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Eldred speaks about retirement

By SARAH NESTOR
Senior Staff Writer

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred publicly addressed the community Monday afternoon in O'Laughlin Auditorium for the first time since announcing her retirement earlier this month.

Eldred explained that she wanted to hold the forum to respond to questions about her retirement and relay what will be happening in the coming year.

Eldred announced her retirement March 5, but at the request of the Board of Trustees, will continue to serve as president until a replacement is found.

Eldred said that she had been thinking about retirement for several months and that the "time is right" for her to retire from Saint Mary's. She added that being president had been a "fairly high stress job."

Eldred also said that the average tenure for a college president is six years and that upon completion of the 2003-04 academic year, she will have served as president for seven years, adding jokingly that she might overstay her welcome.

Eldred said that this is a transition point at the College, especially as Saint Mary's will be working to renew its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, an organization formerly known as North Central Accreditation.

"I felt I either needed to make a commitment for the next three or four years, or to leave a bit early," Eldred said. She added that she did not want to leave during the accreditation process.

Eldred also said that she wanted to spend more time with her husband, Don, who has been commuting from St. Paul, Minn. to Saint Mary's almost every weekend for

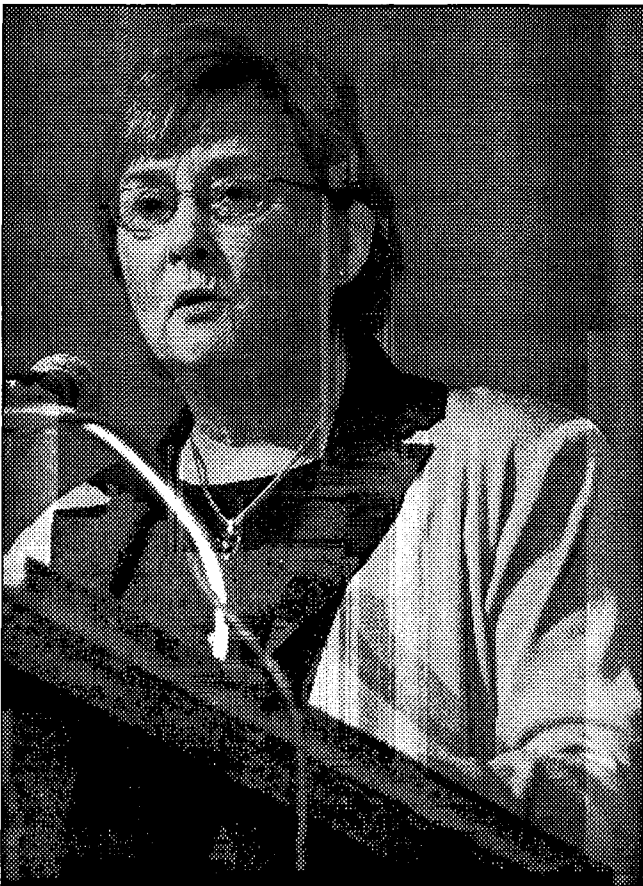
the past six years. Eldred plans to join her husband in Minnesota after leaving the College, but said that she does not have any definite plans for what she will do.

However, Eldred said she plans to take piano lessons, participate in volunteer work and do some reflective writing.

Eldred said business would continue as usual for the College and that she would continue to work toward her goals to finance the master and strategic plans.

"It is important for us to continue the work already underway," Eldred said. "Saint Mary's College is very strong, as we all know, and it will be business as usual."

In her remaining time at Saint Mary's Eldred plans to continue to work towards raising funds for the Master Plan, especially funds for the new academic building. Eldred said that the estimated cost of the academic building is \$13 million, but that \$7 million had already been raised. She also added that \$16 million of the needed \$17 million for the student center has been raised and that she fully expects the student center



ELLIE ASHBY/The Observer

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred spoke to the College community Monday for the first time since announcing her retirement earlier this month.

to open in December 2004.

By her own admission, Eldred said that enrollment is the College's biggest challenge. While projected enrollment for next year's freshman class is low, that enrollment has increased by 150 students, from 1,412 in the fall of 1997 to 1,571 in the fall of 2002.

Eldred also said that she would begin to prepare the College for the re-accreditation process.

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Trigiani to speak at SMC commencement

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Following months of anticipation, Saint Mary's announced Monday that author, screenwriter and director Adriana Trigiani will speak at the College's 2003 Commencement ceremony on May 17.

Trigiani, a 1981 Saint Mary's graduate, was chosen based on her popularity among students and their requests.

"I met her last year at the Sophomore Literary Festival," said senior Emily Blaha. "I thought she was very charismatic and was impressed at how she reflected on her time at Saint Mary's and how it helped form her as a person. I think she'll be a great speaker."

Trigiani is the author of three novels: "Big Stone Gap" (2000), "Big Cherry Holler" (2001) and "Milk Glass Moon" (2002), each focusing on the life of character Ave Maria Mulligan. "Big Stone Gap" will soon become a major motion picture, both written and directed by Trigiani.

In addition to her work as an author, Trigiani's background includes work as a television writer/producer, playwright, comedian and documentary filmmaker. She has been involved with such television shows as "A Different World," "The Cosby Show" and "Good Sports."

She served as executive producer and head writer for the critically acclaimed film show "City Kids" and comedy special "Growing Up Funny," which earned an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin and Lifetime television.

Trigiani wrote, produced and directed "Queens of the Bigtime" in 1996, a documentary film about her family in Roseto, Penn. The



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Students react to Economics Department split

By TERESA FRALISH
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After learning of changes that will affect the Economics Department next year, students responded to how the changes might alter their field of study and the quality of the University's economics program.

Students differed in their opinions as to how the changes would affect the study of Economics at the University.

"I think it's sad that the process went forward," said Daniel Lawson, graduate student and president of Economica, the graduate student organization for economics.

According to the proposal passed by the Academic Council Thursday, the current economics faculty will be separated into two new departments, Economics and Policy Study and Economics and Econometrics.

The split reflects the two different schools of thought that exist in the study of economics.

Orthodox economics focuses on a more mathematical approach while heterodox economics considers less quantitative issues. Traditionally, Notre Dame's department has focused on heterodox economics, although the program ranks low nationally.

Undergraduates will still be offered one major, but other changes, such as class requirements, were made to the graduate economics program. The proposal passed Thursday differed from the original proposal, which would have established two separate majors and made further changes to the graduate program.

While Lawson felt that the proposal passed by the Council was a small improvement over the original one, he still had many questions about how the changes would affect his department. "I'm glad that they took faculty concerns into account," he said. "I wish that graduate students had been involved in the process from the beginning."

Lawson, who focuses on a

more orthodox approach to economics, said he felt the changes would negatively affect both schools of thought in the department.

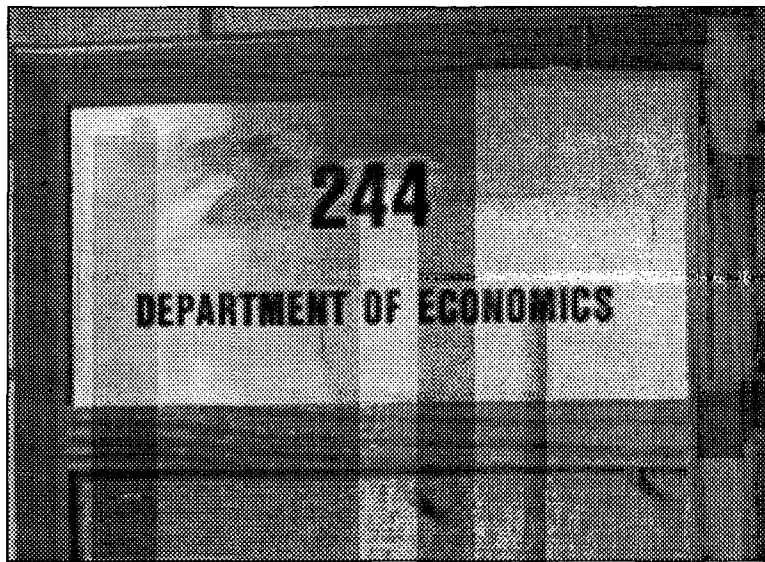
"It's going to hurt the study of both heterodox and orthodox economics at this University," said Lawson. Specifically, Lawson was concerned about how the changes would affect faculty hiring for both departments.

Junior Erin Daly said she agreed with the decision not to establish two separate undergraduate economics majors.

"I'm definitely very pleased to find out that the undergraduate department is going to remain as one," she said. "By maintaining it as one [major] it's going to keep the focus on moral economics."

Daly said she felt that the current Economics Department's approach to heterodox economics made it unique among other universities' economics programs.

"You can get a pretty good economics major at most schools of



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Student opinion on the split of the Economics Department, taking place next year, varies among undergraduate and graduate students.

this caliber, but that's what separates it from other programs in my opinion," said Daly.

Graduate student Sharon Carr was also concerned about the actual changes that will be

implemented as well as how the process of change had been carried out.

"I don't think this is how Notre

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INSIDE COLUMN

The 'Backer

Do you know what I really like on a Saturday night?
I like being crowded in a room that is far too small for the hundreds of people that are in it and being bumped into and spilled on by the intoxicated person standing to my left.
It's important to come home smelling like the inside of an ash-tray and it's even more important to wear tall shoes to avoid getting yesterday's beer on the bottom of my jeans.



Katie McVoy
Senior Staff Writer

Saturday night is not about getting dressed up in your best black pants and the shirt you have that is made of the least amount of material. It's about wearing your favorite T-shirt and coming home looking like you have run a marathon in that shirt.
Saturday is made for laughing at the number of people surrounding me who have mullets.
On Saturday nights I like to listen to Bruce Springsteen, sing Bon Jovi at the top of my lungs and cheer really loudly when the famous third verse that starts "I was drunk the day my mom got out of prison" comes on.
I like crowding into my friend Amy's Altima with six of my closest friends, with Renee in the front because she has the longest legs and Lauren asking someone to please play "Fins."
Saturday nights were meant for pushing your way through the crowd to get to the deejay booth to make the unnecessary request that DJ Dan plays "Like a Prayer" and "Goodbye Earl."
In the winter, Saturday's are made for running from Edison, on the icy roads, all the way back to campus, and trying unsuccessfully to ice skate in your shoes halfway there.
In the spring, its important to wink at Silent Eagle Swallow on the way out the door to catch a breath of fresh air (or to escape when Nellie's "Hot in Herre" comes on).
On Saturday nights, I like to use a little colored piece of paper to get a free long island iced tea, which otherwise would have cost me \$4 and then follow it up with the world's biggest draft beers.
Saturday nights are the perfect time to call across the bar to the guy you're with so he can rescue you from the local who has decided you have the best taste in clothing because you have a Smurf on your shirt.
Saturday nights are the perfect time to see which law students who came out to the bar Thursday after bowling are still there.
Saturday nights were made for The 'Backer.

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Theses explore Third Wave Feminism	Captured POW pilots appear on Iraqi television	Fears of long war cause economic slide	Work for peace, recognize reality	The rocket has come for Mraz	Trying to cage another cat
Astrid Henry and Krista Longtin presented their graduate work in Third Wave Feminism Monday at Saint Mary's.	Iraqi state television showed two more men said to be members of the U.S. military captured.	War euphoria wore off on Wall Street Monday when investors realized the war in Iraq might not be quick.	Columnist Joanna Mikulski struggles with how to represent herself as an American abroad while she disagrees with the U.S. government's war policy.	Music reviewer Ryan Rafferty raves about Jason Mraz's debut album titled, "Waiting for My Rocket to Come."	No. 11-seed Notre Dame takes on 3-seed Kansas State in round 2 of the NCAA tournament. The Irish are hoping for magic to beat the Wildcats impressive offense.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture on Women and Wages
Presented by Katharine Abraham at noon, in Cushing, Room 303
- ◆ Lecture by the U.S. Ambassador to Brazil
Presented by Donna Ilrinak at 12:30 p.m., at the Hlesburgh Center, Room C-103
- ◆ Last day for Bookstore Basketball Sign-ups
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 7 p.m. at LaFortune, cost \$15

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Contemporary Drama Reading
4:30 p.m. at the President's Dining Room
- ◆ Presentation of a Documentary Film
7 p.m. at Advanced Tech by Astrid Henry
- ◆ Minority Women in Business Development Council
6:30 p.m. at Madeleva Hall, Room 247S

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Banner stolen from LaFortune
A University employee reported the theft of a banner from the Huddle between 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. Monday. There are no suspects.

NDSP issues speeding violation
NDSP issued a state citation for exceeding the speed limit on Edison Road Sunday. The case is now closed.

Vehicle broken into in D6 lot
A student reported his vehicle was broken into while parked in the D6 lot between 8 p.m. Thursday and 6:20 p.m. Sunday. There are no suspects.

Student treated for sports injury
NDSP transported a student to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury sustained at Rolfs Rec Sports Center Sunday.

NDSP, Excise Police close 6 cases
Indiana State Excise Police and NDSP closed six liquor law violation cases Monday for minors' consumption. Two of the original citations were issued March 17 on Edison Road; 1 was issued Saturday in Lewis Hall; and three more students were cited Saturday in South Dining Hall. All six cases have been referred for administrative review.

~compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

	North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch:	Spinach-cheese tortellini with mushroom sauce, Italian sausage marinara, Polish sausage, sweet and sour cabbage, potato and cheese pierogi, whipped potatoes, apple crisp, grilled tuna with lemon, asparagus, wild rice, scrambled eggs, canadian bacon, battered waffles, fried potato patties, Sloppy Joe, seasoned fries, peppered tangerine chicken	Baked beef ravioli, meatballs with sauce, tomato pizza, Oriental vegetables, BBQ beef sandwich, shrimp spaghetti, rotisserie chicken, Louisiana rice and red beans, roasted red-skin potatoes with rosemary, fishwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzel, beef and pepper stir-fry, chicken fajita	Sushi bar, spinach and grilled vegetable gratin, tossed pasta, Szechwan chicken, Monte Cristo sandwich, Sloppy Joe, tuna melt muffin, extreme fries, wrap bar, cheese burger, pizza, Philly steak loafer, Oriental turkey salad, sliced honey ham, sliced smoked turkey, olive hummus, marshmallow Rice Krispies bar, ginger snaps, creamy chunky potato soup, beef vegetable soup, macaroni salad
Today's Dinner:	Roast top round, sauteed herbed mushrooms, green bean casserole, whipped potatoes, baby carrots, spinach quiche, Italian-blend vegetables, Buffalo chicken wings, chicken Kung Pao	Lasagna with meat sauce, apple turnover, baked Pollock Jardiniere, vegetables marinara, cauliflower au gratin, beef bourguignon, Kluski noodles, Bourbon baked ham, whipped potatoes, baked sweet potato, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, tater tots, soft pretzel	Soba noodle salad, rice pilaf, sizzlin Caesar salads, meatball hoagie, Baja beef sandwich, bean burgers, whipped sweet potatoes, green bean almondine, steak Po Boys

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	HIGH 55 LOW 47	HIGH 45 LOW 33	HIGH 45 LOW 35	HIGH 50 LOW 45	HIGH 53 LOW 40	HIGH 44 LOW 34

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EXECUTIVE CABINET

'02-'03 Executive Cabinet meets for last time

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Executive Cabinet members met in LaFortune Monday evening for their last regular meeting before the new batch of student leaders takes over.

Members discussed an appeal for funding by Iron Sharpens Iron, the interdenominational Christian spiritual group. ISI had requested \$1,470 to help finance its 2nd annual "Faith Rocks" event, which will feature a Christian rock concert on South Quad. The concert, which will be free of charge, is "an annual event in which we publicly proclaim our faith and demonstrate our excitement about Jesus Christ," according to the appeal.

