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ND policy upheld by hall tradition

Administrators: Greek organizations unnecessary due to current four-year dorm system

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series examining the absence of fraternities and sororities at Notre Dame.

Greekpages.com — "the original, the definitive fraternity and sorority Web site" — boasts listings of 1,680 distinct social organizations at 1,291 campuses nationwide. Not surprisingly, Notre Dame is not included in this database. But why?

The immediate reason is clear. Fraternities and sororities are explicitly prohibited in the University's rule book, duLac, under its "Student Activities Policies."

"The establishment of, or membership in, social fraternities or sororities is considered contrary to the educational and residential mission of the University and is consequently prohibited."

Though surface rationale behind the University's lack of a Greek system — it's against the rules — is widely understood by students, the deeper

reasoning behind the policy is less clear. Is the principle solely grounded in tradition, or are there additional factors at work?

Secrets, secrets are no fun

The Catholic Church has denounced secret societies, or exclusive social groups with rituals involving an oath of allegiance and private ceremonies or events, for more than 260 years. Pope Clement XII first condemned freemasonry in 1738 — a sentiment that was later echoed and applied to colleges and other scholastic academies by Pius VIII in 1829.

The Church has no official doctrine outlawing the presence of fraternities and sororities at Catholic universities. And by virtue of the 1967 "Land O' Lakes" statement — created at a conference held between top leaders from Catholic colleges and universities — individual institutions enjoy sovereignty in shaping Catholic character.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said while the Church's stance on

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer
Welsh Family Hall Council members meet in their dorm Tuesday. Dorm government is a staple of Notre Dame's housing system.

GREEK LIFE AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE: A COMPARISON

The University of Notre Dame and Villanova University are Catholic colleges with very different policies on fraternities and sororities. While Notre Dame prohibits such social organizations, Villanova has a substantial population of undergraduates in Greek societies.

University of Notre Dame		Villanova University	
No. of men's residence halls	14	No. of fraternities	10
No. of women's residence halls	13	No. of sororities	9
Total residence halls	27	No. of residence halls	23
Students living off-campus	19%	Students in Greek organizations	23%
No. of undergraduate students	8,266	No. of undergraduate students	6,802

Information compiled from the College Board, Villanova University and the 2005 University of Notre Dame Fact Book.

GRAHAM EBETSCH/Observer graphic

Williams to address '06 grads

Judge will speak at SMC Commencement

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Ann Claire Williams, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, will be the commencement speaker at Saint Mary's May 20 graduation ceremony. College officials announced Wednesday.

Williams was named to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by Ronald Reagan in 1985, making her the first African American woman to sit on the bench and one of the youngest federal appointees at the time.

Williams also became the first African American woman to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit when President Bill Clinton appointed her to the position in 1999.

As the third African American woman to serve on any appeals court in the country, Williams originally began her career in education. She worked as an elementary school teacher in her hometown of Detroit before graduating from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1975.

Although Williams did not graduate from Saint Mary's, senior Kathleen McMorro said she believes Williams' ties to Notre Dame indicate her knowledge of the College's high reputation.

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Williams

Country superstar to play concert on campus

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

Students who proudly don "Don't mess with Texas" T-shirts or are corralled by the sound of country music can purchase tickets today for the April 7 Pat Green concert at Stepan Center, co-sponsored by the Student Union Board (SUB) and Texas Club.

A major country act and Grammy nominee, singer-songwriter Pat Green has sold out large-scale venues including the Houston Astrodome

and is currently on tour with fellow country music superstar Keith Urban. Green's hit singles include "Wave on Wave" and "College."

SUB invited Pat Green to campus as a response to student demand for a country show — part of the group's continued commitment to bring headlining entertainment to the Notre Dame community.

"Programmers and committee members have been dedicated to reach our goals, and

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Photo courtesy of clear99.com

Country music star Pat Green will perform at the Stepan Center on April 7. Tickets are on sale for \$10 at LaFortune.

FACULTY AND STUDENT SENATE

Groups pass resolutions on controversial freedom issue

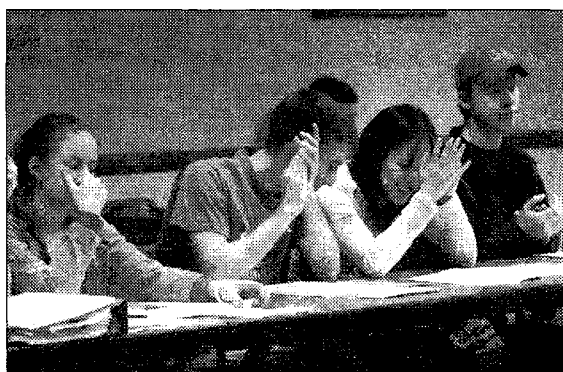
Members meticulous in writing statement

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

For the last regularly scheduled meeting of the 2005-06 Faculty Senate, the group spent just over two hours Wednesday night dissecting and debating the language of



JESSICA LEE/The Observer
At left, Associate Dean of the Law School John Robinson analyzes the language of a statement regarding academic freedom at a Wednesday meeting. At right, Student Senate members tackle the same topic.



Senators vote to allow amended document

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Members of the Student Senate passed a revised version of a hotly-contested resolution expressing strong support for controversial campus programming at their meeting Monday

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INSIDE COLUMN

Why don't girls watch sports?

Why don't girls like watching sports?
We all know the immediate answer to this question. "It's a guy thing" — full-fledged brawn versus brawn, the testosterone-fueled competitive spirit, the innate drive for victory, the killer instinct. On the whole, girls just aren't interested.

Katie Perry

Assistant
News Editor

But, logically speaking, we should be.

The athletic world is one of epic drama. It's "Dawson's Creek" on steroids — or "absolutely not" on steroids if you're Barry Bonds. Or Jose Canseco. Or Marion Jones. You get the idea.

Sporting events themselves involve last-second heaves toward the basket, fourth and long Hail Mary plays, bench-clearing fights and paralysis-inducing checks — let alone the theatrical circus that takes place off the playing field.

Between the back-and-forth bickering, party boat sex scandals and multimillion dollar deals, ESPN gives the WB a run for their money in the drama department. "Laguna Beach" catfights have got nothing on March Madness. And believe it or not, LC is much less entertaining to watch than JJ.

My argument is simple. Sport is a form of organized hysteria and drama. Girls have a flair for the dramatic. Therefore, logically speaking, girls should enjoy watching sports. They should be glued to Sportscenter like they are glued to "Smallville." They should watch Gameday as religiously as they watch "Gilmore Girls." But they don't, and I just don't get it.

Perhaps it's a matter of comprehension, the inability or unwillingness to learn the more complex strategies and tactics of many sports. Perhaps girls are lost in a sea of X's and O's, and thus turned off by the athletics that dominate television today.

But let's give the girls some credit. If you can follow the storyline of one season of "The OC," you should be able to define the terms "safety," "icing," or "charge." If you can name half of this season's "Real World" cast members, you should be able to identify at least some of the teams in the major professional leagues.

I'm not advocating we all kick off our heels, turn off "America's Next Top Model," remove our hot pink nail polish and remove all Jessica Simpson songs from our iTunes playlists — God no. We can leave the buffalo wing devouring, beer guzzling and baboon-like sound effects to our male counterparts, but still have some interest in athletics as entertainment.

We don't need to become complete sports buffs because, let's be honest, there are some facets of the sporting world that aren't so entertaining. In fact, they are quite boring and it's enigmatic how much interest men have in such issues. The rote memorization of stats and rosters, deliberation over which commentator is most senile or which coach has the best-looking wife — let's leave these to the guys and focus on what's most important.

The blood, sweat and tears. The drama of sport.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?



Connie Adams
Regina South
sophomore

"Summer school
at SMC."



Carol Schaberg
Le Mans
sophomore

"Working at a
grocery store."



Becky Feathau
Regina North
sophomore

"Working at
Saint Mary's
Hospital."



Kate Habicht
Holy Cross
sophomore

"Volunteering
at a not-for-
profit doctor's
office."



Jessica Porter
Holy Cross
freshman

"Working at
Hooters."



Heather Bare
off-campus
junior

"I'm driving a
fork lift."



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Notre Dame senior Jerry Beres performs in Dalloway's Coffee House at Saint Mary's Wednesday. At one point of the performance, SMC students joined Beres on stage.

OFFBEAT

Wily coyote captured in Big Apple's Central Park

NEW YORK — He's one tourist city officials hope won't be coming back.

A wily coyote paid a visit to the big city, leading dozens of police officers on foot and in a helicopter on a loping chase through Central Park before being captured Wednesday.

"For a coyote to get to midtown, he has to be a very adventurous coyote," city Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe said.

Officials said the animal may have wandered into the city from suburban

Westchester County, or perhaps crossed the Hudson River from New Jersey via a bridge, a railroad trestle or a passing truck.

Porn star hits it big as wine-maker

NEW YORK — It seemed like the perfect gimmick: a celebrity porn star would launch her own wine, with her alluring picture on the label.

Savanna Samson did just that, but when it received a score of 90 to 91 out of 100 by wine guru Robert Parker, the project became serious.

It turns out Samson, the star of "The New Devil in Miss Jones," has produced an exceptional wine, becoming the toast of two industries: wine-making and pornography.

"I never wanted to just do gimmick. That would just happen with me being a porn star, me having a photographer shoot the label, how risque could I get on the label — all those things," Samson, the stage name for 31-year-old Natalie Oliveros, said in an interview.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "The Rocky Road to Dublin," which documents daily life in Ireland, will be shown at 7 p.m. today in 129 DeBartolo Hall. A discussion led by English professor Luke Gibbons will follow.

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" will be shown today at 10 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3-4:30 p.m. today in room 339 of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Chicago-based country band, Strait Southern, will perform at 10 p.m. Friday in Legends. Admission is free with a ND, SMC or HCC student ID.

The No. 11 Irish men's lacrosse team will face off with Dartmouth 12 p.m. Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium at Notre Dame.

The Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place Saturday at Stepan Center. The event is open to the public at 1:30 p.m. and parking is available in the D-2 lot on the north side of campus.

The Notre Dame Ultimate Club will host its annual tournament this Saturday and Sunday. Games on both days start at 9 a.m. Saturday games will be played on McGlinn and Stepan fields. Sunday games will be held at Stepan fields.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
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Notre Dame ranks 4th among dream schools

Survey puts ND with Princeton, Harvard

Special to The Observer

If it's true that "Mom and Dad know best," the University of Notre Dame is a top choice for college applicants, according to a new survey of prospective students and their parents by the Princeton Review.

Notre Dame ranks fourth in a survey of some 4,900 students and parents who were asked the question, "What 'dream college' would you most like to attend (or see your child attend) if acceptance or cost weren't issues?" Also included in the

top five, in order, were Princeton, Stanford, Harvard and Duke Universities. The institutions most named by students, in order, were New York University, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Yale.

One of the nation's most selective universities, Notre Dame is the nation's highest rated Catholic university and among the top 20 overall.

Princeton Review is a New York-based company that sells its services and books to assist college applicants in improving performances on standardized tests and in navigating the admissions process. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

African mission book published

Historical work by assistant professor examines missionary strategies

Special to The Observer

"Evangelization of Slaves and Catholic Origins in Eastern Africa" by Rev. Paul Kollman, C.S.C., assistant professor of theology, recently was published by Orbis Books.

An unusual historical study of the Catholic Church in East Africa, Father Kollman's book examines 19th-century French missionary strategies and how they affected Catholicism throughout Africa.

The missionary priests of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, or Spiritans, who came to the East African coast during the last half of the 19th century found themselves working in a society heavily influenced by the Islamic sultanate of Zanzibar and decided to concentrate their efforts on making Christian converts among the societies in the African interior. They set about ransoming the slaves brought from the interior regions to the coast, attempted to mold coherent Christian communities from these mostly young and culturally diverse people, and met with mixed success

and predictably controversial results.

"I try to take seriously the historical specificity of the Spiritan missionaries who founded the Church in eastern Africa," Father Kollman said. "I focus on their backgrounds in the seminary and in social service in a 19th-century France that had new forms of social disciplining emerging. I also studied as closely as possible the available records of the Africans' responses to missionary practices. I discern what might be called resistance of various forms, as well as emerging Catholic identity of various forms, not all of which the missionaries appreciated.

The shape of Christianity in Africa today looks very different from that anticipated by missionaries. Yet the missionaries were not inconsequential, and the differing ways that Africans are now Catholic can often be related to missionary practices."

According to a review by Rev. Aylward Shorter, author of numerous books on the Christian evangelization of Africa, Father Kollman's book demonstrates "that the

origins of Catholicism in Eastern Africa were complex and that they were the outcome of an interaction between differing mindsets and mentalities. Missionary practices that are easy to judge harshly resulted in the Catholic communities which today embody the Church's mission."

Father Kollman is a fellow of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, and is the moderator of the African Working Group at Notre Dame. He teaches and writes on the history of Christianity, with special

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Paul Kollman
author

interests in African Christianity and mission history. He has taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Philosophy Centre in Jinja, Uganda. He has published articles and reviews in African Christian Studies, African Studies, and the Journal of Religion, and he serves as president of the Midwest Fellowship of Professors of Mission and book review editor for the Journal of Mission Studies.

I'll always believe in you! I Love You so much baby! Always, and forever, Ona



Я тебя люблю милая моя



!! Happy 21st Birthday Baby !!

"Sometimes it's just harder to remind yourself about what you're doing and why you're doing it... Other times, you have a great desire for it, but physically you are not responding the way you want. That presents other challenges. Then sometimes it all comes together." Andre Agassi



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secret societies "may have been a part of the motivation" for the policy in the past, today's statute is in place for a different reason.

"It's the nature of our residence hall system that makes [fraternities and sororities] unnecessary," Kirk said. "You are a member of the community simply by virtue of being placed there."

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said Notre Dame's housing system "is a blend of both Catholicism and tradition." Residence halls are communities and not solely social establishments like fraternities and sororities, she said.

"We're not exclusive — we're inclusive," Carson said. "At Notre Dame you're part of a community when you walk in the door. You don't have to pass any 'test' besides getting into [the University], and there's no hazing. You're accepted and that's part of our Catholic nature."

Greek societies are often accompanied with such "negatives" as initiations and hazing, Kirk said.

Junior Nate Munson said while he believes the thinking behind Notre Dame's residence hall system is to discourage a typically Catholic-minded community, the policy has a limited effect.

"I have personally found that measures such as pari- etals, single-sex dorms, and friendly, helpful rectors can only go so far to recreate that family environment which this establishment endorses," he said.

Junior Ann Flies said the University's housing structure reflects a distinct appreciation for tradition and not necessarily the Catholic nature of the campus.

"I think you could have a

Catholic community on campus without having the dorms set-up that we do, but it is conducive to a sense of tradition," she said.

Tradition and omission

The Notre Dame admissions Web site attributes the absence of Greek organizations to "the residential nature of the campus and its unique stay-hall system, in which students typically remain in the same dormitory for their entire time on campus." Such an arrangement "fosters a strong sense of community," the Web site says.

"I've heard our residential life [described] as the advantages of the Greek system without any of the disadvantages — rush, the cliques, deciding on whether you're good enough to join them, monthly 'dues' [and a] much lower diversity of people living together," Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said.

Keough rector Father Peter Jarret said some parallels exist between the Greek system and Notre Dame's residence hall system, but comparing the two is a case of "apples and oranges."

"There are some similarities, [for instance] the closeness of those who live in dorm and the sense of brotherhood or sisterhood," he said. "It's more than just a place to put your head down at night — it's a community." Carson said the University

fosters a sense of dorm pride without excluding students who are "too fat" or "not pretty enough," as sororities stereotypically do.

"I don't think there is any hall on campus that would not tell you they're the best dorm on campus — from the little, like Badin and Howard, to the huge, like Lewis and Dillon," she said. "That's what fraternities and sororities give people who don't have the same residential system as we do



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Welsh Family residents convene at a Hall Council meeting this week. Administrators say such close-knit ties between students and their dormitories render the Greek system unnecessary at Notre Dame.

here."

Carson, who is a '77 Notre Dame graduate, said hall spirit at the University is "natural" because it is "rounded out by other aspects" aside from social facets.

"People will tell you, 'Nowhere else but Notre Dame.' It's a corny phrase, but it's really true," she said. "I can't tell you the number of football weekends I let women in [the hall] because they want to show their families and friends where they lived. You might not get that with a fraternity or sorority ... That's unique to us."

Jarret also called the University's system "unique" and said the lack of fraternities and sororities "doesn't hurt [Notre Dame] at all" because undergraduates have the option to remain in the same hall for all four years.

"There are some negative aspects that are beyond alcohol or hazing issues that I think we are well-served by not having the Greek system," he said.

Munson said dorm life at

Notre Dame is different from other schools in that it fosters "generally more closely-knit groups of students of varying ages and interests."

"The assertion that the dorms are 'just like frats and sororities' is a bit of an equiv-

ocation, considering the connotations regarding alcohol that terms like fraternity and sorority involve, coupled with our current alcohol policy," he said. "The absence of frats and

sororities has not led to a corresponding absence of abusive drinking or other partying at this campus."

Flies said part of the logic behind the policy might be to cut down on excessive partying, but does not believe that is "the main reason [the] dorm system is in place the way it is."

