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Welcome Center begins Master Plan construction

By MOLLY McVOY
 Saint Mary's Editor

This afternoon the implementation of the Saint Mary's College Master Plan begins with the groundbreaking ceremony for the Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffeehouse.

"I think it's significant that we're beginning with these projects," said Marilou Eldred, the president of the College. "The Welcome Center will be a signal to both the internal and external community that we are a thriving community."

These two buildings represent the first step in the 10-year Master Plan and will be located near the corner of Madeleva Drive and The Avenue.

"They are both going to be fabulous additions to the campus in terms of hospitality for visitors and a social space for not only Saint Mary's students, but also for Notre Dame," said Rick Russell, vice president of College relations. "It provides a unique place for students and faculty to continue interacting."

The Welcome Center's blueprints have been finalized and the money for the project has been secured. Jim and Colleen Ryan, members of the Saint Mary's Parent Council, donated the \$750,000 necessary for the building.

"[Jim and I] both think it's a wonderful time at Saint Mary's to enhance the campus," Colleen Ryan said. "When you drive onto the campus, you get this beautiful, tree-lined drive, but no place

to get information. There just wasn't a place for a friendly welcome."

Colleen Ryan is a member of the Board of Trustees. Two of the Ryans' daughters graduated from Saint Mary's in 1995 and 1997 and one will graduate in 2000.

The Tudor-style Welcome Center will provide information on the history of Saint Mary's and current campus events.

"The Welcome Center will be an extension of campus hospitality," Russell said. "Its basically a place for people to get directions for places on the campus and in the congregation. There will be an area to display info about the college, the history and current events."

Eldred agreed that hospitality is the main focus of the Welcome Center.

"[The Welcome Center] will represent the hospitality that characterizes the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the College," she said.

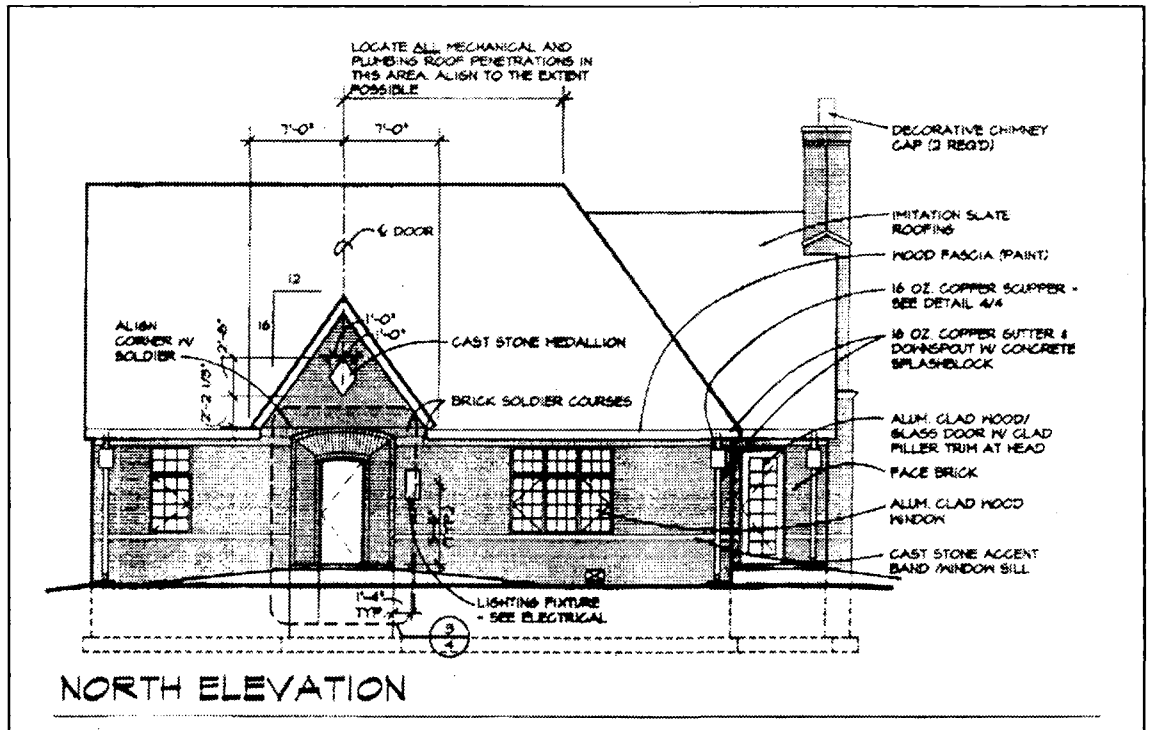
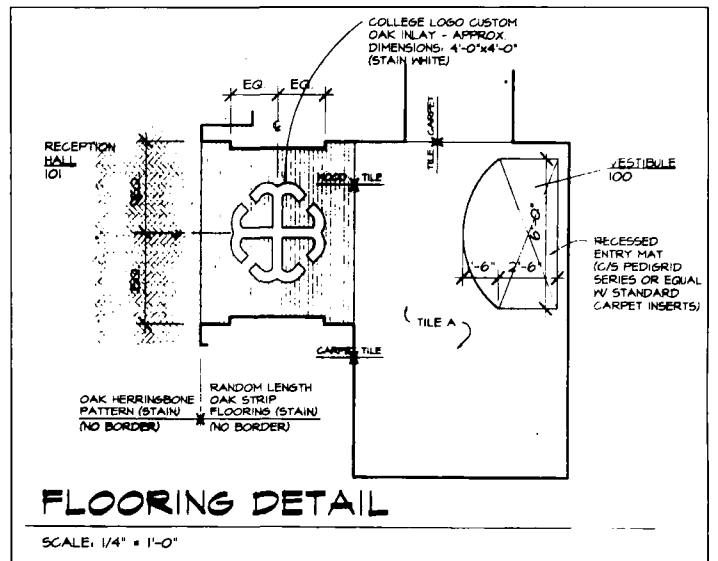
Dalloway's Coffeehouse will be serving the same function the old clubhouse near Holy Cross Hall now serves. It will serve as a host for student performers and speakers and offer food and coffee. Students will handle the management and programming of the coffeehouse.

"We want it to continue to be the same kind of social gathering for students [that the clubhouse was]," Eldred said.

The building will have the

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Construction on Saint Mary's Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffeehouse begins today. Plans (right and below) for the Welcome Center have been finalized, but College officials are still finalizing plans for Dalloway's.



Hundreds join marrow registry

♦ **610 register, greatly surpassing expectations**

By ERIN PIROUTEK
 Associate News Editor

Generally, when Notre Dame students spend hours waiting in line, football tickets are involved. But yesterday, the La Fortune Ballroom overflowed with students waiting to join the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) registry. Responding to the request of



Murphy

Zahm sophomore Conor Murphy, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia, 610 people joined the registry, exceeding even the highest expectations for the event.

Bone marrow transplants can be lifesaving to patients with leukemia and other blood diseases. Exact matches are rare; Murphy was lucky to find a match through the NMDP. Organizers hope registering more people will help those like Murphy receive much-needed treatment.

"We are stunned by just the incredible outpouring of support for Conor," said Zahm rector Father Jim Lies. "We had more people in the room the first hour than we expected all day."

The unexpected numbers required organizers to scurry for more volunteers and

equipment.

"It's a good problem," said volunteer Kate Voelker of the Junior League of South Bend.

Combined efforts of the Notre Dame and South Bend community made the drive possible. Student volunteers joined community organizations including Ancilla Health Care, the Red Cross and the South Bend Medical Foundation.

At one point the line of potential donors stretched from the second floor of La Fortune, down the stairs and back to the Huddle. Many students waited for over two hours.

"I wish Conor could see it," said sophomore Annie Sutera.

Volunteers worked quickly to direct students through the maze of lines and ensure the

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Prejean: Death penalty opposes human dignity

By KATE STEER
 Associate News Editor

A standing room only crowd gathered in 101 Debartolo Wednesday to experience the dynamic speaking abilities and powerful message of Sister Helen Prejean.

Prejean, who authored the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *Dead Man Walking*, spoke about her experience with the death penalty and death row and offered ways to work to make change in this realm. The death penalty, Prejean said, is a highly volatile issue; it often becomes an issue of justice for the victims' families opposing human dignity and rights.

"What are we going to do with the outrage we feel?" she asked of the response to heinous crimes, though she does not point to the

death penalty as the answer.

Prejean, a native of Louisiana, is a self-described "Southern storyteller" who began counseling death row inmates in her home state in 1981. Out of this experience came the story *Dead Man Walking* that was published in 1993. It was subsequently made into a movie, which Prejean calls a "miracle film" for bringing the subject to the American public.

"The film exists because Susan Sarandon is the midwife of *Dead Man Walking*," Prejean said. Sarandon read the book and pursued its production as a movie with the help of director Tim Robbins. Prejean praised the pair for their work for human rights.

"If Tim Robbins is going to direct it, Susan Sarandon is going to have the leading role, and Sean

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INSIDE COLUMN

COPS: Live at Notre Dame

Say what you will about the sheltered nature of college students, but one thing they have in common with "the real world" is their distrust of the law. Cops serve in a thankless profession, much like the military, IRS auditors and septic tank repairmen. And although their validity as "real" police officers has been challenged lately, they are no less praiseworthy for their efforts. Even if they do write me a lot of parking viola-



Dustin Ferrell

tions. Most of you have your own hometown anecdotes about people who have had less than happy run-ins with the law, and you realize that our Notre Dame experiences pale in comparison. We have it made considering how South Bend's finest feel about us. (So NDSP, could you, uh, take care of those tickets for me? No? Well, it was worth a try.)

When the privileged life of a college student shelters him or her from the harsh realities that wait upon graduation, it can help to now and again remind the student how lucky he, or she, or it is to be here. In this spirit, I would like to see our beloved flat-foots give us the treatment we deserve.

To me, one word signifies a beneficial use of the tuition increases: Tasers. Lots of them, the kind that would put an elephant on its duff. These toys would help us make great strides in reaching an unprecedented level of respect and obedience. You don't want a ticket? Fair enough, I'll turn you into a human night light.

And while we're discussing friendly devices, I'd like to recall the "mini-riot" that occurred last year. One thought kept crossing my mind: why don't they have tear gas? And you think parietals are harsh now. Besides, working at the gate must get rather monotonous, and it would be more fun to fire canisters at students walking from the 'Backer. If there are any questions as to the effectiveness of this happy gas, the Sierra Club and PETA could probably provide thorough testimonials, not to mention videotapes.

But let us not digress to a topic of past columns. I would not suggest that using tear gas or rubber bullets on students would be good in any way, even if we could make some great blooper videos from the whole deal. Our campus law enforcement could accomplish some serious good if they acted in the same manner as so-called "real" cops. Take, for example, the controversial "racial profiling" that occurs in police departments around our nation. Regardless of how immoral you consider this, I want you to consider a new concept: preppie profiling.

This would be built on less inflammatory but similar logic: statistically speaking, preppies have the most complaints and cause the most trouble with Notre Dame Security Police. Therefore, random checks of vehicles containing preppies would help decrease these incidents and deter them. Just when you thought it was safe to drive around campus in your sport utility vehicle.

"Hey there Chadwick, have you been watching 90210? I think you'd better step out of the car..."

Fear not, my friends, if you find my ideas about law enforcement a bit fascist, you can take comfort in knowing that these people will never treat us the way we sometimes deserve.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Health Fair: 3 to 7 p.m.: LeMans Lobby; Saint Mary's	◆ Lecture: "Averting Nuclear Anarchy: The Current Crisis in Arms Control," 1995 Nobel Peace Prize winner Joseph Rotblat; 7 p.m.: Jordan Auditorium	◆ Event: "E-Commerce Conference," 1 p.m., Bond Hall Auditorium	◆ Event: "Misa en Espanol;" 1:30 p.m.: Keenan-Stanford Hall
◆ Acoustic Cafe: Student musicians perform; 9 p.m.: the Huddle, LaFortune		◆ Lecture: "A Comment on Genesis: Plato's 'Timaeus' and Kepler's Astronomy," Rhonda Martens; 3:45 p.m.: McKenna Hall	◆ Event: Lenten Vespers; 4:30 p.m.; Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Purdue students continue hunger strike

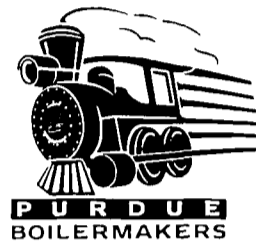
BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Six students at Purdue University entered day three of a hunger strike in protest of sweatshop labor within the collegiate licensing industry. The students have resigned themselves to not eating and living in tents on Memorial Mall, an open park area in the center of the Purdue University campus.

Ben Partridge, a junior participant, said the hunger strike is an effort to pressure the University to join the Worker's Rights Consortium, a factory-monitoring agency.

IU signed on to the WRC on Feb. 18, along with the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin. Since that time, 12 other universities have joined, including Loyola University of Chicago and New York University.

"President Beering lives in the lap



of luxury and is far removed from actual human suffering," said Marikah Mancini, a member of the activist group Purdue Students Against Sweatshops (PASAS). "We want to bring the reality of human suffering closer to his attention. Hopefully, the hunger strike should make him realize that this institution, funded by taxpayer's dollars, is complicitous in human suffering."

Since October, PSAS has been in discussions with the administration and a committee was formed to assess the issue, according to Purdue's newspaper, The Purdue Exponent.

"We have negotiated with them in good faith but we won't allow them to pressure us into joining the WRC," said Joe Bennett, vice president of Purdue University relations.

"We haven't ruled it out of course, but our perspective is that we don't know enough about it. Saying that we are stalling is a gross misrepresentation. Presently, our main concern is that no one causes themselves bodily harm in the hunger strike."

"I am going to stay out here as long as I physically can," commented Partridge. "Beering could end this right now."

MSU examines ancient skeleton

EAST LANSING, Mich.

This week Michigan State University anthropologists will begin examining 3,000-year-old human skeletal remains found at a Bay City construction site. Bay City officials granted the university permission Tuesday to examine the remains, found Friday by MSU archeologists in four-and-a-half feet of sand during a routine search for historical objects at a planned construction site. The archeologists were examining an area slated for construction later this year. "That sometimes happens that, when we're doing fieldwork, we find human remains," said William Lovis, an anthropologist and MSU Museum curator. An extensive archaeological dig will take place in May to search for artifacts at the construction site. Lovis said he and other MSU scientists will look for stone tools, pottery, food storage pits and fire pits to determine what culture lived in the area. MSU was given permission to begin tests on the remains to determine the age, gender and whether the body was buried with others after the Bay County medical examiner declared the remains did not require an

Tornado misses TCU campus

FORT WORTH, Texas

A tornado that caused extensive damage in downtown Fort Worth Tuesday evening forced Texas Christian University students on campus into basements and lower-level floors of residence halls and buildings. TCU Police reported that the powerful winds caused no damage on campus. During the storm, police officers evacuated students and staff to the lowest level of each building, said Jon Carter, a TCU police officer. "We sent all of the kids down to the basement in all the buildings," Carter said. "We just got word of the possibility of severe weather and went into action." The majority of the damage sustained occurred in central and northern parts of downtown, according to an Associated Press report. A tornado emergency was in effect as severe thunderstorms brought rain, softball-sized hail and strong winds, according to the report. Hall director Bevin Kurtz said she heard about the tornado after it hit the downtown area. "A resident assistant made the announcement, and we all went downstairs sounding airhorns on each floor and knocking on doors," she said. "The basement was packed."

LOCAL WEATHER

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Chicago	55	35	New York	55	40	Tampa	81	68
Houston	81	65	Philadelphia	59	38	Wash DC	61	51

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Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Actor Burke doesn't let disability hamper dreams

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Chris Burke, best known for his portrayal of "Corky" on the television show "Life Goes On," knows about challenges.

"I was challenged from the day I was born," said Burke in a lecture Wednesday night about his experiences with Down syndrome. Many members of the audience were so touched by his words that audible moans of sympathy could be heard throughout the lecture hall.

"When I can't do something, I try harder — this sums up my philosophy of life," Burke said.

He recognized his parents and his family members as the keys to his success.

"My parents and my siblings always did the very best for me — we all worked together," Burke said. "At each step in my life, I had someone there to encourage me."

Burke identified the importance of education for those who have Down syndrome.

"When it came to my education, my mom and dad made sure I had the best," said Burke. He added that those with disabilities should not be the only ones guaranteed an education, but society as a whole needs to be well equipped to accept and include those with disabilities as well.

Remembering his childhood

days, Burke pointed out his years growing up in middle and high school as being the most influential in terms of increased awareness and education of disabilities.

"It was becoming a time when college students were becoming more aware of different disabilities," said Burke.

As a young adult, Burke said he witnessed the progression of society's acceptance of disabilities. Burke recalled visits from the Villanova college basketball team to his local high school. Not only were the players making an effort to break down the invisible discriminatory barriers between those who had disabilities and those who did not, but Burke said "more importantly, they gave us a feeling of importance."

"I learned a lot in those years and knew that when I grew up I could pursue my dreams," he said, recalling that his only two goals were to succeed as an actor and to help others who faced the same difficulties as he did during childhood.

"I never gave up on my dream and Hollywood," Burke said in regards to his first goal.

As for reaching his second goal, Burke has become a spokesperson and advocate for people with the disability through his involvement with the National Down's Society as editor-in-chief of "News and Views," the group's news magazine.