The event is co-sponsored by the Class of 2004 and will also feature a speech by Notre Dame starting linebacker Derek Curry.

"Last year, it was awesome," said junior class president Meghan O'Donnell.

Executive cabinet members unanimously approved the appeal.

Outgoing Student Body President Libby Bishop led a feedback session among student leaders.

Her administration began the strategic planning initiative, in which all student government organizations assembled plans outlining their respective long-term visions.

Senior Class President Matt Smith stressed the importance of making student government activities open and transparent to students.

"Saint Mary's Board of Governance has a pretty good public presence, and I think we could learn from them," Smith

said.

Several members suggested increasing Executive Cabinet's overall role in campus governance. The group currently serves "as an advising body to the Student Body President," according to the student government constitution.

"There's nothing that Executive Cabinet really does, other than the collaboration fund," said Student Body Vice President Trip Foley.

Danielle Ledesma, president of the Judicial Council, agreed. "We need to increase our participation on campus," she said.

Incoming Vice President Jeremy Lao suggested increased coordination with University officials. "Why can't we have more interaction with the people who make the decisions in the Dome?" Lao asked.

Smith said constitutional changes might be necessary to give the Cabinet more power to represent students. "I don't think we've seen the potential of this group," he said.

Seth O'Donnell suggested a revamped Cabinet might serve as a check on the Student Senate's power. "I'm not sure the Senate accurately represents a majority of students' views," O'Donnell said.

Ledesma agreed, noting the controversy earlier this year regarding Bishop's report to the Board of Trustees on the new alcohol and dance policies.

"Senate didn't get anything done for weeks because they were mad at Libby," Ledesma said.

Bishop praised the work of this year's Executive Cabinet, and exhorted student leaders to continue to work well together next year.

In other Exec Cab news:

♦ O'Donnell encouraged juniors to



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Outgoing Student Body President Libby Bishop led the Executive Cabinet meeting Monday, obtaining feedback from student leaders. Under her leadership, the administration began a strategic planning initiative in which student government organizations assemble long-term plans.

sign up for the 2nd class retreat, which will be held March 28-29 at Potato Creek State Park. Applications for the retreat, titled "Escape," can be obtained in the Campus Ministry office in Coleman-Morse.

O'Donnell also announced a roundtable discussion, which will talk about issues related to student apathy. The forum will be held March 31 at 7 p.m. in LaFortune's Notre Dame room.

♦ Smith urged seniors to meet Wednesday evening for tours of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, steam tunnels, and Main Building.

The tours will begin at the Basilica at 4 p.m., power plant at 4:45 p.m., and Main Building at 5:30 p.m., after which there will be a reception.

Smith also announced "Spirituality on Tap," an event which will feature informal theological discussion in Leahy's, the bar inside the Morris Inn. Several priests from the Congregation of Holy Cross and "the excellent work of Murf the bartender" will be present, Smith said.

♦ Student Union Board manager Steve Christ said Everclear tickets are on sale in the LaFortune Box

Office. The band will play Stepan Center on April 4.

♦ Freshman class president Dave Baron announced his class council will sponsor a late-night grill Friday night. The class will offer free food and drinks on the Fieldhouse Mall beginning at 10 p.m.

The Class of 2006 will also sponsor an event called "Vegas, Baby!" Saturday evening in the South Dining Hall. Details can be found at www.nd.edu/~class06.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

BOG ushers in new 2003-'04 officers

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Board of Governance officers voted on a farewell monetary

donation by the Board and passed the torch of leadership at Monday's meeting. Outgoing and incoming board members were present.

Outgoing President Kim Jensen opened the discussion on the mon-

etary gift to the students of Saint Mary's. Jensen suggested a donation to the College, which would be matched by the Lily Foundation.

"This year we thought that you might want to donate to the Lily match, so basically our donations would be doubled," said Jensen.

"We definitely have the money to do it," said Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, who serves as outgoing vice president and incoming president.

Some officers pushed for the entire sum to go to student scholarships. Others supported the idea of giving the money to a building campaign, such as the new student center and dining hall.

The Board eventually voted unanimously to give a total of \$10,000, half of which would go to

student scholarships and half to the building fund. This amount will be matched by the Lily Endowment.

Incoming officers then had the opportunity to chat with their outgoing counterparts. Each new board member will receive a binder with instructions and tips to help them in the next year. Outgoing officers expressed confidence in the new leaders.

"I'm not sad about relinquishing my position because the people coming in are so enthusiastic and competent," said Katy Best, off-campus commissioner.

New officers will be officially sworn in March 28 at the Student Government Commissioning Ceremony.

In Other BOG News

♦ The Student Nurses Association was given \$200 by BOG to attend a prenatal conference put on by Memorial Hospital at Notre Dame. SNA members originally intended to attend a statewide SNA conference, but were unable to because of bad weather.

♦ Annunciata Hall will no longer have its own hall council. The all-senior hall is located in Holy Cross and has traditionally been considered its own dorm. It will continue to remain exclusive to seniors, but will no longer be represented on Residence Hall Association.

♦ The Student Activities Board has Puck of MTV's The Real World tentatively scheduled to speak at Saint Mary's April 16.

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As of now the Board of Trustees is researching and discussing different search methods, but a nationwide search is not expected to start until next fall. Eldred said that the Board has been holding frequent meetings by conference call and discussing the search methods for a new president.

"Selecting a president is considered the most important responsibility for a Board [of Trustees]," Eldred said.

According to Eldred, the

Board is also reviewing the organization of the College, but added that the search for a new president is their highest priority and they are giving careful consideration to how many internal positions are open. However, it will not be until a new president is chosen that the Board will begin searches for a permanent vice president/dean of faculty and vice president of finance.

Eldred said that the challenges facing the new president will be the changing role of the position, noting that most of what the president does deals with external responsibilities. Eldred added that because 70 percent of

what she does deals with external College responsibilities, it is important to have a strong internal administration. Eldred also said that it is important that a president have strong alumni relationships and endowment support.

"The president is a terrific job to have," Eldred said. "Probably the most rewarding thing is to hand out those degrees at commencement ... seeing the results of the work of everyone here [at the College] in the form of those graduates."

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Dame should carry out their business. I think it's really unethical," she said.

Carr said she felt that the new Policy Study department would be minimized and not receive necessary funding and consideration when hiring future professors.

Like Lawson, Carr noted that administrators had not involved graduate students in the debate over the split.

"I felt [the students] were sort of blind-sided by it," she said.

Sophomore Daniel Scaminace,

who does not intend to focus on either type of economics, said he preferred the revised proposal because he will not have to choose between two different undergraduate majors.

"I'm really not that upset," he said. "[The administrators] should know what they're doing."

Scaminace said he wanted the new changes to contribute to improving the study of economics at Notre Dame.

"I just hope it boosts the economic progress at the school," said Scaminace.

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film won the Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 1996 Hamptons International Film Festival and at the 1997 Palm Springs International Film Festival.

Despite her fame, Trigiani continues to keep the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community close at heart. She includes Saint Mary's in "Big Stone Gap," and visited the campus for a book signing after

it was published in 2000.

She returned in 2002 to speak at Notre Dame's annual Sophomore Literary Festival.

"It's been exciting to have Adri around the last two visits," said Max Westler, English department chair and Trigiani's former professor. "She's just an electrical charge and insists on everyone livening up themselves."

Westler and Trigiani remain close friends today.

"Adri will bring her great wit and wisdom to a commencement that is usually burdened by earnestness," Westler said.

"She'll have something to say to this graduating class that they're going to want to hear. She's absolutely thrilled to be coming."

The students agree.

"I think it's such a privilege to have a renowned author here to commemorate our class," said senior Renee Donovan. "She's been an inspiration not only to writers, but to alumnae using her Saint Mary's education to pursue her dreams."

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Gift endows performing arts directorship

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame has received a \$3-million gift, through the generosity of South Bend civic leader and philanthropist Judd Leighton, to establish a new endowed directorship for the performing arts.

"Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Judd Leighton, Notre Dame will continue to build its commitment to and reputation in the performing arts," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "This gift also will enable the University to strengthen its bond with the South Bend community through the arts, by creating and enhancing opportunities for residents to share in campus performances and events."

The first Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Director for the Performing Arts is John A. Haynes, who was appointed executive director of Notre

Dame's new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts last year.

"For as long as I hold this directorship, the names of Judd and Mary Lou Leighton in my official title will be a daily reminder to me of the standard of service they have set and of my special obligation to forge stronger bonds between the University and the community," Haynes said. "I'm doubly honored by Mr. Leighton's generous expression of faith in me personally and by his magnificent investment in the future of the performing arts at Notre Dame."

Haynes came to Notre Dame after serving since 1999 as chief executive of the California Center for the Arts, where he managed a six-building complex in Escondido with a 1,500-plus-seat concert hall; 408-seat theater; 9,000-square-foot museum of contemporary art; extensive arts education programs; art and dance studios; a

conference center with meeting and banquet facilities; a staff of 170 and an annual operating budget of \$7.5 million. He previously served from 1992-98 as executive director of The Children's Theatre Company & School in Minneapolis.

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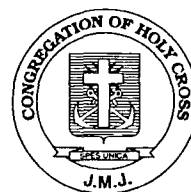
Applications available outside the Student Activities Office, 315 LaFortune or on-line at www.nd.edu/~sao/office/jobs.

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IRAQ

Captured POW pilots appear on Iraqi television

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Iraqi state television on Monday showed two men said to have been the U.S. crew of an Apache helicopter forced down during heavy fighting in central Iraq.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, confirmed that one helicopter did not return from its mission Sunday and that its two-man crew was missing. The men were identified as Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, of Lithia Springs, Ga., and Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 30, of Orlando, Fla.

If confirmed, the airmen would be the second set of POWs displayed by the Iraqis in as many days. On Sunday, the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera carried Iraqi television footage of five U.S. soldiers who were captured near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River.

Unlike those soldiers, the men shown Monday did not appear to be injured.

The two wore cream-colored pilots' overalls and did not speak to the camera but appeared confused. They turned their heads and looked in different directions while being filmed. One of the men sipped from a glass of water, looking wary but not cowed.

The contents of one man's wallet were displayed across a

table, including a Texas driver's license, a card from the Fort Hood National Bank, phone cards and credit cards.

A spokesman at the U.S. Army Post in Fort Hood, Texas, said that a helicopter from its 1st Battalion of the 227th Aviation Regiment was missing in action in Iraq.

"The unit was deployed in February," spokesman Dan Hasset said. "That's all I can really say right now."

Military officials said Williams has been in the service for 12 years, and has a wife and two children who live on Fort Hood. Young, an Army man for three years, is single.

"He felt good about what they were doing, that they were going to get out there and it was going to be a quick situation," his father, Ronald Young Sr., told CNN.

The footage was shown after Iraq claimed it shot down two Apache helicopters and was holding the pilots.

"A small number of peasants shot down two Apaches," Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said. "Perhaps we will show pictures of the pilots."

Franks denied that a second chopper had been lost, or that any craft had been shot down by farmers.

Iraqi state television showed pictures of one Apache helicopter in a grassy field. Men in Arab headaddresses holding Kalashnikovs automatic rifles



Iraqis celebrate near an Apache military helicopter in the Hindliya district, southwest of Baghdad. Iraqi officials said on Monday that Iraqi farmers had shot down two U.S. helicopters and televised footage of the second crew, showing identification papers of the two men.

danced around the aircraft.

The station also aired pictures of two helmets apparently belonging to members of the helicopter's crew, as well as documents and other papers

lying on the ground.

Al-Sahhaf said Iraq would consider displaying the other helicopter it claims to have shot down. Sahhaf said the POWs would be treated

according to the Geneva Conventions. He rejected accusations that Iraq had violated such accords by allowing Iraqi television to film them and ask questions.

Bush, Blair plan two-day strategy meeting in the U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

British Prime Minister Tony Blair will visit President Bush this week, giving the two allied leaders a chance to plot strategy in the war with Iraq and plan for its aftermath.

Blair will arrive Wednesday and the two leaders will go to Bush's presidential retreat at Camp David to continue their talks Thursday, a diplomatic source told The Associated Press.

Blair, at some considerable political risk, has stood firmly with the United States on the need to use force to unseat

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Of late, Blair's popularity in Britain appears to be rising, as has Bush's as U.S. and British troops advance toward Baghdad.

The president and the prime minister joined forces against a strong anti-war bloc in the United Nations, led by France and including Russia and Germany. The rift has created strains in the United Nations and NATO, a topic likely to be on the two leaders' agenda.

Postwar Iraq is another likely topic. Blair favors a strong U.N. role in authorizing a post-Saddam government in Baghdad. But France and Russia appear determined to block the move.

French President Jacques Chirac, furious that he could not stop the war, has said permitting the United States and Britain to oversee creation of a new Iraqi government would reward them for starting a war that flouted world opinion.

Chirac has threatened to veto any attempt at the United Nations to "legitimize the military intervention" and "give the belligerents the power to administer Iraq."

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Russia would "certainly reject" any resolution that attempts to "legitimize the military action and a postwar settlement in Iraq."

France and Russia had argued that Iraq could be disarmed gradually through extended U.N. weapons inspections. Germany flatly opposed war, but Secretary of State Colin Powell has said he hoped Germany could play a role in rebuilding Iraq.

Reconstruction of Iraq is already under discussion, with the United States likely to foot most of the bill, although contributions from others will be sought.

Bush and Blair met in the Azores in the eastern Atlantic on March 16, along with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, to confirm their intention to use force against Iraq.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bush accuses Russian firms of aiding Iraq:

Russia is putting U.S. troops at risk in Iraq by selling antitank guided missiles, jamming devices and night-vision goggles to Baghdad, the Bush administration said Monday in a growing rift with Moscow. President Bush raised the issue in a tense telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who in turn charged that the United States was creating "a humanitarian catastrophe" in Iraq. It was the latest flare-up in a recently bumpy relationship between Washington and Moscow over issues ranging from missile-defense plans to NATO expansion. Russia sided with France and Germany to block a Bush-backed U.N. resolution sanctioning military conflict to disarm Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. After months of monitoring sales to Iraq, the United States received information in the past 48 hours about "the kind of equipment that will put our men and women in harm's way," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday on Fox News Channel.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Arab leaders endorse terrorist search:

Arab-American community leaders on Monday urged cooperation with the government's search for a Saudi-born man allegedly planning terrorist attacks. Parvez Ahmed, the Florida chairman of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and other local Arab-American leaders stood with FBI officials to demonstrate their support of the search for Adnan El Shukrijumah, whose last known address was suburban Broward County. "This is our country, this is our state, this is our community," Ahmed said. "We join the FBI in calling on the public to come forward and contact the FBI offices if they have any information." Hector Pesquera, head of the FBI's South Florida office, said El Shukrijumah "has been identified by senior members of the al-Qaida organization" as a serious threat to the United States' interests here and abroad.

Mystery illness new form of common cold:

The mysterious and deadly flu-like illness from Asia that has stymied health officials around the world appears to be caused by a new variety of a common cold virus, U.S. health officials said Monday. The head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said a number of tests had revealed traces of a form of microbe known as a coronavirus in the tissue of people infected with the unidentified disease. "There's very strong evidence to support coronavirus" as the cause, said CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding at a news conference. However, she cautioned that more testing is needed before experts can be certain. Many different viruses can cause colds, including three different varieties of the coronavirus. Until now, in fact, the cold is the only human ailment known to be caused by coronaviruses, but the CDC said the culprit in the Asian outbreak appears to be genetically different and probably represents a fourth type.

Graduate theses explore Third Wave Feminism

♦ 'Sex and the City' characters exemplify new feminists

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Astrid Henry, coordinator and assistant professor of Women Studies, presented her paper, "Orgasms and Empowerment: Sex and the City and Third Wave Feminism," to open a three-day symposium on Third Wave Feminism celebrating National Women's History Month Monday afternoon.

