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New student representatives transition into office

By HELENA PAYNE
Senior Staff Writer

Though it is April Fool's Day, the change of guard that will occur today on the second floor of LaFortune is not a joke.

As outgoing Student Body President Libby Bishop and Vice President Trip Foley end their terms in office, incoming Student Body President Pat Hallahan and Vice President Jeremy Lao are all about business.

"We're very confident we're going to have a successful year, but we realize it's going to take a lot of work on our part," Hallahan said.

The new student govern-

ment heads have met with administrators and students to seek out the best ways to serve Notre Dame students.

"Our No. 1 goal for the whole year is to increase the intellectual life on campus," Hallahan said.

To realize that goal, the two plan to provide "better" speakers, publish teacher course evaluations and encourage more dialogue on diversity and other issues. Hallahan and Lao also plan to address in-hall dances.

The duo said the cure to campus apathy is to prove that students have a voice by giving them what they want. But to find out exactly what that is, Hallahan said he and Lao will have to emerge from

their new LaFortune offices.

"I don't think we can just stick to our platform strictly. We need to open up and hear from the whole student body and from there we can move forward," Hallahan said.

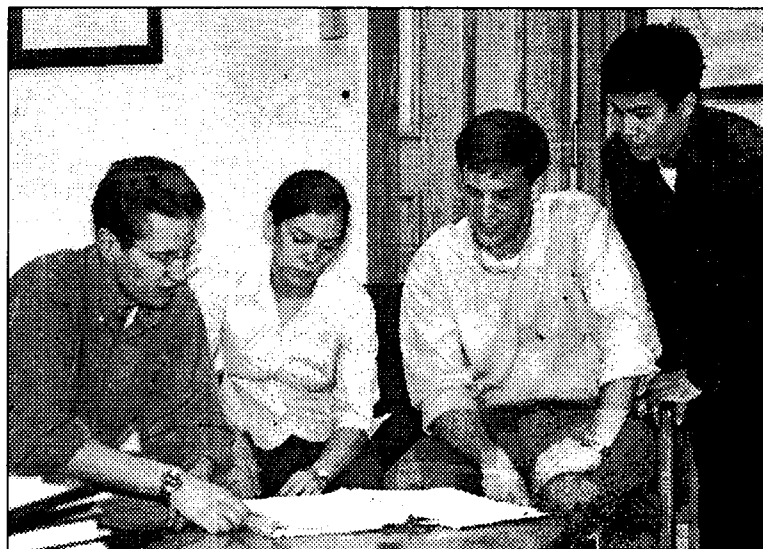
Foley, who has helped Hallahan and Lao ease into their new positions, is confident that the two can give students a more powerful voice.

"I think Pat and Jeremy know how to work the system," Foley said.

Foley knows about the challenges of "the system."

As a newly elected student body vice president, he and Bishop were caught off guard

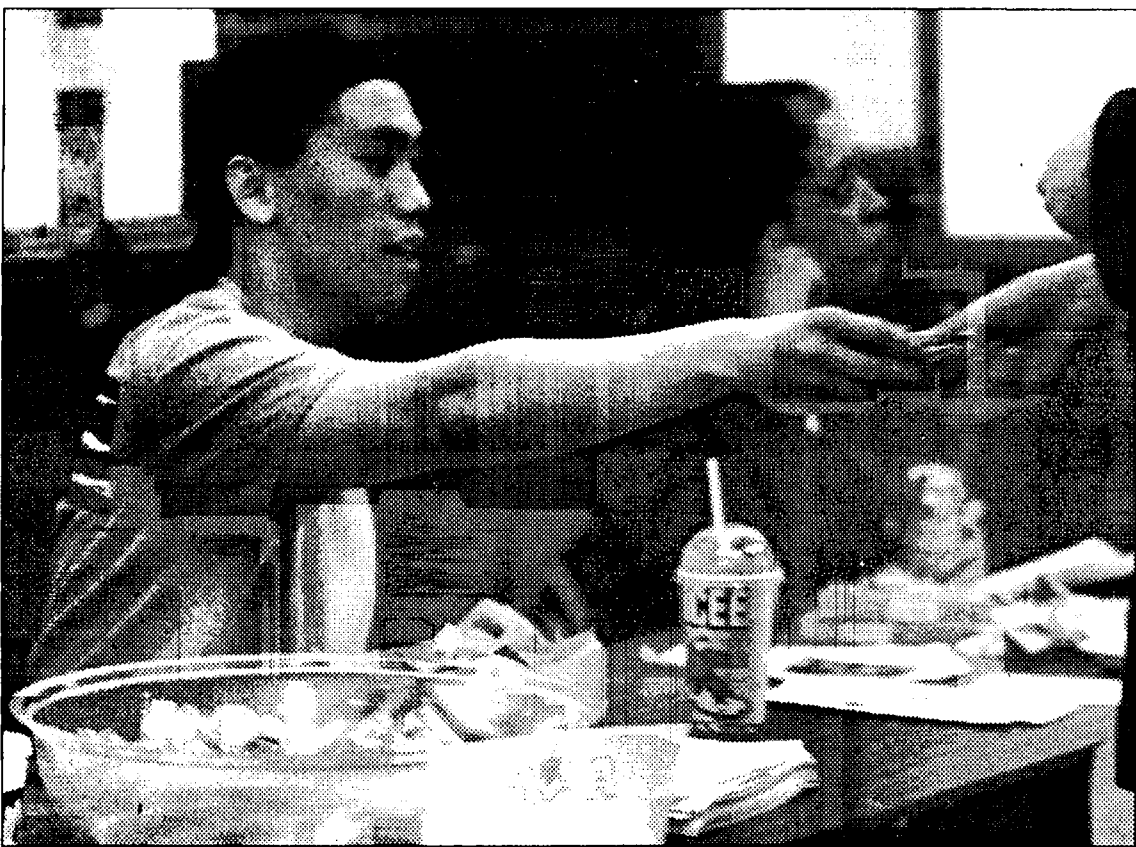
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Pat Hallahan, Libby Bishop, Trip Foley and Jeremy Lao discuss plans for Bishop and Foley to leave their office to Hallahan and Lao.

ASIAN AWARENESS WEEK



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Ryan Leung hands out fortune cookies Monday with messages designed to raise Asian awareness and to celebrate Asian Awareness Week.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Exec Cab announces CCC reorganization

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Executive cabinet members met Monday evening at the Creek House, an off-campus house purchased by the University last year. Members dined on homemade fajitas and learned about the Club Coordination Council's new strategic plan.

The seven-page plan, presented by CCC coordinator Amy O'Connor, outlined a reorganization of the CCC, which oversees all student clubs at Notre Dame. The proposal adds a new performing arts division to the council, to include the growing number of arts-related student clubs. It also adds a vice president position, which will help the council run more smoothly. The vice president will serve as liaison to

the Student Senate, and "will facilitate communication with clubs," O'Connor said.

The plan also calls for more strict enforcement of CCC regulations. Clubs will be required to hold one fundraiser a year, in order to supplement their funding allocation, which comes from student activities fees.

The plan will also require club leaders to send monthly updates regarding their activities to CCC representatives. The idea is to ensure that funds are allocated fairly.

O'Connor added that since club funding can be hard to come by, the CCC is seeking to reward active organizations.

"For every two or three good clubs, you'll see one club who doesn't do anything but take money away from those good

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SMC students' families, friends affected by war in Iraq

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Some Saint Mary's students with friends and family in the military have strong connections to Operation Iraqi Freedom, which can make communication difficult and leave loved ones in anxiety.

Saint Mary's sophomore Emily Pernotto has a 24-year-old brother who has been stationed outside of Iraq for six weeks. Her brother Luke is a 2nd Lieutenant infantry Marine and graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

Prior to Luke's departure for Iraq, he was unable to inform

his family of his unit's deployment. Pernotto and her family sensed that Luke would be sent overseas at any time though. A letter from Iraq confirmed their fears.

"The first letter that I received was really hard," said Pernotto. "I had never heard the things that he was saying, like that they each got 90 rounds of ammunition stepping off the plane. What he was going through suddenly became

very real to me."

Pernotto said

"Over time, I've become so proud that [my brother is] over there, and that he has the opportunity to fight for our country."

Emily Pernotto
student

there, and that he has the opportunity to fight for our country," she said. "And he's been talking about how proud he is of his unit, and how excit-

ed everyone is to finally be doing what they've been training for. So that's comforting."

Luke continues to write letters to his friends and family. In a recent letter to Pernotto, Luke sincerely expressed his profound and selfless love for America. He shows conviction of mind and bravery of spirit, and his only requests are for cookies and prayers, Pernotto said.

"Don't worry about me I'm doing fine," he wrote. "Again, like the first letter I would like a candle lit for me at your grotto. Remember I want to be here and I am happy that I have the chance to be here. Enjoy what you are doing in America and

that will make my job all the worthwhile. I'll be alright until I tell you otherwise."

Saint Mary's junior Dawn Tuel has a friend who is also involved in the war. 20-year-old Jeff Harris serves as a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, and his ship is currently stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Tuel said that since Harris left for the Gulf, their hometown in Maryland has shown great support.

Last month students from Harris' grade school alma mater, Saints Peter and Paul Elementary, participated in the USS Anzio Valentine Project by

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INSIDE COLUMN

Go Horns

The Texas Longhorns are my new favorite basketball team, at least until after Monday night.

Let me explain myself, the reason is quite simple and many of you out there can relate to my logic.

In order to win the NCAA Tournament pool I am in, I need Texas to win the whole thing. If any other team cuts down the nets Monday night, then I am out of it. If Texas wins, I win not only a decent chunk of change, but bragging rights over my buddies for an entire year. That definitely means more than the cash.

These NCAA bracket prediction pools are what make the three weeks of "madness" great. People around the country fill out their brackets, watch the games and see their brackets get effectively busted. When their favorite team gets eliminated, they have a team or teams to root on as the Final Four approaches. While watching SportsCenter or that little box in the upper left hand corner of the screen during the games on CBS, fans actually care about who wins the St. Joseph's-Auburn game for reasons other than the fact Matt Carroll's brother plays for St. Joseph's.

Since I started filling out brackets for pools in the eighth grade, I usually went back and forth on my Final Four teams and who would win it all. This year I used a different strategy. After reading some articles online and talking to others, I finally came to accept that it's not skill that determines who wins the pool. It's luck. The key is to fill out your bracket quickly and not put too much thought into it.

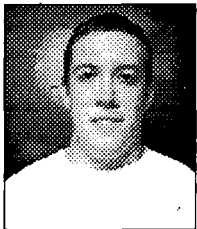
From Selection Sunday up until the first day of the tournament, I was extremely busy with schoolwork and other responsibilities. Therefore, the only time I found to make my predictions was in class. With my high-quality results so far this year, I may keep that policy next year as well.

Many people can't stand people from Texas since Texans are known to think Texas is the greatest place created by God (this is a subject I'm not even going to touch). My limited experience with Texans is the one who lives two doors down from me. His name is, for all intents and purposes, "Texan," and I just learned he is the only other person on this planet who has gas-permeable contacts besides myself.

But this weekend, I'll be cheering on the Texas basketball team in New Orleans to win their first national championship in basketball.

The only thing left to say is ... hook 'em Horns.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Lozar at mlozar@nd.edu.



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WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
New SMC feminist group to meet	At least 7 Iraqi civilians killed at a checkpoint	American Airlines reaches new deal	Becoming 'relationship girl'	Guster blows away the Windy City	Irish greet season with confidence
The Women's Studies Department will link with a new student club to provide a forum for feminist issues at the College.	U.S. troops shot and killed at least seven Iraqi civilians — some of them children — in a van at checkpoint Monday.	American Airlines took a huge step toward preventing bankruptcy Monday when it reached a tentative cost-cutting agreement with key union representatives.	Columnist Amy Schill discusses her unexpected luck with love in "Dazed and Amused."	Ryan Rafferty review's Guster's show in Chicago and interviews the band's percussionist about their new album.	The Notre Dame football team practiced Monday for the first time since January.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Bookstore Basketball Captain's Meeting
5:30 to 6:15 p.m. at 101 DeBartolo Hall
- ◆ Showing of "The Three Caballeros"
7 to 9 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- ◆ Coffee and Conversation for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 316 Coleman-Morse

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lenten Lecture Series
12:15 p.m. at LeMans Hall - Stapleton Lounge
- ◆ Contemporary Drama Reading
4:30 p.m. at the Dining Hall - President's Dining Room
- ◆ Sophomore Board Class Dinner
4:30 p.m. at Dining Hall - North Wedge Room

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Suspicious person reported in Manor

A student reported a suspicious person in Morrissey Manor Thursday at roughly 10 p.m. The case is pending.

Shot put cage damaged

A University employee reported vandalism to the shot put cage at Eck Baseball Stadium Friday. There are currently no suspects, but the case is pending.

2 Vehicles nearly towed

NDSP attempted to tow two University employees' vehicles last weekend, but both employees arrived while the towing was in process and paid the necessary towing fees. One car was parked at the Hammes Bookstore Friday, the other was at the campus post office Sunday.

Intoxicated student taken from NDH

NDSP responded to a report of an intoxicated student at North Dining Hall Saturday. The student was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Magazines sold illegally

NDSP responded to a report of a person selling magazine subscriptions illegally at Fischer Graduate Residences Saturday. The person was stopped, identified, issued a non-contractual interest form and released.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Fettuccine with fennel, classique tomato sauce, al prosciutto pizza, Betsy Flannigan chicken breast, boulangerie potatoes, cherry crisp, orzo with portobello and cream, broccoli quiche, scrambled eggs with cheese, breakfast ham, raisin bread french toast, BBQ beef sandwich, Szechuan beef and vegetables, lone-star rice, chicken and cheese chimichanga.

Today's Dinner: Honey-glazed ham, baked beans, whipped potatoes, vegetables rabat, couscous, baked potato, French toast sticks, lyonnaise potatoes, fried potato skins, Oriental shrimp with noodles

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Chicken mozzarella, chicken fajita pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, mushroom stroganoff, sauteed zucchini and yellow squash, meatloaf, Mississippi fried catfish, baked glazed ham, whipped potatoes, gyro, fried potato skins, onion rings, sweet and sour pork, chili crispitos, flame-roasted fiesta corn and black beans.

Today's Dinner: Chicken breast Vesuvio, cacciatore sauce, chicken fajita pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, rice with black olives, veal parmigiana, steamed spinach, beef stew, roast pork loin, roasted poupon potatoes, hot chunky applesauce, whipped potatoes, chicken strips

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Szechuan vegetables with Jasmine rice, herbed pasta, harvest flat bread sandwich, chickpea salad, turkey snow pea stir fry, soup bar with bread bowls, macaroni and cheese, Italian loafers, egg salad, sliced prosciutto, sliced smoked turkey, olive hummus, spritz cookies, chocolate brownies, toasted barley soup, chicken rice soup, three bean salad

Today's Dinner: Herb pasta, spicy stir fried tofu, garden burger, grilled yellow squash, chicken and vegetable fajitas, grilled hamburger or chicken, grilled cheese sandwich, fries, twice cooked pork, wild rice, parsley buttered potato, pineapple upside down cake

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's Observer Charlie Ebersol and Kim Zigich's names were misspelled in the article, "Ebersol intends to redirect Student Board."

The Observer regrets the error.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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adidas representative hosts anti-sweatshop forum



Gregg Nebel discusses the process adidas takes to guarantee acceptable labor conditions for its workers in his Monday lecture.

By CHRISTINA CAPERO
News Writer

The University's Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives held a public forum Monday featuring Gregg Nebel, the head of Social and Environmental Affairs at adidas Salomon Americas.

