Brandeis University. "Details confirm that the inflation increase isn't in some isolated place, or the consequence of some special factor." The 0.5 percent increase compares with February's 0.3 percent increase and matched January's figure. Especially jolting was the 0.4 percent increase in core consumer prices, excluding energy and food costs. The increase was 0.2 percent in both January and February. The latest snapshot of the inflation climate showed consumer prices moving up more quickly than expected. It "solidifies the path toward a Fed tightening move this summer," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. On Wall Street, stocks slipped. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 3.33 points to close at 10,377.95. In other economic news, the U.S. trade gap narrowed to \$42.1 billion in February, a 3.2 percent decline from January's



Lisset Fernandez of Miami, Fla., prepares to fill her gas tank at a local pump. Gas prices are rising because of consumer fuel demand and OPEC quotas.

record deficit, the Commerce Department reported. The improvement came as U.S. exports of goods and services grew strongly and outpaced the rise in imports. With the economy rebounding, some companies are beginning to have a greater ability to raise product prices, economists said. Rising energy costs in some cases are being passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices, analysts added. "It's been a long time coming, but it appears that pricing power has begun to return," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "The day the Fed raises rates is coming sooner than many thought." For the first three months of this year, consumer prices increased at an annual rate of 5.1 percent, compared with a 1.9 percent increase for all of 2003. When the economy was struggling over the past three years to get back to full throttle, many companies found it difficult to raise prices. That created a climate where inflation hasn't been a threat to the economy. The long period of tame inflation is why Federal Reserve policy-makers have been able to leave short-term interest rates at a 45-year low of 1 percent since last June. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, however, have put consumers, investors and businesses on notice that rates cannot stay at such levels indefinitely. But they have not said when the Fed might start pushing rates up. Zandi and other economists believe a rate increase of one-quarter of a percentage point could come in August, ahead of the presidential election in November. That might upset voters and could irk President Bush, economists said. Others do not foresee the Fed raising rates until 2005. Most analysts agree that the Fed probably will hold rates steady at its next meeting in May.

IDENTITY THEFT

Banks to help identity theft victims

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More help is on the way for victims of identity theft, one of the nation's fastest growing crimes. Two big banks — Citigroup and Washington Mutual — have started free programs to assist customers whose names or accounts are compromised by thieves. And in June, a national organization representing some of the largest banks, brokerages and finance companies will launch an Identity Theft Assistance Center to help victims clear their names. "ID theft has reached epidemic levels in the United States, and our customers are having real problems," said Steve Bartlett, president and chief executive of the Financial

Services Roundtable, the Washington, D.C., organization behind the center. "We're going to try to help them." There's no question that ID theft is a growing threat to American consumers. A study last year for the Federal Trade Commission found that nearly 10 million people a year are falling victim to identity thieves. In the most egregious cases, the thieves open new accounts using stolen Social Security or other identifying numbers, or they buy cars or even homes. In other cases, they tap into unsuspecting consumers' accounts and empty them. The FTC maintains a registry and provides guidance for victims at its Web site www.consumer.gov/idtheft. Still, the government can do little to reduce the time and expense that consumers must invest to try to undo the damage, estimated to cost consumers some \$5 billion a year, and businesses and financial institutions nearly \$50 billion, according to the FTC study. Ronni Burns, director of business practices for Citi Cards, a division of New York-based Citigroup, said Citi credit and debit card holders who fall victim to identity thieves will be referred to a specialist who will serve "like a case worker" in dealing with their problems. "We find that the first thing they need is a lot of reassurance," Burns said. "The person calling in doesn't know how it happened, exactly what's happened, but they feel their privacy has been invaded and they're frightened."

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acknowledged.

"What they wanted was a comment or statement from Father Malloy, and only Father Malloy can speak for Father Malloy," she said. "But between myself and Father Jarret I wanted them to have someone to talk to."

On Malloy's request, Jarret met with representatives from the group to discuss the letter's conditions for stopping the 3-day, 44-person hunger strike — a public confirmation that the University will not enter into further contracts with Taco Bell and its promise to make Fair Trade coffee available in both dining halls by the fall semester. In total, 100 students will participate in fasts of varying length.

Jarret said Malloy is aware the group plans to continue fasting until the University takes a public stance, but also cautioned the students about the possibility of a delayed statement or no statement at all.

"I was just trying to be truthful," he said, adding that while the administration is interested in the students' information and concerns, it must await a response from Taco Bell before making any judgment.

"Out of fairness and prudence we at least need Taco Bell's side of the situation before we make a statement," he said.

Taco Bell's side of the situation should be forthcoming, said vice president and general counsel Carol Kaesebier, who has held meetings with PSA members since the fall 2003 semester and sent a letter to the corporation on March 5.

Kaesebier said students provided her with written materials indicating their correspondence with both Taco Bell and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers — the group involved in the tomato-pickers dispute — and that the general counsel's letter came as a result.

When she sent the letter, Kaesebier said she explained to the students that the University would "be happy to indicate that we're reviewing the situation but wouldn't say we won't do business with [Taco Bell]," she said. "That suggests that Taco Bell is wrong, and we didn't have all of the information."

On the students' request, Kaesebier also placed a call Wednesday to the letter's intended recipient, but was unable to reach Taco Bell. Kaesebier said she anticipated a response today about when the University should expect an answer, but stressed there has been no indication by either Notre Dame or Taco Bell of intent to renew the contract, which is up at the end of this semester.

Jarret also pointed out the contract is essentially "dormant," as all requirements have been fulfilled.

While Kaesebier said she was not surprised by the time it had taken representatives to respond because Taco Bell is a "big business," students involved in the hunger strike said they hoped the University would renounce ties with the corporation based on its past defenses, such as the letter Taco Bell provided to student protesters on April 2.

"I think if it's important to

[the University], then they said.

should hear Taco Bell's point of view, but we already know how Taco Bell's going to respond," said Melody Gonzalez, one of the students who met with Jarret.

Fellow PSA member Brigitte Gynther agreed, calling the waiting period a "delay tactic" and saying that she expected Notre Dame to take a more active role in soliciting a response.

"The least the University can do is pressure Taco Bell," she

Gonzalez said she and the PSA have been delivering similar letters and e-mails to Malloy for the past two weeks. Kate Kennedy, also on the hunger strike, said Malloy had acknowledged her inquiries.

"He's responded — so he's definitely been aware of the situation," she said.

Though the PSA never made an official appointment with the president, Gynther said the decision to approach Malloy's office came after exhausting

other options.

"We've tried non-confrontational methods, scheduled meetings with lawyers," she said. "He's had an ample amount of time."

Gonzalez said that PSA members had realistic expectations of Malloy's appearance Wednesday, but emphasized the importance of making their presence felt.

"We didn't really expect him to come out right then and there, but we wanted him to know we're there," she said. "We just wanted him to see us."

Despite students' initial reluctance to meet with him instead of Malloy, Jarret offered a positive assessment of his conversation.

"The least the University can do is pressure Taco Bell."

Brigitte Gynther
PSA member

"But there's a difference between listening to them and using prudence in our actions ... [and] it may take a little patience from both sides."

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Father Peter Jarret
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California to revamp workers' comp

Schwarzenegger, legislators make deal

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California's workers' compensation system, the most expensive in the nation, would get a broad overhaul in a deal reached Wednesday between legislators and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Many details were to be worked out in a legislative committee Wednesday night, but officials said Schwarzenegger

succeeded in pushing through two key elements: The bill will not regulate insurance rates, and will allow insurers and employers to select pools of doctors injured workers must use.

Schwarzenegger made workers' comp a centerpiece of his campaign for governor, and final approval of the bill would represent a fresh political victory for the Republican governor. If passed by the committee, the bill will face votes in the Legislature on Friday.

For months, Schwarzenegger has prodded lawmakers to

overhaul a system with the nation's highest bills to employers and some of its lowest benefits to injured workers. While working to reach a deal with lawmakers, he has simultaneously threatened them with a proposed initiative that would ask voters to change the workers' comp system.

Though the legislation appeared to have momentum Wednesday, the governor's staff still held out the threat that Schwarzenegger would spurn the bill and take his reform plan directly to voters if lawmakers did not meet his bottom line.

Contractor's wife prays for his return

Associated Press

MACON, Miss. — Kellie Hamill said Wednesday her family is struggling with the silence that has followed the capture of her civilian husband in Iraq, maintaining their courage through prayer and the support of others.

"It's hard, it's really hard," she said. "You want him home. You want to hear from him. You want to hear him."

Thomas Hamill, 43, a fuel tanker driver for Halliburton Co. subsidiary Kellogg, Brown & Root, was a b d u c t e d Friday when g u n m e n attacked his convoy of fuel trucks.

Now, Hamill's family must deal with reports that four bodies have been found in Iraq, possibly the remains of private contractors who are missing.

Kellie Hamill said she had not seen her husband's picture since the weekend, when the Arabic news network Al-Jazeera aired tapes of the former dairy farmer. In the segment, Hamill's captors threatened to kill him unless U.S. troops ended their assault on the city of Fallujah.

A deadline imposed by his abductors came and went Sunday with no word of his fate.

"It's nerve-racking, not knowing what's going on," said Hamill's mother, Phyllis.

Wendy Hall, a Halliburton spokeswoman, said Wednesday the company has no new information regarding the missing workers and whether the four bodies that were reported found Tuesday have been identified as some of those workers.

"I would just like to thank everybody for their prayers," Kellie Hamill said, adding she last spoke to her hus-

band April 7, two days before his abduction. "We want to let everyone know that we're praying for all the hostages."

As word that bodies had been discovered circulated through this town of about 2,200, officials and neighbors prepared for more vigils and prayers for Hamill, Noxubee County's firefighter of the year in 2003.

"We are praying. We are praying all day long," Kellie Hamill said. "I know the Lord is watching over my husband and will keep him safe and he will bring him home to me."

She said it had been extremely difficult to explain to her 13-year-old son,

Thomas, and 11-year-old daughter, Tori, what was happening to their father.

"They don't understand. They do know everything. I did not keep anything from my children — we agreed on this," she said.

Hamill fought hard to keep the dairy business that had been in his family for three decades, working long hours to pay off bank loans, friends said.

But he needed to find a way to raise his children. He sold his cows and milking equipment, and last September the plainspoken family man signed on to drive a fuel truck for a year in Iraq for \$80,000, tax free.

"He went over because of his debt," Kellie Hamill said. "He thought he could work over there a couple of years and get out of debt."

His wife expressed sympathy for the families of other KBR employees who been reported missing. U.S. officials reported that seven Halliburton employees had been reported missing in Iraq.

"We want to let everyone know that we're praying for all the hostages."

**Kellie Hamill
wife of captured
civilian contractor**

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friday 04.16

Mass for Peace
 5:15 p.m.
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saturday 04.17

Holy Cross Ordinations
 1:30pm
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rebuilding Together
 (Christmas in April)

sunday 04.18

RCIA-Morning of Reflection
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Coleman-Morse Lounge

Ordination to the Priesthood
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rejoice! Mass
 10:00 p.m.
 Coleman-Morse Chapel

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tuesday 04.20

Confirmation Session #14
 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
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 10:00 p.m.
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Easter

The Art of Waiting

by Keara Coughlin
 Intern, Campus Ministry

Waiting: something we all face at times, but some are better at it than the rest of us. Each of us faces the challenges of waiting differently: some - with anticipation, some - with frustration, some - with nervous anxiety. There are even some of us who approach it with bitterness or anger. And then there are those of us who somehow try to avoid periods of waiting by convincing ourselves that we 'don't really care what happens anyway' and therefore can just ignore the issue all together.

Over the past eight months, a group of 28 people have demonstrated to me the art of waiting. Until meeting these people, I don't think I had ever really grasped what it means to take on this task and how doing so with intentionality means recognizing the purpose and the call of waiting. With anticipation and eagerness, these men and women displayed a true effort to use this time as an opportunity to grow, strengthen, and - with joy and hope - prepare for what was to come.

For these past 8 months, I have been allowed the blessed opportunity to walk with 17 candidates and 11 catechumens as they took the next steps along their faith journeys by preparing to enter into the Catholic Church through the RCIA process: uniting with us in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. They had been waiting for Easter with an anticipation that many of us "cradle-Catholics" don't ever have for this or any holy celebration. For Amy, Justin, Jenna, Heather, Dave, Brandon, Kari, Richie, Melinda, Carolyn, and Xiao Juan (and the rest of the nearly 150,000 new Catholics around the world), Easter meant "new life" in a way more powerful and more perfect than any chocolate bunny or colored egg ever could. Their new life is a life in and with Christ - the Risen Christ who calls all of us to a life of faith and a life of love.

It is truly amazing to me that for 22 years (alright - I should probably only be held accountable for the last 14 or so), I have been presented with an opportunity each and every springtime to better understand and enter into the art of waiting; yet it is only now that my eyes are finally open enough to gain greater insight into what the Church has been doing for nearly 1800 years. With the season of Lent, the Church has set apart a special time during which we - the Body of Christ - are invited to enter into a period of intentional waiting and preparation for the greatest and largest celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the year. With prayer and almsgiving, we rededicate ourselves and our lives to Christ - making His mission our own. And as Easter approaches, as I have begun to understand, we enter into a 'paschal fast' - a time in which we are too excited to be thinking about and preparing big meals and snacks.

In their faith journeys, the candidate and catechumens - like many of us - faced questions, frustrations and the struggle of not being able to fully grasp all that they had heard and read. But each one knew that what they were doing - taking the steps to claim the Catholic faith as their own - was right and it was right at this very time and place in their lives. They were being called and they were responding. Their witness has been a gift and a blessing to me - giving me strength for my own journey in a way I could never have imagined. Inspired by each of them, I am overjoyed to renew my own baptismal vow this Easter season and reclaim my faith as my own.