"It made me happy to give

them my time and love. I learned how to give because I was given so much," said Burke.

Inclusion, or the formal process of integrating those with disabilities into classrooms with those who do not have disabilities, is a program that Burke supports.

"Inclusion in everyday life is our ultimate goal. We must work hard to achieve acceptance," Burke said. Equally important, Burke said that family, friends and society should accept and include those who have disabilities into all social, political and economic circles.

Burke spoke fondly of his experiences with his first job teaching youth with disabilities.

"The best part was that my fellow employees included me and invited me to all social activities. It was great to feel like I was a part of a team," he said. "We're entitled to good jobs with good pay."

Burke has spoken before committees of the Senate and Congress in hopes of receiving equal treatment as functional and active citizens.

"We would rather be taxpayers than tax-dependents," said Burke.

Many college students are able to look beyond disabilities, according to Burke.

"It's amazing to me, when I go to colleges — I am really amazed at the teenagers and college students that do not look at the dis-



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Actor Chris Burke discusses life with Down syndrome Wednesday.

abilities, but the abilities," he said.

At the same time, Burke recognized the important role of the students attending colleges like Notre Dame and urged those present at the lecture to take a more active role in acceptance.

"All of you are role models, and I ask you to teach [those with disabilities], accept them and give them a chance to go to school to learn as you are. They need you and you need them, that is what is most important,"

Burke said.

Burke marched in Clinton's inaugural parade, and in 1994 created a musical trio which has completed three albums. Burke was also nominated for a Golden Globe in 1990, and in 1991 was named as one winner of the "Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award."

"Remember, we can do it. Believe in us as we believe in ourselves, never give up on us and help us do the best we can do," he said.

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necessary paperwork was complete. Some students chatted, some attempted to study, and a few just waited patiently. Then Lies asked everyone pray for Murphy. The bustle was replaced with silence while everyone joined hands and listened to Lies' simple, sincere prayer.

"I think it's going to be one of those things I look back on after my four years at Notre Dame and remember as one of the great examples of one of the Notre Dame community supporting one of their own," said Murphy's roommate, Steve Napleton.

Donations continued past 3 p.m., the scheduled end of the drive. Even so, many potential donors were turned away because of lack of time.

"If it had been physically possible we could have probably processed 1,000 people," said Lies.

The crowd included Murphy's closest friends, casual acquaintances and people who had never met him.

"I figured that if I needed the bone marrow transplant I'd want everyone to donate for me," said sophomore Adam Kronk, who has never met Murphy. "It was the least I could do."

The phenomenal success of the drive has created a new challenge. Each donation costs \$96 to process. Zahm Hall and various campus organizations including Campus Ministry, Student Activities, the London program, and Hall Presidents' Council have already raised thousands of dollars.

But with three to four times the anticipated turnout, significant additional funds are needed. Lies estimated that an additional \$25,000 is needed to cover expenses.

"We'll have to continue to raise money to support this drive," said Lies. "Any help from the University community to further support Conor in this way will be greatly appreciated."

Although there are no plans for another drive on campus, the Junior League of South Bend is sponsoring a bone marrow registration drive today from noon to 7 p.m. at the Memorial Leighton Healthplex, located at the corner of Michigan and Jefferson in downtown South Bend.



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Students anxious to join the National Marrow Donor Program registry crowd into LaFortune Ballroom Wednesday (above). Many of the 610 donors waited more than two hours for a nurse to take the necessary blood sample (left).



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Reform rabbis approve gay commitment ceremonies

GREENSBORO, N.C.

Reform Jewish leaders overwhelmingly approved a resolution giving rabbis the option of presiding at gay commitment ceremonies. With the vote, the Central Conference of American Rabbis became the most influential U.S. religious group to sanction same-sex unions. The resolution applies to the 1,800 members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who serve at least 1.5 million Reform Jews. Reform Judaism is the largest and most liberal of Judaism's three major branches in North America. Rabbi Charles Kroloff, CCAR's president, said the resolution shows the conference's belief that "gay and lesbian Jews, and the committed relationships they form with their partners, deserve the recognition and respect due to people created in the image of God."

Kosovo official denies anti-Serb stance

PARIS

The United Nations' top representative in Kosovo on Wednesday denied harboring anti-Serb sentiments and insisted he gets along well with French peacekeepers in the province. Bernard Kouchner's remarks to two National Assembly committees were in response to allegations of favoritism toward ethnic Albanians that were contained in classified documents and leaked to the French press. "When they say the French army is full of exasperation over me, not only do I refute this but I find it scandalous," Kouchner said. "I'm neither pro-Albanian nor pro-Serb ... I'm absolutely not anti-Serb."

Police arrest one of Mexico's most notorious kidnapers

MEXICO CITY

Federal police have captured one of the country's most-wanted kidnapers: a man known as the Colonel whose trademark was cutting off his victims' pinkie fingers. Marcos Tinoco was arrested Monday in Mexico City, police said in a news release. At the time of his capture, he was carrying a 9mm Beretta pistol, a diamond-encrusted gold Rolex watch, more than \$8,000 in cash and a fake driver's license. Later, during an inspection of his hotel room on a highway between Mexico City and Toluca, the capital of Mexico state, police found a rifle, stun gun, fake mustaches, handcuffs and false stationery from the Mexican attorney general's office and the interior ministry. Tinoco, 41, headed more than five separate kidnapping cells and was responsible for at least 11 abductions, the last of which took place last week, authorities said. allegedly cut the last finger of the right hand off some of his victims.

CUBA

Elian's dad wants to travel to U.S.

◆ Castro says dad is 'ready immediately'

Associated Press

HAVANA

The father of Elian Gonzalez is willing to travel to the United States to claim his son and stay with him, while their Miami relatives continue a legal battle to keep him, President Fidel Castro said Wednesday night.

Juan Miguel Gonzalez "is ready immediately" to go Florida to take custody of the 6-year-old boy, Castro said during the surprise announcement made during a live television broadcast. He said the trip was conditional on guarantees that the U.S. government would turn Elian over to his father or at least make a maximum effort to do so.

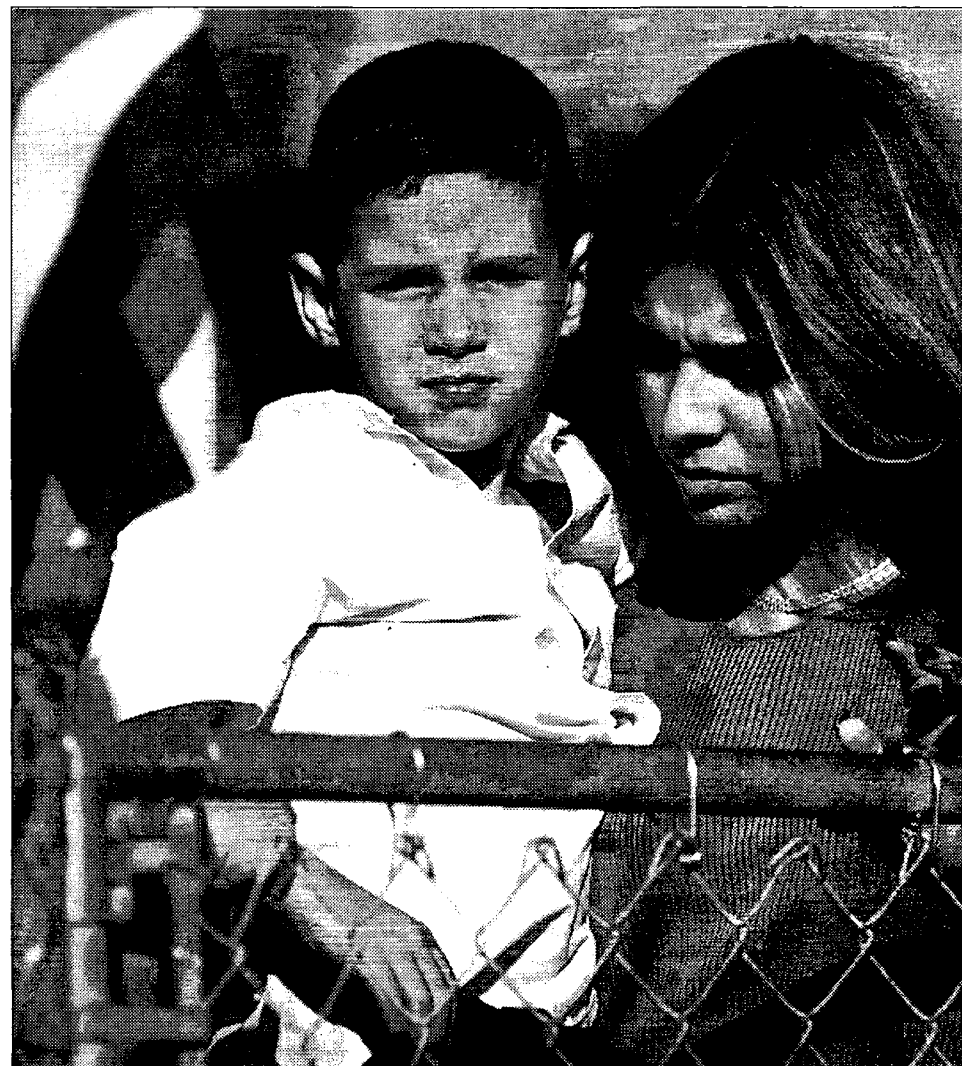
"The passports are ready," Castro said. "And of course the airplane is ready."

He said that Gonzalez's American attorney Gregory Craig was seeking U.S. visas for the father and a large entourage, as well as the guarantees the father had sought.

Castro said that all that Gonzalez was waiting for was final word from his attorney that the guarantees had been delivered. He did not offer any specifics to what city the plane would fly to initially, but said that Gonzalez would wait out the court process with his son in Washington.

The turnaround came at a crucial time — on the eve of the U.S. Justice Department's deadline for Elian's Miami relatives to sign an agreement promising to give up the boy if they lose their legal appeal.

Lazaro Gonzalez, the Miami great-uncle Elian has been staying with, has



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Elian Gonzalez, with his cousin Marisleysis Gonzalez in Miami, could see his father soon. Cuban president Fidel Castro announced today that Elian's father is willing to go to the U.S. to be with his son while the legal battle ensues.

said he would be willing to release the boy to Gonzalez, if the father personally came from Cuba to pick him up.

Apparently calling the great-uncle's bluff, Castro said not only would the father go, but he would stay for the entire court process.

Gonzalez in the past has said that he would be willing to travel to the United States to claim his boy if he could just pick him up and come back to Cuba.

This is the first time that anyone has said that

Gonzalez was willing to stay in the United States during the legal process. It is also the first time that it has been said that Gonzalez is ready to travel immediately.

Gonzalez would go with a large group of people, including his wife, and their 6-month-old son, who is Elian's half-brother. Also in the entourage would be Elian's first grade teacher, a dozen of his classmates and a host of Cuban psychologists and psychiatrists.

Other members of the

family would stay at the home of the chief of the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, Castro said.

He said having Elian's teacher and classmates along would allow Elian to reinsert himself into his family and school environment "without losing a moment of the child's readaption."

Since the international dispute over Elian erupted after the boy was rescued at sea more than four months ago, Gonzalez has been reluctant to travel to the United States.

Ruling hurts nude dancing industry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court made it easier for local governments to ban nude dancing in, about 3,000 adult clubs nationwide, ruling Wednesday that a stripper's freedom of expression can be restricted by forcing her to wear pasties and a G-string.

Nude dancing can be banned in an effort to combat crime and other harms that adult entertainment clubs often attract, the justices said in a splintered decision

reinstating a public-nudity ordinance in Erie, Pa.

Such dancing is "expressive conduct" but it falls "only within the outer ambit" of the Constitution's First Amendment free-speech protection, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in the court's main opinion.

The ban promotes Erie's "interest in combating the negative secondary effects associated with adult entertainment establishments," such as crime, and was not aimed at a dancer's erotic message, O'Connor said.

Although the court's rationale was divided, the decision is sure to have broad impact. Nude entertainment is featured in about 3,000 adult clubs nationwide, the justices were told when the case was argued in November.

"We're delighted," said Valerie Sprenkle, Erie's assistant city solicitor. "We didn't ban any expression ... What's being regulated is the means of expression."

Sprenkle said dancers at a nude dancing club in the city "will be required to cover up to the extent required by the ordinance."

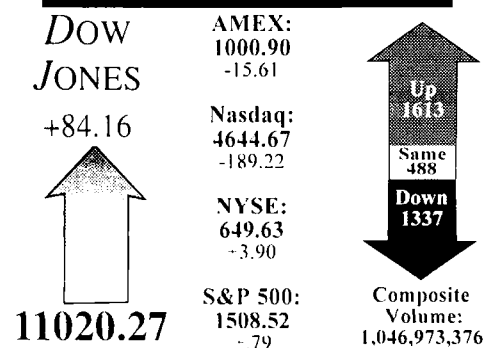
John Weston, attorney for the former Erie nude-dancing club owner who challenged the ordinance, said the ruling may lead to a flurry of attempts to ban nude dancing, but that "sexually oriented businesses will always thrive."

Weston said the ruling appeared to leave room for club owners to force governments to "defend their assumptions" that such establishments lead to crime.



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Prejean

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Penn came on board to play the death row inmate, I thought all the Hollywood studios would go for it," Prejean said. After facing many rejections, the story was picked up by Polygram Films International.

Prejean's support for the project was bolstered by her trust in Sarandon and Robbins and her hope that the film would bring the issue to the American consciousness.

"What the film *Dead Man Walking* did was to reach out to the American people and give them a way to begin reflecting on the death penalty," she said. This achievement has also brought Prejean's work into the public eye, giving her the opportunity to travel internationally to speak on the subject. Her ultimate goal is to turn the tables politically, she said, and abolish the death penalty.

"On the one hand we hear about innocent people being killed in wanton evil acts where their lives are just cut short, and

we feel outraged — it's part of moral sensitivity to feel outraged," she said. "But on the other hand, we have the polls that show that public support for the death penalty is plummeting."

Prejean pointed to the unreliability of the system that hands down the death penalty, stating that currently 87 innocent people have come off of death row since its reinstatement in 1976.

Following the removal of Anthony Porter from death row in Illinois, Gov. George Ryan, who supports the death penalty, imposed a moratorium while the system that has sentenced numerous innocent people to die is investigated.

While 5 states have followed suit and formed initiatives to call for moratoriums, there are other states in which the death penalty is deeply ingrained in the culture.

"We have legitimized vengeance as a part of our culture," she said. "I didn't know I was going to get involved with the death penalty, or walking with people to the electric chair, or with the victims' families, or with the guards who are part of the execution squads," said

Prejean of her involvement. "I got involved by getting involved with poor people."

Ultimately, her introduction to the death penalty was incidental; she was approached by a member of the Prison Coalition to become a pen pal with a death row inmate. Through this project she came to know inmate Patrick Sonnier, whom she eventually went to visit.

"Prisons are such places of abandonment," she said. Sonnier's mother visited once but was unable to return because of the trauma it caused.

"He was alone and sentenced to die," said Prejean. "I couldn't believe how human his face was."

Prejean continued to visit and became Sonnier's spiritual advisor, and would accompany him literally to his death.

After accompanying 5 people to their executions, and carrying with her their faces and the faces of victims' families, Prejean became deeply involved in working to reform the system that imposes such a punishment.

Those who participate in her side of the issue refer to the death penalty as torture, which Amnesty International has defined as "an extreme mental or physical assault on someone rendered helpless." Prejean does not say that all victims' families support the death penalty.

"There can be people in this white-hot fire of loss who choose forgiveness," she said.

The father of one of Sonnier's victims spoke to Prejean about his decision to forgive as one inspired by the healing power of God. He used Scripture to realize that Sonnier's crimes did not make him less human.

"Jesus was not just about being kind to people," said Prejean. "Jesus inaugurated a new kind of community — look at who he hanged out with: all the people that society rejected, today's HIV positive, convicted criminals, gay and lesbian."

This forgiveness is something that Prejean points as crucial to

social and political change regarding the death penalty. She believes prison reform is essential as well.

"Over 10 years, state legislatures have been tightening up sentencing for people who are charged with first-degree murder, which is the only crime punishable by death," she said. Prejean said that this is a step toward eliminating superfluous use of the death penalty. Its ineffectiveness is evidenced by the fact that only five percent of those eligible for the death penalty receive it as a sentence, and that of those, a large number end up being released.

In a dialogue with Pope John Paul, Prejean was able to clarify the Church's official stance on the issue, which has recently changed from support of the death penalty to strictly pro-life.

"Modern societies have a way to incapacitate people without imitating their violence," she said.

Prejean was invited to speak by Call to Action Michiana, and was sponsored by many local groups including Amnesty International.

"We have legitimized vengeance as a part of our culture."