Nebel discussed the process that adidas, a licensing partner of Notre Dame, takes to ensure that its products are manufactured under acceptable labor conditions.

adidas' labor compliance program officially began in 1997 with two people and has now grown to a 30-person group made up of former factory workers and supervisors, labor lawyers, environmental engineers, chemical engineers and health safety experts.

The Social and Environmental Affairs unit audits over 1,000 factories that adidas contracts to produce all its brands' footwear and apparel products in 165 countries.

According to Nebel, the audit methodology has four main phases:

- ◆ Its internal monitors interview the factory's managers to determine how its management system works.

- ◆ The team conducts a review of the factory's documentation, including employee guidelines, payroll records, employment con-

tracts and disciplinary policies.

- ◆ The internal team carries out the sensory part of the process in which it walks through the factory and physically inspects it.

- ◆ The monitors talk with the factory's workers about their experiences and compare them with management's responses, encouraging communication among them to effect change. The team works with local organizations to foster a relationship with workers.

The team identifies contradictions among the four phases of action, holds a summary visit with management, develops a remediation plan, and conducts follow-up visits to judge the progress of the factory.

The Social and Environmental Affairs division holds the factories to its standards of engagement, which include nine standards for labor compliance and 16 for health and environmental compliance.

Nebel said, the team also provides its factories with reference manuals that contain international and national legal precedents, case studies and recommendations regarding employee guidelines, health and safety procedures and environmental regulations.

Nebel highlighted his unit's main challenge by saying, "How do we implement a sustainable process for compliance?" Because policing factories is not a sustain-

able way of ensuring labor compliance, the Social and Environmental Affairs division sought to build capacity in factories through training and educating managers and workers.

Nebel said, "By internalizing, factories build a management system that keeps them in compliance."

Thus, this business model should make the compliance system sustainable and more efficient in the long term.

Before adidas contracts a factory, it must meet its audit evaluations of product, sourcing, and social and environmental issues, as well as its basic standards of engagement.

adidas' Social and Environmental Affairs releases tracking worksheets to the public and collaborates with the Fair Labor Association and competitors in working toward labor compliance in its supply chain.

Formerly a factory worker for 25 years, Nebel became the first person dedicated to labor compliance issues at adidas in 1995 as the company was receiving negative publicity about a Pakistan soccer ball factory's use of child labor, which has been effectively eliminated.

About 40 students, faculty, and staff attended the forum.

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NBC fires journalist Peter Arnett after interview with Iraqi TV

Associated Press

NEW YORK
NBC fired journalist Peter Arnett on Monday, angered that

he had given an unauthorized interview with state-run Iraqi TV saying the American-led war effort initially failed because of Iraq's resistance.

Arnett apologized for his "misjudgment," but added, "I said over the weekend what we all know about this war."

Meanwhile, the Pentagon was

investigating whether Fox News Channel reporter Geraldo Rivera endangered troops by revealing the plans of a military unit in Iraq in advance. Rivera denied reports that he had been expelled from the country.

Arnett, who won a Pulitzer Prize reporting in Vietnam for The Associated Press, gained much of his prominence from covering the 1991 Gulf War for CNN. One of the few American television reporters left in Baghdad, his reports were frequently aired on NBC and its cable sisters, MSNBC and CNBC.

NBC was angered because Arnett gave the interview Sunday

without permission and presented opinion as fact. The network initially backed him, but reversed field after watching a tape of his remarks.

The network said it got "thousands" of e-mails and phone calls protesting Arnett's remarks — a thousand e-mails to MSNBC President Erik Sorenson alone.

"When I heard he had given an interview to Iraqi TV, I immediately thought it was about as bad a judgment that a reporter in the field could make," Sorenson said. "I held out hope initially that maybe he had given the interview at gunpoint or there was some extenuating circumstance."



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making more than 1,000 Valentines for the ship's crew. They also decorated a cloth banner that read, "God Bless USS Anzio." About 25 mothers and grandmothers, who all know Harris personally, baked over 1,600 cookies and made a Hershey kiss goody bag with a personal message included for each member of the crew.

They wanted to support the crew and remind them that they are being prayed for and thought of constantly.

"It's hard for me because I know all of his family and friends, and I know what they're going through," said Tuel. "But I'm so proud of him."

Tuel corresponds with Harris by e-mail. She said she's worried about Harris' unease, but finds some comfort in knowing that the crewmates offer each other strong support.

"He seems scared and anxious to come home," said Tuel. "And he's definitely tired of being on the ship. But he makes it through because all of his shipmates feel the same way. They're all so close."

Tuel also hopes that Americans will support Harris and our armed forces. She said that the protests are dispiriting for those fighting.

"I don't believe that current protests against the war have any positive effect," she said. "People were protesting before the war even started, and if it would have been effective, we wouldn't be at war right now. We need to redirect our focus on supporting our friends and family over there."

Saint Mary's sophomore Katie Harthen has a boyfriend who is involved in the war. 21-year-old Kyle Miller is a Petty Officer aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, presently stationed in the Mediterranean Sea. He works on the boat's nuclear reactors.

Harthen and Miller have

been involved in their relationship for almost three years, but his commitment to the Navy has separated them for all but three months.

During this time they've been corresponding by e-mail. However, due to newly implemented security measures, Miller can only receive e-mails now. He is no longer allowed to send them.

In his last e-mail to Harthen, Miller wrote, "This is the last e-mail for awhile, so just know that I've been thinking about you all the time, and I can't wait to hear from you again and see you when I get back [whenever that will be]. Let's pray that it's going to be on time. Give my love to everyone and take care of yourself."

The dangers that Miller faces worry Harthen. She con-

stantly follows the progression of the war, praying and hoping for his safe return.

"I don't think that I've ever kept up with the news like this before," she said. "I never thought that anything like this would happen while he was in the Navy."

Harthen has mixed feelings about supporting the war, supporting the troops, opposing the war and protesting.

"I feel that people have a right to protest, but we're already at war, and so people should focus on supporting the troops now," she said. "I'm very against the protesters, but I would probably be against the war if I didn't know someone who was fighting in it."

With opinions of the war aside, the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community can support all of its friends and family involved in the war by praying and letting its troops know that they are thought of constantly.

And all can respond to Luke Pernotto's simple and most frequent request — "Light a candle in the grotto for me and the rest of the Marines over here."

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"Light a candle in the grotto for me and the rest of the Marines over here."

Luke Pernotto
United States Marine Corps

Leaders

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by the announcement of a new alcohol policy as then-student body president Brooke Norton and vice president Brian Moscona were phasing out of office.

"At that point, student leaders and student government didn't trust the administration because they felt that their input was not valued," Bishop said.

Entering office with a weighty issue before them, Bishop and Foley had diffi-

culty accomplishing their original plan to expand Flex Point meal options.

Another challenge that Bishop and past student body presidents have often faced is the inability to see the instant implementation of their plans.

"Change is slow to happen," Bishop said.

Student government only recently released the under-the-dome calendar Web site, which was an idea from the Norton-Moscona administration.

"I think a lot of the fruits of our labor aren't going to be seen until next year because it takes so long to

effect change here," Foley said.

With a project-oriented staff of slightly under 40 and five divisions (academic; diversity; service, spirituality, social concerns; student life; University and alumni relations), Hallahan and Lao want more immediate results.

"As long as we're making headways somewhere, we're making headway in general," Lao said. "We really want to see that student life gets better whether or not we can take credit for it."

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clubs," O'Connor said.

The strategic plan also renames O'Connor's position to that of president.

Other improvements to the CCC include the use of an online budgeting system, which will "reduce paper waste and maintain an electronic record of club's expenses and budget requests," according to the plan.

Clubs will be redistributed among the various divisions, which now include academic, athletic, cultural, performing arts, social service and special interests divisions. O'Connor said the reorganization will allow CCC representatives to foster collaboration among diverse but related student groups.

The cabinet also welcomed Seth O'Donnell as incoming CCC president. O'Donnell said he was optimistic that the new plan will help promote active student organizations.

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IRAQ

At least seven Iraqi civilians killed at checkpoint

Associated Press

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U.S. troops shot and killed at least seven Iraqi civilians — some of them children — in a van at checkpoint Monday in southern Iraq when the driver did not stop as ordered, U.S. Central Command said.

The soldiers were from the 3rd Infantry Division, which lost four soldiers Saturday at another checkpoint when an Iraqi soldier dressed as a civilian detonated a car bomb in a suicide attack.

The Central Command said initial reports from Monday's confrontation indicated the soldiers followed the rules of engagement to protect themselves.

"In light of recent terrorist attacks by the Iraqi regime, the soldiers exercised considerable restraint to avoid the unnecessary loss of life," the statement said.

However, Monday's deadly shooting near the southern Iraqi city of Najaf is likely to stoke opposition to the U.S.-led invasion among Iraqis in the Shiite Muslim region, where Washington had hoped for a popular uprising against President Saddam Hussein.

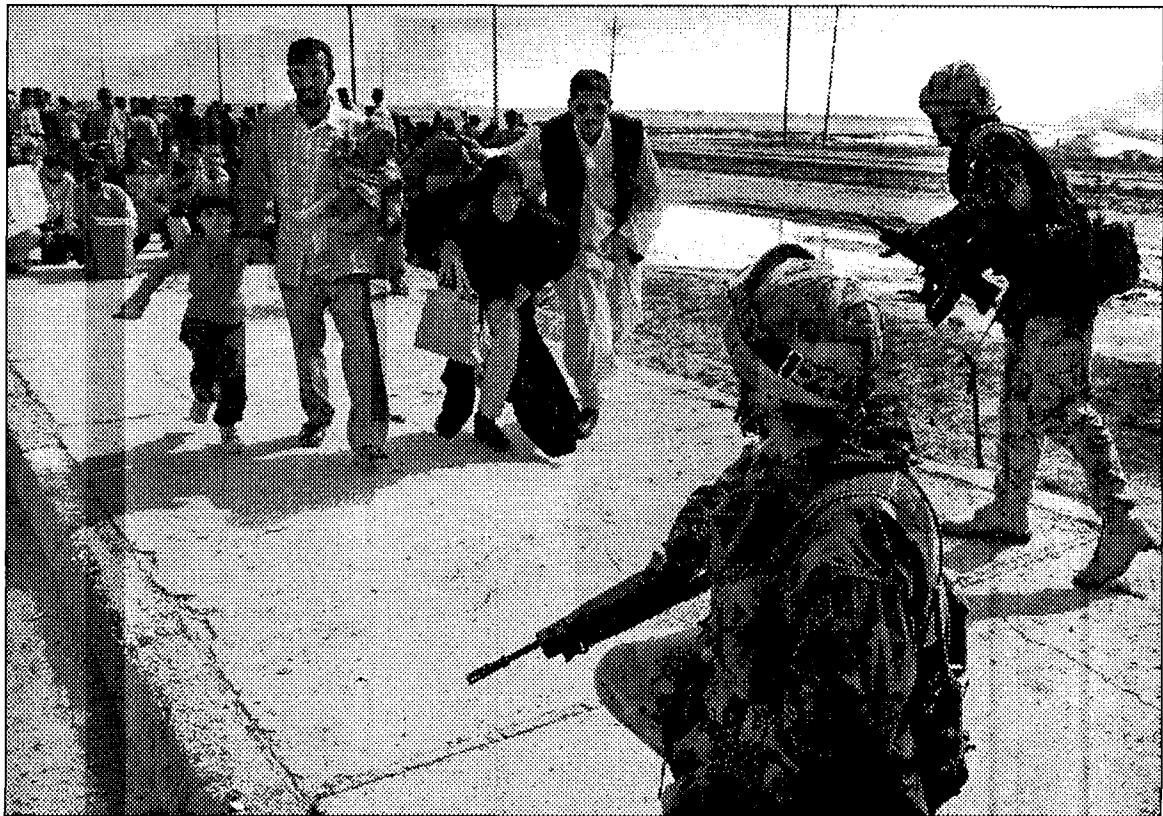
Instead, U.S. forces have faced stubborn resistance by Saddam's forces in Najaf and other cities in southern Shiite strongholds.

According to an account by the Central Command, the van approached the U.S. Army checkpoint Monday afternoon. Soldiers motioned for the driver to stop but were ignored. They then fired warning shots but the vehicle continued moving toward the checkpoint. Troops then shot into its engine. As a last resort, the military said, soldiers fired into the passenger compartment.

Two other civilians were wounded at the checkpoint on a highway near Karbala, according to a Pentagon official and Central Command. The military is investigating.

"They tried to warn the vehicle to stop, it did not stop," Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace said on PBS-TV's "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer." "And it was unusual that that vehicle would be full of only women and that the driver was a woman. So we need to find out why it was that they were acting the way they did."

The military statement said 13 women and children were in the van. But The Washington Post, whose reporter is embedded with the 3rd Infantry, said 15 people were in the vehicle and 10 were killed, including five children who appeared to be younger than age 5. One of the wounded was a man not expected to live, the Post reported on its Web site.



REUTERS

A family of Iraqi civilians take cover at a checkpoint Monday as troops provided protection to local civilians and ensured no Iraqi militia slipped through disguised as ordinary civilians. At least seven civilians were killed at a different checkpoint in southern Iraq Monday.

The newspaper described the vehicle as a four-wheel-drive Toyota crammed with the Iraqis' personal belongings. In its description of the shooting, the Post quoted a 3rd Infantry

Division captain as saying the checkpoint crew did not fire warning shots quickly enough.

The Post describes the captain watching through binoculars and ordering the soldiers by radio to

fire a warning shot first and then shoot a 7.62 mm machine-gun round into the vehicle's radiator. When the vehicle kept coming, the captain ordered the soldiers to "stop him!"

IRAQ

Huge series of explosions resounds through Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Six explosions in rapid succession shook central Baghdad late Monday, sending smoke billowing from the Old Palace presidential compound and bathing the sky in a soft orange glow.

Across the Tigris River, on its east bank, another target was hit in the city center less than a mile from the Palestine Hotel. The foundation of the 18-story hotel, where foreign journalists are staying, shook as if it had been struck by a powerful earthquake.

The blasts were some of the strongest

since the U.S.-led air war began March 20, and a steady rumbling of explosions continued south of the capital early Tuesday — likely against Republican Guard positions.

Monday night, Saddam Hussein and his sons Odai and Qusai appeared on Iraqi television, with the station showing video footage of a meeting of top military commanders. There was no way of determining when the video was shot.

Saddam decorated commanders and troops of army units in Umm Qasr, the Faw peninsula and Nasiriyah for their "heroic" defense of the areas, state television said.

A communique read on Iraqi Satellite Television said members of the 11th Division, which fought in Nasiriyah, would receive medals and their families would immediately receive 2 million dinars — about \$670 at the exchange rate on the eve of the war.

Saddam was last shown on Iraqi television on Saturday night. Odai had not been seen on Iraqi TV since the war began, according to Al-Arabiya television.

U.S. attempts to silence Iraqi TV and radio through aerial attacks have failed, with Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf insisting the broadcasts

were unaffected.

Despite repeated bombings of the Iraqi Information Ministry and Iraqi transmitters, the local media operation was "as good as it was before" the attacks, al-Sahhaf said.

He said he and several colleagues helped put out the flames in the ministry, which was struck for the second time in two days, while technicians repaired damaged transmitters. The Americans had hoped to cut off television and radio transmissions to halt Iraqi propaganda.

Iraqi television was off for about three hours Monday morning before broadcasts resumed.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Landslide buries Bolivian mining homes:

A landslide roared through a gold-mining town in Bolivia's tropical lowlands early Monday, killing at least four people, injuring three and burying dozens of homes. Villagers of Chima spent the afternoon digging through a mountain of mud, rock and muck to reach survivors. Others waited hours for emergency crews to arrive from La Paz. There are no landing strips in the remote mountainous area.