"Everyone realizes that there is plenty of partying in the way things are, so I would say dorm unity and communi-

ty is the major goal of the current dorm system," she said.

National statistics that link Greek affiliation with habits of "excessive partying" are difficult to consider within the context of Notre Dame since membership or non-membership in fraternities and sororities is not an option at the University. But they do indicate the negative influences such societies seem to have on college campuses in general.

A 2001 Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol study — a national examination of college drinking habits — found fraternity members were far more likely to engage in "heavy" drinking than their non-fraternity peers (75.1 percent versus 48.6 percent). More than 60 percent of sorority members engaged in "heavy" drinking, as compared to roughly 40 percent of non-sorority members.

The Harvard study also said living in fraternity and sorority houses was associated with even higher rates of binge drinking — a statistic that falls in line with a 1999 Core Institute study which found the "largest on-campus venues for drinking" to be Greek houses.

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efforts have resulted in such successes as Vince Vaughn, Better Than Ezra and now Pat Green," SUB director Jimmy Flaherty said.

Born in San Antonio and raised in Waco, Texas, Green was the eighth of nine children. His long musical career has included the sale of nearly 200,000 independently released records and a lengthy list of tour stops since he first hit the road in 1995. According to Country Music Television's Web site, Pat Green "sells out every venue in his home state, even the cavernous Billy Bob's in Fort Worth."

SUB concert programmer

Chris Lund said student outreach and polling indicated a "substantial country following on campus."

"The Texas Club approached SUB about collaboration in the past," he said. "When the opportunity came to bring Pat Green, we jumped at it."

Texas Club president Chrissy Williford said her club is excited to co-sponsor the upcoming show.

"Pat Green has become so famous and we are unable to afford him on our own," she said. "[Texas] Club has been saving money and now we can put those funds to use. As co-sponsors, we are helping funding with a special emphasis on advertising — particularly word-of-mouth advertising — through our [more than] 400 members." Flaherty said Green has a

"huge following" on campus that has only been augmented by his popularity in Texas and the large number of Texans who attend Notre Dame.

"With the popularity of country music at Notre Dame, Pat Green will definitely energize the campus," sophomore Chris Mueller said. "It is going to be a must-see show."

Junior Ryan Larson, a self-proclaimed "country music-loving kind of guy," said he appreciated SUB's initiative to bring diverse talent and cater to all musical tastes at the University.

"The \$10 tickets are a steal for this major performer coming right here to Notre Dame," he said.

Students are encouraged to purchase tickets immediately, as SUB expects a high for the limited number of seats. Tickets are on sale for \$10 at the LaFortune Box Office for all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a valid ID. Students may bring up to four IDs, and each ID may purchase one ticket.

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"She is an excellent choice," McMorrow said. "It is great to bring a woman with high credentials to a school that places such value on education."

Williams began her legal career as a clerk with Judge Robert Sprecher and she tried felony cases as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago from 1976 to 1985.

She has also worked to create programs to aid scholars who wish to follow in her footsteps. In 1997, she co-founded Minority Legal Education Resources to assist minorities in their quest to pass the Illinois bar exam. In

1993, Williams co-founded the Just the Beginning Foundation in an effort to increase diversity in the legal profession through celebrating the work of African American federal judges.

"Ann Claire Williams is an example of commitment, perseverance, and excellence,"

"Judge Williams epitomizes the servant leader. She uses her professional expertise and her wisdom in service of her country and all of its people"

Carol Ann Money
President
Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a statement Wednesday. "Judge Williams epitomizes the servant leader. She uses her professional expertise and her wisdom in service of her country and all of its people. Her careful analysis, encompassing vision, and moral courage have earned her widespread respect."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Tourist bus in Chile crashes, 12 dead

SANTIAGO — A bus carrying cruise ship tourists plunged 300 feet down a mountainside in northern Chile Wednesday, killing 12 Americans, U.S. and Chilean officials said.

Two other U.S. tourists and two Chileans — the driver and the tour guide — were hospitalized in serious condition following the crash along a rugged highway near the Pacific port city of Arica, 1,250 miles north of Santiago, said Juan Carlos Poli, an Arica city hall spokesman.

The tourists were returning to Celebrity Cruises' ship Millennium, docked in Arica, from an excursion to nearby Lauca National Park.

The driver reported that he lost control of the bus while swerving to avoid a truck approaching on a collision course, Poli said. The bus went off the narrow highway and tumbled down a steep mountainside.

Iraqi forces foil attack on prison

BAGHDAD — Emboldened a day after a successful jailbreak, insurgents laid siege to another prison Wednesday. This time, U.S. troops and a special Iraqi unit thwarted the pre-dawn attack south of Baghdad, overwhelming the gunmen and capturing 50 of them, police said.

Although the raid failed, the insurgents' ability to put together such large and well-armed bands of fighters underlined concerns about the ability of Iraqi police and military to take over the fight from U.S. troops. Sixty militants participated in the assault, which attempted to free more jailed Sunni insurgents, police said.

Four police officers — including the commander of the special unit — died in a two-hour gunbattle, which was subdued only after American forces arrived. Among the 50 captured, police said, was one Syrian.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man executed for death of toddler

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A man who beat his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter to death because she was crying was executed Wednesday night.

"I am sorry the child had to lose her life, but I should not have to be here," Robert Salazar Jr., said in a final statement. "Tell my family I love them all and I will see them in heaven."

Salazar, 27, was pronounced dead seven minutes after the lethal dose began to flow.

Adriana Gomez was killed in 1997. Salazar told authorities he pushed the girl, causing her to fall down and hit her head.

A pathologist, however, testified that Salazar inflicted injuries on Adriana that were worse than those suffered by victims of auto accidents.

Democratic leader criticizes Bush

LAS VEGAS — Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid called President Bush "dangerously incompetent" on Wednesday and said the administration ought to be doing more to prevent increasing sectarian violence in Iraq.

"Where is Condoleezza Rice? Why isn't she over in the Middle East, as the chief diplomat of this country should be, trying to get the political forces to form a government over there?" Reid told The Associated Press.

Reid said the U.S. was "failing three different ways in Iraq." Military efforts have lagged, the economy is crippled by decreased oil and electricity production, and attempts to form a representative government are behind schedule, he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Toll road lease draws complaints

ELKHART, Ind. — Gov. Mitch Daniels' plan to lease Indiana Toll Road to a private, Australian-Spanish consortium continues to take heat from the public even after winning legislative approval.

The proposed 75-year lease was opposed by all but one of the 13 people who spoke during a public hearing held Wednesday by a state agency which must approve the plan.

"I would like to know why we are progressing so quickly, without sufficient review," said Robert Kovach of Mishawaka.

BOLIVIA

American arrested in bombings

Officials discount terrorism as a motive; New Orleans suspect may be mentally ill

Associated Press

LA PAZ — An American man and his Uruguayan girlfriend were arrested Wednesday after bombs severely damaged two low-budget hotels in Bolivia's capital, killing two people and injuring at least seven.

Police said they believe the pair had "religious motives" for the attack and had plans to bomb the Chilean consulate in La Paz on Saturday, according to Issac Pemintel, the national police chief.

Police initially said the blasts were "typical of terrorist crime," and President Evo Morales lost no time in denouncing them as an attack on Bolivia's democracy.

"This American was putting bombs in hotels," Morales said. "The U.S. government fights terrorism, and they send us terrorists."

But other Bolivian officials discounted terrorism as a motive, saying the American appeared to be mentally ill.

"The possible motives behind these attacks are incomprehensible. There don't seem to be any concrete objectives other than causing deaths," Deputy Interior Minister Rafael Puente told Radio Fides.

A third attack was foiled by police, Puente said.

Police identified the suspects as Claudio Lestad, 24, of New Orleans, and Alda Ribeiro, 40, of Uruguay, though authorities said Lestad was carrying altered documents and uses various names, including "Lestad Claudius de Orleans y Montevideo."

Lestad, who was born in California, registered himself at the hotel as a lawyer of Saudi Arabian nationality but also calls himself a priest, Pemintel said.

Police said the couple was arrested early Wednesday in a hotel in the neighboring slum of El Alto.



Bolivian indigenous traveler Agapito Martins recovers his luggage Wednesday after a blast destroyed the motel "Riosinio" in downtown La Paz, Bolivia.

La Paz district attorney Jorge Gutierrez said the suspects entered Bolivia from Argentina and carried out attacks in other Bolivian cities but caused no injuries. They also tried to bomb an ATM machine in northern Argentina, police said.

In the days before the blasts, the Uruguayan woman had been giving away promotional calendars to businesses in La Paz, with a picture of herself naked and a cardboard box of explosives perched on her knee, according to Marta Silva, who owns a store across from the second hotel.

The calendars offered the

"sale and export of explosives, fireworks and liquor," with a phone number and post office box in the Bolivian city of Potosi.

Silva said the overweight, pony-tailed American and his girlfriend appeared to use downtown La Paz as a base for their travels, leaving for Lake Titicaca and returning before the bombs exploded.

And in hindsight, Silva said, there was one thing the woman said that seemed curious: She warned Silva to keep her young niece close to her and not let her go outside.

The fatalities were caused by the first explosion Tuesday night in the

Alojamiento Linares hotel in La Paz's historic city center.

The hotel, an old colonial building with iron balconies, is frequented by foreign tourists, but police said the victims, a woman and a man, were presumed to be Bolivian.

An American, identified as Jessica Wilson, was treated at a hospital and released, authorities said. Police said the other injured were Bolivian.

Police said they managed to evacuate the second hotel before the blast hit at about 2 a.m. The hotels are about a mile apart along the narrow streets of downtown La Paz.

Missing teen found after 10 years

Associated Press

McKEESPORT, Pa. — A woman who disappeared as a teen 10 years ago had been living with a middle school security guard who didn't allow her to leave his home for several years, police said Wednesday.

Tanya Nicole Kach, now 24, was reunited with her family this week. She had been living at the man's home, located about two miles from her father's house in the Pittsburgh suburb of McKeesport, police said.

The two met when Thomas Hose, 48, worked as a security guard at a school where Kach was a student. It

was not immediately clear how she ended up at the home.

She was discovered Tuesday when she approached a convenience store owner and told him that she wasn't Nikki Evans, the name the owner knew her by. She said she was being kept locked in a bedroom, said the owner, Joseph Sparico.

When she told him her real name, he said, she was upset and shaking.

"I was so scared that nobody would believe me," Kach told WTAE-TV from her father's home Wednesday.

Sparico's son, a retired McKeesport police officer, recognized Kach's name, and Sparico contacted

authorities.

Allegheny County Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt said Kach had been staying at the home Hose shared with his parents since 1996, and was not allowed to leave for the first four years she was there.

When others came over, Kach had to stay in a bedroom, Moffatt said.

"She had no contact with people, other than the people that were in the home," Moffatt said.

Moffatt said Hose would tell her what to eat and what to wear, but there was no indication that Kach had been physically restrained. He said charges were pending but would not elaborate.

Faculty

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the statement about academic freedom presented in draft form at its March 8 meeting.

The four-page statement is "not intended as a direct response or rebuttal" to University President Father John Jenkins' Jan. 23 address on academic freedom and the Catholic character, according to Senate chair Seth Brown. Rather, said Brown, it recognizes the existence of academic freedom within reasonable limits, and reaffirms academic freedom as a value essential to the fulfillment of the University's mission statement.

After Brown introduced the statement — which was projected on a large screen throughout the meeting so changes would be immediately visible — members began the slow process of amending the intricacies of the document's language to ensure that it best represented the position of the faculty.

Changes included the deletion of a sentence that read, "A principal function of a Catholic university is to encourage exploration of apparently settled doctrine, so that strong beliefs can be reaffirmed and faulty practices identified," along with similar words or phrases deemed too strong or "needlessly inflammatory," as described by one member. Also up for debate were words with subtle differences of connotation, like "conflict" versus "opposition."

A paragraph addressing the effect of "the suppression of controversial ideas," as the statement reads, on artistic expression went through a long period of discussion and several amendments. Program of Liberal Studies professor Julia Marvin introduced an alternate version to the section of the paragraph she described as "difficult to understand."

The final incarnation of this debated section read, "This chilling effect [referring to a statement made in the previous sentence] is also of particular concern with respect to artistic expression. Art tends more to raise questions than to provide answers; to forbid the asking of particular questions curtails the range of possible artistic expression and eviscerates art's intellectual force, reducing it to the status of mere entertaining."

At this point in the meeting — after a period of debate about the adjective "chilling" as opposed to "inhibitory" — civil engineering and geological studies professor Jeff Talley said he felt the language of the entire document was "over the top."

"[The statement] is so dramatic, it's like reading a play ... If you want the administration to take this seriously, perhaps adjectives less dramatic than 'chilling' and 'unorthodox' would be more favorably received," Talley said.

Salma Saddawi, professional specialist of chemical engineering, said she thought, "like many of those involved in the sciences," the language should be simple and clear.

Gail Bederman, professor of

history, disagreed, noting she had received many responses from within her department that said the statement's wording was not strong enough.

The issue was then raised that the statement was redundant in its support of the University's mission statement, and failed to address any specific cases.

"Nowhere do we state that we support 'The Vagina

Monologues'... There's an issue here of technicality, of endorsement versus sponsorship ... and in no way do we address it," physics professor Colin Jessop said.

Other members argued that the document was meant more as a general statement of principles than a

response to specific, current events.

"If we have something written that is general, we won't have to come up with a new statement every year when a new controversy comes up," physics professor Philippe Collon said.

"Taking up the issue of redundancy is missing the point [of the document]," Bederman added. "You may say that we're just repeating and affirming the University's mission statement, but a lot of people read the mission statement a different way than we are."

Barry Keating, professor of finance, then suggested the statement condoned so broad a spectrum of actions that it condemned almost any University action to disallow an event.

"With the statement as it reads now, if the band wanted to put together a halftime show promoting lesbian seduction, the only thing the University could do is run a tagline on the TV that they do not endorse it," Keating said.

He later added, "This is four pages of pedantic statements that will be relegated to the dustbin along with the rest of the statements like this that come out of Faculty Senate."

Many members contested the validity of Keating's hypothetical case, and Brown said that reading of the document was "not a fair interpretation."

"The intent [of the document] is to say that if you have a responsible academic event that is [denied] and objected to only because of content, then that's pretty serious," Brown said. "We have no power over the [University] President, what we're saying here isn't law."

Professor of music Peter Smith agreed.

"Of course the [University] President is going to do what the President is going to do, but there is something to be said for making a statement," Smith said.

Associate Dean of the Law School John Robinson offered an amendment he "did not necessarily sponsor or endorse" but thought would help bring the group into agreement, he said.

The amendment, which was approved by all members except for Bederman, reads, "Note that this discussion properly centers on how to present a conference, or

speech, or play, or work of art in such a way as to avoid the appearance of official endorsement; it would not ordinarily center on whether an event should take place. This is not to say that extreme scenarios cannot be imagined that might appear to call for stronger presidential action that that sketched here. Our point is that such stronger action would in every case put at risk the academic freedom

upon which the University insists in its mission statement."

The group moved into a final vote soon after this amendment was passed. The statement was solidly approved, with only one member — professor of German language and literature Vera Profit — dissenting.

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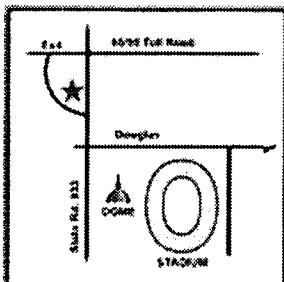
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Pfizer to invest money in plant

Drugmaker to hire more than 450 workers to manufacture inhalable insulin

Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Pfizer Inc., the world's largest drugmaker, plans to hire more than 450 workers and invest \$170 million at a western Indiana plant where it manufactures the nation's first inhalable version of insulin.

Pfizer said Wednesday it will hire the workers over the next two to three years, boosting to about 650 the number of employees at its Exubera inhaler production line. It also plans to invest \$170 million at the 120,000-square-foot Terre Haute plant by 2009.