Third Wave Feminism, the movement of feminism beyond the sexual revolution of the 1960's, is focused on young women and men perpetuating and improving upon those rights gained in the past. The Third Wave is characterized by individualism and a lack of desire to conform to a definition.

"This is a new feminism in the United States," Henry said. "Third Wavers have never lived in a world without the women's movement."

Henry focused on the Third Wave's role in popular culture as seen in primetime television. Henry noted shows like "Rosanne" and "Murphy Brown"

offered a liberated woman's perspective, but also had anti-feminist characters, while "Sex and the City" offers four characters as a representation of the archetypal modern woman.

"The show offers a variety of choices and characters without saying this is the right one or this is the wrong one," Henry said.

These four characters make up a close network of friends central to the show. The four women, with varying personalities and sexuality, end most shows sitting, laughing and talking. Henry sees this as a statement about the importance of such friendships.

"The platonic relationships [on 'Sex and the City'] are more important than the sexual relations with men," Henry said. "Critics do not normally focus on this, they tend to focus more on the sexual content of the show."

The Third Wave has moved away from the belief that sexuality is dangerous for women, into the belief that sexuality is a source of power, Henry said. The idea that sexual assertiveness is praised in "Sex and the City" and that there is no sense that the characters are doomed or punished because of their sexual experience is very different from the way most feminine sexual acts are tradi-

tionally treated in television and film.

While the show offers a view of Third Wave Feminism in the activities and relationships of the independent, successful characters, Henry noted the limited view.

"The view of female empowerment is limited in that the four characters are white, similar in age, thin, conventionally beautiful and financially well-off," Henry said. "In this way, 'Sex and the City' lacks a larger political agenda, but is still concerned with the effects of individual choices on individual lives."

The concern with the individual and choice is what makes the show intrinsically Third Wave, according to Henry.

"Sex and the City" has created a world where women can be both feminine and sexual," Henry said.

♦ Documentary examines modern icons

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

The Third Wave Feminism Symposium continued Monday night with Krista Longtin's documentary "Gloria Steinem, the Spice Girls and Me: Defining the Third Wave of Feminism."

Longtin, a communication studies professor at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, made the documentary as part of her master's thesis at Purdue.

The documentary focused on women professors, authors, journalists and students' perception of feminism and how its popular connotation is revealed in today's media.

"I think the Third Wave of feminism is still being defined," Longtin said. "There's a very organic way of how the Third Wave works

so that its boundaries are almost permeable."

Women from activist Gloria Steinem to the Spice Girls were portrayed as key figures and role models, defining the Third Wave in their own unique way.

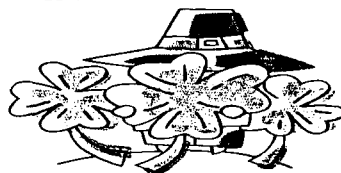
The screening was followed by a group discussion, much of which focused on the word "feminism." "When it comes down to it, many of the media portrayals are really helping to define a movement that isn't theirs," Longtin said. "We don't see the ideas being talked about. Instead, we're being talked to about the ideas."

"In reality things are getting done ... in a space like this," she said.

Longtin's audience Monday included students from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, faculty, staff and members from the Michiana community.

"I thought she was very willing to share things and I think that was a reflection of her approachableness," said Notre Dame sophomore Matt Patricoski.

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Dow Jones

8,214.68 ↓ -307.29

NASDAQ

1,369.78 ↓ -52.06

S&P 500

864.23 ↓ -31.56

AMEX

817.45 ↓ -8.08

NYSE

4,801.58 ↓ -169.36

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COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX(QQQ)	-4.16	-1.13	26.04
SIRIUS STELLIT (SIRI)	-7.22	-0.04	0.54
BOOTS & COOTS (WEL)	+64.18	+0.43	1.10
SPDR TRUST SER (SPY)	-3.32	-2.98	86.69
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-5.66	-1.07	17.83

IN BRIEF

U.S. Tech. CEO charged in scheme

A federal grand jury brought new charges Monday against the chief executive of U.S. Technologies, who is accused of misusing \$15 million entrusted to him by investors.

A federal grand jury handed up a 22-count indictment charging C. Gregory Earls, 58, with multiple counts of securities, mail and wire fraud.

The indictment says Earls controlled an investment company called USV Partners and claimed he would use investors' money to buy shares of U.S. Technologies. Instead, he allegedly used it for a trust fund for his children and to repay investors from other business ventures.

It also says Earls stole \$1.3 million from investors, claiming he would finance an Internet company but pocketing the money for himself.

The new indictment encompasses allegations first made by federal prosecutors in December, but adds new charges related to the alleged Internet scheme.

Mortgage difficulties approaching

Fewer homeowners were late paying their mortgages in the final quarter of 2002, but economists worry that a worsening job market could be making that more difficult now.

The seasonally adjusted percentage of mortgage payments 30 or more days past due for all home loans dipped to 4.53 percent in the fourth quarter of last year, down from 4.66 percent in the third quarter, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported Monday.

The delinquency rate does not include foreclosures.

Decades-low mortgage rates are helping homeowners handle their mortgage debt, economists say. The dip in the fourth quarter's delinquency rate came as personal bankruptcies hit a record high in 2002.

Fears of long war cause slide

◆ Strong week followed by reality check

Associated Press

NEW YORK

War euphoria wore off on Wall Street Monday as investors realized that Operation Iraqi Freedom might not be so quick after all. The Dow Jones industrials gave back more than 300 points, following its best week in two decades with its worst day of the year.

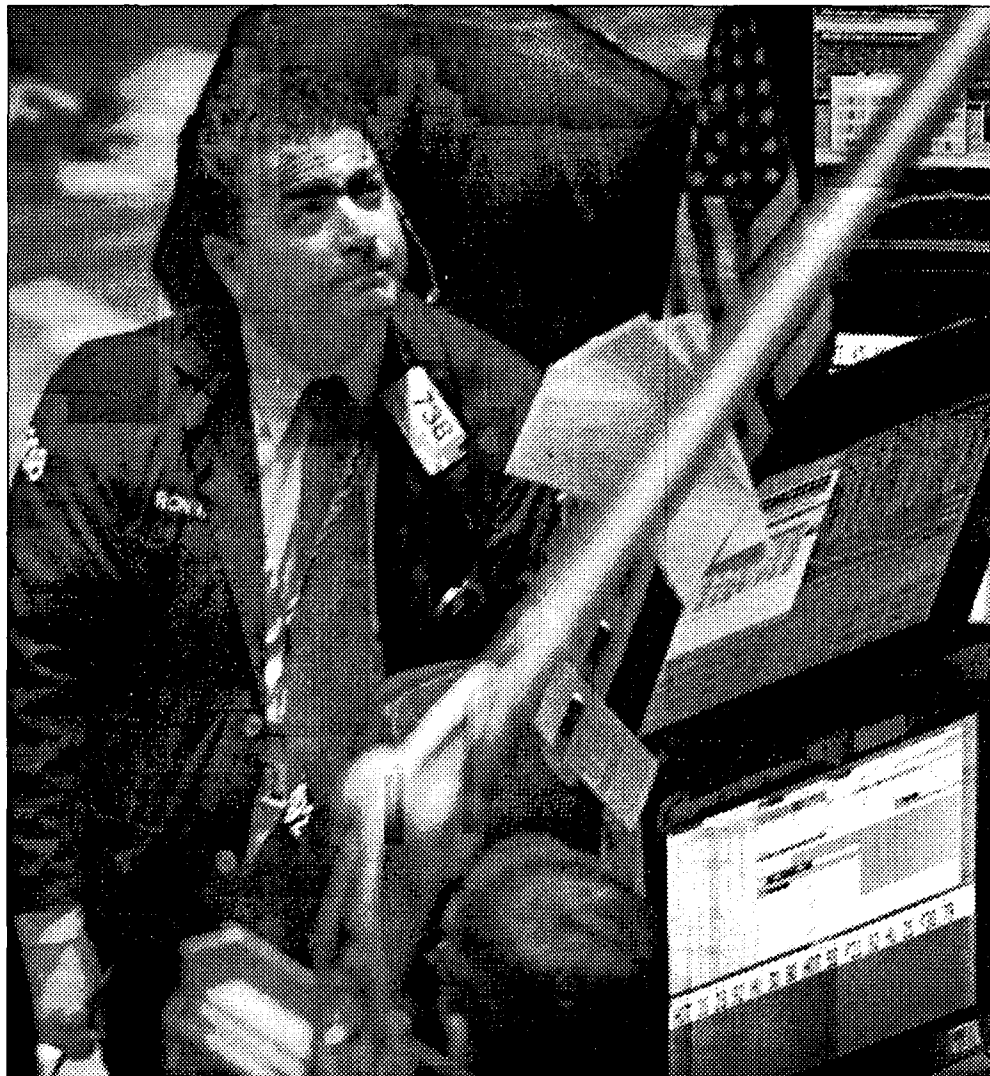
With allied forces encountering resistance from Iraqi troops over the weekend, many investors chose to cash in profits following a stunning eight-day rally by the Dow and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

"Going into the weekend, investors had this anticipation that there was a good chance that Saddam (Hussein) was killed and war might be ended," said Doug Sandler, chief equity strategist at Wachovia Securities. "The reality was that war is never clear and it's always worse than people expect."

"It's also just as much natural profit-taking," he added. "We had a such a huge runup so you would expect you would get a retracement."

The Dow closed down 307.29, or 3.6 percent, at 8,214.68, having gained 8.4 percent last week, its best showing since October 1982. The blue chips advanced in the previous eight sessions, their longest streak since December 1998.

Monday's decline was the biggest for the Dow since Sept. 3, when the blue chips closed 355 points lower. It erased



REUTERS

A trader pauses on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. Stocks went down more than 300 points, ending last week's big rally as footage from Iraq reminded investors the war to topple Saddam Hussein would not be easy.

nearly one-third of the Dow's 997-point gain from the previous eight sessions.

The broader market also finished sharply lower Monday. The S&P 500 index dropped 31.56, or 3.5 percent, to 864.23, after a weekly gain of 7.5 percent. The index also has posted eight straight days of gains, its best performance since June 1997.

The Nasdaq composite index lost 52.06, or 3.7 percent, to 1,369.78, having advanced 6.1 percent last week. It rose in

six of the previous eight sessions.

On Monday, U.S.-led forces pushed toward Baghdad, meeting resistance from sandstorms and Saddam's troops. Iraq claimed to have shot down two U.S. helicopters and taken two pilots prisoner, a day after more than 20 Americans were killed or captured.

Saddam, meanwhile, sought to rally his people with a televised speech that proclaimed "victory will be ours soon." Over the weekend, Iraqi tele-

vision showed five captured U.S. soldiers.

Stocks surged in the past two weeks on growing investor confidence in a brief and victorious war, but analysts have said that would quickly change should the conflict become prolonged. They also say trading will likely be choppy as investors focus on the latest war developments.

"This is going to be a very hard market in the coming days," said Russ Koesterich, U.S. equity strategist at State Street Corp. in Boston.

Bush: \$74.7 billion for war efforts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush is expected to ask Congress for \$74.7 billion to pay for the war with Iraq, assuming a month of combat, and for strengthening counterterrorism efforts at home, lawmakers and aides said Monday.

The money measure, which the president planned to describe to congressional leaders he invited to the White House, was dominated by \$62.6 billion for the Department of Defense. It presumed the military effort to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would take 30 days, aides said.

The request was also expected to include \$4.2 billion for domestic security, chiefly for police and other so-called first responders. And it was to contain \$7.8 billion for aid to Israel, Afghanistan and other U.S.

allies, a down payment on humanitarian aid for Iraq and for rebuilding the country, and money to increase security for American diplomats.

At Monday's meeting, Bush was expected to ask congressional leaders to send him a completed version of the bill by April 11, when lawmakers are to begin their Easter recess. He is expected to send his recommendations to Capitol Hill as early as Tuesday.

Though lawmakers are eager to demonstrate their support for U.S. troops, Democrats and many Republicans are expected to have problems with parts of the proposal.

Of the \$62.6 billion for the Defense Department, the administration is proposing setting aside \$59.9 billion in an emergency reserve fund that the Pentagon could largely spend with limited input from Congress, said Democrats who said they were familiar with a preliminary version of

the proposal.

"We need to provide every single dime the troops need, but I do think we need to know where it's going and for what purpose," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

Obey said that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld "wasn't appointed to be the U.S. Congress with the power of the purse. We're supposed to know what we're doing before we open the purse strings."

Democrats were also expected to complain that Bush's request had only \$543 million in humanitarian aid for Iraq, \$1.7 billion to rebuild the country and nothing for a peace-keeping effort after the war. Prior congressional and private estimates suggested the long-range expenses for those efforts would be many billions of dollars, though administration officials are hoping allied nations will help with the financing.

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Over break I traveled to Austria, Germany and Italy with my roommate, Dina. During the trip I had the opportunity to visit Innsbruck, Austria where I spent my sophomore year. I could not help but consider how much has changed in the world since I was last in the small city amidst the Alps. When I arrived in Austria in August 2000, Sept. 11 was inconceivable. The economy still seemed relatively stable. In my mind, war with Iraq was a conflict that began and ended in the fourth grade. I felt very secure as an American abroad. However, on this second journey, I did not walk through the narrow streets of the Old City with such confidence.

*Tuesday
Voice*

Nevertheless I was eager and excited to show Dina the town that became my second home. I took her to Maria Theresian Bräu, a bar in the center of Innsbruck. When we walked in, a group of nineteen and twenty-year old Austrians invited us to join them. Soon after we sat down, they asked us for our opinions on President Bush, American foreign policy and the then-imminent war in Iraq — not exactly small talk. Of course, Dina and I became accustomed to the questions. Nearly every day of our trip, we were asked to defend our country and its push towards preemptive, offensive war.

I did not know how to respond to the inquiries that usually developed into attacks on the United States. I do not agree with the war in Iraq; I do not support our country's use of force to bring down Saddam Hussein. Yet, at the same time I believe that the servicemen and women — the fathers, mothers, daughters, sons — serving in the Middle East deserve the country's support. Consequently, I did not feel entirely comfortable expressing my opposition to the war or the Bush administration's foreign policy to the Austrians in the bar or any other European that we encountered. I found myself

An appreciation brought from war

I see The Grotto tonight, gleaming in the midnight darkness, but I can't stop. I run right past it onto a trail around St. Mary's lake. Not being an avid runner, I know I will probably only make it once around the lake before I get winded. That doesn't matter ... it is time enough for what I need.

My father left our house in Panama City, Florida, the night before. He would fly to Memphis, then across the Atlantic to Copenhagen and then from there on a series of short flights into Kuwait. As I am writing this very letter, he is waking up on what is very likely his first day in the Middle East.

The lake is quiet as I run along its bank, though I disturb some ducks and geese, fearful of my heavy, loping gait. I notice no other runners, and only a few young couples walking or sitting on the trail, sharing their thoughts in the fresh night breeze. My pulse pounds in my ears, the wind rushes in and out of my lungs, and my footfalls add tempo of their own. I listen to what the couples talk about, and I listen to how serious their discussions are. I feel that none of the matters they are speaking about carry nearly the gravity of the topic I have been unable

to shake since I received the news.

I don't write Observer Viewpoint articles with great frequency, nor do I recommend that anyone do so. The last time I wrote one was a little over two years ago, on another dark night after mass — a mass held the night before the death of former Notre Dame student Conor Murphy. I questioned why it is only in times of tragedy that we stop to consider our lives, our frailty and our purpose.