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Acts 5:12-16 2nd: Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Human Rights Watch director to speak

Special to The Observer

As death counts continue to rise in the Middle East, the executive director of Human Rights Watch will address the question "The War in Iraq: Justified as Humanitarian Intervention?" on April 20 at the University of Notre Dame.

The lecture by Kenneth Roth will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. He will give a second talk at 12:30 p.m. April 21, also in the auditorium, titled "Counterterrorism: Are Human Rights an Obstacle or Part of the Solution?"

The events, which are open to the public, comprise the 10th

annual Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy. They are sponsored by Notre Dame's Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Human Rights Watch is the largest U.S.-based international human rights organization. It reports on and seeks to curb abuses in some 70 countries. Roth, director since 1993, has conducted investigations around the world, devoting special attention to issues of justice and accountability for gross abuses of human rights, standards governing military conduct, the human rights policies of the United States and the United Nations, and the responsibilities of multinational businesses.

Award

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The first objective of the company is "to honor God in all we do."

"It's one thing to note the four objectives ... it's another thing to understand [them]," Maciariello said. "I believe the four objectives of ServiceMaster have been the cause and effect of a deep understanding of work and relationship."

Pollard, author of "Soul of Firm", wrote that "when the purpose of the firm is linked to the growth and development of a person in God's image, it unleashes powerful forces in the mind and the spirit of the worker."

Maciariello explained that the name ServiceMaster can be reworded as "Master of Servants." This idea has transformed thousands of people, Maciariello said.

"Because we bear God's image, we possess inherent dignity," Maciariello said. "Our institutions often deny [this]."

Pollard served as CEO and

Chairman for more than 20 years. He worked to help pursue the other objectives of ServiceMaster, which, include the development of people, the pursuit of excellence and growth of profits.

Maciariello said that Pollard's Judeo-Christian values and approach to work ethics have given him support.

"Pollard and ServiceMaster has been a source of encouragement for me ... If a CEO wants to implement these values, there are many examples to follow that prove this," Maciariello said.

Pollard received the award from Hesburgh, and gave a brief speech thanking Hesburgh for his advice that he gave to him a 15 years ago.

Pollard, a graduate of Wheaton College and Northwestern University School of Law, is co-chair

and a director of UnumProvident Corporation and a director of Herman Miller Incorporated.

Since 1947, ServiceMaster has provided various services to residences such as lawn care, house cleaning and landscaping maintenance and employs 40,000 workers. The company provides outsourcing services to more than 10.5 million customers in the U.S. and 41 countries across the globe and was recognized as the number one service firm

in the Fortune 500, making over \$3.5 million in revenues.

The Cahill lecture series was established in 1959 in memory of Frank Cahill, an alumnus and benefactor who was committed to business ethics.

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Joseph Maciariello professor at Claremont Graduate University

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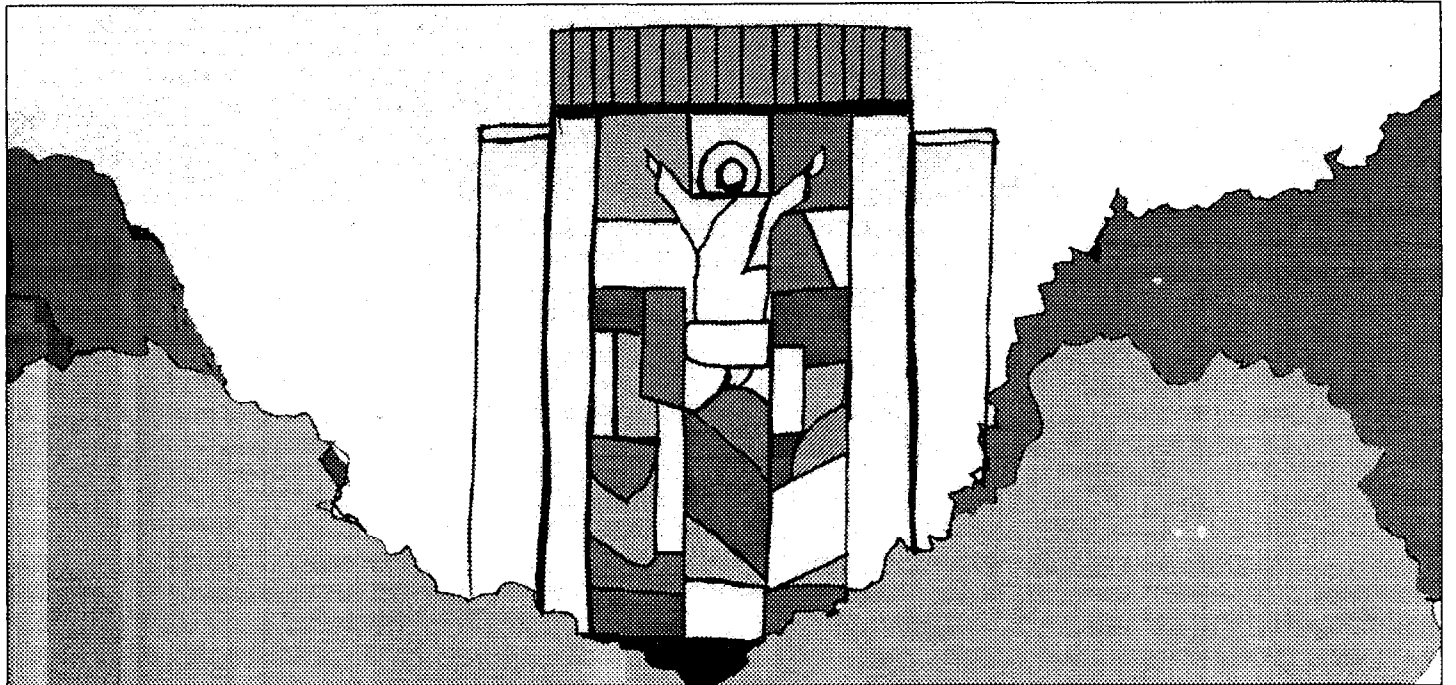
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What alumni miss about Notre Dame

Work hard, play hard, pray hard. This is a fitting mantra for students in our community. The years here are intense, and we can find ourselves nearing graduation far too quickly. Wise counsel from alumni can put our experiences here in better perspective. What do alumni miss most about this place? What advice can they pass on to students? I asked alumni who graduated one, five and 10 years ago these questions. Their full answers are at www.nd.edu/~adeberry/alumni.html. These are a few of the insights they want to pass on.

Andrew
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Friendships
We are surrounded here by the most passionate, caring and talented group of peers that we may ever meet. The community spirit is unparalleled. It gives people the constant energy to work, pray, laugh and party. Many friends are together in one small place, and people bump into friends on campus no matter where they go. Several alumni noted that leaving this environment is a change that many don't anticipate. Alumni miss the open doors in the hallway. They miss their roommates. They miss random college humor, occasional debates and late-night conversations with people their own age. They tell students to firmly hold on to their friends. These friendships may be the most important things we'll take from college to keep for life.

Faith
Grads from all years advised against taking the faith community for granted. Tony Hagale '03, a software engineer, said the thing he missed most was dorm mass, "hands down." Other alums describe the difficulty of keeping the faith alive beyond campus. David Woo '03, an English teacher in

Hong Kong, says "I miss that faith community as I'm looking for a new Church in this exotic wilderness of Hong Kong — it's a lot trickier to find people who profess Christ here." Another alum, Derek Betcher '99, is interested in religion more than ever now that he and his wife are building a family. He, like other grads, wishes he'd spent more time exploring his faith at Notre Dame because "it is such a fertile place for that kind of learning."

Service
The faith cultivated here often fosters an ethic of lifelong service. Tara Holcomb '99 and Kathy Motyka '99 both eventually chose teaching professions after service experiences like the Summer Service Project and the Holy Cross Associates. Michael Sweikar '03, a law student, also recognizes that few schools have so many domestic and international service opportunities like Notre Dame. The ethic formed from his experiences will guide him in his professional career: "Focus on putting God first and always making time to help people and any activity you do will be that much better." This attitude is the hallmark of the Notre Dame graduate.

Career
The alums suggested studying what one enjoyed while also taking the job search seriously. Some recommend doing graduate school before getting married. Ricky Sadowski '03 encourages pre-med students in particular to think seriously before committing to medical school: "I've seen many people waste a year of their lives and money before dropping out. If you need time to decide, take it, everything will still be there when you get back."

Steph Burum '03 demonstrated this thought-out search process. By volunteering in South Bend hospitals during college, she realized that she should pursue health administration

in law school instead of medical school.

While one may find a profession that sounds interesting, the actual work duty may be much different than expected. The alums noted that several "dream jobs" aren't glamorous at all. Others said they still don't know what they want to do in the first place. Some have blazed their own trails to find their answers, which has taken them in and out of the corporate, public and non-profit sectors. All alums encouraged students to do the hard work needed to find a job they can be passionate about.

Alumni connection

The Notre Dame family and its global reach can support alumni no matter what their professional path. Local alumni clubs are a great way to develop new friendships and find community, whether one's interest is in athletics, service, faith or academics. Frank McGehee '94, the President of the San Jose Alumni Club, wants students to be proud of Notre Dame: "Take care of your fellow Domers and work toward the better good of society."

The alumni tell us over and over about how special this place is. As we make our way towards graduation, the senior class in particular begins to understand their appreciation. At Notre Dame, we party too much, work too late and pray harder than we knew we could. And in the end, all we can say is thank you.

Andrew DeBerry is a fifth-year senior and has found much passion writing columns. He is glad to put his columnist pen into retirement now and encourages underclassmen to consider writing next year. He can be contacted at adeberry@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

Robert Byrne
author

People, not places, define experiences

An angry and sex crazed Italian man looked me straight in the eye last week and said to me, "I hope in your whole life that you never find happiness." He repeated it again, I guess in case the first time it didn't sink in.

Dolores Diaz

Apparently, it was my fault that he wasn't getting any from my friend that night. I had checked up on her when the pushy guy disappeared behind her as she made her way from the room, but that is beside the point. I surprised myself. I didn't say something equally as wretched to this man but instead did something else — I cried. In fact, I sobbed just the second my feet had carried me a few steps away.

The Warm Gun

Now, maybe I was just drunk. Let's face it, that seems like something many of us would normally just laugh at. Hell, I laugh when I tell the story now; it's funny. Even though I wasn't wearing anything of the sort, I always imagine myself in these pink pumps doing an exaggerated girl run through the streets of Venice with a bottle of booze in my hand.

Someone once said, "Ask a man if he is happy and he ceases to be so." I asked myself that night. It wasn't the first time — I would be more than ashamed if a truly revelatory moment of self-evaluation came from something so stupid, but it was at a time that I didn't particularly feel like thinking about anything of the sort. I just want-

ed to be left alone with my frivolous good time in Italy without being confronted with soap opera style insults from random men. Apparently, that was too much to ask.

In any case, I decided to chronicle the week I spent in Italy to find when I was most happy — provided the voodoo curse that had just been placed on me didn't come to pass.

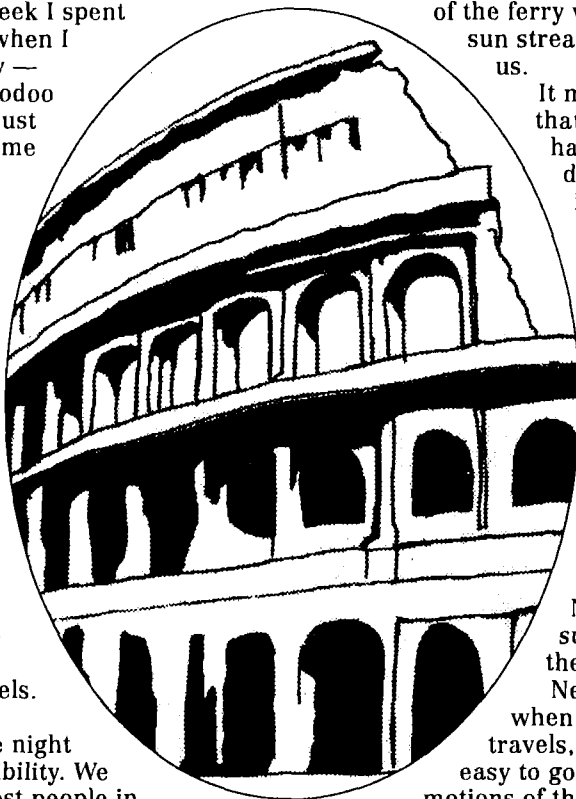
Venice was the first on the journey. I was happiest in Venice, before that night turned bad, when my girl friends and I had bought the worst tasting bottle of lemon liquor and proceeded to down it uninterrupted in the shadiest of hostels. We joked and laughed and the night was full of possibility. We were the happiest people in all of Venice.

In Florence, it was a laugh attack walking down the street at night, cigarette in hand.

In Rome it was probably the Vatican

Mass; it gave me a chance to soak it all in. It was also hanging out on the Spanish steps with young Romans at night.

And in Capri, it was napping side by side with my friends on the deck of the ferry with the warm sun streaming down on us.



It may seem odd that in each city my happiest memories didn't necessarily involve a particular monument or iconic image. Ironically the first three did involve some sort of potentially addictive substance — particularly the booze and cigarettes.

However that is just a coincidence ... I hope. Note to self: consume more of these.

Nevertheless, when people go on travels, it seems too easy to go through the motions of the "Let's Go" guide and miss out on the joy of their companions. In the end, it wasn't the gondolas of Venice or the art of Florence, the Sistine Chapel, or looking out over Rome from St. Peters that did

it. I saw all those things and I appreciated them all. To say that the classic works of art were not as awesome and amazing as traditionally held would be absurd.

However pure joy and simple happiness was what many of the iconic experiences of Italy simply aimed to capture. In the end, it was when my senses were fully engaged, experiencing and appreciating the human spirit in the people that I was with that made my trip.