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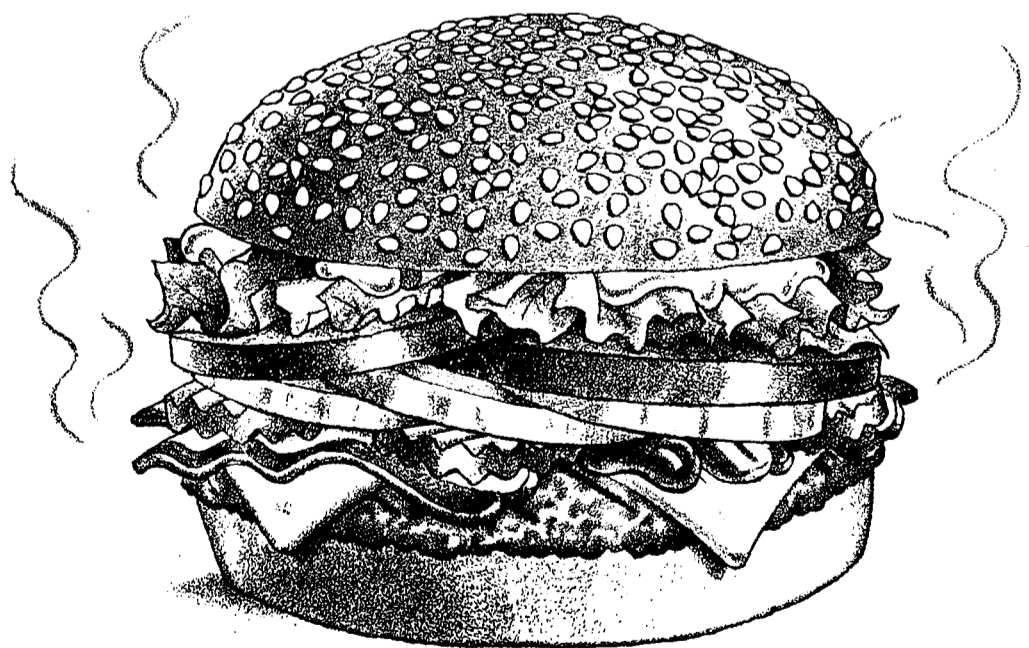
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Hellrung reflects on homosexuality at 'a place like this'



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Senior Alyssa Hellrung discusses her experiences as a lesbian in Notre Dame's conservative environment Wednesday.

By BRIAN HOBBS
News Writer

Breen-Phillips senior Alyssa Hellrung began her lecture entitled "What it Takes to be Honest in a Place Like This" with a powerful image.

"Imagine if you woke up one morning and you realized that all the time you thought your eyes were dark brown they were really blue," Hellrung said, describing her sexual awakening.

The lecture examined homosexuality and activism for gay and lesbian rights at Notre Dame in her lecture Wednesday night in her dorm.

"I want to talk about what happened before I started questioning my sexuality," Hellrung said. She discussed her adolescence, which included a normal upbringing, concerns with popularity and a pursuit of the opposite sex.

"I was having feelings for women as well, and I didn't know what it meant at that time," Hellrung said.

She dismissed those feelings as a part of her lifelong desire

for an older sister.

"I went through high school and had a lot of boyfriends, but for whatever reason I'd always break up with them," Hellrung said.

She also examined the physical side of her heterosexual relationships, remembering shuddering after kissing her boyfriend.

"It was a shudder of repulsion — no offense to you guys," she said. Later in high school, Hellrung examined her relationship with a female friend in a different light, questioning if she had a crush on her.

"It made me question a lot of my relationships and what was behind them," said Hellrung, adding that such questioning led to some self doubt. "I didn't want to go there, to think that I might be all the way gay."

Hellrung found it hard to talk with her parents about the issue as well.

"She [my mom] would say something that would hurt me, like this is just a phase," she said.

Hellrung realized that her only way to make an informed decision would be to act on her impulses. She described an encounter with a friend, Angie.

"She just knew she was gay," said Hellrung.

The friendship led to physical contact and an awakening for Hellrung.

"Over the summer before I came here, I realized that I was a lesbian," she said. "Then I came to Notre Dame and that is where things got funny."

Hellrung described Notre Dame as being more conservative than she had expected.

"I was going to wait a couple months and get used to life here and then I'd start by coming out to my roommates and then my section mates and that did not work," she said. "It took me about an hour to realize that that wasn't going to work. I had to be honest."

Honesty has been at the core of Hellrung's activism since then. The spring of Hellrung's freshman year saw an eruption of activism in response to controversy about the Spirit of Inclusion. A parade and

protest for awareness was staged on the steps of the Main Building, where Hellrung's honesty activism made her the most recognized homosexual on campus.

"I am a lesbian at Notre Dame," Hellrung said in front of a crowd of 400.

"People were like — you're so brave to be doing this," Hellrung said before dismissing her stand on the steps as mere honesty. "There is a lot of activism that can be done that way, just by living your life honestly. Everyone can be activists through honesty."

Hellrung also addressed myths about homosexuality and lesbianism at Notre Dame and worldwide.

"First myth: Lesbians hate men," Hellrung said.

Other myths focused on the belief that gay people can't be Catholic, that homosexuals try to recruit straight people to "the other side of the fence" or that lesbians want to be men.

"Most of the lesbians I know love being women and love women," Hellrung said.

Hellrung also examined beliefs that coming out to a friend indicates desire and examined studies that claim gay people are miserable.

Hellrung's activism has helped quell the sense of taboo about the issue.

"I've seen things change here in the four years I've been here," she said, citing the emergence of support groups and information as well as education for resident assistants.

She has even seen a turn-around in her parents.

"The mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work unless it's open," Hellrung's mother said in support after her daughter's freshman year coming out.

Hellrung argued that change needs to continue.

"There are people on this campus who do not want me here, or do not want my gay friends here," she said, adding that she hoped her speech and activism would help pass the torch for change after her graduation.

"I'm all about making life more comfortable for me, my gay friends and the gay people coming after me," she said.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group debates Denny's incident, student center survey

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

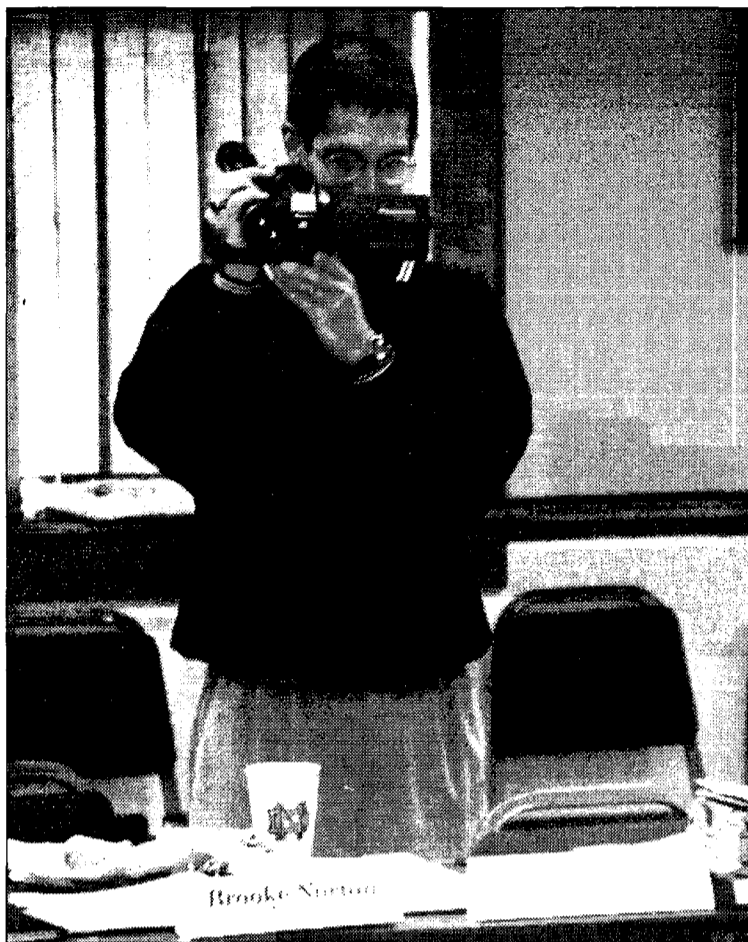
Two students involved in the Roseland Denny's incident addressed the Student Senate Wednesday night with concerns about the letter written by the senators supporting the students.

Senior Joseph Joy and junior Patience McHenry questioned why the students involved in the incident were not consulted before writing the letter.

"First of all, let it be known that I was not one of the students arrested on February 26," senior Joseph Joy said. "I was a member of the group that was expelled from the restaurant and I did experience many of the injustices of that night."

"Also know that this statement is in my behalf, and not on behalf of the entire group, although I do believe many of the other students will have similar opinions of the Student Senate's letter concerning the incident," Joy said, who continued by saying that although the Senate's intentions were positive, by not interviewing the involved students their facts and further actions could be negative.

"It is my opinion that, in order for the senate to support the students involved in the incident, they must first listen to what we have to say," Joy said. "I feel that the letter was not very well informed. In order for the senate to honestly say that it 'stands with the students,' it must first consult the students and understand in what capacities it can sup-



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Student body vice-president Mike Palumbo experiments with a video camera before his final Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

port them."

Some senators felt that since last week the letter was just passed "in spirit" and was open to further review, there was no need to rescind the letter.

"We already passed the letter in spirit and if we make a motion to rescind it weakens

the letter," said Brendan Dowdall, Dillon Hall senator. "We know what we did and we know how we stand. We did this to support the students. However I feel we should listen to what the involved students have to say."

Knott Hall senator Ed Foy agreed.

"Recalling or rescinding the letter makes it appear like we're not supporting the students," Foy said.

However, other senators disagreed.

"We should recall the letter and get a clear understanding of what happened so that the actions we take will be in line with the students," said Zahm Hall senator Ryan Becker. "We messed up last week and instead of trying to save face here so we don't look bad, we should just fix the situation."

"I feel we should recall the letter and get the facts straight. We should go out there with these students and get the facts clear," said Cimarron Gilson, Sorin senator.

McHenry seconded Joy's feelings that the senate should have consulted the students involved in the incident.

"We just have three main problems with the letter. First of all, we were unsure what was meant by an open letter," McHenry said. "Does this mean it will simply be kept on file? Or will it be sent to people in South Bend?"

"Second is consultation. No one ever talked to the people directly involved. We are not attacking the spirit of the letter," McHenry continued. "We feel the spirit is awesome. We are not saying this was done for selfish reasons. Our problem is it came from a blind source and that you all were not informed."

"Lastly, there was some wording in the letter that was not conducive to the facts."

Overall, because the letter had already been sent out to

three separate groups, the senate resolved to form a committee of old senators, new senators and involved students to make revisions to the letter before it would be sent on to further involved parties. Joy and McHenry agreed to the resolution.

"Because the letter has already been sent to the Roseland Police Department, the St. Joseph's County Police Department and Denny's, I realize that recalling the letter is not possible," Joy said. "But I do ask that the letter not be further distributed until it is revised."

He added that he was glad the senate chose to support the students involved in the incident.

"I am not angry with the senate for stating its support of the students. I am pleased that it wishes to support us. I am just curious as to how the senate plans to do this. I also hope that, in the future, the senate investigates a little further when acting on behalf of the student's which it represents," Joy said.

In other senate news:

♦ The meeting ended the terms of the 1999-2000 senators as well as student body vice-president Michael Palumbo.

♦ Christopher Anderson, Keough Hall president, and Luciana Reali, student body secretary, presented the results of the student survey on a new student center.

"We have been analyzing information over the past months and collecting student opinion on the issues," Reali said. "This is the first time that the students have been consulted regarding a building issue, so we are very excited."

♦ Senate unanimously passed three more resolutions, one regarding the use of flex points at the Alumni-Senior Club, one regarding the destruction of Stepan Center and a final one regarding the use of Farley Hall as a student entertainment facility. The facility would play 70s music on the first floor, 80s on the second, 90s on the third floor and a mix of Marvin Gaye and Barry White on the fourth floor.

"I really want to thank you for finally doing something for the students," said Fisher Hall senator, Phil Dittmar. "Student government has really changed me."

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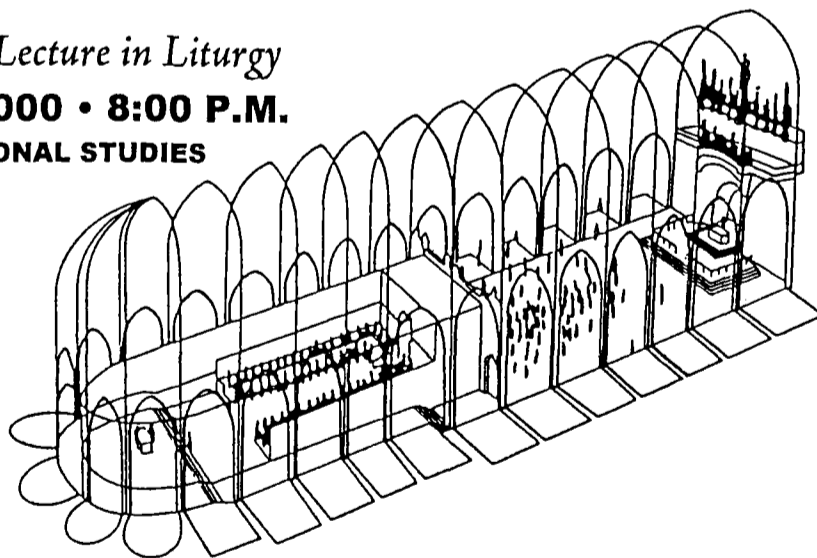
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Event promotes good health for students

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

As part of Nursing Week at Saint Mary's College, the Student Academic Council and the Student Nurses Association are sponsoring an annual health fair covering diverse health issues today from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in LeMans Hall.

"The definition of health I'm using includes physically, emotionally and mentally well-balanced," said Jalie Mowry, a senior who is the main coordinator of the event.

"Last year's [health fair] was a huge success," said Mowry. "I'm just hoping that Saint Mary's will show enthusiasm and support for this since we are bringing in organizations from the community."

Susie Moe, Shana Cagney and the nursing department helped Mowry with the fair.

"I'm very excited," said Mowry. "It's taken me since the beginning of February to plan this."

Each organization present at

the fair will have a section of a table in LeMans Lobby.

"Students will learn how to improve their health, learn more about their health and benefiting from good health," Mowry said.

Organizations represented at the health fair include: Saint

Mary's Counseling and Career Center, Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Care Center, The Healing Touch Organization, American Lung Association, Breast Cancer

"Students will learn how to improve their health, learn more about their health and benefiting from good health."

Jalie Mowry
health fair organizer

and Sex Offense Services.

There will also be information on organ donation, a nutritionist, a massage therapist, a chiropractor, an aerobics instructor doing fat testing, a diabetes educator, a pharmacist and a yoga instructor.

The Dining Hall will be providing healthy snacks and StudaBagels will be providing bagels. There will also be drawings for gift certificates to restaurants.

"At least walk by and you can get a free massage," Mowry said.

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same basic layout of the old building and will have a structure similar to the clubhouse. The kitchen has been enlarged and the bathrooms improved from the old building.

"It'll hopefully become a social hub for the school and a place to find food not found anywhere else," Russell said.

The finances and final plans for Dalloway's Coffeehouse still need to be confirmed, according to Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration. James E. Childs and Associates, Inc. have been hired as the architects. Originally, Ziolkowski Construction was hired to handle the construction, but, after the Board of Trustees directed the College to lower the cost of the building, other contractors are being investigated.

Dennis and John DeLee, director of buildings and grounds, met with Casteel Construction Corporation to discuss the cost of the coffeehouse. According to Dennis, the Casteel's pricing was very encouraging, and the College has asked them to refine their bid. A third contractor is being consulted today to ensure that the College gets the best price. After meeting with Casteel, Dennis is confident the project will begin soon.

"It appears from these numbers that the project will be able to proceed," he said.

The College hopes to have both buildings completed by the beginning of fall term along with the renovations in Regina Hall. The ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today and will include a presentation by Eldred, Nancy Midden, former student body president, the Ryans and Bonnie and John Martell, Saint Mary's Parent's Council representatives.

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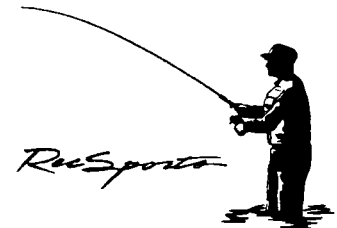
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Clinton immediately disputed the decision, saying he reluctantly released the letters two years ago because "it was the only way I knew to refute allegations" by Kathleen Willey of an unwanted sexual advance.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth concluded the president and three top White House lawyers disregarded an earlier court ruling when they made Willey's letters public in the midst of the Monica Lewinsky scandal in 1998.

"This court cannot accept or condone this unlawful action," Lamberth wrote in a decision that clears the way for a lawsuit filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch to delve further into the issue.

Initially, Lamberth's ruling simply requires White House lawyers to answer questions they earlier rejected about the

decision to release the letters. But it could open the door for an eventual lawsuit by Willey.

And the Justice Department, which is reviewing the decision, has an open investigation into another impeachment-related release of damaging information about a critic — the Pentagon's release of data from Linda Tripp's personnel file.

Independent Counsel Robert Ray, who must decide whether to indict Clinton after he leaves office, cannot prosecute a Privacy Act case because it only is a misdemeanor.

The White House plans to appeal. Clinton said he never even considered the Privacy Act when he made the decision to release the letters.

The president said he "decided to do it reluctantly only because it was the only way I knew to refute allegations that were made against me that were untrue."

He also took a swipe at Lamberth, noting the Republican appointee "somehow acquired a significant percentage of the cases involving the White House. That's an interesting story."

White House Counsel Beth Nolan said Lamberth's opinion is inconsistent with "every Administration" since 1975. "Republican and Democratic alike" that the White House is not subject to the Privacy Act.