I pass Carroll Hall wondering what my father will look like when I next see him in October. I ponder quietly how my mother, now alone in our Florida home, will spend the somber nights ahead. I ask myself how my sisters are doing, and how long has it been since I last talked to them. I curse myself for not being home to hear my father's goodbye before he left the U.S.

Tonight, I don't want to instruct all of the readers to drop what they're doing and question their purpose in life. We all know that 99 percent of our lifetimes are wasted. Rather, I want everyone who reads this to keep living their lives, because if even 1 percent of our life isn't wasted, then all else is worth it. I just want everyone here at

Notre Dame to appreciate the gift of life we have been given. I want us to stop griping about how the commencement speaker isn't up to par, or about how any other minor annoyance irritates us. I don't expect everyone to understand life and its point, but to simply know that there is one. I know, as I travel to Anaheim with a pep band this week, that my father will be working abroad but thinking of home. I know that all members of my family will be separated by no less than 100 miles, but we'll be closer than we have been while in the same room. I know that I'll feel alone in the world, but I'll be surrounded by the closest group of friends I've known here at Notre Dame.

My breathing is heavy as The Grotto comes into sight. I'm not alone as I walk toward the gated area. I stop with the statues of Mary atop the Dome and among the stones of The Grotto in my view. I genuflect, I light two candles and I kneel to pray.

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Winston Churchill
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Address the roots of terrorism without violence

Two years ago this week I received a final salute from the sailors of Main Propulsion Division, and I walked down the brow of USS Vincennes (CG 49) for the last time. After four years of NROTC here at Notre Dame and two years of naval service as an officer in the Seventh Fleet, I was discharged from the Navy as a conscientious objector and began my journey home from Singapore. I'm not your average pacifist or your typical anti-war activist. I don't claim any particular wisdom as a result of my past, but I do offer a particular perspective since my worries about this conflict are colored by my experience as a military officer abroad and my great affection for the men who served under me and now fight in the name of our country.

Upon reporting to my ship, I was given charge of a division of forty-five men, aged 17 to 38. Of those forty-five men, thirty-five were not U.S. citizens. In fact, most came from countries in which the U.S. has violently intervened over the course of the past century: the Philippines, Panama, Grenada and Haiti. We marched into their homes touting democracy, congratulating ourselves for the efficiency of our war and promising vast assistance and aid. Then we marched home again and their suffering remained. These men enlisted in our Navy not because of their great affection for our attempts at liberation and rescue, not because of any special loyalty to the United States but because they realized the best foreign aid one can receive as a Filipino or Panamanian or Grenadian or Haitian is a paycheck and a pension from the Department of Defense. The poor have no politics other than their own poverty and the hope of liberation. My sailors

joined our navy not to enforce U.S. policy, but in spite of it. They joined to feed their families, not to effect political change. They risk their lives at sea this day not for freedom, but for food and the relative security of a warship.

Our military is frighteningly powerful, and I have hopeful confidence that this war will end quickly. I am confident that in its aftermath we will find much of the evidence others did not — proof of torture and massacre and numerous chemical and biological weapons. We will declare victory for Iraq and for the world, and we will again tout democracy, congratulate ourselves for the efficiency of our war and promise vast assistance and aid to the millions of hungry, wounded, homeless refugees left behind. We will retire into complacency, believing our enemy vanquished. Then, months or years from now, some hopeless terrorist full of bitterness and rage will wound our cities and our psyches once again. After Sept. 11, we must realize that our enemy is no longer a single enemy, a particular Osama or Saddam. The enemy instead is the hatred for America festering all over the developing world. The enemy is the anguished despair arising from poverty and the prospect of early and unnecessary death faced by two-thirds of the world's population. Whether the guilt is real or imagined, true or perceived, America is blamed for the suffering of too many in this world. Our greatest weapon in this war then, is generosity and concern — our capacity to do so much to alleviate some of the world's suffering. To truly engage the enemy we must engage the poverty and despair upon which his citadels are built. We must offer an alternative to the des-

peration of suicide bombings and the oblivion of religious fanaticism. We would better combat terrorism if the monies invested in funding this war were directed instead at third world development and fighting hunger and disease. We would better combat terrorism if the unsuccessful diplomacy invested in arranging this war were used instead to negotiate just peace between Israel and Palestine. We would better combat terrorism if the intellect invested in planning this war were directed instead at resolving third world debt and realigning financial policies of the IMF and World Bank to promote local, sustainable development among the poor and the hopeless in Africa, Southeast, South and Central Asia and Latin America.

This, then, is a non-violent alternative. Rather than engage in our enemies' violence, we must engage them at the root of their violence. Pacifists are often accused of idealism and inaction, but true pacifism must be realistic and it must be active. We must realize the dangers of engaging our enemies with peace, of offering hope to the desperate. We must be willing to risk our own security for the security of the oppressed, to risk our own lives for the lives of those threatened by poverty or violence. We must actively sacrifice our own abundant comfort to give some solace to the many who suffer in silent fear each day. Our president warns that we must be willing to accept casualties in this war. I agree. The war on terrorism proceeds, whether we want it or not. It may or may not have been a war of our choosing, but we have been blindly engaged in it for years. The decision now is not one of involvement, but of tactics. If we choose

compassion over combat as our strategy, we must be as willing to die for peace as we are now willing to die for war. We must seek out battles against human suffering in the world as eagerly as our soldiers and Marines now seek out battles against conscripted, poorly equipped Iraqis in the desert. And we must have patience. The peaceful war on terrorism cannot be won quickly or without loss of life. Neither, however, can this violent war. If Baghdad falls tomorrow to our guns and bombs, we could not claim victory. Having further spread the seed of hatred, our fight would have just begun.

We in America are troublingly impatient. We demand immediate resolution and refuse to wait for grace. We are quick to act and quick to react and quick to offer falsely expedient salvation to the world with our guns. Perhaps, if instead, we determined to suffer in patience with the world's poverty and pain, we might find the salvation we so recklessly seek surprisingly close at hand. Or perhaps not; peace must in the end be a leap of faith. It is a leap into the faith of an accused vagabond from an oppressed people in an occupied territory, the faith of a common laborer tortured by wealthy tyrants, the faith of a prisoner who looks down in pain from the cross and liberates us with forgiveness and the echo of one final, binding commandment. It is the faith we preach and the faith we purport to practice. May we have the patience and courage to do so in earnest now and in the progressing days of our war.

Matthew Potts
class of '99
March 24

Defending the war in Iraq

A view of the war from Saudi Arabia

I am writing in response to Jessica Needles's March 21st letter. I am a Notre Dame grad and a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force currently serving in Saudi Arabia. As you might expect, my opinions differ from Ms. Needles's, and I'd like to share them.

First I will address the topic of patriotism, which means "love for or devotion to one's country." Protesting this war does not necessarily qualify. I will not tell you that you are wrong to protest this war because you are entitled to your opinion — that is one of your freedoms as an American citizen. Nor will I tell you that you should not protest this war, because you are entitled to do just that — another of the freedoms you enjoy because you live in this great country. Having said that, please don't insult real patriots by insinuating that exercising those freedoms is inherently patriotic. Your right to expression allows you to burn American flags in protest; doing so is not patriotic. Let's get that straight.

Next I will address your claims that this war is for oil. Ms. Needles, you could not have made a more incorrect statement if you tried. Oil has nothing to do with this conflict, despite what Hollywood may want you to think. This war is about freeing the Iraqi people from an extremely oppressive regime. You claim that these people don't want to be liberated. I wonder how you know. I saw women and children smile and wave at American and British forces as they moved north. I saw grown men dance and cheer as coalition forces secured the southern cities of Safwan and Umm Qasr. I saw an Iraqi man help a U.S. Marine tear down a giant portrait of Saddam Hussein only after removing his shoe to symbolically slap its heel against

Hussein's face. Do you really think these people enjoy being led by Hussein? Trust me, as our forces move north and begin to provide some level of protection for the people of Iraq, you will see more and more of these images. It's hard to publicly speak out against a regime that employs chemical and biological weapons against its own citizens at a moment's notice. It's hard, that is, unless you enjoy such rights as freedom of speech — rights that you and many other Americans take for granted every day.

Finally, I'd like to address your claims that an inept President is leading us. When he decided to forcibly remove Hussein from power, President Bush not only made the right decision, he made the decision that an inept UN Security Council should have made more than a decade ago. Unfortunately, the UN has been plagued by corruption, indecision and a complete lack of resolve. It is worth noting that the three countries profiting most from present-day Iraq — France, China and Russia — were the most vocally opposed to any military action. I find it unbelievable that so many people have mistaken this ulterior motive for genuine concern for the Iraqi people. If you want to accuse a government of making decisions based on economics, look first to one of these three nations.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for your patriotic efforts. In return, I will proudly serve our great nation, our President and your right to protest my being here.

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March 24

It's not about oil

Claiming, "war protects U.S. oil interests," as Ms. Needles does in her March 21 letter, is a one-sided, incomplete statement ignoring important issues. First, all but a few countries in the UN support invasion of Iraq; their reasons for support do not concern oil. Actually, investigations into the oil issue reveal that the countries opposing invasion are also Iraq's largest weapons suppliers and traders of oil. Also, although Iraq hasn't been held responsible for Sept. 11, they are known to harbor and supply terrorist organizations — not to mention that Saddam has repeatedly demonstrated his utilization of chemical and biological warfare. Hussein's regime has slaughtered hundreds of thousands of Iraqis using these weapons in what he calls "cleansing" Iraq; sounds like another political leader — Hitler.

"Iraqis in Exile" is an organization representing Iraqis living in the U.S. They openly voice their elation saying they "look forward to going home and living without fear of Saddam." They have good reason; Hussein's sons and administration publicly pillage, rape and murder their countrymen. Combine this with a willingness to use weapons of mass destruction and it's easy to see the danger of such a man holding a position of power and that most Iraqi people are oppressed and terrified. Saddam Hussein truly believes he can overpower the United States, just as he did in 1991 — he is not afraid of war.

The government cannot "hide behind" anything; the technology of today enables people at home to see what's going on, allowing closer contact with the realities of war. Yes, Ms. Needles, war is blood, sweat and pain. But it's also part of every generation, one that cannot be avoided. I don't call advocates of peace "un-American," (or those that drive SUVs — what car you drive is irrelevant to this topic). Everyone wants peace, including our government. But ignoring the facts of the Iraq situation is an irresponsible way to form an opinion. My opinion is that I will proudly support my president, government and military and that of all the countries fighting in Iraq. But then again, maybe I'm just misguided.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The rocket has come for Mraz

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

As the warm weather begins to roll back into town, the search for the perfect summer album begins. In the past, artists like the Dave Matthews Band, Jack Johnson and Jimmy Buffet have carried the summer music torch, but this year the torch will be passed down to solo-acoustic act Jason Mraz. His major label debut album, *Waiting For My Rocket to Come*, showcases Mraz's catchy blend of acoustic rock melodies and witty lyrics that is reminiscent of the Dave Matthews Band with Jack Johnson on vocals.

While Mraz may not create any shockingly new music on *Waiting For My Rocket to Come*, he expands on the already well established genre of acoustic roots rock. Mraz is paired with well-known producer John Alagia, who has

worked with the likes of the Dave Matthews Band, Vertical Horizon, Jack Johnson and Agents of Good Roots. With Alagia's experience, Mraz's amazing talent comes out in full force. The first track, "You and I Both," sets the tone for the rest of the album. Mraz's smooth voice and lightly strummed guitar play the first few notes until the rest of the band comes in. What follows is twelve perfect acoustic pop songs.

What sets Mraz apart from the vast amount of singer/songwriters out today is his witty lyrics. He shows this in songs like "Curbside Prophet" and "I'll Do Anything," in which he sings, "I'll do anything spontaneously." This is exactly what Mraz's lyrics are — spontaneous rhymes. This spontaneous lyrical feel keeps even the more subdued songs fun and interesting. Mraz also adds his own modern spin to the often repetitive genre of singer/songwriter. He adds in a bit of rap and

reggae into his music. "Curbside Prophet" is a perfect example. The track features a mandolin and banjo playing a very bluesy feeling

track, over which Mraz raps his autobiographical lyrics.

Mraz tends to focus on keeping his music based in acoustic pop, but he mixes in other genres with ease. "Sleep All Day," for instance, sounds like Stevie Wonder decided to play acoustic guitar and record a song. Another track called, "No Stopping Us," mixes in a horn section that sounds very much like Chicago. The foundation, however, of all of Mraz's songs is the acoustic guitar. Before signing with Elektra Records to record *Waiting For My Rocket to Come*, Mraz released several self-produced live albums that show just how far he has come since his coffee house days in Southern California.

The best track on the album, "On Love and Sadness," appeared on several of Mraz's self-produced live albums. On *Waiting For My Rocket to Come*, it sounds much more polished and flows better. The vocals, at times, sound very similar to Wings era Paul McCartney. "On Love and Sadness" features one of the best choruses on the album with an incredibly catchy verse.

Waiting For My Rocket to Come is an outstanding debut album. Mraz's fun, witty lyrics and his easy-going bluesy musical style combine for one of the best singer/songwriter releases this year. While he has drawn comparisons to Dave



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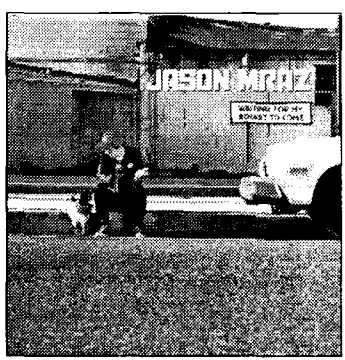
A newcomer in the singer-songwriter genre, Jason Mraz stands out with witty lyrics and spontaneous rhymes.

Matthews and Jack Johnson, Mraz's music is strong enough to stand on its own. This album is one of the most energetic releases of the year and will be the perfect summer soundtrack

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Waiting for My Rocket to Come Jason Mraz

Elektra/Asylum Records



ALBUM REVIEW

Kelly is as sweet as he sounds

By SHAWTINA FERGUSON
Scene Music Critic

Although R. Kelly's reputation has been mottled as his legal issues continue to swell, many fans and critics agree that he is still a force to be reckoned with in the R&B world. His latest LP, the follow up album to multi-platinum selling *TP-2*, promises to be more of the smooth, sensual sounding Kelly that his fans are used to, with unexpected but successful musical twists.

Producing, writing and arranging every track, the Chocolate Factory provides an in-depth look at Kelly, the musician and the man. His track, "Been Around the World," is best described as an open-ended tele-

phone conversation with the world. Kelly praises fans, family and close friends for their support during his latest troubles and responds to critics and detractors with the lyrics, "When it comes to being the realest, I'm sho'nuff / I'm a straight-up industry villain for sho'nuff / And I can't satisfy some of y'all no matter what / And some of y'all cats is so jealous." This punch-lining, mid-tempo groove features Murder Inc.'s Ja Rule.

Chocolate Factory's commitment to relationships is another aspect that makes the album desirable. Soulful tracks like "Forever More," "I'll Never Leave," "Forever" and "Heart of a Woman" all express admiration and love for women. In the latter track Kelly sings, "I promised to love y'all / with all of my might yeah / I'll

even burn a candle light / because we are here cause y'all pay the price / and that's why I love the word 'woman.'" He then goes on to apologize for the

common mistakes that many men make in relationships pleading, "Your mind versus / Your heart versus / Your soul versus / Your body versus / Our bulls — / Our ego / Our pride / That's why I love the word woman."

"Showdown," the final sparring match between Kelly and Mr. Biggs, boasts a soft piano-influenced melody and is best described as a seven and a half-minute mini face-off between the two. The reggae influenced track, "Snake," featuring Big Tigger is definitely prime time for most club atmospheres. Showcasing a hypnotizing flute, light drums and occasional guitars, "Snake" should appeal to most audiences.