Luckily, the Italian had no connections with the occult; I had a great time in Italy. Even though I had a bad night that second day in Venice, I ensured the happiness of the rest of the trip by looking out for the friends that I value most. Too often excessive worry about rhetoric and appropriateness comes into play when one wishes to check on a friend they are legitimately concerned about.

It is always better to run the risk of running down the streets of Venice in pink heels sobbing than to risk a friend. Despite the way you may feel at that specific moment, at least the next day you'll have something to laugh about and a story to tell. More importantly, you'll have the people you care about most next to you to enjoy it with.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nuclear power is (part of) the answer

We all take our electrically powered lifestyle for granted. We walk into a room and flip the switch and expect there to be light. When there's an outage, we feel wronged. Electricity is a God-given right, but power plants are Satan incarnate.

Michael Subialka's April 14 letter against nuclear energy generation is just another shortsighted attack on an integral part of an intelligent, diverse energy policy.

The letter is replete with uninformed statements and flawed arguments. While it is true that fission products from commercial reactors are highly toxic, they remain sequestered and under control, unlike the waste products from a coal plant, also radioactive, which we all breathe daily. "Acceptable" waste disposal methods do in fact exist and are used by the French, who generate over 70 percent of their electricity using nuclear reactors, in comparison to our 19 percent.

Continuing, Subialka states that, "90 percent of all cancers are preventable," and that we should "limit our exposure to radioactive sources," but fails to provide evidence that nuclear power generation actually results in any radiation dose for citizens. The truth is that a two-hour airline flight results in a radiation dose 110 times greater than a whole year of living within 50 miles of a nuclear power plant, and both are negligible doses.

Of course, what anti-nuclear argument would be complete without mentioning Chernobyl? Chernobyl was a

haphazardly constructed power station at best. It did not have the impregnable concrete containment building that is required around all reactors in this country. This, combined with the actual construction of the reactor, precludes this type of accident from ever occurring in the United States. The letter also mentioned Three Mile Island, but that accident resulted in no injuries, and new reactor designs and operational practices have eliminated the chance of a repetition.

Finally, we must consider the alternatives. Fossil fuels are cheap and plentiful for the time being, but conventional wisdom says that they are changing our climate. If this is correct and if we keep it up, we're talking melted ice caps, flooded farmland and hundreds of millions of people starving. That sounds worse to me than any worst-case nuclear scenario.

Solar and wind are clean, but they supply paltry amounts of intermittent power. Hydroelectric dams are clean and powerful, but geography limits possible locations.

So, what is the answer? As with almost anything, moderation and diversification are key. No one source is the magic bullet, but rather our country must rely on a balanced energy policy, including nuclear, to sustain our increasing demand.

Jordan Ryan
 senior
 Alumni Hall
 April 14

EDITORIAL CARTOON



ALBUM REVIEWS

'Atlanta's Finest' releases personal album

By SHAWNTINA FERGUSON
Scene Music Critic

Blending to perfection a mix of hip-hop, rap and rhythm and blues, Usher's highly-anticipated fifth album has exceeded the expectations of fans and welcomed new listeners with a mosaic-style that his contemporaries are unable to match. In "Confessions," R&B megastar Usher proves that an autobiographical music compilation is seemingly more gripping than other conventional styles. Selling more than 1.1 million copies in its opening week, Usher has sent a melodious message across the world: ATL's Finest is back and better than ever!

The tracks are brilliantly crafted to narrate a story so personal to Usher. The track, "Confessions Part II" penned by

Jermaine Dupri, Bryan Cox and Usher, is an upbeat ballad which documents rumored personal moments of infidelity, disappointment and pain. Usher sings, "Now this is going to be the hardest thing I think I ever had to do / Got me talking to myself asking how am I going to tell you / Bout that chick from part one that I was creepin with, creepin with / Say she's three months pregnant and she's keeping it." This heart-wrenching mid-tempo groove is followed by arguably the most captivating ballad on the album, "Burn."

Accompanied by a light piano and a soft drum, this track is telling of a relationship in which one partner is still in love but wishes to call it quits. The opening words to this track, in which Usher whispers in a sweet yet compelling tone, "See it's burning me to hold on to this / I know this is something I gotta do / But that

don't mean I want to / What I'm trying to say is that I love you ... I just feel like this is coming to an end / And it's better for me to let go now / Than hold on and hurt you / I gotta let it burn" set the mood for a cleverly composed yet emo-

tionally powerful track from which the audience is sure to relate. Throughout the song Usher cries aloud the fiery phrase, "let it burn" referencing the conflict he feels between loving his current beau and not wishing to remain in the relationship. Both "Confessions Part II" and "Burn" share the same authors.

While his previous platinum album, "8701," simply hinted at intimate moments, tracks like "Do It to Me" both written and produced by Dupri and Cox and "Can You Handle It" written by Robin Thicke, produced by Thicke and Pro J, underscores the very active, sensually sexy side of Usher. The former is a pulsating track that playfully describes bedroom activity. Ushers croons, "I want to feel you / Touch my body, baby / I guarantee you won't regret it / Let me set it out like you never had it." The latter begs the title question throughout the track and is meant for an adult audience.

By now, most are familiar with the club-banging hit "Yeah." Usher, Lil John and Ludacris team up to create what has claimed the rights to the no. 1 spot on Billboards Hot 100 for several weeks. However, taken together "Confessions" has far more to offer than the occasional



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Usher's highly-anticipated fifth album exceeds expectations and has already gained airplay.



party mix. The grown-up Usher finally accepts the challenge that accompanies soulful ballads. It is this masterful combination of soft balladry blended skillfully with mid and fast tempo hip-hop tracks that has rocketed Usher to a world stage. His commitment to his craft evidenced in his matured vocal abilities, and dedication to performance will provide Atlanta's Finest with the longevity needed to survive in an ever-changing world of rhythm and blues.

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Ben Kweller is 'On his way' with release

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

It is doubtful that a great deal of students has heard of Ben Kweller, or much less would know any of his songs, but this lack of attention is undeserved. The former lead singer of the band Radish just released his second solo album, "On My Way." After the moderately successful "Sha Sha," Kweller fans have been waiting a long for time for "On My Way" and they will generally not be disappointed by this second album. "On My Way" is a bit more developed and mature than "Sha Sha" and maintains the flare that makes a Kweller album a Kweller album: funky rhythms, at times just plain strange lyrics and generally some decent melodies.

Following the recent rise of the 60s

garage band sound, Kweller's "On My Way" sounds very similar to the vintage sound of bands like Kings of Leon and The Thrills. Kweller's Web site describes the unique process used in recording explaining, "The motto put forward from the beginning of the session was 'performance first.'" With that in mind, Kweller and his bandmates recorded with all instruments together in one room and minimal separation between amplifiers and drums. The band played mostly without headphones to ensure that each member could hear and react to the whole sound being produced in the room, instead of focusing on what each individual had in his headphones. These underused yet effective techniques ultimately gave the vocal and instrumental delivery a more impromptu feel. The sound of "On My Way" is definitely unique and is reminiscent of "Sha Sha," yet very different and separate. The recording emphasizes the themes of the songs, making the album very cohesive as an entire work.

Kweller loves music and is simply a true musician at heart. Growing up in Texas, he originally

played the piano. Kweller has been a musician from the beginning.

"Someone taught me how to play 'Heart and Soul,'" Kweller says, "and I saw the chord pattern and thought 'Ok, what if I play the first key, skip the second one, go straight to the third then back to the second key and then the fourth one, like 1-3-2-4 instead of 1-2-3-4.' I did it and it sounded completely different than 'Heart and Soul!' After that, I started writing words modeled after the girls and love in Beatles songs my parents would blast through their stereo. I was seven years old and hardly knew what a girl was but figured this is what you sing about when you write songs!"

This attitude seems to remain with Kweller even today in his song writing, which is downright ridiculous at times. From "I want to kill this man but he turned around and ran. / I'll kill him with the Karate that I learned in Japan" in "On My Way" to "We are just



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Ben Kweller's unique lyrics and quirky melodies set him apart from other young solo artists.

a sexual making me an alcoholic relation" in "Hospital Bed," Kweller's lyrics are surprising and original to say the least.



Overall, if you like Kweller you will love this album. If you aren't quite immersed in that world of music, then "On My Way" deserves a listen, but there may only be two or three songs that merit listening to again. Original, witty and unique, "On My Way" takes the listener into the world of Kweller and if you are familiar with the geography, then don't miss out on this album.

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On My Way

Ben Kweller

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ALBUM REVIEWS

The Vines' latest release combines many styles

By MICHAEL TENNANT
Scene Music Critic

Coming off its hit debut, "Highly Evolved," The Vines look to rock the music world again two years later with their long-awaited sophomore release "Winning Days."

Hailing from Australia, The Vines bring together a mix of energetic garage-style rock and a very laid-back psychedelic brand of music, creating a sometimes confusing yet nonetheless solid second album. As the album bounces back and forth between in-your-face guitar rock and moody melodies, listeners find themselves in an angry crowd of teenage protesters one minute and in a black lit room filled with large and overly comfy couches the

next.

Although this apparent lack of cohesion at points could be a problem, most of the songs are individually strong enough to carry the album. The opening track and first single "Ride" is reminiscent of their last hit "Get Free" off of "Highly Evolved," and draws you in immediately with one of the catchiest guitar riffs since Nirvana taught us what Teen Spirit smelled like. The simple chorus proves that sometimes less really is more.

The energy from "Ride" is carried through similarly rocking tracks "Animal Machine" and "She's Got Something To Say To Me" before peaking with "F.T.W." Each of these tracks feature tight riffs and a garage-style that is just unique enough to get everyone to listen. Unfortunately, the energy is interrupted by numerous acoustic-based tracks that feature lead singer and songwriter Craig Nicholls' poetic and often spacey lyrics.

Songs like "Sun Child" and an apparent sequel from their first album,

"Autumn Shade II" show a more melodic side to the band while giving Nicholls a chance to drift off to a nature-filled world where he can "forget about the engine of the rain," and ponder the "colors of her dream." Although these tracks hold their own, they sit the listener down in a recliner and light a few candles, making it near impossible to get back up once they kick on the distortion again.

What helps these songs along is the great guitar playing of Nicholls and Ryan Griffiths, who both lay down solos that seem to wrap around each airy tune like a blanket. Inside the group's collective Australian heart might be a jam band that occasionally peeks its head out to breath.

The final song, and perhaps the best on "Winning Days," "F.T.W." kicks over the recliner and smashes the black light in a frenzy of fuzzy screaming vocals and eclectic guitars. Although somewhat pessimistic as it announces Nicholls' and the rest of the band's disgust with the world, the song is filled with enough energy to rival the entire rest of the album. At the very least, it is



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Although The Vines' latest release lacks cohesion, it is a solid effort from the Australian band.

enough to bring the glossy-eyed wanderer back to reality after a trip into the world of daydreams.

On the whole, the album is solid, but lacks cohesion in certain parts. The lyrics are also difficult to truly identify with, and even the seemingly simplistic "Ride" carries a poetic edge that leaves you pondering all your reasoning and motives. But maybe the listener just has to put himself in Nicholls' shoes "to see the colors through [his] loaded mind."

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Winning Days

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MF Doom, Madlib break boundaries

By KENYATTA STORIN
Scene Music Critic

"Madvillainy," the long-awaited collaboration between rapper MF Doom and rapper/producer Madlib, is one of the most anticipated underground rap releases to come out in the past couple years. The album loosely follows the theme of villains and anti-heroes, as MF (Metal Face) Doom's name pays homage to Marvel Comics mask-wearing supervillain, Dr. Doom. Between this novel concept, MF Doom's unpredictable flow and Madlib's innovative production, "Madvillainy" is one of the most original underground rap albums to come out in years.

One of the most unusual aspects of "Madvillainy" is that it is a 22-track affair that takes place over the course of

only 45 minutes. No hooks, choruses, or booty-grinding singles here. But since the album switches things up so frequently, nothing ever gets stale, and if anything, it just keeps you wanting more. Even the weed-induced skits flow well between songs, and are short enough to not get on your nerves like the skits on other rap albums.

Of course, there is no way this 22-track setup would work without Madlib's masterful production. For one thing, Madlib intersperses retro movie and television samples throughout the album, which further enhance the villain motif. These samples are well placed, so that they do not disrupt the album's flow, and instead give the album more personality. Regarding the hip-hop beats themselves, Madlib makes sure there is never a dull moment, as his samples range from an accordion loop in "Accordion," to Streetfighter II sound bites in the instrumental track, "Do Not Fire!," to even some classical strings in "Strange Ways."

This is not to say that MF Doom does not do his part to better the album as well, for his quirky lyrics are a good complement to Madlib's unconventional production style. He has plenty of

clever lines, such as "Got more lyrics than the church's got ooh-lords" or "It's like they know what's 'bout to happen / Just keep your eye out like 'aye aye captain.'" And he has a good ear for playing with words, like when he starts out rapping "I wrote this rhyme off of two or three heinies" and then switches from beers to girls in the next few lines: "And boy was they fine, G! / One Black, one Spanish, one Chinese." There are times when MF Doom's lyrics are simply too random and obscure to follow, but he never has any mental lapses that make you doubt his ability and this is evident throughout the album.

The most amusing flows on "Madvillainy" are when both MF Doom and Madlib rap under the guises of other aliases they have used over the years. For instance, in "Fancy Clown," MF Doom raps as his alter ego, Viktor Vaughn, and disses MF Doom (himself) for hooking up with his girl. It is not everyday you hear a rapper create a self-diss track. In a similar vein, Madlib raps against his nasal-voiced alias Quasimoto on "America's Most Blunted." To say that schizophrenic raps are a rare breed in hip-hop is an understatement.



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The underground rap duo Madvillain consists of rapper MF Doom and rapper/producer Madlib.

