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Mixing Marchers and Protesters

Members of Notre Dame ROTC participated in their annual Presidential Pass in Review in Loftus as students in Pax Christi protested near Stonehenge.

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Suspect contests allegation

♦ Keenan Hall resident claims he brandished knife in self-defense

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

The suspect in Saturday morning's alleged assault contested the alleged victim's account of the story Wednesday and claimed he brandished his knife in self-defense after the victim tackled him.

The Notre Dame Security/Police Department is investigating the incident that allegedly took place at 1:25 a.m. in a hallway of the fourth-floor of Keenan Hall.

In an interview with The Observer Tuesday, the alleged victim, a St. Edward's Hall resident, said that he left his friends' Keenan Hall room to pick up a pizza. He said he was walking down the hall when the suspect, who lives in the Keenan room he was visiting,

threw a football at him and then tried to tackle him. The alleged victim then said he "tried to just hold [the suspect] without any other scuffle."

After he released the suspect, the alleged victim said the suspect displayed a butterfly knife and moved towards him. The man said he backed away from the suspect into radiator at the end of the hallway. At that time, the alleged victim said he tried to diffuse the situation and the suspect eventually went into a room.

But Wednesday night, the suspect told The Observer that the alleged victim threw the football at him first and then he threw it back. He said that the alleged victim then tackled him.

"He was kind of sitting on me, and I couldn't breathe. I showed him the knife because he was a lot bigger than me and I didn't want to end up in the infirmary," said the suspect.

The suspect said that police officers and his rector spoke to him later that night in his RA's room. He said that he was brought to the Security Building

and registered a .00 on a Breathalyzer test but did not make a statement at that time.

The alleged victim disagreed with the alleged suspect's account of the incident.

"All I have to say is that [his account of the incident] is a surprise to me and I have lots of witnesses who will tell otherwise [and confirm my account of the incident]," the victim said.

On Tuesday, NDSP Assistant Director Charles Hurley said the suspect threatened the alleged victim while holding a weapon, which the alleged victim identified as a butterfly knife.

"Apparently, there was a statement made [by the suspect] that made the victim feel like there would be physical violence. There was contact between the suspect and the victim and a weapon was seen in the hands of the suspect," said Hurley.

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Johnson reveals uncommon life

By KIFLIN TURNER
Associate News Editor

Speaking to a room full of women who knew all too well what it was like to be uncommon, Chandra Johnson, assistant to University President Father Edward Malloy, voiced her story and the stories of women Biblical figures on the journey to overcome challenges in reaching a higher level of self-awareness.

The talk, sponsored by A Life Uncommon, a faith-based group of University women, meets weekly to discuss eating disorder issues using spiritu-

ality as a basis to cope with their own inner conflicts.

The group was formed one year ago by students who wanted to confront eating disorders from a spiritual perspective. To achieve these goals, the students asked Johnson to act as advisor for the group.

Johnson's own unconventional, yet ambitious life-story provided inspiration to the group as she moved from her family in Los Angeles to start a new and strikingly different life as a 38 year-old undergraduate student at Notre Dame.

"To literally recreate my life was the right thing to do," said Johnson.

Now as a leader in the Notre Dame community, Johnson is helping to redefine the lives of other undergraduate women



Johnson

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Bishop, Senate voice student concerns

♦ Bishop says student union is in the crossroads in annual address

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Student Body President Libby Bishop said the student union is at a crossroads during her State of the Student Union address.

According to Bishop, this crossroads refers to the "huge group of students still feeling frustrated about the lack of input, but also the intersecting group of students who are writing in to the administration and voicing their opinion."

"It is not necessarily two completely separate groups of students but also other signs of student voices emerging," said Bishop.

Bishop stressed that the student union will only be strong if the correct path from this crossroads is followed. This path includes converting student concerns into constructive dialogue before student frustration becomes student apathy.

"We are going to try to

build upon this interest of student involvement to use it in a constructive ways to get students involved with student government," she said.

According to Bishop, the number of e-mails in her inbox, the students that stop her on the quad and student letters to the administration are indicators that students are utilizing their voice.

Bishop called on her staff and other student leaders to use their potential "by being effective in our communication with administrators and also the student body."

Citing the motivation of University administrators to improve Notre Dame, Bishop said that her direction is to work with the administration. She said that she believes that by being honest and coordinating meetings with the administration that both bodies can benefit by strengthening the student union.

Bishop and her staff have made some headway by accomplishing effective communication with administrators.

According to Bishop, their most encouraging meeting was with Bill Kirk, who was "open and honest about talk-

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KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Student Body President Libby Bishop delivers her State of the Student Union address to the Senate during its Wednesday meeting.