For those wondering, Kelly has not toned down his sensual side. While Chocolate Factory is not reminiscent of his early '90s release, *12 Play*, tracks like "Ignition" (the original and the remix) and "Imagine That" offer the same not-so-subtle playfulness that has made Kelly so popular throughout the course of his career.

Perhaps the best part of this 17-track composition is the flow of the album is well thought out. Fans can expect to listen to track after track without having to reach for their remotes. Kelly's mixture of pop, R&B, reggae and old-school blues is harmoniously combined to provide the listener with hot beats and personal lyrics that many will be able to relate with. If one is expecting a relaxing album filled with bal-

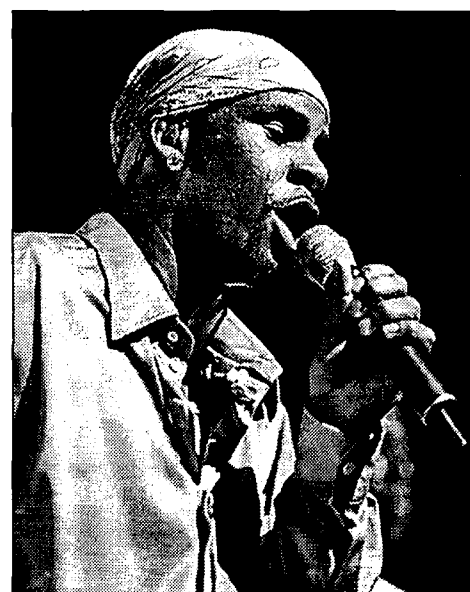


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Despite the controversy surrounding R. Kelly, his music has remained unscathed.

lads, club hits, enticing remixes, love songs and the likes they will not be disappointed. In other words, the Chi-Town native is back again; he's got the key in the ignition and is ready to roll!

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Ataris jump to the big time

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

Punk/emo veterans, The Ataris, have managed to build quite a fan base over the years, but not without a lot of effort. The release of a handful of albums on Kung Fu Records and Fat Wreck Chords, two independent labels, as well as a hectic touring schedule have finally managed to get the word out about the band. The Ataris

recently signed with Columbia Records and released their much-anticipated major label debut, *So Long, Astoria*, the first full-length album they have released in nearly two years.

Although it is sometimes difficult for bands, especially bands of the punk persuasion, to make the transition from an independent label to a major one without in some way selling out, The Ataris' trademark sound remains intact on *So Long, Astoria*. The album is sure to satisfy not

only long-term fans of The Ataris, but should also attract many new listeners. In fact, the first single, "In This Diary," is already receiving massive amounts of airplay.

A perfect album for summer, *So Long, Astoria* possesses plenty of catchy hooks and teen anthems. One can easily imagine it being played as the background music at a party. The only problem is that some of these songs might be better off left in the background.

After listening to only a few tracks on the album, many of the songs begin to sound alike. The Ataris hardly stray at all from the repetitive formula begun on their previous releases.

The most obvious difference between *So Long, Astoria* and other releases is the scope of the lyrics. On albums like *Blue Skies*, *Broken Hearts ... Next 12 Exits* and *End is Forever*, the Ataris sing almost entirely about break-ups and lost love.

Although there are a few songs about this oft-examined subject on *So Long, Astoria*, including a cover of Don Henley's "The Boys of Summer," many of the songs stray from this theme. For example, "My Reply" is an attempt to offer hope to a hospitalized fan who sends poetry to the band. "The Saddest Song" is lead singer Kris Roe's apology to his daughter for not being around for her childhood because

he is on tour so often. The lyrics to most of the songs possess both honesty and depth, and can be easily related to everyday life.

"In a lot of my lyrics," Roe told VH1, "I like to encode a lot of hidden messages and whatnot. I like our fans to read into things. I feel that our fans are smart and I don't want to give them just a bunch of surface lyrics that you can take at face value."

Although *So Long, Astoria* lapses into a somewhat repetitive pattern, those who enjoy the sound of The Ataris will not mind this at all. With thoughtful lyrics and catchy melodies, The Ataris have created an accessible album that is not only fun and energetic, but also possesses deeply reflective lyrics.

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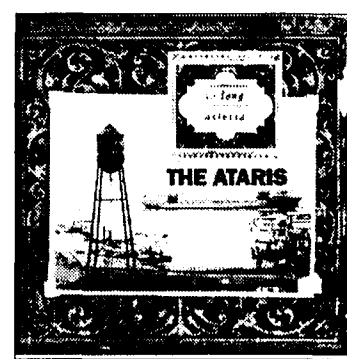


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The Ataris have managed to make the shift from an independent label to a major label while staying true to their punk/emo sound.

So Long,
Astoria
The Ataris

Sony Records



ALBUM REVIEW

American Hi-Fi loses out

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

The Art of Losing, American Hi-Fi's newest album is just that — a loss. Try as they might, the Boston based punk-rock band, American Hi-Fi, best known for their past hit "Flavor of the Weak," simply cannot express multiple musical styles on one album cohesively. Listening to the album leaves one wondering if the same band is even performing all of the songs due to the

high level of variance in the musical style throughout the album. While variety can often times be a bonus by displaying different strengths of a band, this is simply not the case with American Hi-Fi. Instead of sounding like talented and varied musicians, the album lacks a level of cohesiveness.

This lack of cohesiveness is exemplified in the hip-hop/punk/rock song, "Nothing left to lose." From extremely typical punk-rock lines, "Nothing left to lose / except you and your baby blues," to shout outs such as "Holla back ya'll," one is left wondering what it is that these guys are trying to be. All the different musical themes get lost in one another and the song as a whole is more of a messy montage than a melody.

Overall, The Art of Losing is not very strong musically. However, what are really painful are the lyrical choices that create the album. With cheesy rhymes all

the way through the album, American Hi-Fi takes the light and punky nature of punk rock to a whole new level, in a negative direction. With

lyrics artistically reminiscent of those from an eighth grade rock band, American Hi-Fi does not give many lyrical surprises. With lines such as "You call me a loser / say I'm just a user" and "She's on the movie screen / acting like a rocket queen / [do you know what I mean?]", the most entertaining part of the album becomes trying to predict what the end of the line is going to be before Jones' even sings it; but even that loses entertainment value when it is such an easy game to play.

Just as all hope is nearly lost in American Hi-Fi, halfway through the album, redemption starts to sneak in. Beginning with "This is the Sound," a slower song with a softer beat, the songs start to regain a more cohesive quality. As the soft and heavy beat plays, Jones' softly sings, "This is the sound of the broken down," and it actually is! The lyrics and

melody finally meet and therein produce a truly good song. This is soon followed by the appropriately punky "Gold Rush" and "Built for Speed." The lyrics are not amazing, but the clear punk-rock beat carries both of the songs, and American Hi-Fi finally presents a couple of melodies that are strong enough to get stuck in the heads of their listeners. Whether the songs are truly quality songs or just sound good enough after what preceded them is unclear, but nonetheless, they create a sound that gives some sort of definition to American Hi-Fi, even if it is short-lived.

American Hi-Fi tries to do too much in this album, and while there are some hits, this is an album predominantly composed of misses.

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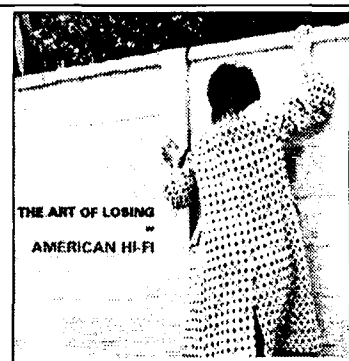


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American Hi-Fi's newest album falls to combine musical genres, resulting in a lack of cohesion among songs.

The Art of Losing
American Hi-Fi

Def Jam Records



ND TENNIS

Irish hope for win over Wolverines

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a close Sunday defeat at the hands of No. 13 William and Mary, the 27th ranked Irish will try to keep the Wolverines of Michigan at bay today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Michigan is coming off a commanding 6-1 victory against Marquette Saturday, which extended their home winning streak to 12 matches.

"It should be a good match," Irish assistant coach Liz Balanis said. "It will definitely be a competitive match. We always seem to have a close one with [Michigan]."

Last year Notre Dame defeated Michigan 5-2 at Ann Arbor, but this year's Irish squad is relatively younger and less experienced.

Despite that, the team is gaining confidence, especially after coming off their Friday win over Iowa and what was nearly a victory over one of the country's best teams, William and Mary, Sunday.

"We played very well against William and Mary," Balanis said. "Our doubles went great, and we competed very well in the singles. We just had a couple matches we didn't pull out."

Despite being a close match, the Iowa victory was also a confidence builder for the Irish.

"It ended up being a close match," Balanis said. "It was

good to pull that one out."

The team saw a sign of improvement on Friday when freshman Kristina Stastny provided the clinching win to secure victory against the Hawkeyes.

"That was great," Balanis said. "She was very excited. That's a great feeling for a freshman."

According to Balanis, the Irish have showed they can play well, and they just need to continue what they have been doing in order to have a strong second half of the season heading into the Big East tournament.

"Overall, if we play like we [played Sunday] we'll do well this year," Balanis said.

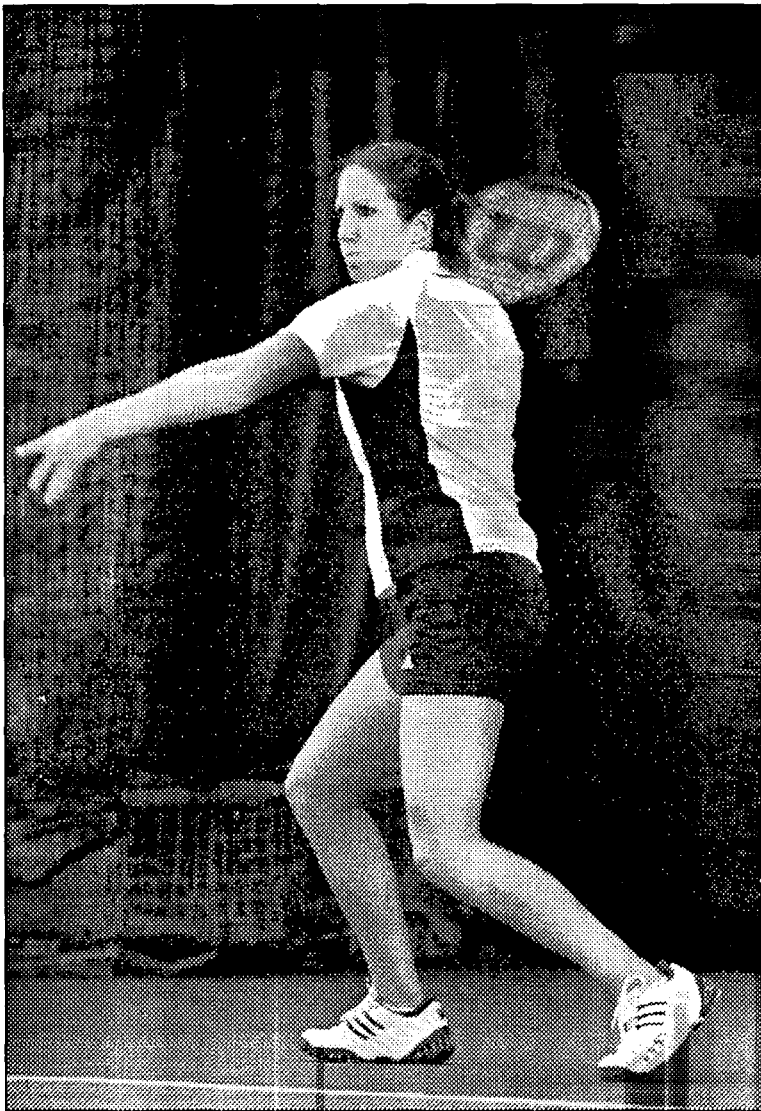
Unlike the Irish, the Wolverines were able to defeat Kentucky earlier in the season, but both squads were defeated by powerhouse Duke.

After Tuesday's bout with Michigan, Notre Dame will face Purdue only 24 hours later for its last home match of the season.

"We had two matches over the weekend, we have two [within the next two days], and then Friday we leave to go to Ohio State," Balanis said. "We have a lot of matches coming up."

The Irish are looking forward to the remainder of their season, which includes contests against Illinois, in-state rival Indiana, and Big East foe Miami.

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Caylan Leslie prepares to hit a shot earlier in the season. The Irish hope to hold off Michigan before facing Purdue.

SMC TENNIS

SMC wins big over Tri-State

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team continued their winning ways last Sunday with a dominant 9-0 performance against Tri-State University. The Belles, the defending MIAA champions, won every singles and doubles match and brought their record to 5-1 on the season.

"We got good practice over spring break just playing actual matches," said junior Jeannie Knish, who won at No. 1 singles. "This was a good warm-up match for the season."

Other winners for the Belles included freshman Kristen Palombo at No. 2 singles, junior Kaitlin Cutler at No. 3 singles, junior Kris Spriggle at No. 4 singles, senior Elisa Ryan at No. 5 and senior Angela Sandner at the No. 6 spot.

In doubles action, the No. 1 pair of Knish and Palombo earned a victory, as did No. 2 Cutler and Ryan. Spriggle and freshman Lindsay Cook also won at the No. 3 doubles spot.

"We played with confidence and had fun," Knish said. "We haven't been playing too much outside here yet, so it's good to get used to different weather conditions."

The Belles' match against Valparaiso scheduled for Wed., March 19 was postponed due to poor weather. It was cancelled when rain began to fall during warm-ups. That match will take place March 26 at Valparaiso.

The Belles look to keep their momentum going for the week. They will face off against Aquinas at home March 21 at 3:30.

"We have good feelings about this weekend," said Knish. "We should do well; the teams don't look to be that tough. We have new additions to the team and everyone is getting used to their spots and doing a good job."

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Theisman named to College Hall of Fame

Associated Press

Former Notre Dame All-America quarterback Joe Theismann is one of 11 former college players and two coaches named today to the National Football Foundation's 2003 College Football Hall of Fame Division I-A class by Jon F. Hanson, chairman of the National Football Foundation.

The 2003 College Football Hall of Fame class will be inducted at the 46th Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 9, 2003, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The players and coaches will be officially enshrined at the Hall of Fame in South Bend in August 2004.

Theismann launched an

attack on the Irish passing record books, setting 19 school marks while leading the team to its first bowl appearance in 45 years in 1969 and a 10-1 record capped by a Cotton Bowl victory in 1970 over top-rated and unbeaten Texas.

A first-team All-America selection as a senior by Associated Press, Theismann was the runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1970. A participant in the 1970 Hula Bowl, Theismann set school records for passing yards in a game (526), yards in a season (2,429) and touchdowns in a season (16) among others. He ranked second in the nation in total offense as a senior at 291.3 yards per game — and that year he

helped the Irish as a team average 510.5 total yards per game and 252.7 passing yards per game, two marks that remain all-time Notre Dame bests.

In three seasons, Theismann led the Fighting Irish to a 25-4-3 record while completing 290 passes on 509 attempts for 4,411 yards, a mark that still ranks fifth in school history. Honored for his classroom prowess, he earned Academic All-America honors in 1970 and was later named to the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame.

Following graduation, Theismann embarked on a 15-year professional career, his final 12 years in the NFL as a member of the Washington

Redskins. Upon retirement, he became a highly successful businessman as well as a prominent television sports analyst for ESPN. Theismann continues to support such charitable interests as the United Way, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Cystic Fibrosis, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts of America and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Originally from South River, N.J., Theismann becomes the 40th Notre Dame player to be chosen for the Hall of Fame since inductions began in 1951. Five former Irish coaches also have been selected. No other school has produced more than those 45 enshrinees, the most recent being Ralph Guglielmi in 2001.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

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Apply for the *Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D.* Collaborative Community-Based Research Mini-Grant

The CSC is offering a Mini-Grant in the amount of \$5000, awarded in two phases, to support a joint faculty-student-community research partnership addressing a social challenge articulated by a community organization. It may support the planning and development of a new project, the expansion of an existing one, the assessment of a project, or the dissemination of findings from a project that is ongoing or in its final stages.

