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Bookstore teams find their names censored



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The 31st annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament started Thursday. This year the names of 70 of the over 500 teams were censored by the office of Student Activities for a variety of reasons, including sexually explicit and profane names.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Junior Brandon Griffith was very surprised to learn the name for his Bookstore Basketball team had been censored by Student Activities.

His team's name wasn't profane.

His team's name wasn't sexually explicit.

His team's name wasn't racist, sexist or anti-homosexual.

Nevertheless, Student Activities struck Poor Man's Blanket from the list of Bookstore Basketball team names and replaced it with Team 22.

"We made the name with the intention that even Father [Mark] Poorman [vice president for Student Affairs] would get a laugh out of it," Griffith said.

Poor Man's Blanket was one of about 70 teams that were censored by Student Activities this year. All references to Poorman were removed from the list as well as other names deemed too sexually explicit, insulting or profane.

"There is no policy to eliminate names that had 'Father Poorman' in them."

Brian Coughlin
director of Student Activities

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, said that there are no set guidelines for determining what teams will and will not be censored. The list of team names is passed through three people — Bookstore adviser Melvin Adams, Coughlin and Peggy Hnatusko, assistant director of programming for Student

Activities — and each person crosses out any name he or she deems offensive.

Coughlin couldn't give specific reasons for why certain names were

banned since he had to look at so many different teams. There was, however, no specific bias against team names containing "Poorman."

"There is no policy to eliminate names that had 'Father Poorman' in them," Coughlin said.

He said the "Poorman" names were removed because there is a general policy that Bookstore Basketball team names should not contain the name of another person without that person's

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Intercom founder speaks on N. Ireland experiences

By MEGAN MARTIN
News Writer

Imprisoned at 17 without trial for being a Catholic youth in a section of Belfast where it was an unofficial crime, Liam Maskey visited the Law School yesterday to share his experiences of living in the Northern Irish town of North Belfast, one of the most explosive and violent locales of the clash between Catholics and Protestants in that country.

Co-sponsored by the Law School's Irish Law Society and the University's Keough Center for Irish Studies, Maskey's talk centered on the current state of affairs in his native Northern Ireland, as well as his recent efforts to remedy the intense hostility in local neighborhoods through his collaborative Intercomm initiative.

While introducing the speaker, outgoing Irish Law Society president John

Murphy detailed the personal tragedies that Maskey, one of seven children, endured during his years in North Belfast, confronting enmity and violence with every corner he turned. "Despite that, he chose a path of peace," Murphy said.

In response to what he saw as an escalation of the deep-seated antagonism between Protestant and Catholic neighbors in his community, Maskey founded, in cooperation with Billy Mitchell, his Protestant counterpart, Intercomm, an inter-community development project.

"An intercom is a mode of dialogue," Maskey said, stressing the significance of the program's nomenclature. Established in 1995 in the context of the peace process, Intercomm is, according to Maskey, the result of an absence of a grassroots community communications campaign.

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Clark, Kroener design memorial

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
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Four hours before the deadline for the deadline for the School of Architecture's Sept. 11 Memorial Design Competition, the winners had not yet decided to enter the contest.

Over Easter break, winners Kevin Clark and Meg Kroener, both fifth-year architecture students, conceived ideas to create a circular space on South Quad below ground level, accentuating the flagpole and providing space for quiet reflection. They decided to formalize this idea into a design only after hearing various professors' concerns that there would not be enough entries to the competition.

"I am really glad that Kevin said something about entering the competition. The night before, professors had been concerned about getting enough entries. Once we decided to enter, we had two ideas in seconds. It was nice we could work together to

synchronize our ideas and enter the competition," said Kroener.

A design jury consisting of six members, including Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, chose on April 5 Clark and Kroener's submission as the best of 20 entries. Michael Harris, a fourth-year architecture student, won second place, and Aaron Cook and Eric Saul, fifth-year architecture students, won third place. Honorable mentions were awarded to Alan Ahles, Colette Arrendonto and the team of John Griffin, Neil Hoyt, Ariane Risto and Brian Zant.

The competition asked entrants to create a design that could be constructed by

Sept. 11, 2002, and use the area surrounding the flagpole on South Quad, the location of the campus-wide Sept. 11 Mass that more than 6,000 people attended.

According to Clark, his design would be set into the ground several feet and could be entered by walking down stairs. The design itself is a circle, with the flagpole in the middle of a reflecting pool approximately 10 feet in diameter. A circular bench would be

located on the outer circumference of the memorial.

"The design is circular so that it doesn't give importance to anything except the flagpole," said Clark.

In the middle of the reflec-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Entertaining angels

Angels. They're mentioned in our prayers. They're mentioned in the Bible. They bring messages to about good and bad news. They help us and guide us on the road of life. They protect us and make sure that we are safe. One picture of angels that comes to mind is of two children walking across a bridge, followed by an angel, arms spread, making sure they are safe on their journey. It shows us what ever-present life they are and how they are constantly around us.

In the song "Entertaining Angels" by Newsboys, a Christian alternative group, they tell of how the angels are all around, in all the big and little things that happen, "24-7 you wait for me."

Oh great, you're probably thinking, she's going to get all religious on us, and tell us that they are everywhere all the time. Well, since angels are a religious subject, it would be hard not to bring in religion when talking about them.

Think about it. They pervade our thought, our art and the way we conceive of the supernatural. There are statues and pictures of them in our art museums. They are in the movies we watch, for example "Michael," "City of Angels," "Dogma" and "The Preacher's Wife." There are even shows that have angels in them, like "Touched by an Angel." They have been made a part of our culture. Why should discussing this make us uncomfortable? Why do we deny their real presence?

I'm not trying to push religion on anyone, or make them believe in something they cannot see. Why do I bring it up? I would like to show you how there are angels that we can see, in our everyday lives. I want to show just how many angels are out there in our lives, making things better, making things work, helping us along.

I'm not crazy. If you think about it, when was the last time you had someone in one of your classes help you with an assignment because you just couldn't get it? Or were you one of those people who helped your classmates to understand? Have you had someone you didn't know give you directions or help you pick up something you'd dropped? Was there ever someone who just listened to you when you needed to vent? Someone who helped you get through a tough time? Believe it or not, those are our angels in disguise.

If you look back at my first definition of an angel, they help, guide, and protect us. They are our friends, knowing our troubles and our happy times. We all entertain angels ... we eat dinner with them, sing with them, talk with them. We listen to them, and reach out to grasp at the truth they present us. They are very real.

I know that I have several angels out there watching over me. You all know who you are. You help me speak into the night, face my terrors, open my heart and live more fully. Are you listening tonight, you are wonderful. The things that I have seen through you have helped me so much; I won't let go of all you've taught me.



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the April 10 article, "Police rule ND prof Cushing's death suicide," The Observer reported that South Bend police investigators found a note after the suicide. However, Nimbilasha Cushing, the late professor's wife, told The Observer that she did not see such a note. The Observer regrets this error.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

University refuses to comply with subpoena

Tuesday, April 11, 1978

Notre Dame's refusal to comply with a subpoena yesterday has sent the hearing concerning unfair labor practices against the University to the Federal Courts. The hearing, held at the Country-City Building in South Bend, will not continue until the issue of the subpoena is resolved.

Election sparks controversy

Monday, April 8, 1974

The invalidation of an election held the week before to elect the Board of Directors for the campus chapter of Indiana public Interest Research Group [InPIRG] became the subject of a controversy over the weekend. The election was supposed to be publicized, however, it was not. The InPIRG Structural Proposal stipulated that elections must be well publicized in order to be valid.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Harvard admissions unswayed by roses, gifts

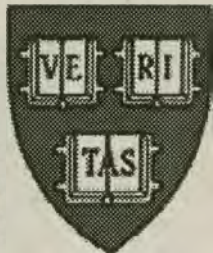
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Faced with the daunting task of standing out in a crowd of nearly 20,000 Harvard University applicants, some students each year resort to gimmicks — a dozen roses sent along with their application, for example — to win over admissions officials.

Over the years the admissions office has collected "a colorful set of items" from applicants, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid William Fitzsimmons said — including various desserts, a size 17 athletic shoe and a photo of one applicant's bedroom wall, painted crimson to show school spirit.

This year's round of admissions, which concluded last week and saw a record 19,605 applicants, brought in equally memorable items, some verging on the ridiculous.

According to Fitzsimmons, there are



now guide books that instruct students on how to get noticed in the application process, which is often viewed as impersonal.

But these instruction manuals often inspire students to go over the top to catch the attention of the Harvard admissions committee, Fitzsimmons said.

"Maybe people think we don't read the folders," Fitzsimmons said.

Some familiar with the admissions process attribute the gimmicks to media attention paid to applicants who employ such marketing strategies to catch the eye of the admissions office.

"Whenever someone does a crazy stunt, it gets press [coverage]," said Connie Cooper, founder of College Foundation Planners Inc., a college counseling service based in California. "But these games don't work."

According to Cooper, reputable college counseling services are not likely to advise applicants to resort to such tactics.

Nevertheless, some applicants still feel compelled to mount a campaign to win the admission committee's vote.

Harvard Crimson

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Religion holds back Nebraska coach

LINCOLN, Neb.

In early January, shortly after Miami crushed Nebraska in the Rose Bowl, Nebraska assistant football coach Ron Brown journeyed to a Los Angeles hotel to interview for the coaching job at Stanford. But he didn't get any further than the initial interview. The reason: his religious views, among other things, were incompatible with Stanford's liberal student body and active gay community. "[His religion] was definitely something that had to be considered," said Alan Glenn, Stanford's assistant athletic director of human resources. "We're a very diverse community with a diverse alumni. Anything that would stand out that much is something that has to be looked at ... It was one of many variables that was considered." But Stanford's gay student leaders were more blunt in voicing their opposition. "Wow, it would be really hard for him here," said Courtney Wooten, sophomore and social director of Stanford's Queer Straight Social and Political Alliance. "He would be poorly received by the student body in general."

Daily Nebraskan

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

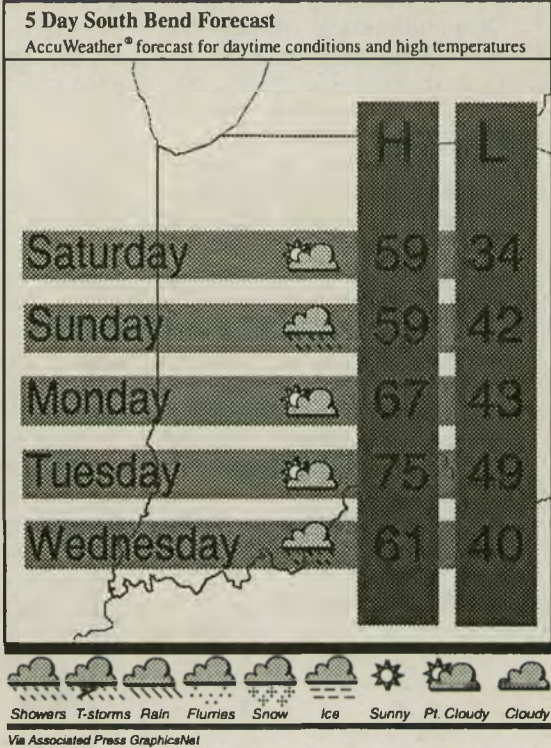
Budget cuts affect nursing program

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah

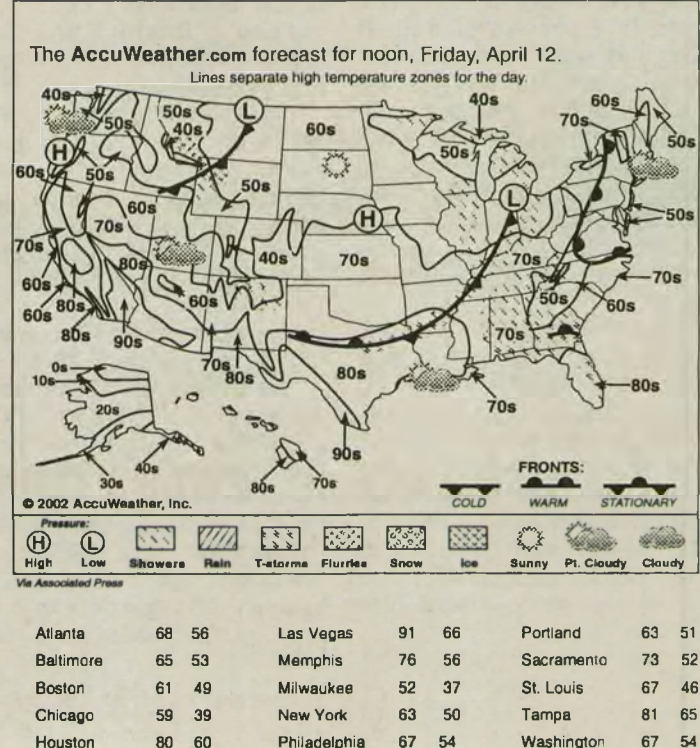
A state legislative shortfall which compound the already severe nursing shortage in Utah, ranks third in the nation behind Nevada and California in the severity of its nurse shortage. With only 592 nurses per 100,000 residents, the number of nurses in Utah has declined by 6.3 percent since 1996. Nationally, the decline has been 2 percent, to 782 nurses per 100,000 population, according to the GAO Report, Nursing Workforce, July 2001. "We have plenty of qualified students who want to be nurses," said Maureen Keefe, dean of the College of Nursing, "but we don't have enough space, faculty or funding to train them." The College of Nursing asked the state Legislature for an additional \$2.2 million this year so it could expand its ability to train more nurses and nursing instructors to meet the growing need. The Legislature turned down the request, and the college was forced to cut 4.7 percent from its budget, like most other academic entities at Utah.

Daily Utah Chronicle

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



ND grads inspire black filmmakers

By T. MUSETTE JOHNSON
News Writer

Christine and Michael Swanson, a married couple and 1994 Notre Dame graduates, returned to campus Thursday to discuss their work in independent cinema.

"We want to pave the way for other African American filmmakers."

Michael Swanson
filmmaker

The Swansons head the Los Angeles-based production studio Faith Filmworks, Inc., directed and produced the 2001 short film "All About You," which recently was named the grand jury prize winner at the Hollywood Black Film Festival. The short, low-budget film features many well-known actors, most notably actresses Debbie Allen and Renee Goldsberry.

As young filmmakers, the Swansons discussed the trials and tribulations of producing their first feature film as well as stressing the importance of helping other filmmakers in the future.

"We want to pave the way for other African American filmmakers," said Michael Swanson.

In the summer of 1999, Christine Swanson started writing the screenplay for "All About You," while her husband worked on finding funding for the film.

"Many investors are weary of investing in independent films because they want to be sure of making a profit," Michael Swanson said.

With the help of one major investor, the film was produced on just under a \$2 million budget.

The Swansons had to jump

the hurdle of finding a cast that would be able to carry the film and make it more marketable.

"Many actors will often bring their audiences with them, which, sometimes will make them more desirable when casting roles," Christine Swanson said.