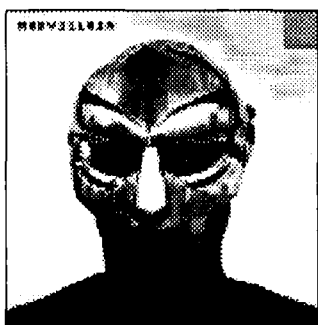
Although you will find the tracks on "Madvillainy" too short to be included on your latest rap mix, you will also find that it does not matter. Unlike most rap albums that contain lengthy skits and filler tracks, "Madvillainy" is one of those rare rap albums that can be listened to from start to finish without any skips. It may take a few listens to get used to, and you may not be able to bump to it like a 50 Cent record, but it is still a quality album that shows the vast possibilities of hip-hop.

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NHL

Avalanche prevail over Stars in double overtime

Associated Press

DALLAS — Rookie Marek Svatos and the Colorado Avalanche are headed home on the verge of advancing to the second round of the playoffs.

Svatos, playing in his fourth postseason game after playing just four in the regular season, scored from the center of the left faceoff circle 5:18 into double overtime, giving Colorado a 3-2 victory over the Dallas Stars and a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

Game 5 is Saturday in Denver, where the Avalanche cruised to the first two wins by scores of 3-1 and 5-2. Svatos had assists in both victories. The only time he hasn't contributed a point was in Colorado's 4-3 overtime loss in Game 3.

While the young forward had the key goal this time, the Avalanche received a stellar effort from goaltender David Aebischer.

Having blown a two-goal lead in Game 3 to give the Stars new life, Aebischer again squandered a two-goal lead — but he was hardly to blame. The Stars' first goal came on a two-man advantage, and the tying shot was redirected away from Aebischer by a defenseman's skate.

Aebischer made 41 saves, including 27 after the second period.

Milan Heyduk scored Colorado's first goal on a power play, and Joe Sakic followed soon after with a short-handed goal. Dallas answered quickly with Sergie Zubov scoring during a 5-on-3 advantage, then Pierre Turgeon tied it with 8:46 left in regulation.

The Stars outshot the Avalanche 43-21 for the game. Colorado's shots plunged from eight to four to three, three and two.

Svatos, who had assists in the first two games, skated into the zone with puck, got around Zubov and shot past defenseman Chris Therien and goaltender Marty Turco.

Dallas lost for only the second time in 21 home games. The Stars will have to win Saturday to get another chance to play at home in Game 6, which would be Sunday.

Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 0

Move over Martin Brodeur. There's a new unflappable goaltender in the NHL.

Robert Esche has brought a calming influence to the talented Philadelphia Flyers and helped push Brodeur and the defending champion New Jersey Devils to the brink of a first-round playoff elimination.

Esche made 35 saves in stealing Game 4, leading the Flyers to a win and a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"For whatever reason, I am calm with him in the net," Flyers captain Keith Primeau said. "There is no nervousness when shots are put up, even when goals are scored. I don't worry about how he's going to gather himself. He moves on the next play or next shot. It's a settling feeling for the players."

The low-key Esche has given up eight goals in the series on 123 shots. The playoff shutout was the first of his career.

"I felt very focused in all four games," Esche said. "I haven't had a problem getting up for the games. I've had a real good confidence level."

Defenseman Kim Johnsson gave Esche an early lead with a goal that atoned for a game-winning own goal two nights earlier.

Alexei Zhamnov and Primeau added third-period goals for the Flyers, who can end the Devils' hopes of winning a fourth championship since 1995 with a victory on Saturday in Philadelphia.

"We wanted to come up here and steal one," Flyers veteran Mark Recchi said. "We did it and now we go home and see what happens Saturday. We know the Devils. They are the defending Stanley Cup champions. They won't go down without a fight."

Game 6 would be played in New Jersey on Sunday, if necessary. A deciding game would be in Philadelphia on Tuesday, again, if necessary.

The Devils should know a 3-to-1 deficit against the Flyers isn't insurmountable.

When the Devils won the Stanley Cup in 2000, they overcame the same deficit in the Eastern Conference finals against the Flyers. The Devils won Games 5 and 7 in Philadelphia, which is what they would have to do this time to extend their playoff run.

In coming back in 2000, Brodeur gave up only three goals in the final three games and New Jersey scored eight.

"It helps mentally that we know it can happen, that we can come back and win the series," said Devils forward Patrik Elias, a member of the 2000 team. "But it doesn't happen that often."

The way Esche is playing this series, coming back will be tough.

Esche was outstanding in the first two periods. He stopped two shots by Brian Gionta from close range in the first period and good chances in close by Sergei Brylin and Jeff Friesen.

"It's not like they were out-playing us," Brodeur said. "The only reason why they won this game was because of Esche today. We were all over them. We played well."

Tampa Bay 3, New York 0

Nikolai Khabibulin and the Tampa Bay Lightning have made themselves very comfortable in a building that was so unfriendly to visitors all season long.

Khabibulin made 33 saves for his second straight shutout at Nassau Coliseum and league scoring leader Martin St. Louis had a short-handed goal and an assist in a victory over the New York Islanders.

Ruslan Fedotenko and Fredrik Modin added goals, and Brad Richards had two assists for the Lightning, who lead the best-of-seven series 3-1, with each game ending up 3-0. They can advance to the second round for the second straight year and second time ever with a home victory on Friday.

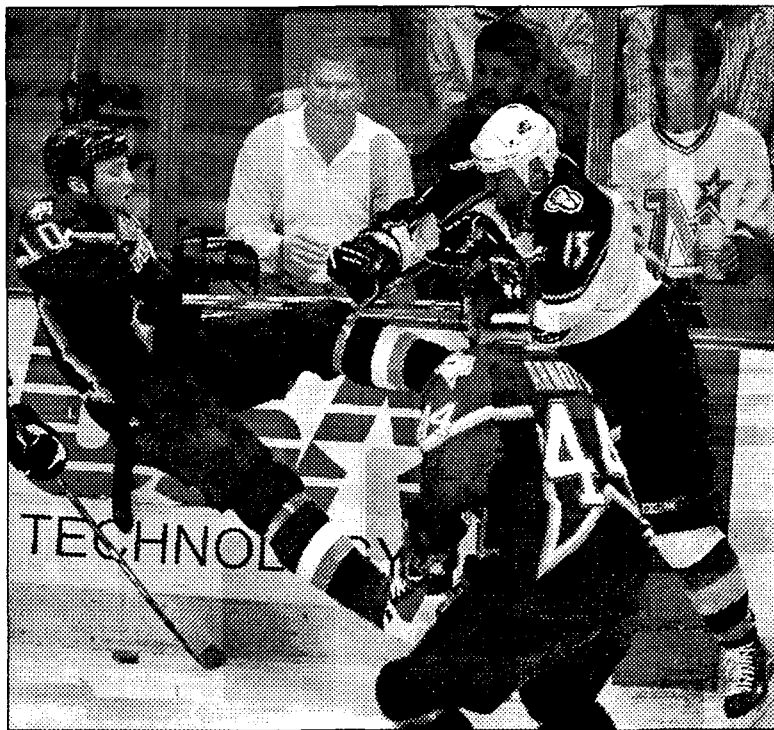
Should the Islanders win, Game 6 will be back on Long Island on Saturday night.

Khabibulin got his third shutout of the series. He's been unbeatable at Nassau Coliseum, where the Islanders won 25 home games — tops in the Eastern Conference.

But the Islanders, who won three of four regular-season games from the top-seeded Lightning, not only couldn't win at home, they couldn't score.

New York hasn't scored since Jason Blake sealed the Game 2 victory with an empty-net goal in the final minute.

St. Louis was held without a point in the first two games of the series, when the teams split victories at Tampa Bay. But the flashy forward had two goals Monday and took the steam out of the crowd again Wednesday when he turned an Islanders



Colorado's Dan Hinote hits Dallas' Brenden Morrow in the Avalanche's 3-2 win Wednesday night.

power play into a 1-0 lead for the Lightning.

New York defenseman Kenny Jonsson curled back into his zone but lost the puck when pestered by St. Louis, who got clear in the slot and sent a shot between the pads of Rick DiPietro 10:30 in.

Khabibulin also weathered an early second-period flurry when Mark Parrish was stopped in the slot, and Alexei Yashin had his rising drive batted away by the goalie's glove.

Ottawa 4, Toronto 1

Marian Hossa and the Ottawa Senators had reason to celebrate after finally getting some pucks past Toronto's Ed Belfour.

Daniel Alfredsson scored late in the first period to end Ottawa's two-game scoreless streak, and Hossa got the go-ahead goal in the second, helping the Senators to a win over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Senators tied the first-round playoff series at 2-all. Game 5 will be played Friday in Toronto.

Ottawa ended Belfour's shutout streak at 157:45 when Alfredsson scored with 35.6 seconds remaining in the first period, tying the game.

Hossa thrust his arms skyward after he scored his third goal of the series to give the Senators' the lead 13:15 into the second.

Todd White and Chris Phillips added third-period goals for Ottawa.

Senators goalie Patrick Lalime stopped 24 shots, while Belfour made 32 saves.

Already without center Joe Nieuwendyk, the Maple Leafs lost captain Mats Sundin early in the third period. Sundin slammed into the boards after being tripped by Ottawa defenseman Wade Redden on a partial breakaway. No penalty was called.

Maple Leafs forward Gary Roberts scored his third goal of the series on a power play 16:53 in. Toronto struggled the rest of the way and squandered the home-ice advantage it regained Monday with Belfour's second straight 2-0 shutout win.

Alfredsson finally solved Belfour late in the opening period, backhanding a shot along the ice and under the goalie's pads to tie it at 1.

Ottawa hadn't scored since Marian Hossa got his second goal 1:39 into the third period of the Senators' series opening 4-2 win.

Hossa, who was stopped by Belfour in the first on a breakaway, got another chance in the second when he broke in on a 2-on-1 with Radek Bonk. Hossa stopped suddenly and fired a wrist shot past Belfour, drawing a thunderous cheer.

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MLB

Brown notches 200th victory in Yankee win



Kevin Brown delivers a pitch during a 5-1 New York win over Tampa Bay Wednesday. The win was the 200th of Brown's career. AP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Well on the way to his 200th career victory, tough guy Kevin Brown got a bit misty.

Blame it on the weather, rather than emotion.

Working on a dreary, drizzly afternoon, Brown reached the milestone a game after fellow Yankees ace Mike Mussina and once again led New York over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-1 Wednesday.

"The mound was definitely slick. It was tough keeping your spikes," Brown said.

Still, the setting made it special as Brown became the 101st pitcher in major league history to win No. 200. Brown and Mussina are the first teammates to accomplish the feat in the same season.

"It's great to be here and get it here," Brown said. "It was a wonderful atmosphere, a great backdrop for it to happen."

Brown beat the Devil Rays for the third time this season, defeating them at the Tokyo Dome, Tropicana Field and Yankee Stadium. In all three outings, he gave up one run in seven innings.

Brown (3-0) is 200-131 in a career that started in 1986 with Texas. The 39-year-old righty also played for Baltimore, Florida, San Diego and Los Angeles before an off-season trade that sent Jeff Weaver to the Dodgers.

"A lot of pitchers have come and gone and not won 200 games or gotten close," said Mussina, 35. "I know what it means to him and what it meant to me."

Detroit 5, Toronto 3

Carlos Pena hit a two-run double in a four-run first inning, and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Tigers have won six of their first eight games, one

season after beginning 0-9 and finishing with an AL-record 119 losses.

Detroit, off to its best start since 1985, has scored at least five runs in each of its opening eight games for the first time, eclipsing the six in a row at the start of the 1961 season.

Vernon Wells singled off Esteban Yan and scored on an error as Toronto closed within two runs in the eighth. Jamie Walker relieved and gave up a single and a wild pitch before getting out of the inning by striking out Kevin Cash and getting Orlando Hudson to ground out.

Danny Patterson pitched the ninth for his first save. Toronto threatened in the ninth, getting a singles from pinch-hitter Greg Myers and Frank Catalanotto before Wells grounded into a game-ending double play.

Nate Robertson (1-0) gave up two runs and three hits over five innings in his first start of the season, the 10th of his career. He struck out seven and walked three. The 26-year-old left-hander pitched 10-plus scoreless innings before Reed Johnson's two-run homer in the fifth.

Oakland 9, Texas 4

Jermaine Dye is healthy again, and he's already making up for last year's lost season.

Dye homered twice to drive in four runs, and extended his season-opening hitting streak to eight games, to help power the Oakland Athletics past the Texas Rangers.

"I'm just back to normal," Dye said. "I'm not having to worry about anything, any injuries or anything like. It takes a lot off your mind to just go out there and do what you're capable of doing."

With five homers, one more than he had all last season, Dye has the AL lead. He's hitting .344, and his 12 RBIs also top the league.

Dye was limited to 65 games last season after extended stays on the disabled list for torn cartilage in his right knee and then a separated right shoulder. His .172 average was the lowest in the majors for a player with 200 at-bats, and a franchise worst.

Now he's looking more like his old self. Maybe even better.

"It's incredible," rookie shortstop Bobby Crosby said. "We know how hard he worked in the offseason. You can tell he's a confident guy."

Crosby, who replaced former AL MVP Miguel Tejada as the starter, hit his first homer in the fifth, a three-run shot that gave Oakland a 9-1 lead and chased R.A. Dickey (1-1).

Dye's homers came in consecutive innings and staked the A's to a 6-0 lead. It was his ninth career multihomer game, the first since hitting two against Texas in September 2002.

Unlike 2002 AL Cy Young winner Barry Zito a night earlier, Mark Redman didn't need all of his big lead. Redman (1-0) gave up eight hits against the major league's best hitting team, but scattered them throughout six innings.