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Memory lapses in the White House

Press accounts in the past few days have yielded yet another mention about the forgetfulness of the guys at 1600. The latest "oops" concerns Al Gore's e-mails. Despite having invented the Internet, it seems that Al is a klutz (color me shocked) when it comes to using e-mail. At least we are to believe that to explain why Al and Justice Department Investigators, can't recover six years of e-mails covering the period when there has been some question about fund raising improprieties at the White House.

Six years — and Richard Nixon got skewered for a 16 minute lapse on his secretary's transcription tape. I bet old Tricky Dick wished he had done the Gore maneuver on those White House tapes.

Gore is the same guy who gave an impassioned speech (his lip doesn't quiver quite as well as Bill's, when he's sharing your pain, but he's working on it) about how his sister died of lung cancer, because of cigarettes. This was a powerful personal message, which attracted a lot of media coverage — and public sympathy.

Unfortunately for Al, it attracted so much coverage, that someone was able to dredge up a televised and equally impassioned, speech Al had delivered, shortly after the death of his sister, telling voters in Tennessee "I have always been, and will always be, a tobacco farmer." When this discrepancy was pointed out, Al claimed that he had temporary amnesia because of his sister's death (I'm not making this up). Gore also forgot to remember that his visit to a

Buddhist Temple was a fund-raiser, even though he came away with buckets of cash. He pointed out that there was no controlling legal authority in the Clinton Administration. Maybe I'm misquoting him a bit, but the idea is the same.

In Monday's papers (I'm not making this up), Gore said he did not remember his staff people talking about fund raising at the temple. He claimed that he was drinking a lot of iced tea that day, and he may have been in the bathroom at the time of the discussions about fund raising (Lipton won't want to put that in their commercials!).

During the recent primaries, Bill Bradley's folks unearthed some letters to constituents and Congressional votes showing that Al had once been a "believer" in the "right to life" position. Bradley pointed this out in an attempt to weaken Gore's popularity with the abortion crowd. Didn't work. Al can't remember.

If George W. can quit tripping over his feet in time to defeat Gore, I recommend Al consider a career in car sales, as Joe Isuzu, Jr.

Now where could Al have picked up this memory loss problem? How about from Bill and Hill?

I was thinking about the contrast between the President during my youth, Dwight Eisenhower, and the current occupant of the White House. Ike played football and boxed, at West Point; Clinton played footsie in his boxers in the West Wing. Eisenhower went to England to invade Europe to serve his country; Bill went to England to evade serving his country. Advantage: Ike.

If we had to depend on Bill to do some of the things Ike did, this essay would be filled with umlauts.

Bill seems to have also suffered memory loss while at Oxford, because he forgot to graduate, and couldn't remember if he ever got a draft notice. And, according to Monica Lewinski, Bill couldn't remember

her name, while he was not having sex with her.

Bill also couldn't remember why one of his underlings (Craig Livingston) had 1,000 FBI files on Republicans. This pathetic, sacrificial underling himself couldn't remember who got him his White House job, even though it was a considerable step up from his other prior employment: ID Checker in a tavern. (Chuck Colson, an aid to President Nixon, served six months in Federal Prison for improperly having one FBI file, during the Watergate era.)

Some sources claimed that the First Lady was the person who put Livingston in his job. You can see why she couldn't remember, since she couldn't remember how she was able to earn \$100,000 in her lone day of future's trading. Then she couldn't remember how her Rose Law Firm's billing records "turned up" one day, in a private sitting room, in the White House!

Bill Clinton promised "the most ethical administration in history." He delivered the most forgetful.

The past eight years have been very good for the economy and there have been no foreign enemies at our shores (unless you count the Chinese spies in our nuclear labs and the Clinton fund raisers who fled back to China), so the Clinton-Gore era deservedly should get some high marks in the history books, but when all the chapters are completed, we may learn that Ronald Reagan was not the only recent President with a memory malady.

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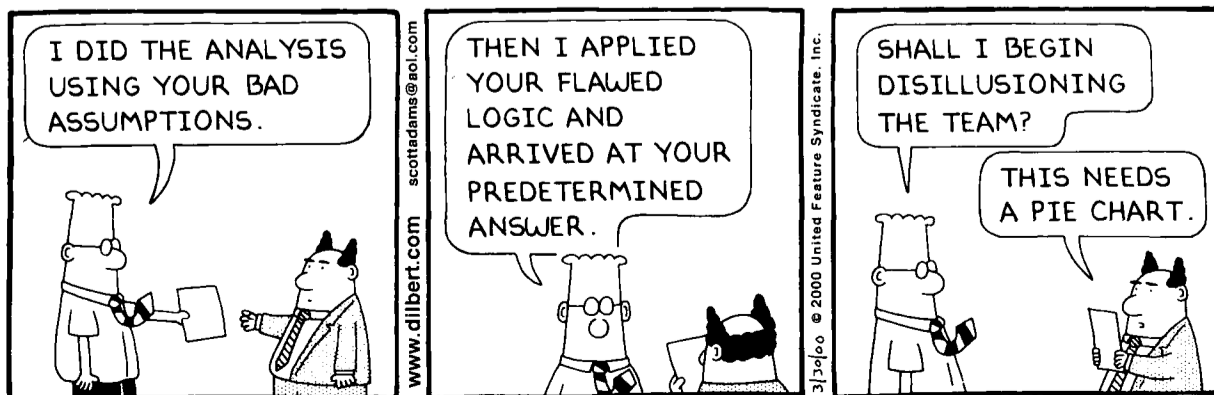
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Cappy's Corner

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When the President does it, that means it is not illegal."

Richard M. Nixon
President

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All we need is a Christian candidate

First of all, I must admit that I have been one of the many quietly complacent students here. However, things I have seen recently in The Observer have finally brought me to action in writing. I have two purposes within this letter.

The first is to set a few things straight with Mike Marchand. I was first incensed when I read his March 6 column decrying gun control. I was close to writing, but again, my complacency got the better of me. Luckily, the March 9 issue included a very good refutation for Marchand's arguments. Ryan Davis took the words out of my mouth (Marchand, why in the heck not have "smart guns" which could take over where human error and innocent irresponsibility take over? If only one life is saved, it is more than enough to justify the law.)

Marchand's arguments remind me of a friend of mine back home who would support the right at all times (his family believed George W. too liberal). On the subject of George W. Marchand wrote another column which requires an answer. For one thing, I wonder how someone as politically savvy as George W. could not know about BJU's "racism and anti-Catholicism," even after past Republicans have visited the place in previous years. I'm not saying that GW is a racist, but I am just saddened if he is really willing to sell out on Catholics to court the far right (and equally so if the Democrats do the same thing.)

Maybe he genuinely didn't know about BJU, but if he did, he shouldn't have identified his party with it. Mr. Marchand's assertion that Bush has the support of Catholics in the "millions of Hispanic Catholics" in Texas is simply wrong. As a Hispanic Catholic from San Antonio, I know this is certainly not the case. As the GOP goes, he is making significant headway with some Hispanics, but he is a far cry from the support that Marchand implies. To a very large extent, Mexican-Americans identify themselves with the Democratic party, even to this day. His winning Texas was not due to the Hispanics, but due to the state's strong GOP base.

This brings me to my second point, a point which I share with A.J. Boyd (as seen in "Inside Column," on March 28), that I find "offensive ... those who replace "Catholic" in their personal philosophies with ideas like 'conservative' or 'uniformity' and think the difference is negligible." His words have finally lulled me out of my complacency to write (I would first like to make clear that I do not categorize Marchand in this group; it would be unfair of me to as I do not fully know all of his political stances).

I think it is absolutely sickening to see a Catholic sacrifice his or her beliefs in favor of a party or ideology. A case in point was the Democratic U.S. Representative primary two years ago in my home district. The primary, of course, was essentially the election because, in my largely Hispanic district, the GOP hardly stands a chance. Both Democratic candidates were visible and prominent Hispanic Catholics. However, both were ardently "pro-choice." How can any Catholic run on such a platform? Similarly, how can any Catholic support capital punishment as the GOP does?

The sadder thing is that, even in largely Hispanic Catholic districts, the voters don't seem to care that they are electing a Catholic whose platforms directly contradict one of the absolute most sacred teachings of faith, or they are faced with electing a lesser of two evils. It is sad when people let ideology shape what they believe, when Christians are expected to put their faith above all else.

I think it is kind of interesting that Father Bill Seetch put in an article on March 28 also trying to give us a wake up call. I remember talking with him a few months back expressing my political frustration. I told him that I could not be a Republican because of their positions on gun control (or lack thereof) and on capital punishment (i.e. "the way we do things in Texas"). However, I could not consider myself a Democrat because of the party's official disregard for life's sanctity in abortion. He told me that he agreed with me, and was very helpful.

I wonder why there can't be a politician (maybe even a president?) who puts his or her Christian beliefs above the party and political arena, when applicable (for instance in issues of abortion, debt relief and capital punishment). Why can't there be a politician who will not sell out to BJU or to racism in Al Sharpton (if what is said about him is true?) I think that there must be somebody out there reading this who is called into politics and who also is strong in faith.

I personally don't know if I am, but be assured that I must and intend to answer whatever calling I receive. I hope that more people in the church, laity and clergy will encourage its members to seek politics as a way to set things right, in accord with the universal ideals found in Christianity, and in reality, all faiths (respect for life, helping others almost to a socialistic point and safeguarding peace, to name a few.)

I hope that someone will answer this call to be a true good servant of this country, but a first servant of God and all people. That way, we won't have to choose between the less repulsive of the platforms. I heard Father Seetch say this once, and I hope other priests may echo this, "get your rear end into politics!" if you are so called. Do not neglect your vocation.

Jason Villarreal
Freshman
Keenan Hall
March 29, 2000

ND security police insult was unfair

NDSP is fair buffer from "real world"

Blatant whine about security police

In response to Jeremy Beau's letter on March 27, I'd like to point out that the Notre Dame Police Department is not just a nuisance. Notre Dame Security is a buffer from the South Bend "real" police that may be underappreciated by Jeremy.

The South Bend Police would have been just as glad to hand you a ticket if you had been in their jurisdiction. Also, Notre Dame Security usually refers students detained for such offenses as public drunkenness and even worse offenses directly to the University. If Notre Dame Security wanted, they could just hand you over to the South Bend Police, where you would be prosecuted like the adult you are, do a night in lock-up and have a permanent mark on your record. The point is, the buffer from the "real" police that Notre Dame Security provides is a more than fair trade-off for the parking/speeding tickets you may end up paying.

I won't bother to ask the obvious questions of whether you were in fact speeding or parking in no parking areas.

First Lieutenant Eliot Held
Class of '97
Fort Wainwright, Ark.
March 28, 2000

This is for Jeremy Beau and his recent comments directed toward the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP). For those of you who missed his commentary, it boils down to this: he and some friends of his broke a bunch of rules set down by the University (and one local ordinance) and was irked by the audacity the NDSP showed in attempting to enforce these rules.

If your goal was to come off sounding like a spoiled, trust fund brat who requires that he get his way, then congratulations. You fit the mold. You did things you knew were wrong and were punished in not unexpected ways. I do not endorse the NDSP as the pinnacle of law enforcement, but this is not about them. It is about you, and your decision to consider yourself better than all those who follow simple rules, rules such as where you are permitted to park. The simple fact that you got not one, but three tickets for parking in a visitor's lot demonstrates that either you're not too bright, or you think you're important enough to park next to signs that, for you, read "Do Not Park Here Or You Will Get A Ticket."

You ought to work these things out for yourself and quit your whining.

Daniel Roek
Chemical Engineer, Graduate Student
March 27, 2000



Proving we are a "family"

I wish to praise the actions of all Notre Dame students and I know I am not just speaking for myself. I am sure many were equally shocked and pleased at the turnout today.

Thank you! To all who came to show their support for Conor Murphy: I have never been so proud to be a part of the Notre Dame community as I am today.

The way that students have responded to one of our own in need is overwhelming. I stood today in LaFortune and felt tears sting my eyes as I saw how many students came to show their support for Conor Murphy. Hundreds more students than the local Junior

League volunteers could handle turned out for the bone marrow drive today at LaFortune. It is a shame that people had to be turned away.

I want to thank everyone who came today to show their love and support for a fellow Notre Dame student. I thank God that I am here amongst so many wonderful people. We should all be proud of the Notre Dame family today. Thank you.

Amber Holleman
Sophomore
Lyons Hall
March 29, 2000

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MOVIE REVIEW

Teen romance 'Earth' hits the right notes

By LAURA PETELLE
Scene Writer

When a wealthy boarding-school boy meets a small-town girl on the big screen, what can viewers expect but a wrong-side-of-the-tracks romance?

Add a fiery collision, a pre-existing small-town boyfriend, a judge with creative sentencing powers and a medical condition, and you have all the elements of "Here on Earth," the latest in a series of teen romance flicks that includes "10 Things I Hate about You," "She's the One" and "Down to You." "Here on Earth" is a fun and poignant member of this genre, if occasionally melodramatic.

Chris Klein plays wealthy boarding school student Kelley Morse, who receives a Mercedes for graduation and, in true boarding-school fashion, sneaks out with his friends to drive it and taunt the townies. He pushes farm-boy Jasper (Josh Hartnett, with a very bad haircut) too far, and Jasper and his friend hop in their car and race Kelley and his friends. The race ends when the boys run over the gas pumps outside Mable's Table — the restaurant owned by Samantha Cavanaugh (Leelee Sobieski) and her family — setting off an explosion from which the boys escape relatively unscathed, but which burns the restaurant to the ground.

Kelley and Jasper are sentenced to community service, in the form of helping rebuild the diner and Kelley, lacking a place to live in town, moves in with Jasper's family. Kelley is supposed to be a

sullen, wrath-filled young man who acts out because his mother died and his father pays him no attention, but that's tough to accept from the good-natured Klein. At any rate, Kelley makes no effort to be part of the town until he and Samantha discover each other and slowly fall in love.

Samantha is forced to decide between Jasper, whom she's known forever and who is her best friend, and Kelley, who could be "just another rich boy" looking for kicks — like the rich boy who got her older sister pregnant and left. It is Samantha's indecision — and her ultimate decision — which provides the pivot point for the movie.

Although all three young actors are good — Klein, Sobieski, and Hartnett all excel at portraying a complicated range of emotions, including angst in all its forms — the movie suffers from lack of character development. Jasper is presented as a not-too-bright farm boy at the beginning, yet as the movie goes on, he keeps coming up with sensitive, insightful lines that seem beyond the reach of his character. Kelley never quite seems sullen enough to make viewers believe he would act the way he does, nor is his growing acceptance by the town — and his growing acceptance of the town — very well portrayed.

And it would be the rare 18-year-old who could deal with the events at the end of the movie with the maturity that Kelley shows. Samantha's character is the best-developed of the three, but one remains unsure as to why she fell for Kelley, other than his staggering good looks and well-



Chris Klein stars with Leelee Sobieski as a young couple in love in the tearful love story, "Here on Earth."

muscular physique. The writers want viewers to believe it is Kelley's love of Robert Frost that wins Samantha's heart, but that seems contrived.

Regardless of weaknesses in the script, all three principle parts are well-played, and the supporting cast is excellent — if substantially less attractive than the three leading characters. Samantha's father, in particular, is a believable character as a craggy-faced cop who loves his family. And the writers do have a genuine ear for how

teenagers and teen lovers talk to one another, although it is irritating to be asked (once again) to believe that every 18-year-old in the world hops in the sack every 20 minutes.

"Here on Earth" is definitely worth seeing, especially for those moviegoers (like this reviewer) who harbor a secret liking for teen romance movies. And seeing Klein shirtless is worth the four bucks. But it's a three-hanky flick, so make sure to bring the Kleenex box.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

Spielberg confronts issues of race in 'The Color Purple'

By JOHN CRAWFORD
Scene Movie Critic

Steven Spielberg had doubts when Quincy Jones first approached him to direct a film based on Alice Walker's novel "The Color People." Spielberg, after all, was the director of popcorn movies like "Jaws" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark," not serious, character-driven dramas based on Pulitzer Prize-winning books. Besides, Spielberg, being white and male, wondered if he could relate to a film dealing with an African-American woman's experiences.

"Don't you want to find a black director or a woman?" Spielberg asked.

"You didn't have to come from Mars to do 'E.T.' did you?" replied Jones, who was serving as a co-producer on the film.

Spielberg eventually agreed to helm the 1985 movie, taking a challenge that faces many artists: how do you accurately and realistically present a subject that you may not be entirely familiar with? For the most part, he was successful.

While he ultimately produced an emotional and solid movie, which served as a precursor to serious films such as "Saving Private Ryan" and "Amistad," not everyone was happy with the director's efforts. The film brought Spielberg critical acclaim and another box-office hit, but also backlash from the black community. Critics charged that he toned down the content of Walker's book to secure a PG-13 rating and, ultimately, the film received one of the biggest shutouts in Oscar history.

Set in the south during the first part of the 20th century, a time of hate and division, the film centers on the quiet Celie, played by Whoopi Goldberg, who survives in a world of hurtful relationships and mean men. Confronted first by an incestuous father, then an abusive husband, she struggles to keep hope while serving these men in kitchens and bedrooms.

