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Activism methods evolve with time



The Progressive Student Alliance placed shoes on South Quad last week to represent victims of the Iraq war.

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the third article in a three-part series examining activism at Notre Dame: its current role on campus, how that role has changed and what those changes mean for the future.

From the 1960s — when students took those first tentative steps out on the quad, pickets in hand — to now, when activism has cemented its role at Notre Dame, the list of issues hasn't changed much.

War, international humanitarian crises, women's rights, gay rights, racism, abortion, the death penalty and workers' rights have continually tugged at the consciences of Notre Dame students over the years. What has changed, however, is the method of protest.

Rare are the students who want to sit cross-legged defiantly in front of administrators' offices or torch buildings.

"The students of the 1960s tended to believe that almost anything and any structure could be changed,

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Computers removed from labs

OIT tests design for more group work

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

With the goal of creating more flexible work space, the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) has removed half the computers from the cluster in the basement of the Mendoza College of Business and plans to substantially reduce the number of computers in the Hesburgh Library computing lab over the summer.

James Cope, OIT organizational communications analyst, said OIT is trying to find "the right configuration for students today."

Cope said research conducted by the OIT indicated that students want "the flexibility of more space." And creating that space, he said, sometimes means removing some computers.

Before spring break, the lab in rooms L004 of Mendoza contained 30 computers for student use. Fifteen of these computers were removed, so half remain.

In the Library's computing cluster, there are currently 63 computers. The Library and OIT plan to move the cluster to the first floor near the reference desk in the early summer. In this planned cluster, there will be 13 personal computers, eight Macintosh computers and 10 laptops available for checkout.

One of the reasons for the

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Campus hosts prospects

Event meant to attract talented minorities

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

In its ongoing effort to attract a higher number of incoming students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, the Office of Admissions is hosting a select group of applicants from underrepresented groups for the annual Spring Visitation Weekend, commonly known as "Spring Viz."

The Admissions office invited 150 high school seniors of Asian, African, Latino and Native American descent to visit from Thursday through Sunday as part of the event.

A program — and recruitment tool — for attracting more underrepresented minority students to Notre Dame, Spring Visitation has been held for almost 20 years and is directed by a team within the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

"We bring in ... the best and brightest minority students from all over the country to show them what Notre Dame is all about," Assistant Director of Admissions Son Nguyen said. "They stay with student hosts, see the dorm life, attend classes and explore all of the various clubs and organizations available on campus."

In addition to Nguyen, a student-led team of five members — including junior Jesse Carrillo, senior Krystal Hardy, senior Covington Doan, sophomore Jaime Luna and sophomore Kellen Lewis — have helped coordinate the recruitment process, which began in September. The team has been contacting high school seniors

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Shappell, Andrichik end term

Student government leaders deem administration a success

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik are willing to contest anyone who claims student government doesn't do anything.

But their accomplishments, they said, speak for themselves.

"Over the past four years I've heard — I can't even count how many times — that student government doesn't do anything," Andrichik said. "After this year, I would challenge someone to look at what we've done and still be able to say that."

Sitting in Shappell's office beside a box of Observer clippings on their activities,

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DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik listen during their last COR meeting Tuesday.

Starbucks founder speaks on ethics

By KATE McCLELLAND
News Writer

Starbucks founder and chairman Howard Schultz, who visited Notre Dame Thursday, told an audience on campus that "success is not an entitlement — it must be earned."

Schultz discussed his business practices and passed on lessons he has learned from leading Starbucks in a talk titled "Entrepreneurship and Ethics" in Mendoza's Jordan Auditorium.

He emphasized the importance of striking a "balance between profitability and social consciousness," he said, because companies that are authentic and ethical

will do better in the long run than companies simply out to make an immediate profit.

Schultz, the former chief executive officer of Starbucks, received the eighth annual Theodore M. Hesburgh C.S.C. Award for Ethics in Business for his superior commitment to earning respect and success within the business world while maintaining the highest ethical standards in all of Starbucks' business practices.

Starbucks — listed as No. 16 on Fortune's list of Best Companies to Work For — has made a commitment to its employees by offering

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Starbucks founder Howard Schultz sips a drink from the LaFortune Starbucks Thursday. He was on campus to give a lecture in Mendoza.

INSIDE COLUMN

On Peeps and eggs

So you may not be a fan of pari-etals, single-sex dorms, or any of the other conservative policies enforced by a traditional Catholic university — but I certainly hope you don't forget the benefits when they come.

Aaron Steiner

That is, in example, an actual Easter break. That extra Friday

and Monday right in the midst of tests, projects and papers — it's a well-valued break.

OK, you may think two extra days off doesn't make up for the some of the restrictions of a Catholic community you take issue with. But I have been celebrating the opportunity by rubbing it in all my friends' faces back home. Those friends at state schools who constantly remind me of the freedoms they enjoy outside Notre Dame have been getting a little taste of their own medicine. (You should have heard the responses. "What? Are you serious? Two days off?")

Admittedly, I don't have any special plans for the weekend other than sleeping and, naturally, participating in the annual Easter Mass-brunch-family egg hunt extravaganza.

I still participate in the Easter egg hunt? Absolutely. The bunny better find some good spots, however, because as the years have gone by I've learned where all the good hiding spots are.

Let's talk about the food. Thanksgiving is turkey, Christmas is usually steak at our house, and Easter is ham. And who are we kidding, Easter ham by far and away wins. Plus it comes with Grandma's famous "hashbrown supreme." You haven't lived until you've tasted some of that.

Of course, I'll also have my share of Peeps and spring colored M&M's, whether or not they come in plastic eggs.

Speaking of Peeps, I will probably take the opportunity to blow a few up in the microwave, another regular custom, thanks to the ever-fascinated little brother. They never cease to amaze.

Also included with the weekend will probably be the mandatory watching of "It's the Easter Bunny, Charlie Brown" and "Here Comes Peter Cottontail."

Easter egg painting died out for me several years ago. Painting, drawing, whatever you want to call it was never my strength, and trying to do that on a fragile spherical surface is something I'll leave up to more talented (and patient) people.

So, yes, I enjoy Easter. It's a holiday with free candy, good food and relaxation — not to mention the fact that most Christians can celebrate their salvation.

I think you're supposed to feel blessed on Easter. And you better believe I'll be feeling blessed next Thursday on my way home when I think of my friends who are sitting back at school and getting ready for another day of classes and another weekend hanging around the dorm.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT BETWEEN MAXIMUS AND LEONIDAS, AND WHY?



Mark Weber
sophomore
Keenan

"Leonidas because only Spartan women give birth to real men."



Mike Kelly
sophomore
Zahm

"Zidane."



Kelly Collins
sophomore
Lewis

"Maximus because Russell Crowe always wins."



Charlie Jain
freshman
Zahm

"House."



MARY KATE MANNIX/The Observer

From left to right, Luke Herrin, professor Bill Goodwine, Michele Hoefer and Annie Legault talk during Engineering Majors Night at the Coleman Morse Center Thursday. Faculty members from each engineering discipline met freshman students to help them choose a career path.

OFFBEAT

Mom allegedly tells girls to steal dog

ANTIOCH, Calif. — A woman who allegedly instructed her two young daughters to steal a neighbor's dog was arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and grand theft.

Nora Vasquez' arrest Wednesday came a week after her daughters, ages 7 and 9, told their elementary school principal they snatched the missing mutt on their mother's orders.

A witness to the daylight dog-napping earlier this month told investigators that he saw two girls jump out of an SUV and grab the

pooch from a neighbor's porch while a woman shouted at them to hurry.

"We wonder why our children wind up the way they do," said Antioch Police Lt. Pat Welch. "It's unbelievable someone would take a 7- and 9-year-old and encourage them to do that and think it's appropriate behavior."

Revealing jail shower turns case around

ACHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A statutory rape case against a 42-year-old charged as a man took on a different look after a jail shower revealed the defendant is actually a woman.

The female victim and several prisoners at the Hamilton County Jail were among those surprised to discover that the person booked in the case as Alexander David Cross is a woman also known as Elaine Ann Cross.

Cross had been in jail awaiting a court appearance Wednesday, where she pleaded guilty to an aggravated statutory rape charge as part of a deal with prosecutors. The charge stems from a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will deliver the lecture "Up Front on the Future of Global Security" at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business today at 10:40 a.m. as part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series.

Ewa Plonowska Ziarek, a professor of comparative literature at New York State University will deliver the lecture "Bare Life: On Hunger Strike" today at 3 p.m.

La Alianza presents Metropo Latino. Latin Expressions 2007. The celebration of Latino culture at the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College will begin tonight at 7.

Grammy-nominated Tiempo Libre, will perform its timba — a mix of high-voltage Latin jazz and the seductive rhythms of son tonight at 8 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Black Cultural Arts Council will present its "I Love Hip-Hop" fashion show Saturday at 8 at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Free shuttle transportation will be provided at the Library Circle every 15 minutes starting at 6:15 p.m.

Internationally renowned pianist Warren Jones, the Principal Pianist for the Camerata Pacifica, will perform with the Department of Music vocal professor, Georgine Resick, Sunday at 2 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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Latin Expressions explores urbanity in culture

Event sponsored by La Alianza invites students of all backgrounds to celebrate customs of Latin American countries

By LUISA CABRERA
News Writer

Latin Expressions, one of the longest-running cultural shows at Notre Dame, will combine modern and traditional entertainment to give the University community a taste of Latin flavor tonight at 7 in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium, and the main change this year will be opening the production to Latin cultures other than those native to Mexico.

The event, sponsored by La Alianza, allows students from different backgrounds to come together to celebrate both the diversity and similarities of their cultures. This year's theme is "MetropoLatino," and the show will focus on conveying an understanding of modern urbanity through a combination of folklore, pop culture and high culture.

Senior Yadir Huerta, the show's director, said this year's show will feature performances of dances from throughout Latin America.

"This year marks the first Latin Expressions ever to

incorporate an unprecedented amount of traditional, folkloric dances from all over Latin America — not simply Mexico, as has been seen in years past," Huerta said.

Junior Edianys Deynes, the current secretary for La Alianza, who first danced in the show at age 10, said the show successfully "fuses traditional styles with the growing trend of urbanization to form a metropolitan style all its own."

Some members of La Alianza expressed concern that the show was losing its traditional values, but Huerta disagreed with these perspectives.

"Every year the show is evolving ... the traditional value of the show has proven to be rooted in the spirit of inclusion," Huerta said. "What better way to carry forth La Alianza's mission of educating the Notre Dame campus about Latino culture than by inviting them to be directly involved, to share in and to experience a small part of it?"

The show invites participants of all ethnicities to take part in the acts.

Junior Michelle Mas, a mas-

ter of ceremonies for the event, says La Alianza doesn't "play the race card."

Mas said this same theme applies to the actual show. There is not a sense of competition between the participating Latin American countries, Mas said, but instead an understanding that each country equally represents Latin American culture.

Junior Erin Duquette is one of the non-minority students participating in the event.

Though she initially felt that participation in events like La Alianza was limited to minorities, Duquette decided to become a part of it and said she feels honored to take part in the 2007 show.

"I spent last semester abroad in Mexico and fell in love with many aspects of the rich Latino culture," Duquette said. "I thought participating

in this year's Latin Expressions would be a good way to get to know more about my peers from different backgrounds and to express my appreciation for Latin American culture."

Macarena Ivanishevich, a junior from Argentina, said she believed the show triumphs in its illustration of the recent boom of the urban Latino lifestyle, which has been growing for years now, but has just recently entered into the mainstream.

"As a Latina, I feel that we should try to introduce our culture as being modern and more than just folklore," Ivanishevich said.

The show also includes traditional dances from Bolivia, Peru and Mexico.

Junior Carla Sanchez will be dancing in the Caporales, a typical Bolivian dance that dates back to the colonial

period, when natives would make fun of the fancy clothes of the Spaniards and copy their styles in the form of this flirtatious dance. Sanchez brought her costume from Bolivia, where the dance is very popular among all social classes and is usually danced at Carnival and in special celebrations for the Virgin Mary.

"I think that the focus of Latin Expressions is to show a little of all the different types of dances in the region, with the combination of typical dances and modern dances portraying what Latin America is today," Sanchez said.

For junior Mauricio Ormachea, who is performing in a rock band ensemble, the opportunity to perform is the most valuable aspect of this production.

"I've been playing music since I was a kid, and the chance to do it in front of thousands, to communicate a message of pride, is quite thrilling," he said.

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reductions in Mendoza was because of relatively low usage levels, Student Computing Services supervisor Karen Renkiewicz said. Renkiewicz said that unlike the DeBartolo computing cluster, the Mendoza one is seldom full.

Classroom and cluster services manager Brian Burchett said OIT's data shows that 63 percent of the time, the usage of the Mendoza computing lab was at less than 25 percent. The lab is at 75 to 99 percent capacity less than one percent of the time.

"So there might be periods of time when all those computers were in use, but there certainly were long periods of time when most of those computers were going unused," Burchett said.

But Delphine Risto, a junior who is a cluster consultant for the Mendoza and DeBartolo clusters, said during the eight hours a week she works the Mendoza lab is always busy.

"Ever since they took out the computers, it's been crazy," Risto said. "Computers are always full and people are coming in and complaining because there aren't enough computers. They show no support of the change."

Burchett said he is not surprised that a cluster worker observes the cluster is busy when she is working.

"We try to staff the clusters when they are busy. ... So it wouldn't surprise me that a student on duty would see these numbers," Burchett said.

Risto estimated that the lab is at about 75 percent capacity or higher during the times that she works. Students have complained about the lower number of computers available, she said.

Burchett said OIT is trying out the new configurations to see if they better serve student needs. But, he said, if students are unhappy with the new setups or the lower number of computers, they can "absolutely" complain.

"The configurations for the labs and the number of computers are always going to be adjusted for student need," Burchett said.

He said OIT's primary goal is not to reduce the number of computers available, but to find the right ratio for students who use the computer clusters for multiple reasons.

"If we find that students want to have more [computers], we can order more and have them installed in a couple of weeks," he said.

New trends in laptop ownership and cluster use

The trend OIT has observed, Burchett said, is that students more and more have their own laptops. A recent survey showed that 93 percent of freshmen said they owned their own laptop.

Risto said not everyone has a laptop and not all students want to carry them around to do work away from their rooms.

"It was not thought out properly," she said.

Burchett said OIT realized that many students don't want to carry their own laptops

around campus. He said some students do and asserted the changes will accommodate both types of students.

The redesigning initiatives stemmed from feedback OIT collected from students who used the labs.

In early 2004, OIT Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon created an OIT project team to conduct an assessment to find the information technology needs of the Notre Dame community.

Students as well as faculty and staff members were surveyed on their technology preferences. In the Academic Information Technology Assessment report, surveys and research con-

cluded there was a desire to redesign campus computer clusters.

"When the clusters were originally conceived ... student ownership of personal computers was substantially lower than today, driving the need for long rows of single-computer stations — to get as many computers as possible into the allocated spaces," the report

said.

That configuration worked at the time of the initial report of 1987, but now, Burchett said, students indicate they want more collaborative space to work.

"Keeping things exactly the same way as they were 15 years ago probably isn't going to be helpful for the students," Burchett said.

Surveys conducted of 2,711 students showed that 15.36 percent of the time in the cluster they spent working in groups on course assignments. Students in the business school spent 22.73 percent of their time in the clusters working in groups on assignments, compared to 18.91 percent of time spent working alone on course assignments.

Risto said she agreed that Mendoza is frequently used for group project use but said many individuals work in the lab as well. And when all the computers are taken, these individuals are frustrated.

"I've had about two or three kids come up and ask me about the change and a number of students have come in and mumbled about how stupid it is and stormed out," she said.

New cluster configurations

Risto suggested that the reason OIT is removing computers and reconfiguring was to save

money on the upkeep of the computers and the cost of new software and hardware.

Burchett said the decision was not motivated by cost considerations.

"That might be a side effect, but it's not really the primary motivation," he said.

Burchett said the University adequately funds OIT to replace computers.

"I don't think this is about reducing the amount of money we spend on the computing labs," he said. "I think it's about spending it in different ways because the configuration is changing."

And with the cost of the new configuration of the Hesburgh Library computer cluster, there may be few overall savings, he said. Burchett estimated the project of moving the cluster to the first floor and the cost of the new furniture could total \$200,000.

The decision to change the location and look of the Library cluster was a "meeting of minds" between OIT and the Library, who thought the cluster was in a "tucked-away position," said Associate Director for User Services at the Hesburgh Library Nigel Butterwick.

With the new location on the first floor, the cluster becomes "a more obvious environment," Butterwick said.

"It also allows us to offer

assistance in both the computing environment and the information resources environment, basically from the same spot," Butterwick said.

The Library has not yet determined what it will use the current cluster space for.

Burchett called the new library cluster configuration a "pilot" program to see how students respond.

The new furniture for the cluster, according to current blueprints, will accommodate 76 people. The current cluster can seat 67.

The new space will also contain a self-contained presentation area to allow students to practice with group members, Butterwick said.

If the 10 laptops available for students to borrow from the Library prove to be inadequate, Butterwick said, OIT can order more to fit the demonstrated student need.

OIT intends to survey students to see how they like the new Library cluster, Burchett said.

But Cope said OIT has not removed computers from any other OIT-supported computer clusters beside Mendoza and soon Hesburgh, and it will not make any changes to them until it gets student feedback from the two changed labs.

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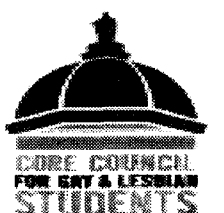
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bombers hit marketplaces

BAGHDAD — Five suicide bombers struck Shiite marketplaces in northeast Baghdad and a town north of the capital at nightfall Thursday, killing at least 122 people and wounding more than 150 in one of Iraq's deadliest days in years.

At least 178 people were killed or found dead Thursday, which marked the end of the seventh week of the latest U.S.-Iraqi military drive to curtail violence in Baghdad and surrounding regions.

The suicide bombers hit markets in the Shiite town of Khalis and the Shaab neighborhood in Baghdad during the busiest time of the day, timing that has become a trademark of what are believed to be Sunni insurgent or al-Qaida suicide attackers.

Three suicide vehicle bombs, including an explosives-packed ambulance, detonated in a market in Khalis, 50 miles north of the capital, which was especially crowded because government flour rations had just arrived for the first time in six months, local television stations reported.

At least 43 people were killed and 86 wounded, police said.

Police attack high school protesters

SANTIAGO, Chile — Police on Thursday used tear gas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of rock-throwing high school students who repeatedly blocked traffic on Santiago's main avenue.

The government said 159 students had been detained.

The demonstrations came on a date often marked by violence by far-left groups commemorating what they call "The Day of the Young Combatant," honoring two young brothers killed by police in a 1985 protest of the 1973-90 dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

NATIONAL NEWS

Four people killed in spring storm

HOLLY, Colo. — A massive spring storm spawned dozens of tornadoes from the Rockies to the Plains, killing at least four people in three states, including a woman who was flung into a tree by a twister as wide as two football fields.

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported late Wednesday in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, the National Weather Service said. By early Thursday, the storm system stretched from South Dakota to Texas.

Plan unveiled to jumpstart recovery

NEW ORLEANS — The leader of the city's effort to recover from Hurricane Katrina unveiled a \$1.1 billion plan Thursday aimed at jump-starting the sluggish revitalization work.

The plan focuses on 17 zones throughout the city, from busy Canal Street to the hard-hit Lower 9th Ward, city recovery director Ed Blakely said.

Mayor Ray Nagin called it part of "Phase One" of the city's recovery from Katrina, which devastated the city 19 months ago.

The money would be used to give developers loans and incentives for building in areas that the city has identified as key to its recovery.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman killed retrieving newspaper

ELWOOD, IN — A 69-year-old woman died after she was struck by a sport utility vehicle while retrieving her newspaper, police said.

Sharon Lum of Alexandria was stuck by an SUV driven by Randall K. Hoggard, 40, when she crossed Indiana 28 east of Elwood to retrieve her newspaper about 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, according to the Madison County sheriff's department.

Lum was pronounced dead at the scene, Sheriff Ron Richardson said.

Sheriff's deputies were still investigating the fatal crash about 40 miles north of Indianapolis. Hoggard, who was not injured, was not taken into custody.

House Democrats pass budget plan

Republicans argue that plan would lead to unprecedented tax increases in 2012

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats pushed their budget blueprint to passage Thursday, promising a big surplus in five years by allowing tax cuts passed in President Bush's first term to expire.

The plan would award spending increases next year to both the Pentagon and domestic programs, but defers difficult decisions about unsustainable growth in federal benefit programs such as Medicare.

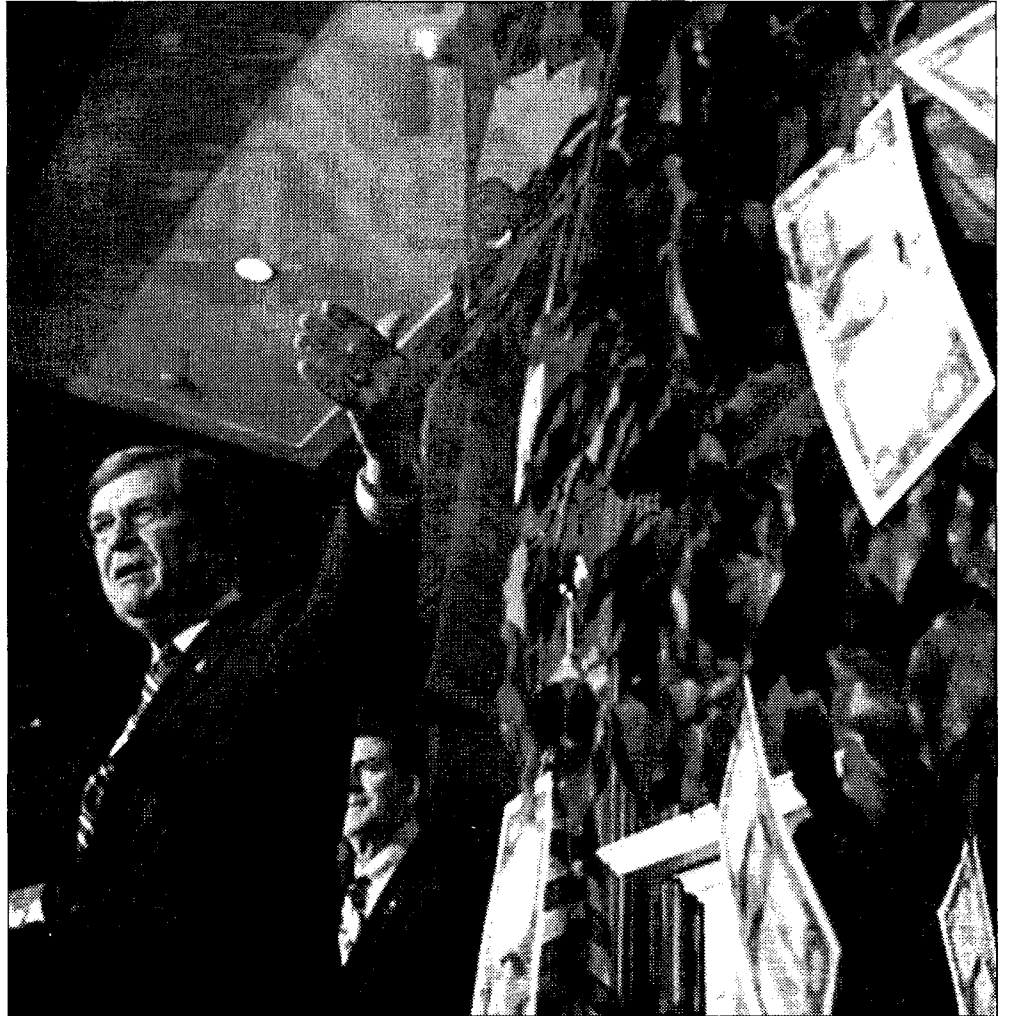
The 216-210 vote sets up negotiations with the Senate, which last week passed a budget blueprint with spending increases similar to the House plan. The Senate plan would not generate surpluses since it assumes lawmakers will renew the most popular of the tax cuts due to expire at the end of 2010.

Twelve Democrats, mostly from GOP-leaning states such as Indiana, opposed the budget plan.

Democrats said the \$2.9 trillion plan for next year would point the way to a surplus after years of red ink under Bush and a GOP-controlled Congress. Republicans countered that a \$153 billion surplus in 2012 would appear only if tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 expire in four years — amounting to the "largest tax increase in American history."

The measure reflects a choice by Democrats to increase spending on domestic programs funded each year by appropriations bills — including education, health research, environmental protection and grants to local governments — while forestalling binding decisions on what to do when tax cuts expire.

As a practical matter, the future of the Bush tax cuts will likely be decided after the 2008 presidential election, with their fate depending on the balance of power after the election and on the fiscal outlook at



Senate Minority Whip Trent Lott, uses a "money tree" during a news conference on March 23. A Democratic plan would have tax cuts expire in 2012.

that time. Republicans said increased spending now would put renewal of the tax cuts at a disadvantage when they are considered.

Republicans had hoped for permanent tax cuts when originally fashioning them in 2001, but an obscure Senate rule prevented that. They never held subsequent votes to make all of them permanent, despite Bush's annual calls to do so.

The 2001 and 2003 tax cut laws lowered rates on income, investments and large estates, and contained tax breaks for married couples and people with children, among others.

Congress' annual debate on the budget is guided by an arcane process in which a nonbinding budget resolution sets the stage for

subsequent bills affecting taxes and benefit programs such as Medicare, as well as the annual appropriations bills.