♦ Senators pass revised hall dance resolution unanimously

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

In their last meeting of the school year, the Senate revisited the proposed alcohol policy and unanimously passed a new resolution concerning in-hall dances.

This resolution differs from the 11th-hour resolution that the Senate passed before Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, formally announced the proposed alcohol policy changes at a March 25 Campus Life Council meeting. That resolution failed to make the 2/3 majority by one vote.

Kevin Connolly, chair of the Residence Life Committee, said the first resolution "criticized the way in which the policy was drafted" and addressed more than in-hall dances. This resolution also strongly stressed the lack of student involvement in the formation of the alcohol policy.

The first resolution stated

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INSIDE COLUMN

Wax Hands

A few days ago, I saw a poster for Antostal, and, amidst all of the exciting planned events, I spotted the words "wax hand" for this Friday. I was immediately whisked back in time about five months.

It's December, it's finals, and our wonderful student union board is concerned with us students being too stressed out. So they give us a stress reliever break by supplying us with crayons, cookies, music, jump ropes, massages, karaoke — in short, everything that comes to mind when you think of the word fun. And to top it all off, the event's posters proudly announce one thing that completely sparked my curiosity and interest: wax hands.



Kylie Carter

Lab Tech

Excited about this strange event, I convince my friend Charles to come along. "There will be wax hands!" I tell him. "I don't know what that means, but if SUB is bringing them in for us, it has to be wonderful. We'll love it!" So he's sold.

We enter Lafortune Ballroom expectantly, and our eyes are dazzled with kids having fun all around us. Once in the wax hand line, we are asked to sign a waiver, and the first caution flag goes up in our minds. How can you get hurt or killed from something fun and relaxing?

We're finally through the line, and the two carnies in charge of the event tell us to dip our hands in the cooler full of ice. OK. So we do. And our hands get cold. Then really cold. Then I start hopping around, waiting for the man to tell me that I am allowed to take my hands out of the ice. I want to cry, Charles is mad at me for coercing him into this horror, and I wonder why I am doing this. How badly do I want a wax replica of my hand? Why was everyone else going along with this?

Then, finally, we are allowed to take our hands out of the ice. To immediately have to dip them in a pot of hot wax. We are instructed to dip in for three seconds, then out for three, for about five minutes. Hot wax.

My hands are numb from the ice, but after a while the numbness starts to wear off, and I accidentally dip too far in a couple times, past the numb area, burning my wrist.

Once the wax is dry, one of the carnies whips out his credit card, cuts around the base of our hands, and yanks on this wax structure until our poor abused hands are finally free.

And then I look at that strange wax hand, and think about when I was little, and I would stub my toe, and my dad would jokingly offer to step on my foot to help me forget about the first pain. Well, while I was killing off my nerve endings and immersing my hand in scorching wax I can tell you I was not thinking at all about any papers or finals. Thank you, SUB, for relieving my stress. Thanks, better yet, for giving me and all my friends the opportunity to relive this experience this Friday for Antostal.

Whoo-hoo!

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: 5 p.m., "Surprise Twists in a Career Path," O'Shaughnessy, room 242	◆ Opera: 7:30 p.m., "The Magic Flute," Washington Hall	◆ Movies: 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., "Vanilla Sky," DeBartolo, room 101	◆ Concert: 3 p.m., Notre Dame Brass Ensemble, Band Building
◆ Antostal: 3 p.m., Tie-Dye Fun with snowcones and music, Fieldhouse Mall		◆ Movie on the Quad: 9 p.m., "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," North Quad	

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Connecticut law requires students to get vaccine

STORRS, Conn.

Thousands of college students across the state of Connecticut are rolling up their sleeves to take a needle in the arm. A state law now requires all college students who live in university housing to get the preventative vaccine for Meningococcal disease.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection that is potentially deadly.

Sheila Burke, the assistant director of Health Services at Quinnipiac University, said that most students are responding to having to get the vaccine in a positive manner — as something they just have to do.

"It is so new we haven't dealt with it before," Sheila Wheeler, the Health Services Director at Sacred Heart University said.

She also said that so far the stu-

dents have not been affected because the law begins to take effect this fall.

The state law requires that students who attend colleges or universities in the state, public or private and live in housing must receive the vaccine.

The law also requires that the universities and colleges provide information to students and prospective students about meningitis.



State Rep. Mary Eberle, the co-chair of the public health committee, said that the vaccine is very safe and is a preventative measure for students.

"For a couple of reasons, [meningitis] attacks very quickly and is often fatal," she said. "Kids away from home don't realize they might be sick."