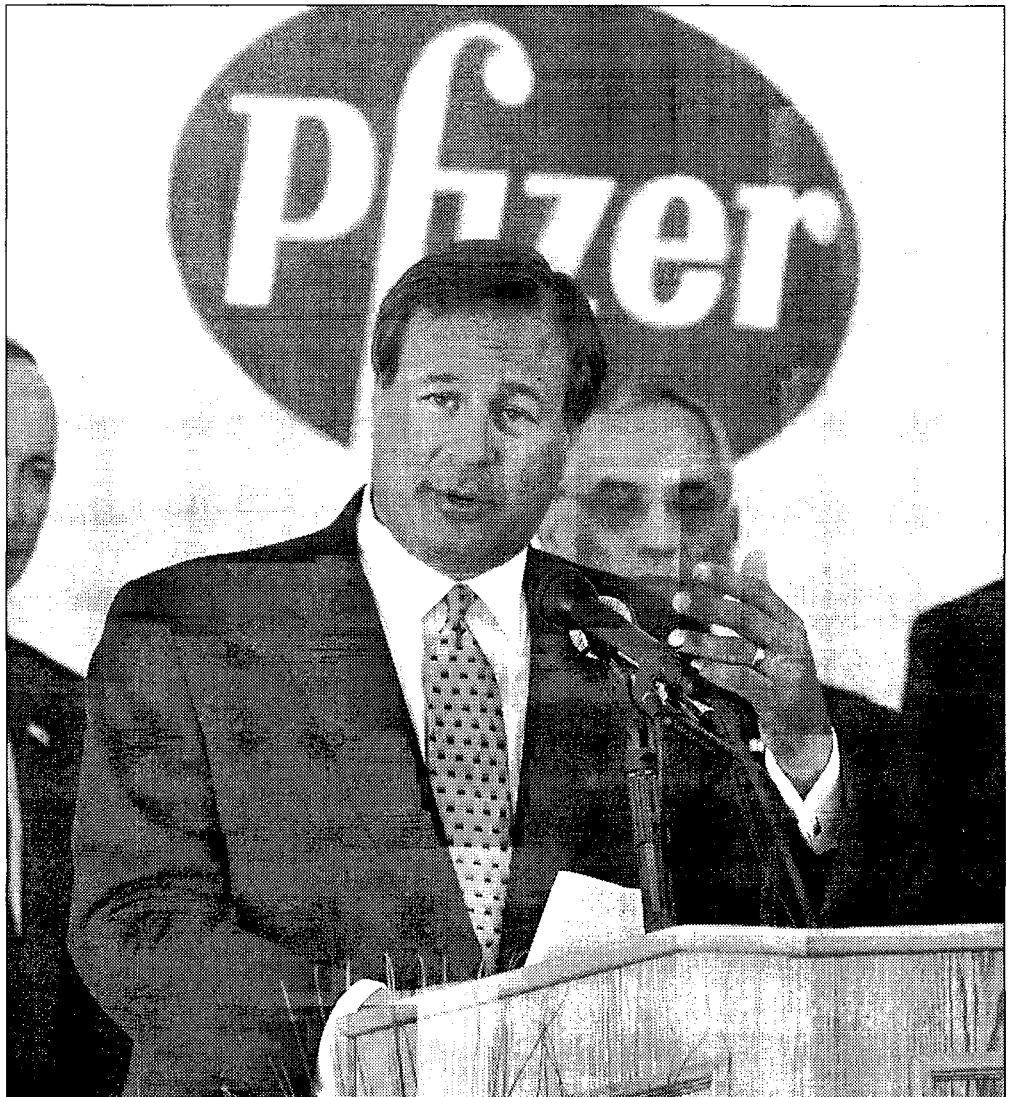
New York-based Pfizer received federal approval in late January to market the Exubera inhaler for controlling Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in adults. The device offers the first new way of delivering insulin since the discovery of the hormone in the 1920s.

Some stock analysts predict Exubera will be popular, with annual sales topping \$1 billion within three years. The inhaler would allow millions of adult diabetics an alternative to some of the injections they now endure.

Although Exubera sales will not start until midsummer, production began at the plant soon after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the company's marketing plans.

The inhaler, about the size of an eyeglass case, produces a cloud of insulin powder in its chamber that passes rapidly into the bloodstream to regulate blood-sugar levels when inhaled.

Jeff Kindler, Pfizer's vice chairman, said nearly 21 million Americans — including more than



Pfizer Inc. vice chairman Jeffrey B. Kindler discusses the economic impact of the new drug, Exubera, at a news conference in Terre Haute, Ind. Wednesday.

350,000 Indiana residents — suffer from diabetes and its many complications.

"Among all our hopes is that Exubera will encourage those who are reluctant to seek treatment for diabetes to come forward and take better care of their health," Kindler said.

Gov. Mitch Daniels said Pfizer's hiring plans are another sign Indiana is making progress attracting life sciences-related industries — and their high-paying jobs — to the state.

"Pfizer's decision to manufacture their newest product here is hard proof of our progress," he said.

Pfizer has invested about \$160 million in its Terre Haute plant since construction began on the complex in 1999. State and local governments have approved \$18.4 million in economic incentives for Pfizer to hire the new workers at its Exubera plant, which is located at a 2,000-acre site the company opened in 1948.

The plant currently employs about 350 people, 200 of whom work on the Exubera production line. Pfizer also manufactures antibiotics in a separate building at the site.

To manufacture the Exubera inhaler, workers take the original, crystalline form of insulin and use specialized equipment to turn it into a dry powdered form that is then packaged in precisely measured amounts for the inhaler.

IN BRIEF

Stocks rise on Bristol-Myers settlement

NEW YORK — Stocks rose Wednesday on upbeat news from big companies: a patent settlement by Bristol-Myers Squibb, strong earnings from Morgan Stanley and a cost-cutting deal between General Motors Corp., Delphi Corp. and the United Auto Workers. The gains were enough to push the Dow Jones industrial average to a new five-year high.

With scant economic data available, the market was driven by news from large-cap stocks. Bristol-Myers jumped 11 percent after the drug maker and its partner, Sanofi-Aventis SA, announced an agreement to settle a patent challenge. Investors were also cheered after Morgan Stanley's quarterly profit rose 17 percent.

Transportation stocks rose after General Motors and parts maker Delphi announced a deal with the UAW that would help the struggling companies cut costs by offering buyouts to 113,000 U.S. hourly workers.

Ex Enron exec testifies against ex CEO

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay worried in 2001 that the company's mounting financial problems would jeopardize its credit rating and inquired about managing its accounting to avoid a downgrade, a former Enron treasurer testified Wednesday.

Testimony by former Treasurer Ben Glisan Jr., which began late Tuesday and has outlined a series of what he said were public fabrications by Lay and former Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling about the health of the company, struck a nerve with Lay.

During a break in Glisan's testimony Wednesday afternoon, a visibly annoyed Lay told reporters, "I've never heard so many lies in one day in my whole life." Lay's wife, Linda, nodded her head and added, "Unbelievable."

Glisan testified that Lay assigned him to feel out credit-rating agencies about how large some required accounting writedowns could be without jeopardizing Enron's rating.

"That's backwards," Glisan told jurors in the fraud and conspiracy trial of Lay and Skilling. "What should occur is we should take the charges that we needed to take and then deal with the consequences."

GM, Delphi offer buyouts to workers

Associated Press

DETROIT — In one of the largest buyout programs ever, more than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto supplier Delphi Corp. are being offered up to \$140,000 to give up their jobs to help cut the companies' crippling labor costs.

GM did not say how many workers it expected to accept the offer, but it is aiming to slash 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008.

Some workers wasted no time in declaring the deal "fantastic" and started calculating what they would get, based on years of service, if they accepted the offer.

GM and Delphi have said that if enough workers sign up for buyouts or early retirement, their operating costs would drop significantly. Analysts warned that it still might not be enough to restore the compa-

nies' financial health or avoid a paralyzing strike.

Under the program, about 113,000 GM workers will be eligible for early-retirement incentives or buyouts of between \$35,000 and \$140,000 depending on how long they were employed and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits. At Delphi, GM's former parts division and largest supplier, 13,000 U.S. hourly workers will be eligible for a lump sum payment of \$35,000 to retire. Also, up to 5,000 Delphi workers will be eligible to return to GM.

The deal comes at a critical time for GM, which increased by \$2 billion its reported 2005 loss to \$10.6 billion last week. The world's largest automaker has been losing U.S. market share to Asian automakers and is saddled with labor agreements that make it difficult to close plants or cut workers. The plan also is crucial for Delphi, the largest U.S.

auto parts supplier, which is reorganizing in bankruptcy court after filing for Chapter 11 protection in October.

The companies made no predictions of how many employees might accept the offers or exactly how much they would save in operating costs.


David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research and the son of a former GM president, said the deal is of historic proportions.

"It's huge, far more than I expected," Cole said. He said the deal could go a long way toward helping GM return to profitability and to speeding Delphi's exit from bankruptcy. Cole said he expects many workers will take the buyout.

"For our members, this is fantastic," said Dan Fairbanks, president of United Auto Workers Local 1618 in Lansing. "There's some huge incentives here."



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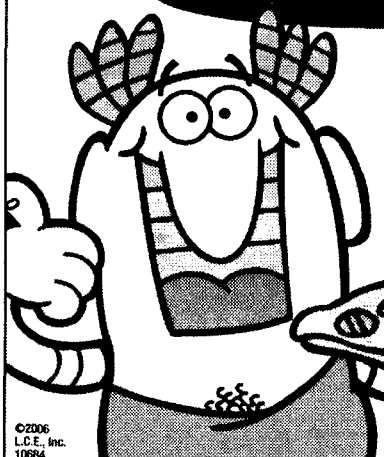
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night.

The passage comes after fiery debate at the Senate's last meeting over the wording and intention of the Resolution Supporting Diversity in Programming and Academic and Intellectual Freedom at Notre Dame. That resolution was sent back to the University Affairs Committee for revision after senators expressed dissatisfaction with it.

University Affairs Committee chair Matt Walsh admitted to senators his committee "did not change much" from the original resolution. But members still approved the new version, which will now be sent to University President Father John Jenkins.

"What this resolution does is encourage the University to facilitate a diverse, slash, wide range of programming ... if they don't

they're compromising their mission statement," Walsh said.

The resolution calls for the University to "never compromise itself by disallowing certain student programming, even programming which may disagree or be perceived to disagree, with certain elements of Catholicism."

Before voting on the resolution, some senators expressed concern with the use of a footnote from an American Association of University Professors document that clarifies the types of events that should not be restricted on college campuses.

Some senators said they did not think the inclusion of the AAUP's guidelines in the resolution was appropriate, since the University is not technically a member of the association.

O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello said the resolution should not contain "any message of the AAUP".

"I see this as a huge stretch of logic ... trying to associate us

with the footnote that enumerates what we want to say is a fuzzy set of logic," Tortorello said.

But Zahm senator Pat Knapp defended the Committee's resolution — and said the University subscribes to AAUP guidelines when setting policy.

"[The AAUP] is an oversight organization that largely oversees many policies relating to issues pertinent to academic freedom and what professors can and can't do," Knapp said. "The policy bearings they publish ... have significant bearing and weight that Notre Dame and other institutions adopt. To not mention this would leave out a significant influencing factor on Notre Dame policy."

Siegfried senator Ben Guntz said the incorporation of AAUP policy in the resolution was justified.

"If we are a member of the organization that upholds the policy then the logic is clear ... we follow AAUP policy too," Guntz said. "We subscribe to a subordinate group that the AAUP oversees. I think the logic is clear."

Farley senator Carol Hendrickson said the use of the word "disallow" in the resolution could open a "loophole" since it fails to mention events that would be restricted every other year, for example.

"We can sit here and talk about language all day ... not everyone is going to be happy with the exact language ... we're not trying to be very specific," Walsh said. "We're trying to be broad and proactive instead of reactive. We're not trying to be reactive to certain events that already happened."

Echoing concerns voiced by senators at last week's meeting,

Carroll senator Jim Grace reminded senators that the resolution is not guaranteed to influence Jenkins' final policy.

"What do we do if it gets ignored by the administration? ... This body doesn't set policy for University and hopefully they'll heed or input ... in the end I think it's important that it doesn't look like Student Senate is powerless if they don't listen to us," Grace said.

The resolution was passed with three senators opposed and one senator abstaining.

Members also passed a resolution to add a permanent committee to the Senate charged with focusing on community relations.

The resolution includes changing the constitution to include the responsibilities of the now-permanent Committee on Community Relations, which will "address the relations between the student body and the residents of the South Bend area as it works to build a lasting relationship between the two groups."

Members approved a resolution put forth by judicial council president James Leito that makes changes to the election section of the Student Union Constitution.

"Basically the main thing is if you did approve this, there would be no changes in the way elections are run," Leito said before senators voted on his resolution. "It's not any procedural changes, it's mostly cosmetic."

Leito's resolution clarifies procedures that are already in practice regarding student government elections, he said.

Among other additions, the resolution gives the Judicial Council the right to specify dates for hall elections "pending the approval of the Hall President's Council."

Members defeated a resolution calling for an amendment to the Senate Section of the Constitution. Dillon senator Dan Bowen presented the resolution, which called for senators representing higher population dorms to have more voting power than those from smaller dorms.

Bowen said his resolution helped to eliminate the "tyranny of the minority."

"My resolution brings a more democratic balance to the fold," Bowen said. "There is a hypothetical situation when it's possible for two-thirds of the Senate to vote or vote against something and it barely represents half of the student population."

Knapp sharply shot down Bowen's resolution.

"Did you read the discussion when this constitution was being drafted? ... Our first and foremost purpose was to be a union, not a representative democracy ... we are a union."

In other Senate news

♦ Travis Arnold from the Office of the Indiana Secretary of State spoke to senators about the effect in Indiana of 2002's Help America Vote Act, which he said has helped usher in "a new era in the technology of voting."

He encouraged members to tell their constituents who are from the state of Indiana about some of the new regulations associated with the new legislation. For example, Arnold said, a student identification card from a private university like Notre Dame is not a valid form of identification for voting. However, ID cards from public universities are accepted.

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Talking politics

There comes a time in every pundit's life when he seeks to rise above ephemeral opinion-mongering and make a permanent contribution to political thought. I have decided that the time has come to unveil mine, which I call, without even the pretense of modesty, Wicks' Law. Here it is: (Since print technology has not yet reached the point at which it is possible to embed sound effects in text, please provide your own fanfare before proceeding to the next paragraph.)



Peter Wicks

Englishman Abroad

Wicks' Law:

Whatever you believe, some damn fool will agree with you.

Okay, so perhaps that isn't exactly an Earth-shattering insight, but Wicks' Law does have an important corollary, which is that you cannot refute a person's belief just by showing that someone else who holds the same belief is a damn fool. That too may seem elementary, but it's a point that is nonetheless frequently ignored.

For example, I believed (and continue to believe) that the United States was right to use military force to depose Saddam Hussein. When I tell this to people who take the contrary view I have often found that they often respond — not always, but frequently — by denouncing some argument made by someone else in favor of the war. It is as if I am expected not only to argue for my own position, but defend any other argument that has been used to argue for that position. The belief that the United States was right in its decision to use military intervention in Iraq is something I have in common with Ann Coulter, but the mere fact that we agree on that point doesn't mean we have entered into any sort of political coalition and it certainly doesn't commit me to defending either the style or the content of Coulter's arguments.

There was a morally serious, knowledgeable and politically pragmatic case against the war. I heard it made by friends, col-

leagues, and professional political commentators. The fact that the war was also opposed by the likes of Michael Moore (whose views on the matter I would be inclined to dismiss as a paranoid fantasy were it not for the fact that they lack the internal coherence characteristic of a paranoid's delusions) does nothing to undermine their position.

When confronted with a difficult and contentious issue it is always tempting to persuade ourselves that it is not a difficult and contentious issue at all. One way of doing that is by only paying attention to those on the other side with obviously flawed arguments (and ideally with clear ulterior motives and glaring moral defects too). A second way, every bit as popular, is by clouding what's at stake with euphemistic and evasive rhetoric.

Last semester an initiative was proposed in the Faculty Senate to increase the "cultural competency" of Notre Dame's student body, possibly by means of a class requirement. When challenged as to the vagueness of the term, Rhea Boyd, chair of the Minority Affairs Committee, replied that a cultural competence committee should be formed and it would be their job to determine what the meaning of "cultural" should be. The creation of that committee was approved earlier this semester, so I guess that the first item on the committee's order of business is deciding for themselves what it is that they are supposed to be doing.

Overall, Boyd's stated position seemed to be that neither she nor anyone else involved in proposing the initiative knows what cultural competence is, they just know that it's very important and we need more of it.

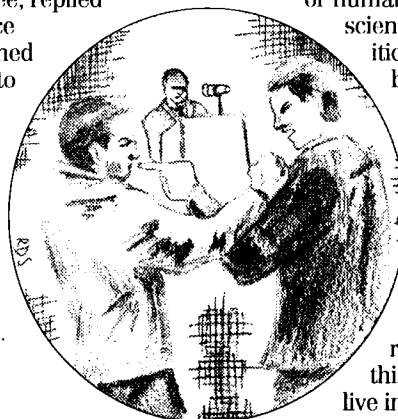
There is another possibility, however. I suspect that they do know what cultural competence is, but don't want to explain it in terms that have a chance of being under-

stood because they realize that to do so would be to risk saying some condescending and inflammatory things about Notre Dame's students. Sticking to abstract terms sterilized of meaning is an altogether safer way to go. Personally, I don't believe that cultural competency can be taught in a classroom, but those wishing to learn how to successfully navigate within the culture of a large and bureaucratic organization such as a university could learn a lot from studying the rhetorical strategies of the cultural competence committee.

This is just one of a thousand possible examples of a general temptation. The flight to lofty abstractions makes it easier to blind ourselves to the tragic nature of politics and engage in what the Czech novelist Milan Kundera called "political kitsch." It makes it harder to recognize legitimate grounds for disagreement ("Are you saying you're against diversity and raising awareness?").

Almost fifty years ago, Isaiah Berlin wrote "Everything is what it is: liberty is liberty, not equality or fairness or justice or culture, or human happiness or a quiet conscience."

His point was that politics is about difficult choices between different and sometimes competing goods. If, for example, you are faced with a trade-off between privacy and national security we must avoid the temptation to obfuscate by saying that privacy and national security are really one and the same thing. On the other hand, we live in a culture where obfuscation is a valuable skill. Perhaps we should teach it. Perhaps we already are.