In most years, Congress leaves alone difficult budget issues and simply focuses on the 12 annual bills funding the budgets of Cabinet agencies such as Defense, Education and Agriculture.

This year is likely to be such a stand-pat year.

The House plan would award domestic agencies, on average, budget increases of 6 percent over current levels, far the less than the under 1 percent increases Bush recommended. Increases under the companion Senate measure are about 4 percent.

Extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts would cost about \$250 billion in 2012 alone, which would balloon

to \$389 billion after accounting for extending other tax cuts and adjusting the alternative minimum tax so it does not ensnare over 20 million more middle class taxpayers.

Democratic leaders view passing a congressional budget plan as a key test of their ability to govern. The GOP-controlled Congress failed to pass a budget last year, which fouled up passage of the annual spending bills lawmakers need to pass each year.

"This is a balanced budget with balanced priorities," said Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt Jr., D-S.C. "It shows that Democrats are fiscally responsible, and can budget, and that we are charting a new course for America."

CUBA

Castro ready for return to public life

Associated Press

HAVANA, — Fidel Castro signaled Thursday he is itching for a return to public life after eight months of illness that has kept him out of sight, lambasting U.S. biofuel policies in a front-page newspaper editorial.

But Castro's scathing attack in the Communist Party daily left unanswered what role he will play in politics and government, and when he might appear again in public.

In his article, the 80-year-old revolutionary asserted that President Bush's support for using crops to produce ethanol for cars could deplete corn and

other food stocks in developing nations, putting the lives of 3 billion people at risk worldwide.

"There are many other issues to be dealt with," Castro added at the end of the editorial, apparently promising more such missives.

Unlike several other written messages signed by Castro since he fell ill, this one did not seem aimed at dispelling rumors about his health and didn't even mention he has been sick.

"This shows a more aware and lucid Castro than that suggested by the wan pictures we've seen over the past few months," said Cuba specialist Wayne Smith, who served as America's top

diplomat in Havana from 1979 to 1982.

"My own take is that this does not presage some early return to power," Smith said. "Rather, it is a matter of Castro wanting to get his two cents in about a subject he cares much about."

Castro's future role has been the source of much speculation, especially in the last few months amid increasingly optimistic reports about his recovery from senior Cuban officials and family members.

Castro's condition and exact ailment remain a state secret, but he is widely believed to suffer from diverticular disease, a weakening of the walls of the colon that can cause sustained bleeding.

Kaneb Center technology fair to showcase options

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

A new version of WebCT Vista will be unveiled today at the John A. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning's "Technology in the Classroom" fair in the Jordan Hall of Science.

Faculty members and teaching assistants who attend the exhibition will see examples of using technology in the classroom, with displays ranging from traditional PowerPoints to the more vanguard blogs and "Wikis."

"The idea is to help faculty understand what kinds of technologies are available to help improve learning in the classroom," Assistant Director of the Kaneb Center Chris Clark said. "It's a showcase of the different technologies that people might use."

Though some professors and teaching assistants remain loyal to the traditional chalkboard instead of a laptop, Clark said the event is to promote technology only when it is relevant to the class.

"Our purpose is not to use technology for the sake of technology," he said. "It's to integrate objectives. ... If it would be useful for [faculty] to use a PowerPoint with images and videos and they're not doing that, then we would suggest it to them."

He also noted that faculty members dealing with a visual subject matter could benefit greatly from the use of technology.

"Taking slides and putting them on a computer makes things more effective for someone teaching something like

Art History," he said. "It's the idea of having 100,000 slides on a laptop versus 80 on a slide tray."

Though visually inclined subjects could benefit from technology for obvious reasons, Clark said there is not any one subject that benefits from the use of technology more than others.

On the other hand, large classes tend to find WebCT useful for distributing grades, which "helps students get feedback quickly," he said.

Faculty members responsible for those large classes will notice that WebCT has had a makeover. Course Management Systems Administrator Laura Gekeler said the course management system is getting an upgrade.

"Pretty much the look and feel is changing," she said. "That includes navigations, so things are easier to use."

Gekeler said faculty members will probably notice more changes than students, but everyone can notice that the system name will be changed from "WebCT" to "Concourse" on May 17.

"We wanted to brand our course management system as being Notre Dame's course management system so the name won't be tied to the vendor as much," she said. Currently, Notre Dame's course management system reflects the vendor, WebCT. A demonstration of Concourse will be part of the "Technology in the Classroom" event.

The technology fair will take place at the north end of Jordan Hall's main atrium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Students walk for Darfur

Dozens march toward Main Building to say prayers, sing

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

About 60 students silently marched to the Main Building as the sun set Thursday night to raise awareness about the genocide occurring in Darfur.

The march, coordinated by the Student Senate Social Concerns committee as part of Darfur Week, included prayers and readings led by anthropology professor Father Patrick Gaffney and songs sung by members of the Glee Club.

The students were somber in their walk and struggled against the wind to keep their candles lit to serve as symbols of their effort and solidarity.

Chris Meister, a freshman involved with the Social Concerns committee, was one of the organizers of the event. After he took a seminar on religious violence last semester, Meister said he felt compelled to somehow get involved in ending genocide. He said a film shown in his seminar, "Hotel Rwanda," inspired him to participate in these efforts.

"I'll never forget ... in the movie they said, 'Once the Americans see the tragedy, they'll be sure to act.' And they didn't," Meister said. "The genocide is now in its fifth year and there's nothing being done. Something needs

to get started ... this week can help get things going here."

The United Nations estimated March 13 that "200,000 people have been killed and at least 2 million others forced from their homes since 2003."

The goal of the march, Meister said, was to raise awareness by incorporating what he called an important element in the stoppage of genocide — prayer.

"We need to pray for these people to have the strength to go on," he said. "[Prayer] is a powerful message of awareness."

The participants held candles and marched the straight path from Main Circle to the Main Building, where they formed a circle in front of the statue of Jesus. Meister said the candles were a visible symbol of the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur.

Freshman Mary Daly marched for Darfur to support Meister, but also because of her involvement in Notre Dame Right to Life.

"It is important to take into account all aspects of life ... to recognize the sanctity of life in all forms and places," Daly said.

Gaffney began the ceremony, calling the gathering "a gesture of solidarity" meant to recognize the suffering and mourning experienced daily

by the millions affected by the Darfur genocide.

"We need to try to stop this intractable problem and we express our solidarity by joining our minds and hearts together," Gaffney said.

Gaffney read aloud from Bible readings and also read a prayer from a Darfuri woman and a reading from Isaiah, which he said should remind listeners to think of the messages of Holy Week, which commences Sunday.

Gaffney joined in the service because he said he has personally experienced these "sadly familiar problems" after living and working in Africa.

"We hope to make others aware and give others the opportunity to help ... to show their concern, their anxiety about the situation and to show their hope for the future," Gaffney said.

The circle of prayer gained members as the sun continued to set and the voices grew louder in song. The Glee Club led participants in "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" and "We Are Called." The club sang the closing song, "Prayer for the Children," which was followed by a recitation of the Lord's Prayer, during which participants held hands.

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AMEX	2,172.20	+20.95
NASDAQ	2,417.88	+0.78
NYSE	9,279.08	+60.55
S&P 500	1,422.53	+5.30
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,040.25	-214.48
FTSE 100(London)	6,324.20	+57.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	+0.11	+0.05	43.52
S&P RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.11	+0.15	141.97
CMGI INC (CMGI)	-0.88	-0.02	2.26
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.49	-0.09	5.96

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.26	+0.012	4.632
13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.905
30-YEAR BOND	-0.04	-0.002	4.829
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.67	+0.03	4.520

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.95		66.03
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-5.30		667.60
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.18		101.03

Exchange Rates			
YEN			118.0450
EURO			0.7506
POUND			0.5096
CANADIAN \$			1.1590

IN BRIEF

U.S. awards largest telecom contract

WASHINGTON — Dealing a significant blow to Sprint Nextel, the government on Thursday awarded the largest-ever federal telecommunications contract — a 10-year deal worth up to \$48 billion — to its rivals AT&T, Qwest Communications and Verizon.

The three contract winners will split \$525 million, but beyond that they will have to compete with each other for the business of dozens of federal agencies needing to enhance the quality and security of voice, video and data technologies, the General Services Administration announced.

Among the products federal agencies will choose from are Internet-based voice and video systems, wireless and satellite communications services and updated network infrastructure.

Several major departments, including Homeland Security and Treasury, have already signed onto the contract, though no specific deals are anticipated before summer.

While AT&T Inc., Qwest Communications International Inc. and Verizon Inc. gained an important and deep-pocketed client, the announcement was a serious loss to Sprint Nextel Corp., analysts said, not least because the Reston, Va.-based company has been providing telecom services to the federal government for nearly 20 years.

Economy expected to remain slow

WASHINGTON — After ending 2006 lethargically, the economy is expected to remain sluggish most of this year as businesses and consumers cope with fallout from the painful housing slump.

The broadest barometer of the country's economic health, gross domestic product, grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the final three months of last year, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

It was a small improvement from the 2.2 percent pace previously estimated for the fourth quarter and a 2 percent growth rate logged in the third quarter. However, the new reading still marked a lackluster showing that reinforced economists' predictions for similarly listless activity in the coming quarters.

According to various projections, GDP growth will remain mediocre, hovering at around the 2 percent to 2.5 percent pace in the first half of this year. In contrast, the economy's average, or trend, growth rate is closer to 3.25 percent.

Stocks close higher but shakily

Investors weigh strong GDP report and oil surge against tension in Iran

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks ended higher in volatile trading Thursday as investors weighed fears about mounting tension in Iran against a report that indicated better-than-expected U.S. economic growth.

The major indexes bounced around, and spent most of the session looking for direction as crude prices surged to a six-month high. Investors remain nervous about the West's response to British sailors held captive in Iran, and oil prices crossed the \$66 mark.

This offset the Commerce Department's final measure of fourth-quarter gross domestic product, which showed growth of 2.5 percent. That could help quell concerns the economy is slowing too quickly. At the same time, strong economic growth could make it harder for the inflation-wary Federal Reserve to cut short-term interest rates.

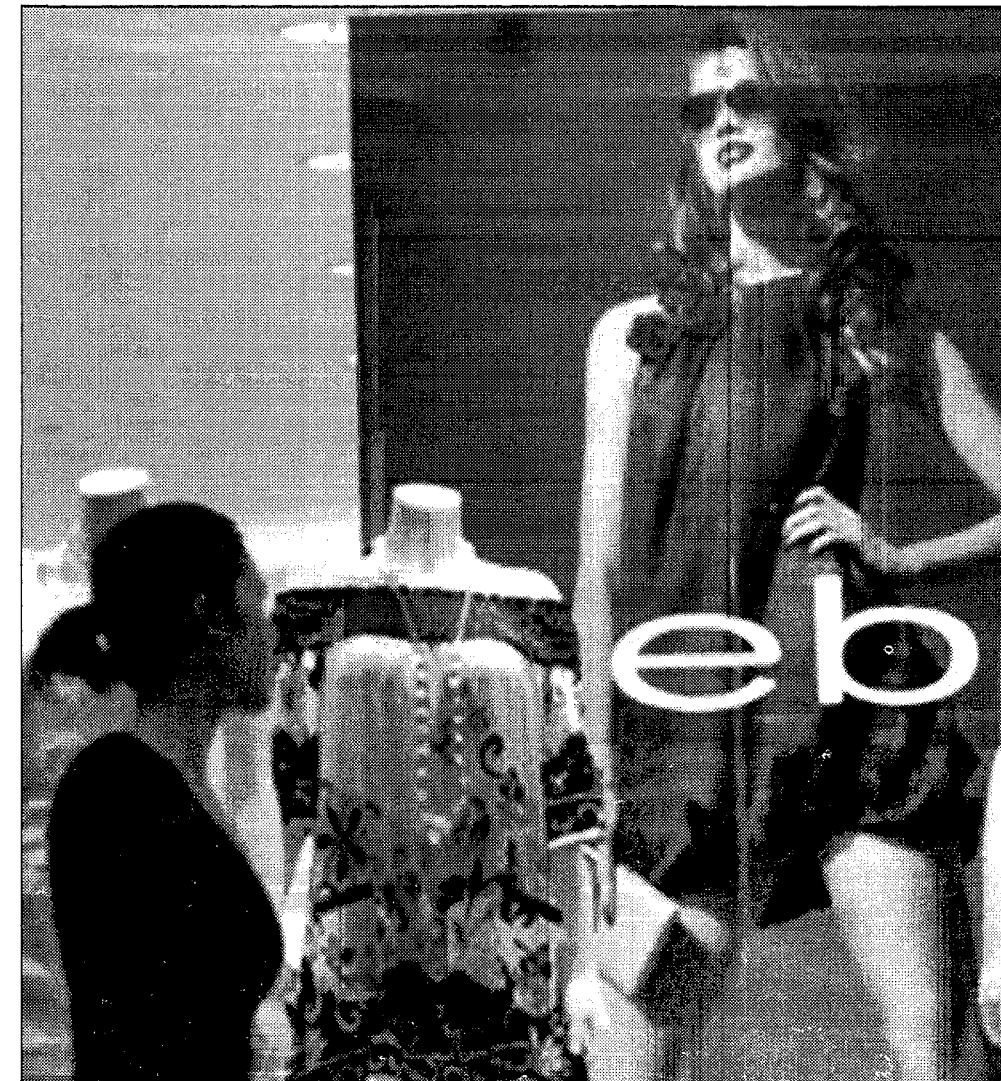
Investors also bought-and-sold stocks to window dress their portfolio ahead of Saturday's end of the first quarter. The modest advance snapped a three-day losing streak for the Dow Jones industrials.

"The market is at a pivotal point," said Scott Fullman, director of investment strategy for Israel A. Englander & Co. "The market has become more volatile, and more sensitive, to news items."

The Dow rose 48.39, or 0.39 percent, to 12,348.75. The index climbed as high as 12,381.91 during the morning session.

Broad market indicators also finished higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.30, or 0.37 percent, to 1,422.53, and the Nasdaq composite index edged up 0.78, or 0.03 percent, to 2,417.88.

Bonds slipped, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.64 percent from



A woman looks at a store display in Denver on March 23. On Thursday, the Department of Commerce released a strong GDP report causing stock prices to rise.

4.62 percent late Wednesday. The dollar fell against other major currencies, while gold prices tumbled.

Oil prices extended their gains Thursday after settling at their highest level since mid-September on Wednesday amid political tensions in the Middle East. Declining U.S. supplies amid high demand also drove up prices. Light, sweet crude rose \$1.95 to settle at \$66.03 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after rising as high as \$66.50.

The recent rise in oil prices generally poses a concern as increased energy costs could curb consumer spending and add to inflationary pressures.

Wall Street got little feedback from policymakers after a number of Fed officials gave speeches. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Gary Stern was upbeat about the U.S. economy, but refrained from connecting that outlook to the future path of monetary policy.

Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lacker did not address the economy in his remarks to a community affairs research conference in Washington. He instead spoke about the recent rise in consumer credit defaults being caused by borrower's mistakes and problems with lender risk assessments.

Earlier in the session, the

Labor Department released a report that showed the number of newly laid-off workers signing up for unemployment benefits last week declined. This suggests the job market is still in good shape even as the economy goes through a sluggish spell.

In corporate news, U.S. Steel Inc. announced it will acquire Lone Star Technologies Inc. for \$2.1 billion, which represents a 39 percent premium. U.S. Steel rose \$3.61, or 3.7 percent, to \$101.22, while Lone Star surged \$17.66, or 36.5 percent, to \$65.11.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.54, or 0.19 percent, at 798.94.

Apple hopes to increase album sales

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc., the company that popularized selling songs online for 99 cents apiece, now hopes to buoy interest in albums, giving customers credit for purchases of full albums from which they have bought individual tracks.

Apple introduced the "Complete My Album" feature Thursday on its iTunes Store. It now gives a full credit of 99 cents for every track the user previously purchased and applies it toward the purchase of the complete album.

For instance, most albums on iTunes cost \$9.99 so a customer who already bought three tracks can download the

rest of the album for \$7.02.

Previously, users who bought singles and later opted to buy the album had to pay the full price of the album and ended up with duplicates of those songs.

The album price reduction is good for only 180 days after the initial purchase of individual tracks.

Eddy Cue, Apple's vice president of iTunes, said the new feature should help eliminate the resistance that customers, including himself, may have felt in buying an album after they had already bought a single from it.

"Once we bought a song, we wondered why we had to buy it again if we wanted the album," Cue said. "We

hope it helps us sell more songs ultimately, and from the customer point of view, we think it's the right thing to do."

About 45 percent of the nearly 2.5 billion songs sold on iTunes were purchased as albums, Cue said.

For a limited period of 90 days, Apple said it will make the "Complete My Album" offer retroactive to users who purchased tracks dating back to the launch of the iTunes Store four years ago.

Apple dominates the online music market and is a leading music retailer worldwide behind only Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Best Buy Co. and Target Corp.

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the two described how they have pushed for tangible results this year for the student body — results that they said disprove the stereotype of a do-nothing government.

Shappell and Andrichik told The Observer in August they felt they came into the school year with a momentum that helped them start achieving goals immediately, including initiatives like adding more choices to Grab and Go and starting the College Readership Program to give students access to three major newspapers.

And Shappell said that momentum — jumpstarted by their combined experience in student government — continued throughout the school year. Of the 35 items on their platform, their administration achieved 32, Shappell said.

"We've joked about it being a checklist," she said. "For us, that's really what it was."

Their most important accomplishment, they said, was the Student Union endowment they helped to create, which Shappell announced to the Senate Wednesday. The endowment — a fund composed of money from The Shirt project royalty fund and from student government's carry-forward account — will provide funding for future student bodies, Shappell said. She estimated more than \$600,000 would be returned to the overall Student Union budget every year through the endowment fund.

"We think this is the most fiscally responsible thing to do

with the money," Shappell said. Previous administrations have discussed creating this fund, and Shappell said she is proud her administration was able to carry it through.

Current students may not benefit from the effects of this endowment, Andrichik said, but in 10 years students will see the benefit when the campus can host larger concerts and clubs can receive extra funding.

"I think that might not look like our largest accomplishment now, but that's one of the things that I can almost assure will still be around and still have a great impact when this year's freshmen are long gone from campus," Andrichik said.

Their administration has made other changes that current students can notice, including an Eating Disorders Conference, a Community Summit and more chances for student interaction with alumni.

A 'determined' administration

Reflecting on the past year, Shappell said she would use the word "determined" to describe her administration.

"I think members of this administration were dedicated to serving the student body in every way and the first of that is achieving everything we wanted to achieve," she said.

"The corresponding part of that is by continuing to listen to students and trying to serve their interests and represent them."

Andrichik said he felt a "sense of accomplishment" from the initiatives they started, including his work with the Career Center, the Development Office and the Alumni Association to give seniors access to a wider alumni contact network.

The first-ever Community Summit, held in early March, was another source of pride for the outgoing president and vice president.

"It was the first time that all the area schools and all the area officials and agencies just sat down and talked," Andrichik said. "That's huge for opening up future conversation."

South Bend's amended disorderly house ordinance sparked debate in fall 2005 and raised questions of evictions. Shappell said that fallout, which she tackled as vice president with last year's president Dave Baron, put student government in a reactive position. The Community Summit and the first freshman tour of South Bend last August have let student government take a more proactive stance, she said.

That difference led a Trustee to joke that Shappell and Andrichik could consider their

administration the "golden year" of student government, a remark made at the Board's Student Affairs committee meeting in February.

Last year, the Baron-Shappell platform sometimes had to "take a backseat" to emerging problems like the controversial ordinance amendment and the academic freedom-Catholic character debate. This year, Shappell said, she and Andrichik were fortunate that they could devote most of their time to achieving their platform's goals.

But Shappell and Andrichik don't attribute their successes just to the lack of controversy. Everyone in the administration worked hard, Shappell said.

For Shappell and Andrichik, that workload will be greatly diminished once president-elect Liz Brown and vice president-elect Maris Braun take over on Sunday.

Forging strong relationships

Shappell said the experience of leading the Student Union has been both "challenging and rewarding."

"It's a very demanding position and it can be very challenging at times ... but at the same time, I think you realize that's what you're signing up for and I wouldn't trade it," she said.

One part of the job both leaders said they have enjoyed is the relationships they have forged with administrators like University President Father John Jenkins and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

"It's really welcoming that it's more of a collegial relationship rather than students and administrators and sort of an

assumed tension," Andrichik said. "I don't think there is an assumed tension in a lot of our interactions."

Shappell and Andrichik, former co-rec football teammates, said their relationship has grown during their tenure. Andrichik said his friendship with Shappell is the strongest bond he has made with someone during his four years in student government. Shappell had similar sentiments.

"It's been a pleasure to work with Bill and a lot of fun," Shappell said. "We've worked very hard, but it's been a great time."

Shappell's and Andrichik's leadership duties won't end completely on Sunday. They will help Brown and Braun with transition and continue to lead the Campus Life Council until the end of the academic year, as well as present their spring report to the Board of Trustees.

They won't be in the student government offices in LaFortune nearly as much, however.

"The concept of free time, with no formal position, has been something alien to me in the last two or three years," Shappell said. "It's going to be nice to just relax and enjoy my few weeks before graduation."

After graduation, Shappell is undecided about whether she will do service in Africa or take a job in Washington, D.C. Andrichik is confident his next step is law school and is still choosing where to go, with his top three choices being Michigan, Duke or Notre Dame.

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with promising academic achievements and encouraging them to take a look at the opportunities Notre Dame has to offer them.

"Of course, we're known for our Catholic identity, top tier academics and athletics," Hardy said. "But Spring Viz — rather than show just the academic side of our University — gives these students a roundabout portrayal of the life here."

This year's Spring Visitation has brought promising students from across the country. And their backgrounds add an interesting dimension the Admissions committee said could be a positive addition to the student body here.

"Many are ... first-generation college students who ordinarily could not have the opportunity to travel to visit Notre Dame on their own," Carrillo said. "They come from all sorts of socioeconomic, multicultural and religious settings."

As a result, the Undergraduate Admissions Committee sponsors

each trip for the invitees — including transportation from home — to help them get a feel for the University. Typically, two opportunities for Spring Visitation are held each year. The first occurs in late February, which is much smaller and designated primarily for minority students admitted under the University's non-binding Early Action program.

This weekend's event not only is much larger but also features many prospects who have not received official acceptance letters to the University yet.

"We merely congratulate them on their academic qualifications in the invitation letters they receive to attend Spring Viz," Carrillo said.

After arriving on campus Thursday, the prospects attended a brief introduction session and meet their student hosts. They will be greeted today by Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment, to congratulate them on their qualifications within the highly competitive applicant pool for admissions.

Afterwards, Hugh Page, dean of the First Year of Studies, will provide information about the aca-

demic environment at Notre Dame. Students will then have the opportunity to attend a faculty-staff luncheon to acquaint themselves with representatives from the academic departments that interest them.

A false impression of diversity?

Weekend activities will also be abundant for the prospects, with the opening of La Alianza's Latin Expressions today and the Fashion Show from the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) Saturday.

The variety of on-campus events will provide a packed weekend for these prospects. But some have criticized Spring Visitation recently for displaying a false impression of diversity at Notre Dame by hosting these students on a weekend when there simply happens to be cultural events on campus.

In a column that appeared in the Viewpoint section of The Observer Feb. 26, senior Will McAuliffe, an Observer columnist, expressed this view regarding his impressions after leaving a Voices of Faith concert when he was a prospect.

"Once the doors opened, the

reality of Notre Dame set back in," McAuliffe wrote. "Despite the genuine efforts of the administration, this University is not diverse."

In response to this allegation, the Admissions team — though they acknowledged that multicultural events like Latin Expressions don't occur every weekend — said they are not using these shows to deceive prospects.

"Rather, they are showcases — not just for our prospects but for our community as a whole," Carrillo said. "Part of the hosting process is honest, and the students will experience for themselves what Notre Dame is really about — good or bad."

The undergraduate Admissions committee neither sponsors nor produces these shows, but simply encourages the prospects to attend.

"This weekend is no different from any other weekend," Hardy said. "We're aware that the BCAC Fashion Show is not every weekend, just like the Keenan Revue isn't every weekend, either. And students who apply here are aware that we are a predominantly white institution, but we're

not trying to hide that."

First impressions

The prospects, who arrived Thursday, said they were impressed by other factors that they hadn't considered. For Tsz Wong, a senior from Brooklyn, New York, the chance to escape the city was "incredible."

"The first thing I noticed was the Golden Dome, which wasn't surrounded by clusters of apartment complexes," she said. "The campus is so beautiful."

The opportunity to visit the campus may make Notre Dame a higher contender on the prospect's list of college choices. Since it is a free ride, some seniors choose to capitalize on this opportunity to learn more about the institution.

"My family and I were so excited about the visitation and now Notre Dame has definitely become one of my top choices," said Brandi Rodriguez, a senior from San Antonio. "Still, it's all up to financial aid, but I can't wait to see what else to explore here."

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Schultz

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them superior health care and stock options, even for those who work less than 40 hours a week.

Schultz said his dedication to his company's employees grew out of his early childhood experiences.

While Schultz was growing up in a housing project in Brooklyn, New York, his family suffered when his father was

injured on the job and received no benefits or workers' compensation. Schultz said these memories made him committed to providing health care to his employees.

He encouraged the audience to take an active role in trying to change government policy, saying the nation's status with 47 million Americans uninsured is "fracturing the humanity of America."

He also reminded future entrepreneurs of what he believes to be the most important discipline in any business

— human resources. While human resources is usually the last division of a company to be funded, it is important that "people feel as if they are a part of something larger than themselves," Schultz said, adding that human resources is the easiest way to connect them.