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Fall 2004 Course on the Irish Gothic

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Joseph McMinn, Professor of Anglo-Irish Studies at the University of Ulster, will be a Visiting Professor in the Keough Institute for Irish Studies in Fall 2004. An authority on Irish Literature in English, McMinn's interests range from Jonathan Swift to John Banville. His many publications include Jonathan Swift: A Literary Life (1991), Jonathan's Travels: Swift and Ireland (1994), John Banville: A Critical Study (1991) and The Supreme Fictions of John Banville (1999).

A popular teacher, McMinn will offer a course in Fall 2004 on Gothic fiction in Britain and Ireland from the mid-eighteenth to late nineteenth century. The emphasis will be on the distinctive features and forms of the Gothic novel — "the tale of terror" — its early association with female authors and readers, and its later role in the emergence of Romanticism. Authors and texts to be studied include Austen's Northanger Abbey (1818), Shelley's Frankenstein (1818), Maturin's Melmoth the Wanderer (1820), Le Fanu's The House by the Churchyard (1863), and Stoker's Dracula (1897). While the course is essentially about a very distinctive and popular form of the novel, it will also have an interdisciplinary dimension, touching upon related and later versions of Gothic in art, architecture and cinema.

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NBA

James ends rookie season with win over Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fittingly, LeBron James finished his rookie season on a positive note.

The most hyped player to enter the NBA straight out of high school scored his final two points of 2003-04 on a crowd-pleasing dunk with 30 seconds remaining in a 100-90 victory Wednesday night over the New York Knicks.

"I think overall I had a very successful season, but not because of my statistical cate-

gories," James said. "I look at the team, and we doubled plus one our wins from last year. And we got better from Day 1 until now."

Some might dispute that final statement, as Cleveland's late-season swoon kept the Cavs out of the playoffs in the underwhelming Eastern Conference.

But there was no denying the improvement they made, going from 17 to 35 victories while playing in front of sellout crowds all around the NBA.

Their finale was a quality win,

given that the Knicks used their starters throughout the fourth quarter, but were outplayed by a lottery-bound team that had lost 12 of its previous 15 games.

After James scored the last of his 17 points and the final buzzer sounded, he exchanged hugs with players from both teams.

"I don't want to say it's good to be done," James said. "I think I really need to rest, but if there was any opportunity for us to keep going I would love to play."

James finished the season with

averages of 20.9 points, 5.9 rebounds and 5.5 assists.

"He is not the future. He is the present," Knicks guard Penny Hardaway said.

James now moves on to his first summer vacation as an NBA veteran, while the Knicks will head into a first-round playoff series against the New Jersey Nets beginning Saturday afternoon.

New York had a chance to move up to sixth place in the conference, but needed a victory and a loss by New Orleans, which

defeated Washington 94-78.

The result of the Hornets-Wizards game was known by the time the fourth quarter got underway, but it was clear much earlier that New Orleans was on its way to a victory.

"I thought that we didn't have the same intensity we had the past couple of games, and I think a lot of it was us as much as it was them," Knicks coach Lenny Wilkens said. "We can do a much better job than that. We'll start the focus on that tomorrow."

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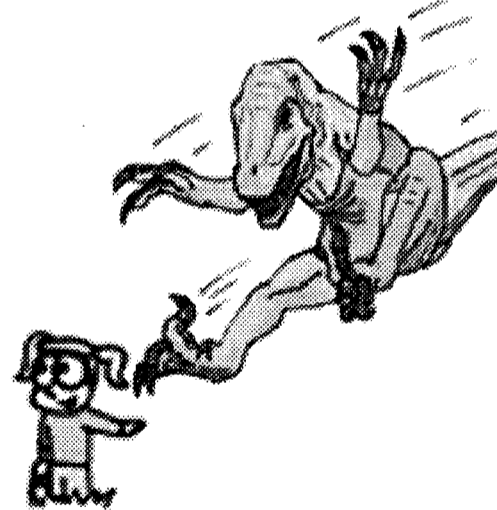
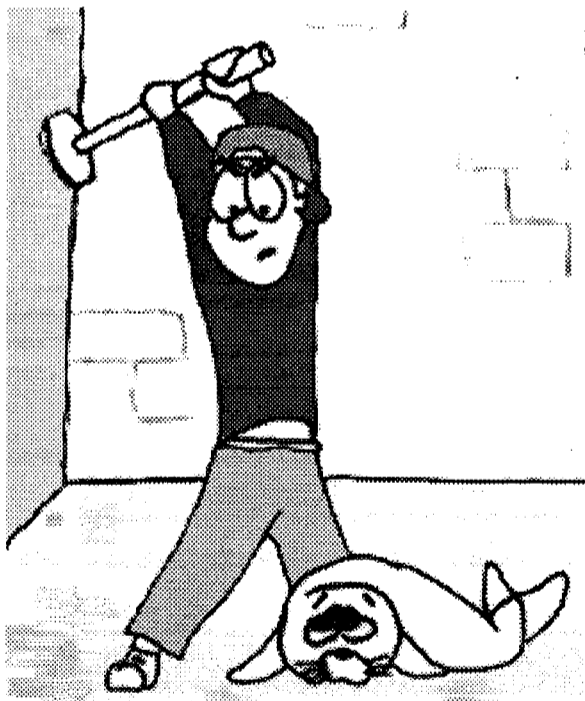
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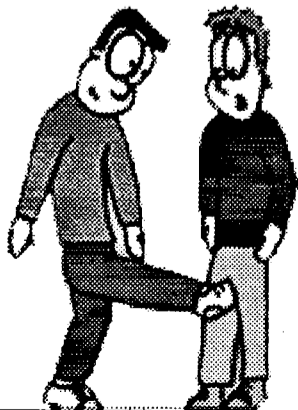
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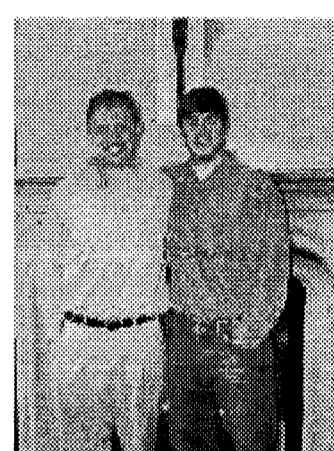


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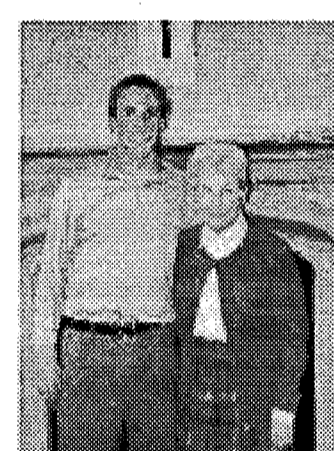
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AROUND THE NATION

USILA Men's Lacrosse

Team	record	points
1 Johns Hopkins	7-1	195
2 Navy	8-1	188
3 Maryland	8-1	180
4 Syracuse	7-1	177
5 North Carolina	6-3	155
6 Princeton	5-2	150
7 Georgetown	6-2	143
8 Ohio State	8-2	130
9 Army	8-2	118
10 Brown	7-1	107
11 Cornell	5-2	87
12 Towson	5-3	76
13 Duke	4-5	75
14 NOTRE DAME	5-4	69
15 Rutgers	6-3	64
16 Denver	6-3	44
17 Delaware	8-3	35
18 Virginia	3-8	33
19 Loyola	3-4	16
20 Villanova	8-2	14

NFCA Softball Top 20

team	record	points
1 Arizona	40-1	575
2 Florida State	44-4	548
3 UCLA	27-5	509
4 California	35-6	497
5 Washington	28-7	487
6 LSU	39-7	477
7 Georgia	39-9	432
8 Louisiana-Lafayette	35-4	415
9 Michigan	33-6	403
10 Stanford	30-10	352
11 Tennessee	41-10	337
12 Fresno State	36-13	297
13 Alabama	32-11	296
14 Oregon	30-10	271
15 Oregon State	34-12	238
16 Florida	38-9	238
17 Oklahoma	34-14-1	189
18 Nebraska	29-11	187
19 South Florida	44-8	180
20 Baylor	37-9	142

Golfweek Men's Top 10

team	record	rating
1 Florida	142-5-2	69.86
2 Clemson	118-27-4	70.54
3 UCLA	109-15-4	70.76
4 Georgia	111-37-1	70.77
5 Arizona State	112-27-1	70.80
6 Georgia Tech	105-38-3	70.94
7 Texas	86-46-4	71.07
8 Oklahoma State	91-36-1	71.13
9 Arizona	90-45-4	71.16
10 Texas Christian	104-42-2	71.19

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Connecticut's Ben Gordon shoots in the second half against Alabama in the NCAA Regional in Phoenix March 27. Gordon scored 36 points in the Huskies' 87-71 win.

Connecticut's Gordon will leave early for NBA

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Ben Gordon always expected to be in the NBA next season. The national title he helped Connecticut win made his decision even easier.

"I knew I wanted this to be my last year," Gordon said Wednesday at a news conference to announce he's leaving the Huskies early. "I wanted to win the championship and had all these goals set."

It's hard to imagine a college career ending on a

higher note.

Gordon averaged a team-leading 18.5 points for the Huskies, who beat Georgia Tech 82-73 last week for the title. He is projected as a top 10 pick in the draft.

The junior guard averaged 21.2 points during six NCAA tournament games. He also scored 81 points to help the Huskies win their record-tying sixth Big East title, breaking Allen Iverson's scoring record in a tournament.

"When Mek got injured, I got to take all this pres-

sure on myself and that's when I started having fun," Gordon said, referring to All-America center Emeka Okafor. "I didn't look back since then."

Okafor is also expected to skip his senior season. He will graduate early in May, and he plans to hold a news conference later this week to announce his decision.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Gordon is making the right move.

"He's mentally ready and he's going to be one heck of an asset to the team

that's fortunate enough to draft him," Calhoun said.

Gordon ended his career with 1,795 points and 437 assists. His 246 3-pointers are a school record. He is second in 3-point percentage behind Ray Allen.

Gordon's mother Yvonne Gordon was at the news conference. He promised her he would return and finish his degree in business administration.

"I've very supportive of what Ben has decided to do," she said. "because he will continue to do his education."

around the dial

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Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN2
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MLB

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TENNIS

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GOLF

MCI Heritage: First Round Coverage, 3 p.m., USA Network

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THQ World Grand Prix, 1 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Roddick makes quick work of Kendrick

HOUSTON — Top-seeded Andy Roddick was happy he needed only 58 minutes to defeat Robert Kendrick in a second-round match Wednesday night at the U.S. Men's Clay Court championships.

"I don't want to play any long matches," Roddick said after a 6-2, 6-3 victory moved him into the quarterfinals.

Roddick broke Kendrick in the third game of the opening set on Kendrick's double fault at game point, and the two-time tournament champion dominated the match throughout.

By midway in the second set, both players were getting playful. Roddick hit a return into the stands and jokingly suggested someone check the mark. On an overhead winner by Roddick that bounced into the crowd, Kendrick feigned leaping into the stands in an effort to make a return. "I felt pretty good out there,"

Roddick said. "I was fortunate to get off to a pretty good start and I feel I'm hitting the ball pretty well right now. I'm doing what I want with it so that's good."

Roddick broke Kendrick in the third and ninth games of the second set. Kendrick fell behind love-40 in the final game. He fought off the first match point by serving an ace, but Roddick won his 10th straight match on Kendrick's forehand error into the net at the second match point.

Roddick, going for his third title of the year, has a 30-5 match record this season. He led the United States' Davis Cup team to a 4-1 victory over Sweden last week, and now he's ready for a day off Thursday.

Rochus defeats Costa at Valencia Open

VALENCIA, Spain — Fourth-seeded Albert Costa was upset by Christophe Rochus of Belgium 6-4, 6-3 at the Valencia Open on Wednesday.

Rochus, who was the runner-up here last year, faces six-seeded Alberto Martin of Spain in the quarterfinals. Martin defeated Fernando Vicente 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

"I'm pretty pleased with the victory today. I knew I had the game to beat him, because I already beat him before," Rochus said. "I played a very solid match, I didn't miss many balls. He wasn't playing his best tennis obviously, but I am very pleased with this victory."

In another match, Spanish veteran and former world No. 2 Albert Corretja was upset by countryman Marc Lopez 6-4, 6-4.

Also Wednesday, Albert Montanes came back to defeat second-seeded Feliciano Lopez 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, while seventh-seeded David Ferrer advanced to the second round with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Giovanni Lapentti.

On Thursday, top-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero faces Jan Vacek, while Ivan Ljubicic plays Fernando Verdasco.

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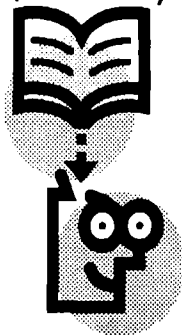
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish try to build on winning streak



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Midfield Drew Peters, right, delivers a hit against Ohio State. The Irish take on Butler in Indianapolis this afternoon.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The tide has begun to turn for the Irish. Now all the team has to do is ride this wave into the postseason.

After a disappointing three-game early-season losing streak, that included defeats to North Carolina, Loyola and Hofstra, No. 14 Notre Dame (5-4, 2-1 GWLL) has won three straight contests and two straight conference games.

The Irish travel to Indianapolis today to take on Butler, seeking a fourth straight victory in its quest to overtake Ohio State for first place in the Great Western Lacrosse League.

The Buckeyes defeated the Irish 9-8 at Moose Krause Stadium on March 31, and Ohio State sits atop the conference with a 2-0 record.

Notre Dame is on a roll of late, winning games against Dartmouth and Air Force by a combined score of 22-5. After a victory over the Falcons, the No. 18 Irish overcame a 9-6 deficit to defeat No. 17 Denver, another Colorado team, on Sunday by a score of 14-12.