As the vulnerable but resilient Celie, Goldberg gives an excellent performance. Because her character is forced into subservience and hushed words by the dominat-

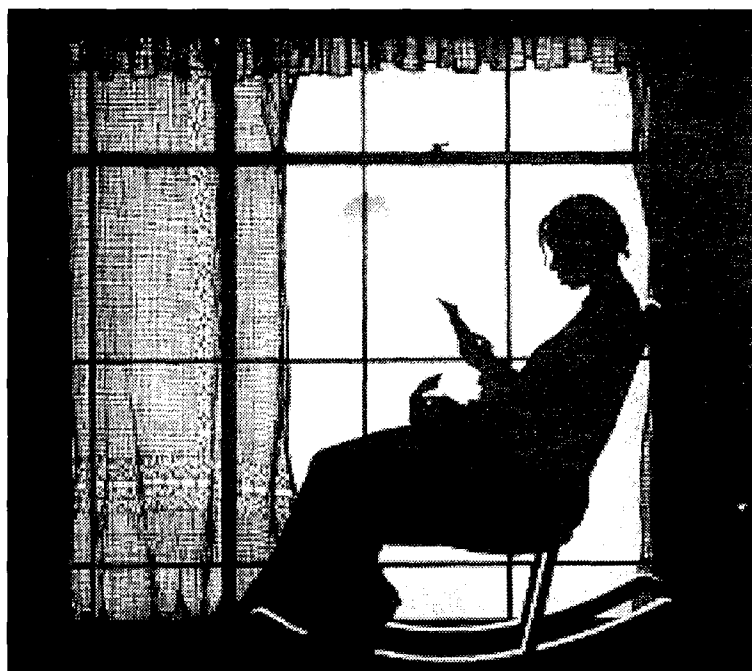
ing men around her, Goldberg brings out Celie's inner feelings through a face serving as a soul mirror. Her emotions flow through her eyes and expressions. Her smiles are warm, her frowns heartbreaking.

Hers is just one of several strong performances in the film, including Danny Glover as Celie's husband, whom she calls "Mister," and Oprah Winfrey (yes, that's Oprah Winfrey) as the tough Sofia, a woman whose spirit is eventually broken by racist whites.

Winfrey and Goldberg were both nominated for Oscars. In all, the film received 11 nominations, though amazingly, none for director as the Academy continued a resentment towards Spielberg that wouldn't pass until his Holocaust epic "Schindler's List." On Oscar night, "The Color Purple" didn't win a single trophy.

The film also faced backlash from parts of the black community who criticized a white director's portrayal of black characters. Though Mister eventually grabs some redemption by the end of the movie, he and other male characters are essentially leering, sexist and violent adulterers and rapists.

"You got to let them [women] know who has the upper hand," Mister tells his son,



Whoopi Goldberg plays Celie, a woman struggling against early 20th century racism in "The Color Purple."

"Nothing can do it better than a good beating."

Of course, with complicated issues such as race, there are no easy answers or solitary perspectives. Though the movie presents a world where relationships are often based on beatings, Goldberg and others defended the picture.

"People see lots of movies where white men abuse white women, and they never think

"This movie stereotypes whites," she said.

In a way, though, all the controversy surrounding the film makes it an even more interesting viewing. Not only is it full of memorable characters and scenes, but it forces an audience to think about tough questions regarding race and the sensitivity of artists' representations of worlds outside their own.

MOVIE REVIEW

Ending of 'Gate' leaves its audience behind

By **MATT NANIA**
Assistant Scene Editor

When one looks at the early career of director Roman Polanski, they are likely to be struck with awe. This is, after all, the man who gave us two of cinema's classics: "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown."

In later years, though, his work has been competent, but not quite as spectacular. With "The Ninth Gate," Polanski shows us that he's still got his directing chops — to some extent.

This is a supremely intelligent movie, which, despite its languid quality, draws its audience into a sinister world of demonic lore. With a very absorbing opening credit sequence, the film moves nicely at first, weaving an eerie, gothic fabric around its characters. Sadly, its veiled ending nearly ruins the film completely.

The story introduces the audience to Dean Corso (Johnny Depp), an unscrupulous rare book expert who will do almost anything to procure rare books for resale. Corso is contracted by one of his prestigious clients, Boris Balkan (Frank Langella in creepy camp glory), to authenticate a volume of "The Nine Gates of the Kingdom of the Shadows," a satanic tome rumored to conjure the Dark Lord himself.

Traveling from New York City to Portugal and France, Corso comes across two alternate versions of the book, each containing new secrets for unlocking the key to summon Satan.

Soon the owners of these other copies are murdered and Corso finds himself caught up in a labyrinth of deception and danger that includes being hunted by the widow (Lena Olin) of the book's original owner and being followed by a mysterious woman (Emmanuelle Seigner) with supernatural powers.

"The Ninth Gate" is extremely well crafted. Adapting the film from the novel "El Club Dumas" by Arturo Perez Revorte, Polanski produces an effectively dark and otherworldly atmosphere without resorting to trite shadows-and-fog effects. Polanski's strengths as an auteur — his dry wit, Hitchcock-ian camera movement, striking visual imagery and an engrossing, brooding narrative — are all on display here.

The movie deals heavily with the occult, yet Polanski never once stoops to cheap theatrics as were used in such films as "End of Days" and "Stigmata." There are no monsters coming out of the depths of hell or supernatural beings casting deadly spells. Polanski keeps everything in the low-key style of a classic film-noir who-done-it.

And, despite a few slow spots, the pacing of the story is nearly perfect. A mystery centered on books should unfold at a tempo different from the pell-mell acceleration of today's thriller.

Depp's performance is solid as usual, capturing a man driven by a force he can't control. Nothing seems impossible for Depp as an actor. He can lend himself to a filmmaker's most fantastical ("Sleepy Hollow") or



Photo courtesy of Artisan Entertainment

Johnny Depp stars as Dean Corso, a rare book expert caught in the middle of a dangerous scheme, in Roman Polanski's supernatural thriller "The Ninth Gate."

"The Ninth Gate"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Roman Polanski

Starring: Johnny Depp, Frank Langella and Lena Olin

poetic ("Dead Man") conceptions and turn into the embodiment of those stories, anchoring them to earth. From the first scene, as he cons a greedy bourgeois couple out of a book collection, Depp is right in tune with Polanski's dry malice.

It remains, however, that these elements aren't enough to salvage a film that teases its audience for two hours only to thumb its nose at them in the end. Surely, after such a mysterious journey, the least one can hope for is some sort of tangible pay-off.

Since "The Ninth Gate" plays like a

marginally entertaining detective story, the overall enjoyment of watching the film would have been greatly heightened had it not left so many questions unanswered. Why did the original owner of the book hang himself? Who is killing whom? Who is the mysterious woman? What is the Ninth Gate?

For all its seemingly careful plotting and Polanski's eye for quirky detail, the film's ultimate revelation seems too much like an afterthought, making the movie a lengthy joke without a clear punchline.

BOX OFFICE



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

TOP TEN

Weekend of March 24-26

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. Erin Brockovich	\$ 18.5 million	\$ 55.8 million
2. Romeo Must Die	\$ 18.1 million	\$ 24.6 million
3. Final Destination	\$ 7.2 million	\$ 20.4 million
4. Mission to Mars	\$ 5.7 million	\$ 49.2 million
5. Here On Earth	\$ 4.5 million	\$ 4.5 million
6. Whatever It Takes	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 4.1 million
7. American Beauty	\$ 4.1 million	\$108.5 million
8. My Dog Skip	\$ 3.1 million	\$ 26.1 million
9. The Cider House Rules	\$ 2.8 million	\$ 49.6 million
10. The Whole Nine Yards	\$ 2.1 million	\$ 54.1 million

Source: Yahoo!

Julia Roberts' "Erin Brockovich" dominated the box office last weekend, raking in an impressive \$18.5 million in its second week of release. Roberts' movie-star appeal and Universal's marketing blitz guaranteed "Brockovich's" success. "Romeo Must Die," Warner Bros.' attempt at recreating "The Matrix's" box-office numbers, did moderately well in attracting martial-arts fans. "Mission to Mars," Touchstone's high-budget sci-fi extravaganza, brought substantially less box-office receipts in its third weekend of release. Negative word-of-mouth and misleading previews contributed to the film's decline in attendance. Multiple Oscar-nominees "American Beauty" and "The Cider House Rules" benefitted from their inclusion in the Academy Award's Best Picture race, bringing in \$4.1 million and \$2.8 million, respectively.

NBA

Sonics drop game to Knicks, continue losing streak

Associated Press

Allan Houston led a balanced attack with 19 points and Marcus Camby added 18 points and a career-high 19 rebounds Wednesday as the New York Knicks rolled to a 110-95 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

The Knicks dealt the Sonics their fifth straight homecourt loss, which equaled the third-longest home losing streak in Sonics history. The Sonics had not lost five straight home games since December 1968, their second year in the league.

Latrell Sprewell surpassed the 10,000 point mark in his career when he stole the ball and drove half the court for a layup and a 102-82 Knicks lead with 4:15 left. He has 10,001 points in his career after finishing with 18 points.

Gary Payton led the Sonics with 21 points. Reserve Rashard Lewis added 18.

The loss dropped the Sonics two games behind the Sacramento Kings in the loss column in the race for seventh place in the Western Conference.

The Knicks pounded the Sonics 57-30 on the boards. Camby was 8-for-13 from the field as New York dominated Seattle inside, outscoring the Sonics 44-32 in the paint.

Payton was hounded all night by the Knicks defense. He was 8-for-22 from the field and had 10 assists and three steals. Vin Baker had 15 points for the Sonics, but only four rebounds.

Payton's 3-point play trimmed the Knicks' lead to 75-69. The Knicks closed the quarter with a 9-2 run led by Camby's five points for an 84-71 lead after

three quarters.

Seattle trimmed the deficit to 71-66, but then failed to score on four consecutive possessions as Shammond Williams missed three straight perimeter shots.

The Knicks took a 67-54 lead with 7:40 left in the third period when Vin Baker inadvertently tapped in Larry Johnson's miss while trying to rebound the ball.

Patrick Ewing scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half.

After Brent Barry's 3-point play trimmed the deficit to 48-46, Houston scored five of the Knicks' eight straight points for a 56-46 lead. New York led 59-49 at halftime.

Lakers 108, Grizzlies 99

Kobe Bryant scored 28 points to help the Los Angeles Lakers reach the 60-win plateau for the second time in three seasons, pounding the Vancouver Grizzlies 108-99 Wednesday night.

The victory gave the Lakers a 60-12 record and a magic number of five to clinch home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. It also was the second-fastest the Lakers have recorded 60 wins, trailing only the 1971-72 team, which won 69 games.

All five Lakers starters scored in double figures, but it was Bryant who set the pace. He hit 7-of-10 from the field in the first half, and ended with four steals and six rebounds to lead Los Angeles to its 26th win in 27 outings.

Shaquille O'Neal added 19 points and had eight assists, improving his average of 3.7 assists per contest.

Michael Dickerson had 32 to

lead Vancouver, which lost for the 14th time in 15 decisions. Teammate Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 30 points and 13 rebounds.

The Grizzlies stayed with Los Angeles early, hitting seven of their first 10 field goal attempts and finishing the first quarter trailing 31-30 on 71 percent shooting. However, the Lakers' defense stymied Vancouver in the second period as the visitors took a 60-46 halftime lead.

Jazz 98, 76ers 84

Karl Malone scored 30 points and John Stockton added 20 as the Utah Jazz beat Philadelphia 98-84 Wednesday night, snapping the 76ers' seven-game winning streak.

Malone had 12 points in the third quarter, including eight of Utah's first 10 in the period as the Jazz stretched a 45-41 half-time lead to 55-45 just over three minutes into the second half.

Allen Iverson scored 18 points one night after he had 43 in a victory at Minnesota. But maybe that took too much out of him, as he shot 7-of-21 against the defense of Stockton and Howard Eisley.

The Sixers never led, but they never gave up either. Twice in the fourth quarter they came within three points. The Jazz found an answer each time, and Stockton sealed it with a six-point spurt midway through the fourth quarter.

A basket by Tyrone Hill trimmed Philadelphia's deficit to 79-76 with 5:33 to play, but Stockton hit 18-foot jumper, then came off a screen by Malone to make an 8-footer on

the baseline with 4:28 to go.

With 4:01 on the clock, he hit a runner from the lane for an 85-76 lead.

Jeff Hornacek scored 13 points, Bryon Russell 12 and Greg Ostertag collected 13 rebounds for Utah.

The Jazz shot 17-of-17 from the foul line, led by Stockton's 6-of-6 effort.

Hornets 98, Pistons 91

Anthony Mason had 22 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a 98-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons in a battle of two of the East's hottest teams Wednesday.

The Hornets now lead the Pistons by three games in the race for the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The win extended Charlotte's winning streak to four games and took some of the luster off Detroit's 4-1 West Coast trip.

David Wesley added 18 points for Charlotte, while Elden Campbell had 16 points and 13 rebounds. Grant Hill led Detroit with 26 and Jerry Stackhouse added 19.

Detroit led by as many as 13 points in the second quarter, but seven points from Mason in the period got the Hornets within 47-43 at the half. Stackhouse had 14 in the half, while Mason had 12.

Charlotte took its first lead of the game, 60-57 midway through the third, by using a 6-0 run. But John Crotty's 3-pointer and a driving layup by Grant Hill let the Pistons regain a 71-69 advantage by quarter's end.

Charlotte opened the fourth period with a 5-0 run, taking

the lead 74-71 with 10:16 to go. After Hill's two free throws, the Hornets increased their edge to 79-73 with a three-point play by Todd Fuller and two foul shots by Eddie Jones.

Charlotte led by as many as seven, but Hill's three-point play after halftime and finished with 26 points as the Denver Nuggets defeated the Washington Wizards 101-93 Wednesday night.

Nuggets 101, Wizards 93

Nick Van Exel, who went scoreless on 0-for-7 shooting in the first half, found the range after halftime and finished with 26 points as the Denver Nuggets defeated the Washington Wizards 101-93 Wednesday night.

Van Exel led a 16-0 third-quarter run that put Denver ahead for good as the Nuggets salvaged a 2-2 split from their four-game road trip.

Rookie James Posey scored a career-high 25 points and matched a career high with nine rebounds, and Antonio McDyess had 24 points and 12 rebounds for Denver. Mitch Richmond scored 22 points for the Wizards, whose late-season surge hit a serious roadblock with a 36 percent shooting performance. Washington had won five of its previous six.

The Wizards led 60-52 with 5:55 to go in the third period when Van Exel started the 16-0 spurt with a 21-foot jumper. By the time the run was over, Van Exel had added a 3-pointer, a fadeaway 19-foot jumper at the shot clock buzzer and a pair of free throws to make the score 68-60.

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JM—sorry I can't be there for your big day. I'll be thinking of you in Bloomington. You'll rock the house. You're the maddest of them all!

To my silly little weirdo—happy 19th birthday to the most insane showgirl I know. I don't think you're scary. Love, Panda, Wapee, and Omeo (aka the Bandits)

MJW—looks like I'll be missing your big day too. I'll have lots on my mind in Bloomington. But I'll take you up on your offer for Sunday!

Who needs 10 page papers? Not me.

Virginia is my new favorite state.

Except for Florida. (That's for you, Stina)

Holy Cross '00'01— we will rock that dorm!

The prayers worked. Thanks, God.

We might be done early tonight. It's only 1:55. How excited would I be to get out before 6:30?

Let's avoid dumb, dumber and dumbest: the reunion.

Someone better start sweet talkin' the printer. Where's M'Shan when you need her? It must be missing the 'backer.

Noah, I really don't like honey mustard. I'm sorry.

Let's play the "Who gave me mono?" game!!

I'm done thinking.

We are all dumber after working here tonight.

Sorry I showed up at your party... haha.

Sleep? You don't get sleep.

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student union happenings

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Portugal, Schourek lose positions with Reds, Pirates

Associated Press

The Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates found their fifth starter, forcing Mark Portugal and Pete Schourek to look for new jobs.

Three days after announcing that Portugal was their fifth starter, the Reds changed their minds and released him Wednesday.

The Pirates did the same to Pete Schourek, who thought he had earned the No. 5 spot in Pittsburgh's rotation with a strong outing a day before.

The about-face stunned Portugal, rotation replacement Rob Bell, and a clubhouse full of teammates who thought the pitching staff was set. Portugal's rough outing on Tuesday prompted general manager Jim Bowden to change his mind.

"Bewildered is probably the best word I can come up with," right-hander Pete Harnisch said. "Shocked is probably another one."

Portugal had a 4.50 ERA when Bowden announced that he'd won the fifth starter's job. His Tuesday outing raised it to 6.00, still the second-lowest in a rotation that has struggled this spring.

"They didn't really get into some of the reasons, but I just think the timing of it is kind of weird," Portugal said.

Convinced that Schourek was no longer the pitcher who won 18 games for Cincinnati in 1995, the Pirates released

Schourek and gave rookie left-hander Jimmy Anderson the job.

Only one day earlier, Schourek, who is guaranteed \$2 million, seemed to have secured a spot in the rotation by limiting a Minnesota split squad to two runs in six innings, his best start this spring.

"I'm confident I can pitch," said Schourek, 4-7 with a 5.34 ERA last season. "They told me it was a numbers game. The \$2 million apparently didn't mean anything."

Owner Kevin McClatchy gave general manager Cam Bonifay permission to eat Schourek's contract if he and manager Gene Lamont felt the Pirates were better with Anderson in the rotation.

Their spring numbers were nearly identical. Schourek was 2-1 with a 5.40 ERA and eight strikeouts in 20 innings and Anderson was 3-1 with a 5.17 ERA and nine strikeouts in 15 2-3 innings.