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U-WIRE

Small talk for dummies

How are you? Fine. Never have two more banal phrases been uttered. And yet, these sentences are spoken thousands of times every day. I'm ashamed to admit that I've been a participant in this mundane exchange. I'm an avowed hater of small talk, but I don't know how to end it. Answering the question honestly might put people off because no one really cares how I'm actually doing. I just don't have the nerve to do it. The stunned reactions when people can't figure out how to respond to "I'm awful. I have a headache, I'm hungry, I'm weeks behind on homework and I wish you weren't talking to me," are too hard to take.

And yet, this simple exchange and small talk in general are important to society. We need a way to start a dialogue with each other. People must communicate for life as we know it to continue, because the hermit lifestyle just won't allow for much progress. So, how do we learn to communicate without sounding trite?

For women, the answer used to be simple. There was finishing school where they would learn poise, deportment, cookery, etiquette and all other skills necessary to be a lady in society.

While this is sort of Stepford-esque, it may have made life easier

on women. Having honed the proper skills, they had no need to feel awkward.

Knowing which fork to use for which course and how to fold a napkin into a swan aren't skills in high demand these days. Neither is walking with a book on your head. But being a polite person who can communicate in any situation would be a wonderful ability. Today's modern woman lacks the ideal opportunity to address polite social behaviors. If we don't pick up social graces from our parents, we're certainly not going to grasp them in school. And, with gender equality and hands-off parenting, some of us wind up behaving more like boys than ladies.

I'm not advocating a return to the 1950s, but I am suggesting that we find a better way to converse. Maybe support groups for the conversationally challenged are in order. We could get together and practice asking "How are you?" and listen to each response with sincerity.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Once the rockets are up,
who cares where they come down?
That's not my department,"
says Wernher von Braun."

Tom Lehrer
musical satirist

Allow God to bring the image of Jesus to you

Now that we have returned from a restful spring break and a chance to be with family and friends, it is important for us to (re)turn our minds to the Lenten season. Lenten resolutions are not like New Year's resolutions, which we may or may not take seriously and quickly set aside. It is easier for all of us to be mindful of Lent when we are on Campus, and our life takes on a certain predictable rhythm. That is one of the reasons I halfway in jest refer the first Sunday back after break as "Ash Sunday," even if there is no distribution of ashes.

In my favorite preface for the Mass, that of Lent one, both a beautiful description of Lent and the role it plays in our lives are beautifully expressed: "You give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the pascal mystery with mind and heart renewed." And it goes on to make this powerful

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FaithPoint

statement and promise: "As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your son to perfection within us."

The reason for our lives as Christians is to know and love God and to love and serve our neighbor. The Gospel is filled with examples from the life of Christ as to how we can do this.

Our love for God grows stronger and becomes real when we spend time with God in prayer, whether at Mass, at the Grotto, by praying the rosary, by reading the Mass texts for the day or the Bible, through a few moments before the Blessed Sacrament, by a reflective walk around the lake, through a conversation with a friend, by spiritual reading or in many other avenues which are available to us. All of these ways have been used by generations of faithful believers who have gone before us and who have become holy men and women as their love for God deepened and became a more central part of their day and of their lives. To deepen

our love for God, we increase the amount of time we spend in prayer to the extent that we can and in ways that we find helpful.

We love and serve our neighbor through sharing of time with those in need through service and by sharing our material possessions with the poor. Jesus never turned his back on anyone who was poor or came to him in need. During Lent, we try to be more aware of others so that we can be friends to the poor even as Jesus was. By making additional small sacrifices — the things we "give up for Lent" — we share our resources with those neighbors of ours who are most in need of our help.

But there is an additional challenge during Lent. As we try to increase our love for God, it is important for us to become as aware as we can of God's love for us. This love is deeply personal, it is present to us in all the circumstances of our lives no matter where our lives lead us or what joys, sorrows and challenges we have to face. When

we achieve even a little insight into God's love for us we experience the deep peace that only a person who is redeemed and forgiven can feel.

It is much easier to speak of God's love for us than it is to really believe it. We are constantly surrounded by the air we breathe and rarely advert to it. In much the same way, we are always surrounded by God's intense love for us whether we think about it or not. To paraphrase the Scriptures, God sees and loves in us what God sees and loves in His own Jesus.

And so as we continue our Lenten journeys during this season of grace, let us be grateful for this image of Jesus which is being brought about within us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leave our mascot alone

'Fighting' Irish not a racist moniker

This letter is in response to Paul Richards' letter to the editor in the March 22 edition of The Observer about Notre Dame's mascot.

It is my opinion that an individual who writes in against Notre Dame using the moniker "Fighting Irish" misses the significance of our mascot. Further, he leaves out an important aspect of the NCAA's position regarding mascots that could be perceived as damaging or perpetuating stereotypes about racial, ethnic or cultural groups.

First and foremost, I find Notre Dame's mascot to be a celebration of the resiliency and strength of the Irish people. As the writer indicated, the Irish have suffered through numerous hardships in their history — occupation by a foreign power, religious discrimination, famine and overt racism here in the United States have all been faced by the Irish people, and yet they persevered to become one of the most influential peoples in history.

I would ask the writer if he feels that Dan Breen or Michael Collins, fighters for Irish independence in the beginning of the twentieth century, would object to the attachment of "Fighting" to Irish. Would Father Corby, C.S.C., who was the chaplain of the famed Irish Brigade during the Civil War and has been immortalized in the famous "Absolution at Gettysburg" statue object? Would the men in the United States army he led into battle and for whom he was a spiri-

tual leader object? Finally, would the thousands of Irish men and women (including my ancestor Patrick Hannon) who struggled against poverty and discrimination in the cities and towns of America to make a better life for their family object? My answer to the above questions is a resounding no. The history of the Irish people is one of a constant fight — a fight against occupation, a fight for equal rights, a fight for respect. It is a fight that the country of Ireland and the Irish people have won, and the majority of the Irish see in Notre Dame an institution that respects and celebrates their vaunted tradition.

To a much lesser extent, it is important to remember that the NCAA, in investigating suspect mascots, takes into consideration the feelings of the affected groups. It is for this reason that Florida State is still allowed to use the "Seminole" as a mascot — the Seminole Tribe of Florida gave its support to the school. The writer of the Letter to the Editor makes it sound as though the overwhelming majority of Irish citizens are up in arms against our school's mascot. If this is true, someone had better tell President Mary McAleese, quick! Though one wonders why the President of Ireland would support a school with such a racist mascot... Unless of course it is because the mascot is not, in fact, racist.

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March 22

Proud to be a 'fighter'

No doubt, there will be many alumni, students and Irish fans who will be up in arms over Paul L. Richards' letter to the editor on March 22. In that letter, Mr. Richards "serves notice" to both the NCAA and the Notre Dame community about his offense at the term "Fighting Irish." Mr. Richards, who is neither an alumnus nor a student, should be forgiven for his obvious ignorance of the University of Notre Dame and its history.

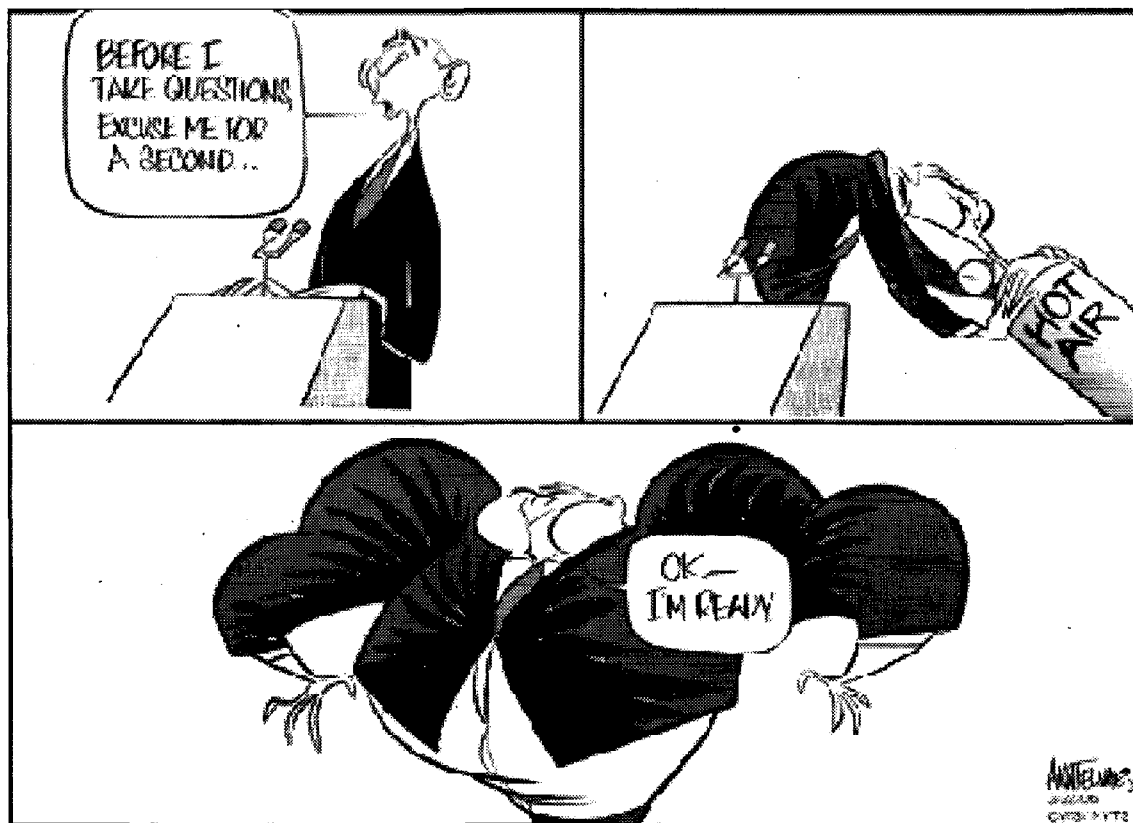
In the face of rising bigotry and intolerance in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the University of Notre Dame (while not founded by the Irish) served as a haven for Irish and Catholics alike. Anyone who came to this university could rest assured in the fact that they would not be judged, graded or discriminated against based on his race, religion or culture. This was a policy at the University even at a time when member-

ship in the Ku Klux Klan was on the rise in nearby towns and communities.

This stance did not come without a cost. Notre Dame students (and not just its Irish students) often got into physical altercations and conflicts with Klan members during the early 1900s to 1920s. Notre Dame students made sure not only to protect its own, but also to take a stand against intolerance and bigotry. We literally were the "Fighting Irish." While times have changed, the spirit remains. It is for that reason that many — including myself (full disclosure — I am neither Irish, nor Catholic, nor even American) — take pride in being a part of The Fighting Irish.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



CD REVIEWS

Unique sound improves with every listen

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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Named after a children's book character and creating its own dreamy, meandering music, Trespassers William is a unique force in the music world today. The band's third album "Having" reveals the complex blend of genres and atmospheric sound that makes up their distinctive sound.

Trespassers William is made up of Ross Simonini (bass and keyboards), Anna-Lynne Williams (vocals and guitar), Matt Brown (guitar and keyboards) and Jamie Williams (drums). The band started as a twosome in 1997 in Los Angeles with Anna-Lynne Williams and Brown, and the band released its first album two years later after adding Simonini to the lineup.

"Having" is the third full album released by Trespassers William. Their first album was 1999's "Anchor," which was followed up by the U.K. release of 2002's "Different Stars."

Their second album was re-released in 2004 in North America, and this established the band as a new power in music.

While the ambient, folk-tinged music made by Trespassers William may not be immediately recognizable to many listeners, it has been featured in numerous films and television shows. Programs like "The O.C.," "One Tree Hill" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" have all used the band's atmospheric music, as have films like "A Love Song for Bobby Long" and "Annapolis."

The band's unique name actually comes from a Winnie the Pooh story called "Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting and Nearly Catch a Woozle." The story reveals that Trespassers William is the name of Piglet's grandfather.

Trespassers William's sound has elements of groups like Mazzy Star and singers like Aimee Mann, but they forge their own unique space in the pop landscape. Unlike many albums today that have one identifiable single — and usually little to offer beyond

that — "Having" emerges as an album that almost requires being listened to as a whole. Individual songs on the record, while strong, lose something when not part of the album as a whole.

"Having" is a gorgeous, atmospheric album that doesn't immediately



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Trespassers William, which includes, from left, Ross Simonini, Jamie Williams, Anna-Lynne Williams and Matt Brown, have been featured on "The OC."

impress on first listen, but only grows better with each press of the play button. The meandering quality of the music, along with its hybrid of pop, electronic and folk, separates it from most pop music today. Most of the songs on the album start out slowly and simply, but gradually swell into deeply engrossing songs.

The most impressive part of "Having" is the ability of each song to stand on its own while still managing to create an album that sounds like a unified whole. The gorgeous "Safe, Sound" opens the album, and its slow build and distortion of Williams' voice creates an interesting effect. The album moves on to the beautiful "What of Me."

The only somewhat weak songs on "Having" are "Weakening" and "No One," and their weakness lies in the

somewhat static sound each song maintains. While these songs aren't necessarily bad, they lack the growing and evolving quality that the better songs on the record exhibit. The album's best songs, which exemplify this constantly growing sound, include the opening "Safe, Sound," as well as "I Don't Mind," "Ledge," "We Lean In" and "What of Me."

Overall, "Having" is not an immediately gripping album but it, like many of the songs on the album, grows and evolves the more that it is listened to. Its blend of genre, the strong songwriting the band exhibits and its unique sound makes it a unique break from the bulk of bands in the music world today.

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Having Trespassers William

Nettwerk Records



Recommended tracks: 'What of Me,' 'I Don't Mind,' 'We Lean In,' 'Safe, Sound' and 'Ledge'

Black breaths new life into acoustic community

By BOB COSTA
Scene Critic

Forget for a moment that there is a plethora of singer-songwriters on the current music scene. From James Blunt to John Mayer and Michael Toller, there seem to be more than enough sensitive guys strumming six-strings to go around. But amidst the pop sensibilities of the aforementioned solo artists who occupy the upper-echelon of the pop-rock charts lacks an artist playing unadorned, and perhaps even melancholy, folk-rock. Gus Black could be the artist who fills that void.

Black's new record, "Autumn Days," which was released on Tuesday on Cheap Lullaby Records is a haunting and intimate album for those who enjoy both U2 and Dashboard Confessional.

"Autumn Days" is part fractured acoustic opulence and part dubious poignancy. Recorded as a catharsis for

the artist, the album plays as a cohesive collection of songs that would be comfortable on an episode of "The O.C.," or in a dim South Bend basement strewn about with old Elliot Smith and Gary Jules records. Each track is tinged with a deep, but subtle, sense of sadness. Black plucks his guitar with a profound deftness, evoking melancholy at every turn.

But it's not a negative or depressing record. Rather, the album begins with a sense of emptiness and wanting on "Don't Go Tellin' The Whole World" and by its conclusion on the album's hidden song (a pleasant surprise) the listener feels refreshed.

Gus Black has recorded a true album here — something that wouldn't sound as good on an iTunes play list. It has nuances between songs adjacent to each other that are only appreciated on a second listen. The segue between "Fire Escape" and "So Very Young" is a perfect transition between blatant arena rock and a mellow acoustic melody. "Fire

Escape" has a gorgeously swaths of chords and percussion similar to Blind Melon's "No Rain." The song features a bright chorus that you could picture Dave Matthews jamming to in his free time. But then the listener is given "So Very Young," a song that Black might have carved out



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Gus Black's fourth album "Autumn Days" was recorded in his own apartment. It features his most intimate tracks, and has already gained popularity in Europe.

while alone late one night after a club gig in Europe wishing to be home.

The outlier among the fifteen tracks is the album's first single "Certain Kind of Light" which is reminiscent of Black's rock roots. It hurtles forward with a catchy riff. An obvious lyrical letter to a past lover, the song is a welcome jolt of musical caffeine on an album that murmurs and sways at many intervals.

"Autumn Days" features performances by longtime Black band members Rocco Bidlovski and Gianni Neiviller, as well as Dave Palmer (Fiona Apple) and Sarah Watkins of Nickel Creek. The majority of the folksy acoustic songs clock in at less than three minutes.

On "Long Beach (It's a Miracle)," Black holds back chords then plunges frantically down the fret board as if he's drifting

in and out of consciousness. The inclusion of a strong rhythm section on the album's strongest track "Traffic and Sound" gives the song a Coldplay-like grandeur, soaring from a simple folk song into an epic that Bono probably wishes he wrote.

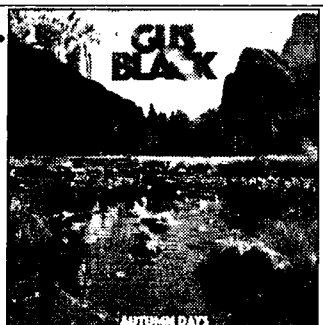
Black's cover of "Don't Fear the Reaper" was on the soundtrack for the original Scream movie. His songs have been featured in television shows, including Alias, Smallville and One Tree Hill. He played at the South by Southwest Music Festival and spent most of 2005 in Europe playing gigs around Germany and in the Netherlands.