The second most important discipline after human resources, Schultz said, is corporate social responsibility — and not simply making charitable donations as a marketing gimmick, but also having an

entire program devoted to a company's ethical practices.

More and more consumers are asking serious questions of companies about how they treat the people overseas who manufacture goods or sell companies raw materials, Schultz said. He said Starbucks is committed to improving the quality of life of the farmers from whom they buy their coffee beans.

He said Starbucks purchases more Fair Trade coffee than any other company and consistently pays above market value

for their beans. Schultz admitted that doing the right thing for the company's employees has been difficult at times. But he said he would rather see a slight loss in the short-term and maintain Starbucks' ethical commitment to its partners.

He finished his speech with a reminder to young entrepreneurs never to forsake their dreams, saying his own success could not have been predicted based on his early life.

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Couple tackles sexuality, spirituality

Married Loyola University scholars address emotional, social maturation

By BRIGID FENLON
News Writer

Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality welcomed theologian and professor James Whitehead and his wife, psychologist and professor Evelyn Whitehead, to Carroll Auditorium Thursday night to discuss spirituality and sexuality.

Their presentation covered a variety of theories on the significant and integral role that they believe spirituality and sexuality play in everyone's life.

James Whitehead defined spirituality and sexuality as "our desire and longing for our life in the hope that our lives can become more generous and fruitful."

He said Jesus wants people to prosper and to achieve true happiness.

"Jesus wants us not just to survive, but thrive, flourish and to live with life in abundance," James Whitehead said.

In order to attain fulfillment, people must cultivate and nourish their spiritual and sexual selves, he said. In doing so, they will mature and grow, ultimately developing eros, which James defined as "our desire to be more fully alive, and to reach the pinnacle of our

humanity."

At this point, Evelyn Whitehead offered her working definitions of sex, sexuality and eros. Sex, she said, "refers to reproductive organs, genital and behaviors."

Sexuality, she continued, "includes the realm of sex, reproductive organs and genital behavior, but moves beyond biology towards social expectation and cultural ideals that shape our sense of self."

In western traditions, she said eros is defined as sexual desire and passion.

"However, ancient intuitions describe eros as 'born of chaos,' which names an underlying vitality that is at play in every arena in life," she said.

Evelyn Whitehead said she wanted to restore the word eros to its earliest meaning and fundamental vitality. The goal, she said, is for people to once again associate "art and desire, passion and pleasure but empathy and compassion as well" with the idea of eros. At the heart of eros is the idea that our sexual inclinations "join us in fruitful engagement" rather than cause shame and lead to secrecy, she said.

From our earliest years of infancy, Evelyn Whitehead said eros is at work in our lives. She emphasized the energy and

exuberance that accompanies childhood, and while maturity is integral to development, "it puts eros at risk," she said.

"Maturity leads to socially conditioned norms that domesticate our tendencies and tame our enthusiasm," she said.

But she thinks restoration of eros is possible.

"Psychologists suggest that we can tap into our sensuality and emotions in order to recover eros and mature in our sexuality," Evelyn Whitehead said.

Furthermore, both speakers highlighted the idea that eros is not restricted to sexual passion, but includes passions and energies in all areas of life. Evelyn Whitehead noted the beauty and pleasure that can come from simple pleasures.

"Eros motivates our choices, deepens our commitments, attracts us to each other and opens us to suffering and beauty of the world," she said. "To mature sexually is to become confident and comfortable with the ways that sex, sexuality and eros are a part of our lives."

Both James and Evelyn Whitehead said they thought eros was all-inclusive and could be found in a variety of lifestyles. Maturity is important to every lifestyle, they said.

"This maturity causes sexual experiences to become more



KATE FENLON/The Observer
Theologian James Whitehead and wife Evelyn Whitehead, a psychologist, discuss sex, sexuality and spirituality at the Carroll Auditorium in Saint Mary's Thursday.

personal, more reflective of who we want to be, and more intentional," Evelyn Whitehead said. "In other words, a mature adult is not aroused by every potential competent sexual partner."

James Whitehead said it is important that eros and grace are combined.

"Though the physical pleasure involved in sex is brief, from it stems respect, grace, affection and fidelity," he said. "Eros is, ultimately, a well-spring of our wonder and beau-

ty. In these and many other ways we are moved. As we mature, eros becomes more generous and patient."

In addition to both work as professors at both Loyola University in Chicago and Fudan University in Shanghai, the pair has co-authored a number of books, including the recent "Christian Spirituality Today: Eros, Justice and Grace."

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Summit promotes peace

Kroc conference to encourage diplomatic negotiations, dialogue

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

The goal of this week-end's 15th annual Student Peace Conference is to reach peace through understanding, the event co-organizers said.

Senior Claire McArdle, a peace studies major who co-organized the event with fellow senior peace studies major Katie Mounts, said the goal of this conference is to "focus on the other."

"We create our identities by saying what we are not," she said.

This abstract concept centralizes around the idea of understanding, which McArdle and Mounts said they believe leads directly to conflict resolution.

The conference, sponsored and funded by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and organized by undergraduate peace studies students, hopes to attract not only peace studies majors but also undergraduate students from other areas of study as well as members of the South Bend community to focus on conflict resolution and understanding.

In a world filled with conflict and disagreement, McArdle and Mounts said they believe peaceful negotiation often gets pushed to the back burner and that nations turn to war as a means of solving problems. The

goal of this conference and others like it, they said, is to explore the concept of understanding, a more peaceful and reasonable means of resolving issues.

Organizers said that societies around the world are divided socially, politically, geographically and religiously, and people tend to define themselves by what they're not.

For example, the differences between Muslim and Christian religions are further accentuated by the lack of knowledge and understanding of members of each respective group. These differences, McArdle said, are not necessarily caused by racism, but more by a lack of understanding, so that bridging the cultural gap is a lot harder.

"Understanding leads to dialogue," McArdle said. Dialogue is conducive to peace, she said, which is key in conflict resolution.

Organizers of the conference have put together a variety of presentations and activities for the weekend. Tonight, conference participants can experience an African dinner, a traditional Kenyan storytelling and a performance by the Notre Dame Irish Dance troupe.

On Saturday, keynote speaker Jill Sternberg will discuss her work in conflict resolution and nonviolence. Sternberg, a member of one of the first classes to earn a Masters in peace studies from the

Kroc Institute, has been facilitating the election process in East Timor and will speak of her experience there as well.

Several panel discussions and peace-building workshops will follow Sternberg's speech.

Both Mounts and McArdle were involved in the in conference previous years, and Mounts said she was excited to be an organizer.

"It is a great way to get involved with the work of the Kroc Institute, which has recently risen nationally and internationally," she said. "It's also a great way to interact with faculty outside of the classroom."

McArdle echoed this enthusiasm, calling the conference "a great way to get to know other peace studies majors and share with our peers things going on outside of the classroom."

Mounts and McArdle expect around 150 participants this year, which includes both international and Notre Dame students. Although registration for meals closed March 23, anyone interested in the conference can still show up for activities tonight and Saturday night. More information is available on the conference Web site at <http://kroc.nd.edu/peace-con07>.

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Students run, walk to aid Young Life organization

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Students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Bethel College as well as members of the South Bend community will participate in a 5K walk/run this Saturday to benefit Young Life, a local non-denominational youth organization.

Members of Young Life will also be participating in the walk, said organizer Rocky Krivda.

Krivda, a Saint Mary's junior, has been involved in Young Life since her freshman year.

"Young Life is so unique because we go into public high schools and we talk to kids who really need help — kids who don't necessarily get the opportunity to hear about ministry," Krivda said.

The organization has clubs at nine high schools in the South Bend area including Adams, Clay, Penn and Riley High Schools, she said.

The walk is being organized to send inner city South Bend teens, mostly members of the "Westside Club," to the summer camp coordinated by Young Life.

"We basically become their big brother or big sister," Krivda said. "We meet their needs. And right now we're trying to send them to camp."

The run/walk is to help individual campers afford camp, Krivda said.

"Some of these kids have never been to a summer camp in their lives so this is going to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for them," she said.

As for the run, Krivda hopes to sell all 200 T-shirts. Krivda said participants need to come to the Sorin room of LaFortune between 9:45 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. on Saturday to register.

The fee to run or walk is \$7, she said.

"Even showing up and buying a T-shirt will make a world of difference in these kids lives," she said.

Krivda is the main organizer but said Notre Dame sophomore Robbie Bernardin has also played a large part.

"Rocky did most of the work," Bernardin said. "I'm just keeping time."

Bernardin, who has been involved with Young Life for a year, will be at the finish line

taking down the times of the runners and walkers. He won't be able to attend summer camp this year, but hopes to go next summer. For him, Young Life is about hanging out with the high school students and being a friend.

"It's a great thing," he said.

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Activism

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and that individuals made a difference in those changes," said professor George Lopez of the Notre Dame Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, pointing out that the world, from Second Vatican Council to the Civil Rights Movement, was in constant flux — Notre Dame students included.

Those fervent protests and strikes in America even attracted the attention of students across the ocean, most notably French ones, in 1968.

"The American protests were really a point of reference for many student movements in France, especially for the anti-racism, anti-feminist movements," said Olivier Morel, an adjunct French instructor who was born in France and lived there until 18 months ago.

Despite the influence of young Americans in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Lopez thinks they were a bit "big-headed."

"The truth is," he said, "that individuals probably made less of a difference than they thought they did. I think this current generation has a more balanced and maybe realistic view of how much change individuals can bring."

For Notre Dame students now, he said, the war in Iraq seems like an inaccessible conflict. Far fewer Notre Dame students have connections to those serving in Iraq

than at other local institutions like Ball State University and Indiana University, he said, where many students join the National Guard and serve time in order to finance their educations.

"The days of turning 600,000 people out for marches on Washington and campuses that are protesting — that doesn't go anymore. Those days are gone," he said. "I have some friends who think you can recreate that, or that the war will end once we recreate that. But I don't think that's the direction among college students."

Rather, Lopez said, students are turning to local charity efforts in a "think globally, act locally" mindset.

"They look for a strategic situation where they can actually have an effect," he said.

But Michael Shaughnessy, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1971 and was active in the Vietnam War protests on campus, thinks older methods can still be effective for the war in Iraq. Shaughnessy, a high school theology teacher in San Francisco, participates in marches, sit-ins and letter-writing campaigns in town. He's worried about Notre Dame students.

"Oftentimes working for justice is controversial," he said, "and I think many students at Notre Dame [in the late '60s and early '70s], and from what I read, now, too, are more concerned about job résumés than changing the world."

Aaron Kreider agrees that Notre Dame students can do

more when it comes to activism. He felt so strongly about that as a graduate student here in 1998 that he founded the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), which earned official club status from the University that same year. Since earning his master's degree in sociology in 2002, he has founded a Web site called campusactivism.org — a massive networking site for activists that he compared to myspace.com and friendster.com.

While Shaughnessy laments the lack of student action in international issues, Kreider identifies problems right on campus that Notre Dame students should address. He wrote a handbook entitled "The Notre Dame Disorientation Manual: A Guide to What's Really Going On," targeting issues from heterosexism to militarism to the heavy influence corporations hold over Notre Dame, especially its Board of Trustees. The manual is linked to campusactivism.org.

"Activism should be strong on a college campus because it's a community. It's important for all communities to have people who believe in progressive social change, in making their community a better place, a place that is more just and more loving," Kreider said. "At Notre Dame, activism is weaker than at your typical nationally ranked top university."

But groups like Students for Environmental Action, Circle K, PSA, Amnesty International, CLAP, the Africa Faith and Justice

Network and Right to Life beg to differ. Recently, it's been off-campus groups unaffiliated with the University — like Soulforce and the Midwest Catholic Workers — who have been attracting attention for activism at Notre Dame.

Do members of Notre Dame groups need to get arrested in LaFortune for people to believe they're making a difference on campus and in the world? Or do their actions

speak for themselves?

"I don't see [today's students] as any less active than prior generations of Notre Dame students, or students who mobilized protests in the last big war, like the Vietnam War," Lopez said. "People are more levelheaded, and may be more judicious about the use of their own time."

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Google reverts to old satellite maps

Search engine displays images of pre-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Google's popular map portal has replaced post-Hurricane Katrina satellite imagery with pictures taken before the storm, leaving locals feeling like they're in a time loop and even fueling suspicions of a conspiracy.

Scroll across the city and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and everything is back to normal: Marinas are filled with boats, bridges are intact and parks are filled with healthy, full-bodied trees.

"Come on," said an incredulous Ruston Henry, president of the economic development association in New Orleans' devastated Lower 9th Ward. "Just put in big bold this: 'Google, don't pull the wool over the world's eyes. Let the truth shine.'"

Chikui Ohazama, a Google Inc. product manager for satellite imagery, said the maps now available are the best the company can offer. Numerous factors decide what goes into the databases, "everything from resolution, to quality, to when the actual imagery was acquired."

He said he was not sure when the current images replaced views of the city taken after Katrina struck Aug. 29, 2005, flooding an estimated 80 percent of New Orleans.

In the images available Thursday, the cranes working to fix the breach of the 17th Street Canal are gone. Blue tarps that covered roofless homes are replaced by shingles. Homes wiped off their foundations are miraculously back in place in the

Lower 9th. So, too, is the historic lighthouse on Lake Pontchartrain.

But in the Lower 9th Ward, the truth isn't as pretty, 19 months after Katrina.

"Everything is missing. The people are missing. Nobody is there," Henry said.

After Katrina, Google's satellite images were in high demand among exiles and hurricane victims anxious to see whether their homes were damaged.

The new, virtual Potemkin village is fueling the imagination of locals frustrated with the slow pace of recovery and what they see as attempts by political leaders to paint a rosier picture.

Pete Gerica, a fisherman who lives in eastern New Orleans, said he printed pictures of his water-side homestead from Google to use in his arguments with insurance adjusters.

"I think a lot of stuff they're

doing right now is smoke and mirrors because tourism is so off," Gerica said. "It might be somebody's weird spin on things looking better."

Henry also wondered whether Google's motives might be less than pure.

"Is Google part of the conspiracy?" he said. "Why these images of pre-Katrina? Seems mighty curious."

Ceeon Quiett, spokeswoman for Mayor Ray Nagin, said that as far as she knew, the city did not request the map change.

"My first reaction was, that's a bit problematic," she said.

Ohazama, the Google product manager, said he "personally" was not asked by city or state officials to change the imagery, but he added that Google gets many requests from users and governments to update and change its imagery.

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Former state senator accused of corruption

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A former state senator and three other people were charged with corruption Thursday in a highly politicized case that a former federal prosecutor told Congress he believes led to his firing.

A federal grand jury accused former New Mexico Senate President Pro Tem Manny Aragon and the others of conspiring to skim \$4.2 million in public funds meant for construction of a county courthouse.

David Iglesias, one of eight U.S. attorneys fired late last year, told Congress this month that he rejected what he believed to be pressure from U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson, New Mexico Republicans, to rush the indictments, which would have hurt Democrats in the November elections.

Spokesmen for Domenici and Wilson, who was in a hotly contested race at the time, said Thursday they would have no comment on the indictments.

The firing of Iglesias and the other prosecutors has blown up into a scandal that has spawned calls for the resignation of U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathon Gerson in Albuquerque said the 26-count indictment handed up Thursday stemmed from an investigation that has lasted more than a year.

"We handled this as we would have handled any other case," Gerson said. "We han-

dled this matter professionally without attention being paid to outside influence."

Charged with conspiracy, mail fraud and money laundering Thursday were Aragon; former metro court administrator Toby Martinez; Raul Parra, a partner in Albuquerque engineering firm P2RS; and software consultant Sandra Mata Martinez, Toby Martinez's wife.

Architect Marc Schiff; former Albuquerque Mayor Ken Schultz, who was a lobbyist for Schiff's firm; and subcontractor Manuel Guara have pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and one count of mail fraud. Their plea agreements were unsealed Thursday.

Aragon, Parra and the Martinezes conspired to submit and approve false invoices for payment and to make excessive requests for payment, the grand jury alleged. The Martinezes received about \$2 million and Aragon \$700,000 from the fraud, the indictment said.

Aragon did not immediately return a message seeking comment. Messages also were left for attorneys representing Parra and the Martinezes.

Prosecutors allege Schultz took cash payments from Schiff and passed some of the money to Toby Martinez, who approved inflated invoices. Schultz's attorney, Peter Schoenburg, noted that his client has cooperated with investigators.

"I think he regrets his actions very much," Schoenburg said.

PETA calls for food recall

Animal rights organization says dry food causes pet illnesses

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Animal rights advocates are calling on federal food safety regulators and pet food companies to expand a nationwide recall of dog and cat food to include dry varieties, claiming it makes pets sick.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it had no plans to suggest a wider recall to pet food companies, and veterinarians said they have not seen a trend of animals becoming ill after eating dry pet food.

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals plans to make the appeal Friday in Washington after it said it received complaints from pet owners who claim their animals suffered kidney failure after eating dry pet food.

Norfolk, Va.-based PETA wants the FDA and the companies to extend the recall to foods that have received complaints, chemically test it and perform necropsies on the animals involved. It also wants companies prosecuted if the FDA's probe turns up wrongdoing.

FDA spokeswoman Julie Zawisza said she did not know how many of the more than 7,000 complaints the agency has received have concerned dry pet food. The FDA plans to release preliminary results from its investigation into the recall Friday.

Officials at Ontario, Canada-based Menu Foods, which made the recalled pet food, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Nearly 100 brands of pet food were recalled after ani-

mals suffered kidney failure. The recall involved "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food. The recall covered products carrying names of major brands including Iams, Nutro and Eukanuba.

New York state's food laboratory last week identified aminopterin as the likely culprit in the recall. Aminopterin is a derivative of folic acid that was once used to induce abortions and is now banned as a rodent poison in the United States. It can cause kidney damage in dogs and cats.

Veterinarians aren't seeing a trend of pets getting sick off dry food, said Paul Pion, founder of the Veterinarian Information Network. He said since so many people use dry food, you would expect to see many more ill pets if the food was tainted.

Catholic diocese seeks to settle

San Diego division of Church bankrupt from sexual abuse cases

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego is offering \$95 million to settle more than 140 claims of sexual abuse by priests, according to financial documents.

The diocese would offer 143 individuals anywhere from \$10,000 to \$800,000, depending on the degree of abuse and other factors, according to documents filed Wednesday in the church's

bankruptcy proceedings.

The diocese abruptly filed for bankruptcy protection Feb. 27, just hours before the first civil trial was to begin in San Diego Superior Court and after a last-ditch round of negotiations with plaintiffs' attorneys.

Under the proposed bankruptcy reorganization plan, a \$3 million fund would also be created to settle any additional abuse claims that have not yet been formally made.

The plan has to go through steps including the approval of a creditors' panel containing some of the claimants and a hearing before a bankruptcy judge.

Attorneys representing the plaintiffs said they thought the offer was too low. They have estimated a fair settlement to be around \$200 mil-

lion — which would be a record amount for such a case — based on payouts made in other dioceses, including the \$100 million by the Diocese of Orange County, Calif., to 87 accusers in 2005.

"This is outrageous; it's five steps backward," said Ray Boucher, the lead plaintiff's attorney. "It's clear with this plan that they're throwing down the gauntlet. This will be a long and expensive battle."

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lead plaintiff's attorney

Diocese officials defended the plan.

"We recognize that we have to do something for the victims, but

we have to balance that against our responsibilities to our parishioners," said diocese counsel Micheal Webb.

With nearly 1 million Catholics and holdings throughout San Diego County, the diocese here is by far the largest and, by all accounts, the wealthiest of the five U.S. dioceses to have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy under the shadow of civil claims over sexual abuse.

The other dioceses that have filed for bankruptcy protection are Davenport, Iowa; Portland, Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; and Tucson, Ariz. Tucson has emerged from bankruptcy protection, while proposed settlements are awaiting final approval in Portland and Spokane.

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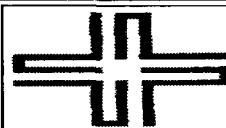
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For clusters, downsizing complex

The line at the LaFortune computer cluster usually goes out the door during the middle of almost every day and most nights. The cluster in DeBartolo often fares better in the afternoon but worse earlier in the day. Students stay for hours at a time at both, doing projects, papers and presentations on fast-running IBMs and user-friendly Macs.

It's with this in mind that the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) must move cautiously with its pilot program of downsizing computers in the Mendoza College of Business and the second floor of the Hesburgh Library.

The plan at the Library could be a successful new initiative. A handful of available laptops for students to rent while doing research in the stacks may represent a significant stride for the University. And the removal of excess computers in Mendoza, if indeed an excess exists, is fine.

However, at no point in time should OIT assume that success in this project indicates evidence for or support of any further reductions in the numbers of computers in clusters

across campus.

Both the DeBartolo and LaFortune computer clusters teem with students daily because of their convenient locations and productive atmospheres. That few enough students were using the Mendoza and Library clusters is strong evidence to change the format of those areas — not any others.

And it's also crucial that OIT realize the introduction of printers into dorms does not, for most students, eliminate the need for computer clusters.

The computers there have programs like Adobe Photoshop and Apple's Final Cut Pro, which would be expensive purchases for students whose classes require them. The accessibility of those programs is one of the great assets of the University's information technology department, and losing that would be a significant disservice to students.

If OIT keeps these considerations in mind, then the change in the computer clusters — including the downsizing of just these two — will be a positive step for Notre Dame.

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What is your take on activism at Notre Dame?

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b. About the same level as other universities, but predominantly focused on Catholic issues	22%	94
c. More intense than other universities	15%	65
d. Less intense than other universities	53%	228

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us."

Herman Hesse
German author

The life of Catholic culture

Any hack may write of the death of Catholic culture in a newspaper column, because it is in the papers that obituaries appear. It is more difficult and embarrassing to speak of the life of something still living. Death is for the broadsheets, life for the narrow intimacy of the confessional.

**James
Matthew
Wilson**

*The Treasonous
Clerk*

In our climate, people confess endlessly, but nobody goes to Confession. We divulge our sordid affairs in public, conforming ourselves to the form of spectacle, whereas the only justifiable reason to recount one's history is if one can form it into a story, giving it a structure that leads to edification and change. With some reluctance, I wish to recount part of my own life in the tentative twilight of a Catholic culture and then offer a few lessons derived from it.

Like many children born into a Catholic family during the last decades, I was raised in a prosperous suburb and attended Catholic elementary school. Before school each morning, all students attended Mass. The statue of the Virgin Mary, trampling the serpent under her bare foot, stood in every classroom. She arrested my imagination, because she seemed the most beautiful woman in the world, and because the crushing of the serpent seemed such a dramatic symbol of the conflict of Good against Evil.

The moral dilemmas of privileged children run — or at least ran — along fairly simple lines, and I had no difficulty interpreting the world through the basic catechesis we received in religion class. Everyone I knew was Catholic, except for the kids in my neighborhood; I recall being puzzled by my best friend and neighbor's Lutheranism. Once, after learning about the Reformation

and the anti-Catholicism pervasive in American history, I sat in Mass daydreaming of becoming a Crusader to protect St. Thomas Aquinas Parish from the invasions of the ... Puritans?

My parents were active in the Parish and exemplified the practices of devotion to the Church in myriad ways, from my dad's visiting the inmates of a nursing home every Sunday, to my mom's running the inevitable "religious goods" shop in the coffee bar at Church. So long as I was in Catholic school, their actions reinforced what I learned in the classroom, and what I studied in school articulated — often in awe-striking formulae — the atmosphere through which I moved.

After the fifth-grade, I transferred to public school. There, the behavior of the students shocked my sensibility, and at first I had no difficulty critiquing their acts and language in light of the moral formation I had already received. My parents' examples of devotion and charity did not necessarily wane, but since they did not actively explain the meaning of their actions, they became in a sense unintelligible to me. In the meantime, the deeds of my classmates became perfectly comprehensible, and I was soon fluent in the vocabulary of juvenile venery and of that adolescent concept of rights, freedom, and indulgence taught not in schools, but during the afternoon hours of 3 to 6 in the latch-key world of broken homes.

Near the end of my high school years, I recall walking home past St. Thomas one autumn afternoon. I thought, "What I do and what is right is between me and God, and it's not for anyone to judge." Desire for a God in which I had once believed lingered, though I more or less believed the world a chaos of objects and options that I might choose without consequence. I had reconfigured that desire so it would not stand in

the way of those choices.

Nothing contested that configuration until I encountered two things in college. First, I intuited that the student culture in Ann Arbor was at once libertine and careerist, an amoral desire for success confirming an amoral hedonistic nocturne. Second, for some reason, I signed up for a class on Dante. Reading the "Divine Comedy" brought me into a world at once familiar and foreign. More importantly, what was "foreign" about the poem seemed as if it should be native to me, as if it were not just another world, but a worldview to which I belonged.

I loved the Catholic world of Dante but could not believe in it at the expense of the college world of hedonism. One Sunday, suspecting at last I had become an atheist, I decided to test the hypothesis by going to Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (Doubting Thomas) Church. At Communion, I approached the altar, prepared to receive my unbelief like a seal. When the bread and wine touched my tongue, I received rather my belief as a sacrament.

From that moment, I was once again a Catholic in mind and heart, but also in isolation. My life in the Church entailed solitude at Mass and the private devouring of theology and devotional books in my bedroom. It was life in the "upper room" not "on the mount."

What conclusions have I drawn from experience? Mostly obvious ones, I am afraid. We must reverse at whatever cost the waning of Catholic schools. Every priest at the pulpit and every half-devoted Catholic should feel obliged to exhort parents to enroll their children in a school where they will learn the meaning of the sacraments.