Truck crash appears to be suicide attack:

A pickup truck loaded with extra fuel crashed into the perimeter wall of the British Embassy on Monday night, exploding in flames in what one witness said appeared to be a suicide attack. Police initially said the crash appeared to be an accident, in which the truck driver was killed but no one else was hurt. But later the city's security chief said the back of the vehicle was loaded with gallons of extra fuel.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Street fighting 50 miles from Baghdad:

American forces battled Iraqi defenders in fierce street fighting 50 miles south of Baghdad on Monday, pointing toward a drive on the capital. Army guards shot seven Iraqi women and children to death when their van refused orders to stop at a checkpoint, officials said. U.S. troops and tanks encountered rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire in a dawn raid against Republican Guard defenders of Hindiyah, a key city astride the Euphrates River. Other units fought to isolate Najaf to the south and prevent attacks on U.S. supply lines. "There are maneuvers going [on] to try to destroy those divisions that stand in our way" of Baghdad, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said at the Pentagon. He added that more than 3,000 precision-guided bombs have been dropped on Iraq in the past few days, out of 8,000 in the entire war.

Gunman kills man during church service:

A man stood up during a church service and shot another man to death in what a prosecutor said was the third killing in a years-long feud stemming from a rape. At least seven people suffered minor injuries trying to flee St. Paul's Albanian Church on Sunday, some by leaping out windows, authorities said. Most of the injuries were cuts and bruises. Oakland County sheriff's Capt. Michael McCabe identified the man in custody Monday as Gjon Pepaj, 38, of Rochester Hills. Charges might not be filed until Tuesday because of the number of witnesses investigators planned to interview, McCabe said. Witness Luigi Gjokaj said the gunman stood up and yelled "Yes, I am here," then shot Gjek Sufaj, 38, in the back of the head. He shot Sufaj several more times, then fired into the air and yelled "I done what I was supposed to do," Gjokaj said. Authorities and witnesses said the shooting was the result of a six-year vendetta.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

'03-'04 BOG holds first meeting of term

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

New Board of Governance officers began their first meeting since taking office by reviewing basic procedures Monday. Items such as co-sponsorship grants, wherein the Board helps sponsor student activities, were explained and discussed.

"It is not an all or nothing situation," said Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl in reference to the grants. "We can give them any amount we want."

Jablonski-Diehl also reviewed the format for the weekly meetings and outlined such procedures as how to make, and second, a motion.

To increase efficiency and communication, the new Board will implement a few changes.

Officers will now receive financial sponsorship request forms a week prior to discussion and voting. Board members hope this will result in better informed decisions.

In Other BOG News

♦ After much discussion BOG granted \$660 to the Saint Mary's Speech Pathology

Club. The money will enable six club members to attend the annual three-day Indiana Speech and Hearing Associations convention in Indianapolis.

♦ BOG agreed to provide \$325 for materials to build a boat to be entered into the annual Fisher Regatta. While Saint Mary's has always been invited to participate, this will be the first time the College submits an entry. The effort is being organized by Amanda Garo, who hopes to make Saint Mary's participation an annual event.

Board members were excited that Saint Mary's students would be represented, although they hoped that fundraising would pay for the costs in the future.

♦ Student Academic Council has organized a school-wide mass for Palm Sunday on April 13. Organizers plan to have a palm procession into the Church of Loretto.

♦ Residence Hall Association is currently in the process of electing new hall councils. Campaigning will begin April 15 and the elections will take place April 24.

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New SMC feminist group to meet

♦ Women's Studies links with new student club

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

A new feminist student group will meet for the first time tonight at Saint Mary's. Phyllis Kaminski, the former coordinator for the College's Women's Studies program and current chair of the Religious Studies Department, first suggested a new and more comprehensive feminist group three years ago.

She proposed the idea to Heather Engstrom, now a senior at Saint Mary's and the Student Academic Council representative for Women's Studies.

"I feel it is very necessary because there is a need to address feminist issues on campus," Engstrom said.

The new group, Feminists United, plans to include committees that concentrate on specific feminist issues. The focus of the group as a whole is student activism.

Officially, Feminists United does not yet have the approval of Saint Mary's. The group is hoping to gain support next year after compiling a member list and filing the necessary paperwork.

"I have had a lot of posi-

tive feedback for Feminists United so far," Engstrom said.

Astrid Henry, the coordinator of the Women's Studies program, is the faculty advisor for Feminists United.

She sees the connection between Feminists United and the Women's Studies program as a vital asset because of the continuity that the association will provide.

"One of our goals is just to get women more involved

and interested in women's issues on campus, in the community and internationally," Henry said.

Feminists United hopes to connect with other groups on campus that address women's issues.

The group's first meeting will be held tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Women's Center in the basement of LeMans Hall.

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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

- result in measurable, positive impact in the South Bend area;
- reflect the investment of faculty expertise in the local community; and
- offer students community-based learning opportunities that promote civic responsibility.

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

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

TOMORROW, April 2, 7:00 PM

Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Reception and book signing following

Rosary for Peace

9:00 PM Monday - Friday

The rosary will be said in different residence halls
each weekday night Monday through Friday.

TONIGHT'S rosary will take place in Pangborn Hall.

TOMORROW evening's will be in Fisher Hall.

Votive Mass for Peace

Every Friday, 5:15p.m. Mass in the Basilica

Candlelight Vigil at the Grotto

11:00p.m. every weeknight

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Tutoring

A tutor is needed to help a small family learn conversational Spanish one hour a week. The family lives about 10 minutes away in Niles, MI.
Contact: Jenny Sergio at 269-683-3886.

A tutor is wanted to help an adult woman learn the basics of computers at her home only 1 or 2 times a month. She lives about ten minutes from campus in Niles, MI.

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Summer Service Internships

Positions are Still Available at
Several Sites across the country!
Inquire at the CSC
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MARKET RECAP

Market Watch March 31

Dow Jones		
7,992.13	↓	-153.64
NASDAQ		
1,341.17	↓	-28.43
S&P 500		
848.18	↓	-15.32
AMEX		
827.26	↓	-0.70
NYSE		
4,730.21	↓	-78.89

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SIRIUS SATELLIT (SIRI)	+8.96	+0.06	0.73
NASDAQ-100 INDEX(QQQ)	-3.18	-0.83	25.25
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-1.86	-0.46	24.21
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-5.46	-0.94	16.28
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.82	-0.24	12.98

IN BRIEF

US Airways survives Chapter 11

US Airways emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday, wrapping up a swift eight-month return to financial accountability just as the war with Iraq threatens to devastate the airline industry.

Airline spokesman David Castelveter said the company has cut annual costs by \$1.9 billion a year, mostly through wage and benefit concessions from its workers. The airline also has developed a plan to turn a profit as early as 2004.

However, Castelveter said excitement at the airline was tempered by concern over how the war would affect its restructuring. Bookings were down 20 percent the first week after the war began.

Kmart announces further job cuts

Kmart Corp. is eliminating 660 more jobs as part of the bankrupt retailer's efforts to cut costs and reduce the size of its operations.

Some 400 jobs will be cut at headquarters, 123 corporate positions will be cut around the country and another 137 vacant positions will be eliminated, the company announced Monday.

Julian Day, Kmart president and chief executive, told a news conference that the 400 headquarters jobs are mostly middle management. The company has about 170,000 employees overall, including 2,900 at its headquarters in suburban Troy, officials said.

HealthSouth fires third in scandal

HealthSouth Corp. fired Richard Scrushy as chairman and chief executive, severing ties with its founder as a third executive pleaded guilty Monday in a mushrooming accounting scandal. The company said Scrushy, who built HealthSouth into a leading health care chain and was previously suspended as chief executive, also was asked to quit the board. In a further bid to wipe clean its slate, HealthSouth said it would fire longtime outside auditor Ernst & Young.

Airline reaches new agreement

◆ American Airlines avoids bankruptcy

Associated Press

NEW YORK

American Airlines took a huge step toward preventing bankruptcy Monday by reaching tentative cost-cutting agreements with key unions representing pilots, flight attendants and mechanics.

While the company appeared to secure the \$1.8 billion in concessions needed to avert Chapter 11, the agreements still must be voted on by union members. The ratification process will begin Tuesday, union officials said.

The news lifted shares of American by 33 percent as investors considered a bankruptcy filing much less likely.

Company chairman Don Carty praised union leaders, saying they "have enabled us to avoid an immediate filing with the bankruptcy court."

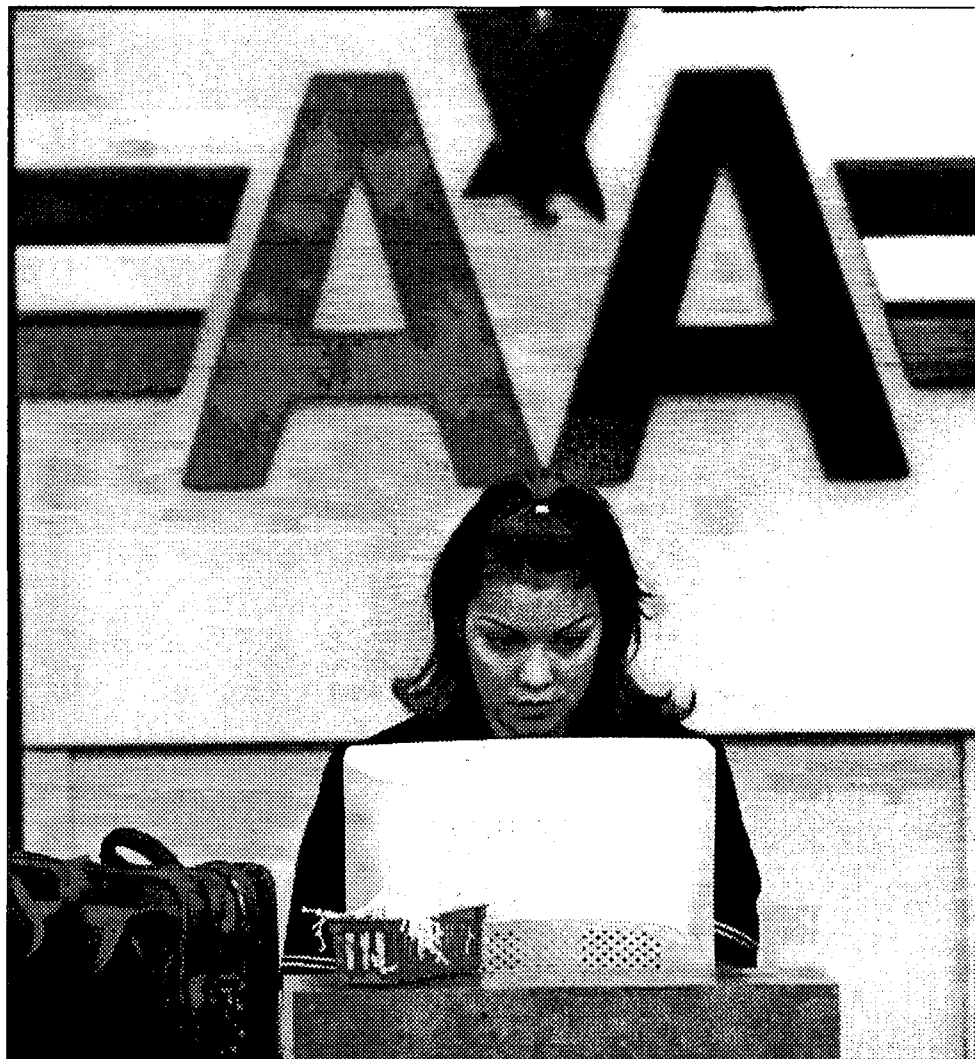
Despite the tentative deals, the carrier is not guaranteed a smooth ride. The industry is still battling its worst downturn ever, precipitated by fears of terrorism, an ailing economy and now the war in Iraq.

"If the war lasts for many months or if there's another act of terrorism, then even these cost savings could prove insufficient," said Philip Baggeley, Standard & Poor's airline analyst.

Even if employees ratify the agreements, analysts said it will still be critical for parent company AMR Corp. to secure additional financing from lenders as well as better deals from suppliers and lessors.

Experts said the talks were probably affected by last week's agreement between United Airlines and its pilots' union on \$1.1 billion in cuts.

"I think that has helped



A service agent for American Airlines checks in passengers Monday at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. AA reached two cost-cutting agreements to prevent bankruptcy.

focus their minds," said Peter Cappelli, a professor of management at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

United, which is restructuring under Chapter 11 protection, has said deep cuts were needed to avoid liquidation. American, meanwhile, had indicated it would file for bankruptcy protection soon unless it reached tentative agreements with its major labor groups Monday.

Other major airlines also are pushing employees to accept wage and benefit cuts as the industry suffers huge losses, and analysts said the momentum at United and American could spread.

After the war in Iraq

began, carriers laid off thousands of employees, cut flights and reduced the frequency of others. But even with the new labor contracts, analysts say major carriers still need to cut capacity further, which would likely allow them to raise ticket prices.

During the weekend, American reached tentative agreements with 2,500 ground workers. The company previously reached a tentative deal with 16,300 baggage handlers. However, there were still no deals with the three most important labor groups in its work force of 99,000.

The Allied Pilots Association, the Professional Flight

Attendants and the Transport Workers Union reached separate deals throughout the day Monday.

AMR has lost nearly \$5.3 billion the past two years and has faced increasing competition from low-fare carriers.

Also Monday, Carty, the chairman, said he would cut his base salary by a third, decline a bonus for the third straight year and ask the board of AMR to reduce the compensation of other senior officers. Carty had a base salary of \$585,813 in 2001. He took a pay freeze late in 2001 and in 2002.

Shares of American rose 52 cents to \$2.10 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Crude oil futures show slight rise

Associated Press

NEW YORK

May crude futures broke through key resistance of \$31.05 a barrel to trade as high as \$31.30 on Monday, but they didn't hold the rally.

While crude prices rallied just before the closing, they still reversed Friday's losses, BNP Paribas analyst Tom Bentz said.

There was little fresh news on the Iraq war front, but the ongoing cut-back in Nigerian oil supplies continued to boost crude and May gasoline Monday, analysts said.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, nearby May crude futures closed at \$31.04 a barrel,

up 88 cents on the day. The contract fell 21 cents Friday.

At London's International Petroleum Exchange, North Sea Brent blend futures for May delivery rose 83 cents to \$27.18 a barrel.

April gasoline futures closed 95 cents lower at 94.44 cents a gallon, while May gasoline closed 1.35 cent higher to settle at 95.70.

April gasoline and heating oil contracts expired Monday, leading to wide price vacillations in the nearby contract and the heavy liquidation of long positions just before the Nymex closed.

"April heating oil got pounded with positions getting liquidated,"

Bentz said. "The same thing happened with April gasoline; the longs were just bailing out all day."

April heating oil futures fell 40 cents to 79.24 cents a gallon, as market participants rolled their positions into May. May heating oil closed up 1.38 cents at 77.08 cents a gallon.

While April gasoline took a hit on rollovers to May, the new front month contract posted solid gains.

Bullish factors for the contract include the effect of Monday's contract rollovers, the drop in Nigerian oil and the summer driving season ahead.

Natural gas for May delivery fell 8.6 cents to settle at \$5.060.

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'Catholic' education has failed Catholicism

A new study by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA raises the issue of whether, in terms of "Catholic character," the pricey education at Catholic colleges is worth it. The study tracked attitudes of students in 38

Catholic colleges and universities, including Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. In 1997, HERI surveyed 7,197 incoming freshmen, including 5,199 Catholics and 1,998 non-Catholics. In 2001, it surveyed those same students.

The percentage of students who agreed with the following statements changed as follows from 1997 to 2001:

"Abortion should be legal." Catholic, 37 percent to 51 percent; non-Catholic, 62 percent to 71 percent.