"I'm not real worried about the baseball side of it," Schourek said. "I thought I threw well this spring and worked out some things I had problems with last season. I think I'll have a productive season for somebody."

At Jupiter, Fla., Mark McGwire was removed with stiffness in his back in the third inning of the St. Louis Cardinals' 3-1 win over the Montreal Expos.

McGwire was replaced by a pinch runner after drawing a walk in the third inning.

"He just said he felt achy all over and couldn't get loose," manager Tony La Russa said. "He could have scored in the first inning, but he said he just couldn't run well enough."

Outfielder J.D. Drew was hit on his right pinkie by a pitch from Scott Strickland in the sixth inning. His status was uncertain.

"We'll know more in the morning," La Russa said. "He seems to be OK."

Dodgers 7, Braves 2

At Kissimmee, Fla., Gary Sheffield hit a pair of home runs, including a two-run shot off Greg Maddux, and drove in five runs. Kevin Brown allowed one run and four hits in 4 2-3 innings, giving up only a solo homer to Chipper Jones.

Orioles 8, Expos 2

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mike Mussina allowed two runs over six innings in his last start before opening day. Harold Baines went 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

Red Sox 4, Reds 3

At Sarasota, Fla., Pete Harnisch gave up three runs in six innings, including an RBI single and a sacrifice fly by Nomar Garciaparra, on the day Cincinnati picked him as its opening day starter.

Indians 3, Astros 2

At Kissimmee, Fla., Dave Burba pitched five scoreless

innings and Jolbert Cabrera went 5-for-5 with an RBI.


Pirates 3, Blue Jays 1

At Bradenton, Fla., Jason Schmidt tuned up for his opening day start by pitching shutout ball for his second straight spring start. Schmidt, who starts Monday night against Houston, limited

Toronto to four hits and struck out seven in seven shutout innings.

Yankees 5, Phillies 1

At Tampa, Fla., Opening day starter Orlando Hernandez allowed one run in six innings and Derek Jeter had a pair of RBI singles as New York won its seventh straight game.



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April 1, 2000

Mr. James Wolfensohn, President
World Bank Group
1809 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433

Dear Mr. Wolfensohn:

As Presidents of the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College, and Holy Cross College, and in the spirit of the Jubilee Year celebrated on each of our campuses, we are writing to request that you support an immediate suspension of the economic policies and practices that have caused poverty and suffering among the world’s peoples, and damage to the environment. On the occasion of the first meetings of the governing bodies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the 21st century, we further call on you to cancel the unpayable multilateral debt of the world’s poorest countries and use the resources of the World Bank and IMF to finance this cancellation.

We make these requests based on the call of our faith for solidarity among the members of the human family, genuine debt relief in the spirit of Jubilee, poverty reduction, and global economic justice. Pope John Paul II has been eloquent and unrelenting in his call for debt relief. He has noted that the existence of debt is “suffocating” quite a few countries, and that “the Church in her pastoral concern cannot ignore this difficult situation...” I urge you, in your position as President of the World Bank, not to ignore this situation any longer but to propose and support immediate and significant action to cancel the debt which seriously threatens the lives of millions of people that our Congregation ministers to, throughout the world.

Archbishop Medardo Mazombwe of Zambia has written that “The debt problem is not simply an economic issue. It is fundamentally an ethical issue because it is a radically human problem, affecting the well-being of families, the survival of the poor, the bonds of community, and the security of the future.” We join with the Archbishop and with the Bishops of the United States, and urge you to take the opportunity of the spring meetings to address the debt issue, making the year 2000 a true Jubilee year for the world’s people who need it most.

We will experience a true Jubilee only when the well being of all, including the world’s most vulnerable people and ecosystems, is given priority over macroeconomic adjustment and neoliberal economic policy. We urge you, in the spirit of Jubilee justice, to take courageous action now: abandon the failed policy of structural adjustment and cancel the debt of the world’s most heavily indebted countries.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Edward Malloy, CSC
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WOMEN'S NIT TOURNAMENT

Moore lifts Wisconsin over Florida to claim NIT title

Associated Press

Tamara Moore scored 25 points as Wisconsin blew all but one point of a 15-point second-half lead before hanging on to beat Florida 75-74 Wednesday night in the women's NIT title game.

Florida, which scored the game's final 11 points after trailing 75-63 with 2:55 left, missed two shots in the closing seconds that could have won it. Wisconsin needed a dramatic rebound from freshman center Nina Smith with three seconds left to secure the victory.

The Badgers had the rabid support of 13,006 screaming fans, the fourth-largest crowd in school history and second-largest in the tournament's history.

Wisconsin, which lost the WNIT final to Arkansas last year, made a 15-0 run spanning halftime and appeared to be cruising with a 12-point lead with four minutes to play.

But Florida, using a pressing defense and calling timeouts after almost every basket in the final minutes, cut Wisconsin's big lead to 75-71 on Tombi Bell's layup with 1:09 to play.

Jessie Stomski double-dribbled for the Badgers, and Tonya Washington hit a jumper to cut Wisconsin's lead to four points with 44 seconds left. After Kelley Paulus missed

two free throws, Bell made one free throw with 23 seconds left, and Florida got the ball back on another Wisconsin turnover.

But Washington missed a jumper with six seconds left and Tamara Stocks missed a putback attempt. Smith ferociously ripped the final rebound away from two Lady Gators with three seconds to play.

Badgers coach Jane Albright knelt with her hands clasped in prayer on the sideline as time expired, and her players mobbed each other at midcourt. Smith finished with 16 points, and Stomski added 14.

Wisconsin celebrated the title with hugs and tears before cutting down the

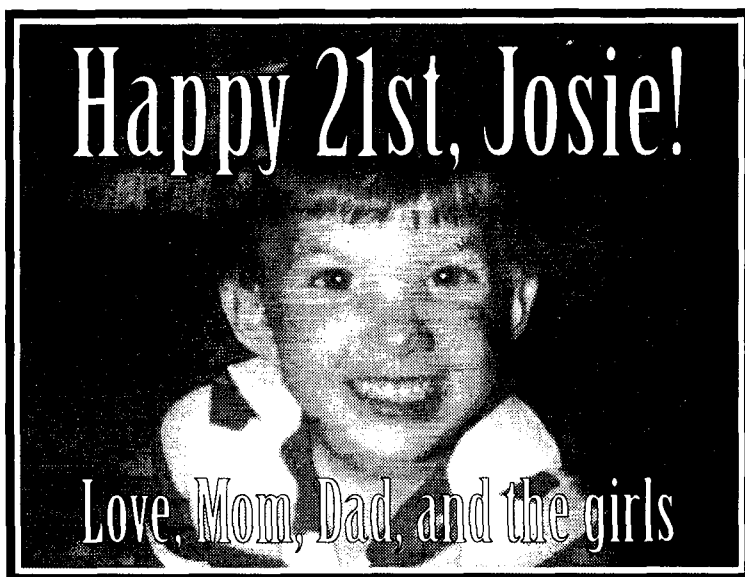
net. The Badgers' season ended in triumph just two games after Albright gave one-game suspensions to seven players for an alcohol-related incident on campus.

Naomi Mobley had 19 points and 13 rebounds for Florida, while Tiffany Travis added 18 points. Tamara Stocks had 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Brandi McCain, Florida's former All-American guard who missed most of the season

with a broken leg, was held scoreless.

Moore, a sophomore who was named tournament MVP, scored 11 points during the first-half run, including three consecutive three-point plays.

The Badgers were at home in all five rounds of the tournament this season, while Florida played host in just one round of the tournament because its home gym was being used for the SEC gymnastics championships.



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NHL

Red Wings crush Canucks, trail Blues for division title

Associated Press

Sergei Fedorov got his 300th goal and Detroit scored four times in the third period as the Red Wings dampened the Vancouver Canucks' playoff chances with a 6-3 victory Wednesday night.

Steve Duchesne had two goals for the Red Wings, who are chasing St. Louis for first place in the Central Division and Western Conference. Detroit, which has won four straight and is 5-1-1 in its last seven, plays at St. Louis on Saturday.

Detroit trails the Blues, who lost at home to Toronto, by just one point.

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for Vancouver, 5-1 in six contests. The Canucks began Wednesday two points out of the final Western playoff spot with only five games remaining.

Vancouver took a 3-2 lead on third-period goals from Marty Baron and Brendan Morrison before Detroit rallied.

Todd Gill tied it by pushing a nice centering pass from Kirk Maltby past goalie Felix Potvin at 8:09.

Kris Draper put Detroit ahead by deflecting Duchesne's shot behind Potvin 2:26 later, and Stacy Roest added an insurance goal at 15:21 when he gloved down Fedorov's rebound and fired it into the net.

Duchesne scored into an empty net with 1:02 remaining. Chris Osgood made 19 saves for Detroit. Potvin stopped 26 shots.

Detroit played the third period without captain Steve Yzerman, held out as a precaution after a second-period leg injury.

Red Wings forward Tomas Holmstrom missed the final two periods after he was hit in the face with an Yzerman shot in the first. He suffered a cut lip and left the arena for dental work.

Morrison broke a 2-2 tie 4:13 into the third when he converted a pass from Andrew Cassels. Morrison has seven points in as many games since the Canucks acquired him March 14 in the trade that sent Alexander Mogilny to New Jersey.

Baron wiped out a 2-1 Detroit

lead 1:18 earlier when his shot from the top of the left circle got through traffic and past Osgood.

Vancouver scored just 1:11 into the game after Mark Messier won a left circle faceoff back to Marcus Naslund, who blasted a shot over Osgood's left shoulder.

Fedorov's 300th goal tied it on a power play 2:59 into the second when he converted a short pass from Brendan Shanahan in front of the net.

The Red Wings took a 2-1 lead at 7:55 of the second when Shanahan made a long drop near the Canucks' line to Murphy, who shot the puck through Potvin's legs.

Avalanche 3, Oilers 2

Eric Messier scored his first goal in 34 games and Joe Sakic extended his point streak to a career-high 14 games with a pair of assists as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-2 Wednesday night.

The first-place Avalanche moved six points ahead of the Oilers in the Northwest Division.

Ray Bourque got his seventh goal since being acquired from Boston and Alex Tanguay added a goal in his first game after missing six with a strained neck for Colorado, 10-2-1 in March.

Joe Sakic has 16 goals and 11 assists in his last 14 games.

Doug Weight had a goal and an assist and Alexander Selivanov got his second goal in as many games for the Oilers, 3-3-0 in six games. Tommy Salo stopped 17 shots before being replaced by Bill Ranford at the start of the third period.

Edmonton appeared to have the division race in control on Feb. 29 when the Oilers built a six-point lead. Since then, the Oilers are 4-10-1 while the Avalanche have gone 10-2-1.

Although outshot 10-9, the Oilers dominated play in the opening period, but trailed 1-0. Edmonton failed to convert two quality scoring chances, first when Patrick Roy, who had 20 saves in recording his 442 win, smothered a shot off a faceoff by Ryan Smyth midway through the period and then when he made a stick save on Weight on a 3-0-2 break.

Bourque got his 17th goal with

two seconds left in the period and Colorado on its second power play. Sakic set up the play with a pass just inside the blue line and Bourque deflected a slap shot off Edmonton left wing Ethan Moreau and past a diving Salo.

The Avalanche extended its lead to 3-0 in the second period on goals by Messier and Tanguay. Messier sent a blast over Salo's right shoulder from the left point at 6:33.

Sakic set up Tanguay's 15th goal at 16:58. After having the puck poked away, Sakic skated it down and fed Tanguay with a cross-ice pass to the lower left circle. Tanguay rammed the puck into an open net.

Two third-period goals on the power play got the Oilers within 3-2. Selivanov converted a pass from Weight at 6:21 then Weight sent a wrist shot past Roy's glove at 10:23.

Maple Leafs 3, Blues 2

Jonas Hoglund and Steve Thomas each had a goal and an assist and Mats Sundin set up three goals Wednesday night as the Toronto Maple Leafs ended the St. Louis Blues' dominance over Canadian teams with a 3-2 victory.

The loss was the first for the Blues this season against a team from Canada (13-1-3). No U.S. based team has gone undefeated in a season against Canadian teams.

Maple Leafs goalie Curtis Joseph made 34 saves to preserve the victory and snap the Blues' six-game unbeaten streak. Toronto scored three times on just 16 shots against Roman Turek.

Craig Conroy and Jochen Hecht scored for the Blues, who lead Detroit by just one point for the NHL's best record. The teams meet Saturday at St. Louis.

Cory Cross scored the other goal for the Maple Leafs.

Thomas broke a 2-2 tie with

his 22nd goal at 5:57 of the third period. Sundin started the play by stealing the puck from defenseman Chris Pronger at the point. He dumped it into the corner to Hoglund, who centered in front and Thomas tipped it home.

St. Louis had allowed only four goals in five games.

Cross got Toronto on the board just 1:25 in with his fourth goal. Sundin shot the puck into the St. Louis zone then chased down his own rebound along the right boards. When the Blues converged on Sundin, he centered to Cross, who beat Turek for a 1-0 lead.

After Conroy tied it at 5:56 with his 12th goal, Hoglund gave the Maple Leafs the lead again 2:28 into the second with a power-play goal that banked in off Pronger. St. Louis had killed 66 of 68 power plays before Hoglund's goal, his 28th.

Hecht tied it 2-2 with a power-play goal of his own at 4:58 of the period, lifting his own rebound over Joseph for his 10th goal.

Canadiens 4, Bruins 3

Sergei Zholtok scored the winning goal with 15 seconds left Wednesday night, lifting the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-3 victory over the Boston Bruins and back into eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Zholtok, who added an assist, scored his team-leading 25th goal when his wrist shot beat Rob Tallas. Benoit Brunet also had a goal and an assist for Montreal, which scored three straight times after falling behind 2-0 in the first period.

Sheldon Souray and Francis Bouillon also scored singles for the Canadiens, who got two assists each from Oleg Petrov and Patrice Brisebois.

Montreal has 78 points, one better than Buffalo and two better than Carolina. The Sabres, with six games left, have a game in hand on both teams in the

race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Kyle McLaren's goal midway in the third tied it 3-3 before Zholtok's heroics. Mike Knuble and Eric Nickulas also scored for Boston, and Joe Thornton had two assists.

Knuble opened the scoring midway through the first after P.J. Axelsson's pass from behind the net. Nickulas made it 2-0 less than three minutes later, but Montreal scored twice in the second.

Brunet poked in a rebound with Montreal on a power play at 8:05 before Souray's wrist shot beat a screened Tallas at 16:51. Bouillon's power-play goal at 5:43, which deflected off Boston defenseman Brandon Smith, gave the Canadiens a brief lead. McLaren scored two minutes later.

Montreal goalie Jeff Hackett made 21 saves, including one on Brian Rolston's breakaway late in the third.

Coyotes 3, Thrashers 2

Dallas Drake knocked in a rebound with 7:21 remaining Wednesday night as the Phoenix Coyotes ended a seven-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

The expansion Thrashers, who lost their fourth straight, are winless at home in 17 games (0-15-2).

Drake's 13th goal came with Phoenix captain Keith Tkachuk in the penalty box for high-sticking Johan Garpenlov. Playing his first game since serving a two-game suspension for high-sticking Colorado's Aaron Miller, Tkachuk hit Garpenlov out of frustration after the Atlanta forward fell on him and stole the puck.

With play stopped, Tkachuk was looking toward the Phoenix net and standing at the Atlanta blue line when Thrashers goalie Damian Rhodes charged from behind and shoved him to the ice.

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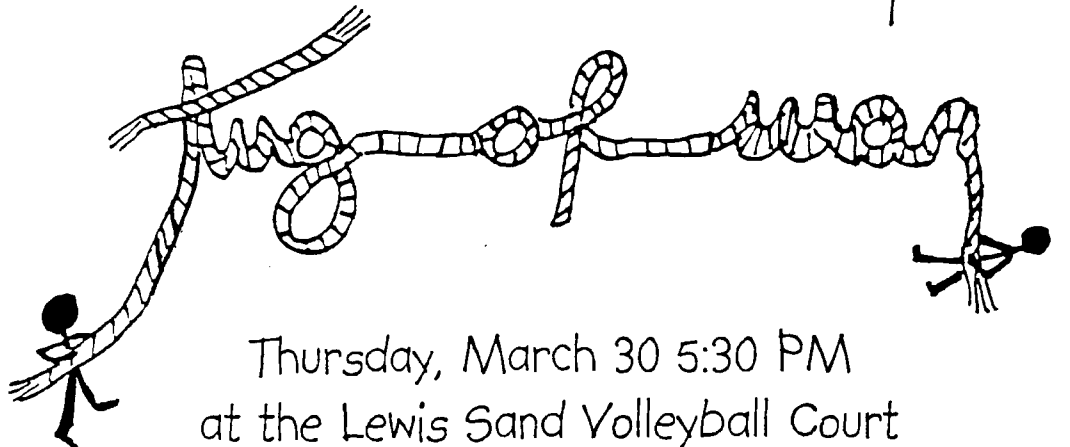
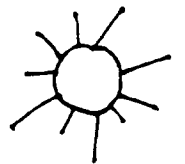
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"What's the Future of This Relationship?" (Apr. 9)

Deadline for sign up is Thursday, April 6

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Jubilee 2000

Tuesday-Saturday, March 28-April 1

Conference on "Campaign for Debt Relief"

Senior Retreat #3 (April 14-15) Sign Up

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Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Badin Hall Chapel

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Wilson Commons

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Sunday, April 2 Mass

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Rev. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C

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Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading Eph 2: 4-10

Gospel Jn 3: 14-21

Where's the Love?

by Frank Santoni

I often find myself thanking God: for a new day, for the sunshine (or more often, for the rain), for my family, for my friendships. I thank God for my wife's good health during our pregnancy. I thank God for my mom's recovery from lung cancer. I thank God, too, for the opportunity to live and work in an energizing community like the one I have found at Notre Dame. I thank God for my dogs, for my home, for Troy Murphy. The list could go on and on, and usually does. God gives us countless reasons to be grateful everyday and, as the familiar response from mass goes, we are right to give God thanks...and praise.