She added that Debbie Allen decided to help the young couple, telling them she would be more than happy to play a role in their film, but she only accepted small payment in exchange for her work.

The Swansons said they also face the problem of distributing their film.

"Distributors feel that there is not a market for African American love stories and dramas," Christine Swanson said.

"They say that it is hard to market such films because it is out of the norm of the usual African American film and television programs that commonly depict the use of drugs and violence."

As a result, the Swansons have decided to distribute independently, initially opening the film in Chicago theaters and possibly branching out from there later in the year.

Christine Swanson, as a young undergraduate, was not planning on going into the film business. She started out as a

finance major and eventually switched to a communications and theatre major.

"I was initially intimidated by all of the male students in my film classes. I would always pray that the class would run out of time before any of my work could be screened," she said.

However, she said a guest speaker on campus, noted director Spike Lee, inspired her.

"Hearing Spike Lee inspired me to attend New York University for graduate school," she said. "If Spike Lee went there, I was going there."

Michael Swanson had intended to go to seminary school. Upon his graduation, however, he soon found that he wanted to do something else. Taking a job at NBC in New York, he was able to help his wife produce her short films at NYU.

"He often would come to my night classes with me, and he was always there for guest speakers. It was almost as if we got two film educa-

tions for the price of one," Christine Swanson said. Michael Swanson is currently negotiating a deal with HBO to produce a film that his wife is finishing. The husband and wife said they intend to continue expanding their production studio while opening doors for other young black filmmakers.

"Many actors will often bring their audiences with them, which, sometimes will make them more desirable when casting roles."

Christine Swanson
filmmaker

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Campus vandalism increases recently

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

There has been an increase in reported cases of vandalism around campus during the last few weeks, according to the Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police.

However, Rakow is not alarmed by the recent events and attributes the jump mostly to the awareness of students and faculty on campus.

"Our numbers are deceiving because we have over-reporting here, which is good."

The most evidence of the increase occurred over Easter break, when there were several cases of automobile vandalism reported in the D2 and D6 parking lots. In addition, there have been several instances of illegal spray-painting in the last week, which according

to Rakow are both rarities at Notre Dame.

However, Rakow believed that the crimes were most likely the result of a few youths from the South Bend area, and does not envision the problem escalating any further. "Coming out of winter, a small crime increase is typical. It's just part of the general rampunctiousness of the spring."

However, Rakow said that campus police officers are aware of the recent occurrences, and have begun to monitor certain areas more closely while on their patrol.

He also added that awareness of the problem on campus is one of the best resources that his department has.

"Crime prevention is a community effort, not just on the part of law enforcement and security," Rakow said.

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tion pool will be a walkway that will serve as a sundial. Clark and Kroener strategically placed the walkway so that at 9:08 a.m., the time when the first plane hit the World Trade Center, the shadow of the flagpole will be on the walkway.

"It will be a daily reminder of the tragedy," Clark said. "In the daily procession of putting up and taking down the flag, the person will have to stand on that walkway."

Clark said he believes that his design won because, along with the other winners, it established a unique space for reflection.

"Instead of just having a pure base for the flagpole, our design creates sort of a room on the quad, where you will be sitting two feet below the ground level and can quietly reflect," said Clark.

Although Clark and Kroener are satisfied with their design, they said they are going to create a version of the design in watercolor that could be used in print media and for other official purposes.

According to Kara Kelly, director of communications for the School of Architecture, all of the winners' designs have been given to the Office of the University Architect to determine if the design will actually be constructed.

"The University Architect's office took the designs and will present them to Executive Vice President Father Timothy Scully and explore the feasibility of constructing the design," said Kelly.

Kelly said the University architect does not have a timetable for determining if the memorial will actually be constructed.

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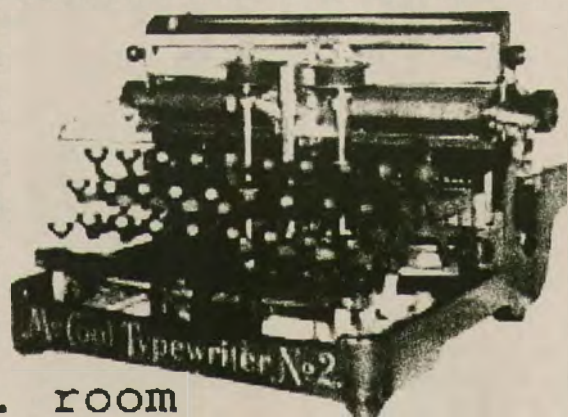
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Rodney Ganey, Ph.D., who is funding this award, served as Associate Director of Notre Dame's Laboratory for Social Research and in the Department of Sociology from 1980 to 1996. He is now President of Press, Ganey Associates, the nation's leading research firm specializing in patient-satisfaction measurement.

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specific permission.

"It's not Father Poorman specific," Coughlin said. "It's a rule for any person. Any person will be highlighted [to be further questioned.] If they want to contact the person specifically, they can do that."

Griffith said he was never informed of this policy or given the chance to contact Poorman to ask his permission.

"They never asked if we had gotten permission, and it wasn't even his name," Griffith said. "It's 'Poor' and then 'Man' with a capital M."

This general policy does not seem to apply to names besides Poorman's or other University administrators. Uncensored team names include references to, among others, former Irish quarterback Ron Powlus, former Irish football coach Bob Davie, pop singer Britney Spears, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Minnesota Vikings assistant coach George O'Leary.

Out Faster Than George O'Leary captain Jeff Simko said he was unaware of any rule about requesting permission from O'Leary.

"What do you think? Of course not. We definitely didn't call him," Simko said.

Coughlin claims he questioned names with O'Leary and Davie in them but did not censor them.

"I highlighted both those names so if they are in there, I don't know what to tell you," Coughlin said.

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Maskey

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"The goal is to forge fruitful links between Catholics and Protestants in North Belfast," he said. "We must live side by side with people we mistrust and fear ... we need both strong partners and strong partnerships."

Due to the complexities of the conflict, Maskey admits that peace is not easy to find, and recognizes that North Belfast's large number of "interface

areas" — those zones where relations between religious factions are most inflamed — have been increasingly entrenched by fear, displacement, and continuous violence. "In fact, for many years, political insecurities and conflict has been a feature of North Belfast life," he said.

Maskey summed his and Mitchell's vision for Intercomm by emphasizing their dedication to exacting a tangible change in the attitudes and activities of community members toward each other. "Only by addressing [it] ... can we reach the peace-building process," he said.

Intercomm exists to empower local communities in forging bonds with mem-

bers of opposing viewpoints, Maskey emphasized, not to convert Catholics and Protestants to opposite sides of the issue. He stressed the importance of neighbors accepting the fact that their "enemies" are entitled to the same right to conviction as they are.

Although there have been countless success stories throughout

"Local people creating relationships with local people is the only way to build local peace."

Liam Maskey
Intercomm founder

and insists on the necessity of collaborating with them.

"Spoilers are people who don't want the peace process to work for one reason or another ... it's a challenge for us — a prerequisite in the peace process is that we work with spoilers."

This, quite often, has required some imagination," he said.

"Local people creating relationships with local people is the only way to build local peace."

The community development projects implemented by Maskey's organization have targeted those local people who need the intervention most. He describes North Belfast as "a patchwork quilt," with pockets of Catholics and Protestants dis-

persed throughout the community. c's goal in that situation is to rejuvenate interface areas, with housing improvements, youth groups, and economic renewal.

All of this has required not only the support of local community members, but additionally the willingness of various paramilitary groups to cooperate on various projects.

In terms of expanding Intercomm's volunteer base, Maskey sees this necessary contact as a slight problem.

"Some people like to help when things are rosy," he said, "but when it comes to working with paramilitary groups, they walk away."

One of the most promising programs that Intercomm has established is the Breakwater Youth Initiative, where Catholic and Protestant youth groups merged to promote understanding and col-

laboration. Maskey remains a firm believer in the power of youth to change the current situation in which their parents are embroiled.

"If you're living in North Belfast and you're 40 years of age or older, you're not prepared to move on," he said, adding that the cooperation of the youth lies at the heart of the hope for North Belfast, erasing prejudices and

stereotypes that permeate the air.

"It's amazing to see some of the misconceptions our youth have about the other side ... and even about their own political backgrounds," he said. Because of that, much of the peace process that has targeted the younger generations has dealt with education and a common understanding.

Maskey calls it a "holistic approach to peacebuilding," and, while confident that his efforts will effect unquestionable change, remains realistic in light of the current situation.

"In many ways, [my work] is just beginning," he said, adding, "I believe we are fac-

ing possibly the darkest day in our peace process," a fact which serves to underscore the importance of establishing a strong foundation of understanding upon which to

build. "When peace was announced in 1984 in Belfast, we cried, we laughed, we jumped for joy ... and we messed it up," he said. "It's important; indeed, it's imperative that we can carry this work into the long term."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bush meets Chinese Vice President:

Chinese Vice President Hu Jintao, the heir apparent to President Jiang Zemin, will meet with President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney on May 1. Hu's trip was announced when Bush went to Beijing in February. The White House formally said Thursday that Hu will meet his counterpart, Cheney, to discuss an array of issues.

Venezuelan troops invade airport:

Army troops seized key installations and the airport in Caracas late Thursday to keep President Hugo Chavez from leaving the country. Earlier in the day, National Guard troops clashed with pro-Chavez gunmen and participants in a 150,000-strong opposition march. At least 12 people were killed and as many as 110 wounded, officials said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

L.A. police clear Calif. cardinal:

Police dismissed a mentally ill woman's claim Thursday in Fresno that she was molested 32 years ago by Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony. Lt. Dwayne Johnson said there was no physical evidence or witnesses to support the allegation made last month by Flora Mae Hickman, who said she had been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. Hickman, 51, of Fresno, said Mahony sexually assaulted her when she was a student at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in 1969.

Chicago court asks for disclosure:

A federal judge has given the Justice Department until Tuesday to explain why it must use secret evidence, so far shown only to the judge, against an Islamic charity accused of having terrorist links. The government has maintained in a similar case that revealing such evidence in open court could jeopardize national security.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Hospital opens after abuse claims:

The Evansville State Hospital has reopened an internal investigation into allegations of abuse by hospital workers. Superintendent Ralph Nichols reopened the case this week after a psychiatric attendant claimed he witnessed abuse by a co-worker. Nichols had previously said that an internal investigation determined there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana State Police had been expected to be completed this week and a report sent to the Vanderburgh County prosecutor's office.

ISRAEL



Palestinian children rally together in support of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been confined in Ramallah. Fighting between Israelis and Palestinians has hurt U.S. relations with both groups in the region.

Israeli troops spread, ignore U.S.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israel pulled out of two dozen small West Bank towns and villages Thursday, but swept into others and rounded up more Palestinian men despite U.S. calls and international pressure to end the 2-week-old campaign to root out militants.

Israel's army says 4,185 Palestinians have been detained in the operation — nearly half of them in the past two days as fighters in the key northern West Bank cities of Jenin and Nablus, their numbers depleted in battle, ran out

of ammunition and surrendered.

Among those in custody were 121 Palestinians who had been on Israel's wanted list, the army said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in Israel in the evening and was expected to meet with both Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been kept a virtual prisoner by Israel in his besieged compound in Ramallah.

On Thursday, Sharon acknowledged the fighting was causing the United States difficulties, but refused to call a halt to the

incursion.

In Gaza, an armed Palestinian went through the Erez crossing into Israel early Friday and opened fire, wounding four Israelis — one seriously — and three Palestinians before he was shot and killed, Israel Radio and Army Radio reported. The military had no immediate comment.

There has been rising anti-American sentiment throughout the Arab world in response to Israel's offensive, launched two weeks ago to crush Palestinian militias after a series of deadly attacks on Israeli civilians.

"They (the Americans) have problems in the region, that's true, but I informed them that our activity will continue — and it will continue," Sharon said.

The United States, along with the United Nations and European leaders, has demanded an immediate Israeli pullout from the West Bank.

Powell was visiting the region in an attempt to secure a cease-fire and restart peace talks.

In what appeared to be a gesture ahead of Powell's arrival, Israeli forces withdrew from about two dozen towns and villages.

U.S. boycotts war crimes tribunal

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Despite vehement U.S. opposition, the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal will come into force on July 1, after receiving more than the 60 needed ratifications Thursday from U.S. allies and nations around the globe.

Hundreds of supporters of the court rose to their feet in a standing ovation after 10 nations deposited their ratifications of the Rome treaty, which establishes the International Criminal Court.

But the U.S. seat in the crowded

chamber was empty. The United States boycotted the ceremony, just as it has not attended meetings preparing for the court's operations since last year.

"Those who commit war crimes, genocide or other crimes against humanity will no longer be beyond the reach of justice," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a video statement from Rome. "Humanity will be able to defend itself — responding to the worst of human nature with one of the greatest human achievements: the rule of law."

Many countries and organizations have campaigned for years for the

court to fill a gap first noticed in 1948, after the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials of German and Japanese war crimes during World War II. Since then, laws and treaties have outlawed genocide, poison gas and chemical weapons, among other things — but no mechanism has held individuals criminally responsible.

The United States has been the only vocal opponent of the permanent court, fearing its citizens would be subject to frivolous or politically motivated prosecutions. Washington has campaigned unsuccessfully to exempt U.S. soldiers and officials from the court.

Market Watch April 11

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Up: 1,069 Same: 170 Down: 2,086 Composite Volume: 1,499,809,047

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NASDAQ:	1,725.24	- 41.83
NYSE:	584.58	- 12.74
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COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
WORLD COM INC (WCOM)	0.00	UNCH	4.77
NASDAQ-100 (QQQ)	-2.48	-0.84	33.00
GEN ELECTRIC (GE)	-9.27	-3.45	33.75
SUN MICRO (SUNW)	-4.20	-0.34	7.76
CISCO SYS (CSCO)	-4.37	-0.68	14.87

House approves pension reform bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Legislative efforts to give workers greater control over their employer-sponsored retirement plans are turning to the Democratic-controlled Senate, where broader changes in pension law are being considered.

That sets up a potential battle later this year with House Republicans, who pushed through more modest protections in a bill Thursday on a 255-163 vote. Forty-six Democrats joined Republicans to pass the House bill that contains much of President Bush's retirement savings protection plan designed to prevent another Enron Corp. debacle.

"Employees need more information about their pension plans and more control over them," Bush said Thursday. "The reforms will give employees better access to investment advice, additional notice of blackouts and increased ability to diversify."

About 42 million Americans hold 401(k) accounts, with \$2 trillion in assets.

The Senate isn't moving as quickly on its retirement savings bills, and likely will not begin full debate until summer.

Senate Democrats are pressing for tighter limits on how much company stock workers may have in their 401(k) accounts. Thousands of workers at Enron, the Houston-based energy trader, who were heavily invested in company stock lost their retirement savings when the company collapsed in December.

Labor law limits to 10 percent the assets of a traditional pension plan that may be held in employer stock or property. But Congress years ago exempted 401(k)s from that provision, hoping to encourage employers to offer the plans. Employers get tax breaks for matching contributions.