"If two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've known each other for only a very short time." Catholic, 27 percent to 48 percent; non-Catholic, 36 percent to 53 percent.

"Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status." Catholic, 52 percent to 69 percent; non-Catholic, 60 percent to 73 percent.

Of students who described themselves as "Roman Catholic" as fresh-

men, 91 percent did so at graduation, while 11 percent of the non-Catholics became Catholic. As freshmen, 2 percent of the Catholics said they attended a religious service "not at all," compared to 12 percent four years later. Fifteen percent of the Catholics said their religious beliefs became "much stronger" over the four years. As freshmen, 14 percent of the Catholics spent no time at all in prayer or meditation, compared to 25 percent four years later. The study does not claim to be representative of the 223 Catholic colleges and universities. It had no uniform standards for selection of the surveyed students. It released only aggregate data and not results for the students at each institution. Therefore one cannot draw conclusions about a specific school from the study.

Despite its limits, the HERI study is instructive but no surprise. The problem is not merely a failure of colleges. Rather, an apostasy overtook the Catholic educational system, from kindergarten to university, over the past few decades. The Catholic intellectual tradition, including Augustine, Aquinas, Bonaventure, Newman and others is a mine of wisdom, integrating faith with reason. The Catholic system transmitted and enriched that tradition until the 20th century. Regrettably, the teachings of Vatican II became something else at the hands of "The Church of Where It's At." "[M]ore than in any other historical period," said John Paul II last year, "there is a breakdown in

the process of handing on moral and religious values between generations." Several generations of Catholic grade and high school students wasted their religion classes making collages or mouthing politicized slogans. The Catholic universities did not cause that failure, but they do little to remedy it. In many cases they compound it.

Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the 1990 constitution on Catholic universities, requires "adherence" by the university "to the teaching authority of the church in matters of faith and morals." "Catholic students," said the Bishops' Application of Ex Corde to the United States, "have a right to receive from a university instruction in authentic Catholic doctrine and practice. Courses in Catholic doctrine and practice should be made available to all students."

Notre Dame has a Catholic presence and offers abundant spiritual resources to students who want them. But no one can rationally claim that Notre Dame conforms to the Ex Corde requirements. As one Notre Dame sophomore was quoted in a news report on the HERI study, "The required theology classes for all students don't necessarily cover Catholic teachings. Everyone has to take a Scripture class, but mine was taught by a Protestant graduate student who knew nothing about Catholic teaching. The second theology requirement can be completed by any of a wide variety of classes that don't normally pertain to Church teaching specifically." The system is hit-or-miss

and often hostile to Catholic teaching on morality and sex. The leaders of Notre Dame and other "Catholic" universities reject the definition of that term by the Vicar of Christ who is the only person with ultimate authority to define it. Yet they are as obedient as serfs to decrees of the NCAA and a host of government and private regulators.

The leaders of the "Catholic" universities act in what they see as the best interests of their institutions. They will not accept any enforcement of the norms of Ex Corde. The point here is not to urge such enforcement. Rather, the HERI study reminds us that the paladins of "Catholic" education, especially at the higher levels, have practiced a form of consumer fraud for several decades. If they were selling hamburgers instead of education, their bait-and-switch could put them in need of a defense lawyer. The HERI study should prompt Catholic families to ask whether the "Catholic" colleges and universities are worth the monetary and other costs. Maybe it will even prompt those institutions to reflect on the moral imperative of truth-in-labeling; but don't hold your breath waiting for that.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

OutreachND could provide more with club status

This Saturday there is going to be a dance. It is one of the most important dances of the year for over 40 Notre Dame students; and yet you probably won't hear about it anywhere. The dance, known as April Follies, is sponsored by a gay and lesbian student organization called OutreachND. The dance is a combination of an end of the year celebration and social support geared towards members of the club, their friends and their allies. It is just like many other student organizations' end of the year events, but it is also different in many ways due to the differences between OutreachND and most student groups.

In addition to being a time of celebration, April Follies is the transition time for the board members. Five students who have given up countless hours working to support and improve the conditions of gay and lesbian students will hand over their positions to new board members who will do the same next year. And, while being a board member for any club is a time consuming task, it is even more so for a club that is not recognized by the University. In addition to all of the normal issues that a club leadership role encompasses, the executive board of OutreachND also has to deal with being part of a University that refuses to recognize it or its significance.

For the past several years, OutreachND has been trying to get itself recognized by the Office of Student Affairs as an official club. Three times now, the board has gone to the necessary meetings, filled out the necessary forms and turned them in on the regular days. Three times they have received a denial of official status. Worst of all, the reasons for this denial have been vague and unsatisfactory.

For the members of OutreachND, this denial has been a continuous offense. Their weekly meetings offer support and social activities for students who are having a difficult time coming to terms with their sexuality, all of which are an unquestionable service to the community. Discussions center on topics relating to sexuality, how it relates to campus and in life beyond Notre Dame, giving students the chance to have an honest and open discussion about his or her sexuality in an environment where it is well under-

stood — an environment that consists of fellow gay or lesbian students who have all been through it themselves. By refusing to recognize the importance of these activities and services, the University is making a difficult thing even more difficult. Instead of being able to work on constantly improving the club, board members often must work on things other clubs take for granted. For example, official status would allow OutreachND to have an official meeting place, a University mailing address, use of Notre Dame Web space, qualify for University funding for events, be allowed to sponsor speakers on campus and have a booth at activities night. It would also allow the board members freedom from dealing with such things as fundraising, IRS tax exemption filings, Indiana non-profit organization status and yearly re-incorporation.

Instead of these benefits, OutreachND deals with posters that advertise meetings being taken down within a few days, having to walk around wearing T-shirts to advertise on activities night and spending hundreds of extra dollars paying for things such as Web domain hosting and off-campus advertising rates. OutreachND cannot even get T-shirts printed that have the club's legal name on them because South Bend area printers will not print them without Student Affairs' permission due to the "ND".

My point is not to say that the University is doing nothing, because there are a few groups out there; it is just that they do not offer everything that gay and lesbian students need. Campus Ministry provides a good location for faith-based questions, and the Counseling Center does a great job with individual professional counseling-type issues, but those in and of themselves are not sufficient. And, while the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student

Needs sponsors campus-wide educational events and some gay and lesbian social events, the difference between these and OutreachND is that they are University initiatives.

While students are involved and help run the committee, it is not a student-based, student-run, social and support group. Students who are able to run their own meetings that provide support and social activities for others who are going through the same issues they've experienced are a unique and necessary part of a well-developed homosexual community, and that is what Notre Dame is missing.

So, whatever you are doing this Saturday night, give a quick thought to your fellow gay and lesbian students. Remember all the problems and issues that many gay and lesbian students have to deal with in terms of coming out, family relations, roommate problems, dating, religious issues and a not always very welcoming society; and think about how the University is falling short on helping these students by not allowing them one of their most valuable resources. The numerous students here who have been through it all before want to help, but they instead must spend time doing other things that the University could make much easier if it would just recognize OutreachND. However, all this is not going to stop them from having a good time this weekend, so if you know any gay or lesbian students here on campus wish them a good time at Follies.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Deana Carter, more than a girl

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

With the release of *I'm Just a Girl*, Deana Carter proves she can indeed sparkle in her native Nashville that is already full of female country stars with immense talent. Her honeyed vocals, infused with a charming dose of thick Southern twang, captured hearts in 1996 when she sold 4 million copies of her debut album, *Did I Shave My Legs For This?*

Unfortunately, Carter has been missing on the scene after a relatively disappointing sophomore album and conflicts with her former record label, Capitol Records.

But after being released from her Capitol contract and finding a new label in Arista Records, Carter's new single, "There's No Limit," is already climbing the Billboard charts. While the song is radio-friendly

with its sing-a-long lyrics and catchy acoustic refrain played by Carter herself, it pales somewhat compared to the more original tracks offered. She has more to offer her fans than ordinary tunes, and while her voice is less powerful than Martina McBride or Faith Hill, she has just as much ability to convey genuine emotions in her singing, whether with poignant ballads or buoyant tunes.

One of the best songs on the album is the gentle and sweet "You and Tequila." Just like on her best-known single, "Strawberry Wine," her innocent and youthful voice glides longingly over flowing guitar waves to make her heartbreak believable. "You and tequila make me crazy / You run like poison in my blood / One more night might kill me, baby / One is one too many, and one more is never enough."

Amazingly, she sings her yearning melodies without sounding spiteful or angry. On her wonderful

duet with Dwight Yoakam, "Waiting," the acoustic twang and shuffling drums soar and fade behind the two singers. Carter's lovely voice is complemented

both by the addition of Yoakam and the sincerity of the lyrics. "Waiting for the thought to cross your mind that two hearts might / Be inclined to commit an act that's bold / Or even just be looking for a chance to take advantage of / One glance and live inside it one more time."

Carter doesn't spend all her time wishing and hoping though; she cuts loose like a slightly wild Southern belle on several of the fun tracks. On "Eddie," even the steel guitar sounds carefree. Bouncing along the highway of heartbreak, "Liar" provides therapy with whimsical insults scattered over an assortment of horns, giving a distinct circus feeling at one point in the song. "Girls' Night" sets off at top speed to end the album with breakneck guitar tempos and lyrics that mix the fun of girlie girls, Miller Lite and lumberjacks. "I'm going downtown, I'm gonna look real nice / I'll be sportin' my stilettos; I'm gonna cause a few fights / I'm gonna find my friends / 'Cause it's girls' night," she sings.



Photo courtesy of rollingstone.com

Deana Carter uses her southern twang in her songs, whether they are poignant ballads or buoyant tunes.

Listening to this album, the listener can almost hear the champagne glasses in the background toasting the success of a standout country girl and her most recent musical accomplishment.

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I'm Just a Girl

Deana Carter

Arista Records



ALBUM REVIEW

Masterful debut from Blouse Puppies

By BJ STREW
Scene Music Critic

Lester Bangs said rock is dead. Dick Rorty said philosophy is dead. Harvard's Walt Gilbert said molecular biology is dead. Others have sounded the death knell of neoclassical economics, of tragedy and soon, maybe, relativity. And that's all well and good because, thanks to the white knights of pop, mediocrity is here to stay — its fate is sealed.

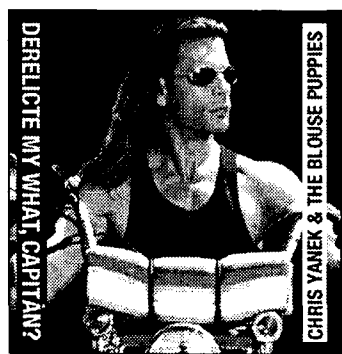
But Chris Yanek cares little for fate and, God bless him, less for mediocrity. It was out of the ashes of his A-ha cover band from whence this matchless artist cobbled together perhaps the most brilliant assemblage of former K-mart employees/musicians the world has ever seen. It was allegedly on a peyote-driven "spirit quest" that Yanek and ex-member Jay Mohr decided on the name "The Blouse Puppies," an allusion to a campy, John Tesh B-side.

From their refreshingly post-feminist moniker to their curious, esoteric instrumentation to their bulbous Thin Lizzy-meets-Phil Collins sound, it is clear the Blouse Puppies have staked their claim as rock's newest standard-bearers. Some have described the Blouse Puppies sound as the Beatles, Jesus and Dolly Parton all rolled into one, so skilled they are in the nuances of music theory, in technique, in

Celtic folklore, in groundwater hydrology and so on. Clearly, few have yet successfully described the band's unique sound.

The band's official debut album, *Derelict My What, Capitán?*, with its release delayed by Apple Corps Records until March 31 after Internet bootlegging, features most of the Blouse Puppies' founding members: ex-Merry Prankster Bones Walker on the stand-up bass, Ben Ferguson blowing a mean squinn flute, Nick Martin on electric piano and the imperturbably cool contralto of lead guitarist and vocalist Yanek. Veteran percussionist Lund Driftwood pounds sweet thunder with the meticulous authority of Art Blakey.

Derelict My What, Capitán?



Chris Yanek and The Blouse Puppies

Apple Corps. Records



Taking a page from techno group Prodigy's playbook, the Blouse Puppies feature the solo salsa dancer, Jason Cardella, tumbling and frolicking in front of the group like some Chihuahua on PCP.

And the world ought to thank producer Mike P a n z i c a . Because then, after everyone thought the band had peaked, the big-wig Sicilian producer, in due course, had the whole band rocking dirty-blonde perms. Maybe a little

over-the-top, perhaps a bit too retro, but believe it — the gleaming, coiled 'dos are heartrending in concert, as those 23 high-schoolers lucky enough to witness the Blouse Puppies last week in the basement

of a Motel 6 in Minster, Ohio can confirm.

The title track opens with Yanek ululating like a Moroccan widower, accompanied by Bones' novel harmonics and Driftwood's sonorous rumble, questioning the existence not of God, but of bad easy-listening. Many of the songs, such as "Prince Albert's Revenge" and "But It Ain't Grey Poupon," have a bouncy bass line firmly undergirding the minor-chord melodies. The album ends with "The Rack," a tribute to Janet Reno and her contributions not only to the country, but to country music.

An avant-garde confluence of country (Appalachian, not Nashville), free jazz, Brazilian tropicalia, klezmer and of course, classic rock, their influences range from Ornette Coleman to Bob Dylan to John Tesh. Vicious parody? Maybe. Genius? Undoubtedly.

The lyrics' content span a variety of topics, including Yanek's Icelandic boyhood, the pitfalls of sobriety, Dadaism and whale liberation. It is difficult to say where the irony ends and the earnestness begins, so cagily Byzantine is Yanek's verse. What is easy to say, on the other hand, is that no one would have predicted it would take a mixture of squinn flutes and golden perms to upend the Lester Bangs Weltanschauung and finally have a shot at redeeming a music world in decline.

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The Fictitious Account of April Fool's Day News at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's



SMC celebrates
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Bush ousts ND Administration

◆ President declares du Lac 'oppressive, harsh'

By KEITH MYATH
Beauty School Dropout

President George W. Bush forcefully removed University Vice President Father Park Yourcan from his perch atop the Office of Student Affairs Monday in an effort the White House has dubbed Operation Liver Freedom.

"When [National Security Advisor] Condoleezza Rice told me about the changes to the alcohol policy at her alma mater, I realized Yourcan had gone too far," Bush said, then continued to polished his pewter flask engraved with the phrase, "No One is the Boss of Me."

"Americans have a right to booze," he added.

Bush, whose past is full of his own mistakes with alcohol, passed a unanimous

resolution Thursday that declared the contents of du Lac, the University handbook, illegal.

"We reviewed the rules in du Lac, and found that the restrictions the administration has imposed on the students are excessively oppressive and harsh," Bush said.

The resolution was passed unanimously after Bush did away with the Campus Life Council, the Student Senate, and all other lawmaking bodies within the University.

"I don't like bodies that vote," the president said. "Did anyone ever consider moving the Golden Dome to Florida? I'll call Jeb."

The president's presence on campus was met with mixed reaction by the administration and students.

"It's awesome to have 'W' around,"

"I tried banning him from campus, but that didn't really work so well. Lettuce, onions, tomato?"

Father Park Yourcan
sandwich artist

junior Hoe Jettler said. "Now we can drink on campus and visit girls' dorms after midnight! In my book, that's 'Touchdown Browns!'"

Members of the College Democrats have loudly voiced their opposition to the president.

"Yourcan's rules sucked, but at least he's not from Texas," said Aaron VanRuff, a member of the College Democrats.

When reached for comment early Friday evening, Notre Dame Security/Police called the takeover "a huge mistake which will have serious repercussions for the University, the entire Notre Dame community and surrounding areas."

In a related story, the charred remains of the Security building are being tested for bomb-making materials after a mysterious explosion leveled the facility early

Monday morning.