There is much bad theology in the Church and it flows more easily into the lives of relatively unschooled Christians

than the good, because it resembles more closely the pagan culture in which we live. The pious and the intellectual should feel obliged not only to support Catholics schools financially and to enroll their children, but also to work or volunteer there. Even if one has no children, one has at present this responsibility.

Following John Paul II, parents must learn to make intelligible the meaning of Catholic doctrine and practice to children whose everyday lives may not have a vocabulary to express the divine, or any self-transcendence save that of consumer gluttony. We all must do this — without bowdlerizing that practice into the alternative consumerism of "spirituality."

Catholicism is an inherently communal religion, meant to extend as wide as civilization itself. And so Catholics will always struggle when they constitute a minority religion in a pagan society. And yet struggle we must, for the time being, to be a mark of contradiction. Even those of us consigned to the suburbs must strive against the individualist insularity they encourage. On this score, we will perhaps have succeeded when Saints' feast day festivals fill our suburban streets as they once did the ethnic neighborhoods of our cities, and when we once more chart our calendar not in terms of wage-slave weekdays and weekends, but in terms of the feasts of those martyrs who suffered that our everyday lives might be as filled with symbol and meaning as their own deaths.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic Workers' protest justified

Many ask if the Catholic Worker movement have the right to speak out against the injustices of our world? The movement is more than an organization that "does good work with the poor and oppressed" but participates in "needless and unproductive protests," such as the prayerful demonstration that occurred Monday.

The Catholic Worker movement was founded by Dorothy Day, who spent portions of her life imprisoned for her radical call for love in the world. Can we claim the Catholic Workers violated their "appropriate place within the Church" when Day, the most influential person for the Catholic Workers, protested and even criticized the Church at times?

Notre Dame has an influential voice for the Church in America. It is important that Notre Dame's stated Catholic values agree with the programs they support. The presence of an ROTC program on campus, although may not directly support "any war that the United States enters into," does support war by providing the military with well-trained leaders.

John Kenneth Galbraith claims, "There remains the need to counter the presumption by the military power that war is an inevitable aspect of human existence." Simply

because war is the easiest solution does not mean it is innate to human existence. Peace takes courage and love of enemies, both ideals Notre Dame upholds.

The Catholic Workers have a right and duty to protest at Notre Dame. Unlike many, they care about others whether or not "they are affected at all by there being an ROTC program here." The Workers' concern for others implies a radical love about issues that do not directly affect them because their radical mission is to love their enemies.

The Catholic Workers, although not always favored by the Church, have been a voice of Jesus' message to love our enemies. The Catholic Workers have every right to remind Notre Dame of their duty to not support ROTC, which supports war.

Was the Catholic Workers' demonstration "needless and unproductive?" We may say that their prayer and demonstration may never change anything, but when has anything but a small group of committed individuals ever changed anything?

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Greater complexity to 'honorable' Moses

After reading the response to "First Down Moses underlies negative attitudes about other religions" by Xavier Lebac ("Moses was an honorable man," March 29) by Nick Bloom, it seems to me that Bloom did a fantastic job of proving Lebac's point that perhaps the roots of the Judeo-Christian tradition are not as peaceful and understanding as many claim.

I believe that the stories of conquest and genocide in the Bible are deeply troubling for modern readers. Any narrative in which every man, woman, and child of a population is systematically exterminated, such as the account of the "sacred ban" in Jericho, cannot be anything but disturbing to contemporary readers who have no other knowledge about the Bible. These stories also may seem confusing and contradictory to modern readers who have read the Decalogue, where it clearly states that killing is forbidden.

Still, even with the historical background and knowledge of the authors' purpose for writing their narratives, the fact that mass killing is praised and glorified appears to be counterintuitive to a just and forgiving God and highly reflective of a "jealous" deity.

In addition, Bloom's assertion that it would be "incredibly foolish" to assume that any god would condone the worship of other gods is completely misguided and indeed ethnocentric. Primarily his strong doubt that the "god" of Buddhism would condone the worship of Jesus is incredibly ludicrous considering the fact that Buddhism is a non-theistic religion, meaning it does not have a deity. This indictment shows the lack of under-

standing and ignorance that perpetuates such violent acts "in the name of God." Also, I can think of several religions including Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and yes — even modern-day Catholicism that do not condemn the worship by other religions. In the Second Vatican Council, it was written that "the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in [other] religions. She has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, the precepts and doctrines which, although differing in many ways from her own teaching, nevertheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men."

In light of this holy new way of thought, why do we have on the Notre Dame campus a testament to the abolishment of other religions? How can we not draw parallels between the Crusades and modern Islamic Jihad? Those religions that are founded in Old Testament scripture (Judaism, Islam, Christianity) all believe in some form of "just violence." Our ideals are founded in the same literature of those who attack us. I believe what Lebac was trying to assert was the fact that even though we pride ourselves on being "civilized" and "reasonable," our religion too at one time has shed innocent blood in the name of the Almighty. Even though the Church has shifted to a new way of thinking (Vatican Two), many are stuck in the dark ages.

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DVD REVIEWS

Italian Stallion back for final round on DVD

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"Rocky Balboa" is supposed to be the end of the line for the Italian Stallion, but it's easy to get the sense that the movie gives writer-director Sylvester Stallone a new beginning — after all, he can now follow it up with "Rocky Balboa II," which sounds a lot less geriatric than "Rocky VII."

Actually, though, critical reception to "Rocky Balboa" was surprisingly warm, but that's probably because the film isn't a complete disaster. Shot with lip service to the grittiness and charm of the original, "Rocky Balboa" is a superfluous sequel. While it does get things back on track after the proverbial train wreck that was "Rocky V," it doesn't really stand on its own as a film.

Stallone's latest is essentially a glorified "thank you" to the legions of Rocky fans who stood by the Italian Stallion as he got married, became the heavyweight champ, had a kid, fought Mr. T, lost Mickey, trained with Apollo, lost Apollo, went to Russia, got brain damage and trained Tommy Gunn. At least half these things are thrown by the

wayside in "Rocky Balboa," a film that revisits several old set pieces, including the skating rink from the first picture.

The film is about Rocky Balboa, former heavyweight champion turned restaurant owner, who comes out of retirement to engage in an exhibition match against current champ Mason "The Line" Dixon. While this might sound like the stuff of parody, Stallone reaches deep into his sentimental pockets and pulls out a picture that isn't nearly as cloying or coldly calculating as it could be — in fact, there are scenes of genuine warmth, even without the presence of girlfriend/wife Adrian, who was often the convenient emotional anchor for previous "Rocky" pics.

"Rocky Balboa" is well shot and well directed, though Stallone chews a lot of scenery. Balboa was always talkative, but he was never this loquacious. "Rocky Balboa" might have more words than any other "Rocky" film, but never before have they added up to less, and all of the long-winded monologues are enough to make audiences long for the days of, "Adrian, I never asked you to stop being a woman. Don't ask me to stop being a man."

The DVD is passable, though not nearly the quality of MGM's two-disc special edition for the original film. It includes an audio commentary by Stallone, who is always intelligent and well spoken (he did, after all, write all of the "Rocky" films). There are also deleted scenes that include an alternate ending, though the ending



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The Italian Stallion steps back into the ring for one last bout in director Sylvester Stallone's "Rocky Balboa," which was released on DVD last week.

that was ultimately chosen seems to be the most appropriate.

Finally, there are three documentaries — "Skill vs. Will: The Making of Rocky Balboa," "Reality in the Ring: Filming Rocky's Final Fight" and "Virtual Champion: Creating the Computer Fight." Of these, only the first is really substantial, and the third, which talks about an in-film computer fight depicting an ESPN special featuring Balboa vs. Dixon, is rather fluffy.

There was never a need for "Rocky Balboa," but if Stallone was intent on making it, he could've done a lot worse. There is

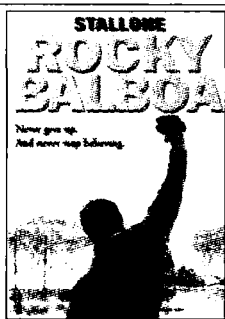
quite a bit to admire, and, for "Rocky" enthusiasts, a lot to love. Comparing "Rocky Balboa" to the original "Rocky" shows just how far the franchise has strayed from its humble beginnings; but this latest (and hopefully last) sequel brings back some of the 1976 Best Picture Winner's charm.

Best of all, it's enough to make viewers forget about "Rocky V," which is itself a minor miracle and something to be thankful for.

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Rocky Balboa

MGM



Animated musical a spectacle of light and sound

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This emperor penguin marches to his own tune. "Happy Feet" follows the story of Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood), a tap-happy tike in a tuxedo suit. After his father Memphis (Hugh Jackman) drops him as an egg, Mumble emerges from his shell as a bouncing baby penguin with a snazzy spring to his step.

Bitten by the jitterbug at birth, Mumble can dance circles around the other baby penguins. Unfortunately for Mumble, all that fancy footwork is of no use as he searches to find his own HeartSong to express himself and vie for the affections of the lovely Gloria (Brittany Murphy). Not only can young Mumble not carry a tune — his voice sounds like the noise of a dying giraffe. His off-key crooning makes it hard for Mumble to harmonize with the rest of the Emperor penguin clan. As a result, Mumble strikes out on his own in order to make his voice heard.

Basically, "Happy Feet" is a jazzed-up version of "March of the Penguins," or maybe "March of the Penguins: The Musical." The film's many musical numbers combine a modern flair with a show-

time sentiment. If you listen carefully, you can catch snippets of songs both old and new from a slew of different genres. All the jumping, jiving and wailing of the tuxedo-clad penguins milling around brings to mind the chaotic choreography of a Broadway musical.

The vocal cast of "Happy Feet" is just awesome. Old pro Robin Williams is hilarious in his three narrator roles. He's also hilarious as Ramon, the leader of a pack of smaller (and apparently Mexican) tail-chasing penguins who befriend young Mumble. He also excels as Lovelace, a wisened penguin guru who doubles as a minister of soul and a penguin pimp, replete with his own brothel of lovely flippered ladies.

Hugh Jackman stars as Memphis, Mumble's somewhat-less-than proud papa. Much like Donner, the reindeer father of Rudolph, Memphis is ashamed of his son's unique talents and wants him to blend into the status quo. Delivering his lines with an Elvis drawl, Jackman is perfect at adding flavor to his character.

It should also be mentioned that Brittany Murphy scintillates as Gloria, Mumble's love interest. At times sexy and sweet, Murphy brings a lot to the role and showcases some genuine pipes during the film's frequent and endearing musical numbers.

"Happy Feet" has elements of Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth," only wrapped up in an adorable bunch of baby penguin fur. The message? Stop polluting and warming the globe so you don't destroy the habitat for these cuddly little creatures. Oh, and do remember to



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Mumble (E.G. Daily) reveals to Miss Viola (Magda Szubanski) that he cannot sing in the animated musical "Happy Feet," one of 2006's best-reviewed films.

cut the plastic linings of six-packs so you don't choke any harmless penguins.

Like the best animated films, "Happy Feet" has something for everyone. As fun family fare, the film pairs kid gags with jokes designed to sail clear over the heads of the children in the audience and land squarely on the adults' sense of humor, such as a series of thinly veiled mating references.

If you haven't seen "Happy Feet" yet, know this: imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. In fact, the film's popularity spawned a popular YouTube video of "Happy Feet," in which the penguins boogie down and "walk it out" to the

bumping beats of DJ Unk's hip-hop beat by the same name.

Splendidly rendered, the animation of "Happy Feet" is nothing short of breathtaking as the camera leaps, zooms and soars over the gorgeous CGI landscape of Antarctica. The musical numbers and medleys are also some of the best animated pieces done in a while.

"Happy Feet" is a spectacle of light, sound and, most importantly, story. With great characters, comedy and a whole lot of penguins, the movie is a resounding hit. That's no small feat.

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Happy Feet

Warner Home Video



SCENE & HEARD

Animated pictures warm the heart and soul

I'm not afraid to admit it — I like Disney movies. I mean, really like Disney movies. In fact, not just Disney, but animated movies in general appeal to me more than any live-action movies I have seen in years. Pixar, Dreamworks and even Warner Bros. ventures such as "Happy Feet" tickle me in a way that has me saying, "Oh yeah, that's nice."

It's not really that I dislike seeing real people acting on camera. I liked "The Departed" as much as the next guy. That one scene where Leo totally works that guy over in the convenience store is just awesome, but I digress. The truth of the matter is that animated films are becoming increasingly realistic, to the point where it's nearly picture-real.

If the animation studios can convince me that animals and actors on the screen are at least nearly real, then why not? It seems often times the plots of these animated movies are better than half the stuff the mega-movie factories churn



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But really, I think my preference for animated films comes down to quality. So often movies today are just not good. For every "Departed" there are 10 "Norbits." But every single animated movie I've seen in probably the last 10 years has been really good.

out. Plus, the hidden "adult" jokes in these primarily children's flicks strikes me as particularly funny.

However, it isn't really a recent development that has drawn me into being an animation aficionado. I was raised on a steady diet of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," 7 a.m. cartoon network viewings and Disney's "Peter Pan." Perhaps my affection for these cartoonish creations extends further than just a personal preference, but maybe it is something that has been ingrained in me during my childhood. In the debate over nature versus nurture, I have a sneaking suspicion my propensity toward animated flicks is from being a product of my environment.

Steeped in these childhood cartoon memories is a lot of emotion. I remember laughing during "101 Dalmatians," imitating the antics of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in my pajamas, and crying during "Peter Pan" when the Darlings left behind Nana, the benevolent nanny-dog. (Don't hate, my dog had just died and it was a hard time for an 8-year-old).

But really, I think my preference for animated films comes down to quality. So often movies today are just not good. For every "Departed" there are 10 "Norbits." But every single animated movie I've seen in probably the last 10



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Animated features like Disney's "The Emperor's New Groove" are part of a trend of excellent films, which includes such modern classics as "Shrek" and "Happy Feet."

years has been really good — "Shrek" (both I and II), "The Emperor's New Groove," "Happy Feet," "Toy Story" (I and II), just to name a few. This consistency of good movies has me more amped for animated movies that come out than half of the "normal" flicks.

It seems to me that maybe the live action folks should take a clue from the animated studios. Develop a plot. Be fresh and original. Make jokes that are actually funny and not just based off crude and/or stupid humor. (Yes, "Dumb and Dumber" is exempt from

this rule — that movie is awesome.) Really, it's not that I don't like the normal films, and my favorite movie ("Good Will Hunting") is one of them, but I really just wish the studios would step up their game. In the mean time, I'm perfectly content with my animated films.

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DVD REVIEW

'Green Mile' shines in deluxe special edition

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Director Frank Darabont has made not one, but two great Stephen King prison dramas. His first, "The Shawshank Redemption," was the proverbial little movie that could. The novella that inspired the 1994 film was far more slender than King's usual work — one that was light on pages but big on heart.

When the film adaptation was released, it opened softly and exited the Oscars without a peep, failing to win on any of its seven nominations, including Best Picture. Today, it ranks as one of our fondest memories of 1990s cinema, a wonderfully humanistic film with a legend that has grown from its grassroots beginnings to epic proportions.

Darabont's second effort, "The Green Mile," debuted six years later with far greater fanfare and a stellar cast anchored by Tom Hanks. This time, Darabont, who wrote the screenplay for both films, whittled King's mammoth 400-page tome down until he ended with a 188-minute picture. It seemed tailor-made for Oscar gold, and again it was nominated for Best Picture.

Once more, it failed to win. To some, this may be a disappointment. But more than seven years after its Dec. 10, 1999 release, it remains an instant classic.

Set in 1935, the film drops us down at the Cold Mountain Correctional Facility. We spend much of the film indoors with the prison guards and their wards, all inmates on death row for vicious, often murderous, crimes. The guards are led by Paul Edgecomb (Hanks). He is a kind but firm man who treats the inmates with respect, and expects the same in return. But the arrival of John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan), a seemingly gentle giant accused of a heinous crime, irrevocably changes the lives of Edgecomb and the other convicts.

Warner Bros. has done the film a great service with the recent release of a beautiful two-disc special edition. It comes on the heels of a similarly expansive two-disc edition of "The Shawshank Redemption." Both DVDs far outstrip the bare one-disc editions that sat on store shelves for far too long.

The wisest choice made by the DVD producers was splitting the film over two discs. By not squishing more than three hours of film onto one disc, this DVD improves upon the first release's solid but unspectacular video transfer. Here, the movie looks and sounds great, while leaving more room for the wonderful collection of special features.

The movie is accompanied by an audio commentary from Darabont, an essential feature absent from the previous DVD. On the



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Michael Clarke Duncan (center) stars with Tom Hanks (left) in Frank Darabont's "The Green Mile," which has been released in a special edition.

track, Darabont gingerly admits his reluctance to record commentaries for his films, saying it keeps the "magic of the movies" intact with such discretion. Fortunately, he doesn't hold back here and delivers a wonderful commentary that touches upon all aspects of the film's production. Tidbits include how the crew made Duncan appear a foot taller than anyone else in the film and the special effects used to aid Mr. Jingles in his efforts.

Additionally, the second disc houses an excellent six-part documentary called "Miracles and Mystery: Creating The Green Mile." Clocking in at over 90 minutes, it digs even deeper into the film's cinematography,

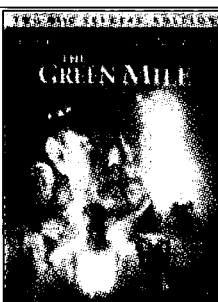
casting, sets, costumes and virtually every part of its production.

Alive with deep, soulful characters, "The Green Mile" ambles through its considerable runtime with care and grace. Warm, affectionate, poignant and moving, it is a worthy spiritual sequel to "Shawshank." Like a younger sibling, it seems content to live in the shadow of the earlier film. But "Green Mile" once again proved that Darabont is one of the few filmmakers with the patience, competence and vision to bring King's richly detailed worlds to life.

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The Green Mile

Warner Bros.



NHL

Crosby assists Pens in clinching division title

Associated Press

BOSTON — One game after clinching a playoff berth, the Pittsburgh Penguins reached another milestone.

Sidney Crosby had three assists in a 4-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night, raising his NHL-leading point total to 116 and helping the Penguins reach 100 points and sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division.

"It's a nice little milestone to hit for us," Crosby said. "After the year we had last year, you don't want to stop there. But it's a nice accomplishment."

Crosby had 39 goals and 63 assists as a rookie last season, but the Penguins managed just 58 points as they missed the playoffs for the fourth time since their appearance in 2000-01. While he's improved a bit this season, his team has had a complete turnaround.

"We're happy with that," coach Michel Therrien said of being alone in first place, two points ahead of the idle New Jersey Devils. "As long as we concentrate on winning our games, we'll be fine."

Erik Christensen had two goals and an assist, and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 31 shots as the

Penguins won their fourth consecutive game and ninth out of 11. Pittsburgh is second in the conference only to the Buffalo Sabres.

With the loss, the Bruins were eliminated from playoff contention.

"It's obviously a tough position, being officially out," said defenseman Zdeno Chara, who was supposed to be the free-agent catch that would turn Boston around. "We were in the hunt for a while, but it's disappointing and we have to move on."

Phil Kessel and Brandon Bochenski each had a goal and an assist for Boston, which took a 1-0 lead just 45 seconds into the game but fell behind 2-1 before the midpoint of the first period. Tim Thomas stopped 22 shots for his fifth consecutive loss and the Bruins lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Kessel tied it at 2 with 10:56 gone in the game when he came from behind the net, flipped the puck into the air and then batted it past Fleury. But Pittsburgh took the lead for good 31 seconds later when Crosby fed Christensen as he streaked down the left side; he wristed a shot through Thomas' pads.

"Emotionally, it wasn't there,"

Therrien said. "This was a tough game to play because we played against a team that's out of the playoffs. I'm sure Saturday will be a totally different game. The Maple Leafs will be fighting for their lives."

The Penguins made it 4-2 with 8:30 left when Michel Ouellet dug the puck out and from behind the goal line passed it across the crease to Evgeni Malkin. It was Malkin's 33rd goal of the season and fifth against Boston, but just his second in the last 10 games.

Thrashers 3, Maple Leafs 2 (OT)

ATLANTA — Slava Kozlov scored two goals, including the game-winner on the power play with 46.4 seconds remaining in overtime, to help Atlanta end a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Marian Hossa made it 1-0 early in the first with his 42nd goal for Atlanta, which increased its lead over idle second-place Tampa Bay to five points in the Southeast Division.

Kozlov gave the Thrashers a 2-1 lead 2:15 into the third period with a tip-in of Andy Sutton's slap shot from the left circle.

Hal Gill made it 2-2 with 13:20 remaining for Toronto, which had

won three of four to begin the night two points out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Loser of five straight on the road, the Maple Leafs still earned their 85th point, one better than the New York Islanders and Carolina Hurricanes.

John Pohl tied it at 1-1 in the first with his 12th goal.

Kozlov, who scored two goals for a career-high 75 points in a 3-2 overtime loss at Florida on Wednesday night, was in the bottom of the left circle when he swept the puck past the right side of goaltender Andrew Raycroft for his 27th goal.

Nik Antropov's hooking penalty led to Atlanta's man advantage in OT and helped the Thrashers improve to 7-1 in their last eight home games.

Johan Hedberg improved to 8-4-2, winning his second straight start as coach Bob Hartley gave Kari Lehtonen the night off. Despite stopping 27 of 29 shots, Hedberg was leaning far to his left when Gill beat him with a wide-open shot from the left circle.

Hedberg was so focused on the crowd in front of him that he apparently failed to see Antropov control a rebound and make a backhanded pass across the slot to Gill.

Pohl's wrist from the left circle beat Hedberg under the pads.

In their last seven road games, the Maple Leafs have earned just two points.

Hossa, who had scored just one goal in the last seven games, was skating down the right side of the slot when Keith Tkachuk's backhanded pass from the bottom of the left circle hit him in stride. Hossa lifted a wrist over Raycroft's glove side 3:24 into the first.

Kozlov had four goals and five assists in the season series against Toronto, which Atlanta won 3-1.

Ducks 5, Blue Jackets 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Teemu Selanne scored a goal and assisted on three third-period power-play goals, and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Columbus Blue Jackets Thursday night to set a franchise record for road wins with 20.

Chris Pronger had two goals and an assist for Anaheim, who are chasing their first division title since entering the league in 1993

and the President's Trophy for the most regular season points.

Ryan Getzlaf and Francois Beauchemin each added a goal and an assist.

The Ducks, who won 3-1 in Chicago on Wednesday, entered with a four-point edge over Dallas in the Pacific Division. They won their 46th game and now have 104 points, extending their franchise records.

Aaron Johnson and Sergei Fedorov scored for Columbus, which had a 2-1 lead early in the third period but had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Down in the third period, the Ducks scored four goals, including two on the power player 3:50 apart to take the lead.

Moments after the Ducks had a goal waived off, Selanne fed former Blue Jackets defenseman Beauchemin at the back post to make it 2-2 at 3:48.

Selanne then sent a pass to Getzlaf, who stepped from the left end line and let go a shot at 7:38 that hit off the leg of Columbus defenseman Ron Hainsey and past goaltender Fredrick Norrena, who was stellar the first two periods.

Pronger scored his 13th with a slap shot from the right circle at 14:53 to make it 4-2 with another power play goal.

Selanne scored into an empty net with 2 seconds remaining.

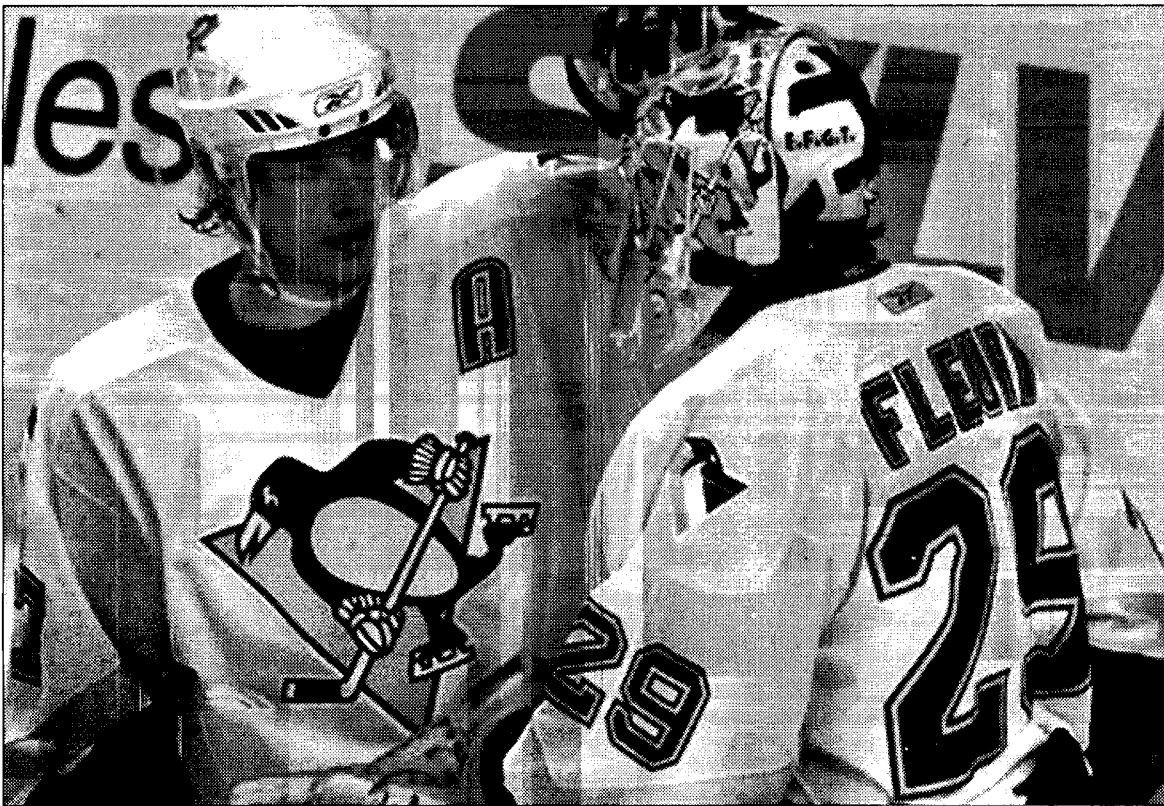
During a scoreless first period, Norrena made two superb saves during the second half of the period on point blank chances by Anaheim's Andy McDonald and Chris Kunitz on odd-man rushes. Norrena finished with 26 saves.

Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere then stood strong, flashing his glove to stop David Vyborny's snap shot minutes into the second period. He made 23 stops.

Columbus broke through on a fluky goal at 6:40 to make it 1-0.

Jody Shelley smacked a slap shot from the left circle that Giguere kicked aside into traffic. Johnson was credited with the rebound goal, which withstood video review after it appeared to hit the skate of defenseman Kent Huskins and quickly bounce off the net.

With Ole-Kristian Tollefsen and Kunitz in the penalty box for roughing late in the period, Pronger's shot from the left boards deflected off Columbus defenseman Anders Eriksson and past Norrena at 19:20 to tie it.



Pittsburgh forward Sidney Crosby, left, and goalie Marc-Andre Fleury celebrate their 4-2 victory against Boston Thursday. Crosby had three assists in the contest.

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NHL Standings

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	points	last 10
New Jersey	45-24-8	98	5-5-0
Pittsburgh	44-23-10	98	8-2-0
NY Rangers	39-29-9	87	6-2-2
NY Islanders	36-28-12	84	3-5-2
Philadelphia	21-44-11	53	3-7-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	points	last 10
Buffalo	49-20-7	105	5-3-2
Ottawa	45-24-8	98	7-1-2
Montreal	43-31-6	86	7-3-0
Toronto	37-29-10	84	6-3-1
Boston	35-35-6	76	3-6-1

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	points	last 10
Atlanta	39-27-11	89	5-4-1
Tampa Bay	41-32-4	86	4-6-0
Carolina	38-31-8	84	5-4-1
Florida	33-30-14	80	6-3-1
Washington	26-38-13	65	2-7-1

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	points	last 10
Nashville	49-21-7	105	5-3-2
Detriot	46-19-11	103	5-3-2
St. Louis	31-33-12	74	3-5-2
Columbus	32-37-7	71	6-4-0
Chicago	27-40-9	63	3-7-0

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	points	last 10
Vancouver	46-23-7	99	7-1-2
Minnesota	45-24-8	98	9-0-1
Calgary	41-25-10	92	5-4-1
Colorado	39-30-7	85	7-1-2
Edmonton	31-39-7	69	1-8-1

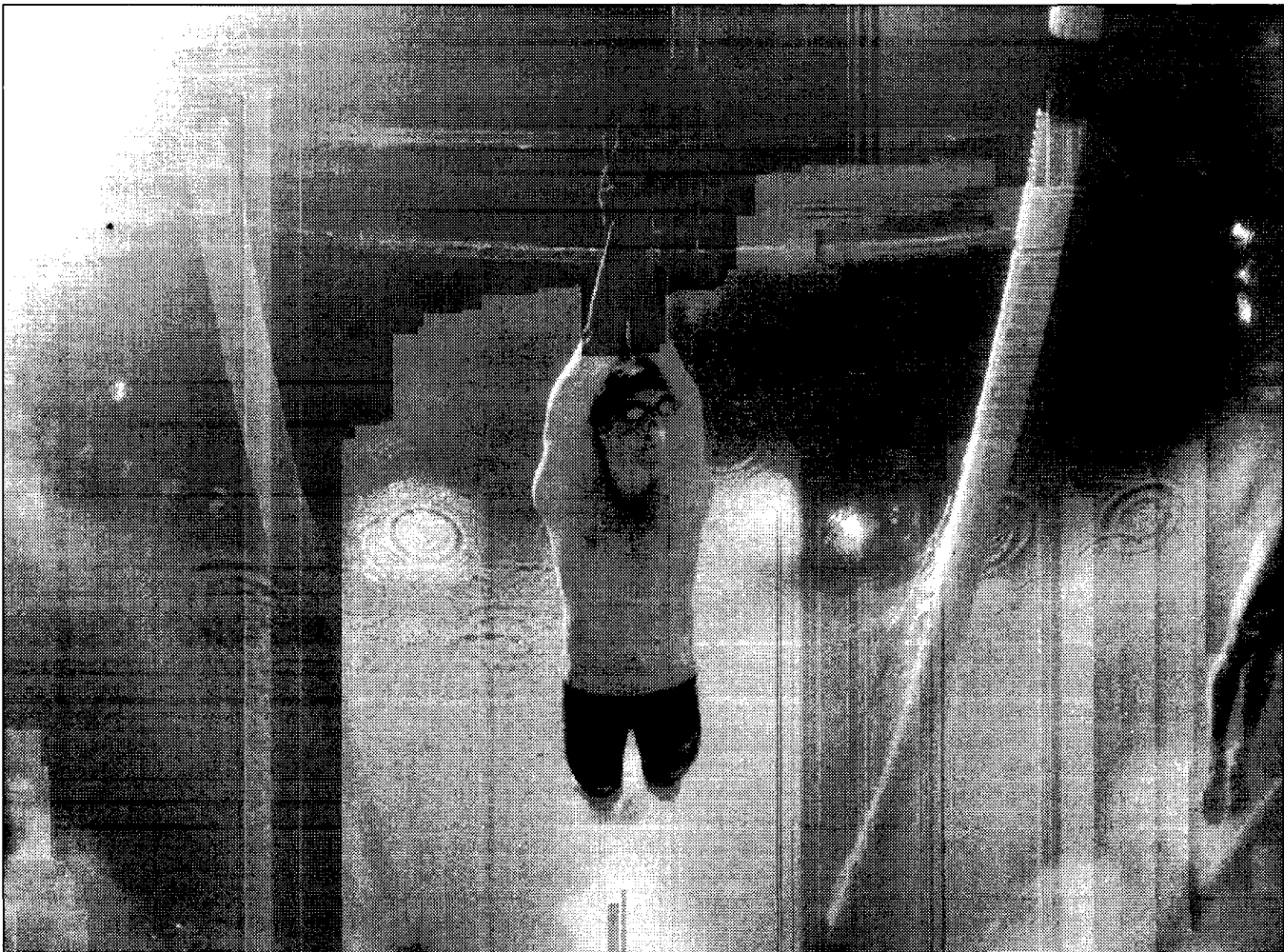
Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	points	last 10
Anaheim	45-20-12	102	6-3-1
Dallas	46-24-6	98	8-1-1
San Jose	47-26-4	98	7-1-2
Los Angeles	26-37-14	66	4-3-3
Phoenix	29-42-5	63	2-6-2

NCAA Women's Tennis ITA Top 20

team	points
1 Stanford	91.92
2 NOTRE DAME	89.42
3 University of Florida	86.86
4 Univ. of Southern California	84.42
5 University of Georgia	82.07
6 California	81.64
7 Georgia Tech	79.63
8 Clemson University	79.63
9 Univ. of Miami (Florida)	78.55
10 Northwestern University	75.61
11 UCLA	64.83
12 College of William and Mary	64.81
13 North Carolina	60.48
14 Texas A&M University	58.93
15 Fresno University	54.92
16 Baylor University	53.49
17 Wake Forest University	52
18 Florida State University	51.55
19 Arizona State University	48.81
20 Duke University	47.96

SWIMMING



American Michael Phelps swims during his record-breaking 200-meter Individual Medley final at the World Swimming Championships in Melbourne, Thursday. It marked Phelps' third world record of the day and fourth gold medal.

Phelps gets four golds, three records

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Six weeks ago, Michael Phelps showed up for a swim meet in America's heartland, sporting a goatee and unkempt hair that barely fit under his skincap.

Then, he went out and set a world record.

Hmmm, this might be good.

"Right then and there, I thought something special could happen this year," Phelps said Thursday.

Boy, was he on the mark. Phelps set his third world record in many days at the world swimming championships, wiping out the field in the 200-meter individual

medley at Rod Laver Arena.

Phelps came home in 1 minute, 54.98 seconds, easily bettering his own mark of 1:55.84 set last August at the Pan Pacific championships. Just as he did in the other record-breaking swims, he jumped out to a quick lead and snuffed out all hope for those who dove in the pool with him.

"Why stop something that works?" Phelps said, not requiring an answer.

The 21-year-old phenomenon — or "mutant," as teammate Tara Kirk referred to him — is still on course to go eight-for-eight at these championships, reaching the midway point of his grueling schedule

with four golds to his name.

"There is nobody out there like him," said Jon Urbanek, a longtime American coach. "Right now, Michael stands by himself."

C'mon, surely he compares with another athlete of this era. Tiger Woods surely comes to mind. Or maybe Roger Federer.

"He's more like Michael Jordan," Urbanek said. "He's way out there."

Phelps' personal coach, Bob Bowman, began to sense last month that his star pupil was on the verge of a landmark accomplishment Down Under.

At an off-the-radar meet in Missouri, Phelps was "not

in a really strong racing state" for the 200 fly. This was a warmup, pure and simple, a chance to hone some techniques for Melbourne. Heck, he didn't even bother shaving down in true swimmer fashion.

And still, he broke his own world record.

"That was unexpected. That wasn't part of the script," Urbanek said. "When he put that swim in, everyone knew the big one was coming here."

Did it ever.

Phelps led off a gold-medal showing the 400 free relay with a time that would have been good enough to win individually in the 100 free Thursday night.

IN BRIEF

Tigers' Rogers to miss first start of regular season

LAKELAND, Fla. — Kenny Rogers was placed on the 15-day disabled list Thursday with a tired arm, a move that makes Chad Durbin the Detroit Tigers' fifth starter.

The move, retroactive to Sunday, sends Rogers to the DL for the first time since 2001. Manager Jim Leyland said Rogers will miss only one start.

"Number one, you're concerned about Kenny Rogers and make sure he's OK. The other part will take care of itself. We'll march on and hopefully this won't be a very long period of time," Leyland said before Detroit's 3-1 win over the Houston Astros.

"This is part of it. I don't want to downplay the significance of his contributions and how good he is. At the same time, we have to go on. Our concern is about Kenny's welfare."

Ochoa close to claiming No. 1 spot over Sorenstam

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Lorena Ochoa took the first step toward overtaking Annika Sorenstam at No. 1 in the world.

Even though her putting wasn't up to her standards, Ochoa hit it close enough Thursday at the Kraft Nabisco Championship to make five birdies and open with a 3-under 69 in tough conditions, leaving her one shot behind Shi Hyun Ahn in the first major of the year.

"I feel good. I'm ready to go," said Ochoa, who can move to No. 1 with a victory.

Tough conditions at Mission Hills kept Ochoa and everyone else from going anywhere too quick. Unlike a year ago, when Ochoa tied an LPGA major record with a 62, the greens were too firm and the rough too thick to allow for that kind of scoring.

Karrie Webb couldn't repeat her 18th hole magic.

Urbina sentenced to 14 years for attempted murder

CARACAS, Venezuela — Former Major League baseball pitcher Ugueth Urbina was sentenced to 14 years in prison for the attempted murder of five workers on his family's ranch, the Attorney General's Office announced Wednesday.

Urbina, a former pitcher with the Montreal Expos, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers, Florida Marlins, Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies, was also found guilty of illegal deprivation of liberty and violating a prohibition against taking justice into his own hands during a dispute over a gun on Oct. 16, 2005, according to a statement from the Attorney General's Office.

The 32-year-old free agent was accused of joining a group of men in attacking and injuring workers with machetes and pouring gasoline on them at his family's ranch, located about 25 miles south of Caracas.

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Pacers at Magic
8:00 p.m., ESPN

MLB

White Sox at Braves
7:00 p.m., Comcast

TENNIS

Sony Ericsson Open
7:00 p.m., ESPN2

ND TRACK

Irish split up team for two tourneys

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will split up this weekend and send athletes both across the country to the Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif., and just a few hours south to the Mike Poehlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Stanford Invitational is geared towards the middle-distance and distance events, Irish coach Joe Piane said.

"That's all we're sending," he said.

Seniors Molly Huddle and Amy Kohlmeier will run the 5,000 meters, as will sophomore Patrick Smyth. Junior John Cavanaugh will compete in the 800 meters, and junior Jake Watson will run the 1,500 meters. Senior Todd Ptacek rounds out the Irish competitors there, running the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Ptacek's best time in the event came at last year's Stanford Invitational, when he finished in 8:58.05.

"They're all national-class kids," Piane said. "They've trained exceptionally hard, and all have qualified for the

NCAAs at some point. This will make sure they get a really good early-season time."

About 30 athletes, mostly throwers, will travel to West Lafayette. But that group will not include most of the athletes that competed last weekend at the Arizona State Cliff Bar Invitational.

"It's not uncommon to give them a week-end rest," Piane said.

"I want to see what Espinoza can do."

Joe Piane
Irish coach

Junior thrower Kyle Annen and senior thrower Garet Koxlien will both compete, as well as freshman thrower Jaclyn Espinoza.

"I want to see what Espinoza can do," Piane said.

Freshmen Eric Quick will compete in the long jump and sophomore Blair Majcina will compete in the high jump. Sophomore Patrick Needham will run hurdles, and sophomore Billy Buzaid will run the 400-meter dash.

Buzaid will look to match or beat his personal best time of 49.30 seconds, set at the 2006 Hillsdale Gina Relays,

while Needham hopes to better his record time of 15.55 seconds from the same meet.

Of the athletes competing, Piane believes Quick has a good chance of scoring or qualifying.

The athletes began tapering earlier this week. Piane said there was no special method to preparing for a meet.

"There's no kind of secret play to get ready," Piane said. "You do drills specific

to event, drills specific to sprinting, endurance drills and lifting. These are things you do on a weekly basis."

The qualification system for the NCAA Championships in outdoor track and field differs from that of the indoor competitions. In the outdoor season, athletes qualify for the regional competitions. The top five from each of the four regionals advance, setting a field of 20 athletes. After that, four to eight more may be taken from a list in descending order of time or score.

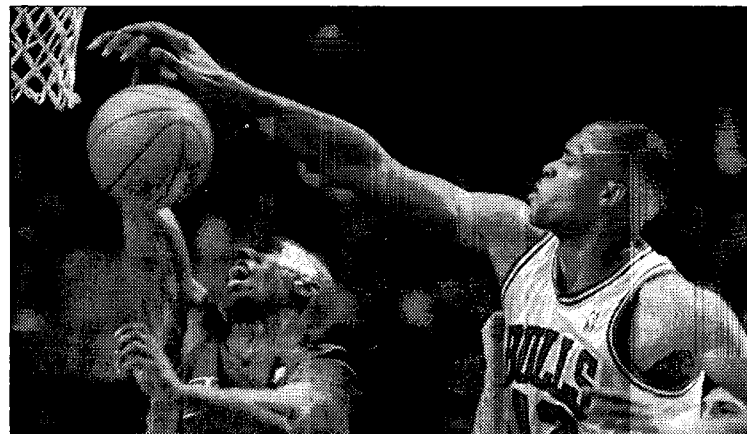
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"There's no kind of secret play to get ready."

Joe Piane
Irish coach

NBA

Wallace posts 19 rebounds in game



Bulls forward P.J. Brown blocks Pistons guard Chauncey Billups' shot in Chicago Thursday in the Bulls' 83-81 victory.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich hit two of three free throws with 2.8 seconds left, and the Chicago Bulls clinched their third straight playoff berth, pulling out an 83-81 victory over the Detroit Pistons after blowing a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter on Thursday night.

After Tayshaun Prince tied it with a put-back with 9.8 seconds left, Hinrich caught a pass at the top of the key and got fouled by Carlos Delfino on a 3-point attempt.

Hinrich missed the first free throw but hit the next two.

After a 20-second timeout, Prince caught the inbounds pass and launched a short pull-up jumper over Luol Deng as time expired.

It was the fourth straight win for the Bulls and their 11th in 14 games. Chicago trails Eastern Conference leader Detroit by three games and second-place Cleveland by a half game, with the Cavaliers visiting the United Center on Saturday.

Ben Gordon led the Bulls with 25 points, and Ben Wallace grabbed 19 rebounds against his former team.

Prince scored 26 points for Detroit.

Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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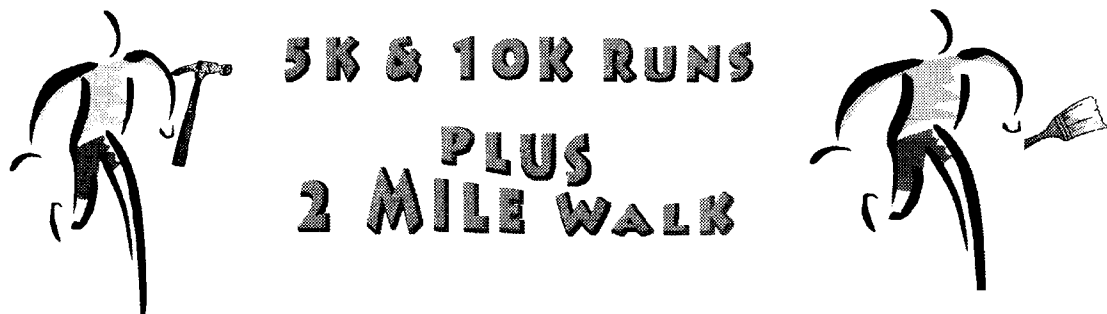


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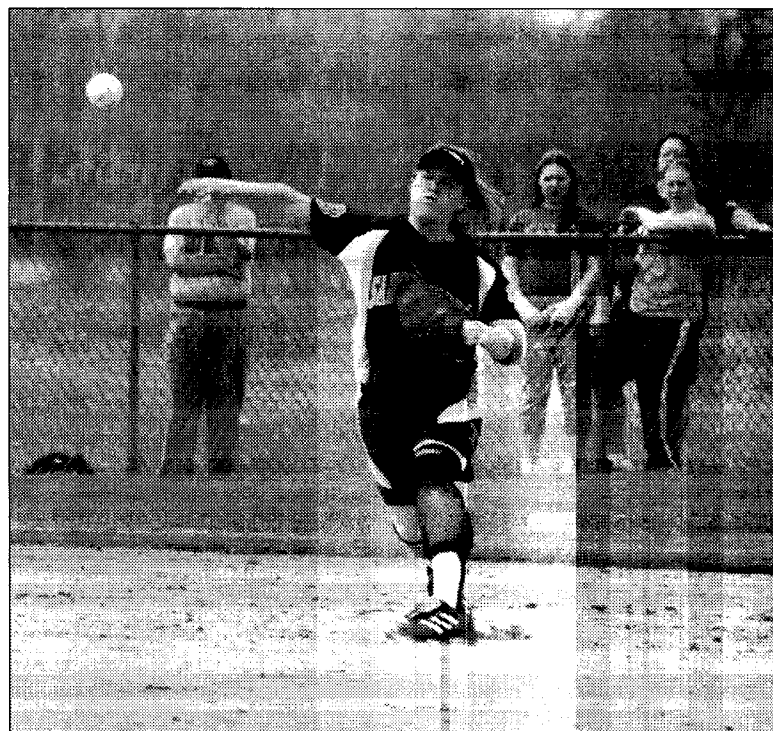
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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to play in first league game



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Senior shortstop Sarah Miesle fires to first base Sunday. The Belles swept Rose-Hulman in a doubleheader, winning 10-1 and 5-0.

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to continue its five-game winning streak this weekend when the Belles travel to face Alma College Saturday and Manchester College Sunday.

Alma (11-7) will be the first MIAA game for the Belles (11-1) this season.

Saint Mary's coach Erin Sullivan said the first league game is very important to the team.

"It sets the tone for the rest of our season," Sullivan said. "It's against one of the best teams in our conference traditionally ... so we want to jump ahead."

The Belles already lead Alma in many of the league standings. Alma has a team batting average of .283 in 20 games while Saint Mary's is hitting .367 in 12 contests. Senior shortstop Sarah Miesle leads the league in runs scored (20), and sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro is fourth in the league with 14 runs.

Alma has played nearly twice as many games as the Belles this season, but Sullivan believes her squad will not struggle. She said playing the first conference game away will

actually help the Belles.

"You have less pressure when you're away," she said. "When you're home you're supposed to win."

Sunday, the Belles will face off against Manchester (5-5) of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Last Sunday, the Belles swept HCAC second-place Rose-Hulman in a doubleheader, winning 10-1 and 5-0.

Manchester has consistent hitting — seven of its players are batting .300 or above — so the Belles will look to their tough pitching duo, sophomores Calli Davison and Kristin Amram, to stay consistent with their past performances this season. The Belles have a total ERA of 1.29. Offensively, sluggers such as Miesle, Fusaro and Davison will try to beat Alma (1.66 ERA) and Manchester's (3.09) strong pitching.

"If we play the same game we've been playing for the last 12 games, we're going to be successful," Sullivan said. "[Alma] always has great pitchers and they always have great hitters. But we've played three or four teams already like that and we've come out on top."

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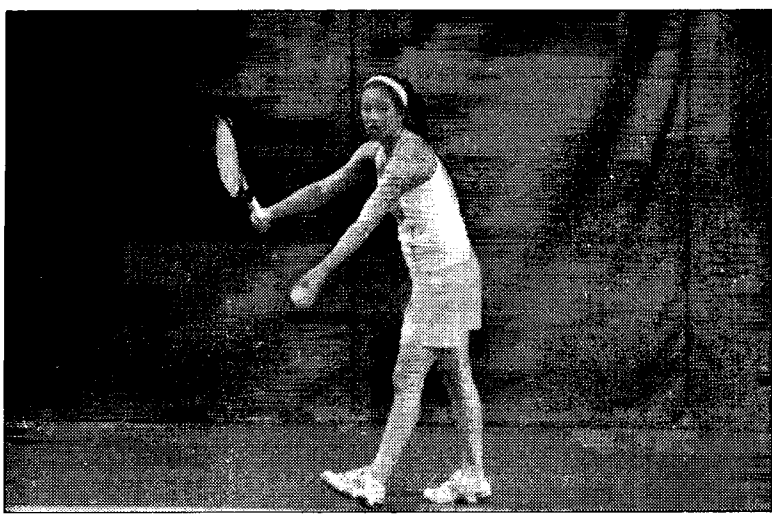
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SMC TENNIS

Belles to face 2 tough teams



Senior Tara O'Brien prepares to serve against Olivet in Saint Mary's 8-1 win over the Comets March 21.

KATE FENLON/The Observer

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

After winning its second conference match Monday against Calvin to stay undefeated in the MIAA, Saint Mary's will compete this weekend against two quality teams in the Wheaton Invitational.

The Belles will travel today to Wheaton, Ill., to first face the Wheaton College Thunder. The following day the Belles will vie for a win against the Olivet Nazarene Tigers. In

2006, the Belles' went 1-1 in the invitational, losing to the top-ranked Thunder and defeating the Tigers.

"This year we expect to give Wheaton a better match," Belles coach Dee Stevenson said.

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Dee Stevenson
head coach

"Wheaton is pretty good so we will definitely have to play up to our potential."

Wheaton went undefeated in the fall at the Division III level and has yet to lose a match this

spring.

The Thunder also boast two undefeated singles players —

All-American sophomore Jordan Hook and sophomore Brittney Dunn — and an undefeated doubles duo of Dunn and junior Shannon Hale. Still, Stevenson expects his team to perform well and plans to approach the match with a positive disposition.

"You can never go into anything with a negative attitude because then you are always beat before you start," he said.

Olivet Nazarene also owns a strong fall record of 10-1. Entering the spring season ranked No. 21 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Poll, the team has yet to play because of weather conditions postponing its matches.

Stevenson plans to play his normal lineup with senior captain Kelly McDavitt in the No. 1 singles spot and freshman Camille Gebert playing in the No. 2 spot. Together the undefeated duo will compete in No. 1 doubles position.

"It should be good match-play experience," McDavitt said of the Wheaton Invitational. "We are going to learn a lot because they are both good teams. We are planning to work on our skills this weekend and get ready for our next conference match."

The Belles' first match of the invitational will be tonight at 7, while the second match will start Saturday at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S GOLF

Greens on Irish minds in Georgia

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish will have their work cut out for them this weekend as they head to the Administaff Augusta State Invitational in Evans, Ga., along with 10 of the nation's top-50 teams.

Notre Dame senior co-captain Cole Isban said his team must focus on its short game in order to be competitive with such strong competition.

"The field is one of the best we've faced," said Isban. "If we don't putt well, we're going to be left in the dust."

The No. 54 Irish played a practice round at the Champions Retreat Golf Course Thursday, and Isban noted that the greens had an unusual pace.

"The greens were just changed, and they were pretty slow," Isban said. "That's something we're going to have to adjust to."

Along with Isban, the Irish will send senior co-captain Adam Gifford, junior Eddie Peckels, sophomore Josh

Sandman and freshman Doug Fortner onto the links in the 54-hole event.

"I think we're all playing pretty well," Isban said.

The Irish have faced 12 of the 17 other teams in this weekend's field but have gone just 4-12-1 in those matchups.

"The field is one of the best we've faced."

Cole Isban
Irish senior

"We faced a pretty good field at Sawgrass [Country Club in the John Hayt Invitational] but this might be the best one we've seen," Isban said.