A bill by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., which narrowly passed the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee last month, would limit company stock investments by requiring a choice: An

employer that offers a 401(k) plan could make matching contributions in company stock or offer the stock as a separate investment option, but not both.

Republicans oppose that plan because they say it will cause companies to stop making matching contributions or cease offering retirement packages altogether.

"The administration will oppose legislation that discourages employers from sponsoring and making contributions to retirement plans for American workers and their families," the White House said in a statement Thursday.

Business groups traditionally allied with Republicans urged lawmakers to act with caution, especially in the Senate.

"We continue to urge Congress and the Bush administration to avoid a 'ready, fire, aim' response and to carefully consider all the facts before rushing into potentially detrimental, nearsighted action," said Dorothy Coleman, a vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

A retirement law overhaul bill hasn't emerged yet from the Senate Finance Committee.

Republicans took a far different approach in the House bill, which does not require investment diversification and instead encourages education.

One hotly contested provision allows workers to receive investment advice from the same companies that manage their 401(k) retirement accounts.

Democrats oppose that idea because they say the advice would be tainted by financial conflicts of interest.

"What employees do not need in the wake of Enron is an open door for conflicts of interest," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. "The Enron tragedy was one giant conflict of interest that robbed hardworking employees of their savings."

Republicans said the legislation would provide much-needed investment advice to workers and require disclosure of any potential conflicts. The House bill also would let workers pay for their own investment advice with pretax dollars deducted from their paychecks.

GOP building alliances with unions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO each built their headquarters within a few blocks of the White House, but the nation's largest business lobby and its biggest union seemed to work miles apart politically.

Their new neighbor just might be bringing them closer together.

From steel tariffs to Alaskan oil drilling, Republicans and business interests are building alliances with union workers that could affect where and how organized labor provides support in the fall congressional elections.

The latest example came Thursday when the Chamber and AFL-CIO, traditional rivals, joined to lobby for an overhaul of immigration laws. Both want to win legal status for millions of illegal immigrants now working in the United States.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and Chamber President Thomas Donohue stood side by side to announce their coalition.

"A few years ago people would have said those people will never be on a platform together unless they're arguing with one another," Donohue said.

Immigration is one of several issues bringing together the Republican-leaning Chamber and the AFL-CIO, one of the Democratic Party's key constituents.

They also want Congress and President Bush to provide health care coverage for the uninsured. On Wednesday, they jointly filed court arguments against new campaign

finance restrictions.

Bush and labor unions also are finding more common ground.

A solid majority of union members backed Democrat Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election that Bush narrowly won.

Since then, Bush and unions have pushed to expand coal mining and open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, and have supported safety standards for Mexican trucks entering the United States in addition to tariffs to protect the U.S. steel industry.

Bush this week stood beside business executives and labor leaders to urge Congress to approve government-backed terrorism insurance to get construction projects rolling again.

The Bush administration has relaxed financial oversight of the Teamsters union that had been prompted by a corruption investigation. In a symbolic gesture, Bush reserved a seat for Teamsters President James P. Hoffa at the State of the Union address in January.

The efforts could have implications for the fall election for control of Congress and beyond, analysts said.

Unions, which have run millions of dollars in issue ads since 1996 aimed at unseating Republicans, may find their members less inspired to campaign for Democrats or against Republicans.

"What it mostly means is they don't have a strong motivation to go out there and punish the Republicans because of the president," said Charles Jones, a University of Wisconsin political science professor.

Some blue-collar workers, a constituency Ronald Reagan successfully courted two

decades ago, agree.

United Auto Workers Local 228 member Marvin Montpetit of Warren, Mich., voted for Bush in 2000 and plans to vote for his re-election. While he backs the UAW leadership, Montpetit said the union and organized labor in general "blindly" support Democrats in most elections.

"If it's a Democrat they vote for him no matter what he believes," said Montpetit, a maintenance welder who supports Bush's efforts to combat terrorism and who, like Bush, opposes abortion.

Chicago road-construction worker Brendan Gardiner, a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 and a lifelong Democrat, said he voted for Gore and doubts he will back Bush in 2004; he is unimpressed by Bush's overtures to labor leaders.

"It's just window dressing and an attempt to take the wind out of our sails," said Gardiner, who likes the way Bush has handled the war on terrorism but is more concerned about what he will do for unions.

An AFL-CIO survey after the 2000 election found 60 percent of members polled considered themselves Democratic, 22 percent Republican and 18 percent independent.

"The Democrats could do themselves some damage by allowing the president to usurp the party's post-New Deal commitment to labor," said Mark Petracca of the University of California, Irvine. "The one thing about labor is two things: A, people vote, and B, there's money."

Democrats scoff at the notion they'll lose masses of union workers.

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Women leaders promote social change

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Joann Kane, CEO of McAuley Institute, and Sylvia Puente, of the Latino Studies Department at Notre Dame, spoke together Thursday in a forum about the importance of women as community leaders.

The forum, "Women as Catalysts for Social Change: Women's Leadership and Community Development," allowed the women to share their ideas about how communities can work together to fulfill their needs.

A grant has allowed Puente to work with community members, especially immigrants, so that everyone is involved in building the kind of community they would like and still be

able to afford it. Puente does this through surveys of what the community needs.

"The community can decide for itself what it needs through assessments," Puente said. "For the past year I have worked in Mexican immigrant communities outside Chicago. Their first priority was education, not surprisingly, as it is in most cases."

The McAuley Institute also works in developing communities by focusing on homelessness among low-income women and their families. The

Institute was formed by the Sisters of Marcy of the Americas in 1984 and has since made affordable housing for 10,000 people nationwide.

"We work in public policy for not only the immediate needs of the community but for the future."

Joann Kane
CEO, McAuley Institute

The Institute has also formed a peer support group for women across America, known as The National Network of Women in Community Development. It is open to all women working in

communities who share a commitment to their community's goals and missions.

"Women leaders are essential to operate outside the bounds," Kane said. "A lot of people say women are motivated by children and family, but that is only one entity of their identity."

Joann Kane and Sister Jean Forkin of the McAuley Institute will be discussing opportunities for internships and how students can become involved in the new collegiate level of the National Network for Women in Community Development today at noon in the Wedge Room of the dining hall.

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SMC frosh elected vice president of Flipside

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

For the first time in its history, FlipSide has elected a Saint Mary's student as co-president to the alcohol-free campus club.

Saint Mary's freshman Liesl Yost and Notre Dame freshman Margaret Dois were elected co-presidents of Flipside.

While a Saint Mary's student is not allowed to run for president of a Notre Dame club, she is allowed to run with a Notre Dame student to hold a joint leadership position.

"Thankfully, one of my friends [Doig] had already spoken to me about running with her, and we wanted to run as co-presidents because it worked so well this past year," Yost said.

Doig said, "It may sound unusual to have two freshmen as presidents, but everyone encourages the younger members to get as involved as they can. It works out really well ... and we now have multiple ex-presidents and many other knowledgeable upper classmen to help us out."

"As for Liesl herself: she is very hard-working and intelligent ... I'm lucky to have the opportunity to work with her this way. We've only been in office a very short time, but we have already found various goals to tackle."

The club was founded to provide non-alcoholic alternatives to students.

"Our main goal obviously is to show that drinking isn't necessary to have fun, and we continue to offer a positive social environment for those students who choose not to drink," Yost said.

Yost believes FlipSide has more of a presence at Saint Mary's this year because of the housing of several events, including a Hollywood dance and a toga party.

"BOG [Saint Mary's student government], has also been involved in making FlipSide's presence known by co-sponsoring some of the events, which obviously plays a big role," Yost said. "But that is not to undercut the roles that SMC women have taken in the club itself. It makes sense that as we start to get more SMC students working with FlipSide that the role will be a bigger one."

"FlipSide moved one of its main events to another day because it would have conflicted with our all-school formal. If we didn't have SMC students, I doubt it would have been addressed at all."

FlipSide sponsors alcohol-free events every weekend. This weekend the improv group "Comedy Sportz" from Chicago will be performing.

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ND opts not to formally affirm workers' rights

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

Notre Dame has rejected a proposal by the Progressive Student Alliance for the University to make a formal statement affirming the rights of workers in the Catholic tradition.

Since its inception, the PSA has been working on labor issues. "There was the sweatshop campaign, fair trade coffee and taco-bell boycotts ... but throughout this year, we have been talking to labor and taking in their concerns. It just seemed that the logical next step would be on campus," said Paul Graham, PSA co-president.

On March 20, the PSA sent the proposal to University President Father Edward Malloy's office and requested that the school consider the proposition and act by April 4. The letter stated that in keeping with Catholic teachings, the University should make a statement that adheres to Catholic

social teaching on the rights of labor and also that it won't hinder or help the workers of Notre Dame in forming unions. Thus, the University will have a firm basis in order to respect the dignity of all labor on campus.

"If they make a statement, especially one that could be legally binding, there is a base on which the labor and those sympathetic to their conditions could start," said Graham.

On April 4 University spokesman Dennis Moore sent a letter to the PSA rejecting their request. The letter asserted that the University does recognize the dignity of each of its employees to organize and form unions and said the University did not agree with the PSA's proposal.

"If the University were to believe that organizing was in the best interest of a group of workers, why would we not seek to help in that? On the other hand, if we did not believe that such a move was in the workers' interests, why would we [the University] not

say so, consistent with the law?" Moore wrote.

Charles Wilber, professor of economics said, "I thought the University's statement issued by Dennis Moore was reasonable. It confirms the University's acceptance of Catholic social thought but, of course, doesn't pledge to help its workers organize or raise their pay. I think asking the University to make a public statement was not an appropriate tactic."

Graham and other members of the PSA are not discouraged by Notre Dame's response but will seek to get clarification of the letter they received.

"We are trying to get a hold of the University to clarify their statement," said Graham. "What we need to do is work on organizing the labor on campus for support."

Currently the University requires that all its suppliers and vendors give workers the right to organize into unions but it currently does not extend this right to its own workers. The PSA proposal requests that

Notre Dame guarantee its employees the right to organize.

In the late 1970s, Notre Dame agreed to contract out only to organized labor. Other than contracted labor, no workers on the Notre Dame campus are unionized, not even faculty.

Notre Dame in 1997 became the first university to establish a code of conduct for its licensees and in 1999 it became the first to begin monitoring overseas factories that manufacture its licensed products. The requirement of the right to organize, which will be added to the University's code of conduct and become part of its contractual agreement with licensees, will require that all countries where Notre Dame licensed products are made be signatories to the relevant International Labor Organization treaties and/or have national laws guaranteeing the legal rights of free association and union organizing.

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Cuban diplomat and his family vanish in Panama

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY
A Cuban diplomat once expelled from Canada for espionage has vanished in Panama, and Cuban Embassy officials are calling him a turncoat.

Orlando Brito Pestana, the Cuban Embassy's commercial attache, disappeared along with his wife and family, embassy spokesman Alexis Fruto said.

It wasn't clear if Brito had left Panama. Cuban officials have asked that his diplomatic

status be removed.

Asked about allegations that Brito had been a spy, Fruto replied, "Really, I don't know. Like all traitors, he is going to say things."

The Miami Herald reported on Thursday that U.S. and Panamanian officials said Brito had defected and had been brought to the United States.

Neither the Panamanian Foreign Ministry nor Panamanian security officials would confirm that report.

Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Aleman said last week that Brito had disappeared. He

added that there are no indications he was a crime victim.

In 1994, Canada expelled Brito, then a vice consul, for alleged espionage.

The Herald reported that U.S. officials later blocked an attempt to have him stationed at the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, which serves as a quasi-embassy.

The Herald quoted a Panamanian security adviser as saying Brito approached Panamanian officials on March 27 and was flown to the United States two days later using false documents.

It quoted U.S. government

officials as saying he was being debriefed by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Cuba has extensive dealings with Panama-based companies that export food, cars, machinery and other goods to the communist island.

Relations between the two governments have been strained since November 2000, when Cuban President Fidel Castro attended an Ibero-American summit here and announced that a Cuban exile, Luis Posada Carriles, had infiltrated the country in a plot to kill him.

Panama arrested Posada

and several alleged accomplices, but it has refused Cuban demands to extradite him to the island and has said it lacks enough evidence to try him for attempted murder. He is being held on weapons and other charges.

Raymond Molina, the leader of a Cuban dissident group based in Panama, Cuban Unity, said Thursday that "trustworthy sources" had reported that Brito was in Washington, D.C.

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Americans hostage in Philippines

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The Bush administration is monitoring negotiations aimed at winning the release of two American missionaries who have been held hostage by rebels in the Philippines for nearly a year, senior U.S. officials said Thursday night.

The officials said that the negotiations were being conducted by a group known to the rebels and that the talks were at a delicate stage. The negotiators were not identified.

The discussions involved possible payments of several hundred thousand dollars and other considerations, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. One official said the negotiations were being monitored by the highest levels at the White House, intelligence, and law enforcement agencies.

"There has been some

progress and activity as recent as today," the official said late Thursday.

The officials also said they were encouraged by evidence that the two missionaries were still alive.

Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim extremist group with links to Sept. 11 suspect Osama bin Laden, is holding Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, Kan., and Ediborah Yap, a nurse from the Philippines.

The negotiations, first reported by The Washington Times, come less than a month after the State Department acknowledged a growing threat of kidnappings across the world and announced a change in the United States' decades old hostage negotiation policy.

The Bush administration shifted the policy by pledging to "make every effort" to gain the release of any American kidnapped overseas.

Previously, the U.S. government focused on protecting its

diplomats and workers around the world and didn't review every private kidnapping case "to the extent to which it would be examined now," State Department Richard Boucher said.

But the State Department also reaffirmed its commitment to some parts of the original policy, ruling out paying ransom or making other concessions. It advised corporations with kidnapped employees to do the same.

Abu Sayyaf gunmen raided the Dos Palmas resort last May 27 and abducted three Americans and 17 Filipinos. All of the hostages were taken to Abu Sayyaf strongholds on Basilan Island near Zamboanga.

Abu Sayyaf seized other captives on Basilan last year. Most of the hostages escaped or were released for ransom. Others were killed, including Guillermo Sobero of Corona, Calif.



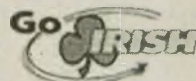
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Military uses NASA images in combat missions

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The Navy has been using NASA satellite data to help guide ships and planes in the war in Afghanistan.

This marks the first time the military has employed the space agency's up-to-date information in combat, Navy officials said on Thursday.

Some in Congress have expressed concerns that NASA risks overstepping its 44-year-old civilian charter, though military planners say the images they have been using are unclassified.

That information is available to "anyone and everyone," including a host of federal agencies and foreign governments, said NASA

spokesman David Steitz.

He said NASA has no qualms about the military's use of the images, which was first reported this week in Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine.

"Our nation's at war. We're part of the federal government," Steitz said. "If that helps save American lives, great."

The military used NASA satellite images in the Gulf War, but that information was archived, not recent.

In Afghanistan, the images have been especially helpful in spotting swirling clouds of dust that cause hazardous conditions for U.S. pilots and ships involved in the battle, Navy officials said.