That victory moved the Irish past the Pioneers in the polls, with Notre Dame at No. 14 and Denver dropping to No. 16. Pat Walsh tied a career-high with four goals and seven total

points against the Pioneers.

Last year, Walsh also plagued the Butler Bulldogs, notching two goals and four assists as a freshman in a 9-2 Irish victory. Attackman Dan Berger scored a hat trick, as well, as Notre Dame scored the first eight goals of the game and out shot Butler 38-24.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Butler, 10-1, and the Bulldogs lost four of last season's starters to graduation.

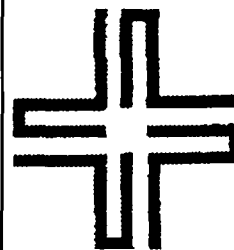
Butler also will have to deal with goalie Stewart Crosland, who over the last three games is 3-0 with a 5.12 goals-against average and a .727 save percentage.

The Bulldogs, coached by Craig Kahoun in his sixth season, have a 5-5 record with losses to Maryland and Fairfield, the two teams remaining on Notre Dame's schedule after today's game. Butler lost to Ohio State, as well, by a score of 12-5 — a much wider margin than the Irish defeat. Butler is currently 0-2 in league play.

The Bulldogs finished last season with an overall record of 5-8 and a 1-4 conference record.

Notre Dame and Butler square off at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish disappointed with Invite finish

By ANNE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

In all honesty, the Irish had hoped to do better.

After finishing the Boilermaker Invitational in 15th place, the Irish left the 18-team event disappointed with their performance.

"We were hoping to finish a little better in the field even though there were some pretty good teams there," sophomore Scott Gustafson said. "It's kind of make-or-break time in these last few weeks. If we don't show up for the next tournament, our season will be done."

The Irish compiled a final score of 44-over par 908 (303-302-303), 53 strokes behind tournament champion and host Purdue. The par-72 Kampen Course will host the NCAA Central Regional next month, should Notre Dame advance that far.

"We're definitely not playing near where we should be," freshman Cole Isban said. "We're a young team, but we're really very talented. If we could just find that, we'd be very competitive. I mean, talent never really goes away, we've just lost it for right now."

Gustafson showed once again why he is the Irish leader, as he remained consistent throughout the weekend and turned in several solid rounds.

He ended the tournament tied for 27th place at 5-over par 221 (73-76-72).

Isban and sophomore Tommy Balderston both struggled to make putts as they finished 60th and 69th, respectively.

Sophomore Eric Deutsch, in the No. 5 position, opened with rounds of 78 and 74 before struggling to finish with an 80 during his final round, leaving him tied with Balderston at 16-over 232.

Fellow classmate Mark Baldwin struggled in the final round, as his 20-over 236 (78-76-82) landed him in 83rd place after shooting an 82 on the last day.

Although Baldwin, Deutsch and the other players who rotate through the four and five spots

have occasionally sparked some good rounds, the team is looking for more consistency in these positions.

As they head into the Big East Championship, to be held on Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course in two weeks, the team is hoping to "bring everything together."

"As bad as we've been playing, we can make up for it in the next tournament and get a ticket into the NCAAs," Isban said.

The Irish have already beaten defending champion Virginia Tech once this season, and the team believes the potential is there to improve on last year's second-place finish.

"We wish we would've had a little better momentum going into it, but we have a couple weeks to prepare," Gustafson said. "Hopefully we'll do better at this next one."

Boilermaker Invitational

Team Summary

FINAL TEAM RESULTS (54-hole totals): 1. Purdue 855 (285-277-293); 2. Colorado 857 (288-284-285); 3. Kentucky 867 (291-280-296); 4. TCU 872 (293-285-294); 5. Indiana 878 (297-288-293); 6. Northwestern 882 (292-288-302); 7. Illinois 883 (289-290-304); 8. Oklahoma State 884 (295-292-297); 9. Kent State 885 (286-300-299); 10. Oklahoma 887 (301-287-299); 11. Louisville 888 (294-287-307); 12. Kansas State 889 (300-289-300); 13. Miami (Ohio) 896 (297-299-300); 14. Michigan 901 (301-297-303); 15. NOTRE DAME 908 (303-302-303); 16. Michigan State 915 (307-298-310); 17. Iowa 919 (309-304-306); 18. Wisconsin 928 (301-315-312).

Individual Summary

Irish golfers: 27. (tie) Scott Gustafson 221 (72-76-73); 60. (tie) Cole Isban 229 (75-76-78); 69. (tie) Tommy Balderston 232 (82-78-72) and Eric Deutsch 232 (78-74-80); 83. Mark Baldwin 236 (78-76-82).

Top nine golfers: 1. Kane Webber (Colorado) 206 (71-69-66); 2. Jeff Overton (Indiana) 209 (72-67-70); 3. (tie) John Holmes (Kentucky) 212 (72-70-70); Shiv Kapur (Purdue) 212 (71-69-72) and Tom Johnson (Northwestern) 212 (69-69-74); 6. (tie) Peter Richardson (Purdue) 213 (71-69-73) and J.J. Killeen (TCU) 213 (70-71-72); 8. (tie) Alex Noren (Oklahoma State) 214 (69-73-72) and Blake Moore (Colorado) 214 (70-71-73).

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Barnett says he knew of problems

Associated Press

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Suspended University of Colorado football coach Gary Barnett acknowledges there was misbehavior at a 2001 party at the center of a rape scandal. He also says everyone at the off-campus gathering is to blame.

Barnett, questioned for nearly five hours Tuesday by a panel investigating recruiting practices at Colorado, said there were 10 people at the party, including four football players. The four later lost their scholarships and were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for providing alcohol.

"There is no question in my mind that inappropriate behavior occurred," Barnett said. "There is no question that the behavior of the 10 young people involved was the result of their own poor decisions and under the influence of alcohol."

Two women have alleged they

were raped at the party by players or recruits; a third said she was assaulted in a dorm room shortly afterward. They are suing in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for what they say was the school's failure to rein in athletes and provide equal protection to women.

At least eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football athletes of rape though no charges have been filed. Separate probes are under way by the state attorney general and university.

Barnett's testimony was the most dramatic yet before the Board of Regents' panel investigating whether Colorado uses sex and alcohol to entice recruits. The panel voted to ask for more time to complete its work, meaning a report wouldn't come out until the end of May.

Dressed in a suit and tie and occasionally raising his voice, Barnett said he feels responsible for his players' performance

on the field as well as their behavior in the community. But he said there is only so much he can do.

"I have 48 that I have held accountable over the last five years. I can't live their lives for them," he said.

Barnett was put on paid leave for comments he made about two of the alleged rape cases, including that of Katie Hnida, a former kicker who said she was raped by a teammate in 2000. He called her an "awful" player as he answered questions about why she left Colorado to later enroll at the University of New Mexico.

Barnett waded into the controversy again Tuesday, telling the panel he spoke with Hnida's friends, former teammates and a rape counselor who spent time with the young woman, and that none heard her talk about harassment or assault.

"I couldn't find anybody to substantiate one single claim and I was looking to substantiate it," Barnett said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish hope to extinguish the Flames

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time this season, Notre Dame (32-12) will face an opponent in a single-game match at Ivy Field when they face the Illinois-Chicago Flames (19-18) today at 5 p.m.

The Irish were scheduled to play a one-game match against Loyola March 25, but that game was cancelled due to inclement weather.

"I love one-game series because you have to bring your best," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "You have to attack early and get that early momentum because there's no second game to come back in. You can't hold anything back out there."

Notre Dame is coming off a 2-0 victory on the road against No. 18 Nebraska and looks to continue its winning ways over its next three games, all of which are at home.

"We have to build momentum while we're at home," Gumpf said.

Despite picking up the win, the Irish struggled at the plate against the Cornhuskers, collecting just four hits and scoring both runs with the help of

Nebraska errors.

The Irish hope to wake up their bats at home against an Illinois-Chicago team that has allowed opponents to bat .293. By contrast, Notre Dame's pitchers have held Irish opponents to a .196 average.

The Flames have managed to overcome their pitching woes lately, and have put together an eight-game winning streak coming into today's game. In their last conference doubleheader against Butler Monday, the Flames swept their opponent by a combined score of 25-8.

"[Illinois-Chicago] can really hit, and that's why they've won so much," Gumpf said. "They have good timely hits and also have a lot of power. Our pitchers have to be able to shut them down."

Illinois-Chicago's Cameron Astiazaran leads the Horizon League with a .421 batting average, with teammate Amanda Rivera not far behind with a .345 average. Rivera also leads the team with 10 home runs.

Four different pitchers have seen the mound for the Flames, with no single pitcher making fewer than 10 appearances this season in the team's



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer
Sara Schoonaert takes a cut against Purdue last week.

37 games. Brittany McIntyre, Alison Aguilar, Alycia Creese and Chelsey Barclay have combined for a team ERA of 2.97.

Notre Dame remains at home Sunday to face Providence in a Big East doubleheader at Ivy Field, after which the Irish will go on a seven-game road trip.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Rivalry renewed with Wildcats

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Everyone loves a good rivalry — especially the women's tennis team.

The Irish will renew their intense rivalry with No. 11 Northwestern (15-4) this afternoon when they host the Wildcats at 3:45 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

"There was a lot of energy today at practice because we're really excited to play Northwestern," sophomore Lauren Connelly said. "We all know how much we want to beat them."

They're obviously a talented team."

Coach Jay Louderback attributes the rivalry to the proximity of the two schools and their competitive

natures. In addition, a number of the players challenged each other in the junior leagues.

"I'm hoping it will be a tight match," Louderback said. "The tighter the match, the better of a chance we have to win."

"They know we'll be excited to play and their coach is going to let them know it's going to be a good match. I think our kids are very capable of playing at that level."

Last year, the Wildcats claimed a 7-0 win against the Irish, sweeping both the singles and doubles portions of the meet. The victory put the Wildcats at 16-8 all-time against the Irish. Louderback

recalled that Northwestern brought an especially talented team to the courts last year.

"They killed us last year," Louderback said. "They're a very, very good team."

Northwestern seems to be off to a strong start again this year, adding a pair of impressive wins against Minnesota and No. 32 Iowa last weekend. Northwestern is currently tied for second-place in the Big Ten with Indiana.

Louderback anticipates the Irish will encounter challenges at every position, especially at No. 1 singles. No. 11 senior Alicia Salas will face No. 3 Christelle Grier, who is expected to contend for the NCAA individual title. Salas has a career 1-3 record against Grier.

"[Salas] has been doing really well this year. She's just lost a lot of close matches," Louderback said. "This is a great opportunity for her to get a win."

Also stepping on the courts will be No. 55 singles player Jessica Rush and the No. 2 doubles team of Grier and Rush. While the Wildcats bring intimidating rankings to the meet, the Irish bring their own advantages.

"We're much more comfortable playing at home, too," Connelly said. "It's also nice staying at home because traveling is really tiring, and the fans are amazing."

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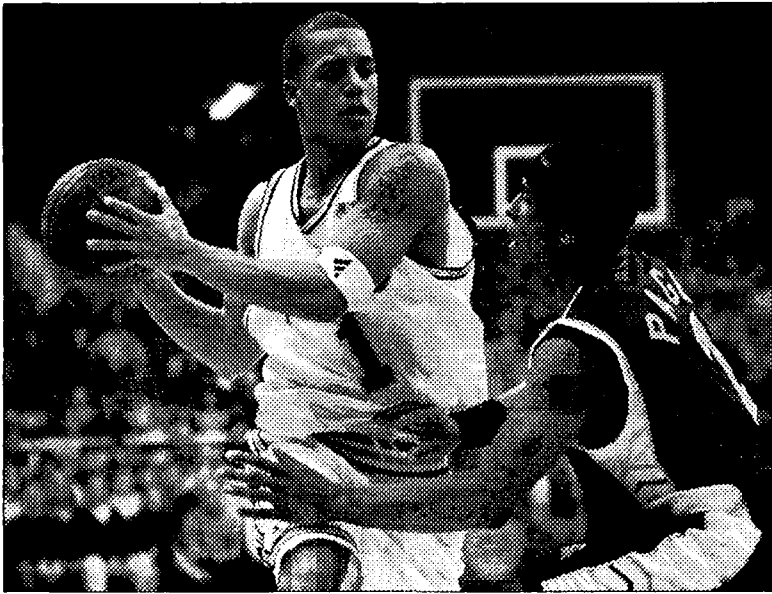
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Chris Thomas looks to drive against Pittsburgh's Julius Page. Thomas was named MVP at Wednesday night's banquet.

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can do it."

Wednesday night was also a chance for Irish seniors Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans to say goodbye and thank everyone who helped them in their four years with the Irish. Both talked about how they will take more away from their time at Notre Dame than just what happened on the basketball court.

"When I look back on my four years," Timmermans said, "I would not have any thoughts about going anywhere else than the University of Notre Dame. This place is so wonderful."

For Jones, a special moment for him came on Senior Night. After showering and leaving the locker room, he greeted fans in the hallway — fans he didn't know personally — and received some words to

remember from his high school coach.

"My coach told me, 'What just happened is what a college career is all about is knowing that something so small as basketball can affect people's lives and put a smile on their faces,'" Jones said. "That's what your college career is all about."

In a year that ended with Brey's team not advancing to the NCAA tournament for the first time in his four years at Notre Dame, it would seem this year could have been the most disappointing for him.

But Wednesday night, he expressed his pride in his team.

"I don't know if I've ever felt better about a group giving us everything we asked on a daily basis," Brey said.

The Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley awarded its Rockne-Student Athlete Award to sophomore guard Chris Quinn.

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up 1-0. Matt Bransfield followed with an RBI fielder's choice and Edwards advanced to second on an Oakland error. Sanchez had a two-run base hit before Cooper ended the scoring with another RBI fielder's choice. Three of the four runs were unearned for the Irish.