Isban emphasized his team's efficiency on the greens this weekend.

"It's going to come down to whether we can make our putts," he said.

This year marks the fourth in a row in which the Irish have competed in the Administaff Invitational, which was held at Forest Hills Golf Club until 2006. The teams expect near-optimal conditions for the weekend.

"It's a little bit cooler than we expected but we have no complaints," Isban said.

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International Conference at Saint Mary's College, April 26-28, 2007

Women as Intercultural Leaders: Collaboration at the Crossroads



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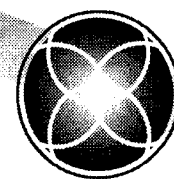
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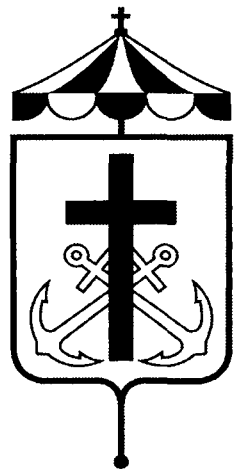
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5:00 pm (Saturday)	Vigil Mass
9:45 am	Solemn Mass
12:00 noon	Sunday Mass

Special Mass times for Palm Sunday only

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 pm	Campus-wide Stations of the Cross (Procession departs from the Grotto)
9:15 pm	Opportunity for individual confession follows Stations in the Basilica

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
5:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
*6:30 pm	Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm	Tenebrae

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm	Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:15 pm	Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 pm	The Paschal Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
12:00 noon	Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm	Solemn Easter Vespers

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Monday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
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Wednesday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Good Friday	11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday	12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish take on pair of foes at home

No. 20 Connecticut and Duquesne roll into town to battle laxers

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its strong defensive play over the weekend with home matches against No. 20 Connecticut and Duquesne.

The No. 12 Irish (7-2, 1-1 Big East) will face off against the Huskies (5-2, 0-1) tonight at 7. Notre Dame, who defeated Connecticut 13-9 last season, will face a much improved team from last year's 5-11 squad that went winless in the Big East.

The Huskies' only two losses this season have come to ranked opponents, and the team has posted wins over Harvard, Stanford and California. Connecticut's last match was a heartbreaking loss to No. 11 Syracuse, falling 18-16 in double overtime.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she wasn't surprised by the Huskies' success this season.

"We scrimmaged them in the fall, and knew they had the talent and ability," Coyne said. "Last season things just didn't go their way, and this year they've started strong."

This season the Huskies are led by junior Shannon Burke, whose 39 goals as a sophomore made her a first-team All-Big East selection. The attacker leads Connecticut with 45 points — double the number of any of her teammates.

Burke will be the biggest challenge to a stingy Irish defense coming off an 11-1 win over Loyola. Goalkeeper Erin Goodman and the defense set a Notre Dame record in that game for fewest goals allowed.

Goodman, in her first season as starting goalkeeper, has elevated her play after giving up 18 goals against defending NCAA champion Northwestern. Since that loss the sophomore is 5-1 with an 8.33 goals against average and a .550 save percentage.

"The defense is playing with a lot of confidence right now," Coyne said. "We've put up defensive pressure and forced opponents to take low percentage shots, and when they've gotten good shots off Erin has been amazing."

After the Big East showdown on Friday, the Irish will host another match Sunday at 1

against non-conference foe Duquesne. The Dukes (4-3) bring a high powered offense that comes into the game averaging 13.3 goals per contest.

Duquesne will play Denver today before heading to South Bend to face the Irish Sunday. The Dukes will try and imitate the play from their last match, an 18-4 thumping of Howard on the road.

Sophomore Kathleen McNish leads Duquesne with 38 points on 19 goals and 19 assists.

Freshman goalie Caitlin Carducci has struggled to start her career, letting up an average of 11.46 goals per game. However, the freshman has learned from experience, improving her goals against average to eight per game over the last three matches.

"I think Duquesne will come out aggressively and try to challenge us — they're on the road and looking to make a statement," Coyne said.

While Notre Dame has put up impressive showings on both offense and defense this season, Coyne said she is still waiting for the team to dominate on both ends.

"We've had dominant offensive games and really good defensive games, but we're still waiting to put everything together and have the perfect game," she said.

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Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

Bargar

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another two games.

The Irish are currently undefeated in Big East play. After a sluggish start with the bats earlier on in the month, Notre Dame has turned it on, and as a result, the victories are pouring in.

Pittsburgh is currently in fourth place in the Big East with a 2-1 conference record, tallying a 14-19 mark overall. Syracuse is right below the Irish in the Big East standings at third with a 3-1 record. Overall, Syracuse's record is suffering due to a 10-20 mark.

The Irish pitching has been impeccable during the team's impressive streak. Bargar has led the way with a 10-7 record, posting a stifling 2.23 ERA along with 14 complete games and 116 strikeouts.

Senior Kenya Fuemmeler will also need to be on her game to find success this

weekend — and so far this season, she has. The Irish pitcher has a 5-5 record with a solid 2.90 ERA and 49 strikeouts.

While its pitchers have enjoyed excellent production during the streak, Notre Dame's bats have also delivered. Senior Stephanie Brown has accumulated a .408 batting average, giving the Irish many chances to score by getting on base.

The RBI production has come mainly from freshman Heather Jackson, who has taken advantage of her opportunities with 18 RBIs. Sophomore Linda Kohan and Laing have put in 13 and 11 runs, respectively.

If the Irish keep winning this weekend, they will continue to dominate Big East play. This will only help headed into the championships later on in May with the higher goal of the College World Series waiting after that.

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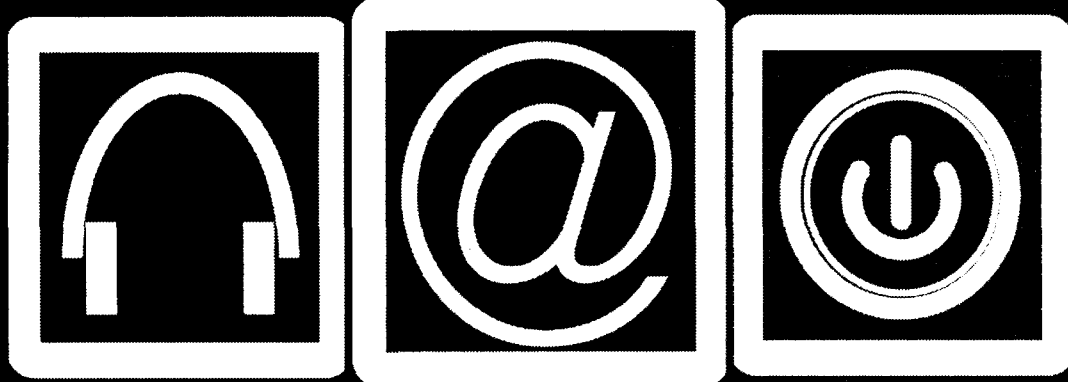


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ing a total of three games in the singles matches on their way to victory. Louderback was forced to juggle the lineup against Wisconsin, and he hopes that his players will continue to respond well to the changes.

"We moved a few of our doubles teams around a little bit with Buck out and we've got a couple new doubles teams that we're going to play this weekend so we'll see how they do," he said.

Notre Dame's opponent, No. 28 Wichita State, has an impressive 15-1 overall and will be riding a four match-winning streak when the teams meet today.

Louderback realizes that this matchup will probably not be easy.

"It should be good," he said. "Wichita State has only lost one match. They've got mostly international kids and they've got a lot of young kids that have just come in, so it's hard to tell how good they are. They lost 4-3 to Ohio State and that's

"All of our kids have been playing really well, playing with a lot of confidence, so I feel pretty good about it."

Jay Louderback
Irish coach

really been the only tight match they've had."

The Irish, who will be competing for the first time in over a week, have slightly shifted their focus during practice this week as they continue their stretch of outdoor matches.

"We had the weekend off so the kids had a little bit of rest and we haven't played a whole lot of matches," Louderback said. "We've just drilled a lot and worked on strokes, just not playing quite as much as we usually do and it was good because [Wednesday] was the first day we've been indoors so we were able to get outside Monday and Tuesday, which is key for us right now."

In addition to playing Wichita State today, Notre Dame will wrap up the weekend when it battles No. 37 Tulsa in Oklahoma Sunday. With his team on a roll, Louderback likes his chances over the weekend.

"All of our kids have been playing really well, playing with a lot of confidence, so I feel pretty good about it," he said.

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Slump

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both teams on March 20.

Despite the solid result against Bellarmine, consistency has been a problem for Notre Dame so far this season. After winning their first two games — including a 9-7 victory over then No. 11 Loyola — the Irish dropped three of four with close losses to Cornell, North Carolina, and Dartmouth sandwiched around a 16-5 drubbing of Drexel.

"We know what team we want to play like, but it's just been a matter of what team shows up for us," junior goalie Joey Kemp said. "We played great against Drexel and lackadaisical against teams like Dartmouth and North Carolina. I think it's something we've overcome, and it's just something we need to show on the field now."

A prepared Bears squad will await Notre Dame in Providence this weekend. Brown enters the match with a record of 5-2, coming off an easy 13-4 victory over Vermont Tuesday.

The meeting Saturday will be the second all-time between the two schools, with the Irish winning the only other contest 11-5 last season at Moose-Krause Stadium. But this Brown team will be different than the one Notre Dame defeated last season. The Bears have already more than doubled last year's win

total of two.

"They're playing with a new attitude this season," Kemp said. "They have a new coach, and they basically had open tryouts before the season. A lot of old guys were cut, and a lot of the new guys are still trying to prove themselves."

Beyond the new attitude, a big reason for Brown's turnaround has been the play of senior attack David Madiera, who leads the team in both points (20) and goals (18). Another key element for the Bears' improved play has been the performance of sophomore goalie Jordan Burke. Burke leads the

Ivy League with 12.40 saves per game and is ranked fourth nationally with a save percentage of .683.

"He's been a very large part of their success," Kemp said.

"Teams always play better when your goalie is hot, and it just gives the team a lot of confidence."

Notre Dame counters Burke with an equally impressive netminder in Kemp, a preseason honorable mention All-America selection by Inside Lacrosse. Kemp was named the GWLL Player

of the Week for the second time this season for his nine save performance in Notre Dame's win over Bellarmine last week. Kemp enters Saturday's game carrying a 7.64 goals-against average and a .584 save percentage, which rank No. 14 and No. 16 nationally, respectively.

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Joey Kemp
Irish goalie

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Joey Kemp
Irish goalie

Panthers

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[the improvement] will continue."

Schrage said earlier this week that he expects the bullpen issues to correct themselves. Notre Dame's relief pitchers had been a strength until the South Florida series. Even given the rough stretch over the past week, relief pitchers junior Joey Williamson and freshman Eric Maust have ERAs under 3.2.

As for the lack of clutch hitting, shortstop Brett Lilley said he is optimistic that it will improve.

"Sometimes it's bad luck," Lilley said. "A lot of our guys have hit the ball hard with runners on base. We just haven't gotten that lucky. Hitting is contagious. Once one person gets a clutch hit, they just keep on rolling."

As Notre Dame's leadoff hitter, Lilley and his .505 on-base percentage have been the main victim of runner-stranding. But he said that he is guilty of poor clutch hitting as well.

"I get frustrated when I'm up [with runners on base] and I don't get the hit," Lilley said. "I also get out when runners are on base."

Schrage said Trees Field in Pittsburgh, home of an AstroTurf infield which doesn't slow down ground balls as much as grass, may help Notre Dame's timely hitting.

"Pittsburgh's ballpark is a hitter's ball park, so hopefully we can continue to hit well out there," Schrage said.

Pittsburgh comes into the three-game series 9-12 and 3-3 in the Big East. It took two of three from Cincinnati last weekend but, like the Irish, dropped two out of its three games against South Florida.

The Panthers' best hitters are Gary Bucuren, who is hitting .333 this year with three home runs and 16 RBIs, and Jordan Herr, who is hitting .327 with three more homers and 11 RBIs.

Tonight's game will begin at 6, Saturday's game will begin at 3, and Sunday's game will begin at noon.

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25 Bryan Koniecko, No. 34 Devin Mullings and No. 75 Chris Klingemann in singles play.

"[Moneke] has terrific ground strokes," Bayliss said. "He's very consistent, and he just never beats himself. He gets stronger the longer the point goes on and you have to hurt him to beat him."

But singles action is not the Buckeyes' only strength on the courts. The No. 7 Irish duo of Sheeva Parbhu and Ryan Keckley are likely to face off against No. 16 Mullings and Klingemann. No. 82 Koniecko and Moneke will challenge Irish sophomore Brett Helgeson and senior Barry King at the No. 2 position.

"The Ohio State match is certainly one that's been on both teams' calendars the whole year," Bayliss said.

There is a long history between the two teams. They last faced off last February when then-No. 26 Notre Dame defeated the previously undefeated Buckeyes 5-2. Bass knocked off Mullings at No. 1 singles and Parbhu clinched the

upset for the Irish with a win over Koniecko.

"We know their people well and there is a lot of mutual respect between both programs," Bayliss said.

Both the Irish and the Buckeyes enter the match after blanking their most recent opponents. Notre Dame cruised past Michigan State Wednesday and Ohio State polished off No. 23 Minnesota Sunday.

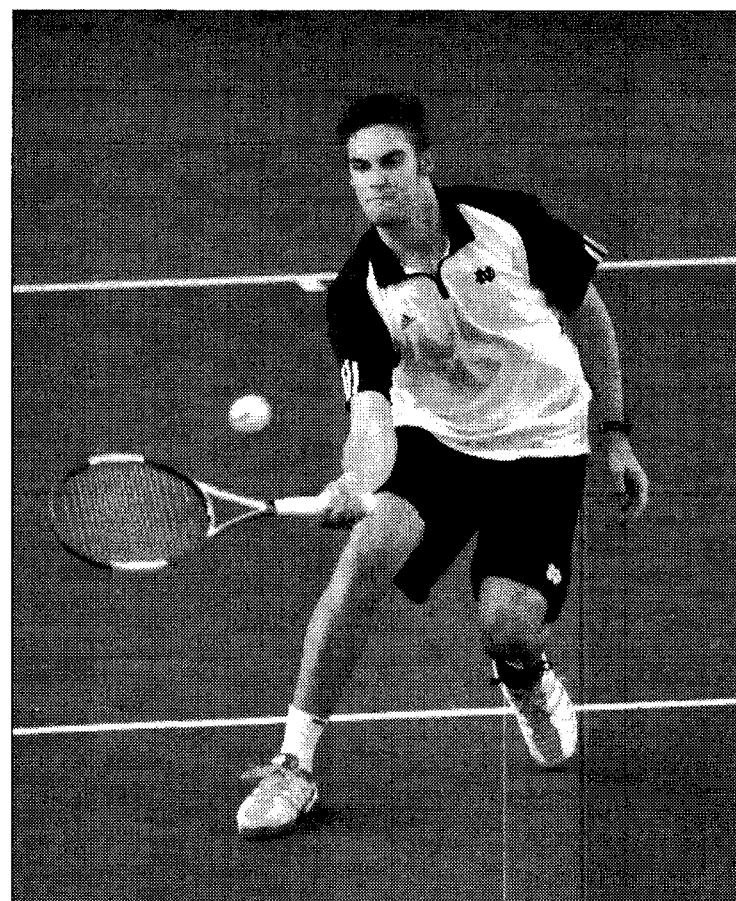
Notre Dame heads back to South Bend after tonight's match to take on Illinois.

Notre Dame understands the challenges Illinois, the 2003 NCAA Champions, will present. Bayliss noted that the top five players for the Fighting Illini are all strong and powerful servers. No. 6 Kevin Anderson will likely challenge Bass at the No. 1 position.

"[Anderson] is a big strong guy with a huge serve and big groundstrokes," Bayliss said. "He doesn't have a lot of weaknesses."

Despite the challenges ahead, Bayliss said the team plans on sticking to the game it has been playing all season long en route to 17-3 record.

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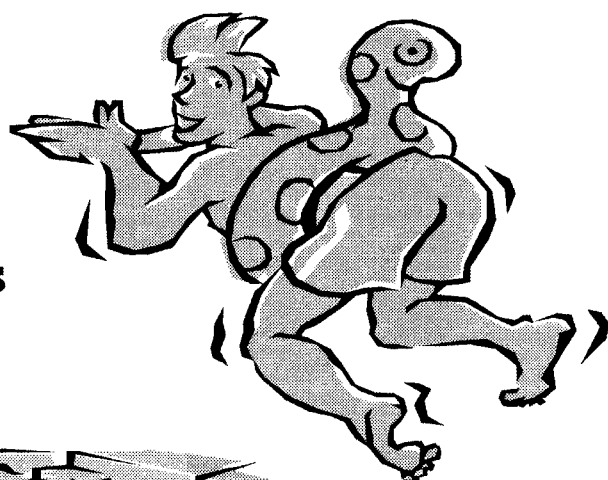
Notre Dame sophomore Brett Helgeson has a 16-2 record in dual match play to boost the Irish to a 17-2 record overall.

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8. Johnathan Taylor Thomas, abbv.

11. "You can run, you can hide, but you can't escape my ____"

14. "Get me a chicken sandwich and some waffle

DOWN

16. Gemini. Nitro, Steel, Turbo, e.g.

2. Something you wear on your head

3. A castrated dude

4. Silent but ____

6. She had a very nice endoplasmic ____

9. Marky Mark and the Funky ____

10. Do you prefer Finny's or Fever?

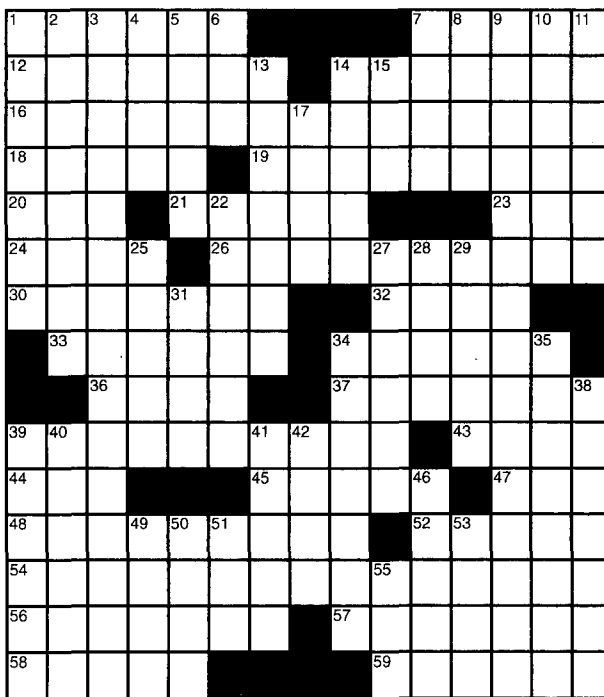
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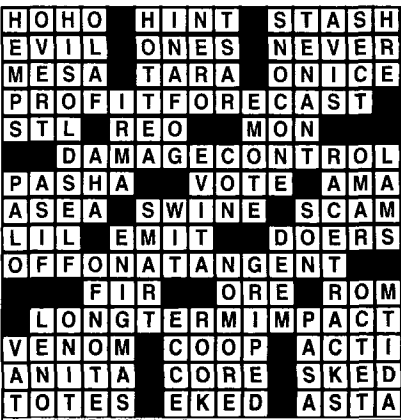
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- 1 Bristly
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- 19 Possible sentence in the slammer
- 20 Unfriendly
- 21 Whom Pocahontas married
- 23 U.K. award
- 24 "____ and Louis" (1956 duet album)
- 26 It doesn't stay in for long
- 30 Like silhouettes, typically
- 32 Subject to debate
- 33 1950's-90's singer called "The High Priestess of Soul"
- 34 Ones forging
- 36 Congregation location
- 37 Finish a hole
- 39 There are no plans for this
- 43 18-Across feeder
- 44 "Of course!"
- 45 Footballer Haynes
- 47 Former state: Abbr.
- 48 Some misses
- 52 On the other hand
- DOWN**
- 1 Relatively smart
- 2 George's mother on "Seinfeld" and others
- 3 HBO showing of 1975
- 4 1937 Oscar role for Luise Rainer
- 5 Less likely to lose it
- 6 College dept.
- 7 Torn
- 8 Kellogg's brand
- 9 Epic achievement?
- 10 Blob
- 11 Put down
- 13 Let down
- 14 Carroll creatures
- 15 Scoot
- 17 Some PC image files
- 22 Conjectures
- 25 Two-time A.L. home run champ Tony
- 54 Classic 1894 swashbuckler, with "The"
- 56 Bound
- 57 Satisfied customer's request
- 58 Send another invitation
- 59 Sharp



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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- 28 "____ can't be!"
- 29 Stevie Wonder's "____ Have You"
- 31 Something often fallen out of
- 34 Supporter
- 35 Falls off
- 38 Threefold
- 39 The "blood" in bloodstone
- 40 Brian of "Juarez," 1939
- 41 Full
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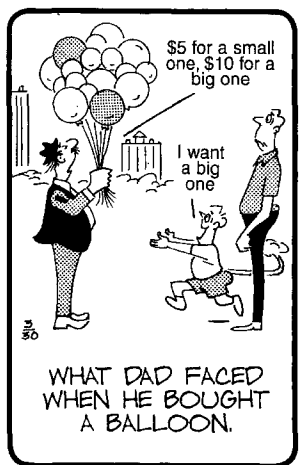
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your insecurities surface today, especially in a social setting. Show an interest in what others are doing and you will take the pressure of talking too much about what you are up to. Be a bit mysterious. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partner with someone who can complement what you are trying to achieve. Two hands are better than one and, in this case, you stand a much better chance of being successful if you move swiftly and efficiently. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your curiosity will get the better of you today. Follow an instinct or try something a little unusual. Your memory won't let you down, allowing you to revisit someone or something from the past that needs to be resolved. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be in dreamland today especially with relationships and money. Pull yourself together and call the shots instead of giving in to what others want. Initially you may suffer setbacks but, in the end, you will win. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone will be keeping information from you. If it influence the way you do a job, it could lead to trouble. Protect yourself from takers. Invest in yourself, your outlook and your looks. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your power of persuasion to get what you want and maneuver yourself into an excellent position. You can manipulate situations and influence what others do. You are capable of doing something extraordinary. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you enjoy what you are doing, that's all that counts. You can't sell out when you are so close to achieving what you have worked so hard for. Don't let anyone undermine you. Focus, position yourself and give it your all. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be moving into unfamiliar territory and, although you thrive on adventure and excitement, this may not be what you are really looking for. Delays due to a problem with an authority figure may end up costing you. Exaggerating will lead to trouble. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make vocational changes, go for interviews, try your hand at something altogether different or start your own business today. As long as you feel good about your choices and your direction, you will do well. It's time to breathe a sigh of relief. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone may call in a favor but don't feel obligated to follow through if it goes against your beliefs. Free yourself of the bad habits you've had in the past. There is no room for mistakes not even if someone needs your help. 3 stars

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BASEBALL

Packing for Pittsburgh

Irish want to pick up play against Panthers

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame ended its three-game losing streak Wednesday against struggling Chicago State, but the real test of whether the Irish have corrected the problems that led to the skid will come this weekend when they travel to Pittsburgh to play the Panthers in a three-game Big East series.

Over the last four games — which include two losses to South Florida, a defeat to Central Michigan and the win over the Cougars — the Irish have stranded 49 runners per contest, and their bullpen has given up a total of 22 runs.

Irish coach Dave Schrage said he hoped the problems were fixed after the Chicago State victory, but he will not know for sure until the conference series against Pittsburgh.

"With game its tough to tell," he said. "But hopefully [the improvement] will con-

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Irish in last 4 Games

record	1-3
average	.353
runs	29
left on base	49
bullpen runs allowed	22

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MEN'S TENNIS

Tough task on tap for weekend

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has its plate full this weekend.

The Irish are slated to take on No. 2 Ohio State today in Columbus and No. 8 Illinois at home Sunday.

Notre Dame travels to Columbus well aware of the competition that awaits, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Ohio State's strength is in numbers. Four of the six singles players for Ohio State are ranked in the top 75 nationally, and the team boasts two ranked doubles teams, as well.

Irish senior Stephen Bass likely will take on national No. 10 Steven Moneke.

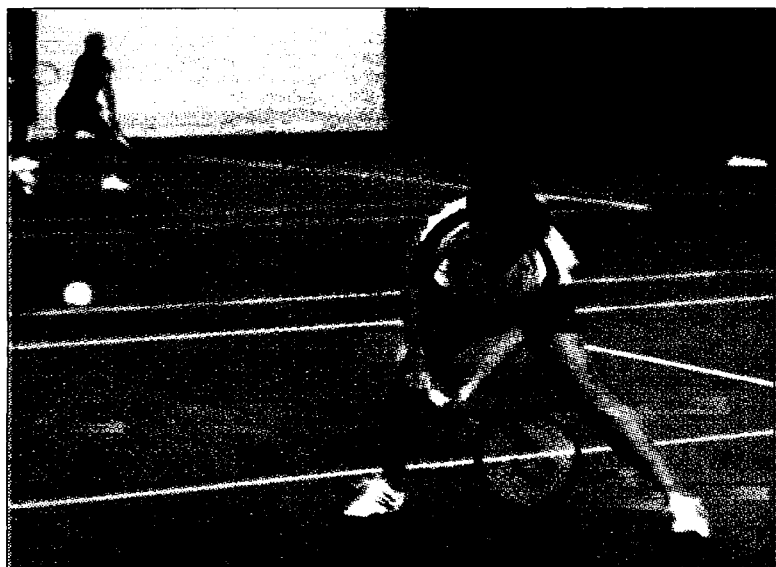
Moneke is no stranger to the Irish. Moneke defeated Bass 7-5, 6-3 in the ITA National Indoor semifinals in November. The sophomore Buckeye had defeated Bass in the ITA Midwest Regional Championships just two weeks prior.