In October, the imagery helped commanders steer

carrier battle groups out of dust storms in the Arabian Sea that had limited visibility to three feet.

The satellite data is also being used to study weather conditions that could hamper laser- or optically guided weapons.

Sean O'Keefe, NASA's new administrator, appointed by President Bush, has called for closer ties with the Pentagon since he took over the post earlier this year.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat who chairs the committee that funds NASA, has expressed reservations about the growing cooperation between the military and the space agency.

"We've got to be very careful about the historic firewall

between military space and civilian space," she told O'Keefe during a joint visit at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland earlier this year.

She added, however, that she does not have a problem with the Pentagon's use of NASA's unclassified data.

Others in Congress support the project.

"All Americans and civilian agencies are being asked to do their part to help in the war effort," said Rep. Dave Weldon, whose district includes the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"I commend the administration in employing NASA and any and all capabilities of the federal government to win this war on terrorism."

Oregon teen arraigned in psychologist death

Associated Press

BANDON, Ore.

A 14-year-old boy was arraigned on charges of raping and clubbing to death a 52-year-old psychologist whose body was found on a beach.

The suspect lived several miles from the spot where the body of Judith Elman was discovered Sunday, said R. Paul Frasier, chief deputy district attorney for Coos County.

Raymond Perkins, is charged with aggravated murder, rape, sexual abuse and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The last charge stems from a joy ride police say he took in Elman's car after she was killed.

The boy was arraigned in juvenile court. He is too young for his case to be automatically remanded to an adult court under Oregon's mandatory sentencing guidelines.

Outside the courtroom, the boy's mother, Patricia Perkins, said her son "obviously needs medical care."

"I will not accept what my son has done. Neither should anybody else. But he's a 14-year-old child and we love him," he said.

Elman's body was found just north of Bandon. She had been walking or jogging on the beach.

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Turbulent times on campus

These are turbulent times on the Notre Dame campus.

Students have been reacting to newly announced restrictions on alcohol consumption, dormitory functions and social gatherings.

Following several protest demonstrations, student government leaders have attempted to seek a place at the table when the new policies are written in detail this summer. Thus far, it appears that University officials will offer lip service to the students and turn a deaf ear on them.

Just as it seemed that the administration would wiggle away from the student wrath as examination period approaches, the University must now circle the wagons to address a potential scandal involving student athletes. The deaf ears will soon turn to mute tongues.

Student government leaders should closely follow the schedule of University President Father Edward Malloy. If they had, they could have foreseen that Malloy, co-chairman of a study by the nationally constituted Task Force on College Drinking, was forced to institute changes on his campus before suggesting changes for others.

The task force of researchers, college presidents and students was convened in 1998 by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institutes of Health. It would have been nice for Malloy, as co-chair, to have included a Notre Dame student to

bring the unique du Lac experience to the table.

The study's numbers are impressive. The task force estimated that drinking by college students contributes to 1,400 deaths each year, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape. Also, 400,000 students between 18 and 24 years old reported having had unprotected sex as a result of drinking.

The more interesting statistics are the top categories of abusers. Freshmen, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers and athletes are the worst abusers of alcohol consumption and presumably the dead, injured, aggressors and rape victims. Notre Dame, with no fraternities or sororities, could have opted to use that fact to focus its new policy on the alcohol aspect. Rather, it chose to customize its policy to limit dormitory functions such as the time-honored SYR traditional dance.

Rather than focus on actual campus situations, Malloy was quoted referring to students on spring break vacation by saying, "All you have to do is look at a couple of cable television channels who cover spring break where endless groups of drunken students get up and say 'I'm having the greatest time here' and then you recognize on the basis of these statistics what the fallout of the great time is."

As it has in the past during my undergraduate years and as has been its usual practice afterward, University officials tend to take a neutron approach to regulatory policies. In a recent phone conversation at half past midnight last night, one student leader sounded utterly exhausted and frustrated. The student wondered if attending Notre Dame was the right decision. The student said that all the student government leaders want is a place at the table to contribute posi-

tive recommendations and ask for clarification. Rather, students expect that their first review of the policy will be the final draft.

Will rectors and graduate students be permitted to possess so-called "hard" alcohol in the dormitories? Is there a possibility that a ban on dormitory dances can be changed or is it the University's way of limiting their liability? During football weekends will the University finally crack down on rowdy visitors who walk unhindered with open containers of beer across the campus quads?

College students like to drink. My generation was no exception. Neither is President Bush's children's generation. Addressing the problems associated with drinking is a difficult task. But until our society takes a more European attitude towards the matter so that young persons do not feel compelled to enhance their relaxation time after a tough academic regimen, the neutron bomb approach will continue for liability purposes.

Notre Dame is a wonderful place to visit and for most a wonderful place to attend college. The disheartening comments by the frustrated student leader about attending another university is a tragic commentary about campus life. With national attention about to focus on student athletes, the University vice can only be expected to further tighten.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Israel encouraging terrorism

This letter is written in response to Luke Burke's April 11 letter.

Ariel Sharon and his government have systematically undermined the authority of Yasser Arafat through military strikes and incursions into the territories to the point where his grip over Palestinian affairs virtually no longer exists. Sharon has all but eliminated that ability of the only Palestinian leader who has ever voiced any desire for a lasting peace with Israel to govern his own people and in the process set the stage for the ascension of militant organizations such as Hamas to fill the power vacuum as the new representatives and voice of the Palestinian people.

Sharon has ordered attacks on the entire security and governing institutions that maintain what little stability existed in the region and destroyed Arafat's ability to comply with any Israeli demands to reign in terror. The Palestinian territories have become fertile grounds for the development and growth of true terrorist organizations. These organizations do not even pretend to negotiate. These organizations will never understand peaceful coexistence, but simply bloodshed and bombs. With their leader Arafat recently blockaded in his Ramallah office and under constant siege by the Israeli

military, the Palestinians will soon begin accepting resumes in their search for new leaders. These organizations are the prospective candidates.

While Sharon is busy dealing with Arafat and the power structures of his government, the dozen main terrorists groups that operate inside of Israel who have taken a back seat in the past decade to the peace process find their popularity rising. They have the opportunity to increase their legitimacy in the eyes of the entire Palestinian people. Sharon can keep pressuring Arafat to crack down on terrorism, but if Arafat needs to ask the Israelis' permission to leave his own house to go down the street and buy a newspaper, his words cannot be expected to have any major effect. With Arafat out of the way, the Palestinians will turn to these true terrorist groups for guidance and leadership. The violence will continue and only exponentially increase in scope and magnitude.

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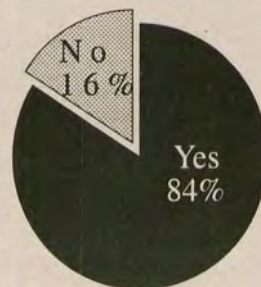
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Should Notre Dame publicly address the recent cases of sexual abuse involving the Catholic Church?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all."*Oscar Wilde
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Catholics can't condone contraception

The 19th century laws restricting contraceptives were passed by Protestant-dominated legislatures. No Christian denomination had ever held that contraception could be justified until the Anglican Lambeth Conference of 1930. The seismic effect of that rejection of millennia of moral teaching came in the 1960s with the advent of the pill. Does it make sense for the Catholic Church still to insist on that formerly unbroken teaching? Three questions are relevant:

Why is contraception wrong? First, it breaks, in the words of Pope Paul VI, "the ... connection — which is willed by God and which man cannot lawfully break on his own initiative — between the two meanings of the conjugal act: the unitive and the procreative."

Second, the contracepting couple makes themselves the arbiters of whether and when human life shall begin. They confer on themselves, as Pope John Paul II put it, "a power which belongs solely to God; the power to decide in a final analysis, the coming into existence of a human person."

And, third, in contraception, instead of what John Paul II called the "total reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife," there is a withholding: I give you myself except for my fertility, I will accept you only if you are altered to cancel your fertility.

In his 1994 Letter to Families, which could be read with profit by every engaged or married couple, whether Catholic or not, John Paul II explained that God, who is love, "wills" that each human person ought to come into existence through a loving act of self-gift between spouses united in a "communion of persons" modeled on the self-giving relation of the persons of the Trinity. Thus he noted the "similarity between the union of the divine persons" in the Trinity and the marital union, (LF, no. 8).

We, however, have free will. The contracepting couple, in effect, say to God, "For all we know, it may be your will that through this act of ours a new person, who will live forever, will come into existence. But we won't let you do it." In this light, we can see why John Paul said that, "Contraception is ... so ... unlawful as never to be ... justified. To think ... the contrary is equal to maintaining that ... it is lawful not to recognize God as God."

What about natural family planning (NFP)? In NFP the couple refrain from sexual relations during the fertile period. When they engage in relations during the rest of the month they may prefer not to have a child. But they have an accepting intent, in that they do nothing to destroy the integrity of the act and they are willing to accept the responsibility for a child. The contracepting couple, by drugs or plugs, take measures to destroy the integrity of the act to prevent a child. The privilege of procreation, however, is so important that NFP can be used only for "serious motives," which may include health, financial or other reasons. "In destroying the power of giving life through contraception," said Mother Teresa at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast, "a husband or wife ... turns the attention to self and so destroys the gift of love ... The husband and wife must turn the attention to each other, as ... in natural family planning and not to self, as ... in contraception. Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows very easily."

What are the social consequences of contraception? If man (of both sexes) makes himself the arbiter of when life shall begin, he will predictably make himself the arbiter of when it shall end, in abortion and euthanasia. The contraceptive society needs abortion as a back-up. It cannot say that homosexual activity is wrong without condemning its own premise that man is the arbiter of whether and when sex will have any relation to procreation. As Paul VI predicted, the acceptance of contraception puts "a dangerous weapon ... in the hands of ... public authorities" to reduce births among minorities. Promiscuity, divorce and cloning also follow from the contraceptive ethic. The growth of pornography, too, validates Paul VI's warning that contraception would cause women to be viewed as objects.

As Francis Fukuyama observed in "The Great Disruption," the pill and abortion liberated men from responsibility and put the burden on women, allowing "many ... ordinary men ... to live out fantasy lives of hedonism and serial polygamy formerly reserved only for a tiny group of men at the very top of society," (121). Women tend to pay the price for the sexual revolution.

The authentic Christian teaching on contraception does make sense.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

International court protects human rights

Today, the world is a little bit safer. After years of campaigning and hard work, the unprecedented International Criminal Court (ICC) is now a reality. Despite the United States' persistent opposition to the ICC, over 60 countries have officially ratified the treaty, including Great Britain; this number continues to grow literally every hour.

Hundreds of staff members at the New York-based Human Rights Watch celebrated on Thursday as cheers from other branch offices around the world as well as the United Nations could be heard.

The ICC, sanctioned with the legal mandate to prosecute human rights abuses worldwide, may undertake cases against world leaders, army officers and anyone thought to be responsible for crimes against humanity and war related crimes. These crimes range from rape to genocide. The court, based in the Hague, will officially come into existence on July 1, 2002, marking a monumental day in human history. Not since the creation of the United Nations has the world seen such a powerful, permanent global body designed to protect human

rights abuses, and it could not come at a more appropriate time.

"There's been so little holding to account on so many horrific offenses and crimes committed around the world — in Cambodia, Iraq, Chechnya," said Richard Dicker, international criminal justice director for Human Rights Watch. "This changes all that."

With most of the industrialized world supporting the treaty, the United States must ratify the ICC to preserve its role as a global leader in the fight to protect human rights. Rather than reconsidering the actual signing of the treaty, Congress must approve immediate ratification, forcing United States military practices to face the same scrutiny as other world militaries.

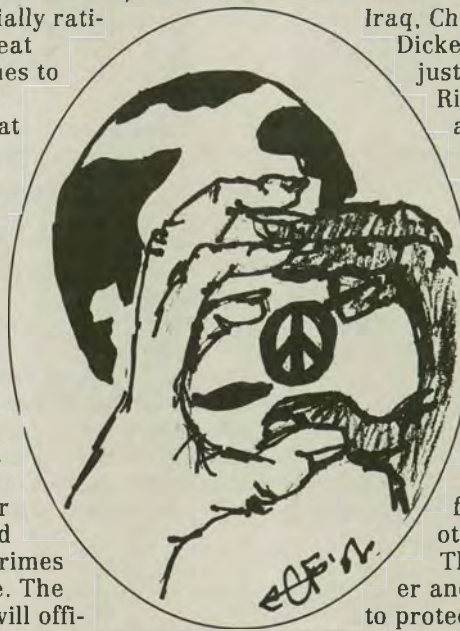
The world has changed forever and a new chapter in the fight to protect human rights has begun.

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Stand up for the Church

I'll dare to disagree with Tom Haight and his April 10 Inside Column.

That child molestation, where it is actually committed, is a despicable crime, no one can deny. That certain depraved men who happened to be priests have fallen to this basest of behaviors seems to be evident. That other men within the Church hierarchy made poor decisions regarding these alleged behaviors is arguable. The fact is, that many people, people even here at Notre Dame, hate the Catholic Church. I shall not try to venture any opinions as to why this is the case, but unfortunately it is the truth.

Now, these people, be they misguided or vindictive, realize that there is little they can do to hurt the rock of salvation that is the Church. But one thing they can do, have done and continue to do, is defame the Church through lies and false accusations. Now, in no way do I mean to discredit those few unfortunate victims who truly have been abused by someone, whether by a man posed as a man of God, or not. The fact is, though, that people can lie. In cases of a sexual crime, where only two people are involved, it is very easy to lie. Whose story should the authorities believe? Remember, in our court system, you are innocent until proven guilty.

How many of these accusations against priests are valid? Perhaps all of them, perhaps not. Perhaps the real cases of abuse were dealt with in an unsatisfactory manner. But even so, attacking the Roman Catholic Church does not do anything but harm. The media has exaggerated and distorted the facts to such an extent that here we are, having to defend the Church at a Catholic school.

How many people have been turned away from the Catholic faith because of this uproar? Does anyone see droves of people rushing into the only ark of salvation that is the Catholic Church because of this scandal? I certainly have not.

I have seen questioning of unquestionable doctrines, a general mistrust of the hierarchy who serves us and a general chaos. The very terminology used by those discussing this

issue leads to further untruths. The Church has not covered things up. We are all a part of the Church. The Church is comprised of the Church triumphant in heaven, the Church suffering in purgatory and the Church militant, that is, we the laity, served by the clergy and bishops and led by our Holy Father, the Pope. If individuals in the Church have made any mistakes, those are not mistakes of the Church.

I think it is obvious that the "covering up" of scandal is wise, as the results of this exposed scandal demonstrate. Mistakes of letting certain accused priests remain in their ministry were individual errors, likely the result of a lack of knowledge about the nature of these sick men. This was corrected before this public scandal. If you recall, Mr. Geoghan was long since laicized at the outbreak of this scandal. Dredging up mistakes made in the past and since corrected does no further good.