The Centers for Disease Control's Web site states that meningitis is an infection of spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds a person's brain. It also states the difference between viral and bacterial meningitis is very important in treating it. According to the Web site, viral meningitis is not as serious and can be taken care of without specific treatment while bacterial meningitis can be treated with antibiotics.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Student newspaper files complaint

MINNEAPOLIS

The Minnesota Daily filed a complaint Tuesday with the Minneapolis Police Department's Internal Affairs Division. The complaint claimed officers infringed on Daily journalists' First Amendment rights during the April 7 riot following the Gophers NCAA hockey championship, Daily Editor in Chief Mike Wereschagin said. "We feel what happened to the photographers and reporters was wrong, and this is the sort of thing police should not do," he said. According to written statements in the complaint, a photographer was pushed to the ground from behind and kicked in the back. When a reporter went to help the photographer, she was sprayed directly in the face with chemical irritant. Two other photographers were sprayed in the face with chemical irritant and hit repeatedly with a riot stick. Two photographers had press passes displayed in the middle of their chests, and the others told police officers they were members of the press, according to the complaint. "The Minnesota Daily strongly objects to what we feel was the specific and systematic targeting of members of the press by the Minneapolis Police Department," the complaint said.

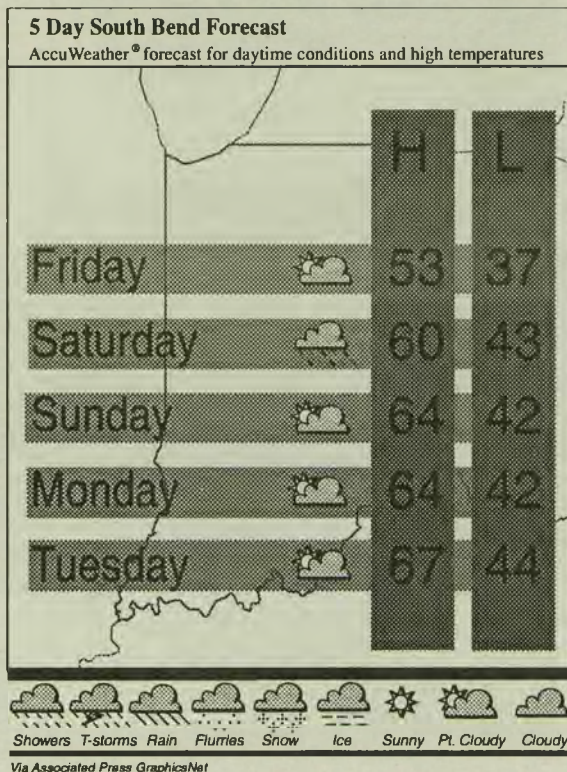
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Protest mocks Mideast tension

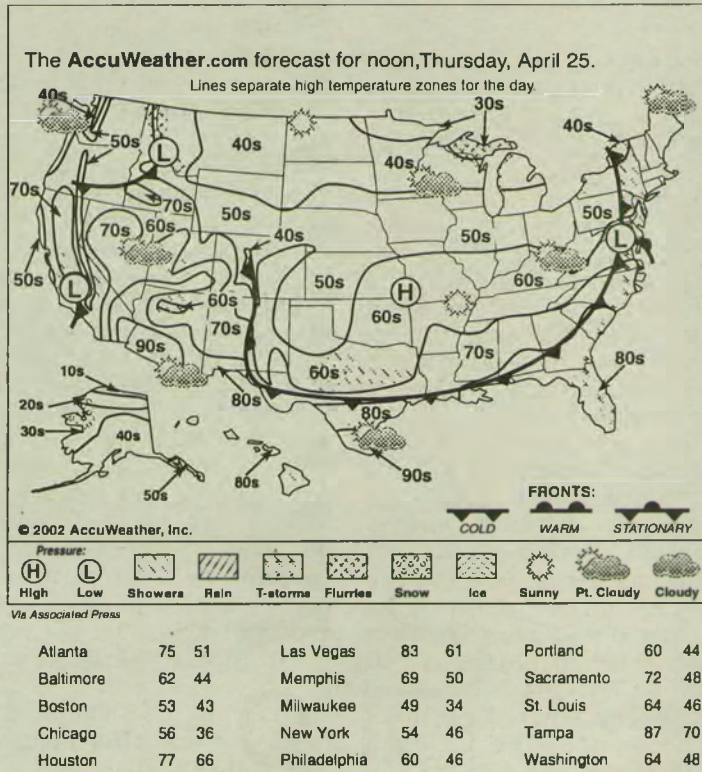
NEW YORK

Three New York University students gathered on Union Square in New York last night to protest the American and Canadian occupation of — each other. The students stood within three feet of each other, held small signs of protest and shouted at each other, attracting attention and a crowd of about 10 friends and passersby. "We're in a rally to end the Canadian occupation of the United States. Meanwhile, he's in a rally to end the American occupation of Canada," freshman Jesse Unkenholz said. Meanwhile, freshman Ron Hackel explained the true motive behind the rally. "There have been lots of demonstrations here recently about occupation and aggression — Israeli aggression — the occupation of Palestine and all this stuff," Hackel said. "We're trying to point out that that kind of language can be really misleading — language of occupation and aggression." Hackel added holding opposing protests, as Israeli and Palestinian groups did on campus last week, is pointless. "The Israeli protesters yell and shout, and then the Palestinian protesters yell and shout. They all argue with each other, and it doesn't us get anywhere," he said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