Based on this history, Gus Black seems to be going places.

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Autumn Days

Gus Black
Cheap Lullaby



Recommended tracks: 'No Rain,' 'Fire Escape,' 'So Very Young' and 'Don't Go Tellin' the Whole World'

DPAC REVIEW

Pomerium creates memorable a capella experience

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Critic

The Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC) was transformed into a European cathedral thanks to the a capella group Pomerium Tuesday night.

The New York based group, which takes its name from the Medieval Latin word for "garden," has been performing music composed for Renaissance chapel choirs since 1972. Pomerium founder and director Alexander Blachly is a music professor at Notre Dame who also directs the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra.

The highly acclaimed group performs mostly in New York, but has toured numerous international festivals and recorded several albums. In Pomerium, Blachly has assembled an impressive array of the best vocal talent in the country. Comprised of sopranos, a mezzo-soprano, tenors, countertenor and basses, Pomerium can sing a wide variety of songs and has the ability to fill any space with rich, full sound that floats through the air with an almost magical quality.

Pomerium began the concert Tuesday night with works from the early Renaissance, a time when Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci were influencing art and science. The first song was also the best of the night, a beautiful "Ave Maria" sung in Latin. The energy and emotion captured in the "Ave" set

the stage for the melodious evening that was to follow.

After several songs featuring only some of the fourteen member group, all of Pomerium reunited to perform a five part Mass composed by Johannes Ockeghem. Ockeghem was a Belgian composer who is regarded as one of the most important composers of the 15th century. The Mass, entitled "Mass on L'homme armé" combines parts of a Latin Mass with a French song whose name translates to "The man at arms is here." This unique combination was harmonic and displayed the full vocal range of Pomerium.

Immediately following the sung Mass was a sorrowful and haunting song written on the death of the composer Ockeghem. Written by Ockeghem's pupil, this song served as a plaintive memorial to the passing of the great composer. Pomerium succeeded in expressing the sorrow of the song to their audience through a language barrier.

The second set of the night explored music from the late Renaissance, when expression of emotion came to the forefront of musical composition. These songs had a concert-like feel, and were richer and fuller than the first set.

First, the group sang a set of madrigals, songs usually reserved for two or three voices. The effect of all 14 singers contributing caused the songs to resound throughout the concert hall. After the madrigals came a series of six motets, which are a capella songs adapted from sacred texts. In the spirit



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The internationally renowned Pomerium choir performed at DPAC this week. Its founder and director, Alexander Blachly, is a music professor at Notre Dame.

of the Easter season, many of the madrigals and motets involved the events surrounding the upcoming death and resurrection of Jesus.

Just like the Easter season, these songs were somber, yet laced with a sense of hope. Pomerium accomplished this by having separate members of the group singing different melodies at the same time. This harmonic interplay created a busy aural spectrum that forced the audience to listen closely for the different layers in each song.

At the end of the program, the images of European cathedrals began to leave the minds of the audience, but the sound of Pomerium seemed to hang in the air. The Renaissance music proved to be as fresh and enjoyable now as when it was written 500 years ago. The talented a capella group used this music to serenade the audience and create a truly memorable experience.

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CD REVIEW

Unlikely duo produces diverse range of musical intrigue

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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Hearing that a band is an organ and drums combo might put most listeners off, but Mates of State manage to take what could be a potentially disastrous musical equation and turn it into extremely catchy music. The group's latest effort, "Bring It Back," reveals the depth and diverse range of music that springs from this unlikely duo.

Mates of State is the husband and wife team of Kori Gardner (organ, singer) and Jason Hammel (drums, singer). While the band started in the Midwest, they eventually moved to San Francisco, Calif., and started playing various venues on the west coast. The band officially started in 2001 when the band members quit their day jobs - a teacher and a cancer researcher respectively - got married, and began touring more heavily.

"Bring It Back" is Mates of State's fourth full album, following 2003's "My

Solo Project," 2002's "Our Constant Concern" and 2003's "Team Boo."

The band's label, Barsuk Records, is the home of indie rock heavy-weights Rilo Kiley, Death Cab for Cutie and Nada Surf. The band has toured venues ranging from small clubs to larger festivals like Coachella, and they have toured the United States, Europe and Japan.

Mates of State sound is difficult to qualify. While they are a two-instrument duo, the band manages to vary the sound of their music significantly. Their vocal harmonies are complimented by the drums and the organ, and their music has a generally upbeat feeling.

"Bring It Back" is an undeniably catchy album, but unlike many appealing albums, it becomes more intriguing rather than tiresome with multiple listenings. The album opens with "Thing Long," which is actually duller and more repetitive than most of the songs on the album, but the songs get better from there. "Fraud in the '80s" blends

synthesizer sounds with beautiful harmonies, which provides an interesting counterpoint to the piano-driven "Like U Crazy."

"Beautiful Dreamer" and "For the Actor" exemplify the upbeat nature of the music made by Mates of State, while "What it Means"



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The married duo of Kori Gardner, left, and Jason Hammel make up Mates of State. The band formed in 1999 when they moved to San Francisco.

and "Nature and the Wreck" provide a slightly more solemn side to the record as a whole.

While the rest of the album is great, Mates of State really leave the best songs on the album for last. The swell of music and voices, coupled with great lyrics, makes "So Many Ways" one of the album's strongest tracks. "So Many Ways" is followed by "Punchlines," which deftly changes between different melodies and harmonies and builds power that leads to the final track on the album.

"Running Out," the final song on "Bring It Back," is by far the album's strongest piece. The song is longer at nearly seven minutes long, but it

exemplifies the sound Mates of State has created. It starts out slowly with a single voice and gradually builds over the length of the track to showcase the harmonies and musical abilities of the band. It is a track that begs for repeated listens, and it manages to be both catchy and complicated simultaneously.

"Bring It Back" emerges as an upbeat album with a host of undeniably appealing songs, and it may just change the way music lovers think about drum and organ duos in the music world.

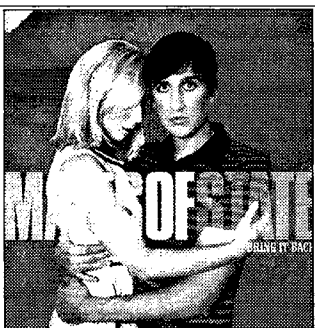
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Bring It Back Mates of State

Barsuk



Recommended tracks: 'So Many Ways,' 'Punchlines,' 'Running Out,' 'For the Actor' and 'Like U Crazy'



NBA

James' triple-double de-claws Bobcats in OT

Magic defeat Knicks; Bulls lose to Pacers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James hit the first game-winning shot of his career with 0.9 seconds left in overtime, finishing with 37 points and his ninth career triple-double in the Cleveland Cavaliers' 120-118 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

James also had 12 assists and 11 rebounds as Cleveland beat the undermanned Bobcats and moved closer to securing its first playoff berth since 1998.

Raymond Felton scored 30 points to lead six players in double figures for Charlotte, which was without leading scorer Gerald Wallace and starting point guard Brevin Knight.

The winning shot came when James got the ball at the top of the key and dribbled into a rhythm before firing a 21-footer that rattled the rim and went in as his teammates mobbed him.

If not for James' crisp passing, he never would have had a chance to shoot the winner.

Trapped by the Bobcats' swarming defense near mid-court in the final seconds of regulation, James found Flip Murray alone in the far corner for a 3-pointer and 104-all tie with 0.4 seconds to play.

James' final two assists set up Damon Jones and Murray for 3-pointers in overtime. A fast-break slam by James with 1:30 left put Cleveland ahead 116-111.

But Felton hit a 3 from the corner and seconds later added two free throws for yet another tie.

James, who went 16-for-23 from the line, followed with two free throws for a 118-116 lead. Felton then spun his way to the hoop to tie it for the final time at 118 with 20 seconds left.

Cleveland (39-29) has won three straight at home after a three-game road losing streak and is three wins shy of last season's total with 14 to play.

The Cavaliers lead Washington by four games in the battle for the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference and play three of their next four at home, where they are 25-10. The top four clubs in each conference get home-court advantage in the first round.

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James improved to 6-0 over the second-year the Bobcats, but it wasn't easy. Charlotte battled back from a 13-point deficit early in the third quarter.

Drew Gooden and Murray scored 19 points apiece for Cleveland, which is undefeated in games where James gets a triple-double.

Pacers 95, Bulls 85

Jermaine O'Neal scored 16 points in his first game in two months. Stephen Jackson had 12 of his 24 in the fourth quarter, and the Indiana Pacers beat the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

O'Neal missed 24 games with a torn left groin. He entered the game in the first quarter for his first appearance since Jan. 24, and scored on his first shot with 5:58 left in the period.

Andres Nocioni had 17 points and 10 rebounds in the Bulls' fourth straight loss. Ben Gordon, Chicago's leading scorer, was held to nine points on 3-for-15 shooting.

Indiana held Chicago to 5-for-22 shooting in the fourth quarter. A loss would have dropped the Pacers (34-32) to .500 or below for the first time since Feb. 1.

Chicago led 72-67 early in the fourth quarter before Jackson scored seven points during a 12-0 Indiana run that gave the Pacers a 79-72 lead.

Chicago closed to 84-80 on a basket by Nocioni with 3:14 left, but the Pacers finished the game on an 11-5 run.

The Bulls shot 52 percent in the first quarter to take a 27-14 lead. Indiana went 12-of-16 from the line in the second quarter to cut Chicago's lead to 48-41 at halftime.

By the end of the third quarter, the Pacers had cut Chicago's lead to 70-67. The Pacers led briefly in the period, but Chicago finished on a 10-4 run to take a lead into the fourth.

The teams had each won on the opponent's court this season. Indiana won 91-89 in Chicago on Jan. 14, then Chicago beat the Pacers 101-89 a week later in Indianapolis.

Magic 111, Knicks 87

Dwight Howard had 23 points and seven rebounds, and the Magic rolled over the New York Knicks Wednesday



Cavaliers guard LeBron James is fouled by Bobcats guard Bernard Robinson while shooting. James' shot with 0.9 seconds left beat Charlotte 120-118 Wed. at Cleveland.

night in Steve Francis' return to Orlando.

Howard missed the first start of his career for Orlando after showing up late for shootaround, but the second-year standout scored 10 points in a 4-minute span of the first half — many of them on put-back dunks for three-point plays.

In his first game at Orlando since being traded last month, Francis had just two points in 11 minutes, all in the first quarter. Eddy Curry led New York with 15 points and eight rebounds, while Stephon Marbury added 12 points and five assists. Jamal Crawford and Nate Robinson each added 12 points off the bench.

Seven Orlando players scored in double figures, including Hedo Turkoglu (16 points), Darko Milicic (13), Jameer Nelson (13) and Keyon Dooling (11). Forward Trevor Ariza, acquired by the Magic in the Francis trade along with the expiring contract of Penny Hardaway, finished with 10 against his former team.

Leading 59-47 at halftime, Orlando opened the third quarter with a 12-2 run, taking a 22-point lead at the 8:40 mark after Howard completed another three-point play off an offensive rebound.

New York's deficit hovered around 20 the rest of the

game, ballooning to 107-81 with 3:53 left in the fourth quarter after Dooling hit a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired.

The Knicks were without rookie standout Channing Frye, who will miss the rest of the season after spraining a left knee ligament in New York's loss Tuesday to Toronto. He was third among first-year players with 12.3 points per game, and also ranks in the top five in field goal percentage (47.7 percent) and rebounds (5.8).

New York had 22 turnovers — 17 in the first half, compared with 10 for Orlando.

The Magic's win was their fifth straight at home, but came a night after they set a franchise record in Charlotte with their 16th straight road loss. New York fell to 6-27 on the road.

Orlando snapped a two-game losing streak and handed the Knicks their third straight loss.

76ers 115, Atlanta 106

Allen Iverson scored 29 points in his return to the lineup, Kyle Korver had 23 and Chris Webber 21 to lead the Philadelphia 76ers over the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Iverson, the NBA's second-leading scorer with an average

of 33.2 points, missed the last four games after he bruised and sprained his foot against Memphis on March 12. The Sixers lost all four games without him and have a tenuous hold on the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Andre Iguodala had 17 points for the Sixers, who shot 51 percent from the floor. The Sixers made 10 of 15 3-pointers.

Josh Childress had 17 points and 12 rebounds, Josh Smith had 22 points and Marvin Williams 21 for the Hawks.

With Iverson back in action, the Sixers put this one away early — a rarity for a team that has had frequent fourth-quarter collapses. He looked sharp and never seemed bothered by the foot, missing only one shot and scoring 11 points in the second quarter to help Philadelphia to a 67-48 halftime lead. It was the most points scored in a half by the Sixers this season.

Philadelphia sure was glad to see Iverson in the lineup.

The Sixers are only 2-6 this season without the former MVP.

Playing the woeful Hawks also helped the fading Sixers. With Iverson scoring most of his points from the foul line in the third quarter, Korver took over.

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Hmm... Diane is a bit of a babe. Being single again not a bad thing. Orpheus

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Golfstat NCAA Men's Golf Top 25

	team	record	vs. top 25
1	Georgia	286-1	20-1
2	Oklahoma State	285-2	16-2
3	Florida	284-3	18-3
4	Georgia Tech	283-4	18-4
5	UNLV	282-5	11-5
6	UCLA	280-7	14-7
7	Georgia State	279-8	12-5
8	Brigham Young	279-8	13-5
9	Baylor	279-8	4-2
10	East Tennessee State	277-10	12-7
11	Arizona State	277-10	12-7
12	Texas A&M	275-12	11-10
13	Tulsa	273-14	8-9
14	Clemson	273-14	9-12
15	Tennessee	272-15	7-11
16	North Carolina	270-15	10-4
17	Texas Tech	267-20	9-10
18	Duke	267-20	6-15
19	South Carolina	266-21	6-15
20	Alabama	265-22	4-16
21	Minnesota	264-23	3-16
22	Kentucky	264-23	3-17
23	Northwestern	262-25	4-17
24	Pepperdine	261-26	1-13
25	Auburn	260-27	2-20

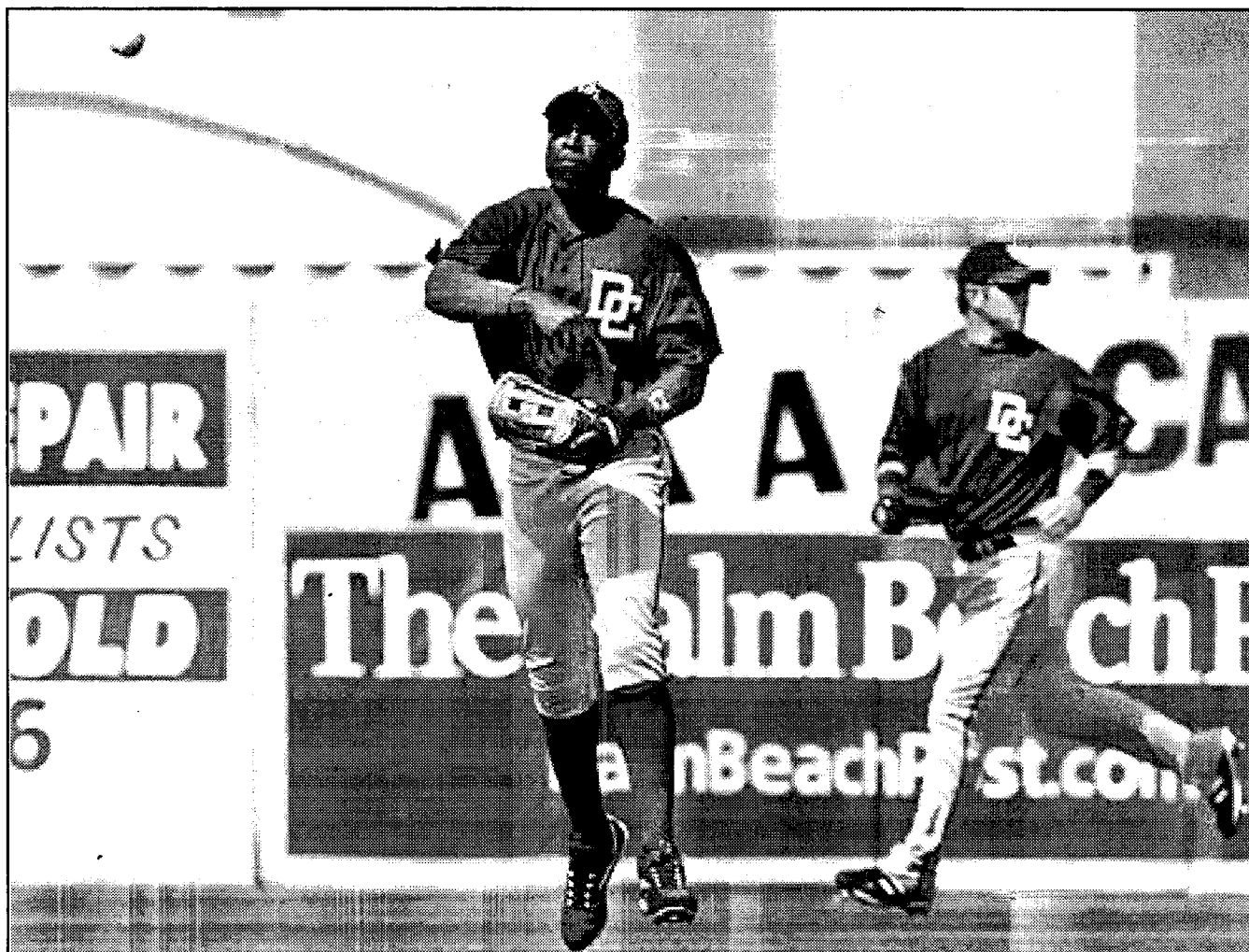
Golfstat NCAA Women's Golf Top 25

	team	record	vs. top 25
1	Duke	220-0	22-0
2	UCLA	219-1	20-1
3	Arizona State	218-2	19-2
4	Auburn	217-3	18-3
5	Pepperdine	216-4	17-4
6	Southern California	215-5	15-5
7	Georgia	213-7	15-7
8	Purdue	212-8	10-3
9	Arkansas	211-9	13-9
10	UNLV	211-9	10-8
11	Virginia	208-12	7-6
12	California	208-12	10-10
13	Vanderbilt	207-13	9-12
14	Wake Forest	207-13	9-12
15	Florida	206-14	9-13
16	Tennessee	205-15	8-15
17	Texas A&M	204-16	6-15
18	Ohio State	204-16	7-16
19	Stanford	203-17	5-15
20	Oklahoma	202-18	5-17
21	Arizona	202-18	6-16
22	Long Beach State	199-21	1-7
23	Tulane	197-23	1-16
24	New Mexico	197-23	1-22
25	Kent State	196-24	2-11

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	team	record	previous
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3	Johns Hopkins	5-0	3
4	Georgetown	4-1	9
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7	Virginia	6-2	5
8	Maryland	5-3	7
9	Richmond	5-2	10
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14	Syracuse	5-2	13
15	Penn State	3-3	14
16	Cornell	4-1	16
17	James Madison	3-2	NR
18	Stanford	5-2	20
19	Vanderbilt	4-3	NR
20	Loyola	3-3	19

MLB



Nationals outfielder Alfonso Soriano, left, hits the cutoff in a spring training game against the Cardinals Wednesday. Soriano was an All-Star second baseman for the Rangers and Yankees before this season.