Praise. Praise? What about praise? It's clear how we give God thanks, but how do we give God praise? The words "praise" and "thanks" are not synonyms. While we thank God for things, we do not praise God for anything. We just praise God, period.

Consider this. What if God wasn't a God that answered prayers? Would that make God any less God? Or what if we couldn't easily recount the significant points in our lives at which God blessed us beyond expectation? Would God, then, cease to be as worthy of our adoration? Or what if during our moments of greatest need, God hadn't eased our hearts in a moment of divine peace or embraced us through the arms of a loved one? Would we worship God any less heartily? In other words, do we ever praise God simply for being, well...God?

See, there's a big difference between praising God and thanking God. You may think I'm getting picky with my terminology, but I think the distinction runs to the heart of our relationship with God. Our thankfulness is a natural response to recognizing God's fingerprint on our daily lives. Our praise, on the other hand, is our heart's cry in reaction to God's unconditional, unmerited love for each of us. To praise God is to stand in awe of God, acknowledging that we are incapable, through our words or actions, of increasing or diminishing the love and mercy God has already bestowed upon us.

If you have read this far, you may be willing to take yet another step toward deepening your understanding of just how we can praise God in our daily lives. This Saturday, Campus Ministry again will be sponsoring "No Greater Love...a Notre Dame day of prayer, music and renewal." No Greater Love is a day of praise. The day's activities will offer plenty of ways to lift up our praise to God through prayer, music and sharing. Frs. Jim Lies, CSC and Bill Wack, CSC will lead us through the day with personal stories and dynamic preaching. Paul Hillebrand, a renowned composer and musician from Arizona, with the help of the Notre Dame Celebration Choir will lead us in music and worship. Students will share honestly about their own faith journeys through talks, songs, drama and in small discussion groups. We've invited some of our community's most exciting professors and rectors to share about their faith in small group workshops on a wide variety of topics.

No Greater Love is designed for you to be able to come and go as you please. The day will get underway at South Dining Hall at 10:00 a.m. If you come in the morning, I can almost guarantee you will want to stay the whole day. Its fresh format has elements that appeal to everyone, so invite your friends. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in the afternoon and the closing mass will begin at 4:30 p.m. Check out the advertisement tomorrow in the Observer to get more details on the schedule.

God certainly deserves both our thanks and praise. This Saturday we are presented with an awesome opportunity to do both in new and exciting ways. Take this invitation and pass it on to a friend. Together, we can raise our voices in songs and prayers of praise because there exists no greater love than the love that God has shown us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CONSIDERATIONS...



Acceptable sports dealings still only in dream world

Some people dream about fame and fortune. Others dream about love and success.

I dream about sports; not what sports are, but what they could be.

I dream of a world where designated hitters cease to exist, where intra-league play is sufficient, and where sports are played on grass.

I dream of a world where Kurt Warner starts in every city and Albert Belle lives in exile.

I dream of a world where luxury boxes are reserved for old people and young children who can't handle the inclement weather, where corporate seats cost more and are farther away from the field than the cheap seats. I dream of a world where buying a hot dog and a

beer doesn't require a credit card.

I dream of a free agency-less world.

I dream of a world where the only "early entrants" to the drafts are players that were kicked out of college, where the NCAA cares more about the well-being of its athletes than it did about the well-being of its pocketbook and a world where agents and illegal contributing boosters don't exist.

I dream of a world without Kim Dunbar.

I dream of a world where the best 64 teams get invited to the dance, the best 16 teams compete in a college football tournament, and the NBA and NHL tournaments don't last as long as the season.

I dream of a world where the Orange Bowl is simply the Orange Bowl, not the FedEx Tropicana Exxon Nike Orange Bowl.

I dream of a world where all sports are played with the passion and integrity of ultimate Frisbee with players fighting to win, but calling their own fouls.

I dream of a world where Bobby Knight has to put on a

uniform and play for himself.

I dream of a world where the mascots, the referees, the coaches and the fans stop thinking that they are the reason people paid to watch the game.

I dream of a world where boxing is less fake than wrestling.

I dream of a world where more than two steps is traveling, the strike zone is marked by the numbers and the knees and Michael Jordan gets called for the same fouls as Bryon Russell.

I dream of a world where someone who hits .350 gets paid as much as someone who hits 50 homeruns, where everyone knows the names of offensive lineman and where fielding and man-to-man defense are used as criteria to give away MVP trophies.

I dream of a world where the Pirates and Expos can win a

title and where the Cubs, Red Sox, Clippers, Seahawks and whatever team Dan Marino is on actually win titles.

I dream of a world where Little League is played, run and watched solely by kids. I dream of a world where athletes still smile like Little Leaguers.

I dream of a world where all players chew gum instead of tobacco, only hit people on the court and don't curse at fans.

I dream of a world where the Olympics happen every four months instead of four years.

I dream of a world where hard work rather than genetics determines if you can succeed, the only steroids are iron plates and the only personal trainers are your parents.

I dream of a world filled with Camden Yards and Wrigley Fields, lacking retractable roofs; a world where wind chill is the only form of air-condi-

tioning.

I dream of watching Super Bowls being played in Buffalo and Green Bay.

I dream of a world with only wooden bats, catcher's masks that look like catcher's masks instead of goalie masks and pant legs are pulled up to the knee.

I dream of a world where players spend less time worrying about contracts and end zone dances and more time about winning and being a role model.

I dream of a world without Latrell Spreewell, without Rae Caruth, without Dennis Rodman, without Isaiah Rider.

I dream of a world where my younger sister has the same opportunities and garners the same amount of respect as if she was my younger brother.

I dream of a world where the game is still considered a game, played not for fortune or fame, but for the love of the game.

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



Brian Churney

On the Hot Corner

CORRECTION

The names of two Bookstore Basketball teams were omitted from Wednesday's paper:

- 15. Like Whoa
- 16. Malicious Prosecution

The Observer regrets the error.

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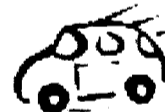
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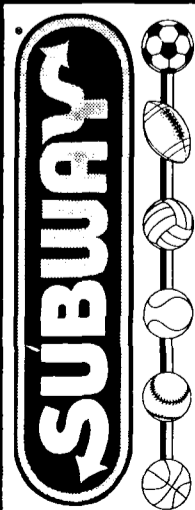
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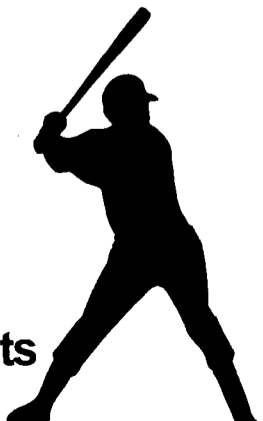
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Football

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missed all of last season, is expected to contend for a starting nod at cornerback. As a sophomore Williams started eight of the last 10 games for the Irish, struggling at times but gaining some valuable experience.

Davie also mentioned Clifford Jefferson, Jason Beckstrom, Albert Porce, Shane Walton and walk-on Dwayne Francis as also possibly contributing at cornerback to the 2000 Irish.

Driver has moved from running back to free safety

for his senior season. Sophomore Gerome Sapp and senior Justin Smith will challenge Driver for the starting position.

"It's by far the most talented, deep group of guys [in the secondary] we've had," Davie said. "But just saying that will not win us

"It's the overall thing of confidence, not giving up the big play, being able to blitz and play man coverage."

Bob Davie
head football coach

any awards. We've got to play and be productive."

Though he's learned from experience not to promise immediate results, Davie believes the talent is in place to improve his defense.

"It's bigger than just saying we're going to line up in this defense and be more

aggressive because of this scheme," Davie said. "It's the overall thing of confidence, not giving up the big play, being able to blitz and play man coverage. We've got no excuses because I think we've got some guys that can do that."

NOTES:

◆ Spring practice begins Saturday and concludes on April 29 with the annual Blue-Gold game in Notre Dame Stadium.

◆ 15 Irish players had surgeries in the off-season according to Davie. Only one player, Ryan Roberts, a defensive end, is expected to miss some practice time after back surgery.

◆ Driver cut a tendon in his left pinky finger during a kitchen mishap recently, according to Davie. He will be ready to practice on Saturday.

NFL

Owners vote to keep instant replay next year

Associated Press

PALM BEACH

Instant replay is getting so popular among NFL owners that they may want to keep it for good.

Teams voted 28-3 to continue the system reinstated last season. Replay, which returned after a seven-year absence, will be exactly the same. Coaches will get two challenges per game, and a replay official can stop play on his own for a challenge in the last two minutes of each half.

The vote emboldened its proponents, particularly among the coaches. "Next year is the pivotal year," said Minnesota's Dennis Green, the new co-chairman of the competition committee. "If things go smoothly next season, it may be time to put it in on a permanent basis."

That may be hard. Replay, first instituted for the 1986 season, has always been renewed on a yearly basis, both from 1987-91 and the past two years. That has meant it needs three-fourths of the teams, currently 24 of 31, for approval. If it goes in permanently, it would take three-fourths of the teams to repeal it, a step many may not be willing to take given some of the controversial calls last season.

Cincinnati and Arizona also voted against it for the second straight year. Kansas City replaced the New York Jets as the third dissenter.

"Human nature doesn't change, and it's humans who run these machines," said Cincinnati's Mike Brown, who has voted against replay every time it has been proposed.

"I voted for it last year to give a chance," said Kansas City's Lamar Hunt, another consistent anti-replay owner. "I didn't think it worked any better than it had before."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue was noncommittal.

"That doesn't matter to me today," he said when asked about making replay permanent. "We made the right decision for this year."

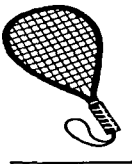
Owners also passed a new rule mandating fines for celebrations by two or more players. The vote on that was 30-0 with one abstention, the St. Louis Rams, whose players pioneered the "bob and weave" celebration en route to their Super Bowl victory.

"The coaches said across the board that players on their teams regarded it as provocative," Tagliabue said. "The coaches felt it was very negative to spend time before a game trying to cool players down. They felt there was no need for it to be an issue in the locker room."

In additional action, the NFL voted to consolidate its Internet presence into NFL.com. Internet revenue will be equally divided among the 31 teams, just as television revenues are, for the next two years, then the issue will be reviewed.

"Many felt it was as important as in 1961, selling the TV rights as a national package," Tagliabue said. "The difference was that was permanent and this was for two years."

The NFL discussed scheduling for 2002, when Houston enters the NFL. Tagliabue said there was some discussion of adding one team in each conference to the playoffs, expanding it to 14 teams.



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SOFTBALL

Belles struggle at bat, fall to Comets in MIAA openers

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team played its first conference games last night against Olivet College and lost both games, 6-1 and 5-0.

Sophomore Kristin Martin pitched the first game and junior Anne Senger pitched the second.

The Belles current record is now 9-6 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA.

Olivet finished fourth in the MIAA last season, one place above Saint Mary's. It was the Comets' first conference game this season as well, although they have an 11-5-1 record overall.

Jessica Davenport, Olivet's pitcher in the first game, pitched faster than the Belles' offense is used to.

The speed of Davenport, the MIAA's 1999 most valuable player, threw off Saint Mary's hitting.

"We need to get our timing down. We just weren't hitting," sophomore Katy Ray said.

The Belles came away with one hit from freshman right fielder Katie Murphy in the first inning of the first game.

After hitting a double, Murphy attempted to steal third and scored on a throwing error by Olivet.

"We made contact with the ball. We just need to adjust to the fast pitching after the slow pitching we faced in previous games," said coach Joe Speybroeck.

The Belles gave up seven of Olivet's runs on errors but gave up no home runs to the Comets.

"We looked ready to play, but certain days it's just not there," Speybroeck said.

For Saturday's game against Defiance College, Saint Mary's

hopes to bring their offense together.

Speybroeck wants to see more connection with the ball and more players on base.

Last season, the Belles split the series with the Lady Jackets, losing 5-4 and winning 9-1. Defiance is currently 2-12 on the season and is faced with a seven game losing streak.

Speybroeck said the players look solid this year and last night should not be an indicator to what the rest of the season will be.

"I feel very positive for the rest of the season," said Speybroeck.

After facing Defiance at home, Goshen College will come to Saint Mary's before the Belles go on the road for several conference games.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Infielder Rachel Deer hits against Concordia Monday. Belles hitting fell short again Wednesday against the Comets.

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Carroll

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emphasize.”
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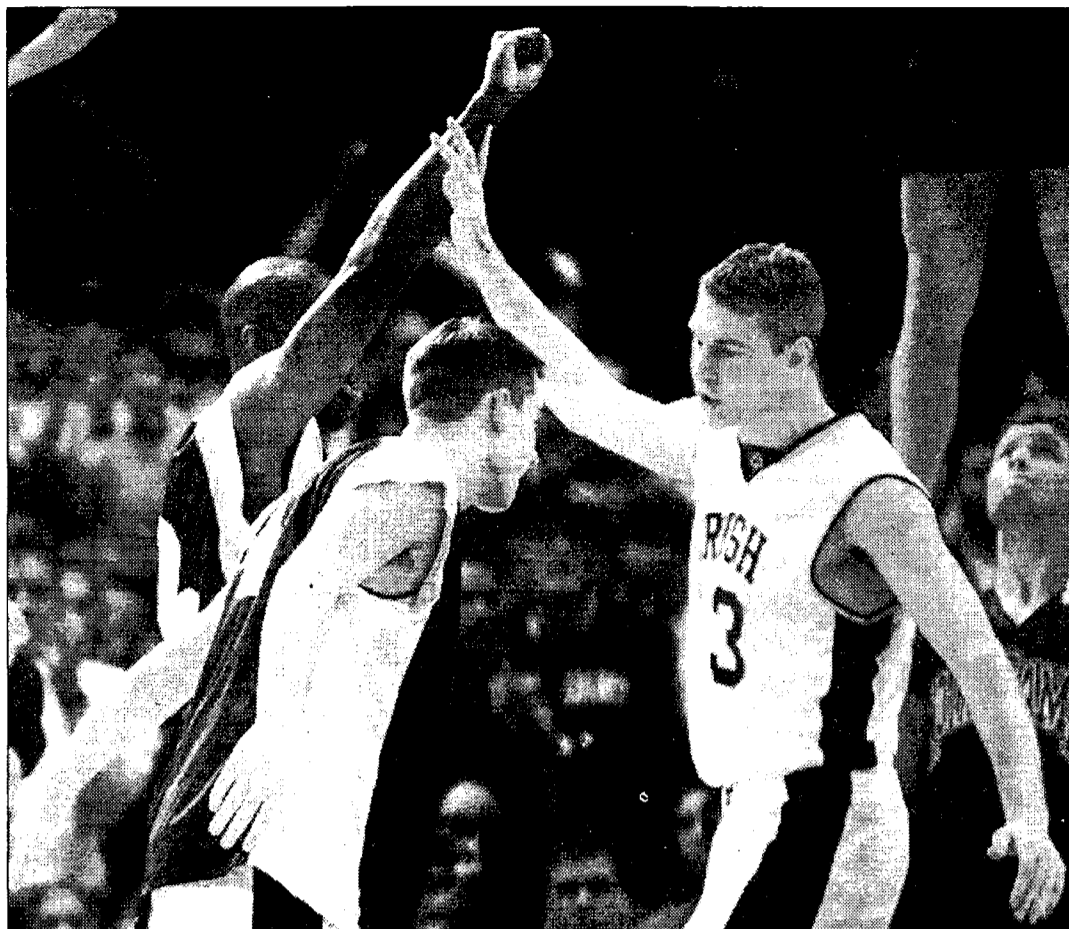
“Matt's worked very hard,” Doherty said. “He wants to be a very good player. It bothers him to make mistakes, which I like. He'll get better and better because he'll work at it. One thing that people recognize is his shooting, but I think defensively he's been very good.”

The first-year starter is not afraid to hit the floor for the sake of the team. Carroll dives for every loose ball, and creates more than a few loose balls by wreaking havoc on opponents. Early in Notre Dame's win over Penn State, he was forced to take a seat on the bench due to a bloody knee caused by diving for loose balls.

Just because Carroll has rounded out his hardwood game doesn't mean he's forsaken his role as a scorer.

The Irish frequently turn to him when in need of a three, and his 62 treys this season rank fourth in the Irish record books. When Carroll gets into a groove, fans can virtually count on the ball falling through the hoop. Whether it's a long-distance prayer, a pull-up jumper or a late-game free throw, there's a roll to his shots that stands firmly in favor of Notre Dame.