Miraculously, there were no injuries reported, NDSP spokesperson Iman E. Diot said, primarily because the entire force was occupied with "a disturbance involving multiple illegally-parked cars in the D2 North parking lot."

However, multiple student witnesses place members of the campus police force outside Finnegan's at the time of the explosion.

"They were carrying directories and checking ID's," senior Ami Hott-Noway said. "It was a really intimidating situation until they got back on their bikes and rode to campus."

Upon securing the Dome, Bush celebrated his military victory with a trip to Meijer. The president was last seen screaming, "yahoo" while riding the penny pony.

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Econ votes to divide Socially Awkward, Poor Dressers

By A. R. REJECT
Seriously, I Can't Get Hired Anywhere

In a move likely to send shock waves through the academic community, the Department of Economics has formally announced its split into two departments: the Department of the Socially Awkward and the Department of Poor Dressers.

"The Department was in chaos," said department head Dieter Kowlaszewski. "How can you effectively teach a made-up subject with Socially Awkward professors sharing offices with the Poor Dressers?"

Kowlaszewski, known widely in the Economics world for his total and utter

lack of social skills, will likely head the Department of Socially Awkward. He and fellow professors are planning a fall symposium, "Staring, Conversational Distance, and Personal Space: How to Totally Freak Out People When You Talk To Them."

The Poor Dressers were equally elated when news of the split was announced.

"I pinch-rolled my tightest acid-washed jeans when I heard the news," said Andrew Teasdale, a Poor Dresser. "Finally — a place for serious scholarship, efficient decision-making, and God-willing, monochlor walking sneakers as far as the eye can see."

Calls to the Ugly Sweater Factory were not returned,

but many industry insiders have hinted that having a separate department for Poor Dressers will likely double demand for functional, multicolored, striped burlap outerwear.

Too dull and unattractive to hang out with the popular majors in the Mendoza College of Business, the Department of Economics has long been relegated to the College of Arts and Letters, though many hope

Students are largely unaware that the Economics was even offered as a major at Notre Dame.

"We look out on this campus and see a gold mine of socially awkward bad dressers," said department

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Photos Courtesy Dorks Information

Dieter Kowlaszewski (left) and Andrew Teasdale (right) are expected to head the Department of Socially Awkward and the Department of Poor Dressers, respectively.

Peace groups hold pro-war protesters hostage in tunnels

◆ Pro-peace groups attempt to muzzle pro-war voice on campus

By JONAH BIRKENSTOCK
Official Campus Liberal

Five thousand pro-war protesters were found in the underground tunnels of the Notre Dame campus during the Class of 2003's tour of the passageways.

In an effort to rid the campus of promoters of the war in Iraq, several peace groups on campus collaborated in order to squelch the voice of campus hawks.

The protesters were discovered by senior Katie McDougal heard noises and went to investigate.

"I smelled chalk. I recognized the scent because I used to eat chalk in kindergarten,"

McDougal said.

The senior then traced the trail of chalkdust and began to see that students had been tied up.

Freshman Shaun Richards, the mastermind behind the kidnapping, was arrested Monday along with eight others. Richards, known for his refusal to wear any foot covering but flipflops, was dragged out of bed at 6 a.m. from his Knott Hall room by a group from the Indiana State Excise Police.

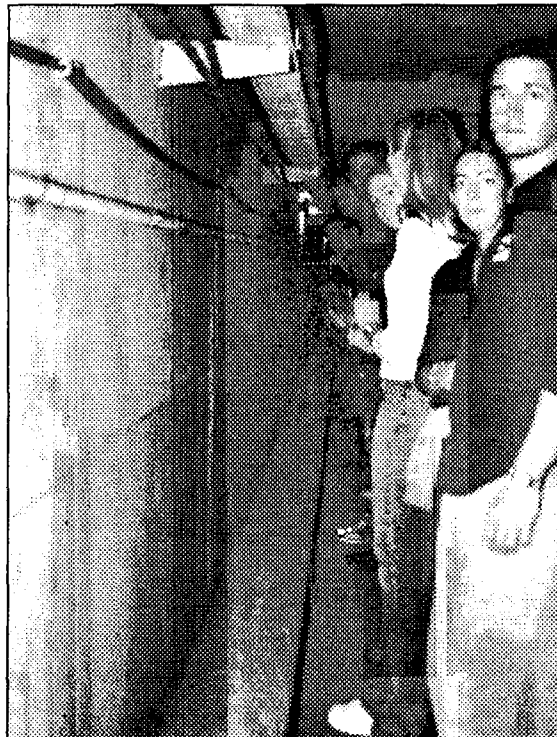
"The pro-war voice on campus was really getting too vocal. They had to be stopped"

Shaun Richards
kidnapping mastermind

"Richards was initially uncooperative, yelling, 'How can you arrest me for breaking the law when three of you cops are breaking du Lac by being women in a male dorm?'" said Officer Sara Romero.

Since the arrest of Richards, the pro-war voice has been more vocal on campus, calling for the nation to unite in a time of military conflict.

"Now, I can truly say that I know what it feels like to suffer for my country," said Nick Benny, one of the rescued pro-war students. "I love the U.S.A."



More than 5,000 pro-war Notre Dame students were found in the tunnels beneath campus this week. Professors had complained about diminished class attendance, but University officials blamed students' laziness, and neglected to investigate the matter further.

INSIDE COLUMN

Jigga what?

As if anyone really cared what Observer staffers thought about life.



Ronald McDonald

Master of the Universe

WHAT'S INSIDE

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President Lippy Pushup told Senate Tuesday she was frickin' tired of people saying they saw her at Boat Club.	U.S. President George W. Bush decided to boost the morale of troops in Iraq by choosing a popular song as the American national anthem.	The local bar, The Library, only made \$15 off of under-agers drinking on Thursday when the football team was away.	"I need a beer."	Due to the fact that Notre Dame has no campus scene, the Scene section of The Absurder is empty.	In an unexpected turn of events, a fan attended a womens rowing meet. When asked about it, the coach said, "We didn't know we had fans."
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Interhall greased pig catching
12 p.m. North Quad
- ◆ Pole dancing lessons
7 p.m. at the Rock
- ◆ Lecture with Howard Stern
4 p.m. at anywhere but Notre Dame

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Multicultural board celebrates the history of Irish Jehova's Witnesses in information technology business
2 p.m. at LeMans Hall
- ◆ Dining Hall hosts "Children's Birthday Party" night
4:30 p.m. at Noble Family Dining Hall

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Sulky finishes service hours post bust

University administrator Father Sulky completed his service hour following being busted for drinking hard alchohol in a Notre Dame dorm.

Employee hits stuff

An employee of the LaFortune Subway was reported to campus security after hitting the soda machine after a customer insulted Subway spokesman Jared Fogel.

Visitor reports missing bike

A prospective student visiting the univeristy for the first time reported his bicycle missing from outside South Dining Hall. Notre Dame Security Police reported not caring.

Football team reports finding bike

No other information provided.

2 men disrupt class

Two unidentified male students entered room 201 DeBartolo five minutes late. The teaching assistant, who was attempting to conduct a lecture on the importance of being international, reported the two men to police for throwing him off his lecture due to their lack of clothing.

~compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

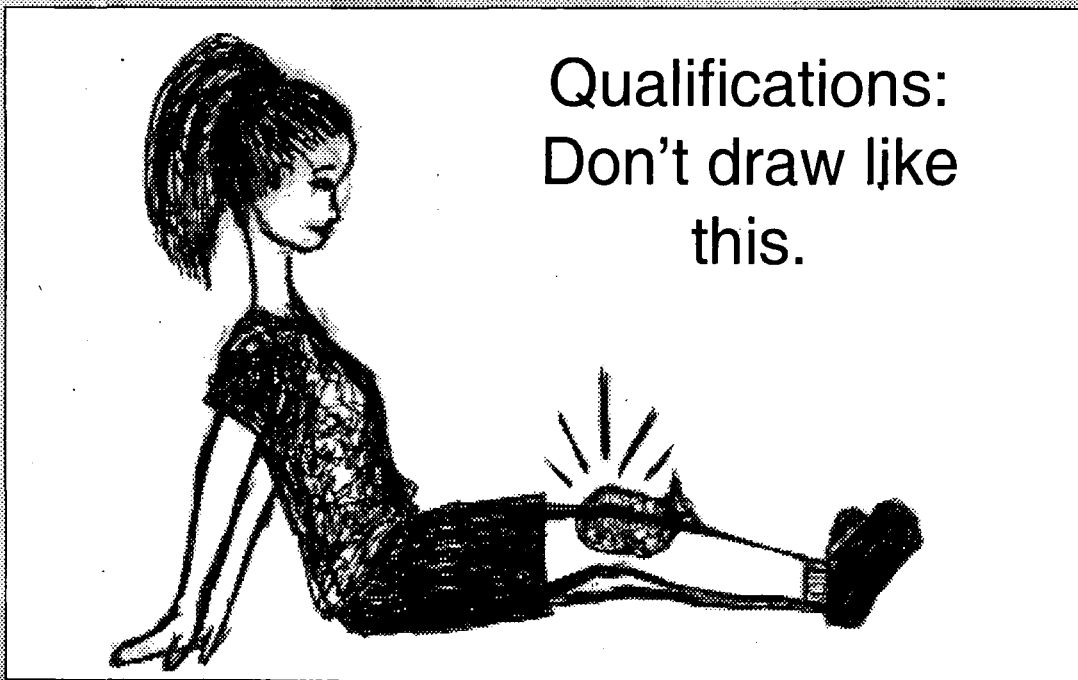
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CORRECTIONS

Yesterday's photograph of Saint Mary's Vice President of student affairs Linda Timm was mislabeled as Snoop Dog.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Scholastic is now hiring
a new *illustrator* ...



For more information please contact the Editor in Chief. He can be reached in Scholastic's South Dining Hall office during the magazine's regular production hours:
Every eleventh Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

POINTLESS

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How to Lose a Guy in 10 seconds

It's the moment every girl dreams of. You're filling up your solo cup with the finest beer \$40 can buy and you look across the room and see the man of your dreams. You lock eyes and he walks toward you, tells you he's pre-med and the starting forward on the Notre Dame basketball team. He's tall, dark and handsome — and he decides instantly that you're the one.



Scarlett O'Hara

Staff Socialite

Then, reality sets in. You realize that no, this guy is not pre-med, on the basketball team or even good looking. He's a pasty, squinty-eyed sophomore who fell out of the ugly tree and hit every single branch on the way down. He's shaped like the keg you're currently pumping, which is fitting because he has about half of the keg's content's running through his blood stream.

As he sloppily puts his arm around you and drools a little while he's telling you that you fell from heaven, you're left wondering: What's a girl to do?

What follows are the six surefire

ways to lose a guy, not in 10 days, but in a mere 10 seconds. Read on.

1. Just walk away. Quickly, quietly and preferably to another party.

2. Tell him about his connection to the previously mentioned ugly tree. Make sure you include the part about the branches.

3. Find the closest better-looking guy and begin to make out with him. This will divert the former guy's attention to a) another girl b) the keg or c) the fact that there is drool running down his face.

4. Mention, a la Janie Bueller, your scorching case of herpes.

5. Tell him you love him and that you think he's the one. There's no better way to get a guy to

run like he's training for the 100 meter dash than uttering these three little words of weaponry.

6. If things turn desperate and you just can't seem to get the kid off of you, take your newly filled solo cup and throw the golden liquid in his face. No words necessary here.

If using just one of these tactics doesn't get the guy to leave you alone, it's perfectly acceptable to use two or even three of them in any combination that fits the situation. In doing so, the guy will be gone in 10 seconds flat and you can get back to the party. Guaranteed.



We know
this is a
black box.

This is also a
DAILY
publication.

LETTERS TO THAT COLUMNIST WHO ONLY WRITES ABOUT ABORTION, HOMOSEXUALS AND BOXING

*Priest attempts new
recruitment technique,
fo sho mos def*

Yo yo. I be wrizziting to you today, da dudes of da Skoo, to tell you to check yo selfs. It be time to dizvote your life to God. This is an invitation to the priesthood at Old College here at Notre Dame. Er, Holla atcha.

Fo shizzle. It's the rizzle dizzle, baby bizzle. Git on up in herre. Chill over in 'OC with the true OG, his son Jesu Chrizzle and Holy G to the hizzle o-s-to the tizzle. Don't be wastin' time makin' Benjamins for some whack trick just trying to get hers. How they gonna act like your neck don't bling when you rockin' the big 'T. Pimpin' wit' threads better than some beat Wes Unsel, hoes be ravin' when you savin' dem from shizzle. You want old school? Throw back 2K, when it was 3 A.D. Droppin' grace givin' bombs every Sunday, you be getting more lovin' that P-Diddy. And you won't get shot for it. Ain't nobody gonna be gunnin' down no priest, 'cause dey roll tight in the Big Man's posse. You his peoples. He gots yo' back, yo. I be speakin' the truth. So go out, pick up the Bible bizzle, pray under the crucifizzle and get yo self over to the OC. Big ups to Teddy Hes. True dat.

Funk Mollizzle
Da man wit da hook-up at da Dome

*Without parietals, students
would be damned to Hell*

I am writing in response to the University's recent decision to move parietals from 10 am to 9 am. As a practicing Catholic, I am outraged!

How can a university that claims to be built upon Catholic teachings allow such sin-breeding habits amongst its students? For those of you who are so naïve as to think that young men and women who are in college can control themselves, let me enlighten you as to what happens in a dormitory room between two young people. But, if there are children around, please stop them from reading this.

As soon as men and women are allowed to spend private time alone, they begin to fraternize, they form friendships, And then, one morning — at 9 a.m. — they begin holding hands, and we know where that leads them — right to Hell.

There is nothing natural about men and women spending time together when they cannot be chaperoned by a parent or a clergyman. You need someone with the high moral standards of the priesthood to oversee these youngsters.

In addition, it is a well documented fact

that young people who spend time together in college before marriage are more likely to get divorced.

Therefore, as a concerned member of this university (and, I might mention, someone who will only give money for a new building specifically for the fundamental study of the Bible) I propose new visitation hours from 12:15 p.m. until 12:22.

Any God-fearing institution should be concerned, first and foremost, with the souls of its students, and those long minutes may even be too much, but I do understand times are changing so I can make a small allowance.

To the administrators at the University of Notre Dame — hold your ground and save your students souls!

Sister Perpetua Chastity
Rectress of all things good and holy

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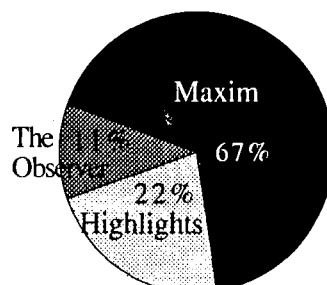
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What is your number one
news source?

*Poll is based on the responses of
four Dillon Hall residents.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Your mom is hot."

Bridget O'Flannagan
sophomore

SPORTS

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

SMC BASKETBALL

Belle ballers win championship

The best-ranked Midwestern Liberal Arts All-female Institution Located Along Rt. 31 defeats field trip-depleted Albion Middle School squad

By FAT HOSER
Sports Idiot

MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, Mich. Using a combination of strong defense, pinpoint shooting accuracy, and a game-long 5-on-3 advantage, the Saint Mary's basketball team defeated Albion Middle School Saturday, 8-7, to win the NCAA championship.

"Despite our inability to score many points, I was still very pleased with the team's performance today," head coach Susan Blahblah said.

The Belles took advantage of an Albion squad depleted due to a class trip to the MIAA Hall of Fame, located in some guy's garage in western Michigan.