Nationals move Soriano to left field

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Alfonso Soriano's only chance in left field Wednesday was a reminder of the good old days, before the Washington Nationals finally persuaded him to change positions.

Soriano jogged in a few steps to catch a routine fly ball by Albert Pujols, then threw to second base to double off David Eckstein.

"I never think I'm going to make a double play in the outfield," Soriano said. "But I did it."

Soriano agreed to make the move from second base only two days after refusing to take his new spot in

the outfield. The Nationals had a day off Tuesday, giving him time to accept the switch.

"It's a relief for everybody, it really is," manager Frank Robinson said before the game. "We get the distractions away from here and we can focus on baseball now and getting this ballclub tuned up and ready to go for opening day."

Now, all Soriano needs is his own glove. He borrowed prospect George Lombard's outfield model Wednesday during a 9-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

There wasn't much suspense earlier in the day.

Robinson had Soriano batting leadoff in left field on his lineup card several hours before game time, and the player was all smiles during batting practice. He even signed several autographs.

Soriano was an AL All-Star the last four years at second base, and played there this spring for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic. He has never played the outfield in a major league game, and said the last time he played there in spring training was in 2001.

The Nationals got Soriano in a December trade with Texas for out-

fielders Brad Wilkerson and Terrmel Sledge and minor league pitcher Armando Galarraga, and general manager Jim Bowden and Robinson have been trying to persuade Soriano to switch positions since. Washington already has an established second baseman, three-time All-Star Jose Vidro.

Robinson considers the position move permanent, saying he doesn't even view Soriano as the back-up at second base.

"We're doing it for the season," Robinson said. "We didn't ask him to do it for today, that's not the answer we wanted."

IN BRIEF

Alford has no plans for job interviews

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa basketball coach Steve Alford said Wednesday he loves the Hawkeyes and has no immediate plans to interview for other coaching jobs.

Earlier this month, Alford was linked in media reports to the top job at Indiana, where he was an All-American and led the Hoosiers to the national title in 1987. Mike Davis announced last month that he would resign at the end of the season, and the job opened after the Hoosiers were eliminated from the NCAA tournament Saturday.

"I'm the head coach at Iowa," Alford said in a statement. "I'm flattered with the interest and the recognition of the outstanding season we had this year. With that success, comes attention and speculation I cannot control. I have not scheduled any interviews with any other institutions."

NFL to reevaluate penalty rules at league meetings

NEW YORK — The NFL is satisfied with its officiating but concerned that high-profile errors in the playoffs and Super Bowl left a bad impression.

So beginning next week at league meetings in Orlando, Fla., it will tweak a few rules, dealing mostly with player safety, offensive holding and false starts.

"Because of the magnitude of the games, there's an indictment of the system," Atlanta general manager Rich McKay, co-chairman of the league's competition committee, said Wednesday during a conference call. The committee also includes Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian.

The main topic will be the first steps in choosing a successor to Paul Tagliabue. The commissioner will appoint a committee Monday to begin the process.

Instant replay makes debut on WTA tour

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Jamea Jackson watched her groundstroke land close to the sideline, and when it was called out, she sensed a chance to make a little history.

So she requested a video replay review — the first on the professional tennis tours — even though she thought the ruling was correct.

"I just wanted to be first," Jackson said with a laugh. "That's what it really was all about."

Instant replay made its tour debut Wednesday at the Nasdaq-100 Open, and initial reviews were favorable. It was used only on the stadium court, which gave Jackson and opponent Ashley Harkleroad the first shot at video replays of their shots.

In a three-hour match won by Jackson, she and Harkleroad challenged two calls each, and only one ruling was reversed.

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NHL

Dallas rallies in third period to tame Wild, 4-2

Panthers beat Capitals; Flyers upend Rangers

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars have mastered the third-period comeback.

Jere Lehtinen, Jon Klemm and Stu Barnes scored goals during a 5:18 span in the third period as the Stars rallied for a 4-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Wednesday night.

Dallas won for the 11th time this season when trailing after two periods, extending its league record for comebacks. And the Stars improved to 8-0 this season when they have a three-goal third period.

"The goal is to win the game and you have 60 minutes," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "It just so happened that we used the last 20 to do that. It would be easier on the coaches' hair color if we led a little more."

Jussi Jokinen added a goal and two assists and Jason Arnott contributed two assists for Dallas, which has won eight of 10.

Brian Rolston's power-play goal had given Minnesota a 2-1 lead at 15:53 of the second period.

But Lehtinen drew Dallas even at 3:47 of the final period while the Stars skated 5-on-3, matching a career high with his 31st goal of the season.

Klemm connected from the slot at 5:26 to put Dallas ahead for good, and Barnes struck from close range for his 15th at 9:05 to make it 4-2.

"The players are determined and they're finding ways to win," Tippett said. "They push toward it without pushing the panic button."

Klemm isn't a big scorer, picking the ideal time to notch his fourth of the season.

"I don't get in that situation very often," Klemm said.

Dallas had five third-period power plays, taking advantage of Minnesota's undisciplined final 20 minutes.

"We played a good game tonight," Wild coach Jacques Lemaire said. "We had a good chance to win if we play the same way (in the third period) and stayed out of the box. The 5-on-3 killed us, it's that simple. You can't give them penalty after penalty."

Marty Turco made 15 saves for the Stars to match the club record for wins in a season with 37. Ed Belfour set the record in 1997-98 and Turco also accomplished the feat in 2003-04.

Marian Gaborik had a power-play goal for the Wild, who are

trying to make a late playoff bid. With 12 games left, Minnesota has 71 points, eight behind eighth-place Edmonton in the race for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Panthers 3, Capitals 2

The Florida Panthers are starting to believe that they can make the playoffs.

Jon Sim, Jozef Stumpel and Joe Nieuwendyk scored goals and Roberto Luongo made 28 saves to lead Florida to its first four-game winning streak of the season with a victory over Washington on Wednesday night.

The Panthers trail Atlanta by five points for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"Each game we win we get closer and closer," Stumpel said. "We still have hope and we will keep pushing."

Brian Willsie and Dainius Zubrus scored for the Capitals and Brent Johnson made 37 saves.

Washington has now lost seven straight games.

It was their seventh consecutive loss to Florida this season. Six of those were by one goal, including two shootouts.

"We squeaked out a few against them," Panthers defenseman Mike Van Ryn said. "Maybe it is a little lucky that we pulled this one out again."

The Capitals trailed by two goals heading into the final period, but Zubrus beat Loungou on a backhanded shot at 8:00. Washington could never get the equalizer.

"It's not the Panthers that tire you, it's the losing during the whole season," Washington coach Glen Hanlon said. "You have to guard against becoming morally down."

Florida took a 3-1 lead after scoring three power-play goals in the second.

Nieuwendyk passed from the left circle to Stumpel on the right side. Stumpel shot the puck under Johnson's legs at 6:03. At 8:26, Sim jumped on a rebound of a Chris Gratton shot and slid the puck between Johnson's legs.

Flyers 6, Rangers 3

The Philadelphia Flyers left



Dallas defenseman Jon Klemm, left, celebrates with teammate Philippe Boucher after Klemm scored the go ahead goal in the third period Wednesday in a 4-2 win over Minnesota.

Madison Square Garden in a first-place tie with the New York Rangers, courtesy of the same vicious check.

Mike Knuble scored two of Philadelphia's three power-play goals in the first period, and the Flyers overcame Jaromir Jagr's hat trick by beating the Rangers Wednesday night.

The key play was Hollweg's check-from-behind on Umberger with 3:17 left in the opening period that gave the Flyers a 5-minute advantage and caused Hollweg's ejection. Knuble and Michal Handzus scored 2:29 apart to turn a deficit into a lead before the frame was done.

"That's one of the worst hits to the head," said Umberger, who took several stitches above the eye before returning to the game. "Anytime you go into the boards like that ... it was a heavy impact."

And so was the damage Philadelphia inflicted on the long power play.

"You really have to cash in," forward Peter Forsberg said. If they kill that five minutes off, then all the advantage is on their side.

"It was definitely a big momentum changer."

The Flyers won for the second straight night, ending New York's three-game victory streak and catching the Rangers atop the Atlantic Division. Both teams have 39 wins and 88 points.

Philadelphia, which earned its third consecutive road win over the Rangers this season has 12 games remaining. New York will play 13 more.

"We have to make sure we're playing our best hockey," Forsberg said. "Every game is big now. We've just got to make sure we get better and better."

Jagr, the NHL leader with 49 goals and 104 points, scored twice in the first period to give the Rangers two leads. His second-period goal cut the deficit to 4-3 and gave him 15 career hat tricks, three this season.

Hurricanes 4, Sabres 3

Justin Williams hardly celebrated when he scored Carolina's fourth goal in a game that seemed destined to become a rout against Buffalo.

Little did Williams realize his goal — padding the Hurricanes' lead to 4-0 in the final minutes of the second period — would prove to be the decisive one. Carolina weathered the Sabres'

three-goal third-period to pull out a victory Wednesday night.

"I didn't expect it to be the game-winner, but I guess we needed it," said Williams, who also added an assist in the meeting between two of the Eastern Conference's elite teams. "It's two points and we'll get the heck out of here."

Keyvin Adams, Cory Stillman and Anton Babchuk also scored for Carolina, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Rod Brind'Amour had two assists allowing the Hurricanes (46-17-6) to creep within two points of East-leading Ottawa.

"Doesn't really matter," Brind'Amour said, referring to the third-period letdown. "We got the win."

Jason Pominville, Thomas Vanek and Jiri Novotny scored goals in a 10-minute, third-period span, but the Sabres failed to get the equalizer. They managed just four shots in the final seven minutes after Novotny cut the lead to 4-3.

Although the Sabres dropped their third straight, the team's longest drought since losing four in a row in November, the players were encouraged by the final 20 minutes.

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SOCCER

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Associated Press

DORTMUND, Germany — When German players left the field at halftime, their game against the United States scoreless, fans booed and whistled.

Then Germany scored 21 seconds into the second half and romped to a 4-1 victory that relieved some of the pressure on the World Cup hosts, and did little to inspire confidence in the U.S. team.

"What this game proves is who can play at this level and who can't," U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller said.

The Americans were missing about half their projected World Cup starting lineup

because of injuries and club commitments, and they dropped to 0-9 in Europe against the major soccer powers of Germany, England, Italy, France and Spain. They've been outscored 26-4 in those games.

For the United States, which allowed four goals for the first time since a 4-2 loss at Germany four years ago, it was the last warmup against a World Cup qualifier before their tournament opener June 12 against the Czech Republic. The Americans' remaining exhibition games are at home against Jamaica, Morocco, Venezuela and Latvia.

"I don't think too many players played themselves onto our World Cup roster tonight, to be honest with you," coach Bruce Arena said.

MLB

Book confirms Bonds' steroid ties

*Giambi, Sheffield also
named in allegation*

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds tried to keep his name out of the BALCO scandal, sending his lawyer into meetings with company representatives to ask for protection, according to a new book.

"Game of Shadows" also details how Jason Giambi turned to performance-enhancing drugs because the Yankee first baseman felt pressured to please his perfectionist father, and made contact with Bonds' trainer to inquire what he was doing "to keep Bonds playing at so high a level."

And Gary Sheffield, Giambi's Yankee teammate who admitted he took steroids but did so unknowingly, had developed a relationship with Bonds' trainer and continued to use him as a source for other performance-enhancers — such as injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone — the authors wrote.

Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs — steroids, human growth hormone, insulin — for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to the book, written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters. Excerpts from the book, scheduled for release Thursday, were released earlier this month.

The book quotes Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative defense lawyer Troy Ellerman as saying Bonds tried to shield himself from the unfolding BALCO scandal. Ellerman said attorneys from the supplement

company met "three or four times" with Michael Rains, an attorney for Bonds.

"There wasn't any payment involved, there weren't any threats, there wasn't any quid pro quo, but he made it very clear that Barry would appreciate it if we kept him out of it. And we had several discussions about how Mike Rains knew what the score was — and that is that he knew Barry was using," Ellerman said in the book.

"Shadows" also claims that BALCO founder Victor Conte encouraged clients to keep quiet and claim they were taking flaxseed oil if asked by authorities about their use of a designer steroid known as "the clear," among the designer steroids distributed by BALCO that were said to be undetectable.

Bonds reportedly told a grand jury investigating BALCO in 2003 that he never knowingly used steroids, claiming his trainer had given him what he thought was flaxseed oil and arthritis balm. Bonds didn't acknowledge reporters while getting dressed for the Giants' exhibition game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

The book claims BALCO's performance-enhancing drugs were used by several other athletes, including track stars Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery; NFL players including Bill Romanowski; and Sheffield.

The authors say Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, put Sheffield on injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone in 2002, and also sold him the "cream" and the "clear." Sheffield has admitted that he

used a cream two years ago but said he did not know that it contained illegal steroids.

According to the book, Sheffield — who started training with Bonds following the 2001 season — wanted to keep getting designer steroids from Anderson, even after the two sluggers had a falling out.

On Wednesday in Tampa, Sheffield denied using the drugs mentioned in the book.

"What can I do? I'm not going to defend myself my whole life," he said. "It doesn't matter to me. I don't have anything to say. No need to. It is what it is."

Giambi, the 2000 American League MVP when he played with Oakland, developed a relationship with Anderson during a baseball exhibition trip to Japan in 2002, by which time he had signed with the Yankees, according to the book.

The book said Giambi wanted to learn "what was Anderson doing to keep Bonds playing at so high a level. Could Anderson help Giambi, too?"

It said Giambi wanted to succeed at baseball in part because of a perfectionist father who loved the sport.

"I have nothing to say. I haven't seen it," Giambi said at New York Yankees camp in Tampa, Fla.

The book alleges that Giambi later flew to Bay Area and met Anderson at a gym, and that the pair went to the hospital to have Giambi's blood drawn and take a blood and urine sample to BALCO.

The book said Giambi tested positive for Deca-Durabolin, and that Anderson advised the slugger he would fail baseball's new drug test, which was starting in the upcoming season.

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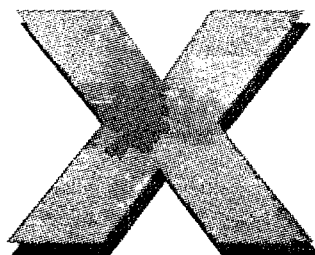
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SMC SOFTBALL

Offense leads to early success

Team looks to improve with new head coach

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hopes to erase the memories of a poor 2005 campaign on the shoulders of its freshmen and seniors, as well as a new head coach.

And early in the season, the team has succeeded.

The team welcomes seven new players, while also returning seven experienced upperclassmen.

Belles first-year coach Elizabeth Sullivan has worked Saint Mary's into a formidable team. The squad trained hard in the preseason, especially at the plate, and went 7-3 at a five-day tournament in Fort Myers, Fla. during spring break.

"We've really worked on our hitting," Sullivan said. "We want to be a force at the plate. I want teams to worry about throwing us any pitch near the strike zone because we will drive whatever they throw at us."