“Matt's had a great year,” Doherty said. “He's a great shooter. And I think when you've got guys that can shoot



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Freshman guard Matt Carroll celebrates with forwards Harold Swanagan (far left) and David Graves. Against Penn State Wednesday night, Carroll had a solid defensive performance, finishing with four steals as well as six of eight free throws.

the ball, that puts a lot of pressure on the defense.”

Carroll, who dreams of winning an NCAA Championship, will have a little added motivation in tonight's season finale against Wake Forest. The only two-time Pennsylvania state player of the year nearly signed with Wake Forest over Notre Dame, and questioned his decision to sign with the

Irish once former coach John MacLeod announced his resignation.

“Of course [I questioned it], just because once he left, I didn't know who they were going to bring in,” Carroll said. “So I started thinking, should I go somewhere else? Should I start looking at other schools? I really didn't know what to expect until I met with Coach

[Doherty] and he sat down with me and my family, and we realized this is still the place for me.”

Irish fans are breathing a sigh of relief that Carroll wound up at Notre Dame and not at Wake Forest. Hopefully, his impact will prove the difference between bringing home an NIT banner and going home disappointed.

Basketball

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games with five of those victories coming in postseason play. According to Doherty it all goes back to the last two games of the regular season.

“We played well against Syracuse and then at Georgetown we stressed the importance of being the aggressor from the start and that has really helped us,” Doherty said. “Since that point we've played pretty good basketball and we hope we can come out and do the same [tonight].”

However if the Irish hope to bring a NIT championship banner back to the Joyce Center, they will have to knock off a talented Deacon squad. Wake Forest advanced to the title game with a 62-59 overtime victory against North Carolina State in the semifinals.

“What stands out about Wake Forest is their physical play in the post,” Doherty said. “They are good at chesting up when you turn to shoot so you need to be strong and initiate the contact on offense or else you'll get banged off balance and won't make shots.”

Wake Forest's physical play is reason for Doherty's concern about the officiating of tonight's championship game.

“It'll be interesting to see how the game is officiated,” Doherty said. “If it's a very physical game and they [the refs] let it go, it will be to their liking and it'll be tough on Troy [Murphy] trying to score in the post. If it's called tighter we'll get to the foul line and that will open up the inside.”

Murphy, however, won't be intimidated by Wake Forest's physical play. After all, he's seen it before.

“I don't think there is a more physical conference than the Big East,” said Murphy who scored 18 points in Notre Dame's semifinal victory. “We'll be ready for it.”

Doherty will also have his players ready to counter Wake Forest's aggressive man-to-man defense. He stressed the importance of scoring in transition, but he may have to do without his starting point guard. Senior Jimmy Dillon sprained his left ankle in the second half of Tuesday's game and may not be able to start. Doherty, however, is optimistic about junior Martin Ingelsby filling in at the point.

“We'll move on,” Doherty said. “Martin started here for two years and I'm confident that the other guys will pick up the slack just like they did in the second half against Penn State.”

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Associated Press

The ball floated to Andre Agassi's backhand side, offering him a fat target.

Tim Henman charged the net one last time, desperate to pressure a mistake, but by now it was clear Agassi couldn't be rattled. He calmly yanked his shot crosscourt for a winner, then punched the air with both fists to celebrate the knockout.

With considerable cool and a little luck, Agassi overcame four match points in a sloppy but thrilling tiebreaker Wednesday to edge Henman 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10) in the quarterfinals of the Ericsson Open.

"To win a match like that, you feel kind of proud," Agassi said.

Henman, rushing to the net at every opportunity, was one point from an upset victory at 6-5, 8-7, 9-8 and 10-9 in the tiebreaker. He served once with a match point and squandered that chance by double-faulting into the bottom of the net.

"It wasn't the ideal time," Henman said. "But that's the way it goes."

Agassi had a match point at 7-

6 but punched an easy return into the net. He then shanked a forehand at 7-7 but escaped and won the final three points.

"I got a little lucky," Agassi said. "I knew he'd put pressure on me. That's why he's so good."

In women's play, top-seeded Martina Hingis and No. 7 Monica Seles easily advanced and will meet in the semifinals Thursday. Hingis, the 1997 champion, eliminated Amanda Coetzer 6-3, 6-1. Seles, seeking her third title at Key Biscayne but her first since 1991, beat Amy Frazier 6-0, 6-3. Agassi's grueling victory in hot, humid weather was his second in as many days. He said he felt fine afterward, although his right leg bothered him during the 2-hour, 37-minute duel.

"It wasn't an easy match," he said. "It was a fight for both of us."

Agassi, bidding for his fourth Key Biscayne title, will have a well-deserved day off before playing in the semifinals Friday against sixth-seeded Gustavo Kuerten, who eliminated unseeded Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 6-1.

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Attention Students, Faculty and Staff

At its meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2000, the University Committee on Computing and Information Services (UCCIS) met and discussed the impact that a program named "Napster" is having on University computing resources. As many of you are aware, "Napster" is a computer program that acts as an intermediary between computer users who wish to find and trade music files. Use of the program has raised serious concerns about network system security, security of personal computers systems, computer resource (bandwidth) management, intellectual property and copyright violations at college campuses across the country, causing nearly two hundred universities to prohibit use of the "Napster" program on their systems.

The UCCIS is concerned about these issues as well as the resultant cost to students, faculty and staff. Because conservative estimates suggest that between 25-40% of ResNet traffic is "Napster" use, the UCCIS has recommended that the Office of Information Technology immediately implement a moratorium on "Napster" and similar programs. Accordingly, and consistent with the policy on Responsible Use of Information Technologies at Notre Dame, we have directed OIT to immediately implement measures to prevent usage of this type of software.

The UCCIS believes that the moratorium is necessary so that core University academic and administrative computing needs can be met and so that an actual determination can be made of the impact of the use of "Napster" on campus. The UCCIS anticipates that the moratorium on the use of such programs could become permanent at a later date.

Please know of our appreciation for your understanding and recognition of the need to appropriately provide for and protect the University's academic and administrative computing needs.

Dr. Jeffrey C. Kantor
Vice President and Associate Provost

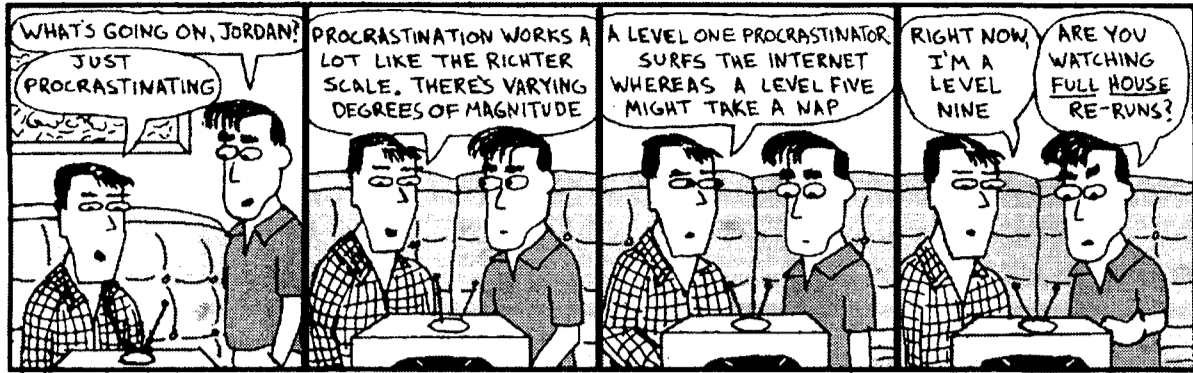
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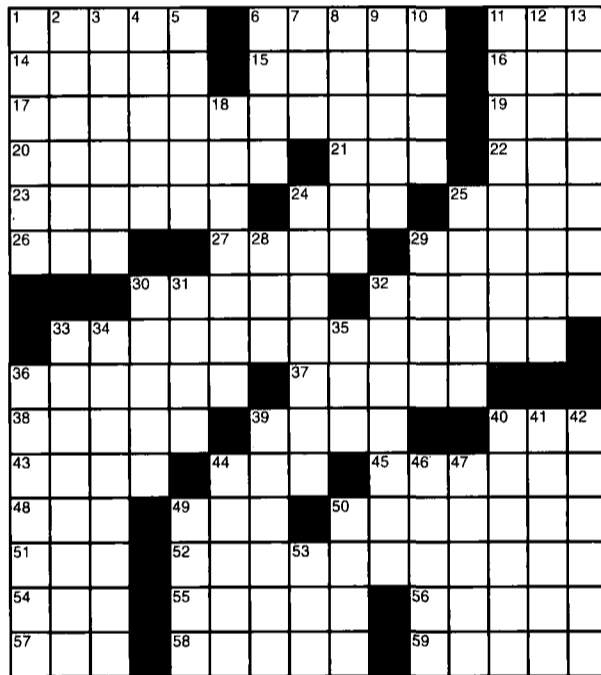


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stand-up's payoff
 - 6 Libreville's land
 - 11 Jam ingredient?
 - 14 Play ___ in (influence)
 - 15 Last in a series
 - 16 Metallurgist's subject
 - 17 Winter sounds
 - 19 Computer amount, slangily
 - 20 Court sport
 - 21 "Play it again!"
 - 22 It may be caught
 - 23 "Delaware Water Gap" painter
 - 24 Big belts
 - 25 High time?
 - 26 Line part: Abbr.
 - 27 Playwright Bogosian
 - 29 Sinker
 - 30 Home health hazard
 - 32 Candy known as "The Freshmaker"
 - 33 Mowgli's medium
 - 36 Boot tip
 - 37 Ancient Greek city-state
 - 38 Zeal
 - 39 Netanyahu, informally
 - 40 "Holy cow!"
 - 43 Element in Geiger counters
 - 44 Game winner's cry
 - 45 Joseph Conrad's "The Secret ___"
 - 48 Consanguine folks
- DOWN**
- 1 Some pilgrims
 - 2 French satellite launcher
 - 3 Perfecting
 - 4 With fungi, they form lichens
 - 5 Hawks
 - 6 Much of Mongolia
 - 7 Letters in many black church names
 - 8 Noted French-born English writer
 - 9 Good looks?
 - 10 Harper's Weekly artist
 - 11 Make a pass at
 - 12 Post-accident question
 - 49 Kind of law or order
 - 50 Ill-considered
 - 51 "Wheel of Fortune" buy
 - 52 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band hit, 1971
 - 54 Football positions: Abbr.
 - 55 Washington's ___ Stage
 - 56 Former heavyweight champ Jimmy
 - 57 Address component, these days
 - 58 Part of a 1997 telecommunications merger
 - 59 Like a pomegranate

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Matt Gaffney and David Bianco

- 13 College board
 - 18 Relaxed
 - 24 Cartel leader
 - 25 They aren't done
 - 28 Ex-Yankee Guidry
 - 29 Actress Mazar
 - 30 Satellite's job
 - 31 Cracked open
 - 32 Grammy winner Manchester
 - 33 Assailed
 - 34 Pleasure seeker
 - 35 Alternative to a passing shot
 - 36 Stein relative
 - 39 1856 installation
 - 40 Gate design
 - 41 Tale of a journey
 - 42 Fancy
 - 44 TV producer Marshall
 - 46 "Tap" star
 - 47 Devious plan
 - 49 Fed
 - 50 Trojan War hero
 - 53 It's better than nothing
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Happy Birthday: You will do whatever is necessary to be unique in all that you do. This will be the year to make personal changes that will set you apart from the crowd. You will have a good eye and any improvements you make will be successful. You will have a positive influence on others. Your numbers: 10, 16, 22, 25, 34, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have to let go of the past if you wish to get out of the sentimental mood that's been hanging over your head. You need to re-evaluate your motives and your goals. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is a great day to join groups of interest. You are likely to meet individuals who can offer you both mental and physical stimulation. ○○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will get notoriety, but it may be due to your exaggerated overview of a situation at work. Be careful not to color important issues, especially if it may damage someone's reputation. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make changes today that will enhance your personality as well as your appearance. Don't let others try to bully you into agreeing with them. ○○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hidden assets will pay off. You are up for wins, rewards or gifts. Plan to have friends over for an evening of socializing and entertainment. ○○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Passion is a must. Your partner will be

affectionate, and a stronger bond can be created if you're attentive to his or her needs. You can make a solid commitment and plan for your future. ○○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can land a good job if you go to interviews today. Be careful not to exaggerate too much. Attraction to clients or co-workers may pose a problem if you don't control your urges. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel will bring you a surprising amount of information that, coupled with enthusiasm, will spark new and innovative ideas. You may run into someone who interests you romantically. ○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too quick to accept financial deals. You need to distance yourself or ask a friend for an objective point of view. You will be happy with purchases for your home today. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Entertainment or group activities will promote new love relationships. You mustn't go over your budget regardless of what your friends say. ○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your career will be moving upward, and your excitement regarding your latest projects will show superiors how competitive and dedicated you are. Look for a promotion. ○○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should concentrate on enhancing your appeal. You have to loosen up a little bit and enjoy life a little more. Travel will bring you in contact with people from your past. ○○○○

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Olivet defeated Saint Mary's twice Wednesday during the first conference games of the season. The Belles, 9-6 overall, are currently winless in the MIAA.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Title-starved Irish one win from NIT championship

◆ **Reconsidering importance of NIT, Doherty wants postseason title for the Irish**

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

NEW YORK

Following Notre Dame's victory over BYU last week, first-year head coach Matt Doherty hinted that he probably would have traded an NIT Championship for a first round loss in the NCAA Tournament.

Wednesday he changed his mind.

"After experiencing this tournament and the first-class manner in which it is run, I wouldn't," Doherty said at a press conference held at the Marriott Marquis in New York. "The exposure we've gotten on ESPN and the exposure our players have gotten in a tournament setting is invaluable for a young team."

That young Notre Dame team (22-14) will play for the NIT Championship tonight when they take on Wake Forest (21-14) at 7 p.m. at Madison Square Garden. Penn State and North Carolina State tip off in the consolation game at 4:45 p.m.

"It's kind of neat playing an ACC team [Wake Forest]," said Doherty who played in the ACC for North Carolina. "It brings back some memories, but our players aren't old enough to remember those days so I don't want to sound like the old coach living in the past. We want to create some new memories."

A victory over the Deamon Deacons in tonight's title game would be a nice memory for Doherty in his first year at the



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Sophomore forward David Graves pushes away Penn State's forward Jarrett Stevens as the players look towards the basket. While the Irish defeated the Nittany Lions 73-52 Wednesday, Graves made his 81st three-pointer of the year, breaking the school's single-season record.

helm. The Irish were runners-up in the NIT in 1973 and 1992, but have never won a postseason championship.

Notre Dame is coming off an impressive 73-52 victory over Penn State in the semifinals, however, and seems to understand what it takes to be a champion. That probably has a

lot to do with their coach, who has an impressive postseason resume along with an NCAA Championship.

"As a coach you want your players to get better and your team to get better, but you also prepare for March," Doherty said. "That is something that has been instilled in me as a

player at North Carolina and an assistant coach at Kansas. You hope you are peaking at the right time."

Notre Dame is definitely playing some of its best basketball of the season. The Irish have won six of their last seven

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◆ **Irish need guard Carroll's defensive skills to fend off Deamon Deacons**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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NEW YORK

His wide blue eyes stretched open far enough to catch every play on the court. His alert body bounced up and down in a defensive stance primed to stave off an opponent's drive. His arms waved back and forth, warning the opposition that any shot or pass would have to get by him first.

Penn State didn't listen to any of the warning signs, attempting, instead, to lob the ball past Irish guard Matt Carroll into the paint in Tuesday's game against Notre Dame. But Carroll was ready. He leapt high into the air, intercepting the pass and batting it into his own hands. He then tossed it down court to teammate Martin Ingelsby for a lay-up.

Now the Nittany Lions wish they had managed to avoid that lesson on how potent Carroll's defense can be. Carroll grabbed a career-high four steals and added five defensive rebounds to assist the Irish in their 73-52 victory.

"You look at Matt Carroll getting all those rebounds last night, and that's something that we've had to bring out of him as a coaching staff," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "He had five defensive rebounds which is something we

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FOOTBALL

Davie concentrates on defense during spring practices

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Visions of Stanford's Troy Walters scorching the Notre Dame secondary for 183 yards, of Tennessee's Travis Henry rushing for 132 yards, of Boston College quarterback Tim Hasselbeck throwing for 272 yards and three scores still linger in Bob Davie's mind. Instead of a possible run at a bowl berth, the

end of last season became a November to forget for the Irish.

No wonder Davie's main objective entering the spring season is to address his defense.

"Our No. 1 priority, without a



Davie

doubt, is improving our defense," Davie said at Wednesday's press conference. "At the end of last season, we really bottomed out, for a lot of different reasons. We had a lot of unfortunate things happen, but the bottom line is at the end of the year we couldn't stop people and because of that we couldn't win football games."

In last season's winless November, the Irish defense allowed over 30 points and 385 total yards to each of their four

opponents. Against Stanford in the season finale, the Irish allowed 472 total yards, including 385 through the air. For the year they allowed an average of 27.6 points and 383.7 yards per game.

"We spent every second since the end of the season looking at what we did scheme-wise, personnel-wise and technique-wise," Davie said. "I would say [the problems] would be more of not what we did, but how we did

it. "I think at the end of the season we really had a difficult time tackling," Davie added. "And we had a difficult time in our techniques as far as just man-to-man coverage techniques in the secondary."

The secondary will be aided this year by the returns of Brock Williams and Tony Driver from suspensions. Williams, who

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