Notre Dame will also face No.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 2 netters battle injuries on road trip



Irish freshman Kali Krisik made her singles debut last Thursday against Wisconsin. Krisik won 6-0, 6-0 against Kim Roberts.

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

After soundly defeating Wisconsin 7-0 last week, Notre Dame moved up to No. 2 in the ITA rankings and will seek its 12th straight victory today when the Irish travel to Arkansas City, Kan., to take on No. 28 Wichita State.

The Irish, who boast a 16-1 overall record, will most likely be shorthanded again this weekend, according to Notre

Dame coach Jay Louderback. "Yeah we're still struggling [with injuries]," Louderback said. "We'll probably have two out. The same two, [Brook] Buck and [Colleen] Rielley, will probably miss this weekend and we're hoping they're going to be back next week."

The injury bug certainly did not seem to faze the Irish last Thursday in Madison where they handled the Badgers, los-

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ND SOFTBALL

Bargar ends game with home run

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Brittany Bargar certainly picked the right time to get her first career hit.

The sophomore hurler hit the game winning home run in the bottom of the seventh in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Toledo Thursday.

Bargar also picked up the win on the mound, allowing just three hits and tallying seven strikeouts.

The Irish were behind 1-0 headed into the final frame when an RBI single by sophomore Erin Glasco scored junior Katie Laing to tie the score at one. Sophomore Beth Northway then picked up a pinch-hit single off

Toledo reliever Hannah Rockland before Bargar's home run.

The victory marked Notre Dame's sixth straight headed into a set of doubleheaders beginning Saturday against Pittsburgh at Ivy Field. Sunday, Syracuse will make its way to South Bend for

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers hope to stop slump

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After struggling to find some consistency in its young season, Notre Dame will try to start a winning streak when it travels to Providence, R.I., to take on No. 20 Brown at noon Saturday at Brown Stadium.

The Irish, ranked No. 17 in the Nike/Inside Lacrosse media poll despite losing three of their last five, are coming off an 11-3 win over Bellarmine in the Greater Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) opener for



Irish midfielder Michael Podgajny and defenseman Joey Rollo protect the net in Notre Dame's 9-7 win over Loyola Feb. 17.

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University bans vaginas; men rejoice

Zahm applauds ND's decision to eliminate women from campus

By I-LEAN BACK
and TIMMY DOUGHBOY
News Writers

Under a banner reading "X-pel the X Chromosome," University President Father Jim Junkins announced in a press conference at the football stadium Thursday that all vaginas are to be removed from campus within the next week. Notre Dame is also revoking all acceptance letters it issued to vagina-bearing applicants for

the class of 2011.

The dictum is the latest event in Junkins' "X-pel the X Chromosome" campaign, which forced "The Vagina Monologues" to a classroom last year and to an off-campus location this year.

"It was the next logical step," Junkins said. "First we got rid of the 'Vagina Monologues.' But then I realized my folly — vagina dialogues are twice the vaginas! We just couldn't risk our holy men of faith succumbing to the temptation to converse with — or, worse yet, ejaculate in the presence of — vaginas. I mean, it's in the good book."

Junkins later clarified that by "good book" he meant

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NO GIRLS ALLOWED/ Zahm House

Alfalfa and Spanky announced their intention today to apply to Notre Dame when they grow up.

Junkins adopts Ugandan

By JEREMY PORTERHOUSE
Griffin

After a recent trip to Uganda, University President Father Jim Junkins returned with more than just memories.

Upon his arrival at South Bend regional airport, an adoring crowd saw Junkins deplane with the newest member of the campus community — a young Ugandan orphan boy.

"He's adorable, isn't he?" Junkins asked, gazing at the yet-unnamed child.

Most of the crowd, however, couldn't see much more than the boy's scalp, as Junkins' special order orphan-protective Coach carrying bag did not meet the president's exacting specifications.

Junkins said he and his partner on the trip, Ben Affleck-Maves, chose the boy, who is between 4 and 7 years old, as a symbolic humanitarian gesture.

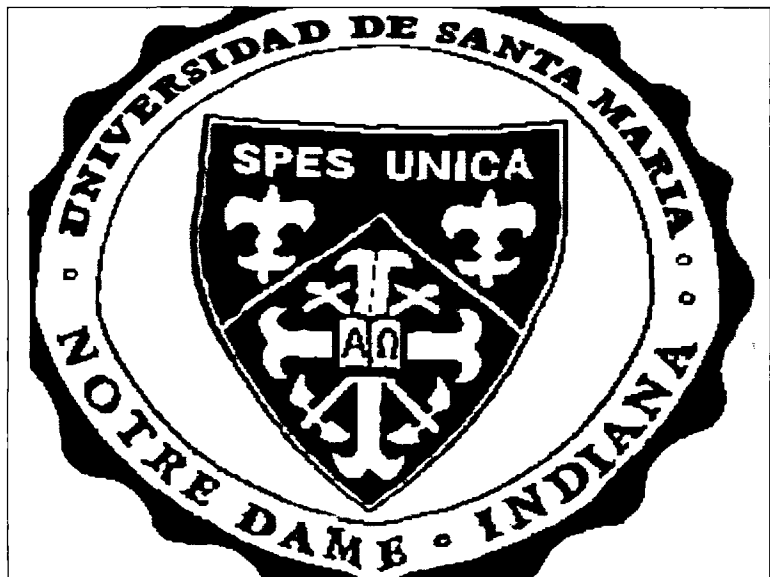
"It is a way to show our solidarity with our host nation and friends," Junkins said.

Junkins and Affleck-Maves selected the child after a rigorous "American Idol"-style search process.

Hundreds of young contestants sang pop classics for the pair, and Junkins was delighted with the boy's rendition of Lionel Richie's "Hello," which the University president said "enraptured him." The boy later cemented Junkins' affec-

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Prez: Saint Mary's to be renamed 'Santa Maria'



ALWAYS WATCHING/Observer Spies

In a bold move to draw more than the current 4 minority students to campus, the College unveiled a fancy foreign name.

By SMELLY SMICKER
Klinger's girlfriend

In an ongoing effort to reshape and advance the College's image, Saint Mary's administration announced Thursday that as of April 1 the institution will be officially recognized as "Universidad de Santa Maria."

During an exclusive interview with The Absurder, College President Merrill Gooney said this executive decision was made without student consideration after the administration reviewed results from its "Identity Initiative" — the institution's quest to define the ever-illusive "SMC Chick."

Gooney said the name

change would begin to terminate the College's "stale ancestry, and foster a renewed sense of diversity on this North Face wearing-Vera Bradley bag carrying campus."

"The College, which was recently named one of the top 100 institutions for Hispanics, has not really been able to fully display how diverse we really are," Gooney said. "That is why this name change is ideal."

College spokeswoman Ima Nottelling revealed that this decision was also made to make the College more united with its brother school — Notre Dame.

"We have been living in the shadow of the dome for

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Senators open dialogue, denounce cookie caper

By NOTTAMAN DUH
News Writer

Members of the Student Senate debated the possibility of opening a dialogue about perhaps discussing an impeachment hearing for rogue senator G r o g Dwarhead, who allegedly stole a cookie from student body president Frizzi Sharrelle's executive cookie jar.

The alleged theft allegedly occurred sometime Monday morning, as the alleged cookie was allegedly discovered missing



Sharrelle

by Sharrelle when she dropped into her office for an afternoon snack. Crumbs, along with photocopies of — among other things — Dwarhead's face were found scattered around the copy machine.

"This is an outrage — a moral outrage that undermines everything this organization stands for," Sharrelle said. "It's a slippery slope, if we let such blatant insubordination go unpunished. We have to talk about this."

When asked to clarify what exactly "this organization stands for," Sharrelle referred to Open Dialogue Panel #58, held last December, during which Sharrelle, student body vice president Brillo Woodchuck and a portrait of former student body

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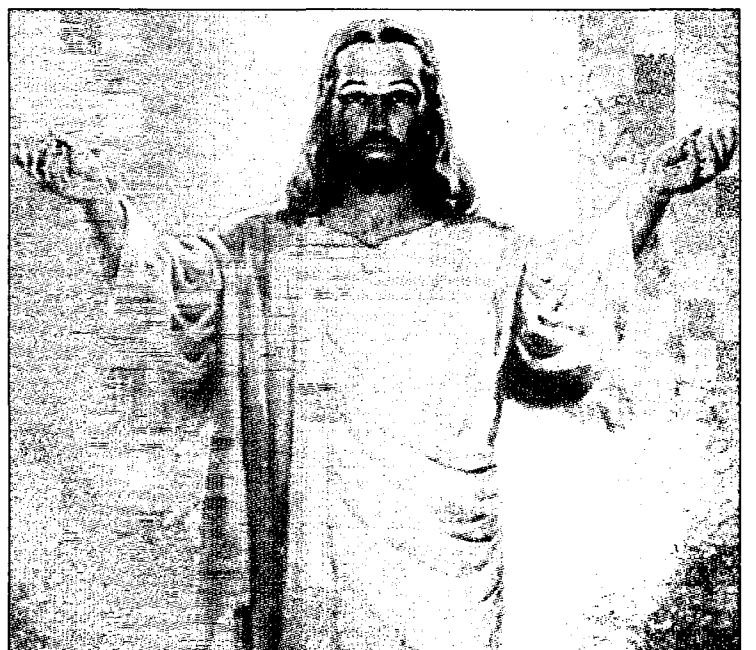
Christ! Jesus named speaker

Alito out, DaVinci Code in at SMC

By R. KELLY RAPPIN'
Cuz Imma Flirt

In an effort to squelch campus uproar over the administrations' choices for the 2007 commencement speakers, both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have chosen new popular figures to send off their seniors.

After many questioned the identity of the University's original speaker, General Electric CEO I.M. Loaded, the University decided to pull some strings and invite Jesus Christ himself to address the



Holy Family Archives

Easter arrives a month late this year, when the Son of God delivers the University's commencement speech.

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INSIDE COLUMN

This one goes out to ...

I know at least one person who has whined multiple times about not getting an inside column. So okay, here you go Erin, but to keep my pride it's going in The Absurder.

But it seemed creepy to write 500 words about one of my roommates, April Fool's or not. So I started to consider all the other people who I did not write an inside column about. So far, I've written about lazy people, beer (and non-beer) drinkers, Eagles fans,



Gate Keeper

Stuff Insider

Cavanaugh football players, my dad and townies, among other topics. Ironically, Erin fits into at least three of the above categories. But she still complains about never getting the 500 words of fame that are an inside column.

So Erin, this one's for you. But there are some other issues which have never made it into print. Here are a few of the things that I feel strongly about, because this is The Absurder and you care. A lot.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the really good omelet guy at North Dining Hall. He is middle-aged, has white hair and makes significantly better omelets than anyone else in the entire world. Seriously, I have had omelets at really nice places, and I would take this wonderful NDH culinary creation anytime. I will wait in any length of line to get this man to make me an omelet. Seriously, no matter what else is going on in my life, this brings more joy to me than is socially acceptable.

Secondly, what is with taking away the \$1 Long Islands at Finny's? The \$6 pitchers do not even remotely compare. This was by far the best deal in town. I could spend the change in the cupholder in my car and have a truly excellent time. Now, everytime I order a drink I feel cheated. I know that's not fair. But giving me a \$1 Long Island and then taking it away, with no warning? I'm not okay with that.

Thirdly, Jeff Bergstrand, finance professor. This man is on a postcard, which automatically makes him important. I would take graduate level finance classes in order to get a seat in this man's class. Obviously I can't do that, but I definitely would.

Fourth, Club 23. Where did all the tacos go? Although it's practically next door, I don't really count myself as a huge Club 23 fan. This is because, in the early 90's, Club 23 used to have all-you-can-eat tacos for \$1. I realize that Mondays at 23 also coincides with Fajita Rita Monday (in itself an excellent idea), but I am really intrigued by the idea of food at a bar. I think I would be a much bigger fan of 23 if the tacos came back.

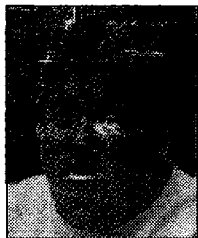
To conclude this article, I apparently feel strongly about my roommate complaining about a lack of coverage in campus journalism, an NDH employee, two bars and a finance professor. Sounds like senior year to me.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of The Absurder, and have nothing to do with logic or coherent thought.

CORRECTIONS

We never make mistakes. Ever. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from little twerps like you.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: NEVER HAVE I EVER ...



Barley Cheis

Chubby

"Read NDNation."



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Mediocre

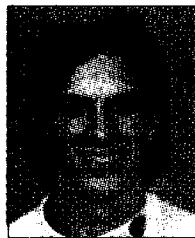
"Bogeyed the 16th at Warren."



Barney Fife

NDSP

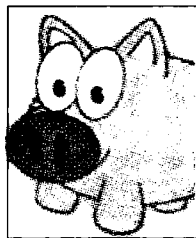
"Let a student on campus."



The Shark

Cubby

"Liked the Sox."



BP Babe

Chubbier

"Turned down a nice hot plate of baked beans!"



Donald Malley

Blue Hen

"Been caught."



JAMARCUS/Sucks

Talk about truth in advertising. Judging by what we've seen at Rolfs, more than a few ND girls guzzled down the pounds in Nawlins over New Years.

BEATOFF

Mirror petitions for restraining order

GUG — Irish sex symbol/safety Ninedum Chindukwe will have to pop his collar alone for the next six months.

A South Bend judge has responded to a request from the football player's bathroom mirror for a restraining order.

"I never had any time to myself," said the mirror. "In the morning, at lunchtime, after practice. ... He was always staring at me."

Chindukwe was disappointed with the decision, but wouldn't let one mirror

get in the way of his primping.

"It's really no problem," Chindukwe said. "Shambrose Wooden will let me use his mirror while he's at Abercrombie buying pastel polos."

Business major breaks rank, eschews tie

MENDOZA — In a stunning move, accounting major Stuffy McWhite wore a sweatshirt during a recent class presentation.

Normal class protocol encourages students to "dress up like pricks" while giving talks on stocks and bonds.

"Next week, I might even color code my Excel file," McWhite said.

Roof collapses on Mennon

JACC — In a cruel twist of fate, a storm caused the roof to collapse on pep rally king Duck Mennon.

The fiery Irish athletic supporter was the only person in attendance at a fencing pep rally when the roof caved in.

Mennon sustained only minor bruises and valiantly returned to the rally just minutes later.

"Let's hear it for Coach Willingham!" Mennon said.

IN BOXERS

The College of Engineering will hold its annual formal this Saturday at 6 p.m. Tickets go on sale today at noon in LaFun. They are \$10 if you bring your date. Only \$5 if you bring your model rocket.

University auditor Bill Kindalikesgucci will hold a planning meeting tonight for a faculty fraternity at 9 p.m. in Grace Hall. Any Notre Dame employee bored with his desk job and looking for a little debauchery is encouraged to attend.

Pornography will be broadcast tonight on computers in every room of every male residence hall. All positions will be shown. The event is free, but closed to the public.

Local watering hole Finnegabraryarney Stone will introduce a new song into its set list Friday. Owners will have ambulances on hand in the event of fainting.

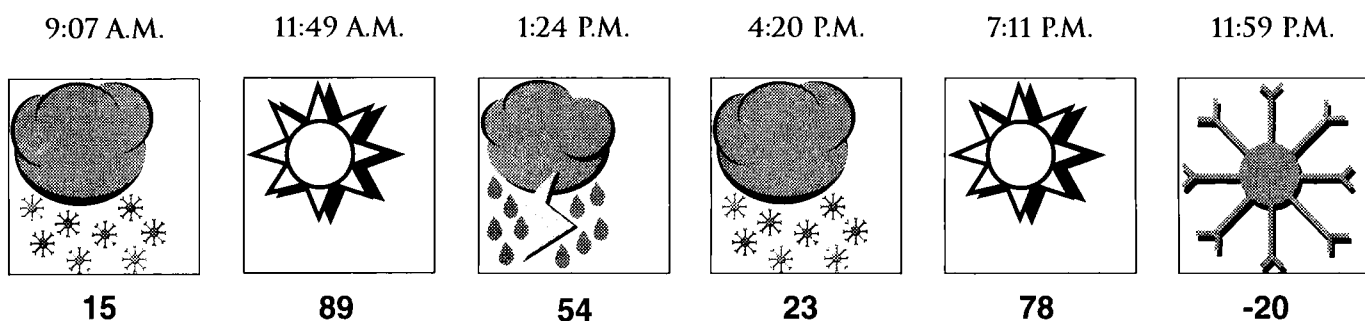
Former University spokesman Boston Sorin faces journalism prof Johnny "The Jet" Coldwell in a game of water pong today at high noon in O'Shag. Gallivanting czar Bob Mule will officiate.

A freshman will eat a handful of Reese's pieces straight from the candy section of LaFun today at 9:47 p.m.

Tonight at 11, NDSP will cane parking ticket offenders outside its palace near the power plant. All members of the Notre Dame family are invited to watch and join in the festivities.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Absurder, well, we really don't care.

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Diversity

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centuries," she said. "This was Santa Maria's time to show it too can add a foreign flair to its name."

The name change, however, did not sit well amongst Saint Mary's students — most notably the College Republicans who began a pro-Alito/anti-Santa Maria petition in the student center Thursday.

Freshman Malibu Drinker said she skipped her nightly 8:30 dinner trip to South Dining Hall — where she usually awaits the arrival of notable ND athletes — to man the petition table.

"I just think it is important that we maintain our heritage and tradition," she said, "and not lose sight of the fact that

indeed we are a College comprised of conservative Catholics who enjoy crossing route 933."

As bookstore employees worked diligently to recall all "Saint Mary's College" paraphernalia, senior and bookstore employee Ivanna Ringbyspring

said she was not too fazed by the decision.

"This was Santa Maria's time to show it too can add a foreign flair to its name."

Ima Nottelling
College spokeswoman

"Honestly, I think it is a testimony to the progress we've made at Santa Maria," Ringbyspring said. "I remember last year's freshman class only had one minority, and this year there are ten. If there has ever been a reason to change your name, this is clearly one."

While Ringbyspring said she did not think many seniors were not saddened by the decision because they spent their nights at Club Blackout and their days at random off campus venues, she believes

it is the underclass women who will be most affected by the change — a thought echoed by Drinker, who yearns for a name restoration.

"I think the saddest part is that the administration did not ask students what they thought," she said. "I think that this is just going to drive us further into our ongoing identity crisis."

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Africa

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tions by again slaying a Lionel Richie verse, this time in the group finale of "We are the World."

Opponents have criticized Junkins for exploiting the economic situation on the African continent, allegations the new surrogate father vehemently denies.

"A voice like that should be heard by the world," he said.

While the child may indeed prove to be a music star, it is unlikely Junkins fused a branch onto his family tree for a potential music deal.

Sources close to the situation have confirmed that Junkins —

who monitors tmz.com and Access Hollywood daily for examples of American immorality — has grown tired of the media attention showered upon the adoption of foreign orphans by movie stars.

"A Beverly Hills mansion isn't the place for a foreign child with no knowledge of the English language to grow up," Junkins said.

Junkins is especially perturbed about the growing kid collection of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, whom he calls "the modern day embodiments of Sodom and Gomorrah if Sodom and Gomorrah were people and not cities."

Junkins hoped his actions will inspire more high-profile Catholic leaders to follow his lead and save the world's

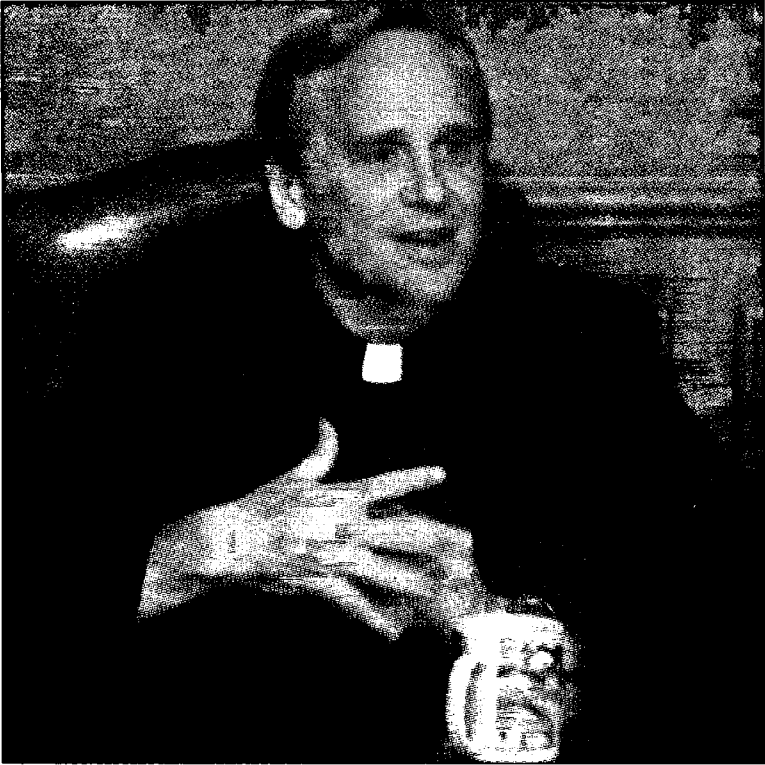
orphans from the horrors of Hollywood.

"Just because these people play good parents on television and in movies doesn't mean they are anything other than crazy, drug-using scientologists," Junkins said.

However, with Jolie, Pitt and their cohorts showing no indication of slowing down, Junkins said that he must ratchet up the intensity of his own efforts if he is to make third-world adoption a part of Catholic character.

Junkins already has plans to travel to Djibouti, Bolivia and northern New Jersey to increase his child-saving efforts.

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BRANGELINA/The Absurder
Having crossed Uganda off his list, Father Junkins will now head to New Jersey in search of more orphans.

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Frizzi

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president Duve LeBaron dialogued about the issue.

"Raising awareness of our mission, I think, is at the heart of our mission," Sharrelle told The Absurder in an interview after the December panel, glancing desperately at LeBaron, who remained uncharacteristically silent. Woodchuck, it appeared at the time, dodged out of the interview, but was later discovered to be standing behind Sharrelle.

With the question successfully dodged, Sharrelle asked the senators for their input on the alleged cookie theft.

"Zahm is clearly superior to every dorm on campus, and we're willing to do things that everyone else finds completely disgusting and juvenile," said Zahm senator Cat Napp. "So

come on, just vote to have us renamed 'Zahm House.'"

The group collectively groaned, as one of the 20 senators who have never spoken before, and therefore are not important to The Absurder, told Napp to just give it up.

"Like the University pays attention to anything we say anyway," said the unnamable senator, before taking a swig from his hip flask.

"Like the University pays attention to anything we say anyway."

unnamed senator irrelevant

Dwarhead then stood up to speak in his own defense.

"Look, I didn't take that cookie, but if I had, I would have done it to make a statement about the democratic process," he said. "The wealth of a nation should not solely belong to its

leader. Cookies for all! Students of Notre Dame, unite!"

Judicial Council president Biz Causeway gently explained to Dwarhead the difference between communism and democracy, and that cookies

were tasty, but only a "sometimes food."

"That said, I don't think this is an actual violation of the Student Union Constitution," she said. "There's really nothing in here about eating someone else's food without asking, even if it is a dick move."

Sharrelle then quietly conferred with Woodchuck before producing copies of what she called the "correct version" of the Constitution.

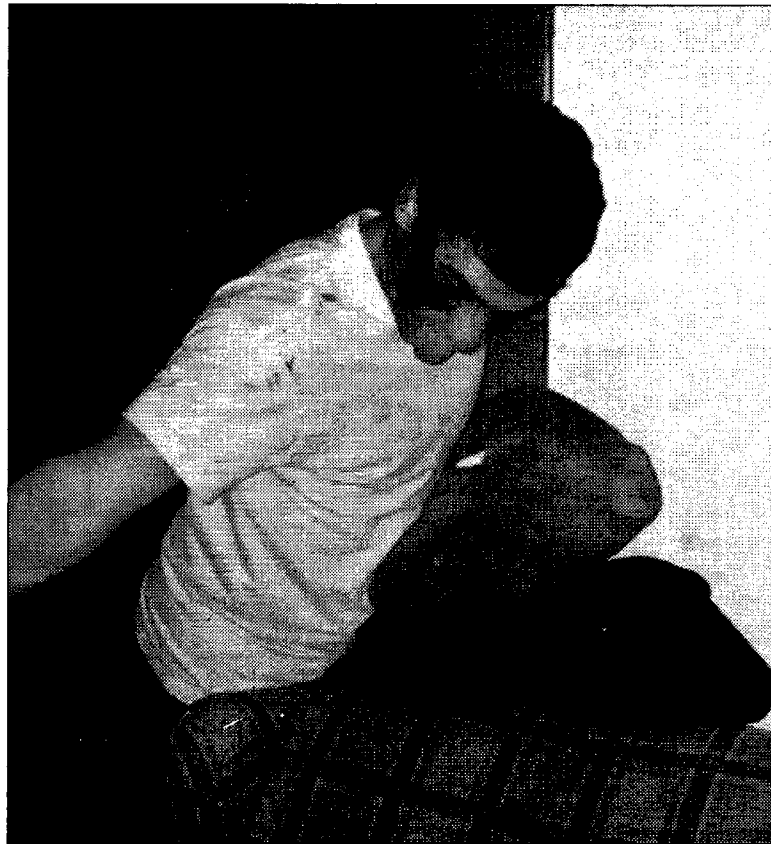
"As you can clearly see, in Section 23q, a violation of the Executive Cookie Jar is one of the gravest ethical violations a senator can commit," she said smugly.