Sullivan said the Belles will count on seniors Audrey Gajor, Bridget Grall and Meghan Marenkovic to lead the Belles back to their 2004 MIAA championship form. All three seniors were present when the Belles captured their first ever conference title two years ago.

Grall said the seniors took the responsibility of helping the rest of the squad through the coaching change.

"We took it upon ourselves to make the rest of the team adjusted [to Sullivan]," Grall said.



Saint Mary's outfielder Audrey Gajor catches a fly ball in a 12-4 loss to Olivet April 26, 2005. KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Sullivan said these three know what it takes to win a tournament championship and will contribute greatly to Saint Mary's success this season.

The freshman class has also contributed to the Belles' hot start. Freshman pitchers Kristin Amram and Calli Davison threw back-to-back no-hitters on the fourth day of the tournament last week.

"We have a great freshman class," Grall said. "They blend right in with the team. You really can't see a class difference any more."

But perhaps the strongest feature of the freshman class is its

versatility. With three players capable of playing two different positions — Martha Smid at both catcher and outfield, Davison at pitcher and outfield and Ashley Fusaro at catcher and third-base — the Belles possess the flexibility to change as Sullivan sees fit.

Davison has thrived at the plate and on the mound, blasting a home run during her no-hitter game.

"What's so great about this [freshman] group is the variety they bring to our team," Sullivan said.

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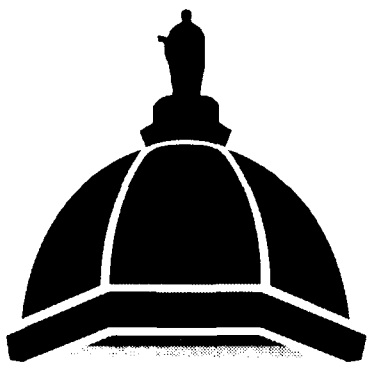
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Thursday, March 23, 2006

Sunday Scriptures

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st	2nd	Gospel
2 Chronicles	Ephesians	John
36:14-16, 19-23	2:4-10	3:14-21

Catholic Q&A

Do I have to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist to be Catholic?

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is one of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith and is essential to a true and full understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, or Holy Communion. Divine Revelation, as contained within Scripture and Tradition, has always testified to the belief in Christ's real, literal, physical presence in the Eucharist. Bread and wine are no more; Body and Blood are all that exist. The synoptic Gospels record Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "This is my body...this is my blood" (Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20). For over 1500 years, all of Christendom believed Christ was speaking literally here, having mystically transformed the bread and wine before Him into His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, and then commanding all who followed after to do likewise "in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24-25). Aramaic, Jesus' native language, included over 30 different words that could have been used to mean "represents" or "symbolizes," so Jesus could have easily used one of these to explain himself if He had intended any interpretation other than the literal. However, He did not do so.

The Gospel of John relates Jesus' view of the Eucharist in even stronger language: "...the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" and "...my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (John 6:51, 55). Many of His disciples, showing their shock at Jesus' claims, ceased to follow after Him (John 6:66). Had Christ intended His statements to be taken only figuratively, He could easily have clarified what He had said. The fact is, however, that He did not. Rather, risking His entire mission, He turned to The Twelve and said, "Do you also want to leave?" (John 6:67). Peter, responding on behalf of the true disciples of the Lord, said, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Paul continues to testify to this central teaching of Jesus when he makes such a big deal about people examining themselves before receiving Holy Communion, a commentary that would have been unnecessary if we were only speaking of symbols: "...[W]hoever eat the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor 11:27-30).

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu!



What's Up?

TONIGHT 2/23

Multilingual Rosary
9:15 PM, CoMo Chapel

Iron Sharpens Iron
10 PM, 329 CoMo

Friday 2/24

Eucharistic Adoration
12 PM - 5 PM, Basilica Lady Chapel

Stations of the Cross
7:15 PM, Basilica

Saturday 2/25

Saturday Mass
10 AM, CoMo Chapel

Saturday Vigil Mass
5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 2/26

Sunday Masses
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Lenten Vespers
7:15 PM, Basilica

Monday 2/27

Eucharistic Adoration
11 AM - 9 PM, Mon-Thurs
CoMo Chapel

Tuesday 2/28

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"Are Business & Christian
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8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel



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LIVE IT!!



Angie
Maxey

That Angie Maxey of Welsh Family Hall is being featured in this week's "Live It" will come as a surprise to no one on the Campus Ministry staff. It is a common place sight in our office to see this sophomore Theology and Economics double major rapidly knocking out important tasks, helping the CM staff with whatever they need. As a Campus Ministry student assistant, Angie is a very present help to Campus Ministry endeavors. On more than one occasion, a staff member has remarked that Angie gets done with work more quickly than they can think of another task to give her. While Angie's great help in the CM office may not be noticed by those who do not regularly visit Coleman-Morse, her faith and service are very conspicuous in the many other activities she is involved in. Currently Angie is sharing her talents with the Freshman Retreat program. She is working with a group of her sophomore and junior peers to plan the last Freshman Retreat of the year, which will take place April 7th and 8th.

Any of Angie's friends must certainly be surprised that so far in this article there has been no mention of what is possibly Angie's greatest gift to the Notre Dame community: her wonderful voice! Anyone who has attended a Voices of Faith Gospel Choir concert has received the blessing that Angie's vocal talents bestow upon a listener. If you cannot make it to a Voices of Faith concert, Angie regularly sings praise music on Thursday nights at the interdenominational Iron Sharpens Iron praise and fellowship sessions. The Notre Dame community is certainly lucky that Angie chooses to share her God-given vocal talents. Although she is perpetually modest about the importance of her varied ministries to the Notre Dame community, Angie is certainly deserving of this recognition. Angie, for your example of faith and the ministry that you pursue in so many different ways, thank you and may God bless you.

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Irish senior Suzie Hayes tees off at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 11. The Irish finished fourth at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii Wednesday.

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way we played this week," King said. "It would have been nice to finish ahead of a team that was ranked higher than us, like LSU, but overall I think we did very well."

The Irish headed into Wednesday's third and final round leading LSU by nine shots. But the Tigers shot a 293 — beating Notre Dame's 303 — giving LSU the third place finish.

Despite Notre Dame's inability to maintain its lead, the strong overall performance was very important for a squad that had been struggling.

"We played a heck of a lot better than we had been playing," King said of the Hawaii event.

King wanted Notre Dame to record a round under 301.5, the team average during the

fall season.

The Irish finished the first round with a 299. The team then continued the steady play with a 304 and a 303 in the final two days on the course.

Notre Dame junior Noriko Nakazaki placed seventh overall with an eight-over 221 in her fifth top-ten finish of the season. Irish senior Lauren Gebauer, recorded her first top-ten finish of the campaign as she tied for

ninth place with a three-round score of 223. No. 16 Tennessee, according to the latest golfstat.com rankings, shot a tournament-best round of 280 on Wednesday to take the team title with a four-over par 856 (288-288-280).

Four of the top five overall scores were recorded by Lady Vols golfers.

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Irish head coach

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Tuscon meet next for Irish

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Fresh off of an impressive showing in the Cal Poly Invitational last week, the Irish will send several team members to Tucson, Arizona today to compete in their second outdoor meet of the year, the Wildcat Combined Events hosted by the University of Arizona.

Similar to the Cal Poly meet, the Irish will send sprinters and field event athletes. Distance runners will not travel to Tucson.

Notre Dame earned eighteen Big East Championship qualifying marks and two NCAA Midwest Regional qualifying performances in California.

"I'd be very happy if we could get a few more qualifying times this week," Irish head coach Joe Piane said.

Sprinting coach John Millar stressed the significance of

attaining qualifying scores early in the season.

"We don't want to have to be chasing certain marks every week. If we qualify now, we can concentrate on individual goals for the rest of the season," the assistant coach stated.

Millar also said this meet will be more conducive to good performances by the Irish than Cal Poly.

"The weather should be a lot better than it was last week and the competition will definitely be stronger," he said.

Arizona, Kansas State, New Mexico, San Diego State, and Wyoming will be competing in Tucson.

Among those looking to post qualifying marks in Arizona are the three Notre Dame throwers that will be compet-

ing. Senior discus thrower Meghan Horn, junior discus thrower Garet Koxlien, and sophomore hammer thrower Kyle Annen are all hoping to put up distances worthy of NCAA Midwest Regional berths.

"Overall, everyone performed great last week. I'm

hopeful that those three can get it done this week," throwers coach B.J. Linnenbrink said.

Millar said he felt the team competed well at the Cal Poly Invitational, but he added that the

team should not simply be content with its initial output.

"We're always looking to improve," Millar said. "Across the board, everyone should be trying to get better."

"If we qualify now, we can concentrate on individual goals the rest of the season."

John Millar
Irish sprinting coach

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innings, striking out one and allowing seven earned runs on seven hits.

With the Irish leading 10-9 in the top of the eighth, Mainieri sent in freshman right-hander Kyle Weiland to hold the narrow lead. Weiland blew through eight Chippewa batters in two innings to secure the win and get his fifth save of the year.

After Weiland surrendered a leadoff hit in the eighth, he struck out two and retired second baseman Noah Lankford on a fly ball to deep right field.

Notre Dame got an insurance run off a Brezovsky single to right in the bottom of the eighth to put the game at 11-9. Weiland allowed a leadoff single in the ninth, but retired the next three Chippewa batters to end the game.

"I think Kyle Weiland before he is done at Notre Dame is going to be one of the best pitchers we've seen around here in a long time," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "I just think the kid has a world of talent, and he's got poise beyond his years. He's going to get nothing but better."

Chippewa starter Ben Rodewald — the MAC West's pitcher of the week last week — lasted only one third of an inning after giving up a four hit, six run Irish onslaught.

Barnes singled up the middle with runners on first and second to score the first run and catcher Sean Gaston continued the rally with an RBI line drive single to right field. Brezovsky knocked in the third and

fourth Notre Dame runs — and sent Rodewald out of the game — with a bases loaded bloop single to shallow center.

RBI singles from Greg Lopez and Cody Rizzo and a sacrifice fly by Craig Cooper rounded out a seven run first inning.

Senior right fielder Cody Rizzo put the Irish up 8-2 in the third inning scoring on a bases loaded walk by Barnes. The next batter, Gaston, hit a ground ball single through the right side before being bobbled by Chippewa right fielder J.T. Jones. The error allowed two more runs to score, as the Irish extended their lead to 10-2.

Chippewa second baseman Troy Moratti got Central Michigan on the scoreboard in the top of the first with an RBI ground out — the only lead the Chippewas would hold in the nine frames.

After allowing seven runs in the home half of the first, the Chippewas cut the lead in the top of the third to 7-2 on a Jones hit and run with shortstop James Teas scoring from third.

Mainieri pulled Phelps in the fourth inning for junior right-hander Jess Stewart after a Teas double and a Jones single drove in four Central Michigan runs and cut the Irish lead to 10-6. Phelps was charged with the seventh Chippewa run on a ground out RBI from Ben Humphrey.

"Some guys just hurt him when he hung a couple

pitches," Mainieri said of Phelps. "He'll get better. For some rookies there's a longer learning curve than there is for others. We're going to keep running him out there; he's going to keep getting better."

Central Michigan cut the Notre Dame lead to 10-9 on a fifth-inning Teas RBI double to the left field line and a sixth-inning Lankford RBI single to shallow right.

For the game, the Chippewas scored six runs with two outs, including four runs in the explosive top of the third.

"I don't know if it is bad pitches or good hitting," Mainieri said of the Chippewa's explosiveness with

two outs. "Maybe you got to tip your hat to the other team when they get two-out RBI's. I can't put my finger on it quite honestly. I just think it's one of those things that happens sometimes."

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper was the only Irish batter kept hitless in the offensive spectacle, putting an end to the first baseman's nine-game hit streak.

Irish junior left hander Mike Dury surrendered his first run of the year on the Lankford seventh inning single.

Dury had pitched six scoreless innings with a 1-0 record prior to Wednesday night, while allowing only three hits and two walks in his five appearances.

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Paul Mainieri
Irish head coach

Bulfin

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said Welsh. "He's doing the same dives [from the beginning of the year] better. He's added new dives to list, very difficult ones, and he's been performing them at a championship level."

Welsh went as far as to call Bulfin's diving at the Zone C meet "the highest level of performance" he's ever seen from a Notre Dame diver. Bulfin has cemented himself securely in the history of the Notre Dame swimming and diving program despite being a freshman.

"It's a giant step for the program," Welsh said of Bulfin's participation in the NCAA Championship meet. "It opens the door for divers to go to the NCAAs at Notre Dame."

Welsh noted also that the selection process is dramatically different since Ebel competed in 1975. The NCAA has implemented a zone system that splits the country into distinct areas, each of which has its own regional preliminary and capped the number of divers that make it to the national championships. Previously, all divers who met a predetermined score gained entrance to the championships, but now the amount of divers has been capped at 35, making Bulfin's achievement even more impressive.

It's a giant step for him personally, and for our team we have been improving, work in progress, level we want, want to be fixture, player, big steps and small steps, the door is open, we know, now we just have to work hard enough to get more though

Though the championships will have 35 divers, just five are from Zone C, the Midwest region. Purdue, Ohio State and Indiana also have divers competing in Atlanta. The competition of the national championships will intense, and Welsh said it remains to be seen how Bulfin will handle the pressure.

"I don't know how he'll fare, sometimes the 'wow' factor is intimidating, and sometimes not," Welsh said. "That 'wow' factor is high. It's going to be exciting, and that's going to last

regardless, of how he performs. It's a great experience and it will make him better."

Bulfin will be competing in a huge Georgia Tech facility originally built for the 1996 Summer Olympic games. Bulfin, who coaches describe as "smart, quiet, dedicated, very conscientious, and a big supporter of the team", is looking to do well on the huge stage.

If not, as Welsh said, there's always next year.

"Remember, he's only a freshman," the coach said.

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"It's a giant step forward for the program."

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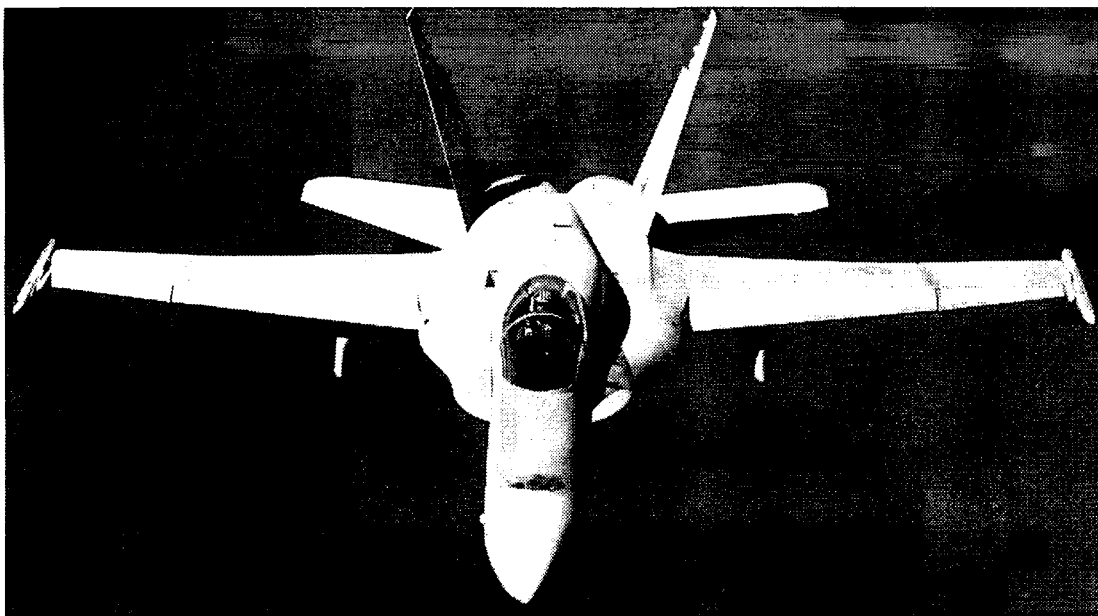
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year.

"Right now it's kind of where we were towards the end or the middle of spring ball last year," Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija said.

"We're coming out, we're starting fresh with installation and stuff. But right now we're out there playing as a group and I think ... everyone's putting it on each other to do their part."

Samardzija, who will attend six of the spring's 15 practices as he splits time on the baseball team, emphasized the effect of ending the season with a loss.

"You can look at the bowl game where we went out and lost our last game of the season which is, I bet you what the guys in the locker room were looking at," Samardzija said. "They're not looking at how many catches or how many pancakes blocks they had out on the field, they're looking at that last game we lost."

Walker said spring workouts offer players an opportunity to improve their games on an individual basis.

"You've got to understand [that] you've got to get stronger and faster for the season," Walker said. "I think that's the main goal of the off-season, getting better at what you do ... doing the necessary things that will help you."

The first day of practice was held without pads as players became used to being on the field once again.

"We're starting to form together," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "But at the same time, we looked kind of rusty, plus it's kind of hard to tell without pads on, to be honest."

Quinn said one problem with spring practice was the limited number of reps, especially for experienced players. Spring football allows coaches to get a better look at players who saw limited time during the fall.

Although he is also in the middle of Notre Dame's baseball season, Samardzija was

excited to be back on the football field.