Notre Dame let Oakland back in the game in the top of third when, with two outs and a run already plated, Irish left fielder Andres dropped a fly ball that would have ended the inning. The Golden Grizzlies took advantage with the next batter getting hit by a pitch followed

by two straight singles that tied the game at 4-4.

But the Irish answered in the bottom of the inning thanks to another costly Oakland error. Bransfield doubled to lead off the inning, and Cody Rizzo then reached on a Chad Winkler error at third base. Winkler had three errors in the game. With runners on second and third, Sanchez walked, Cooper then singled in a run and Rizzo scored on a wild pitch to put the Irish ahead 7-4. After Sisko struck out, Lopez had an RBI ground out to end Notre Dame's scoring for the inning.

After not scoring in the fourth inning, Notre Dame plated two runs in the fifth, four runs in the sixth, three more in the seventh and another run in

the eighth.

"I thought it was important to get back to playing good baseball," Mainieri said. "Hustling, running the bases and backing bases and doing all the things we've always taken such pride in at Notre Dame — the way we play the game and the way we carry ourselves. I just felt like we had gotten away from that."

The Irish have the rest of the week off before starting a three-game series at Georgetown. The Hoyas are 19-20 and 5-8 in the Big East. Notre Dame is 8-2 in conference play and tied for first place with Rutgers.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles hold first in MIAA

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will continue league play today against Kalamazoo after returning from a challenging weekend at the Midwest Invitational.

The Belles placed 10th in the tournament that consisted of the top 12 teams in the Midwest. While fellow league opponent Albion finished fourth overall, Kalamazoo lost all three matches at the Invitational.

In its first match, Saint Mary's (14-6) was defeated 6-3 by DePauw but then recovered with a 5-4 victory over Kalamazoo. Carleton College recorded a 5-2 victory against the Belles in their third match.

After a critical win last

week in her match against Albion, Jeannie Knish struggled in the Invitational and lost all three matches bringing her singles record on the year to 6-12.

Kristen Palombo continued her hot streak at No. 2 singles with three wins over the weekend. Palombo has won nine of her last ten matches and is 10-7 in singles play this season.

Jeannie Knish and Kate Bowler had difficulty in the No. 1 doubles spot and lost all three of their matches. On the other hand, the No. 2 doubles team of Kris Spriggle and Kaitlin Cutler continued to dominate and won all their matches in the Invitational improving them to 15-2.

But despite Saint Mary's success this season, they

almost didn't make the Midwest Invitational.

"At first we were not invited," Spriggle said. "Calvin College got the invite. But they turned down the invite which let us in."

While Albion placed better than any other MIAA team in the Midwest Invitational, the Belles remain the only team with a 4-0 record in the league. Kalamazoo (10-11) has a 4-1 record in the league and is tied for second place with Albion.

Last season Saint Mary's only lost two games in the MIAA one of which was against Kalamazoo.

Saint Mary's will face Kalamazoo in a home match today at 3 p.m.

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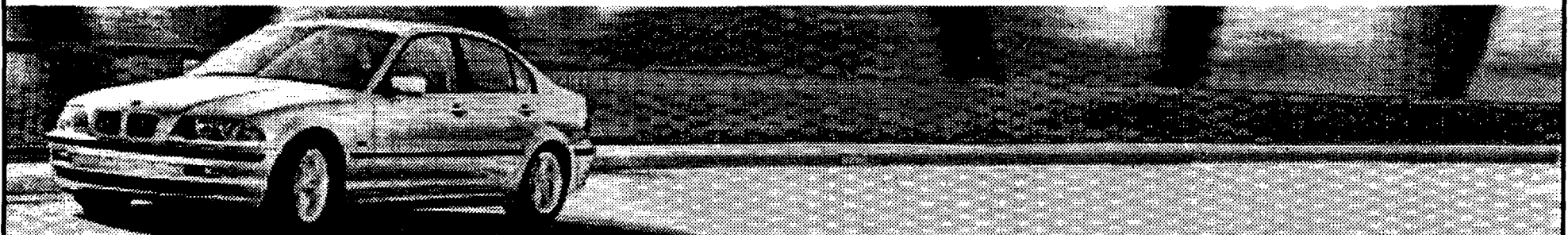
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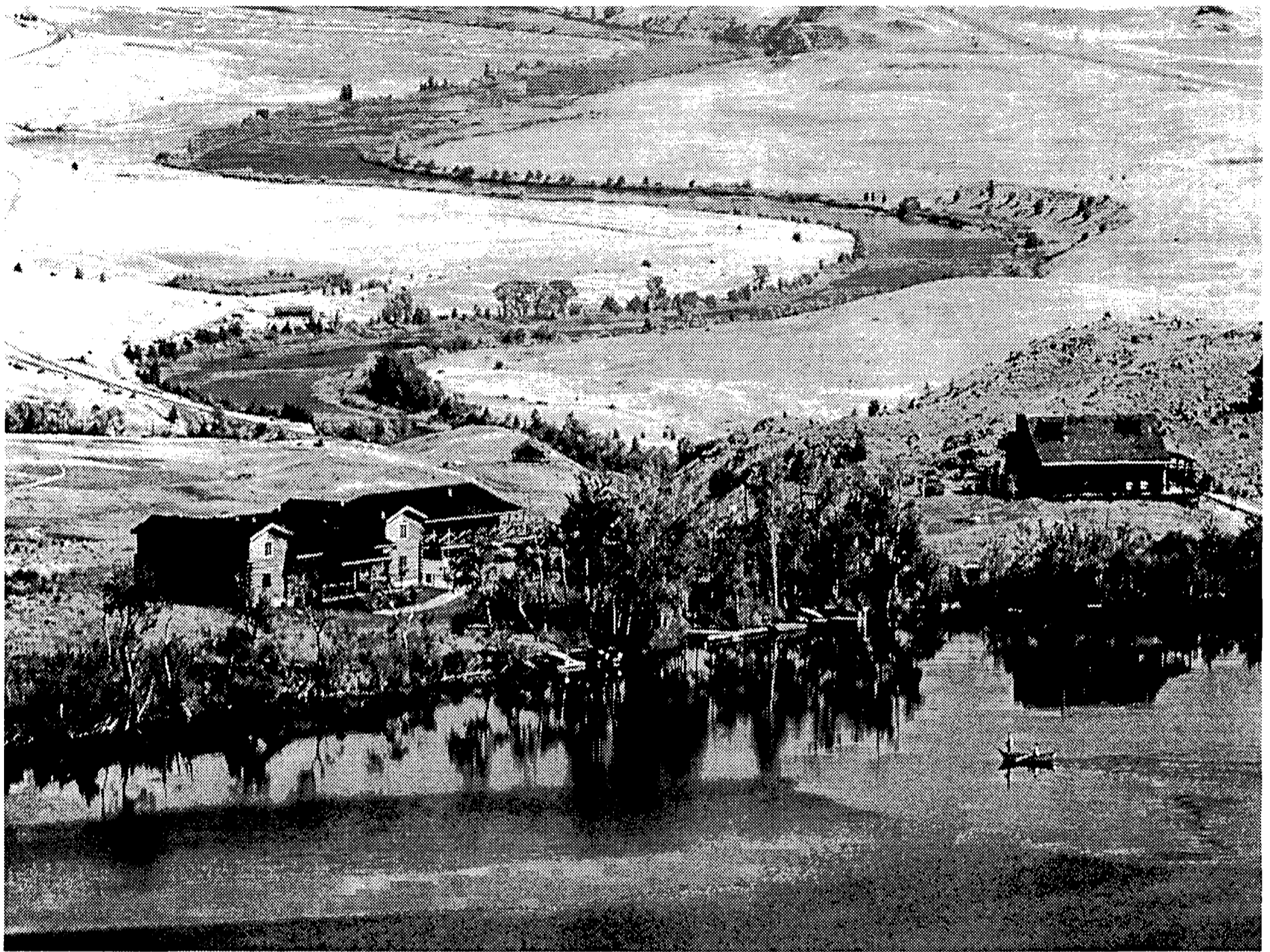
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Seniors

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Kristen Gaudreau and Mia Novic. Bridget Higgins has been sidelined for much of this year with a torn ACL.

With so many upperclassmen filling the roster, Simon knows that she, as a senior, has an obligation to set an example for her younger teammates even on bad days.

"Even if I'm tired or sometimes you have those days you don't feel like practicing, but you [have] to, you can never slack off," she said.

Now in their fourth and final year, the seniors realize their collegiate careers have not always been a relaxing pleasure cruise, especially after enduring a stormy junior year. Following a very successful 2002 campaign in which the Irish finished 13-5 and reached the NCAA quarterfinals, the team faltered in 2003.

A disappointing 8-7 record and failure to qualify for the NCAA tournament threatened to leave the then-rising seniors disenfranchised entering their final season. But their response to that season was coach Tracy Coyne's first indication that, in her seniors, she had a special group of born leaders.

"At the start of the year, they all came in to see me and they individually gave me their reasons why they were going to be different as seniors and why the program was going to go back to where it had been in 2002," Coyne said.

Kinnik vowed not to sit idle and watch her team disintegrate into disappointment. Having tasted success earlier in her career, she was not about to let one year of disappointment get in her way.

"Our team is very good this year getting through adversity," she said. "By the underclassmen seeing that we keep pushing through it, we don't stop, that keeps them going too."

Dealing with hardship has helped the Irish battle through the times when they are not at their best. The season opener against the California, a 12-11 overtime win, sticks out as particularly significant, especially to Kinnik.

"That was a game we should have won very easily," she said. "[We told ourselves] that you just need to move on. You need to get over the fact that it didn't go exactly how you wanted it to go."

And move on they did, winning nine more games and landing in the second spot in the polls with a 10-0 record, both firsts in Notre Dame history. For Simon, the success is a direct result of the team's unity of purpose and the way teammates have gelled.

"It's fun to be a leader for these people, people who just want to be led, who want what I want," she said. "That's what wins the championships. Everyone wants the same thing and we're all happy going after it."

And it is Coyne's dearest hope that if there is one thing the underclassmen take away from this year's senior class, it will be their exemplary leadership.

"I think the seniors of this class look back on [the first recruiting class] as the type of behavior they wanted to emulate," she said. "I hope that these younger players look to this class and say 'This is how I want to do it' and have it become part of a tradition of the program."

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Offense

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Last year's leading receiver Rhema McKnight agreed that everyone is finally becoming comfortable with the offense after two seasons.

"Things are a lot easier," McKnight said. "I don't have to worry so much about where I'm going to be, because I know where I'm going to be. I'm just out there being an athlete and trying to make big plays."

The offense will have to improve if the Irish want to build on last year's 5-7 campaign. They averaged 336.3 yards per game, and scored 23 touchdowns — 13 on the ground and 10 via the air.

But the Irish aren't looking back, as they see bright things for their offense in the fall if they keep working this spring.

"I think the difference from this spring to last spring is that we're a lot more experienced," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "I think from an overall standpoint, we're so much farther ahead than we have been from the spring pre-

vious. I think our execution is getting closer. But as a coach, you are always looking for the little things that make the difference between you guys being a consistent play after play type team, and we still have a ways to go before we're there."

Even if Notre Dame hasn't completed everything perfectly just yet, they all agree on one thing — they are farther than they were last year at this time.

"It's so much different, because a year ago at this time, you were looking for 11 guys you could put out there and term as your starters," Diedrick said. "What you're looking for this year is consistent play, guys that are going to jump and be the starter, and you're also looking for what roles guys are going to play."

Grant also recognized the difference.

"We're doing more as an offense, and we're getting the backs involved more," Grant said. "We're doing more in the passing game, we're more versatile. Every year I think you're going to see that more and more as more guys become more comfortable with [the offense]."



Observer file photo

Quarterback Brady Quinn will lead the Irish offense again in the fall. The Irish have seen improvements this spring.

McKnight, who had 47 receptions for 600 yards and three touchdowns last season, said even he felt better now than last spring.

"As time goes on, you get more comfortable and more knowledgeable about what you're doing out there on the

field," he said. "I feel real confident about what we're doing right now. We will improve on what we did last year. Everybody's feeling real confident."