That new names of accused priests are being turned in to civil authorities, and that others are being suspended from priestly duties, are results of this public frenzy. Many of these men are the victims of false accusations, innocent men who are now being defamed and tarnished. Is it a good thing that innocent and holy men are being ruined for life? Even if some of these men have in fact abused children, that fact will remain. This dredging that will only cause more victimization and harm in the end will not lessen the damage done to these victims. If we truly care about human dignity, we should not care whether we are dealing with a man called by God to the clergy or a member of the faithful.

Justice is a good thing, but in the end, God will sort this out, I assure you. As good Catholics, we should stand up for our Church and for our faith, which is constantly guarded by her. Let's not add to the hurt already caused by the sin that we are trying to fight.

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The Fisher

By EMILY HOWALD
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The 16th annual Fisher Regatta is back once again and the title is up for grabs from returning champions Carroll Hall in the men's division and Walsh Hall in the women's division.

Carroll Hall won the Regatta for the past two years and the members of crew are not about to give it up this year. Their boat "Wood 'N' Caulk" is primed for the race and will be led by creator and two-year champion, senior Steven Bomeli.

Two seniors, two juniors and one sophomore will be leading the "Wood 'N' Caulk." Bomeli wants to prime the underclassmen so that when he leaves next year, there will be someone to take over in his place.

"I would like someone to give us a challenge this year, but I will bet on the fact that we win," Bomeli said.

The race is broken into two separate tournaments, one from the women's dorms and the other for the men's. It is run in an NCAA style, where two teams go head-to-head with the victor proceeding to the next bracket. In the past, nearly every dorm participated, so the event tends to last five hours.

Bomeli's main pearl of advice to all those participating in the Regatta is to go out there and give it the best shot. Fisher Hall sophomore Nick Williams relays the same message, however he feels that 2001 second-place finisher Fisher Hall stands a chance.

"If we have talented rowers, Fisher Hall can win this thing. Our "Jolly Piggot" was by far the coolest boat last year. Although it tipped, we have guys working on it this year to work out the kinks, and so I think Fisher stands a chance," Williams said.

Junior Jim Flynn agreed with Williams that Fisher is in prime position to steal the title from the returning champs of Carroll Hall.

"Since Fisher is such a small dorm, this week is geared towards getting the guys fired up and showing the rest of the campus our dorm spirit."

Nick Williams
Fisher Hall sophomore

"I think that Fisher is going to be putting out a valiant effort. With all our returning rowers and our pirate ship, we should be in a position to take that trophy home," Flynn said.

Flynn, along with the creator of the "Jolly Piggot," Matt Piggot, is in charge of the actual Regatta this Saturday. According to Flynn, at least 50 hours have gone into preparing for the event, so it should be worthwhile. The chairmen ordered the food, ordered T-shirts, looked into all the safety regulations and held the captains' meeting Wednesday.

Fisher Hall Assistant Rector Tony DeSapio has also put a great deal of time into ensuring that the Regatta is a success.

The activities will begin around 11 a.m. Saturday when people begin to bring their boats out to the lake. Flynn, Piggot and their crew members will be out at the site around 8:30 a.m. to begin set-up. They will set up the grills for the free food and drink and set up the course for the tournament.

The tournament will be sponsored by Coca-Cola and free soft drinks will be provided as well.

The tournament begins at 1 p.m. and the heats usually go until 4 p.m. Last year, there were 16 teams on each side and the heats shrank from eight teams to four teams before the two championship races. Last year, Carroll Hall defeated Fisher and Walsh Hall defeated Badin.

In years past, the "boats" raced ranged from miniature golfing ships to garbage bins taped together. Various pieces of dorm furniture and pieces of Styrofoam have also commonly been seen on the race course. According to Williams, people put whatever they want out there — just as long as it slightly floats and is

handcrafted by the dorms.

In addition to winning the race, one lucky boat will be awarded the honor of "best in show." This award goes to the most creative and entertaining boat that is seen in the tournament. Although the boat may not exactly sail, it will at least maintain the possibility of winning a creativity award.

Williams and Greg Celio are in charge of Fred and Sally Week in Fisher Hall. The week of events, named after Fisher Hall benefactors Sally and Fred Fisher, began Saturday, April 6, and continue through April 13. The week of events has grown from merely serving food to events scheduled every night.

"In the past it hasn't been this huge, but now we are doing a lot more with the

dorms. Since Fisher is such a small dorm, this week is geared towards getting the guys fired up and showing the rest of the campus our dorm spirit," Williams said.

The week began last Saturday with a trip to a Chicago Cubs game. About 50 guys took the bus trip and spent the day in Chicago and at the game. On Sunday, there was a dorm picture and free food throughout the dorm.

One of the most novel and popular events of the week took place on Monday — the Section Wars. Two-thirds of the dorm was involved in these "male-bonding" events of arm-wrestling, pie eating contests and the "roommate game."

The roommate game is focused on finding out how much you know about your roommate. It is reminiscent of the "Newlyweds Game" and the pair that scores the highest, or knows the most about one another, wins on behalf of the section.

There are heavy- and light-weight divisions and representatives from each section take part in the events.

Tuesday night, the Fisher residents attended a talk by Father Theodore Hesburgh in the Main Building, followed by a Mass in the Log Cabin Chapel. This event also had a large turnout from the members of the dorm.

Wednesday is called the "Red Mock Awards" and



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Students filled the quads as a parade of dorm pride proceeded across campus, displaying some of the boats to be featured in Saturday's Regatta.

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Fisher Regatta



The "Kinky Bootbeasts" will be performing first. They are an acoustic act featuring Dave Lodewyck and Joe Andrukaitis on acoustic guitars.

Performing next is "Rex Ladado," and according to freshman Brian Cullen (Bucket), this is the premier concert of a band which promises to start a worldwide musical revolution. Bucket is on bass, Dave Lodewyck is on guitar and lead vocals, Matt Morgan is on drums and Pete Balogh is on guitar.

The headliner is the "Skamunists," a well-known campus ska band. Bucket will again be on bass, Pete Balogh is on guitar, Matt Morgan is on drums, Omar Arizpe is on the trombone, Mike Zodda and Chris Giese are on the trumpets and Sean Brooks is on the saxophone. All three bands are scheduled to play throughout the duration of the event.

Also, beginning on Thursday, the men wore their sailor caps to promote the events happening at Fisher Hall.

Today, a Fisher 3-on-3 basketball tournament will occupy the men's day and a dorm-wide party will fill the men's evening. Every section has a social gathering, and the Fishermen unite to show spirit in their dorm.

Williams sums the evening up in two words: "It's huge."

The week is concluded with the race on Saturday. The tradition behind the race is also a large part of the week because it all began as an attempt to incorporate Fisher in the Notre Dame community.

Because Fisher was the only dorm that did not have a signature event on campus, a young man from Boston thought it would be unique for Fisher to have a Regatta race to salute his dorm. It began in April of 1987 as a small event that few dorms participated in and has grown into the biggest dorm event on campus.

"Our whole dorm year is centered on this one event," Flynn said.

The event will be monitored by five policemen out on the water enforcing regulations and providing for the safety of the participants. Safety regulations need to be followed at all times, and the captains are responsible for their ships.

The event should last all day long and admission is free. There will be free food, a DJ playing all day and Regatta T-shirts on sale for \$10.

According to Williams, this is a day of entire Notre Dame unity that can't be found anywhere else.

is for the dubious characters of the dorm. The night consists of cigars, poker and chicken wings. The award ceremony was hosted by Williams and awards were given to the deserving men of Fisher.

The men voted days ago and selected the most deserving dorm mates for the honorable and not-so-appealing awards. Freshman Thomas Patrick Callaghan was awarded the "Prodigal Son Award" (the man most wanted back in Fisher Hall) and Freshman Tony DeVito was awarded the "Ball and Chain Award" (the man most seen with his girlfriend). Freshman Tom Gorman received a muzzle and a shovel (for his roommate to use) after receiving the "Legend in his Own Mind Award."

Additional, not-so-nice awards were the dorm drunk, the smelliest, the Chewbacca award (hairiest guy) and the future seminarian award. They also recognize the guy with the hottest girlfriend and the laziest man in the dorm.

Many other awards were given out, mostly to freshmen and sophomores, honoring or dishonoring positions they hold within the dorm. According to Williams, the "Red Mock Awards" is one of the most traditional aspects of Fred and Sally Week.

Because it is also Breen-Phillips dorm spirit week, the men of Fisher will be co-hosting a lu'au on North Quad, complete with a pig-roast and three campus bands, with Fisher men in each band.



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

The days of Regatta festivities continued with entertainment at the parade. Saturday's celebration will include live bands, a DJ and free food.

"It's the biggest dorm event on campus. You don't want to miss it," Flynn said. "Come enjoy our fine cooking as you watch dorms compete against each other for pride and prizes."

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Both male and female dorms will be represented in the race in separate divisions. Some dorms put in as many as 50 hours planning and building their vessels

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NCAA Tournament.

"The last three games have been really good for us," Eric said. "I'll be back soon. I think we can win our last four games and make some noise in the tournament."

Although she does not play the same position as her brother, Meredith Simon's stellar play at midfield is a big reason why the women's team is enjoying its best season in Notre Dame history. As a freshman, Meredith made an immediate impact, starting 13 games for the Irish. This year, Meredith is tied for the third on the team in scoring with 15 goals.

"We have a really special team this year," Meredith said. "We all have fun, and we all work hard. We can definitely compete for the NCAA Championship."

Meet the Shearers

If there is anyone who can relate to Eric Simon having a younger sibling attend Notre Dame to play lacrosse, it is junior Danielle Shearer.

After watching her younger brother, Will, fall in love with lacrosse at the age of five, Danielle finally decided to pick up a lacrosse stick when she was 14.

She has not put it down since.

"Our Dad played lacrosse in college," said Danielle. "Will and he kept telling me to play, so I finally played for the first time in eighth grade."

Last year, as a sophomore, the midfielder from Hampstead, Md., led the Irish in scoring with 35 goals. As if that is not impressive enough, Danielle set a Notre Dame record with six goals in one half against the Syracuse Orangemen last year.

Through ten games this year, Shearer leads the Irish with 36 points on a team-high 25 goals and 11 assists. Danielle is quick to give her brother credit for her success.

"He helped me out a lot," Danielle said. "He really helped me learn the game. We have a goal in my backyard and we used to practice together all the time."

Unfortunately, Will has not played yet for the men's team because he suffered a season-ending shoulder injury before the start of the season. Will is currently rehabbing his shoulder from surgery and hopes to contribute to the Irish over the next few years.

"I'm really excited about the future," Will said. "I hope to help the team in any way I

can. I really want to help us do more than last year's team that made it to the Final Four."

A Special Bond

Even though the brother-sister tandems do not have the opportunity to see each other play very often because of conflicting lacrosse schedules, they are never afraid to give each other advice.

"My sister knows my game better than anyone else," Eric Simon said. "She will be the first person to tell me if I could have played better. Every now and then, I'll give her a pointer, too."

Danielle Shearer said having her brother watch her play helps her tremendously.

"I love it when my brother watches me play," Danielle said. "He always gives me negative reinforcement. No, I'm just kidding. He usually has something positive to say."

Will did have something positive to say about his sister's career at Notre Dame.

"My sister is so quick on the field," said Will. "She is just an incredible offensive player."

Sometimes playing in the shadow of a sibling can be difficult, but the Simons and the Shearers would not have it any other way. Both brother-sister tandems are extremely close off the field and very happy to be at Notre Dame together.

"I'm absolutely thrilled my brother is here at Notre Dame," Danielle said. "We are so tight. We did not go to the same high school so it is really great that we are going to college together."

Will credits Danielle for helping him get accepted into Notre Dame and making his transition to college life much easier.

"She helped me a lot with the admissions process," he said. "I'm really glad we both go to Notre Dame."

Like the Shearers, the Simons know that it is a special opportunity to attend and play lacrosse at the same school as their sibling.

"Off the field, we have really different schedules," Eric said. "I live off-campus and she lives on campus, but we still see each other as much as possible. I go over to visit her a few times a week. We go to movies together a lot."

"We're best friends," Meredith said with a big smile when describing her relationship with her brother. "He's the number one role model in my life. I wouldn't be at Notre Dame if it weren't for him."

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TRACK

New Irish faces look to win at Tom Botts Invite

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New events are not the only changes that come along with the transition from the indoor track and field season to the outdoor season. Along with these new events comes a new group of emerging stars who are making a name for themselves, both in the Big East Conference and, more importantly, the nation.

As Notre Dame continues its outdoor season at the Tom Botts Invitational in Columbia, Mo. this weekend, these standouts look to continue the success that they have seen.

The most impressive of these stars has been sophomore Todd Mobley, who is currently ranked 18th in the nation in the 10,000-meter run. He posted a 29 minute, 11.35 second time in the 10,000 at the Stanford Invitational two weekends ago. Mobley, whose best performance during the indoor season was a 14:14.33 5000-meter run at Notre Dame's Alex Wilson Invitational, has improved dramatically since the outdoor season began.

"I feel stronger," said Mobley. "I felt like I trained just as hard [for] indoors, but the training is finally taking effect because my times are more impressive than anything I've done indoors."

The men's team has also seen an impressive performance in senior Pat Conway this outdoor season. Conway, is finally in top form again after battling sickness during the indoor season.

"I was a little bit sick during cross country and indoor track, [and] that dragged me down a little bit," Conway said. "But I've gotten healthier, and my breathing has been a lot better, so that has helped."

Conway is looking to defend his 1500 title at the Tom Botts Invitational, where last year he ran a season-best 3:50.09.

The women's track and field team has found much of its outdoor season success from a dorm room in Welsh Hall. Freshmen roommates Christi Arnerich and Kate Duman have immediately found themselves as top Irish competitors in events exclusive to the outdoor season: the 3000-meter steeplechase run and the javelin throw.

In the first steeplechase run of her collegiate career, Arnerich ran a Big East qualifying time of 11:16.55 at Notre Dame's Spring Opener last weekend. She had the fourth-best time in the mile during the indoor season, but in the outdoor season has found herself as Notre Dame's top steeplechase runner.

"I was pretty surprised that I was able to run that time at the beginning of the season," Arnerich said. "Hopefully I'll run about 10 to 15 seconds faster [this weekend]."

Duman made an impact on the record books in her first collegiate meet. Her personal-best throw of 126 feet, 7 inches at the Purdue Invitational is the top throw for the Irish this season. Despite her success, the freshman says it comes as somewhat of a surprise.

"I hadn't planned on doing track in college, but I came here to do it," Duman said. "I wasn't expecting to come out so well in my first meet, because that was a personal best for me. And this was the first time that I've thrown the javelin, so that was exciting."

Duman and the rest of the Notre Dame track and field team are hoping to get more Big East qualifying and NCAA qualifying times this weekend at the Tom Botts Invitational. For many, this meet serves as an opportunity to get ready for the more competitive meets to come, and ultimately, the Big East Championship.

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Wisn (8-4) also walked two and struck out six.

"I thought she did great and she wasn't perfect," Gumpf said. "She fought, and I'll take that any day."