In addition, two players who were able to make the journey to the game for Albion were not at 100

percent, according to Albion head coach Petey "Coach P" Przykowski. "Jenny [Juralewicz] had the sniffles and Annie [Adelson] had a boo-boo," Przykowski said.

The game was a back-and-forth affair, with each team holding a one-point advantage for very long stretches of time. A free throw by Albion put the Belles behind 1-0 with 8:30 to go in the first half.

However, the Belles exploded for two straight points on a layup by sophomore Katie Katie Bobatie-Bananafanafatie, who averages 3.14159 points per game, to give the Belles a commanding 2-1 lead with under 2 minutes to go in the half.

"It was really hard to drive to the hoop today," Bobatie-Bananafanafatie said. "Their three defenders just stood there with their arms in the air, and I couldn't see the basket. It was frustrating."

Albion responded in the second half, scoring four unanswered points in a span of 7:20 to pull ahead 5-2.

"I started getting slightly concerned when they scored those four points," Blahblah said. "But I still was pleased with the way we were playing at that point."

But the Belles responded, hitting an astonishing three straight shots, including two by junior forward Katie McKatie, to put the game away for the Belles.

"I was impressed with Katie's performance this afternoon," Blahblah said. "I don't know if we could have made it this far without Katie's hard work and dedication to the team."

A school-record two Belles fans camped out for tickets to the game. One of those fans was Katie's mom.

Don't even bother contacting Fat Hoser.



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IRISH GUARD REPLACED



After Fr. Park Yourcan suspended the Irish guard after their conduct at the Pittsburgh game, a group of Vikings took the field at halftime of the Notre Dame game against Stanford Saturday. The Irish beat the Cardinal, 21-17, before a sparse crowd.

IN BRIEF

Fencing?

An Irish team finally won a national championship. Unfortunately, students were unaware that Notre Dame had a fencing team, or worse.

"What is fencing?" one student asked upon hearing the news.

Willingham sainted

After returning the Notre Dame football team to some-

thign better than a national joke, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham was sainted on Thursday.

The pope, a long-time Irish fan despite his polish heritage, was just as grateful as the rest of Notre Dame fans and knew it must have been a miracle to make the team that played under Bob Davie not only win, but beat Michigan State.

God status was considered, but rejected after the loss to Boston College.

Yatar supsended

The very verbal captain of the Notre Dame womens basketball team, Moesha Yatar, was suspended from play after giving a reporter a usable quote following her team's latest game. The vocal leader was reprimanded for her brashness.

MENS BASKETBALL

Crowd shocked as Chris passes ball

By AMANDA HUGANDKISS
Token Female

In a rare offensive display Monday, Notre Dame guard Tom Chris passed the ball to a teammate during the Notre Dame game against Morehead State, astonishing all onlookers in attendance at the Joyce Center.

"All of a sudden, I stopped looking at the ball and saw that Man [Diller] was wide open on the wing," Chris said.

Chris' pass to Diller led to a 3-pointer which gave the Irish a 97-22 lead. The assist was Chris' first of his career — junior high, high school and college combined.

"I was as surprised as anyone else that I got the ball after Tom took it down the lane," Diller said.

Meanwhile, fans in attendance resorted to gasps and pointed fingers to confirm the pass.

"I turned to the guy standing next to me and asked him, 'Did I

see what I think I saw?' and he was like, 'Yep,'" sophomore Mike Bwertywertywerty said.

The purported pass came after the Irish had dominated Morehead State for the first 39 minutes and 41 seconds of the game.

"I knew that even if I made a bad pass, we would be alright, since we were already ahead by so much," Chris said. "So I decided to let go and see what happened."

"I turned to the guy standing next to me and I asked him, 'Did I see what I think I saw?' and he was like, 'Yep.'"

Mike Bwertywertywerty shocked onlooker

The Absurder intended to present photographic evidence of this infrequent occurrence, however the event took place too suddenly for our photographer to capture the moment.

"I had already aimed my lens at the basket, since every other time [Chris] made that move, he let off an ugly shot," Absurder photographer Jim Markac said.

The Absurder apologizes for the mistake.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

VOLLEYBALL

Irish give up clothes for Lent, sell out JACC

"Those damn uniforms were just confining our freedom," said a senior setter.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame 23
Michigan 10

The Irish played the entire third period with a monkey in goal. It made 12 saves.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Hope 219
Saint Mary's 4

"I was pleased with our team's performance tonight," said coach Julie Two-Lastnames.

last Tuesday

SMC FOOTBALL

Saint Mary's 42
Calvin 17

Quarterback Kattie Katieson throws for four touchdowns.

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QUIDDITCH

Notre Dame 90
Slytherin 30

With the win, the Irish claim the Gryffindor Cup title from the Cardinal.

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HOOKING UP

LeMans 999
Cavanaugh 3

Katie O'Katie scored a record 36 hookups for the LeMans team last weekend.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Guster blows away the Windy City

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Guster stumbled onto the music scene in 1994 when members Ryan Miller, Adam Gardner and Brian Rosenworcel met at Tufts University and recorded their first album, *Parachute*. Over the next several years Guster became increasingly popular through relentless touring. Then in late 2001 they "entered a cave," as percussionist Brian Rosenworcel said in a recent interview with *The Observer*.

When they emerged earlier this year they brought with them a brand new album and a surprise spring tour before the album's release in June. Always known for their fun and exciting live shows, Guster did not disappoint Saturday night at the Riviera Theater in Chicago. Playing to a sold-out crowd in a show that was recorded for a local radio station did not phase Guster at all — they still played their hearts out.

Guster took the stage after opening act Blue Merle's surprisingly outstanding performance and opened up with a revamped version of "I Spy" which displayed their fresher sound perfectly. Commenting on the band's new sound, Rosenworcel said, "We're much more mature after recording the new album." The main change in Guster's sound is the switch Rosenworcel makes from playing a conga set with his hands, to playing a conventional drum kit with sticks. "I look forward to playing the drum kit live because it gives my hands a break. I really look forward to playing the new songs live," Rosenworcel said.

On Saturday night, Rosenworcel came out from behind his circle of congas and

bongos to play five songs on the drum kit. One in particular, "Mona Lisa," has always been played with congas before, but Rosenworcel's drum kit gave the old classic a fresher sound. Several other songs have been revamped to sound a little different. "I Spy," for instance, added a completely new outro that was played so beautifully it sent chills up the audience's back. "Happier" also has an entirely new intro in which guitarists Ryan Miller and Adam Gardner's guitars sound like sitars.

Rosenworcel isn't the only member of Guster to take up a new instrument.

"Notre Dame was our biggest surprise. We didn't expect such a great crowd there."

Brian Rosenworcel
drummer

Miller played bass on several new songs Saturday, and the band was joined by guest guitarist Joe Pisapia. Miller's bass is very melodic and carries the melody in several new songs like "Homecoming King" and "Amsterdam." Adam Gardner also strayed

from his guitar when he played piano during a cover of Ben Fold's "Not the Same," that rivaled the actual version.

Guster has always been known for doing different and outrageous things during their live shows, and Saturday night was no different. Other than the fact that the entire show was recorded for a special concert on a local Chicago radio station, nothing seemed out of the ordinary.

That all changed when Miller invited the violin player from opening act Blue Merle on the stage to play a song. A screen then lowered from the ceiling as Miller read an e-mail from a fan wondering if they could show the fabled video the band recorded on Navy Pier for their song "Window."

Without hesitation, Guster began to play along with the 8-year-old video playing above them. The greatest surprise of



Photo courtesy of rollingstone.com

Guster percussionist Brian Rosenworcel, center, who has incorporated a drum set into his conga percussion, talked last week about a range of topics from the band's new album due out in June to the band's 2000 concert appearance at Notre Dame.

the night came during the encore, however, when percussionist Rosenworcel stepped out front to sing Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

The rest of the concert was filled with Guster classics like "Airport Song," in which Rosenworcel played an amazing conga solo while strobe lights flashed behind him. The band never missed a step playing crowd favorites like "Barrel of a Gun," "All the Way Up To Heaven," "Parachute" and "FaFa." Some of the best songs were a powerful rendition of "Two Points For Honesty" and "Demons," in which the band sandwiched a cover of Cake's "Jolene." New songs like "Keep It Together," "Ramona" and "Homecoming King" were perfect additions to an already amazing concert.

During his interview with *The Observer*, Rosenworcel talked about Guster's newest album, which will be released in June. Amidst talk about Virtua Tennis, Bonnie Raitt dreams and UPS drivers, he did find time to comment on the new sound of their album, *Keep It Together*.

"It's definitely a departure for us," he said. "We've changed formats. We're much more interested in the musical side

now." When asked about his departure from playing drums with his hands, Rosenworcel said, "I'm getting old. It's kinda like how I used to be able to dunk, but now I can barely do a lay-up. I enjoy

playing with my hands, but it's a nice break to play with sticks. I've into a wall with so many songs, it's refreshing to play the new songs on drum kit."

Rosenworcel still remembered their concert at Notre Dame in the fall of 2000. "Notre Dame was our

biggest surprise," he said of the show, when the band played at the Stepan Center. "We didn't expect such a great crowd there. That was a great show, I mean playing inside a golf ball is always exciting."

Guster's show in Chicago on Saturday was filled with surprises and the crowd was very energetic. The show was filled with some of Guster's most well-known and accessible songs but with a slightly fresher sound. Every song Guster played Saturday night was filled with energy and the crowd sang along all night. The addition of the new songs gave fans the opportunity to hear the slightly newer sound of Guster.

Let's just hope they decide to make another stop at the big golf ball in the near future.

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Photo courtesy of rollingstone.com

Years of relentless touring have provided Guster with a devoted fan base, which was obvious by the sold-out crowd for their show Saturday at Chicago's Riviera Theater. From left, Ryan Miller, Brian Rosenworcel and Adam Gardner.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs slaughter Mets 15-2 in season opener

♦ Glavine booted off the mound in his 1st Mets game

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The thrill of the Tom Glavine era lasted all of one pitch for Mets fans. After that, Corey Patterson and the Chicago Cubs flattened them.

Glavine started the season with a called strike, then completely fell apart. Booted off the mound in the fourth inning, he was long gone by the time Patterson finished with two home runs and seven RBIs in a 15-2 romp over the embarrassed New Yorkers.

Sammy Sosa stayed stuck at 500 career home runs, hitting an RBI single and drawing three walks before leaving early. Everything else went right for the Cubs in their highest-scoring opener since 1884.

New manager Dusty Baker saw ace Kerry Wood win with five effective innings on a cold, blustery afternoon and watched Juan Cruz tie a team record by striking out six straight batters in relief.

For new Mets manager Art Howe, his debut was an utter disaster. Glavine struggled, and New York's defense — which led the majors in errors last year in a last-place finish — looked even worse. Mets pitchers walked 12 and gave up 16 hits.

The sold-out stands at spruced-up Shea Stadium were half-full by the middle innings, with fans sitting through a gametime temperature of 39 degrees with winds at 20 mph. Yet that didn't stop the bundled-up crowd from jeering when the Mets couldn't even throw the ball around the infield without a mistake.

By the late innings, it had become a nonstop boo-fest. The lone break came when fans chanted "Lenny! Lenny!" as former Mets pinch-hitter came to bat for the Cubs.

Overall, the Mets set a team record for runs allowed in an opener. Not a good omen for them, considering they started the afternoon with the best winning percentage on opening day — .634 — in major league history.

Wood was the only Cubs player in short sleeves. He didn't want any reminders that it was a tough day to pitch, as hot-dog wrappers kept blowing past him.

Expos 10, Braves 2

Baseball's road warriors started with a win, appropriately, on the road.

The Montreal Expos sent Greg Maddux to his first opening-day loss, behind Jeff Liefer's four RBIs and Orlando Cabrera's two-run double.

Tony Armas Jr., in his first opening-day start, allowed one run and five hits in six innings to get the win for the vagabond Expos.

Montreal, owned by the other 29 franchises, will play 22 of its "home" games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in an effort to increase revenue. The Expos will play just 59 times at Olympic Stadium in what could be their final season in Montreal.

Maddux, 6-0 with a 1.66 ERA in seven previous opening-day starts, gave up four runs in the first inning. The four-time NL Cy Young Award winner lasted seven innings, giving up five runs — four earned — and nine hits.

Atlanta, seeking its 12th straight division title, will depend heavily on Maddux following the departure of Tom Glavine, who signed with the New York Mets, and injuries that put Mike Hampton and Paul Byrd on the disabled list.

A crowd of 40,248, about 10,000 short of capacity, was at Turner Field on a sunny, chilly afternoon. The gametime temperature was 50, with a 10-15 mph wind.

Country singer Jo Dee Messina sang the national anthem, and many fans wore red-white-and-blue clothing in a show of support of American troops in the Middle East. Four fighter jets staged a flyover before the game.

Armas was 0-4 against Atlanta last year and had lost six straight decisions to the Braves since Sept. 22, 2000, dropping his record against them to 4-6.

Montreal, which won its third straight opener, was without its top hitter, Vladimir Guerrero. He was suspended for the first two games for his involvement in a March 10 spring-training brawl, but the Expos didn't need him and outlived the Braves 14-11.

Endy Chavez opened with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jose

Pirates 10, Reds 1

They forgot to build a home-field advantage into the Cincinnati Reds' new ballpark.

Reggie Sanders, Kenny Lofton and Jason Kendall homered in

succession Monday, and the Pittsburgh Pirates ruined the Reds' first game at Great American Ball Park with a victory.

Ken Griffey Jr. got the first hit, a double that inspired hopes of a shining new era in the long-awaited park. Every other moment belonged to the Pirates.

The crowd of 42,343 waved flags during a patriotic pregame program, then bundled together on a 53-degree afternoon and watched the NL's worst offense last season have its way with the Cincinnati pitching staff.

Sanders, a member of the Reds' 1995 playoff team, hit a two-run homer off Jimmy Haynes that started a second-inning rally. Haynes walked counterpart Kris Benson before giving up a three-homer homer to Lofton, followed by Kendall's shot five pitches later.

By then, the park was filled with catcalls and the home team was headed for its third straight loss in the new place. The Reds have been outscored 19-3 while losing two exhibitions to Cleveland and the regular-season opener.

Benson gave up three hits and three walks in 6 1/3 innings to win his first opening-day start. Pokey Reese's error at second helped the Reds load the bases in the third, and Benson walked Austin Kearns to force in Cincinnati's lone run — unearned, at that.

Losing lopsided inaugural games is becoming tradition in Cincinnati. The Reds also lost their first game at Riverfront Stadium in 1970, 8-2 to the Atlanta Braves. Hank Aaron hit the first homer in that one.

The Reds made it to the World Series in their first year at the old place before losing to Baltimore. With their current rotation, the Reds seem to have little chance of repeating that feat.

Haynes gave up six runs and three homers in four innings.