The purposes of the award are to foster faculty-student-community partnerships that

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The proposal should be submitted by **Monday, April 7, 2003**. Please go to our website at centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu for more information about applying.

What Does It Have To Do With Me?:

Perspectives on War in Iraq

Come join other students, faculty and staff in exploring issues of war and peace

"Coffee House for Peace"

March 26th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM, Coleman Morse Lounge

Featuring Emmeline Schoen (ND, '03, a student musician and songwriter) & Poetry Readings

A Student Dialogue on War with Iraq

April 9th, 7:00 PM, Coleman Morse Lounge

With perspectives from ROTC, Peace Action Groups and others

"Implications and Morality of a Pre-Emptive War"

April 10th, 7:30 PM, Coleman Morse Lounge

A Talk by Fr. Bryan Hehir

President and CEO, Catholic Charities U.S.A., Former Chair of the Executive Committee at Harvard Divinity School

"The Prophetic Voice of Peace"

April 24th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Presentation and Questions, Debartolo 141

8:30 PM Procession to Grotto for concluding prayer for peace

A Talk by Fr. John Dear, S.J.

Peace Activist and author/editor of 20 books on peace & justice, Former Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation



"When Did I See You Hungry?"

Film Viewing and Presentation
by Filmmaker Gerry Straub

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM

Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Reception and book signing following

ND For Animals Upcoming Events (www.nd.edu/~animals)

TODAY, March 25th, Dr. Michael Greger will be speaking on **"Corporate Globalization: Trading Away Our Right to Protect Animals"** at 5:30 p.m. in **Montgomery Theatre**. Refreshments will be served.

Current Volunteer Opportunity

A mother is in need of relief care for her premature twins (they are 3 months old, but were born 2 months premature). Care would consist of sitting with and holding the babies as well as occasionally helping to feed them for only one hour, one evening a week. Please contact: **Heidi Eckstein @ 246-9883**

Rosary for Peace

9:00 PM Monday – Friday

Starting last night, in Sorin Hall, the rosary will be said in different residence halls each weekday night Monday through Friday, except Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Please contact your Rector, Liturgical, or Social Concerns Commissioners if you wish to be involved.

TONIGHT'S rosary will take place in **Walsh Hall**.

TOMORROW evening's will be in **Badin**.

Candlelight Vigils for Peace

Every Weeknight, at 11:00 PM,
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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	42-28	.600	4-6	-
Philadelphia	41-28	.594	7-3	1/2
Boston	38-32	.543	4-6	4
Orlando	37-33	.529	7-3	5
Washington	32-37	.464	3-7	9 1/2
New York	31-39	.443	5-5	11
Miami	22-48	.314	2-8	20

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	44-25	.638	7-3	-
Indiana	41-29	.586	3-7	3 1/2
New Orleans	40-31	.563	6-4	5
Milwaukee	34-36	.486	4-6	10 1/2
Atlanta	29-42	.408	6-4	16
Chicago	25-46	.352	4-6	20
Toronto	21-47	.309	2-8	22 1/2
Cleveland	13-55	.188	2-8	31

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	52-17	.754	7-3	-
San Antonio	49-20	.710	8-2	3
Minnesota	45-26	.634	5-5	8
Utah	40-29	.580	6-4	12
Houston	36-33	.522	6-4	16
Memphis	25-44	.362	7-3	27
Denver	15-55	.214	3-7	37 1/2

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	50-21	.704	8-2	-
Portland	44-25	.638	5-5	5
LA Lakers	39-30	.565	6-4	10
Phoenix	36-33	.522	5-5	13
Golden State	34-36	.486	4-6	15 1/2
Seattle	32-36	.471	5-5	16 1/2
LA Clippers	22-47	.319	3-7	27

ITA Womens Tennis Rankings

	team	points
1	Stanford	680
2	Florida	592
3	Georgia	584
4	Duke	576
5	North Carolina	568
6	Arizona State	560
7	UCLA	562
8	Vanderbilt	544
9	Southern California	536
10	California	538
11	Tennessee	520
12	Texas	512
13	Wake Forest	504
14	William & Mary	497
15	Washington	484
16	Northwestern	474
17	UNLV	472
18	Georgia Tech	466
19	South Carolina	456
20	Arizona	448
21	NOTRE DAME	438
22	Texas A&M	425
23	Kentucky	421
24	Miami	417
25	Virginia Commonwealth	408

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WOMENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Utah vs. Duke 7:00 p.m., ESPN

KANSAS STATE vs. NOTRE DAME 9:00 p.m., ESPN2

TCU vs. Connecticut 9:00 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS

NASDAQ-100 Open 11:00 p.m., ESPN2

MLB



Randy Johnson throws out a pitch in the first inning of a spring training game against the Chicago Cubs March 7. Johnson signed a \$33 million, two-year contract extension with the Diamondbacks' organization Monday.

Johnson agrees to contract extension

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

Randy Johnson and the Arizona Diamondbacks enjoyed their first four years together so much that they don't want to end the relationship any time soon.

Johnson, who won the NL Cy Young every year he's been in Arizona, agreed Monday to a \$33 million, two-year contract extension with the Diamondbacks.

The deal will keep Johnson in an Arizona uniform through his 42nd birthday, and is the largest average annual salary of

any pitcher in baseball history. Roger Clemens averaged \$15.45 million with the New York Yankees in 2001 and 2002.

"I don't know if this year and the two-year extension will take me to the end of my career," Johnson said Monday, "but I know inside of me I still have the fire and desire to continue to go out and do the things that I've done."

Johnson and the Diamondbacks won three NL West championships and one World Series title in the first four seasons of his current contract.

"They want some return

on what they're giving me and I try to give them it back tenfold," he said. "I suppose that if you continue to say that I'm old, eventually you're going to be right. But I'm looking at it as just a number."

Johnson is 31-27 since joining the Diamondbacks, raising his career record to 224-106. With Arizona, the Big Unit has a 2.48 ERA with 1,417 strikeouts and 31 complete games, 11 of them shutouts.

"We're talking about one of the greatest pitchers of all-time," owner Jerry Colangelo said. "It's been a real pleasure for our fans and it's a joy to say they're

going to be able to see him continue on."

Last year, Johnson became the first major leaguer since Boston's Pedro Martinez in 1999 and the first NL player since the New York Mets' Dwight Gooden in 1985 to win a pitching triple crown. Johnson was 24-5 with a 2.37 ERA and 334 strikeouts, leading the major leagues in strikeouts for the ninth time.

Johnson's extension will pay him \$16 million in each of the 2004 and 2005 seasons, and contains a \$1 million personal-services contract at the end of the deal.

IN BRIEF

French teen qualifier next for Serena Williams

In charming fractured English, 18-year-old Marion Bartoli neatly summed up the challenge of playing against Serena Williams.

"She win everybody," Bartoli said.

That's why the path to a title at the Nasdaq-100 Open is about to become a whole lot tougher for Bartoli, who has led a charmed life since arriving at Key Biscayne.

After winning two qualifying matches, Bartoli drew a wild-card entrant, a lucky loser and a qualifier in the first three rounds, and beat them all. She won again Monday when No. 7-seeded Lindsay Davenport strained her right hamstring in the second game and was forced to retire after losing the first set 6-0.

That gave Bartoli a berth in the quarterfinals Tuesday against defending champion Williams, who improved to 14-0 this year by beat-

ing Iroda Tulyaganova 6-0, 6-4.

"Always some people say, 'Serena Williams is unbelievable. She plays so well,'" Bartoli said. "But I'm going to see what is it really to play against No. 1."

Other quarterfinal matchups include No. 3 Kim Clijsters against No. 9 Jelena Dokic, and No. 4 Justine Henin-Hardenne against No. 12 Chanda Rubin.

Rubin notched the most impressive victory, beating No. 8 Amelie Mauresmo 6-0, 6-2. No. 6 Jennifer Capriati ended a strong run by American compatriot Sarah Taylor, winning 6-1, 6-0. Both matches took less than an hour.

Kirby Puckett's trial for sexual assault begins

Kirby Puckett's sexual assault trial began Monday, with the Hall of Famer accused of dragging a woman into a restaurant men's room and groping her.

Prosecutors contend the former

Minnesota Twins star grabbed the woman's breast before she escaped from the bathroom at the Redstone American Grill in suburban Eden Prairie on Sept. 6.

Puckett is charged with false imprisonment, criminal sexual conduct and assault. As proceedings began, he pleaded innocent to the misdemeanor assault charge, which prosecutors added last week.

If the jury finds Puckett guilty on all charges, prosecutors have said they will seek probation, fines, community service and no more than a year in jail.

The 42-year-old Puckett, once one of baseball's most beloved players, sat between his lawyers and showed little emotion as jury selection began. Opening statements and testimony could begin late this week.

Judge Stephen Swanson ruled the defense can present testimony that the woman bared her breasts in the restaurant. The woman denies doing it.

MENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame falls to No. 13 after split road trip

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Irish (4-3) took a step back and a step forward this weekend.

Notre Dame dropped to No. 13 in the college rankings after splitting a two-game road trip with its third straight loss to the No. 14 Hofstra Pride (3-2) on Friday and a win over the unranked Hartford Hawks (1-4) on Sunday.

Junior attackman Dan Berger scored five goals against Hofstra at Shuart Stadium. But Hofstra's Jim Femminella notched seven scores for the Pride. The Pride took the game at home, 9-8, in a come-from-behind victory.

Down 7-5 at halftime, Notre Dame came out firing, scoring three goals in a span of only two minutes. Berger scored with 8:01 remaining in the third period, then sophomore midfielder Brian Giordano tied the game at

the 6:37 mark. Berger continued to baffle Hofstra defenders, when he scored on a pass from freshman midfielder Matt Karweck just 35 seconds later to give Notre Dame an 8-7 lead.

Hofstra would tie it, however, a n d Femminella's final goal with 7:22 remaining would prove to be the difference.

Goalie Stewart Crosland had eight saves on 17 shots for Notre Dame.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan is concerned his team has overlooked the basics of the game.

"We need to get back and become a team that relies on its fundamentals," Corrigan said. "We've got an ability to make plays that will serve us well, but

that will not make up for fundamentals. It must be in addition to those fundamentals."

The Irish have lost to the Pride five straight years, including an 11-10 overtime loss in 2001. Notre Dame went 14-2

that season and would advance to the NCAA national semifinal game.

"We need to learn how to play different games and different tempos," Corrigan said. "Some games you

want to push it and some you can't afford to. But if we can get back to fundamentals and adjust to different tempos, then I think we have a chance to be a very good team."

In their most recent meeting last year, Hofstra piled 15 goals

on Notre Dame, who scored only five. This year's Hofstra team has lost two games already, as well. The losses, however, both have been to top ten teams: No. 9 Loyola (10-4) and No. 7 Princeton (18-5). The Pride got its two wins by crushing unranked Binghamton, 15-5, and beating No. 15 Cornell University soundly, 13-5.

In the second game of the weekend, Notre Dame embarrassed Hartford, its first unranked opponent of the 2003 season, 17-3.

Freshmen Pat Walsh and Drew Peters led the Irish with three goals each. Walsh also added three assists and Peters

had two more. Sophomore Chris Richez had two goals and one assist for Notre Dame.

Berger and juniors Matt Howell and Owen Mulford have been key offensive threats for Notre Dame. Howell leads the team with 22 points (11 goals, 11 assists). Berger is the top goal scorer with 16. The upperclassmen have seen more scoring opportunities this year, due in part to the play of freshmen Walsh and Matt Karweck. Walsh is second on the team in points with 20.

"We need to learn how to play different games and different tempos. Some games you want to push it and some you can't afford to."

Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish face Buckeyes in first home match

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After starting the season with four consecutive road games, the womens lacrosse team finally gets to play at home Tuesday afternoon when it meets No. 17 Ohio State.

The No. 12 Irish stand at 2-2 on the season with wins against Ohio and Boston College and losses to ranked teams Yale and Cornell. With the game against Ohio State, the Irish will be looking for their first victory against a ranked foe this season.

"We were pretty tired [playing on the road]," said Irish coach Tracy Coyne. "It's good to be home. Ohio State is one of our bigger rivals, we've been playing them throughout [the program's existence] and they've been rising like we are."

This will be the seventh meeting between the Irish and Buckeyes and the series is tied at three. In the regular season meeting last year, Ohio State won with a 12-11 decision in Columbus. The teams met again in the NCAA Tournament, where the Irish took their first-ever tournament win by an 11-7 score.

Coyne is looking forward to the challenge of playing the Buckeyes.

"We've been focusing on aspects of our game that will make us stronger as a team," she said. "Every opponent presents a different challenge."

Ohio State stands at 5-1 and comes into the game having

won five straight, including a 14-4 win at No. 20 Northwestern. Their only loss came at the hands of Stanford.

Despite the 2-2 record, Coyne has been fairly pleased with her team's play so far.

"I thought we came out strong against Boston College," Coyne said. "We were up 4-0 but they kept fighting back. ... We had opportunities, two good chances to score and we put ourselves in position to win so what more can you ask?"

Possibly the biggest positive from the past few games has

been the play of junior midfielder Abby Owen. After having played in just two games in her first two seasons, Owen erupted for five goals and two assists in the

last two games including her first career hat trick against Yale.

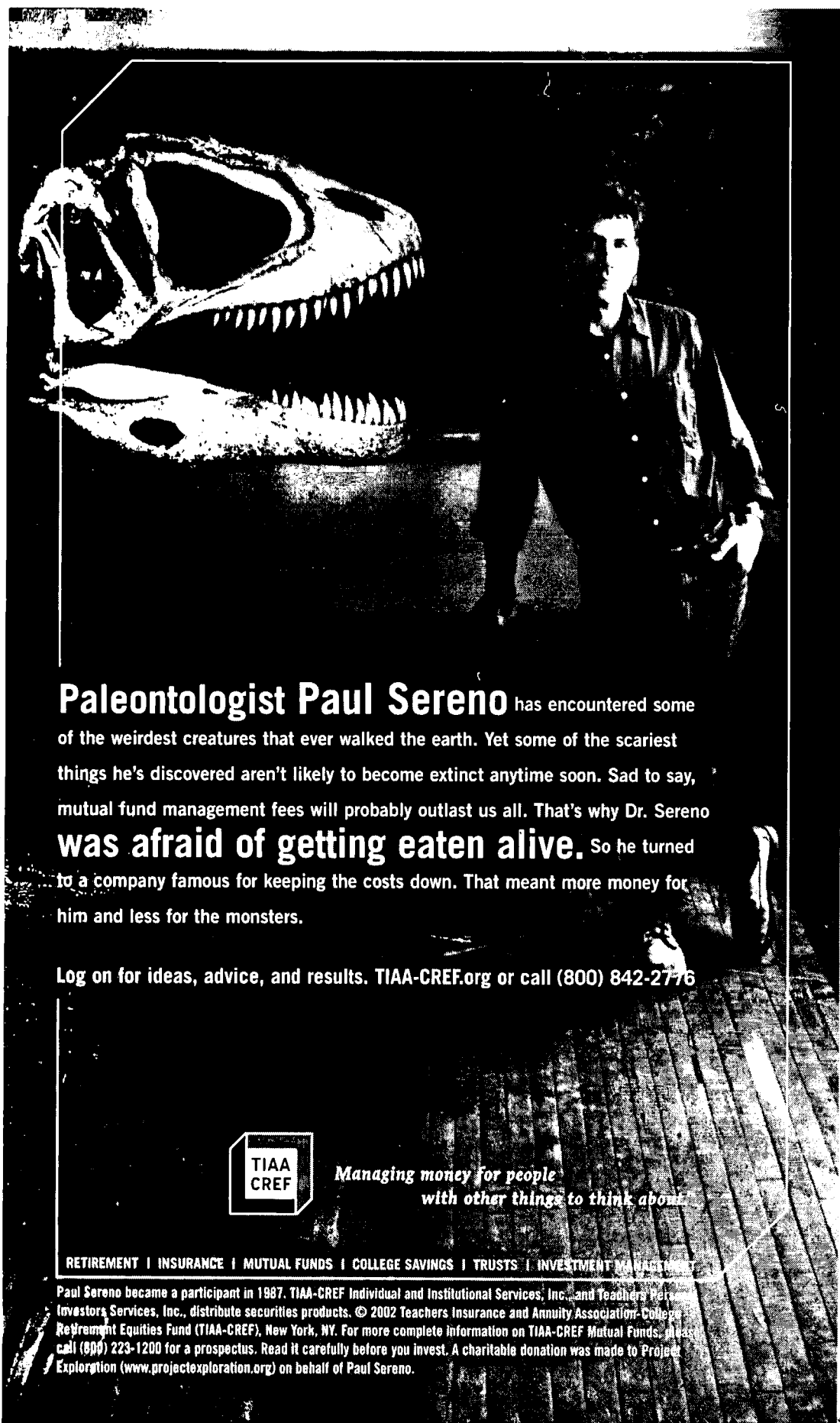
"Abby's always been right there," Coyne said. "She's really come into her own the last few games and is really playing well."