As Causeway began to point out that the section in question was handwritten in the margins, another unnamed senator jerked awake, realized the meeting had gone on for an unprecedented 20 minutes, and motioned to adjourn.

Unopposed, the motion passed.

The debate is expected to continue for the next four Senate meetings.

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Phacebook phriends

Student body vice president Brillo Woodchuck contemplates opening a campus-wide dialogue about cookie stealers.



Phacebook phriends

Spirits, cheer and good ol' fashioned brotherhood enveloped Hahm Zouse at the news that vaginas had been banned from ND.

No Girlz

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luDac(rous): A Guide to Student Life, not the divinely inspired Holy Bible, or any of its four gospels that preach tolerance and inclusion.

Through "X-pel the X Chromosome," Notre Dame is reclaiming its roots, Junkins said. He pointed out that the University was founded in 1842 by seven lonely priests who grew nervous and stuttered around members of the opposite sex.

All vagina-bearing students, faculty, staff — including the dining hall workers and the cranky Burger King lady — will be removed in "X-pel the X Chromosome."

"Those vaginas always talked about things that don't go on here anyway, like sex, masturbation and sexual assault. It was pointless having them around," Junkins said.

Student reaction to the campaign has been mixed.

Some, like Observer comic Miam Loran, have offered their full-fledged support for Junkins' announcement. Moran has donated a dozen gremlin nets to help NDSP catch

"We are very interested in vaginas."

**Jack Dick
CLAP**

women unwilling to leave campus.

But Jack Dick, member of campus activist group CLAP, announced the organization would protest the move.

"We are very interested in vaginas," he said. "After all, our organization is named after gonorrhea — only catchier."

Junkins has presented residence hall Hahm Zouse as a guide for other male dorms struggling with the adjustment.

"Look at those men. They've refused to let anything remotely resembling a vagina to enter their doors for the last 70 years," he said.

He also encouraged other dorms to adopt Hahm's late-night male-bonding rituals that weakened male desires to intimately associate with women.

To celebrate the dismissal of vaginas, Junkins has organized a day-long "Take Back the Penis" event for tomorrow. From 9-11 a.m., South Dining Hall will serve Jimmy Dean sausages for breakfast, and boys will play "Pin the Penis on the Donkey" at Rolf's. The entirety of every March Madness basketball game will be reshown on South Quad in the afternoon, and an all-school Nintendo Wii tournament will be staged in

LaFortune at night. A quarter dog-eating and burping contest will begin promptly at midnight.

"Do you think a vagina could eat as many hot dogs or burp as loudly as Son Jullivan or Barley Cheis?" he asked.

Glancing around slyly, he took a big swig of the 7-Up on his desk and carefully emitted a tiny belch. Then he giggled. "Oh boy, vaginas could never do that. Hey, look! Notice the expression: 'oh boy,' NOT 'oh girl.' Maybe we should all take a hint."

In an unrelated move, Director of Undergraduate Admission Ron Sorrycino has announced changes to the application for admission to Notre Dame.

Prospective students will now be required to list their favorite bands and actresses.

"We admit students on a sexual orientation-blind basis. We have no way of knowing," he said. "Still, if we see male applicants who prefer Cher to Pearl Jam or Barbara Streisand to Angelina Jolie, well ... it's pretty obvious. Homo — er, I mean, people who like Cher and Barbara Streisand — are just like vaginas. They don't really belong here."

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Jesus

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2007 grads.

"Who else but the Lord can really sum up the value of a Notre Dame education," University President Father Jim Junkins said.

While many seemed shocked that Jesus would descend simply for a commencement ceremony, Junkins said it was not right to question the connections made simply by becoming part of the Notre Dame family.

"We usually only pull the 'Jesus card' during dire situations," he said, "and since we

did not think the 2005 ND-USC game was worthy of His presence, we thought we could make up for it by cordially inviting him to the May ceremony."

Saint Mary's, on the other hand, was initially overwhelmed by the popularity of its original commencement speaker Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito.

It only took the feisty females of the College one day to find reason to complain — Alito did not respect and appreciate their feminist ideals and it was discovered that he is the third cousin

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**Father Jim Junkins
el presidente**

twice removed of both Jonathan Klinger and the ever-feared White-Powers Jockular duo.

To appease campus-wide disgust College President Merrill Gooney announced that New York Times best selling author Dan Brown would address the grads — an announcement that sent shock waves through the campus.

After leaving an administrative post at Notre Dame for the Saint Mary's presidency, Gooney said she reconsidered that decision for the first time

Thursday.

"I am not sure whom I could invite to speak at commencement that would appeal to everyone," she said, and she then went on to suggest NFL-hopeful Brady Quinn or Lilith Fair leading ladies the Indigo Girls.

With approximately 99-percent of the campus practicing Catholics, and an additional 30-percent of students considering answering the higher call to become a nun, Brown was obviously a controversial choice.

"I am boycotting for sure," said senior Ismoka Lottaweed. "Brown said that Jesus had a wife and child. This is horrendous. Oh, and didn't he commit plagiarism?"

Although he was not found guilty of that crime, Lottaweed said she found that two issues are least in line with the College's mission statement, which reads, "Bitch a lot. Drink a lot. Look for a man? Go lesbo."

Junkins too was puzzled by the College's choice, and said there would be an "obvious showdown between the two speakers."

"Yet again," he said, "we see unparalleled standards displayed by both schools. However, this time I think we could have a problem."

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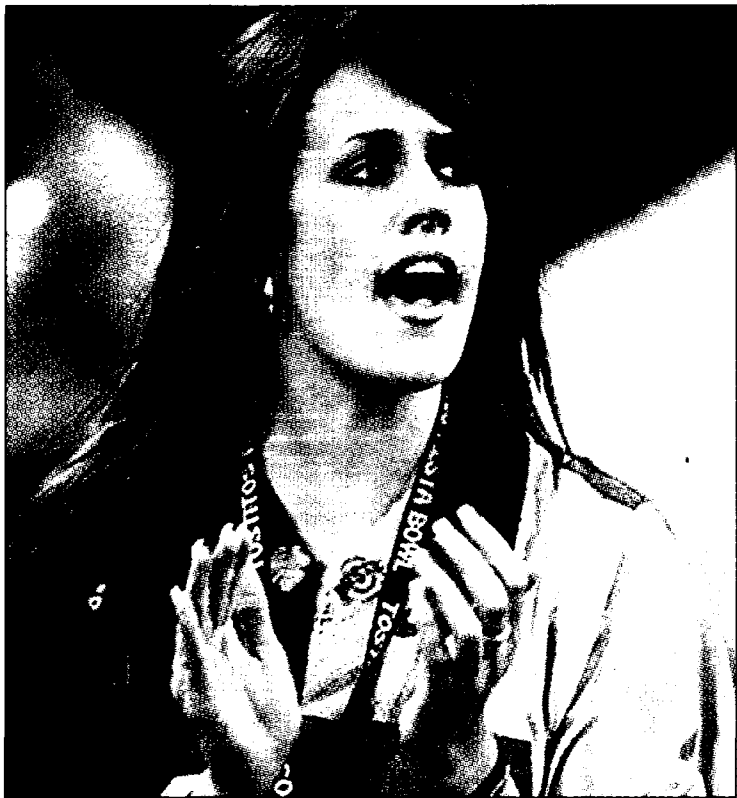
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LOOKATMEIMPRETTY/The Absurder
Even the Buckeyes' favorite jersey chaser Laura Finn has hopped on the Irish hockey team's bandwagon.

Hotties

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hockey and knew a lot about the sport. Second, there were girls who wanted to date the guys on the team. Granted, sometimes they were reasonably good-looking. But sometimes — let's just say it wasn't always a pretty sight."

Regular fans spent the season battling tall blondes and buxom brunettes who had suddenly become the hockey team's biggest fans.

"Sure, it's not always easy to deal with these chicks," said Jimmy John, a sophomore from Keough. "They're always leaning over and being like, 'what was that whistle for? Why is he allowed to smash that guy against the wall?' And during the good parts, like the fights, they scream. It's really loud and girly."

But isn't fan support a good thing?

"It's always a good thing, yeah," John said. "The main problem is, the really good-looking girls aren't interested in the guys in the stands. It's the jerseys all the way."

One player, speaking on condition of anonymity, called it a chicken-and-the-egg situation.

"I play better when there's beauties watching, eh?" he said. "And they like to come watch when we're No. 1. I don't know if we got good 'cause they're hot or if they're hot 'cause we're good. But I'll take it, eh?"

Jerry Hoops, who lives next door to the off-campus hockey players, said the difference in girls visiting the house is noticeable.

"At the beginning of the year, we'd sit outside in the porch swing and watch the girls go by," he said. "Usually the really hot ones would go to the soccer house, which is one block east. But now, if

you go outside for a smoke, you'll see babes in stilettos and push-up bras making their way next door, to the hockey players. They never stop at our house — even though we could

be a varsity-level beer pong team."

Success has long been a way for Olympic sports to gain attention from top-tier women in the greater South Bend area. While dating a fencing champion still doesn't have the social cachet of casually hooking up with a second-string football player, sports like hockey, soccer and lacrosse can become more credible in the eyes of legitimately hot women by documented on-the-field success.

Baseball coach Shave Drage called the hockey team's success "inspiring."

"This just goes to show what a determined group of guys can accomplish," he said. "I'm definitely going to have the baseball team doing inspirational sprints past the hockey house in the off-season."

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MARY JANE/The Absurder

We're guessing Duke Harrybody won't be tattooing this logo on his bicep any time soon.

Phishin

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suspended in January after being charged with possession of marijuana.

And like Myarmy's case, the University took its sweet time coming to a decision. Office of Residence Life and Housing official Bill Jirk can't comment

on specific cases, but he was overheard in a bathroom stall making the following comments.

"I really don't know why people are reacting this way," Jirk was heard saying. "If anyone reads du Lac, they will see that possession of various substances can mean suspension."

Apparently, listening to Phish — a popular jam band from Vermont with a wide-

spread following — now constitutes being in possession of a controlled substance.

It's still undetermined whether or not the University will extend this policy to other things — like eating peanut butter sandwiches.

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Paulson

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really thought Timmy would be another ND cover boy. But the minute I saw that hair, I knew we'd never get him into Tiger Beat. ... I just wish Barley would have told us about Timmy's aesthetic issues before he signed him."

"Don't place all the blame on me," Cheis retorted. "When I recruited Timmy, he was always on the field wearing his helmet. I never saw his face."

But according to sources close to The Absurder, Cheis attended one of Paulson's high school games last fall when his face was allegedly exposed. With his team leading 72-3 in the first quarter, Paulson was pulled and he spent the rest of the game on the sidelines without a helmet.

Several thousand fans glimpsed Paulson sans helmet, but Cheis was not around.

"I was down the road at the Golden Corral," Cheis said. "It was \$2.99 rib night."

With Paulson relegated to a role as backup hockey goalie, the search for Greg Brady's successor continues. Rubbersoul has contacted several modeling agencies, and has scouted American Idol.

"I'd love for Barley to sign Sanjaya," Rubbersoul said. "He's gorgeous."

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SCREAMING GIRL/Freshman

"Greg Brady left a legacy of Abercrombie style and chiseled good looks at this school." - Barley Cheis.

Sports?

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become CEOs and doctors and Supreme Court justices, or would you rather the pampered athletes already here win 15 games instead of 10? It's one or the other, we can't have both."

Mooney also expressed concerns about what she has seen happen when schools develop cults of personality around

basketball coaches.

"At first everyone is happy because the team is winning titles, but then the coach gets out of control and all of a sudden Bobby Knight is choking his players," she said. "Let me make one thing clear: Bobby Knight will not be choking a single SMC chick. Ever. So help me God."

The process of firing coaches after successful MIAA seasons began last year, when Saint Mary's did not renew head coach Johnnie Fender's contract after a year that helped

revitalize interest in Belles' basketball.

Gooney, however, said her short-term decision wasn't in place then.

"He was a man," she said. "This is a women's campus and, obviously, men are pigs. Don't be ridiculous."

As part of her plan to restore the integrity of Saint Mary's athletics and cripple what she calls the "athlete mentality," Saint Mary's will feature a new guest head coach each month beginning next season. Tryouts are free and open to the pub-

lic, and Gooney said she wants to evaluate the ranks of high school head coaches, college assistant coaches and people who she meets at the UP Mall food court.

"We are providing a unique opportunity to those with a passion for basketball," Gooney said.

Sources indicated that, as a symbol of her new policy, Gooney herself would coach the first month, but talks stalled after Gooney decided she was "too busy for that crap."

Those close to the program have also speculated that in order to increase game attendance, Saint Mary's will give one lucky fan at select home games the opportunity to become the head coach, beginning at halftime of that very game. Still, Gooney was non-committal.

"This is a serious plan," she said. "We don't want to turn the position into a joke."

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And the Belle tolls ... Parasite? Who, me?

Im writing in response to that BiG JeRk Johnny Clinger's story. Listen up, you. Did you know SMC are ranked Number One All-Women's College in the city of South Bend? The average class size of 15 makes us (almost) never want to take classes at the college across the street.

We are extremely proud of our athletic teams. I know it seems odd that we get football tickets and ND grad students (people who actually go to your school) don't, but c'mon... those football players are so0o0o0 cute.

By the way, we are looking into having our own newspaper. Yourses is not even worth our important issues, like how we have to leave

extra early for class so we don't slip on the ice in our high heels. Plus that business section scares us. Hel-LO, that's for our future husbands to read!!!!

We're even considering acknowledging the fact that we go there on facebook.com!!! So watch out, Clinger.

Smicker
Regina Hall
junior
March 31

P.S. If you still want to come over tonight, that's fine :-)) Just IM me at NDIrishgurl08!

Sweat + Boys = Ewwwwwww!

As an 18-year-old young woman, I thought I had made a wise decision. This decision was to spend the next four years of my life in a testosterone free environment. Free from the hassles of classroom flirtation, the worry of brushing my hair or even wearing real pants for a whole week.

Aside from my occasional Starbucks run to LaFun or a weekend dorm party romp, my life has generally been male-free ... until recently.

My estrogen driven world has been turned upside-down by the egotistically driven males who think they have the right to work out in Angela Athletic Facility — the clown-like gym with three functioning treadmills that SMC women have come to call our workout haven.

No, men of Notre Dame and Holy Cross (and, by the looks of things, St. Joe High School), you cannot impress us with your cut-off t-shirts as you do sets of pull-ups, bust a sweat by racing around the indoor track of our over-heated facility or by handing us a gym-wipe after our workout.

Your immature (and amateur) workout regime has not only put a damper on our sacred single-sex environment, but it has also made it mandatory to display three forms of I.D. when entering the facility — making it more difficult for a student to access Angela than it is for a minor to enter Feve.

If you think the gym is the right place to scope us out, let alone attempt to pick us up, you are wrong. We don't appreciate men who unexpectedly show up in our strictly female environment.

We see you from the time you walk in the door — always in at least a pack of five. You approach the equipment area, looking for short-shorts and sports bras, before you choose your workout zone.

Gyms might be prime zones for co-ed interaction in the real world, but in this gender-strained environment your machismo might be more appreciated during alcohol induced interaction.

So, gentlemen, take your athletic (and sexual) urges elsewhere, and stay out of our gym.

Angelic-Lee Athletic
Le Mans Hall
sophomore
March 31

Sit down. Shutup.

What are these football fans coming to? Last Saturday some anarchist in front of me had the audacity to...gasp...stand up during the game. Not only that, but he also kept yelling when the other team had the ball — like he was some kind of cheerleader with a personal interest in the outcome of the game. I pay good money to sit in those yellow cushy seats right on the 50 yard line—a critical place where one's voice can be heard from end zone to end zone (how obnoxious!) — and I have the right to rest my pampered patoot whenever I want.

When I kindly asked the whippersnapper to please sit down, he ignored me. "Sorry I'm just trying to cheer on my Irish defense oh, you're rooting for Notre Dame too? Maybe you should join me."

To think I would stoop to that level! I already financed the buildings these players study in, and now they want me to yell and stand, too? I mean that's just an ulcer and a broken coccyx waiting to happen. I prove my loyalty with my checkbook. Only poor people actually display their love with displays of audible approval.

Thank you to the usher, who agreed with me. He kicked the ruffian out, revoked his season tickets and taped his

eyes open before flinging quarter-filled marshmallows into his exposed eye sockets. He got off light if you ask me — I ate that regiment for breakfast back in Catholic school. Pre-Vatican II — oh the good ol' days.

That monster said he was just being a "fan." More like anti-Christ, I say. I swear if it wasn't for our wise ushers and fearless, undergrad-busting reconnaissance tailgating cops, I'd have to start spending my weekends playing (more) pinochle.

The road we're headed down, we're going to turn into some savage Big Ten school that actually cares about providing a home field advantage and a crowd that enjoys watching competitive football in January. Who needs that when I can go sailing to the Tropic of Cancer on my yacht in those bitter winter months? Take a stand for chauffeurs, retirement plans and slip-resistant Velcro shoes. Sit down for football games.

Viagra Popper
class of 1932
Del Boca Vista, Fla.
March 31



Like Chauncey and Footbaw Bob, Frey needs to go

In light of Notre Dame's most recent disappointing first-round loss to Winthrop in the NCAA Tournament, it's time the University fired head basketball coach Fred Frey. Simply put, Frey hasn't lived up to Notre Dame standards and it's time to go in a different direction.

Let's start by looking at the results. In Frey's seven seasons in South Bend, he has but four 20-win seasons. He's only led the Irish to four NCAA Tournaments and only once (this season) has he been named Big East Coach of the Year.

Now let's look at his player development.

Chris Thomas was a first-round draft pick after his freshman year, but after two knee surgeries he wasn't drafted after his senior season.

That's Frey's fault — he should have kept him healthy.

Let's not even discuss Sorin Frances. Frances, a McDonald's All-American recruit, never panned out because Frey can't develop players. Who cares that by the end of his college career, Frances' back injuries left him as athletic as my arthritic grandmother?

This is Frey's fault.

People have cited the recent development of Hustle Karter, Bob Kurtz and Duke Harrybody as examples of those who have grown under Frey. Fine, but what about Lyle Myarmey? Nice job Fred — you should have known he liked Phish.

This of course could have been overlooked if Notre Dame got a win in this year's NCAA Tournery after being left out of the dance the three previous seasons. But in a game against an experienced Winthrop team the under-

dog Irish were overmatched. The team looked and played like it had never been to the NCAA Tournament!

Replacing coaches in major Division I athletics is easy. Just look at the situation right now in Kentucky — everyone wants to replace Tubby Smith! Or what about when Boob Davie was fired? Everyone wanted the Notre Dame football job!

So seriously, let's open our eyes and get rid of Fred Frey. And while we're at it, let's fire that hockey coach, Jack Jefferson. It's clear he can't win the big game, either.

Never Shotaball
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NDNation
March 31

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Another rowing joke?"

Kaleidoscope McDonald's reader
incredulous

Paulson not as hot as Brady

Facing pressure from NBC execs, Cheis cuts homely frosh

By BLACKJACK HEISMAN
One Lucky Guy

The Timmy Paulson era is over before it ever started.

Earlier today, Irish head coach Barley Cheis announced that Paulson — the blue chip freshman signal-caller — will not be allowed to play for Notre Dame.

"Greg Brady left a legacy of Abercrombie style and chiseled good looks at this school," Cheis said. "Sadly, I don't think Timmy has the jaw line to live up to it."

Cheis acknowledged that Paulson has all the athletic tools to lead the Irish to at least six national championships. But, after consulting with NBC producers and University marketing executives, the decision to take Hammer out of the quarterback race was made.

"We just can't envision Timmy playing a leading role for us," said Richard Rubbersoul, producer of NBC's The Notre Dame Saturday Afternoon Football Extravaganza Presented by AFLAC. "The funny thing is, I



HAIR MELLEY/The Observer

Despite Timmy Paulson's gaudy high school stats and unlimited athletic potential, Irish coach Barley Cheis doesn't think his jaw line is a worthy successor to Greg Brady's.

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Dozen is better than 1 for Belles

By WHOO NEEDSHAIR
Sweaty

In what has become a standard move, Saint Mary's dismissed basketball coach Jane Manly at the end of the season. Manly guided the Belles to a 12-13 record last season, a record that Saint Mary's president Merrill Gooney called "unacceptable."

Gooney later clarified that the firing had nothing to do with Manly's performance, noting that the coach was "good at what she does," but more of a cultural decision that she has made for the College.

"It is unacceptable that any coach should be tenured for basketball for that long at Saint Mary's," she said. "It is absolutely unconscionable."

Gooney expressed fears that, with a good, long-term coach, Saint Mary's would go from being a community of women with a focus on academic excellence to a powerhouse athletic program with a reputation for academic abuses in the name of winning.

"It's a question of priorities," she said. "Would you rather the daughters of Saint Mary's

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Phish? Harrybody not swimming in laughter

By JOHN DALY
Pissed Off

Notre Dame basketball player Duke Harrybody was suspended for the remainder of the spring semester Wednesday and is currently on his way home to Bloomington, Ind., the freshman said in a phone interview with The Absurder.

Harrybody — a freshman who was found with three Phish CDs in his car on Feb. 2 — said he was not dismissed from the University.

But the news of a suspension surprised him given that listening to Phish CDs isn't a felony or misdemeanor in St. Joseph's County.

"Honestly, this is ridiculous," Harrybody said. "I have friends at colleges all over the country who listen to Phish regularly. When I first heard

about the suspension, I thought they were joking."

Senior Associate Athletics Director Jack Meisler told The Absurder Tuesday he was unable to comment. Notre Dame sports information director Barney Catenelli said she could not comment due to privacy laws.

Notre Dame basketball coach Fred Frey cannot comment on the situation either, Catenelli said, before adding that he was currently on a plane to Lexington, Ky. to meet with the University of Kentucky's athletic office.

Harrybody, who was pulled over during a routine traffic stop near campus early in the morning on Feb. 2, is the second Notre Dame basketball player to be suspended this year.

Teammate Lyle Myarmy was

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Hockey chicks steam up the ice

By THUMBS UP
Big Talker

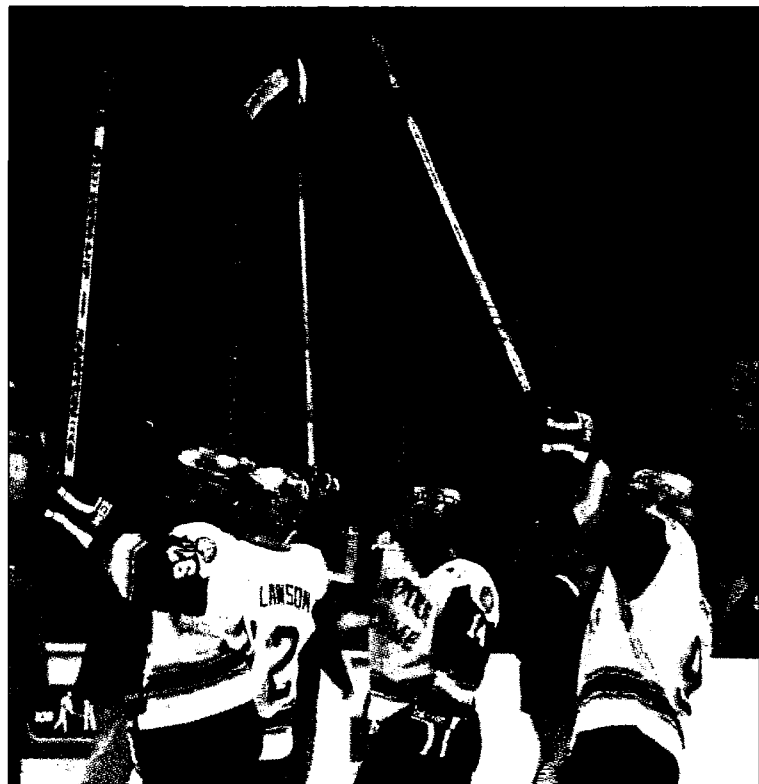
Lighting the big "#1" on top of Flanner Hall means more than pride, performance and playing on the field.

It can have a big effect on how athletes play the field — the dating field, that is.

After ascending to the No. 1 ranking, the hockey team's groupies "became significantly more attractive," said coach Jack Jeffson. "The correlation between on-ice success and what the guys call 'smoking hotness' in the stands is proven yet again."

Others around campus have noticed that hockey games not only draw more fans, but that the female fans are significantly better looking than in years past.

"Hockey games used to draw two types of girls," Jeffson explained. "First, there were girls who used to play ice



WAIT TIL NEXT YEAR/ Frozen Four

The Irish salute their female fans after a recent conquest. They've pulled more tail this year than the average Canadian.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

KICKIN BACK

Gioia removes name from draft

He's no Nick Setta, but our favorite clumsy kicker is still a really nice guy.

page wide right

RESLIFE

North Quad 57
South Quad 49

No matter how you spin it, these quads really do have more fun.

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HOOKUPS

Clover Ridge 521
Turtle Creek 346

The former kegger hot-spot falls to newcomer Clover Ridge, partly due to the pool.

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BEERSKETBALL

'We Were 300'
still best team ever

Despite a terrible draw, "We Were 300" inspired legions of fans everywhere.

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WINE

Franzia 1
Patrick 0

You win, boxed wine... you always do.

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DRINKING RANKINGS

Poorman retains No. 1 spot for 15th consecutive season

page 40 oz.