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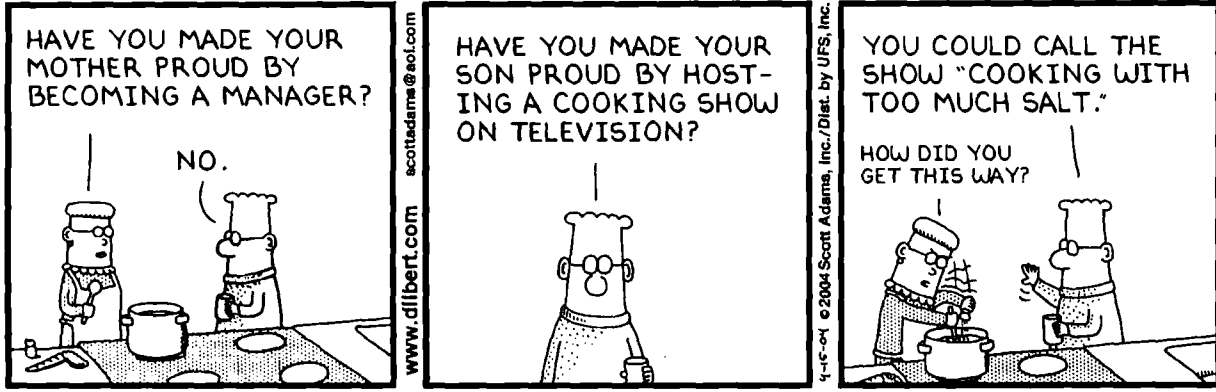
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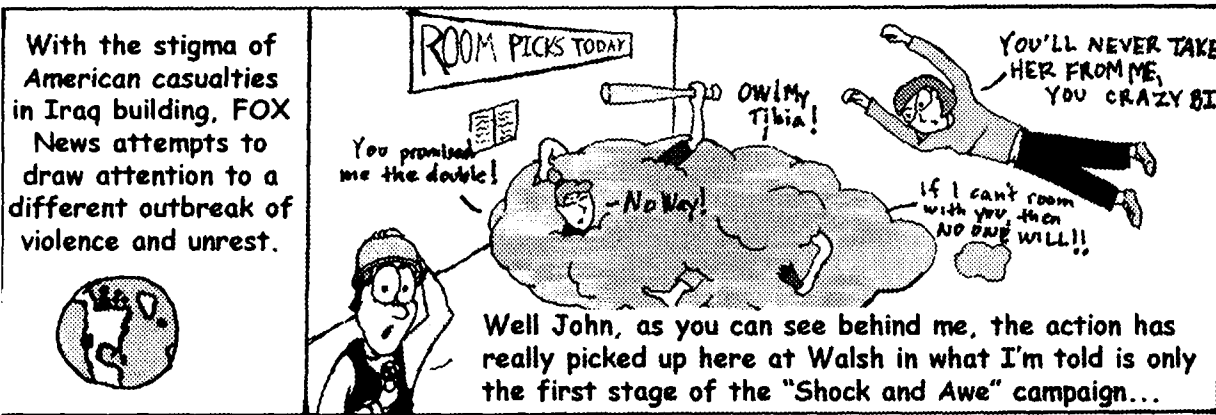
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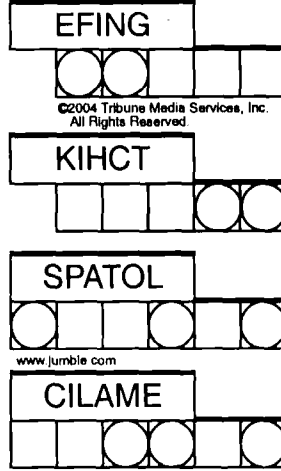


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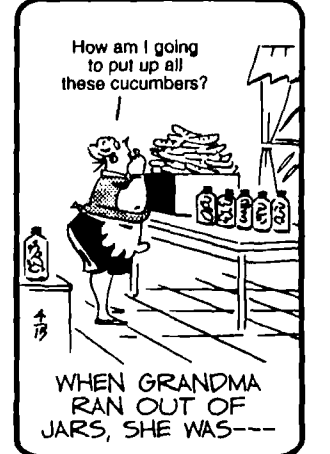
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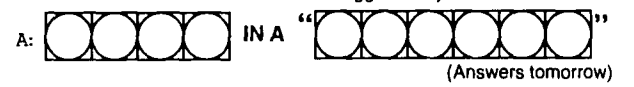


THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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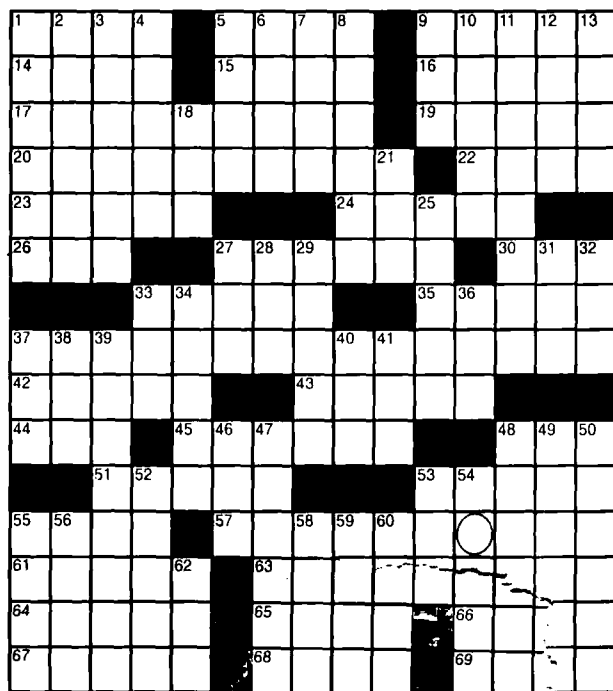
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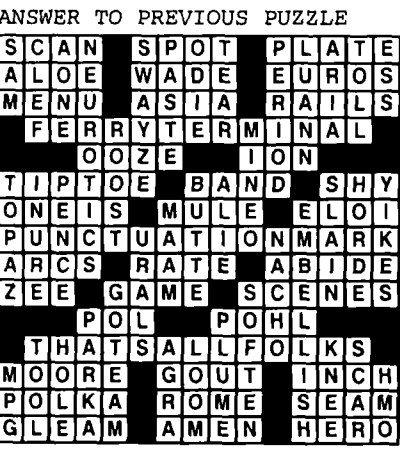
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- 17 Kind of system
- 19 Ones quick with a line?
- 20 Washington V.I.P.'s
- 22 Secretary, e.g.
- 23 Sci. facilities
- 24 Antiknock fluid
- 26 Obsolescent suffix
- 27 Mr. Bumble's position in "Oliver Twist"
- 30 Verb with thou
- 33 Cronus or Oceanus
- 35 Salad option
- 37 Cause for swearing
- 42 Band
- 43 "The Brady Bunch" girl
- 44 Milk source
- 45 Danger signal on the prairie
- 48 "Caught ya!"
- 51 Paper towel hawkler, in old TV ads
- 53 Mitchum competitor
- 55 Ragamuffin
- 57 Prior to the 20th Amendment, what 20-Across would do on 37-Across, or when they would do it
- 61 Of an old empire
- 63 Like Congress
- 64 Limelight milieu
- 65 Turkish chiefs
- 66 In any case
- DOWN**
- 1 One with a pad, maybe
- 2 Trims
- 3 At least
- 4 Party desirables
- 5 Declined
- 6 Mennonite decoration
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- 8 Fountain order
- 9 Org. for an OB/GYN
- 10 One who's left holding the bag
- 11 Old country, maybe
- 12 Meteor materials
- 13 Pen sound
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- 29 Put on ___
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- 32 Lord's Prayer pronoun
- 33 Primitive percussion instrument
- 34 Roles in "Frankenstein" movies
- 36 Even one
- 67 Sighed (for)
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- 69 Dry



- 37 Harbor problem
- 38 When, for an eager beaver
- 39 Cheese type
- 40 Dusk--dawn
- 41 Chemical suffix
- 46 "Fire" preceder
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FOOTBALL

Offense making strides after struggles last year

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After a disappointing season on offense, the Irish are confident this fall will foster bigger and better things.

The Irish return eight starters, including four on the offensive line that will protect second-year quarterback Brady Quinn. With one year of college football and

nine starts under his belt, Quinn looks to lead an offense that hopes to improve on its 20.2 points per game average in 2003 — the second year running Tyrone Willingham's pro-style offense.

"We're working on a lot of different things right now and trying to come together as an offense," Quinn said. "We understand one another, after playing together for one year."

"I feel like we've come together

a lot more. I think that's one of the most important things."

At practice, Quinn has been able to put together promising drives. Last week, Quinn led the offense in a seven-on-seven drill. He drove the team down the field, scoring on a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jerome Collins.

Quinn also took his offense 73 yards with three completions to Billy Palmer (16 yards) Maurice Stovall (42 yards) and Carlyle Holiday (15 yards). The final toss

was good for a touchdown.

Quinn will be joined in the backfield by rising senior Ryan Grant. Grant, who was a 1,000-yard rusher in 2002, saw his yards diminish last year with the addition of running back Julius Jones. Grant ran for just 510 yards in 2003, but he feels that this year everyone is more familiar with the offense, and that will be beneficial.

"Knowing the offense makes it easier so that when I get out

there I'm not thinking about what I'm doing," Grant said. "I think a lot of guys have an idea of what the offense is based around, and that helps so much. When you are going out there, you know what you're doing and now you just play the game."

Grant has also seen early success this spring. Last week, he broke a 31-yard touchdown run to end a drive.

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BASEBALL

Irish come up big at home

Offense leads No. 4 Notre Dame past Oakland in blowout win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Maybe the Irish should hold more players-only meetings before games.

Just a few days after splitting back-to-back doubleheaders against Boston College and St. John's, the Irish had a players only meeting before they went out and crushed Oakland 17-5 Wednesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

"I know it's not a Big East conference game, and I know Oakland came in with not such a great record, but I was really happy with the way we played," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

Matt Edwards went 3-for-4 and five Notre Dame hitters collected two RBIs as the Irish offense exploded for 17 runs and 14 hits.

Notre Dame starting pitcher

Jess Stewart (4-0) went five innings, allowing four runs — one earned — and five hits while striking out two and walking none to pick up the win. Dan Kapala, Rico Bertucci and Chris Niesel relieved Stewart and combined to go four innings, yielding zero runs.

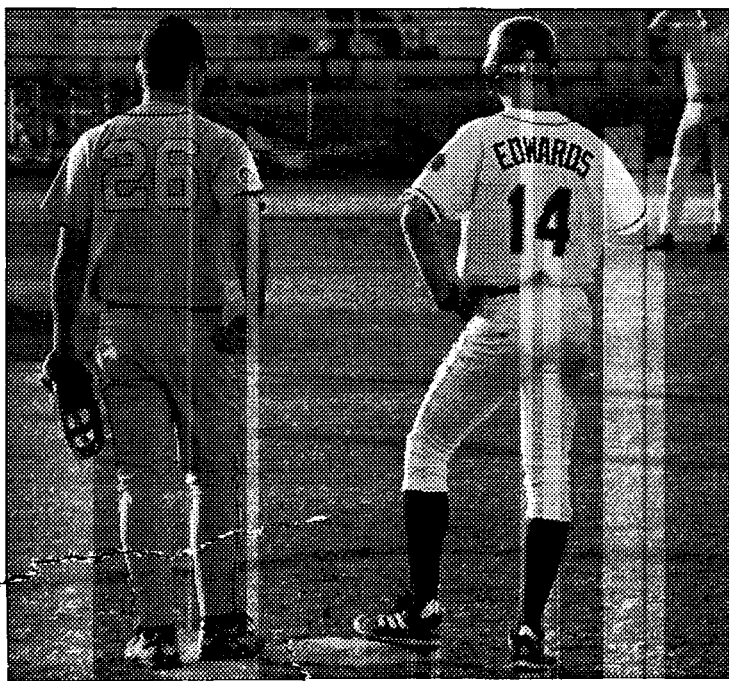
Mainieri cleared his bench, playing 18 position players and getting four pitchers into the game.

"You want your kids go out and play hard and get better," Mainieri said. "And I think we got better tonight."

Errors cost Oakland, especially early in the ballgame as the Irish scored five unearned runs in the first five innings.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Steve Andres singled, Matt Macri walked and Edwards singled in a run to put the Irish

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DAVE ROONEY/The Observer
Matt Edwards went 3-for-4 to lead Notre Dame past Oakland 17-5 at Eck Stadium Wednesday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas named MVP at banquet

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Chris Thomas hobbling up the podium steps at Wednesday night's men's basketball banquet — one at a time — exemplified the resiliency that became a common theme for the Irish last season.

Thomas had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Friday, and the knee is still immobilized by a brace. But that didn't keep him from accepting the Notre Dame National Monogram Club MVP Award and providing encouraging words for next season in front of approximately 500 people at the Joyce Center.

"I'm tired of hearing how good we are as people. I want to hear about how we can be on the court," Thomas said. "Next year is a perfect opportunity for us ... I can just picture hanging a banner over here [that says] 100 years and hanging a banner over here — Final Four."

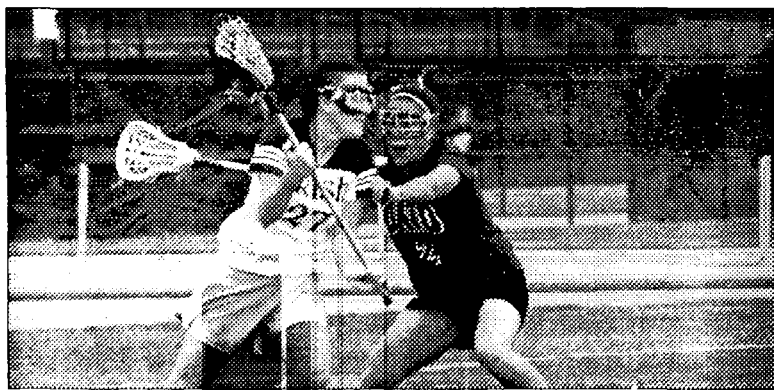
Thomas will be kept off the court for the next four months as his knee heals. That challenging task is something Irish coach Mike Brey is letting someone else handle.

"That's Skip Meyer's job," Brey said referring to the team's trainer. "That's going to be hard for [Thomas], but he knows it's the only way he

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Seniors lead team to No. 2 ranking



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer
Meredith Simon has played a key role for the Irish this season.

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Like a well-oiled machine, the No. 2 Irish have dispatched each of their first 10 opponents with precision and efficiency. Using a combination of distributed offense and stalwart defense, the Irish are in the midst of a 14-game winning streak and their most successful season since the program's inception in 1997.

At the core of this success

are eight veteran seniors, the cogs that drive the Irish machine. Headlined by captains Andrea Kinnik and Meredith Simon, the team possesses a rich vein of experienced talent. Defense/midfield Kassen Delano joins Simon as a four-year starter while Lauren Fischer and Kinnik have started since their sophomore seasons. Joining those four with regular playing time this year are Abby Owen,

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The Irish hope to continue their winning ways.

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This match will renew the rivalry between the two.

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The Irish had a disappointing finish at last weekend's Boilermaker Invitational.

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The Irish travel to face the Bulldogs in a conference game.

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Cavs 100, Knicks 90

LeBron James ended his rookie season with a win.

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Colorado goes up 3-1 in the series with the double overtime win.

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