Wisn ran into trouble in the top of the third inning. Purdue's Laura Martin hit a one-out double to left. After a groundout gave Wisn two outs, Angi Roembke's bunt single put runners at the corners. Roembke then stole second to place two Boilermakers in scoring position.

However, Wisn recovered to strike out Andrea Hillsey and get

out of the jam.

The Irish offense got started in the bottom of the fourth inning by capitalizing on Boilermaker mistakes.

Andrea Loman led off the inning with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch and then third on a throwing error. Catcher Jarrah Myers brought her home with a single.

After an Andria Bledsoe single, Lisa Mattison reached on an error, and Bledsoe advanced to third and Myers scored. Liz Hartmann's single to left scored Bledsoe after an error by the

third baseman.

Gumpf believes getting three runs on a wild pitch and three Purdue errors shows how Notre

Dame takes advantage of its opponent's mistakes.

"We have talked about that since day one. We knew we were going to have young pitch-

ing going in, and our older girls know what it takes," Gumpf said. "We have to generate runs. We have to make things happen, like on a bobbled ball. That's how you manufacture runs."

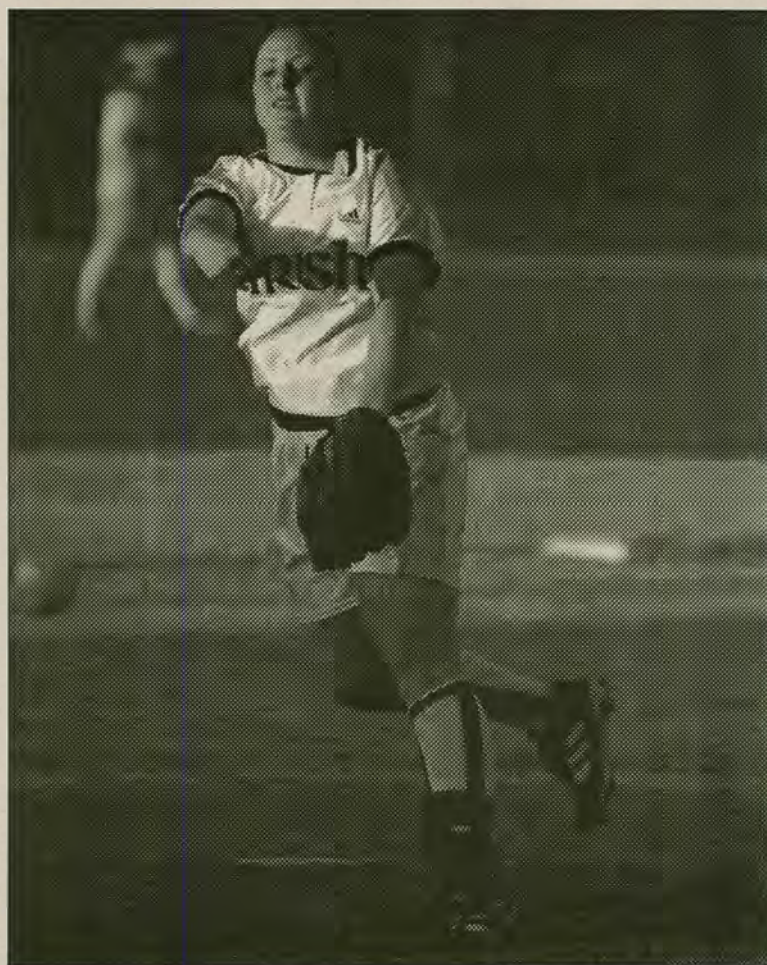
Purdue came right back in the top of the fifth inning when shortstop Katie Crabtree hit her 11th home run of the year to center field, making the score 3-2. Roembke singled to continue the Boilermaker rally, but Wisn got a fielder's choice and strike-out to end the threat.

The Irish took advantage of more Boilermaker mistakes to add an insurance run in the bottom of the inning, when Myers singled with two outs. A passed ball allowed her to take second, and she scored the fourth Notre Dame run on an error by Purdue's left fielder on Bledsoe's single.

Purdue brought the go-ahead run to the plate in the top of seventh with one out, but Wisn got two groundball outs to end the game.

This weekend, the Irish return to Big East action against Connecticut and Syracuse. The Huskies are 1-7 in the Big East, but are a traditional power in the conference. They are the defending Big East Tournament champions and have won seven titles since 1990.

"UConn's been our rival since the day we came into the Big East," Gumpf said. "On paper, they look like they are down this



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish pitcher Carrie Wisn delivers a pitch in Thursday's game against Purdue. The freshman got the complete game victory for the Irish in Notre Dame's 4-2 win.

year, but they are going to fight like heck against us and we have to play great ball to beat them."

Syracuse is a surprising 4-0 on the year in the Big East. Last year they were only 6-14, but Gumpf knows this year's team reflects its good start.

"Syracuse is a very young team and they're very energetic and they are just going to go after us," Gumpf said. "Both teams are very good teams and we need to play our 'A' ball to beat them."

Friday's doubleheader against Connecticut starts at 4:00 and the doubleheader against

Syracuse starts at 11:00 on Sunday. All four games are at Ivy Field.

Notes:

◆ Thursday's victory over Purdue extends Notre Dame's home winning streak at Ivy Field to 24 games.

◆ After being held out of Thursday's game, pitcher Steffany Stenglein is healthy and will pitch for the Irish in this weekend.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 7 Blue Devils will test Irish

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

It's tournament time for the women's lacrosse team.

While it may not be the NCAA tournament that the Irish are ultimately playing to reach, this weekend's three-team round robin hosted by the Irish has some perennial powers matching up. Today the Irish face the sixth ranked Duke Blue Devils, and on Sunday challenge the 12th-ranked Yale Bulldogs. The two visiting teams play each other on Saturday.

This is the first time the Irish have hosted this yearly event.

"We are excited about the home games," said captain Kathryn Lam. "They [Duke and Yale] are a both aggressive talented squads. We are ready to compete."

Duke, who Notre Dame plays today at 4 p.m. at Moose Krause Field, is the highest ranked team the Irish have faced. They are also one of the more consistently successful programs in the country.

"These guys have been in the top five for the past four years," Irish offensive assistant Danielle Gallagher said. "They've got a couple big threats on attack, and on top of that, their goal-keeper is outstanding. That's going to pose a very big problem."

The Notre Dame-Duke game will be a match up of the stingy Irish defense versus a potent Blue Devil attack. The Irish defense, the best in the nation in goals allowed (6.44 per game) going into this week, will need to deal with an offense that has serious scoring threats.

The offensive-defensive battle will include two high school teammates facing off against each other. Notre Dame's Kelly McCardell played four years defending behind Duke's second leading scorer, Lauren Gallagher, at W.C. Henderson in West Chester, Pa.

"We know about their key players. ... Lauren, she's awesome," McCardell said. "We are going to look more towards communication and team defense: not worrying about who is covering who, just stop the ball."

Jen White, Notre Dame's keeper, said she wouldn't be approaching this game any differently. Her mechanics stay the same.

"It's just like any other game," said White, who has won Big East Defensive Player of the Week twice. "The routine is the same. Any given day any team can be awesome, or not great."

On the offensive end the Irish look to sustain their multifaceted scoring attack where five girls have scored in the double digits. The Irish look to use this diversity when the attention is focused on Danielle Shearer, Alissa Moser and Natalie Loftus.

"We have to have a great team effort," said Gallagher. "In games like this you're looking for the players that haven't been as much of an impact to play more of a role. Somebody else has to step it up other than Dani [Shearer], Alissa [Moser], and Nats [Loftus]."

Fortunately for the Irish, Anne Riley and Meredith Simon have been contributing on offense more in the last few games, and Lauren Fischer has been scoring consistently

throughout the year.

The No. 7 Blue Devils started the season ranked third, but lost games to tough ACC competition, to make their overall record 6-4. They go into this weekend knowing the importance of these out-of-conference games.

"Our kids know that every weekend, every game for us, is critical," Duke coach Kerstin Kimel said. "We are looking forward to tomorrow and Saturday."

The 12th-ranked Yale squad comes to Notre Dame with an 8-2 record and is also looking to make a national statement before returning to Ivy League play.

Notre Dame goes into this weekend coming off an emotional one-goal loss to Ohio State. But they are not down on themselves.

"It's good we get to come back so quickly from a game like Ohio State," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "Our ultimate goal is to win the Big East and get to the tournament. If we can gain some valuable learning experiences from a loss, that's good."

"We know we haven't been playing our best game since we won over Syracuse," McCardell said. "As a team we know its time to turn it around and get back on track."

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXI

Dead Kennedys pound World Class Fishermen

♦ Four teams advance in first day of tourney

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Five skilled anglers could not overcome the political power and basketball skills of a family from Massachusetts as Dead Kennedys beat World Class Fishermen, Master Baiters 21-11 on the first day of Bookstore Basketball XXXI on Stepan Courts.

The Dead Kennedys, made up of four law students and an engineering graduate student, controlled the game from start to finish. They jumped out to an early 8-2 lead on the World Class Fishermen, a team made up of an Alumni Hall RA and four students from his section.

"We actually expected to play better. We made it to the round of 64 last year," said Dead Kennedys' Eric Nadell.

World Class Fishermen were the only teams wearing any sort of costume on Thursday. Each player had his face painted and one wore former Celtic Larry Bird's uniform.

"We had to wear this to class

today," sophomore Justin Golbabai said. "We had class until 4:45 so we didn't have time to change. We were hoping to win by intimidation since we weren't going to win by skill."

Only three other games were played Thursday, as most of the games were rescheduled.

In the closest game of the afternoon, the all-freshmen team Bly and the Family Stone defeated Off: The Team You Beat In The Shower But Not On The Court, 24 -22.

"We actually expected to play better. We made it to the round of 64 last year."

Eric Nadell
Dead Kennedys

Of f built a 20-18 lead late in the game but could not get the winning basket to fall as Bly battled back to

tie the game and send it into overtime. Paul Sifuentes scored the last three baskets for Bly to take a 23-22 lead before David Goett hit a shot in the lane to win the game.

Sifuentes said he was happy to have faced such a tough opponent in the opening round.

"I am glad we got that hard game out of the way," Sifuentes said. "We don't want to think these early games will be easy."

Off's fans from Zahm got into the heads of Bly throughout the



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

A basketball player attempts a shot during a Bookstore Basketball game Thursday. Four games have already been played in tournament with over 500 teams competing.

game with taunting and jeering. At times they even elicited full sentence replies from Bly's players.

"A lot of the guys let them get into their heads but this is Bookstore and you have to be able to ignore that," Sifuentes said.

Yup, It's The Lug Nut: Fixed It won bragging rights in its Alumni dorm section by defeating Tenacious STD 21-15. The all-sophomore Lug Nut squad controlled the game early and built a 6-1 lead. The junior and

seniors on STD got as close as 18-15 late in the game but never took the lead.

"When we found out we were playing each other we started joking around a lot," Lug Nut's Tom Kerestes said. "It was pretty serious out there on the court today but hopefully it will go back to just being joking around again."

The all-female Booty Call team defeated another all-female team, Maybe If U Beg, 21-12 in the last game of the afternoon.

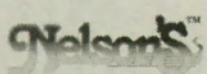
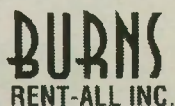
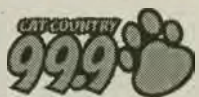
Booty Call scored the first

seven points of the game and never looked back.

"We haven't even practiced together before today," Booty Call's Brigid McHugh said. "But we are going to the Elite Eight, and then we will probably lose."

First and preliminary round Bookstore action continues today from 4-7 p.m. with games on Lyons Courts and Stepan Courts.

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FOOTBALL

Fullback position has promising possibilities

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

While questions swirl around who will play key positions on the Notre Dame offense — quarterback and running back, for example — running backs coach Buzz Preston seems confident about who will be playing fullback for him.

Even though seniors Mike McNair and Tom Lopienski are officially in a "try-out" period for a fifth year of eligibility, Preston is hoping to make them a key part of the 2002 offense.

"I plan on them coming back," Preston said. "And Chris Yura has a chance as soon as he gets himself healthy. We've got some other young men who are working there, too."

The two seniors, who have seen significant time in the 2001 season, should get a chance to play a fourth year with the Irish. But if you ask them, they're keeping their expectations in check.

"Whatever Coach Preston said," Lopienski said. "Whatever he said, I can't argue with that."

"I don't have any pre-conceived expectations," McNair said. "I'm just trying to go out and get better and see where it goes from there."

If they return in the fall, the playing time they will see could be very different from their last three years at Notre Dame. After playing a significant role blocking on the option-heavy offense last season, the fullback position will become a significant part of a versatile offense, Preston said.

Whether it involves blocking, running or receiving, Preston plans to take full advantage of his fullbacks.

"I think if you're going to be successful in college football today, you need to utilize all

weapons that you can at the perimeter-type positions," Preston said. "To be one-dimensional in those positions, I think really limits you in college football because of all the things the defense can do to you."

Eliminating that one-dimensional quality will be key on Preston's list for his fullbacks, right after getting them introduced to a whole new offense. In order to make real weapons at the fullback position, Preston needs his players expand their versatility.

"They have to be up and able to do all things," Preston said. "Not just block but run, catch, they have to be multi-dimensional, and they have to be flexible."

That new role will come as a bonus to the two seniors who have spent their time blocking and expect to keep blocking. According to Lopienski, a touch-

down scored by a running back is just as rewarding for him as if he crossed the goal line himself. But with this new offense, the bonus possibility of a carry doesn't hurt.

"Really, [at] the fullback position, you're basically going to be a blocker most of the time, so I'm pretty happy with that," he said. "To get a couple of passes or to get to run the ball is a little plus."

"I just want to do whatever I can to help the team and go from there," McNair said.

Despite the fact that Lopienski and McNair rushed for a total of 78 yards for the Irish during the entire course of the 2001 season and Lopienski had only two receptions, Preston has no doubt that the fullbacks can step up to their new role.

"I'm not worried about that," Preston said. "That'll come and it'll all work out."

The fullbacks have a lot to deal with this spring: an unidentified starter at the quarterback position, increased

"I'm just trying to go out and get better and see where it goes from there."

Mike McNair
fullback



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Fullback Mike McNair carries the football during a recent drill at spring practice. McNair is joined by fullback Tom Lopienski as fullbacks who may return a fifth year next fall.

responsibility to receive and carry and a new coach. On the fourth day of practice, it's early to expect the fullbacks to fully comprehend their new role, but Preston sees potential. With the summer to digest their new role, the fullbacks should be ready to take part in the offen-

sive scheme.

"They're young but coming along," Preston said. "It's all new to all of them, but after they get through this spring and get all this heaved on them, I find that in the fall after working the summer on it and getting the terminology, then

they'll be all right in the fall."

"I think we're all coming together," Lopienski said. "It takes time. Everything takes time."

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Sanchez. However, the Irish left two men on base in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings, heading into the decisive sixth.