Coyne also pointed out the strong play from senior captain Kelly McCardell.

"Kelly is playing well, really solid in the one-on-one, said Coyne. "She's coming up with key ground balls and is really playing well in the transition."

Today's game will be played at Moose Krause Stadium at 4 p.m., weather permitting. In case of bad weather the game will be held inside the Loftus Sports Center at the same time.

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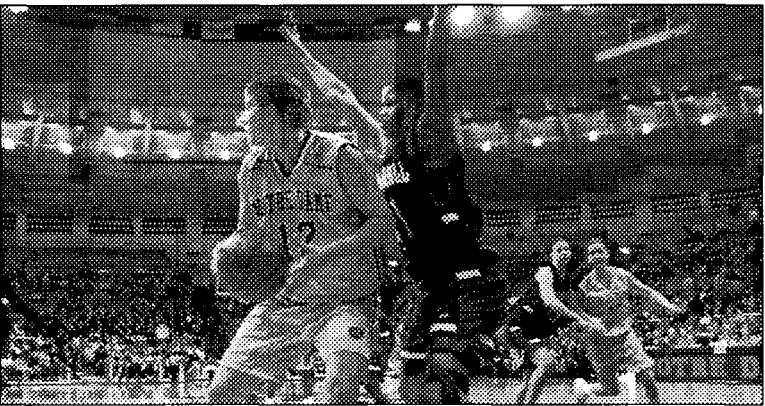
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Teresa Borton looks to pass the ball during a game earlier in the season.

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points.

If nothing else, the Irish are facing the best.

"I think they're one of the best," Harvard coach Kathy Delaney-Smith told the Associated Press Sunday after the Wildcats' win against the 14th-seeded Crimson.

After Notre Dame's performance on Sunday against Arizona, their defense looked like it could hang with the best, but the offense was a far cry from the top.

Notre Dame only shot 19 percent from the floor in the first half. Aside from the performance of Alicia Ratay, who hit 3-of-4 shots from the 3-point line on her way to a team high 20 points, and 15 points from freshman Courtney LaVere, the rest of the Irish turned in a lackluster offensive performance. In addition, they were outrebounded 52-43.

On Sunday, however, they somehow managed a win.

"It's hard to believe you can win a game when you give up 52 rebounds," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "... I don't know how it happened, but I thought defensively we made a lot of stops."

So an Irish team that struggled offensively is going to have to take on a very prolific Kansas

State team.

But that's not all the Irish have to face.

Kansas State is hosting this round of the NCAA tournament and that will be why the Irish need the real magic.

The Wildcats are undefeated at home. They have won all 19 of their home games this season and their fans know that.

When Kansas State took the floor on Sunday, everyone knew who the hometown favorite was. Bramlage Coliseum was full of purple clad spectators and so loud the opposing team was having trouble hearing its calls.

The Wildcats have home court advantage and the fans to prove it.

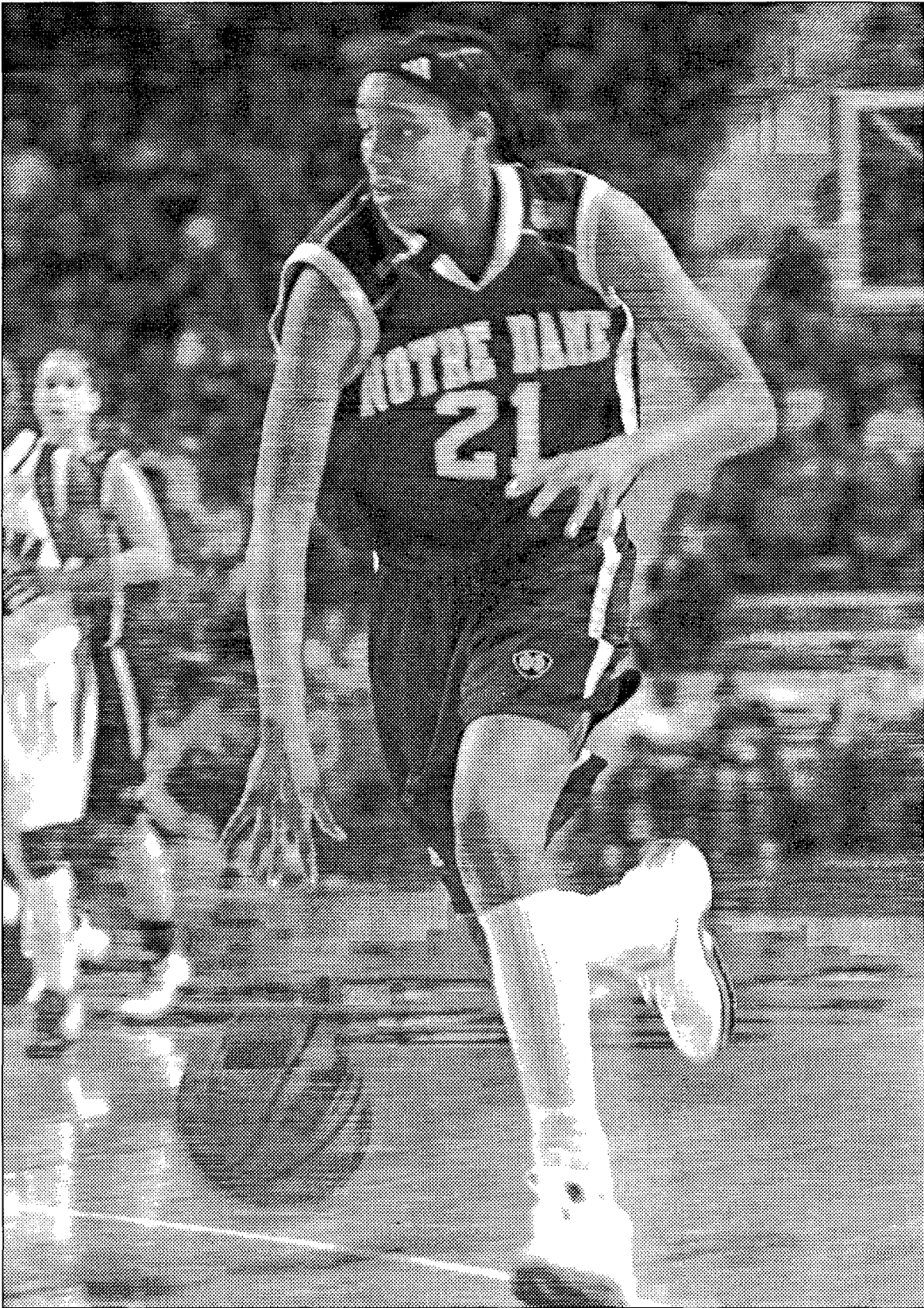
Notre Dame, however, has played well on the road and has been battle tested in hostile environments. Although they lost, the Irish took on the No. 1 Huskies at Storrs en route to an 11-6 record road record, including a win away against Big East champion Villanova.

Tipoff is tonight at 9:27 p.m.

Notes:

- ♦ The No. 11 seeded Irish are the lowest seed to make it past the first round of the NCAA tournament.
- ♦ If the Wildcats make it to the Sweet Sixteen, it will be the second consecutive year Kansas State made it into the third round of the NCAA tournament.

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Jacquelline Batteast dribbles the ball downcourt during Sunday's upset over Arizona. Notre Dame is looking to defeat Kansas State tonight in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Muffet McGraw had her team ready for Arizona, especially on defense. She's been to the Sweet Sixteen in four of the last six years so she knows how to get her team ready for big games.	The Irish offense may be struggling, but their defense is playing its best ball of the season. Notre Dame is solid at double-teaming down low and using their zone effectively. They are still looking for consistent scoring from their starting five.	Ohlde is one of the best post players in the country, averaging 18.5 points and 8.9 rebounds per contest. She shoots a team-high .572 from the field too. The Wildcats out rebound their opponents by eight boards a game.	The Irish outside scoring is limited to one player — Ratay. The senior took over the Arizona game in the second half and the Irish need her to play well again Tuesday. Severe needs to take more shots, too.	The Irish used eight players and this should help them against Kansas State. Their depth should help Notre Dame stay fresh throughout the game and maybe wear down Kansas State.	The Irish already have one upset under their belts and now they want another. They're the lowest seeded team left in the tournament and can use the underdog mentality to upend the Wildcats.
KANSAS STATE	Deb Patterson has made Kansas State into a national powerhouse during her seven-year stint at the school. She's taken her team to the tournament before and will have them ready to reach the Sweet Sixteen.	The Wildcats have a potent offense, averaging 75 points and 48 percent shooting per game this season. They can score from the inside and the outside and can get points in bunches. Four players average in double figures in scoring.	The Irish post shot poorly against Arizona, missing easy layups and short put backs. But the Irish did an excellent job defensively on Arizona's inside game and have made it more difficult for their opponents to score in the paint.	Kansas State shoots the ball about as good as any team in the country. They hit 38 percent of their 3-pointers as a team, led by Mahoney's 44.1 percent 3-point shooting. Four Wildcats boast 3-point shooting percentages above 35 percent.	The Wildcats mainly rely on their starters for the bulk of their points. Their bench players are used often and this could be a factor late in the game, if Kansas States starters tire.	The Wildcats are just good at home, where the game will be played, they're perfect. Kansas State is 19-0 at home and their crowd gets behind them from before the opening tip.
ANALYSIS	Both coaches have had success in the tourney before and will have their respective teams prepared for the game. McGraw may be at a slight disadvantage with getting her team prepared, since the game is at Kansas State's home court.	The Wildcats can score and score often. Notre Dame will need its best defensive effort of the season to contain Kansas State's high-octane offense. The Irish must make the open layups they missed against Arizona to have a chance.	If Notre Dame can play another solid game defensively inside and make their easy layups, they'll have a chance. The Irish will need to shut down Kansas State's post players like they did to Arizona.	The Wildcats are just too good from the outside. If one player is off, another is right there to pick up the slack. Arizona couldn't respond with outside shooting once Notre Dame took away their inside game; Kansas State will.	The Irish are deeper than people think and can go to any of their regular eight players. Fresh legs will be an advantage for Notre Dame and should help them keep pace if the Wildcats start running and gunning on offense.	The Irish may be upset-minded but the Wildcats just do not lose on their home floor. At a different arena, Notre Dame has the advantage here, but at Kansas State, the Irish are in trouble.

SOFTBALL

Irish start second half of season victoriously

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame softball team (10-9) began the second part of its season with two solid victories at Western Michigan (12-10) on Sunday afternoon. The Irish jumped out for five runs in the top of the first inning during game one and ended up with an 8-5 victory. Notre Dame cruised to an 8-0 victory in game two.

Sunday's doubleheader was the first time Notre Dame was back on the field since returning from Spring Break and the Kia Klassic — the final pre-season tournament of the year. The next string of Irish games will be Big East Conference and regional doubleheaders before postseason play begins in May.

Sophomore outfielder Megan Ciolli was the offensive star for Notre Dame on the day, piling up four hits in eight at bats and two RBI. Meagan Ruthrauff also had four hits and two RBI while Andrea Loman had three hits and two RBI as well.

In the pitching circle, Steffany Stenglein started the first game and pitched well, but ended up struggling at the end of the game once again.

Stenglein worked the first five innings of game one, giving up two runs on a home run. Western Michigan came back to get three runs in the bottom of the sixth, forcing Stenglein out of the game. Carrie Wisen came in to get her first save of the year.

Heather Booth cruised through the first five innings of game two, striking out seven and giving up just one hit (in the bottom of the fifth). Jessica

Sharron worked two innings of solid relief in game two.

On offense, the Irish game day was defined by 25 team hits in the two games. Notre Dame came out and posted five runs in the top of the first inning in game one and never looked back.

Ciolli led off the big inning with a triple to the wall in left-centerfield. She eventually scored on a Bronco fielding error which allowed Loman to reach base. Ruthrauff then drove in the second run of the inning with a double into centerfield.

Eventually, RBI singles from Liz Hartmann and a two-run fielding error accounted for the three additional Notre Dame runs in the inning.

Mallorie Lenn and Ciolli added RBI singles in the sixth inning and Hartmann collected her second RBI of the game with a single in the seventh.

Western Michigan threatened to get back in the game in the sixth inning. Marie McCarthy led off with a home run to cut the lead to 7-3. Stenglein came back to get a strike out and a fly out, but issued two walks and a single to load the bases. Bronco lead off hitter Angie Fiero then came through with a two RBI single.

Suddenly, a comfortable 7-1 lead was cut to 7-5.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf went to Wisen in relief and the sophomore right hander immediately put out the fire with a routine liner to second base.

After the Irish tacked on an insurance run in the seventh on Hartmann's single, Wisen did issue a walk to Western Michigan's Crystale Gorny. She

immediately induced a double play ground ball to Andria Bledsoe at shortstop, who flipped to Sara Schoonaert at second base. Schoonaert made a nifty turn and throw to immediately put an end to any possible come back by the Broncos. Gina Dobbs grounded out to end game one.

The second game was all Notre Dame from the first pitch. Take away four walks and freshman Heather Booth pitched extremely well. Booth ended up with 5.0 innings, one hit, four walks and seven strike outs.

The lone hit she issued came in the bottom of the fifth.

The Irish spread out their scoring in the second game, putting up one run in the first, three in the second, one in the third, two in the fourth and one in the seventh. Ruthrauff, Loman, Bledsoe, Lisa Mattison and Alexis Madrid all had two hits in the game.

Jessica Sharron worked the sixth and seventh innings, allowing just three singles and no runs.

Notes:

♦ The 14 hits Notre Dame posted in the second game of the doubleheader is a team high for the season, eclipsing the 12 the Irish had against Colorado State Northridge on March 9

♦ Madrid was hit in the face by a ground ball which took a nasty hop in warm ups, so she started the first game (Madrid has started all 202 games possible since she joined the program) and rested for the final five innings ... she played all seven innings in Game 2.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Senior Andrea Loman throws a ball during a game last season. The Irish had two solid victories against Western Michigan.