"I thought we looked good," Samardzija said. "I thought our defense was flying around out there making it tough on the offense the first day. You know the defensive guys are going to come out, it doesn't matter what kind of pads you have on, they're going to do what they do."

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Jeff Samardzija
Irish wide receiver

His career as a dual-sport athlete means he receives more scrutiny as far as preparation for the season. But Samardzija said he "surprised himself" as far as cuts and

other offensive drills. Another player under scrutiny is Rhema McKnight, who received a medial red-shirt after sustaining an injury against Michigan Sept. 10, and hopes to play a fifth year. In his first practice, he

said he was not yet 100 percent but was excited to get back on the field. "I've still got to get that mental aspect out of the way," McKnight said of his injury.

"As soon as we start hitting, hopefully I'll come a long way."

The team is looking to build on its team success as well this spring. Although the first game isn't until Sept. 2, Quinn said he has high expectations for the team already.

"With the guys we have coming back and obviously our coaching staff and kind of the foundation we've laid last year for ourselves, our goal is to do it big, win every one," Quinn said.

Notes:

♦ While Weis named eight players looking to return after graduation at his press conference Tuesday, none of have yet applied for a fifth year. Their eligibility will be determined by the Faculty Board of Athletics.

Derek Landri, Chris Frome, Mike Richardson, Dan Santucci, Bobby Morton, Brian Mattes, Rhema McKnight and Marcus Freeman are the eight players who are hoping to return for their fifth years.

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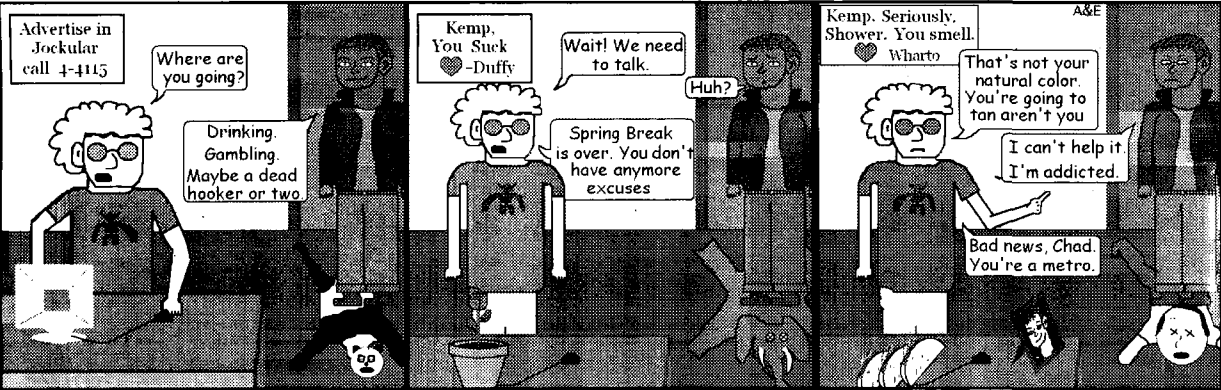
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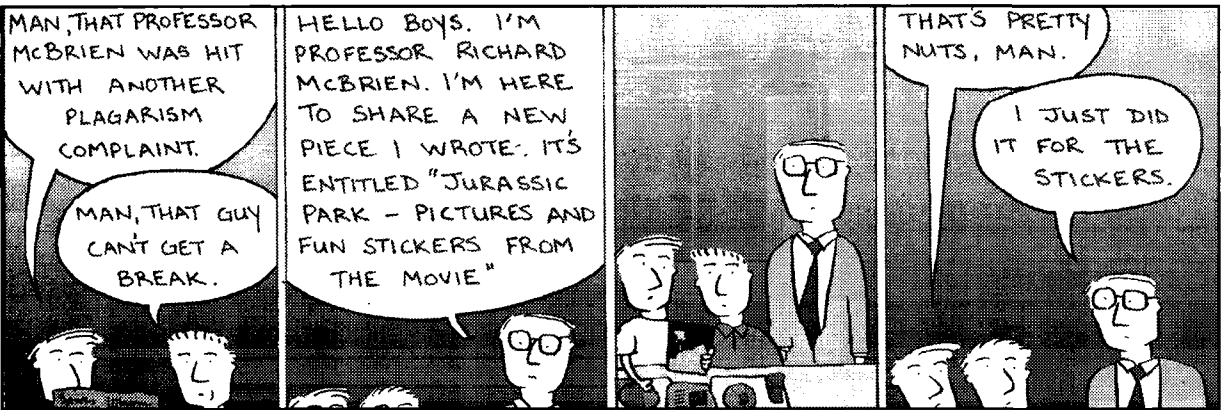
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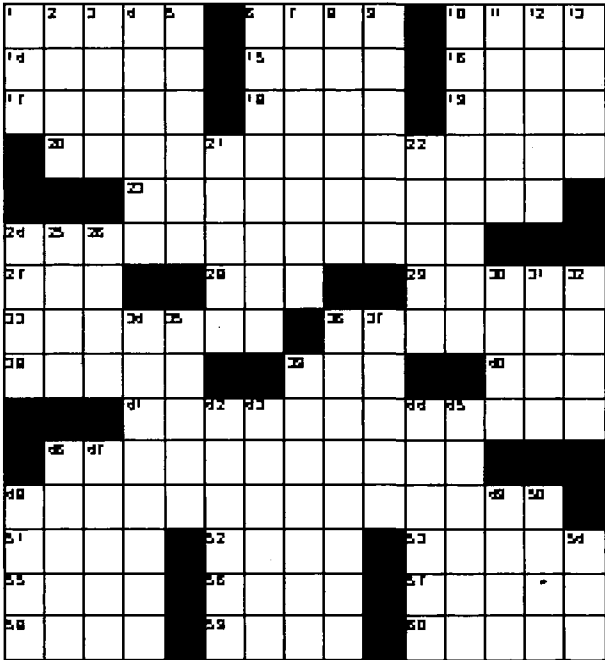
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44 2005 parayer of Cassanova

46 Sandwich eponym
- 48 She/He of Webster

47 Flirt

48 Many an airport announcement

49 "Well done!"

60 Steep

64 Beating capacity, bldy

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JUMBLE

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: COUGH YACHT KIDNAP NEWEST
Answer: When she got the bill for the diamond pin, he got - "STUCK" WITH IT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kevn Zegers, 21, Alaska Sweeney, 29, Jeremy Fallow, 31, Trisha Yearwood, 41

Happy Birthday: You will suffer some hardships if you aren't well organized or if you take on too much this year. Pace yourself and be practical about what you can and can't do. Make the changes you know will give you more quality time with friends and family. Your numbers are 7, 26, 28, 33, 40, 46. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You will overreact at an emotional level as before you let that happen, back away from whatever or whoever is driving you crazy. Control your life instead of letting others do it for you, and you will achieve what you set out to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone will withhold information that you really need. Don't put up with anyone who gives you the run around. Dealing with large companies, unions or authority figures will prove to be difficult if you don't have all the facts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone may try to push you in the wrong direction. Your ability to do things spontaneously will be what keeps you in the lead. The more expressive and creative you are, the harder it will be for others to disregard your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may know what you have to do, but getting down to business and making things happen won't be that easy. You can expect opposition. Don't hold yourself back by refusing to take orders or accept suggestions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Traveling about will lead to the most gains. Both business and personal matters can be cleared up with a little Leo charm coupled with a little elbow grease. Listen to what others have to say, and take control to make sure everything goes according to plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The odds will be on money, health and legal matters today. Just do what you have to do. The sooner you get everything in order, the better you will feel and the more apt you are to succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will do everything as along way today, but make sure that you don't also complain about things that you know little about. Think about any emotional matter, but don't criticize or blame others. Money matters can be resolved today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a look at your options. If you want to make a change that will assure a better future for you emotionally and creatively, now is the time. Don't hold back because you aren't sure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are in control and ready to take action. Travel, learning and communication will be your best bet. A cooperative event will allow you to show your skills and endurance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have some fabulous suggestions, but someone will be jealous of you and may try to take credit for what you do. Emotional matters at home must be dealt with in a very understanding and compassionate manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be eager to leave all you can about someone who interests you. Taking on a creative project may end up costing you more than you can afford. Someone who wants to get to know you better will reveal how he or she feels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money matters can be resolved with a little creative bookkeeping. The chance to make a change for your future and your career path appears to be positive. A partnership will be to your benefit and bring financial relief.

Birthday Baby: You are constant, creative and ready for whatever comes your way. You can adapt quickly and yet remain stable, steadfast and loyal.

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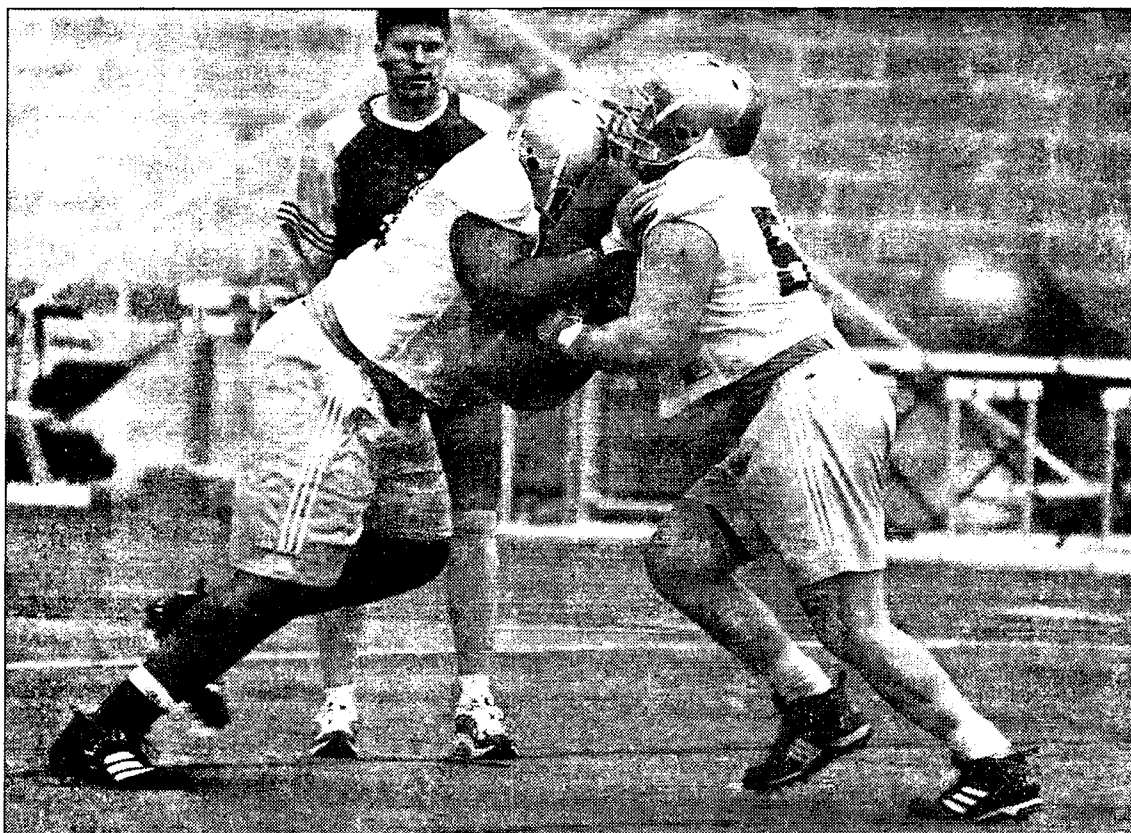
Irish open second spring under head coach Charlie Weis with Wednesday practice at Loftus

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

After a Fiesta Bowl loss and a long offseason of strength and conditioning workouts, Notre Dame returned to the practice field for the first time yesterday to begin spring camp.

"Naturally, coming out on the first day, you're going to be a little rusty," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "You've got to get the butterflies and the kinks and things out, but I think as a team our morale is up. We're definitely excited about coming in."

The team spent much of spring 2005 adjusting to a new coaching staff and learning the style and schemes of new head coach Charlie Weis after the firing of former-coach Tyrone Willingham. This year, however, players found motivation in the loss to Ohio State on Jan. 2 and in higher expectations for next



Notre Dame offensive linemen Chris Stewart, left, and Dan Santucci run through a blocking drill Wednesday at the Loftus Center. Stewart is a freshman who enrolled early.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Team ends up fourth in Hawaii

Squad rebounds after last place finish in Texas March 11-12

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After a last place finish at the 'Mo' Morial Tournament in Bryan, Texas last week, Notre Dame responded with a fourth-place finish against tough competition at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Before the tournament, which took place Tuesday and Wednesday, Notre Dame coach Debbie King said her team's goal was to finish among the top four teams in the field of eleven.

Thursday, the Irish accomplished their goal, finishing just one stroke behind third place LSU.

"We were happy with the

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Freshman to compete in NCAA meet today

Bulfin becomes second Irish diver to qualify for national finals

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Freshman diver Michael Bulfin will take part in the Swimming and Diving NCAA Championships today and tomorrow at Georgia Tech University.

Bulfin, who is just the third Notre Dame athlete all-time to earn a spot at the NCAA's, will compete in the one-meter dive today and the three-meter dive tomorrow. The other two Irish athletes to make nationals were swimmer Tim Kogelman in 2005, and diver



Bulfin

Bob Ebel in 1975.

While Bulfin was named All-Big East in the one-meter dive, based on his third place conference finish, it was his performance in the three-meter dive that got him a trip to Atlanta.

Bulfin finished an unexpected fourth at the Zone C NCAA Regional meets March 10 with 634.40 points to qualify for the NCAA National Championships.

"We were surprised and delighted. He was outstanding," head swimming coach Tim Welsh said. "We were really happy; it was a complete surprise. We expected him to do well, but we didn't expect to qualify."

Welsh said that Bulfin's performance this year has been impressive, but what makes it all the more outstanding is that it is his first year on the team.

"His improvement [this year] was very dramatic,"

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BASEBALL

Irish top Chippewas, 11-9

Brezovsky, Barnes combine for five RBIs in team's 10th victory

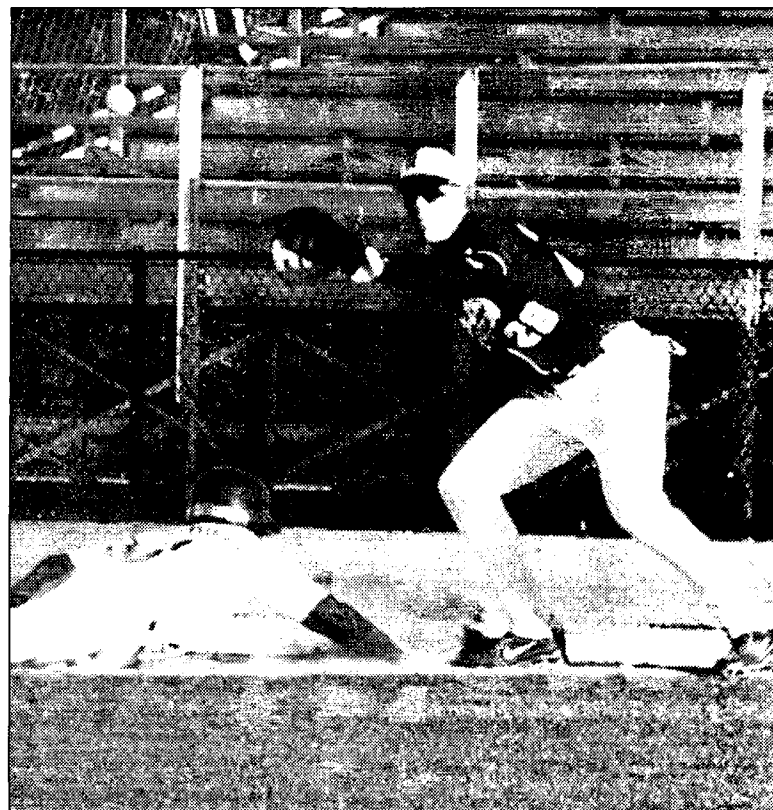
By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame second baseman Ross Brezovsky and designated hitter Jeremy Barnes led the Irish Wednesday night in an 11-9 victory over Central Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (10-7) got behind the powerful bats of Brezovsky and Barnes. Brezovsky was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and one run and Barnes was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and one run.

The Chippewas (9-9) and Irish both used five pitchers and garnered 15 hits each in the marathon 3 hour, 11 minute contest.

Freshman right-hander David Phelps made his first home start in a Notre Dame uniform and worked three and two-thirds



Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky dives back into first base in Notre Dame's 11-9 home win over Central Michigan Wednesday.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame's sprinters and throwers will compete in the Wildcat Combined Events in Tuscon, Arizona.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles rely on senior experience and talented freshman in their first year under head coach Elizabeth Sullivan.

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MLB

Mark Fairuna-Wada's book, "Game of Shadows," details steroid use among star sluggers.

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SOCCER

Germany 4
USA 1

The Germans beat a depleted American squad in a World Cup tune-up game.

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NHL

Dallas 4
Minnesota 2

The Stars scored three goals in the final period to beat the Wild.

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NBA

Cleveland 120
Charlotte 118 (OT)

Cavs guard LeBron James capped his triple-double with an overtime buzzer beater to sink the Bobcats.

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