In the sixth, Johnson seemed to tire, as he allowed a leadoff single to Pittsburgh's Bryan Spamer before giving up a two-run home run to third baseman Rolando Bello, which cut the Notre Dame lead in half to 4-2. The next batter, left fielder Stuart Ryaceski, singled, while the following two batters made outs.

But Johnson walked center fielder Tony railing and allowed a base hit to right fielder Michael Bell before being pulled in favor of relief pitcher Matt Buchmeier. The first batter Buchmeier faced was Brant Colamarino, who drilled a three-run home run down the right field line, completing the six-run sixth inning to make the score 6-4.

Mainieri believes this situation should never have occurred in the first place, if the Irish had collected a few more clutch hits.

"That game should not have been a 4-0 game in the sixth inning," Mainieri said. "We should have had least another four runs if we would have rose to the occasion and come through in the clutch. So what happens is we put pressure on the freshman pitchers to go out and pitch these low run games. Grant Johnson pitched

his heart out. He pitched clearly good enough to win today. It's heartbreaking for Johnson."

The Irish added another run in the bottom of the sixth, but the Panthers answered with their own run in the top of the seventh.

Mainieri felt bad for his freshman pitcher, who he thinks had a strong performance despite picking up the loss.

"It was really a shame, because I thought Grant

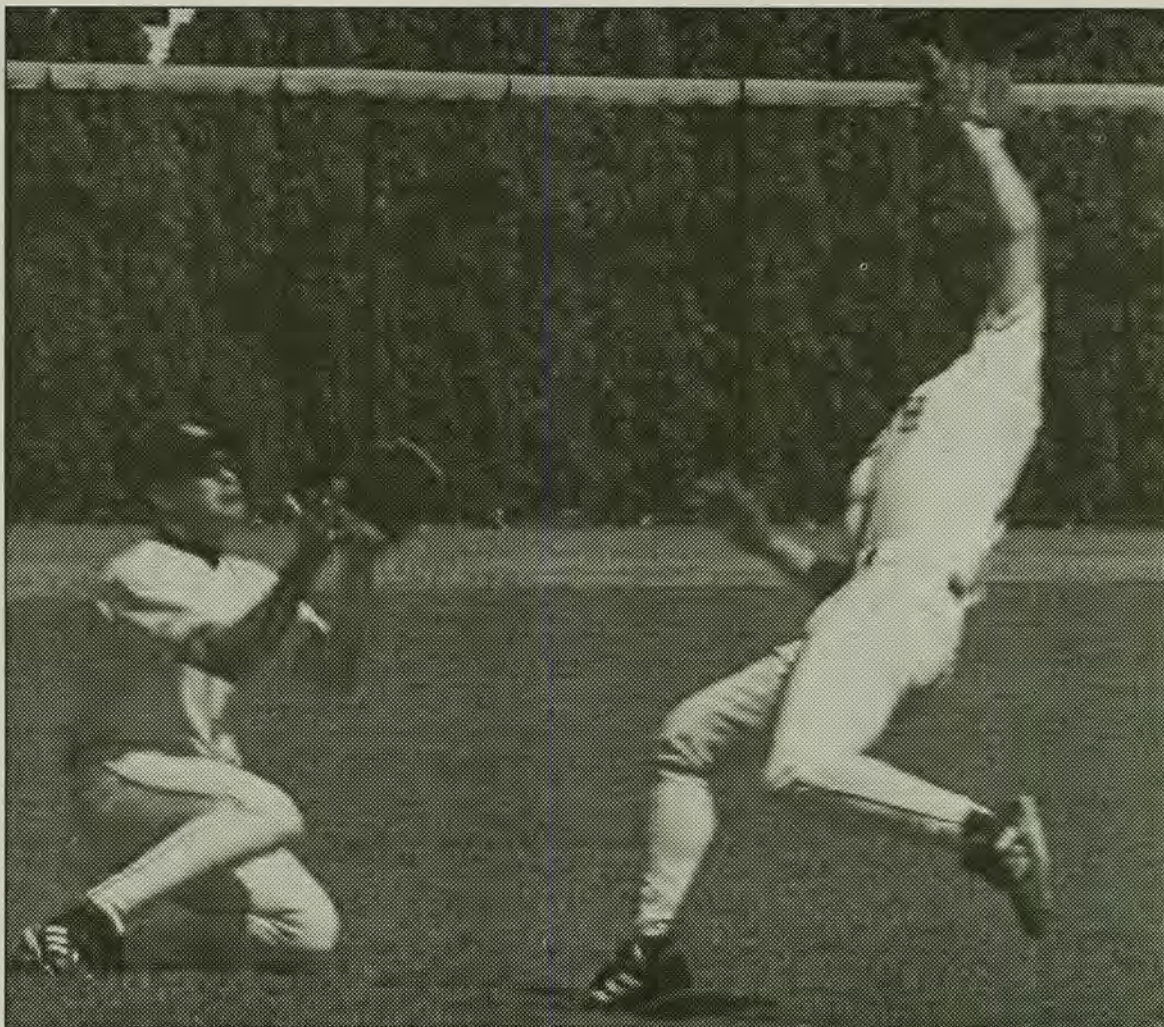
Johnson just pitched his heart out out there," Mainieri said. "Unfortunately, he had to throw a lot of pitches to strike out as many batters as he did, and he just kind of ran out of gas there in the sixth inning."

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Irish took the early lead after center fielder Steve Stanley singled and O'Toole crushed a two-run home run in the first inning. Both Stanley and O'Toole came with in a hit of hitting for the cycle, each missing the feat by a triple and a single, respectively.

With the four hits, O'Toole is now batting .432 in his career in Big East play with 17 RBI and a .886 slugging percentage.

Pittsburgh added a run of it's own off of Irish starter John Axford when Joe Thaman booted a hard grounder, allowing lead off man Bello on base in the second inning. Bello scored three batters later on a Rob Beahn ground out. The Panthers tied the game in the when Bell doubled in Beahn.

Axford settled down to get



LIZ GAYDOS/The Observer

Left fielder Brian Stavisky and shortstop Javier Sanchez both go for a fly ball in shallow left field. The Irish split a Big East doubleheader Thursday with Pittsburgh.

out of that inning and keep the game tied.

The Irish busted the game wide open in the sixth by batting around and scoring seven runs to take a 9-2 lead. Stavisky walked to start the inning, O'Toole doubled him in, third baseman Andrew Bushey sacrificed O'Toole over to third and second baseman Steve Sollmann got him home on a fielder's choice via the suicide squeeze.

Sanchez followed with a

double before designated hitter Mike Holba ripped another double down the left line to score both Sollmann and Sanchez and give Notre Dame a 6-2 lead. Thaman then walked to put two men on base for Stanley. The All-American then deposited a three-run homer over the right field wall for his second career round-tripper to end the scoring in the inning.

The Irish went on to add three more runs before the final out and improved to 19-12 overall and 6-6 in Big East play.

Despite the impressive win, Mainieri knows his team must play better if they hope to make a run in the Big East

tournament as well as the NCAA tournament.

"I just know that we are better than we're playing right now," Mainieri said. "We just need to be a better team in the clutch. Guys that have been great clutch hitters with us their whole careers just aren't rising to the occasion."

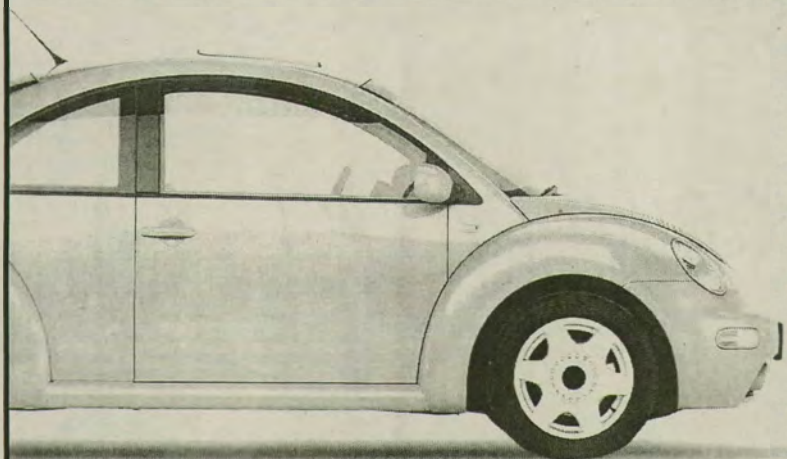
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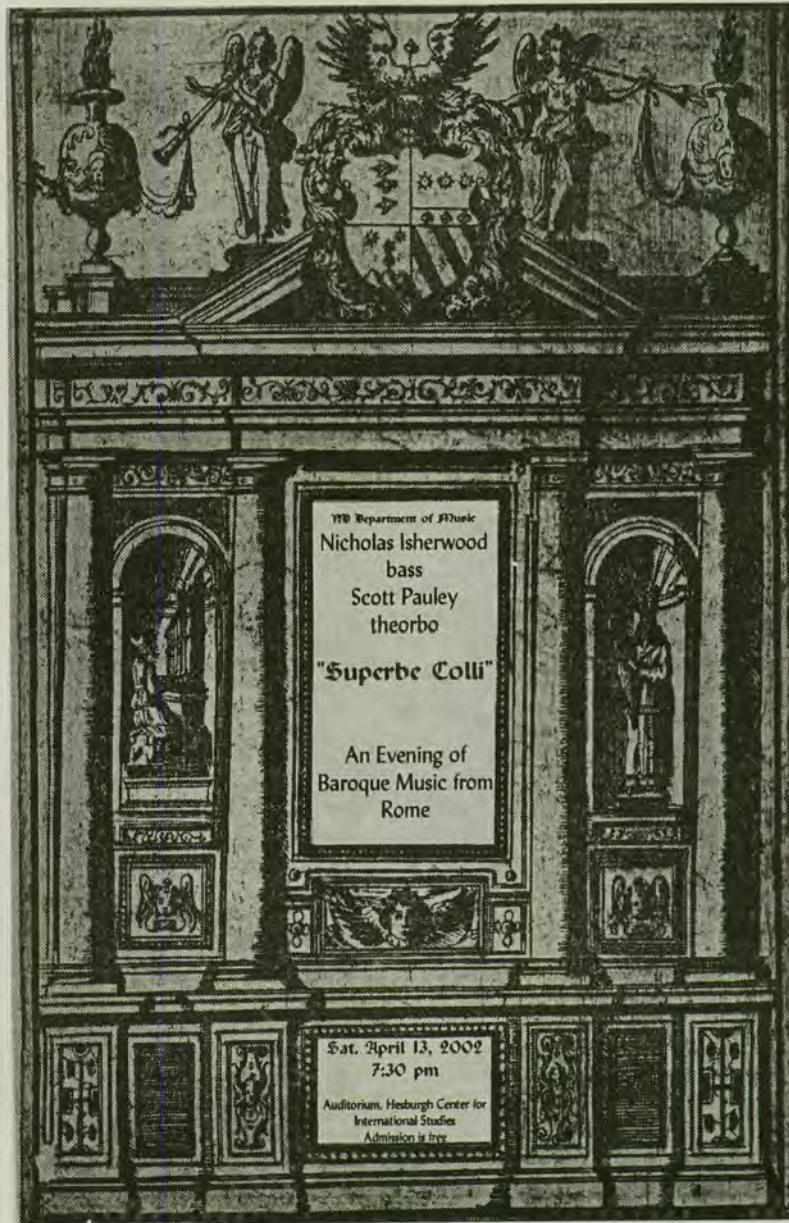
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SMC ROUNDUP

Belles sports have busy weekend ahead

By NATALIE BAILEY and
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Sports Writers

Saint Mary's softball hosts Alma for a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m. Wrapping up a week filled with rescheduled games and cancellations, the opportunity to play a game will be a welcome change, even if it is against the highest ranked team in the MIAA conference.

Senior co-captain and first baseman, Rachel Deer found the cancellation and rescheduling of their game against Calvin to be frustrating.

"We haven't played games on a consistent basis this season," she said. "We are looking for-

ward to playing on Saturday."

Returning players know the challenge that awaits them.

"Every year Alma is a very skilled batting team," Deer said. Her strategy is to shut their offense down. "They are very good at manipulating their offense by bunting and slapping so our defense has to be good on Saturday," said Deer.

Junior outfielder Jill Clark agreed.

"Last year Alma had very good hitters. The line shots to

the outfield and hits in the gap gave them a lot of their runs," she said.

With a consistently strong defense this year, Clark sees a need to be ready to step up to Alma offensively.

"A very strong offense is going to be key," Clark said. "We need to walk up to the plate with a lot of confidence and make sure we match them hit for hit."

In light of their current 0-4 league record, the Belles realize

"We haven't played games on a consistent basis this season."

Rachel Deer
first baseman

Alma is going to be a tough competitor.

"We need to step up our play considerably from our last two conference games. Alma is not a team that can be taken lightly," Deer said.

Saint Mary' Golf

This Saturday, the Saint Mary's golf team will be competing in their first meet of the Spring season at Brookwood Golf Course in Buchanan, Michigan at 10 a.m. Under head coach Theresa Pekarek, the team had an impressive third place finish in the fall conference championship, behind the first place team by only three strokes.

Ten women will be competing

at the tournament — six main players and four at an exhibition level. Freshman Julia Adams will be one of those contending. "We just have two tournaments this spring," she said. "I hope we can all play as well as we can and prove to everyone that we're a good team."

Coach Pekarek believes that Saint Mary's has definite advantages for Saturday. "We're playing on our home course. We've played on this course many times, and we know it well," she said.

Pekarek also has high expectations for the tournament. "Our underclassmen have tournament experience under their belts now," she said. "I expect everyone will play well."



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women battle two ranked opponents

◆ Team not looking ahead to Big East touney yet

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

As its season winds down, the Notre Dame women's tennis team might be tempted to start looking ahead to the Big East Tournament in Miami, Fla.

However, two tough matches remain before the Irish can focus their attention on Miami's sunny beaches.

This weekend, the Irish will head south to Williamsburg, Virginia to take on 14th-ranked William and Mary before traveling to Austin, Texas for a Monday match against the 10th-ranked Longhorns.

The two matches represent the seventh consecutive time the Irish have had to play a top-30 opponent and will be a fitting end to a brutal late season schedule.

"We expect both matches to be very tough," said Irish coach Jay Louderback. "William and Mary and Texas are both very good teams, but they both very beatable."

As always, the key for the Irish will be to gain early momentum by winning the doubles point. Since Louderback shifted the doubles lineup several weeks ago, he has been pleased by his team's play and expects that part of the lineup to be solidified.

"Our doubles looks good

right now. I'm confident in that aspect of our team," he said.

On the singles side, the Irish have experimented by playing people at different positions, with only marginal degrees of success. The one constant this season has been Alicia Salas, who has anchored the team this season from the fourth singles spot with a stellar 21-2 record.

On the other side of the court, William and Mary heads into the match with a 15-6 record, while the Longhorns boast a 14-5 mark.

And while both teams sport records superior to the Irish 11-11, the Longhorns are reeling from a 7-0

thumping at the hands of Vanderbilt, while the Tribe is coming off a tight 4-3 loss to Texas.