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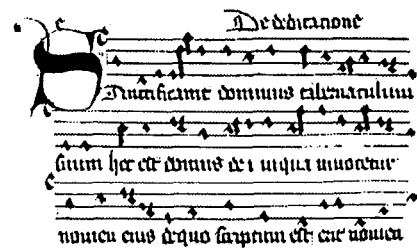


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TRACK

Volkmer sets school record in pole vault

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Despite competing in an Invitational that didn't give team scores, the Notre Dame mens and womens track teams had fun in the sun this weekend in the Baldy Castillo Invitational at Arizona State University, at their first outdoor meet of the season.

The Irish had strong performances from many individuals, as four athletes claimed individual wins, highlighted by pole vaulter Jaime Volkmer.

The senior set a school record with an effort of 3.9 meters.

With the vault, Volkmer broke her own school record of 3.81 meters, set one year ago. Volkmer also qualified for the NCAA Regional meet, which is new to the collegiate schedule this year.

The NCAA Regional meet gives all competitors a chance at qualifying with lower standards than the NCAA Championship meet. From the Regional meets, some athletes will move on to the NCAA Championships a week later, depending on performance.

Meanwhile this weekend, the 4x400 relay team also started off on the right foot, capturing first-place with a time of 44.73 seconds. The team, comprised of seniors Tameisha King, Kymia Love, and juniors Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd, only won the race by .01 seconds against second-place Arizona State.

Their time was also only a half second off the school record set last year and was good enough to qualify them for the NCAA Championships.

But Love, Dodd and King were not quite finished. Love won the 400 meter dash in 53.85 seconds, and Dodd took second, with a time of 54.18 seconds. Joining her team-

mates at the finish line was sophomore Tiffany Gunn, who took third in 54.92 seconds. All three qualified for the NCAA Regional with their times.

Gunn also took second in the 400 meter hurdles, finishing with a time of 1:01.13, only two hundredths of a second out of first place.

King, meanwhile, took fourth in the 100 meter dash, sprinting to the finish with a time of 12.02 seconds.

The last Irish woman to make her mark was freshman Stacey Cowan, who won the high jump by clearing 1.75 meters, also good enough for a NCAA Regional qualification.

While the womens team was busy making waves, the men had some success of their own.

Sophomores Selim Nurudeen and Ryan Mineburg led the way for the men, as they both took third-place in their respective events.

Nurudeen flew in the 110 meter hurdles, with a time of 14.31 seconds. Not only was it good enough for third-place, but it also qualified Nurudeen for the NCAA Regional.

Nurudeen also took 11th in the 200 meters, by finishing with a time of 21.94 seconds.

Mineburg cleared 2.07 meters on his way to another NCAA Regional qualification.

Slightly missing a top 3 finish was the men's 4x400 relay, which finished fourth in a time of 3:22.41.

Notre Dame track and field travels all over this weekend, as they compete at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Florida, the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, California and at the Western Michigan Open in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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ROWING

Irish ready for competition

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The Irish have a difficult schedule ahead, but as they showed on Saturday, they're ready for the tough competition.

The rowing team hosted Michigan this past weekend in its first home regatta on the St. Joseph River. The Irish took six races on their way to the victory.

"The stiff competition of the season is good," Irish rower Erica Drenne said. "It's helpful to have the opportunity to race in close races before the big multi-team competitions such as Big East and Central Regions. Our competitive schedule can only help us. Plus, most of the teams we face in the beginning of the season, we will see again at the Central Regions in May."

Michigan was victorious in two of three varsity eights races. The Wolverines narrowly defeated the crew of coxswain Kacy McCaffrey, Drennen, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Ashlee Warren and Danielle Protasewich by 0.5 seconds. In the second heat, which was coxed by Kathryn Long, Michigan beat the Irish by 1.96 seconds, while in the third race, coxed by Cassie Markstahler, the Irish finally overcame Michigan as they finished 1.5 seconds ahead of the Wolverines.

Notre Dame shone in the second varsity eight, dominating in three races. The crew of McCaffrey, Shannon Mohan, Kerri Murphy, Kathleen Welsh, Devon Hegeman, Christy Donnelly, Meredith Thornburgh, Katie Chenoweth and Melissa Felker won the first race by 5.1 seconds. In the second race, the Irish, coxed by Long, won the by 3.79 seconds. In the third race win, coxed by Markstahler, the Irish beat the Wolverines by a mere 0.5 seconds.

In the varsity four, Notre Dame triumphed over Michigan in two of three races. In the first race, Michigan won by a length over Notre Dame's A boat of

coxswain Maureen Gibbons, Katie McCalden, Jacqueline Hazen, Katie O'Hara and Andrea Amoni and 1.25 lengths over the Irish B boat of coxswain Caitlin Rackish, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keefer, Antionette Duck and Megan Sanders. The Notre Dame A boat bounced back to overpower Michigan by 1.5 seats and the Notre Dame B shell by 1.5 lengths. The A crew won by three seats over the Notre Dame B boat in the third race, while Michigan was half a boat length behind the A boat. Finally, in the novice eight, Notre Dame defeated Michigan twice and then tied in the third race.

The Irish are satisfied with their work so far and are working together to build on each performance.

"Each day in practice we make slight improvements and this weekend was proof of what we have done in just one week since Tennessee," Drennen said. "I think all boats had better races this weekend than last. We expect to see that sort of trend continue throughout the season."

Though Notre Dame faces the most difficult schedule it has

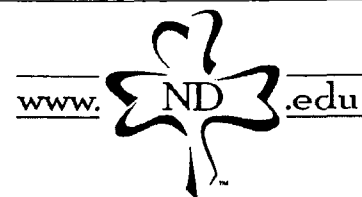
seen in its five-year existence, the rowers are ready to take on its challenges and are enthusiastic about the upcoming Indiana Classic, which takes place on March 30th in West Lafayette.

"I think that with three of the best programs in Indiana coming together there will be great competition," McCaffrey said. "Having been at the line of competition multiple times already this year, I feel our crews will not only be physically prepared, but also mentally."

The Irish program, only in its 5th year, made its first NCAA appearance last spring where it placed 16th in the varsity eight championships. The team hopes to build off its most triumphant season to date.

In its Clemson, South Carolina season opener two weeks ago, Notre Dame secured two winning races against Clemson and North Carolina and likewise had a strong performance in its regatta with Tennessee, where the Irish won four races against the Lady Vols.

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SPORTS

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Trying to cage another cat

◆ 11-seed Irish looking for a little magic in round two

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

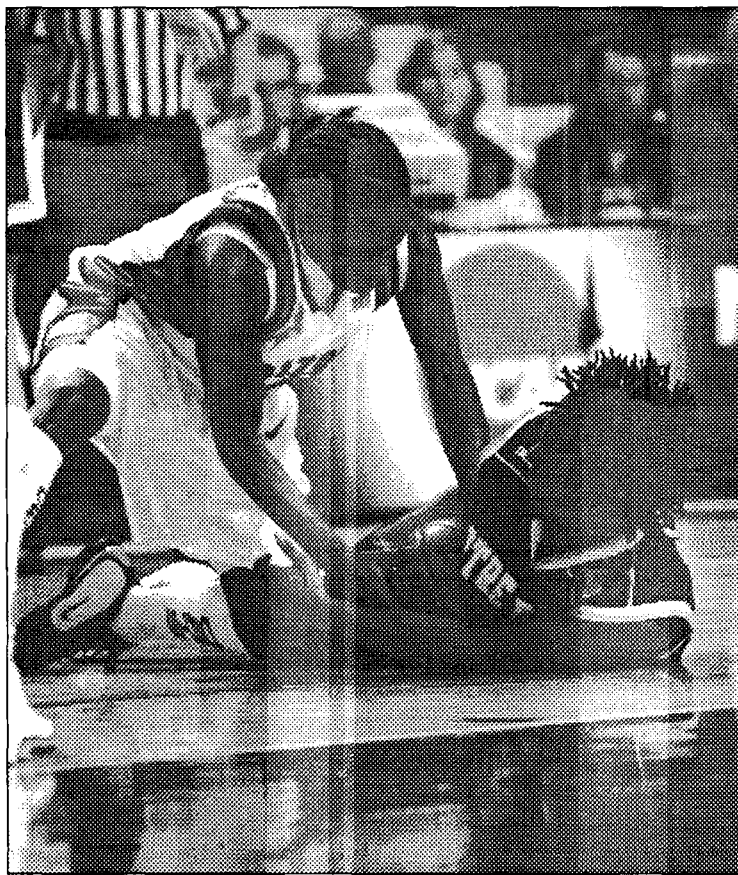
After Sunday's upset victory against Arizona, Alicia Ratay said she played as hard as she did because the Irish didn't want to go home early.

But now it's going to take more than an upset for the Irish to play one more game in the NCAA tournament. It's going to take some magic.

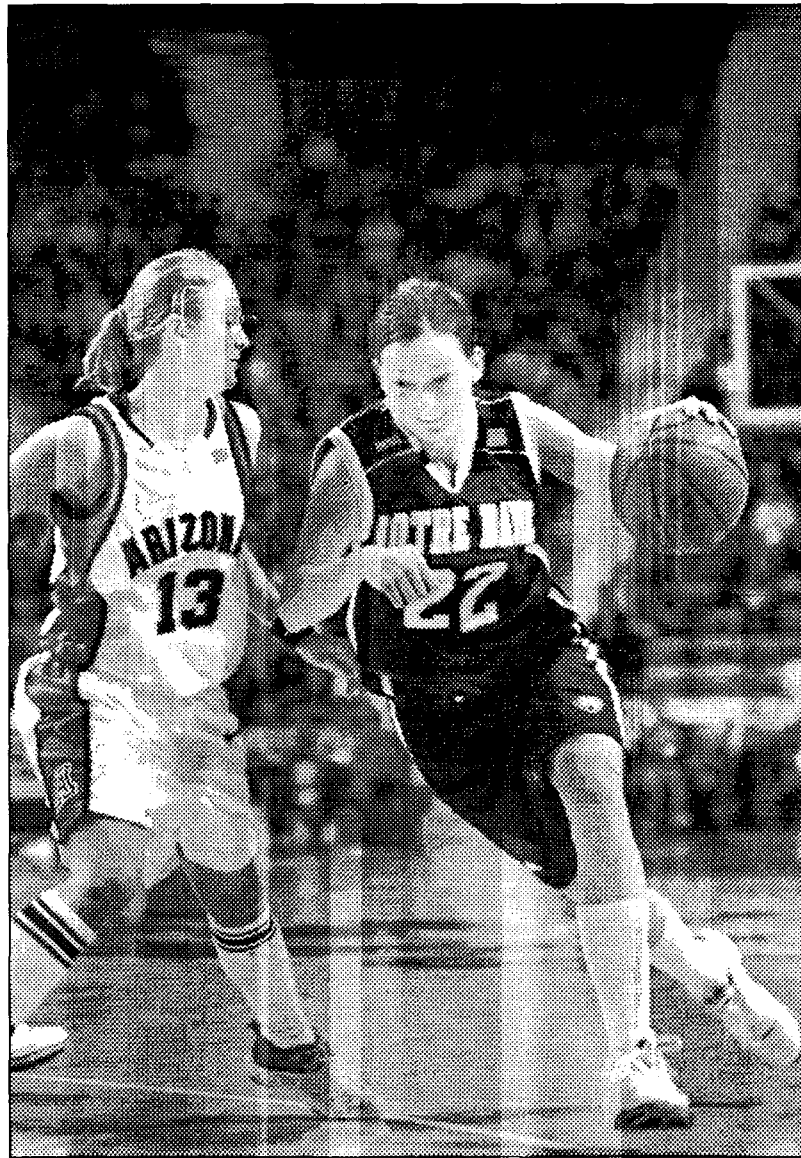
The Irish take on No. 3-seed Kansas State at Kansas State tonight.

It's bad enough to face another set of Wildcats — especially when they have Kansas State's statistics. The Wildcats shoot over 48 percent from the floor while hitting more than 38 percent of their shots from outside the arc, on their way to a 29-4 record.

The Wildcats boast four players who score in double digits on average and four players who shoot better than 35 percent from 3-point range, led by Megan Mahoney who shoots 48 percent from behind the arc. The Wildcats outscore their opponents by an average of 18



Above, Le'Tania Severe struggles with an Arizona player for the ball Sunday. At right, Alicia Ratay drives past an Arizona defender.



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BASEBALL

Irish lose 13-inning opener; rebound in double-header

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

After sloppy playing conditions pushed back No. 22 Notre Dame's conference opening series against Villanova, the Irish finally took the field Sunday for the first of three games followed by a morning double-header Monday.

Playing seven games over a span of eight days during Spring Break, the extra-long break from game action left the Irish bats a little rusty in a 3-2, 13-inning loss to the Wildcats in the first game of the series.

The Irish retaliated Monday with a pair of solid pitching performances from John Axford and Ryan Kalita to sweep the doubleheader 3-2 and 5-1.

In the opener, Notre Dame sophomore Chris Niesel had another dominating perfor-

mance for the Irish on the mound. The right-hander went 7 1/3 innings, allowing only two earned runs and striking out 11 Wildcat batters in the no decision.

Senior J.P. Gagne was also effective in relief for the Irish, pitching 5 1/3 scoreless innings before allowing the game-winner in the bottom of the 13th on an RBI single from Wildcat infielder Danny Poydenis.

The Irish had 10 hits in the opening game but were only able to drive in two runs as they left 15 runners stranded on base. Freshmen accounted for both Irish runs, as left fielder Brennan Grogan twice drove in designated hitter Cody Rizzo.

Villanova had a chance to take the victory in the 11th inning as shortstop Brian Trotta led off the inning with a single to right. With two outs, Poydenis

smacked a single to left, but Trotta was thrown out at the plate by Grogan to end the inning.

In the top of the next inning, Notre Dame loaded the bases with two outs, but Rizzo grounded out to shortstop to end the threat.

The Irish had their best chance to win in the top of the 13th, as first baseman Joe Thaman led off the inning with a triple. However, the next batter, Notre Dame's leading hitter Steve Sollmann, would strike out. Grogan then lined out to the shortstop and Thaman was picked off third for the inning-ending double play.

In the first half of the twin-bill Monday, Notre Dame would use some more good freshman hitting and solid pitching from the sophomore Axford to secure a 3-2 win.

The tall right-hander worked five innings and allowed only one run on two hits while getting seven strikeouts to improve to 4-0 on the season. Senior reliever Brandon Villoria worked the last two innings, allowing only one run for the save.

Notre Dame tied the game at 1-1 in the third on Grogan's RBI triple and then took the lead 2-1 when right fielder Kris Billmaier got a single through the infield to bring Grogan home.

The Irish got an important insurance run in the sixth with a two-out RBI single from left fielder Craig Cooper, who went 3-for-3 at the plate in the first game.

In the second half of the doubleheader, Notre Dame got a dominating pitching performance from the senior Kalita, who remained undefeated in his Notre Dame career (8-0) after a

strong eight innings of work, allowing one run on five hits with seven strikeouts to improve to 2-0 on the year.

Grogan provided the offensive spark in the game for the Irish, hitting 3-for-5 in the nightcap with two RBIs and a run scored.

Notre Dame opens its home season tonight at Frank Eck Stadium against Toledo at 5 p.m. The Rockets are 3-8 on the season and are led at the plate by a pair of .400-plus hitters in catcher Mitch Maier (.460) and outfielder Jay Juras (.404). As a team, the Rockets bat an impressive .328, but they have had some trouble on the mound. Toledo sports a staff ERA of 6.51, while opponents bat .356 against the Rockets.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

TRACK

The Irish womens and mens track teams competed in their first outdoor meet of the season. Jaime Volkner set a new pole vaulting record while at the meet.

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