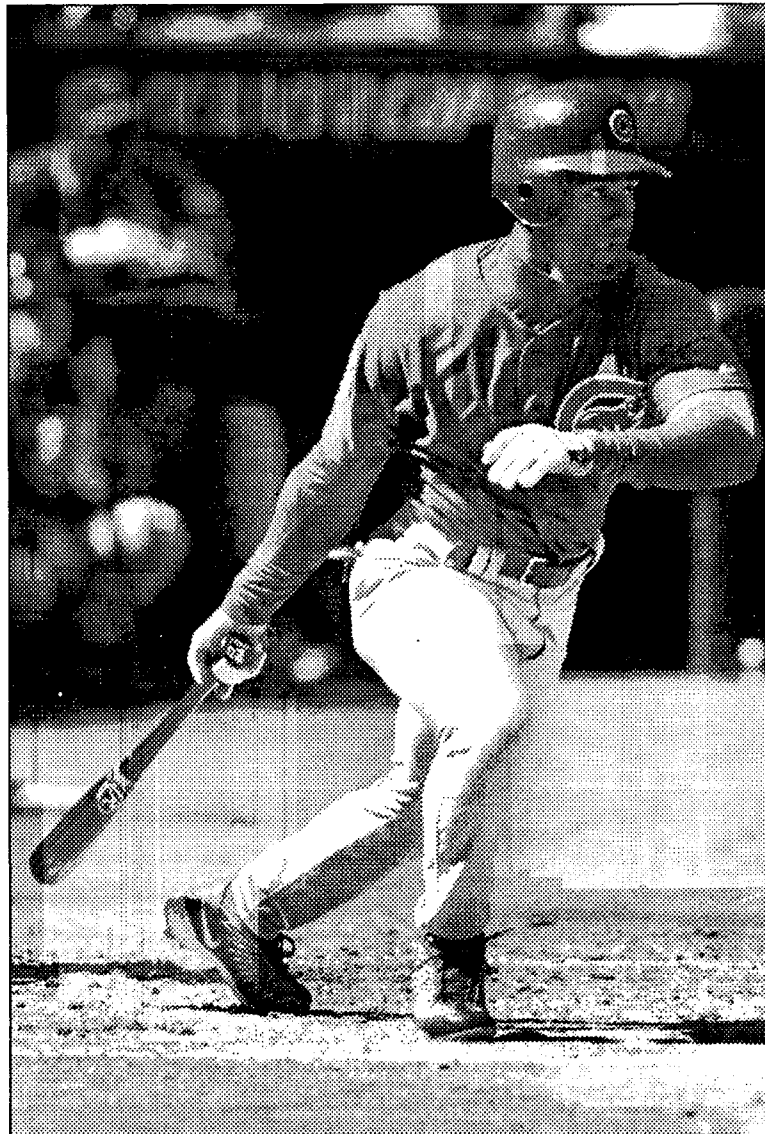
Fans grabbed their miniature American flags, grumbled one last time and headed for the exits when Barry Larkin grounded into a double play that ended the Reds' seventh.

Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 0

Hideo Nomo and Brian Jordan picked up where they left off last September, and Los Angeles beat Randy Johnson.

The Dodgers could not have hoped for a better opener.

Nomo pitched a four-hitter and Jordan went 2-for-3 with a home



Al Wire

Chicago Cub Corey Patterson slams a home run in the Cub's highest-scoring opener since 1884.

run and three RBIs as the Dodgers handed Johnson his first opening-day loss, beating the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"You couldn't have scripted a better opening day for us," said the Dodgers' Paul Lo Duca, who had a two-run single against Johnson in the seventh inning. "We played very, very well. We got great pitching, timely hitting. We played great defense. If we can just repeat that the next 161 games, we'll be fine."

He was joking a little with that last line, but there's no doubt the Dodgers, injury-free at last, are loaded with confidence.

"For the first time in the past three seasons, we're starting out with a full deck," manager Jim Tracy said. "We have all our pieces in place."

Jordan improved his career average against Johnson to .333.

"He's one of those guys you get up for," said Jordan, who hit .347 with 30 RBIs last September. "He's such a chal-

lenge, such a great pitcher, a Hall of Famer. You know you've got to be ready for him all the way."

Nomo, 14-1 in his last 26 starts last season, struck out seven and walked one in his eighth career shutout, his first since 2001.

"I made a couple of bad pitches, but I don't think the story is on this side of the field," Johnson said. "I think it's over on the other side. Hideo Nomo pitched extremely well. He's pitched well against us in the past, so that shouldn't come as any surprise. He picked up where he left off at the end of last year."

Jordan, 20 pounds slimmer than last year and coming off knee surgery, had a two-out RBI single off Johnson in the first inning, and a two-out, two-run homer on his first pitch from the Big Unit in the sixth.

"He led me off with another slider, which he did the previous two at bats," Jordan said, "so I was looking for it."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Royals beat Sox with first ever opening-day shutout

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY
Kansas City's youth movement got off to a solid start.

Runelvys Hernandez allowed two hits in six innings and rookie Angel Berroa drove in the go-ahead run as the Royals beat the Chicago White Sox — Kansas City's first opening-day win in five years.

Hernandez combined with two relievers on a three-hitter — and the first opening-day shutout in Royals' history.

Kansas City's rotation began the season with 21 major league wins, and Hernandez beat out Jeremy Affeldt in a coin flip that determined who started the opener.

Hernandez struck out five and walked one, getting the win. Jason Grimsley relieved to start the seventh, rookie Mike MacDougal pitched the ninth for his first career save.

A sellout crowd of 40,302 was at Kauffman Stadium, and the temperature was 73 at gametime. A stealth bomber flew over the stadium after the national anthem.

Mark Buehrle, 19-12 last year, became the first left-hander to make consecutive opening-day starts for the White Sox since Wilbur Wood from 1972 to 1976. Buehrle gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Chicago, expected to contend for the AL Central title, opened on the road for the 13th consecutive season.

Kansas City, coming off a 62-100 season, went ahead in the second. Brandon Berger, given the start in right field because half his eight career homers have come off Buehrle, walked and took third on a double by rookie Ken Harvey.

Berroa singled and Brent Mayne followed with an RBI double — with Berroa out at the plate on a strong relay throw from second baseman D'Angelo Jimenez.

Mike Sweeney doubled in the eighth, took third on a passed ball and scored on Tom Gordon's wild pitch.

Three runners were thrown out at the plate, two of them Royals. Harvey was cut down in the sixth by third baseman Joe Crede, and Chicago's Frank Thomas was out in the seventh on a throw by third

baseman Joe Randa.

Twins 3, Tigers 1

Dustan Mohr used to hate Comerica Park. Now, he loves it.

Mohr hit a two-run homer over the ballpark's shortened left-field fence as the Minnesota Twins and Brad Radke shut down the Tigers in Alan Trammell's debut as Detroit's manager.

"That's the fifth or sixth ball I've hit out there, and the first time I've gotten a homer out of it," Mohr said. "When I hit it, I thought it was going to happen again, so I just started running as fast as I could. I didn't slow down until I saw the umpire giving the signal."

During spring training, Trammell said he would keep his first lineup card as a keepsake.

He changed his mind. "I'm going to keep it when we win," said the former star shortstop, who led the Tigers to the 1984 World Series and 1987 AL East titles. "I hope I forget about this one real quick."

Radke got 19 consecutive outs after Gene Kingsale's leadoff bunt single. Radke got the win, striking out three and walking one over 6 2-3 innings in his fifth consecutive opening-day start, his seventh overall for Minnesota. Dean Palmer chased Radke with a two-out RBI single.

It was the third straight opening win for the Twins, who survived baseball's attempt to fold them after the 2001 season and won

the AL Central last year.

While the Twins went to the playoffs last year for the first time since 1991, losing to World Series champion Anaheim in the AL championship series, Detroit tied Tampa Bay for the worst record in baseball at 55-106. The Tigers, who lost their third straight opener, are baseball's losingest team over the past decade and haven't had a winning season since 1993.

Maroth gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings with no walks and three strikeouts.

A.J. Pierzynski homered off Jamie Walker in the eighth.

Detroit scored in the seventh. With runners at first and second, Palmer beat a throw from third baseman Denny Hocking on a soft grounder, and Infante came around. Palmer's previous hit was on June 24, 2001, also against the Twins. He was limited to just 12 at-bats last season due to neck and shoulder injuries.

J.C. Romero allowed one hit in 1 1/3 innings, and Eddie Guardado pitched a perfect ninth for the save, completing the four-hitter.

Orioles 6, Indians 5

It was a strange opening day at Camden Yards, even before the fly ball hit by Ellis Burks vanished from view. But all turned out well for the Orioles on a frigid afternoon better suited for snowballs than fastballs.

Gary Matthews Jr. singled home the winning run with two

outs in the 13th inning, giving Baltimore a victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Prior to the first pitch, a video tribute and a moment of silence were held for former Orioles pitcher Dave McNally, who died over the winter, and pitching prospect Steve Bechler, who died of heatstroke at spring training in February.

Cleveland scored three runs in the third inning with the aid of a routine fly ball that got lost between the huge snowflakes that swirled around the stadium.

After a 13-minute delay in which the snow gave way to sunny skies, Karim Garcia hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-1.

Hours later, with the bases loaded in the 13th, Matthews hit a liner off loser Jake Westbrook that soared over the head of Milton Bradley, who appeared to misjudge the ball.

Winner B.J. Ryan worked the 13th for the Orioles, who trailed 4-1 in the sixth before coming back.

Garcia, a former Oriole, added a solo homer in the sixth for the rebuilt Indians, who have a new manager, 35-year-old Eric Wedge, and only eight players remaining from the team that started the 2002 season.

Both teams scored one run in the 12th. Omar Vizquel hit an RBI single for the Indians, and Baltimore tied it when Matthews hit a leadoff single and scored on a passed ball by Josh Bard.

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Irish legend dies

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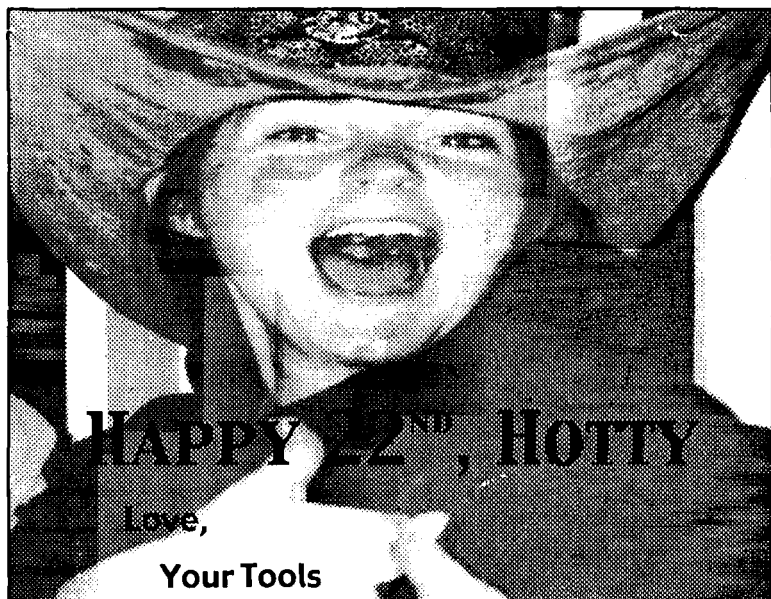
Former Notre Dame football great George Connor — a two-time consensus All-American tackle and 1946 recipient of the Outland Trophy — died today at the age of 78. Details of his death, including memorial and funeral information, will be forthcoming.

Connor enjoyed arguably the most combined success on the college and professional level of any player in Notre Dame's storied history (he was a Hall of Fame inductee on both levels), after continuing as a two-way star and five-time all-NFL selection with his hometown Chicago Bears.

Notre Dame fans recently had the chance to pay tribute to

Connor during the 2000 season opener versus Texas A&M. A special ceremony that day included Connor being presented with an Outland Trophy — emblematic of the nation's top interior lineman — in recognition of an award that he had received 54 years earlier. Permanent trophies were not presented to the Outland winners until 1989, with a series of trophy presentations to former winners then beginning in 1999.

A 1963 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame, Connor helped Notre Dame post undefeated national championship seasons in 1946 (8-0-1) and 1947 (9-0-0), the start of a four-year span that many recognize as one of the most dominating stretches in college football history.



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2	Cal-State Fullerton	24-6
3	Florida State	28-5
4	Stanford	18-9
5	Mississippi State	22-3
6	Auburn	24-6
7	Arizona State	34-6
8	Long Beach State	18-9
9	Miami	23-4
10	Baylor	22-9
11	Nebraska	19-6
12	Louisiana State	18-9
13	Texas	19-9
14	Georgia Tech	21-5
15	North Carolina State	23-7
16	Richmond	20-4
17	Florida Atlantic	27-7
18	Wake Forest	19-7
19	NOTRE DAME	16-6
20	Clemson	19-6
21	Florida	22-6
22	Texas A&M	23-9
23	Southern Mississippi	20-8
24	Nevada-Las Vegas	22-9
25	Oklahoma State	17-8

NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	45-20-8-5	103	6-2-2-0
Philadelphia	41-20-13-4	99	6-2-2-0
NY Islanders	34-32-10-2	80	4-5-1-0
NY Rangers	32-34-9-3	76	5-3-1-1
Pittsburgh	26-42-6-5	63	1-7-2-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Ottawa	49-21-8-1	107	6-3-1-0
Toronto	42-27-7-3	94	5-1-2-2
Boston	35-30-9-4	83	4-4-1-1
Montreal	28-34-8-9	73	4-5-0-1
Buffalo	26-35-9-8	69	5-3-0-2

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	35-23-15-5	90	5-0-5-0
Washington	37-28-8-6	88	5-3-0-2
Atlanta	29-38-7-5	68	5-3-1-1
Florida	23-34-13-9	68	2-7-1-0
Carolina	22-39-11-6	61	3-5-2-0

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	46-20-9-3	104	8-2-0-0
St. Louis	41-22-9-6	97	6-3-1-0
Chicago	28-33-12-6	74	3-4-2-1
Nashville	27-32-13-6	73	0-6-3-1
Columbus	28-40-7-3	66	4-6-0-0

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	45-22-12-1	103	6-4-1-0
Colorado	39-18-13-8	99	5-2-1-1
Minnesota	40-27-10-1	91	6-3-1-0
Edmonton	36-25-9-9	90	7-1-1-1
Calgary	27-35-12-4	70	4-4-2-0

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Dallas	43-17-15-4	105	5-3-0-2
Anaheim	39-26-9-5	92	7-1-1-1
Phoenix	30-35-9-4	73	3-7-0-0
Los Angeles	30-37-6-5	71	1-6-2-1
San Jose	28-36-6-8	70	3-3-1-3

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Former President George Bush hugs Cincinnati Reds shortstop Barry Larkin after Bush threw out the first pitch at the first regular season game at Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park.

Bush throws out first pitch in Cincy

Associated Press

Former President George Bush threw the ceremonial first pitch — a strike that left him delighted — as the Cincinnati Reds dedicated their new ballpark to a patriotic theme.

The Reds invited current President Bush to open Great American Ball Park, but he declined without explanation, allowing his father to fill in.

The pregame ceremonies were wrapped in a patriotic theme. Reds owner Carl Lindner began by paying tribute to U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf,

and fans waved 6-by-9-inch flags placed on each of the 42,263 seats.

A trainer from the Cincinnati Zoo brought a bald Eagle onto the field before Daniel Rodriguez — the "Singing Policeman" from New York City — sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." Dozens of red-white-and-blue streamers were shot from the roof and swirled in the wind as the crowd chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!"

Two transport planes from an Ohio military base flew overhead before former President Bush walked onto the field wearing a black Reds

jacket to throw the ceremonial first pitch.

Bush, a left-handed first baseman at Yale, stood on the grass in front of the mound and threw a strike to Reds shortstop Barry Larkin, crouched behind the plate. Bush waved his arms in delight at the on-target throw as the crowd roared.

Bush then walked to a microphone behind home plate and told the crowd that it was an honor "to be off the bench substituting for another guy you know, the president of the United States of America."

As vice president, Bush threw a ceremonial pitch

before the All-Star game at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati in 1988. He planned to throw a pitch before Game 2 of the 1990 World Series in Cincinnati, when troops were preparing for the first Gulf War, but backed out and was replaced by first lady Barbara Bush.

The ballpark mood quickly changed when Reggie Sanders, Kenny Lofton and Jason Kendall all homered for Pittsburgh in the second inning, putting the Pirates up 6-0.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. got the first hit in the ball park, a first-inning double.