It would seem as if the door were open for the Irish to gain some last-minute preparation heading into season-ending tournaments and perhaps even squeak out a victory or two.

The Irish hope their match against Texas helps the team develop more outdoor playing experience that will come in handy during the Big East Tournament, especially against rival Miami.

"We know Miami is going to be tough wherever we play them, but they're probably going to be even better outdoors," said Katie Cunha. "We want to be ready for that."

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"William and Mary and Texas are both very good teams, but they are both beatable."

Jay Louderback
head coach

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish seek perfection

◆ Men's team aim for perfect home record

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team is just one match away from achieving an unblemished record at home this season.

A win over 16th-ranked Kentucky on Saturday would make this season's Irish squad the first to go undefeated at the Eck Tennis Pavilion since the 1992 team accomplished that same feat as they advanced to the NCAA final.

Kentucky poses a hurdle to that potentially perfect home record, though.

The Wildcats, who were ranked as high as fourth earlier in the season, own a 16-8 record and have defeated top 10 teams such as Tennessee and Mississippi.

But they have struggled recently, losing four of their past five matches.

"I have a lot of respect for them," Irish senior Javier Taborga said. "I think they have one of the best teams in the nation, they just under-achieved this year big time. I think it is going to be a war because they need to win to stay in the top 16 and we need to win to host the region."

"We both need to win real bad for what we want to do," he said.

Fellow senior and doubles teammate Casey Smith agreed

"Kentucky is a very talented team," Smith said. "They've been down a little bit lately. Whenever your back is against the wall, you're going to come out fighting."

The Irish were down a little bit earlier in the season, but after going through that brief slump, the team has come out stronger and more cognizant of their vulnerabilities.

"I think the team has been playing a lot better. I have seen the level improving, and in practice we are all aware that we cannot have any more Michigan matches," said Taborga, in reference to Notre Dame's upset loss to No. 46 Michigan.

Notre Dame's main weakness has been its doubles play, but with a new lineup on Saturday and after successful practices this week, the Irish are not worried.

"For awhile, we kind of got down," Smith said. "Practices weren't as intense as they should have been. It is tough to keep that level up competition up the entire season. We just went through a little valley and I think we're ready to peak again."

Taborga feels the Irish have the potential to exploit some key disadvantages Kentucky bears. The key for Notre Dame is to capitalize on those opportunities.

"We want to play them outdoors," he said. "We are in better shape than they are and outdoors you get more of a work-out than indoors."

Additionally, Kentucky's travel schedule could aid the Irish. The Wildcats will be

getting into South Bend the same day as the match and only a day after hosting Vanderbilt.

"We have to take advantage of that," Taborga said.

Notre Dame hopes that the home court advantage will play a role also.

"In the past years, we've struggled at home," Taborga said. "It's nice to know that finally we are realizing that we have to [maximize] the home court advantage. Not many people come out [to cheer on the team], but the people that do come have been great supporters."

The Irish are forcing themselves not to think about undefeated home records and rankings though.

"If we did think about it, then it might jinx us," sophomore Matt Scott said.

Taborga agreed that it is better not to think about rankings.

"It can affect you," he said. "That's not the best thing to do right now. I think we need to keep on concentrating."

Notre Dame's No. 1 player does not apply that advice to himself though.

"I am the only one that is really, really concerned about rankings," Taborga said. "Anyone on the team will tell you that I am a freak because I am on the computer checking out all the other schools and telling people, 'If we win this match, we will move ahead.'"

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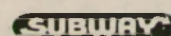
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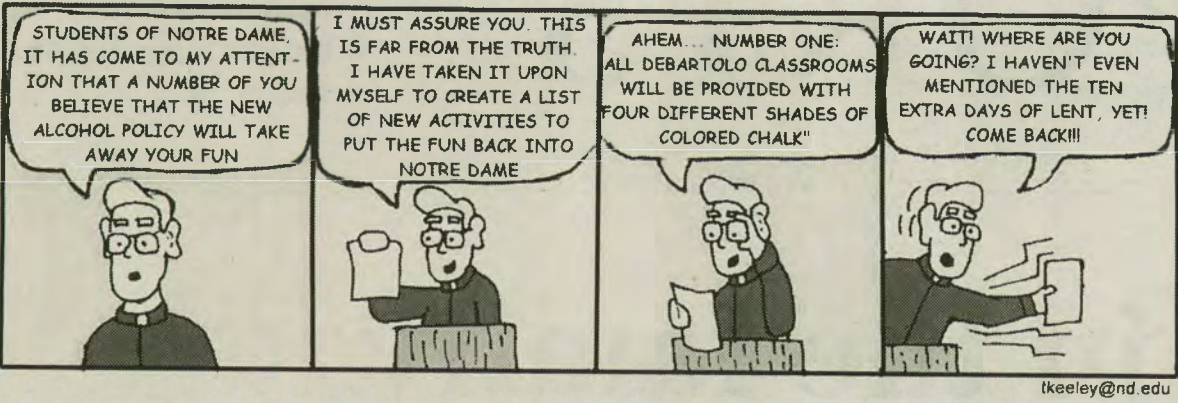
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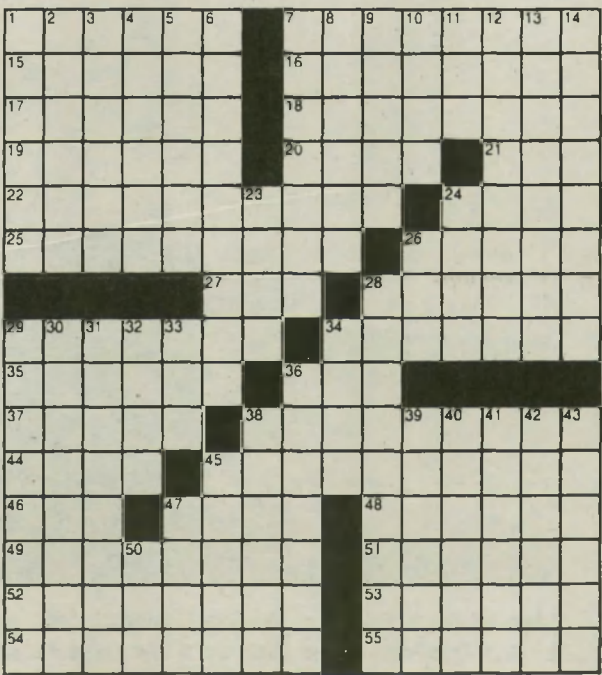
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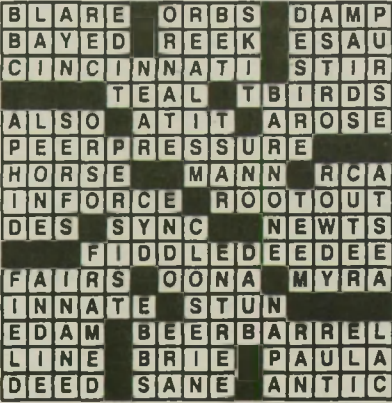
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34 Rhône's capital

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39 Japanese-American

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LACROSSE

It's all in the family

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

If you take a quick glance at this year's media guides for the Notre Dame men's and women's lacrosse teams, you will notice that the last names Simon and Shearer appear on each team's roster.

This is no coincidence.

For Eric Simon and his younger sister Meredith and for Danielle Shearer and her younger brother Will, Notre Dame lacrosse is truly a family affair.

Meet the Simons

Sophomore Meredith Simon has been following in her brother's footsteps ever since she was a kid growing up in Flemington, N.J. After excelling at softball and soccer in grade school, she wanted to add another sport to her resume in high school.

"I was looking to do something different," Meredith said with a laugh. "Eric had been playing lacrosse for a few years, and he encouraged me to give it a try. We used to play in the backyard a lot. He played defense on me. I never scored."

Just like his little sister, Eric Simon was also a three-sport star at Hunterdon Central High School. Eric's athletic talent shined the most on the lacrosse field, where he was named a second-team all-state selection in New Jersey during his senior year.

After being recruited by sever-

al colleges, Eric decided to attend Notre Dame because he wanted to help build a lacrosse tradition here.

Little did he know one year later his sister would be following him to South Bend for the same reason.

"After my first couple of months at Notre Dame, I knew that she would fit in here really well," Eric said. "Every time I called home, I wanted to know if she got in. Meredith is just perfect for Notre Dame."

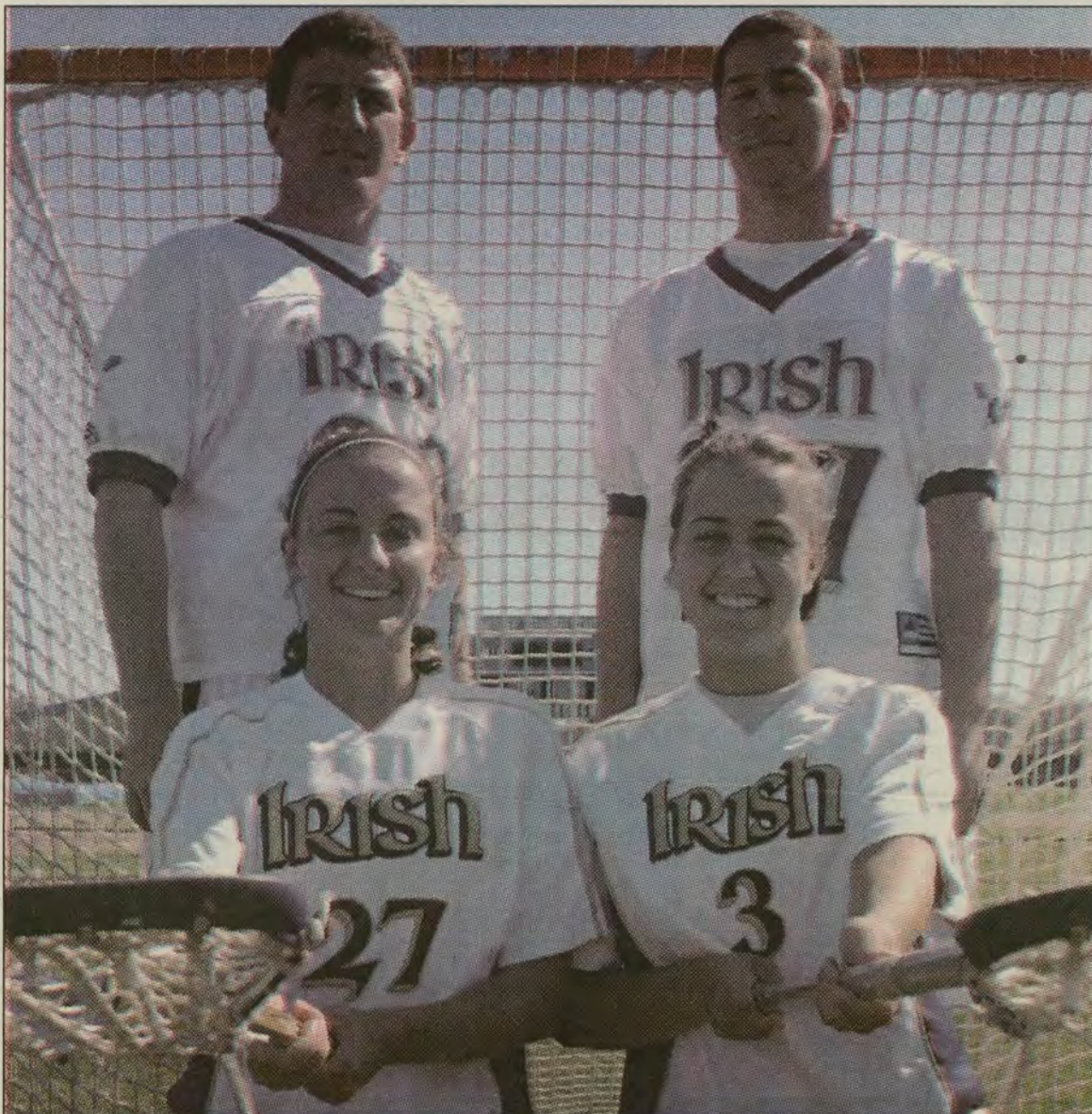
Both of the Simons have been fixtures in the starting lineups for their respective teams over the last two years. As a sophomore, Eric cracked the starting lineup as a defenseman for the best men's lacrosse team in Notre Dame history. His strong defensive play helped the Irish advance all the way to the Final Four.

This season has been a bit more challenging for both Eric and the Irish. Eric has been out of action for the last three weeks with a broken left hand, but hopes to possibly return this Saturday against Army and help Notre Dame extend its current winning streak to four games.

Although their overall record is only 4-5, the Irish look to be in excellent shape to return to the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame currently sits atop the Great Western Lacrosse League with an unblemished 3-0 record. The winner of the league earns an automatic bid to the

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Irish siblings Eric and Meredith Simon, left, and Will and Danielle Shearer are all current members of the Men's and Women's Lacrosse teams for the Irish.

BASEBALL

Pitt rallies for win in split

◆ Panthers' 6-run inning sparks comeback in first game of Big East doubleheader

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

For a head coach whose team had just beaten a conference rival by 10 runs, Paul Mainieri was surprisingly frustrated.

The Notre Dame coach's aggravation stemmed from his teams missed opportunities in the first game of a double header against

Pittsburgh on Thursday, when the Irish let a 4-0 lead vanish and left 11 players on base, en route to a 7-5 loss.

Despite bouncing back with a 12-2 pounding of the Panthers in the second game, Mainieri knows his team must start playing more consistently in the Big East conference.

"We need to play better than a .500 team to get over the hump," Mainieri said.

"Today we had one nice win, but it was a lost opportunity in the first game, and we're going to have to, sooner or later, win a couple of games in a day."

In the first contest, freshman right-handed pitcher

Grant Johnson took the hill for the Irish and was nearly untouchable in the first three innings, striking out seven batters.

Johnson continued to cruise through Pittsburgh's lineup through five innings, but Notre Dame's offense struggled to break the game open.

Left fielder Brian Stavisky led the Irish with three hits, including an RBI single in the first inning. He also added his fourth home run of the season, a solo shot, in the fifth inning. Catcher Paul O'Toole then smacked a double to center field and was knocked in by shortstop Javier

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ND SOFTBALL

Streaking Irish grab 11th straight victory

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Purdue came to Ivy Field on Thursday and met a hot Notre Dame softball team, and the Irish sent the Boilermakers home just like their previous 10 opponents — losers.

Using timely hitting and another great pitching performance, Notre Dame beat Purdue 4-2 and extended their winning streak to 11 games.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf was very pleased with her team.

"I think we did great. I think

we fought," Gumpf said. "Purdue is one of the scrappiest teams in the nation. They are the kind of team that can beat anybody on a good day. Purdue loves to beat us. It's like bragging rights in Indiana. Purdue would have liked nothing better than to beat us, so today was a great day for us."

Carrie Wisen got the start for the Irish and went the distance for her second complete game victory in as many starts. The freshman pitcher gave up two runs, one earned, on seven hits.

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