IN BRIEF

Monfort new Rockies owner

Charles Monfort became chairman and chief executive officer of the Colorado Rockies on Monday, replacing Jerry McMorris as the team's controlling owner.

Monfort, 42, served as its vice chairman since 1992, a year before the team started play. McMorris becomes vice chairman and remains as one of the managing general partners along with Charles and Dick Monfort, who are brothers.

"I admire the work that has been accomplished in our first decade as a franchise and look forward to taking on the numerous challenges and responsibilities in which Jerry has served so effectively and with such diligence," Charles Monfort said.

The Monforts and McMorris acquired control of the Rockies on Sept. 2, 1992. McMorris became the club's chairman, CEO and president in 1993, but was replaced as president by Keli McGregor in October 2001.

No minor league baseball stadium in Evansville

The mayor of Evansville, Ind., dropped plans for a downtown minor-league baseball stadium, saying he was worried about possible cost overruns and funding difficulties.

Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr. decided that the 6,000-seat stadium could not be built for the budgeted \$25.5 million and said he did not want to use property tax money to make up the difference.

The plan, however, had attracted much public opposition, and state legislators have taken no action on an effort to finance half the stadium's cost with a new tax on rental cars in Vanderburgh County.

Lloyd said he could not justify moving ahead with the stadium project with the budget restrictions on the city and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. seeking a special tax increase.

"As a community, we have these and other important priorities to

address," he said. "At this time, a downtown baseball stadium is not one of them. The project is dead."

Evansville native Don Mattingly and Cal Ripken Jr. announced in January that they would be part of an ownership group that expected to move a Class A minor-league team from Albany, Ga., into the stadium in 2004.

Williams says she needs to get it shape

Now that Serena Williams is off to a 17-0 start this year, she has decided to buckle down and shape up.

A victory over Jennifer Capriati in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open made it three titles in as many tournaments this year for Williams. She wore down Capriati in a two-hour slugfest.

"I haven't been to the gym in about four weeks," Williams confessed with a sheepish laugh. "I think my trainer's upset about that. And I had a Snickers the other day. I don't know how I stay so fit."

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NCAA WOMENS BASKETBALL

Pregnancy doesn't stop Curry from coaching

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. Purdue coach Kristy Curry sometimes feels nauseous watching the Boilermakers play. She starts pacing and gets fidgety. Sitting. Standing. Crouching. They're all uncomfortable.

It isn't the Boilermakers making Curry restless, though. It's the baby kicking inside. Curry is expecting her second

child, a girl, in early June with husband and assistant coach, Kelly. The Currys already have a daughter Kelsey, who turned two in August.

Handling the grueling demands of coaching is tough. So is a normal pregnancy. Together, they've turned Curry, 36, into one worn out mother as she tries to deliver a child and a national championship.

Purdue (29-5) beat Notre Dame 66-47 Sunday in the East Regional semifinals. The

Boilermakers face defending champion and top-seeded Connecticut (34-1) for a spot in the Final Four on Tuesday night.

At times, Curry said, she feels like she's been "run over by a truck."

Thanks to various volunteers, it's more like a small pickup than a Mack.

Besides her husband, and a team of babysitters, the Boilermakers consider themselves part of the family. Kelsey, a blonde bundle of energy, is a fixture at

games and practices, and has recently started cheering her older "sisters" from the sideline.

"Her big thing now is, 'I want to go to the office and see the big girls.' She says that all the time," Curry said. "I think as she gets older it will be a little easier."

The Boilermakers, though, have their limits with the little one.

Shoot hoops? Sure. Scoop poop? No way.

"They're very involved until it's time to change diapers or she becomes tired," Kelly Curry said. "They're good, but they're still kids."

They've also suggested names for the new baby, though the

Currys haven't decided. Odds are it will start with a K.

"That way we don't have to change any of the monogramming," Kelly Curry said with a laugh.

The unnamed baby already has brought good fortune, linked to Purdue's Big Ten tournament

championship earlier this month. Curry also was pregnant the last time Purdue won the title in 2000, prompting some fans to suggest an easy good-luck charm for future tourney success.

Curry warns not to get used to those automatic births.

"I tell them to look at it a different way," she said.

Curry's pregnancy has been without complications, although she was advised by her doctors to relax more, sit down during games and get rest.

That's easier said than done for a coach with an intense nature.

"She tries to get as much rest as possible, but it's tough," Kelly Curry said. "Even at 100 percent, without a child, the season wears on you. Fatigue's an issue. The stress, the tension, gets to you pretty good."

She's worn out more after long trips. A day after winning the Big Ten title in Indianapolis, she was off to Utah and then Texas recruiting future Boilermakers.

"Nothing's really changed," she said. "I try to do everything the same way."

Maybe too much, according to her players, who have had some fun at the expense of their basketball-bellied coach.

"She's still trying to wear the clothes we wear," forward Shereka Wright said with a laugh. "We're trying to tell her

she has to dress appropriately to be a mother."

Curry warned Wright not to laugh too much.

"You're going to call me up one day and say, 'You're right. I hate maternity wear,'" Curry said. "I just went up a size or two."

Guard Erika Valek said Curry's mood swings have been more noticeable.

"Sometimes the baby kicks a little hard and that's when you hear the voice change a little bit," she said. "We're ready, like I'm sure she is, to have the baby come out."

The reluctance to drop the clothes fit for her normally petite frame have made her physical changes more noticeable.

"I had someone call me and leave me a message that they thought I needed Jenny Craig until they found out I was pregnant," Curry said. "It really doesn't bother me. We'll get back to our old selves."

To prepare for the season, Curry talked to coaches with similar experiences, such as Arizona State's Charli Turner Thorne, who two years ago coached an NCAA tournament game days after giving birth.

"She was telling me it's twice as much a blessing, but twice as hard to get ready," Curry said.

Curry's managed just fine. She hasn't missed a game or practice, nor has she cut back on any of her responsibilities — as a mother or a coach.

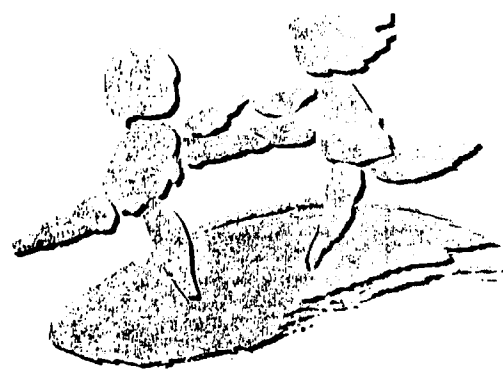
"I've tried to continue to do my job the best I could," Curry said. "I just want to be good at both."

Curry was told to stay off her feet for about six weeks following the early June birth, though that's not likely. Curry said she'll be ready for her summer basketball camps later that month.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything," she said. "To have the opportunity to coach and be a mother is the best experience in the world."

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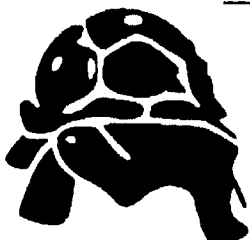
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SOFTBALL

Weather-plagued Irish face Boilers

◆ **Notre Dame has been forced to reschedule last 4 games due to poor weather**

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish are hoping for a bit of help from the weather when they face intrastate rival Purdue in a double header in West Lafayette, Tuesday.

The Irish (10-11) were scheduled to play a double-header in Pittsburgh on Saturday to open Big East play, but those games were rained out.

Notre Dame was then scheduled to travel to Blacksburg to face conference foe Virginia Tech in a Sunday afternoon double header, but a strong snow-storm moved into the area that resulted in the postponing of that matchup as well.

So far this season, the Irish have lost a total of seven games to rain or snow.

"It's difficult because you don't get those extra games under your belt," said Irish sophomore pitcher Steffany Stenglein. "Most teams have more games played than we do, but we can't let that affect us."

On Feb. 22, in the championship game of the NFCA

Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga., the Irish held a 12-0 lead over Rhode Island in the fourth inning, but that game was cancelled due to a downpour of rain and time constraints. An almost certain Irish victory was wiped off the books.

Two games were also lost at the Kia Classic in Fullerton, Calif., due to heavy rain on March 15.

Finally, the loss of the two doubleheaders the past weekend has resulted in an Irish team that simply has not been on the field in game situations as much as they would like.

Luckily for the Irish, they are not the only team being washed out. Their opponent in Tuesday's doubleheader, Purdue, was rained out of their two-game series against Ohio State on Sunday.

The Boilermakers (22-13) are led offensively by a pair of big bats in sophomore Andrea Hillsey and freshman Tricia Lilley. Millsey leads all starters

with a .473 batting average, while Lilley leads the team in home runs with eight.

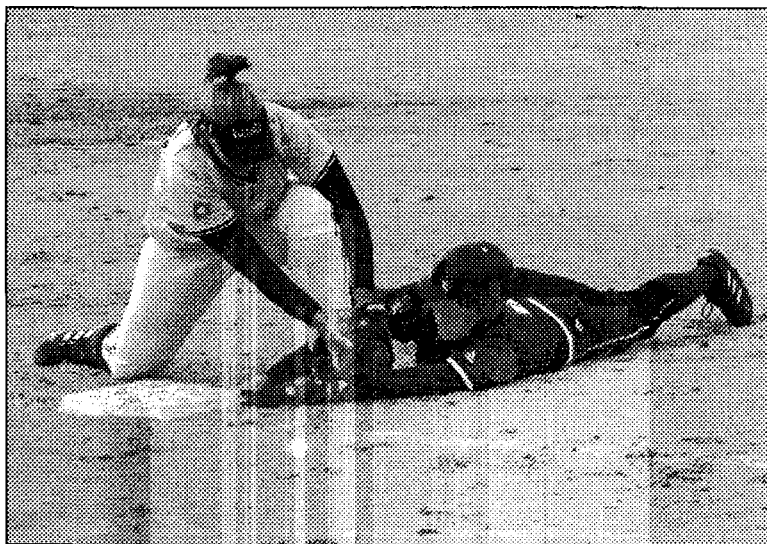
Starting pitchers Diana LaRiva and Leighann Burke have nearly identical stats, with ERAs of 2.19 and 2.20, respectively. As a team, the Boilermakers hold their opponents to just a .233 batting average.

Purdue's last game against Penn State, a 6-5 loss for the Boilermakers, broke a then-12-

game winning streak. The all-time series between Purdue and Notre Dame is tied at 6-6, but the Irish have a four-game winning streak against their intrastate rivals.

"They're a pretty good team," Stenglein said. "They've played and beaten some good teams. We need to go in there and get these wins to help out our season."

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An Irish infielder records an out during last Wednesday's home opening loss to Northwestern.

"Most teams have more games played than we do, but we can't let that affect us."

Steffany Stenglein
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on the same page as each other and executing and being consistent. Coach wants us to work on the fundamentals and that's going to help us get to where we want to be."

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FOOTBALL

Irish greet season with confidence



Sophomore wide receiver Nate Schomas makes a reception during Monday's practice. Spring practice began for the Irish Monday.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Darrell Campbell flashed a big smile after Notre Dame's first spring practice Monday. After seeing the returning defensive starters out on the field for the first time since January, the senior has every reason to be happy.

"We have a great sense of confidence and a great sense of urgency because of the simple fact you know the guys know what to do," Campbell said. "We're just going to be out there having fun because everybody knows the plays and nothing's changed for us. So we can just go out there and play our game."

Unlike last year, when newly-named coach Tyrone Willingham began implementing his pro-style offense for the first time, the Irish are already familiar with the coaches, plays and schemes.

"It was predictably unpredictable for a first day," Willingham said with a half-smile. "I think it was your classic opening. The group came out with great enthusiasm and was kind of feeling their way as they got started again."

Practice was kept simple for the first day, and Willingham said the focus of practice will be more on individuals and not so much the team — until players practice with pads later this spring.

"Our focus was not as much team-orientation today as it was

individual orientation of just trying to start establishing fundamentals," Willingham said. "I think last year it was important to get our scheme across. Hopefully, now this year, you can almost go back feeling they have a certain understanding of scheme and really emphasis the fundamentals and techniques that are necessary."

Notre Dame has several concerns heading into the season, specifically the depth at the offensive line position. The Irish return only one starter, Sean Milligan, from last year's offensive line.

"It's going to take a little while to get us cohesive again as a unit because we're missing four guys that are going to the NFL," Milligan said. "We think we're on the right track and we have some good guys in there."

Those guys include rising fifth-year senior Jim Molinaro, rising juniors Zach Giles, Dan Stevenson, Jeff Thompson, Darin Mitchell and Mark LeVoi and rising sophomores Bob Morton, Scott Raridon and James Bonelli.

While the linemen ran through drills, Carlyle Holiday and the rest of the Irish quarterbacks worked on throws, footwork and handoffs during the early part of practice. Holiday said he feels good heading into camp.

"It was good just to get out and throw the ball around," Holiday said. "We need to work on being

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BASEBALL

Eck Stadium provides winning atmosphere

◆ Irish look to win 6th straight home game

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri knows the success past Irish baseball squads have had playing in the confines of Frank Eck Stadium.

"We just feel so confident playing in Frank Eck Stadium through the years," Mainieri said. "It's been one of those things that's passed down. If you go back and look at our record in this stadium through the years, it's phenomenal."

This year, the Irish have

opened their home schedule with five straight victories, and will look to make it six with a game against the Titans of the University of Detroit at 5 p.m. today.

"We have a lot of confidence playing at home," Mainieri said Saturday after winning his 700th game as head coach. "We'd been looking forward to [last] week."

Returning to the schizophrenic weather of South Bend seems to have been at least part of the cure for whatever was ailing the Irish at the beginning of the season. After starting out with a 3-4 record after the first two weekends of play, the Irish now stand at 16-6 overall and 5-1 in the Big East, just behind undefeated Connecticut (5-0) and St. John's (2-0).

On the flipside of this game, however, the Titans enter on the losing side of the battle with Mother Nature, having had five of its last nine games postponed due to weather. The Titans are 3-11 on the season.

At this early stage in the season, the Irish and Titans already have a common opponent in Purdue. The Irish defeated the Boilermakers last Wednesday, 8-5, while the Titans got crushed in their meeting with the Big Ten opponent, 14-3, March 1.

The key for the Irish in today's match will be the effort put forth by starting pitcher Tom Thornton, who will be pitching in a limited role in today's game in preparation for the upcoming weekend series at Boston College and St. John's.

On a roster already depleted with injuries, the team needs some solid innings from the core of its pitching staff.

"We're a little thin right now with our bullpen, and once you start playing these mid-week games, and then have the weekend series, coupled with the loss of Grant Johnson for the year and Pete Ogilvie's sore shoulder ... it's really thinned out our staff," Mainieri said.

Another important factor in the match will be the return of the hitting of junior captain Steve Sollmann and sophomore Matt Edwards, the leadoff and third hitters in the Irish lineup. After getting off to a slow start this season, both Sollmann and Edwards had breakout weekends against Georgetown, with

the two combining for 13 of the team's 31 RBIs in the three-game series. Sollmann also raised his team-leading batting average to .396, while Edwards improved to .341.

"I think Edwards is a legitimate Division 1 middle of the order hitter," Mainieri said. "He struggled a little bit with Villanova and earlier in the week, but that boy is going to hit for us. With Sollmann in the one and Edwards in the three, I feel like we solidified two very key spots that were vacated by [Steve] Stanley and [Brian] Stavisky."

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AT A GLANCE

SOFTBALL

Weather-plagued Notre Dame gets ready to face Purdue after having to reschedule its last four games due to inclement weather. The Irish have lost a total of seven games to rain or snow this season. Purdue also had games rained out last week.

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FOOTBALL

Football great George Connor died at the age of 78 Monday. Connor was a two-time All American tackle and was the 1946 recipient of the Outland Trophy. He was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

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