ROTC hosts review, Pax Christi protests

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Shortly after ROTC's annual Presidential Pass in Review occurred Monday night in Loftus, about 30 students organized by Pax Christi gathered to protest ROTC.

"We are furiously concerned that the Catholic school of Notre Dame is not training future officers in the rich tradition necessary to make good and informed decisions about war," said Pax Christi leader senior Tom Feeney after the rally.

Pax Christi-Notre Dame, "a group of students dedicated to prayer and political action for the peace of Christ," was concerned

with the moral awareness of the Notre Dame ROTC program, Feeney said. He added that the University should work more with ROTC participants to "form their consciences," which he said included approaching the use of warfare with a Catholic or Christian perspective.

This year's protest stemmed largely from a speech Pax Christi wrote for University President Father Edward Malloy to present at the ROTC ceremony, where he is always recognized by Notre Dame students of the armed forces.

Malloy's office redirected the group to Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry and ROTC chaplain, and they met Monday morning. Feeney said

Warner listened to the group's concern, but Malloy did not read the pre-written speech, which highlights the Christian just-war theory and Catholic Social Teaching as ways to deal with military conflict.

During the Monday night protest, Feeney read the entire speech. It also appears on page 15 of today's Observer.

Feeney said Pax Christi had three specific goals it hoped to attain from the protest: spark dialogue "in the context of friendship" on the issue, raise institutional questions and press for the administration to make reforms in ROTC curriculum.

Many at the Pass in Review were aware of the protest that fol-

lowed the ceremony, but they stressed the significance of the event in all ROTC programs.

"For ROTC members, it's their key military event of the year,"

said Col. Mark Gehri of Air Force ROTC. "It's the only time when the entire corps gets together to give thanks to the University for its support."

He added that the cadets can also remind the campus of

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Andrew DeBerry
Air Force ROTC cadet

their committed patriotism.

Likewise, Pax Christi used the event to speak out for what its members feel is the moral obligation of the University concerning ROTC training.

"It's sort of the ritual of ROTC's presence on campus," said Feeney. "So if you were to make a

statement against ROTC's presence on campus, that would be when it would happen."

Members maintained they did not want to disturb the ceremony, which is why they moved the protest to Stonehenge from the doors of Loftus, where Pax Christi protested last year. At least 20 ROTC students attended the Waiting for Malloy protest on Stonehenge Monday, including junior Andrew DeBerry of Air Force ROTC who has been collaborating with Pax Christi this year to better understand how to work together.

"I thought they made strides of improvement in communicating their respect for those involved with ROTC. I think they bring up some good issues for the University to address, such as not having a clear class available on Catholic approaches to war," said DeBerry.

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TODAY!

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Friday, April 26, 12pm-6:30pm
Inflatables, Wax-Hands, Live Music from "OK Go"
North Quad (Stepan Center)

Panel discusses Mideast

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

A panel discussion dealing with the Israeli-Palestinian crisis entitled "Making Sense of a Crisis: What is Happening in the Middle East?" was hosted by the College of Arts and Letters Wednesday night in Walsh Hall.

As the crisis between the Israeli and Palestinian people escalates, the world struggles to understand the violence.

"Along with our privileged state at Notre Dame comes certain responsibilities one of which is to address political and social justice issues," said Professor John Duffy, who served as moderator for the evening.

The panel consisted of Professors Keir Leiber and Patrick Gaffney and two students, Anthony Lusvardi and Rachel Smith, who participated in the Notre Dame Jerusalem program in 2000.

As Americans, the majority of information regarding the situation comes from the mass media that deals mainly with the after-effects of the conflict rather than giving explanations of the cultural, political and religious roots leading to such conflict, panel members said.

Mixing history with current facts and personal opinion,

each panel member spoke for about ten minutes.

Smith, who lived with a Palestinian family for a summer, offered a personal perspective on the crisis. She was struck by the great disparities of wealth in the Gaza City between the Israeli settlement and the Palestinian town. She also said that the Palestinians have a mentality of "defeatism or having nothing to lose."

Leiber, a Government professor, focused on policy implications of the crisis. He believed that the current military operation by Israel was, in the short-term, quite effective in its goal of stopping terrorist bombings. But as long-term solution, Leiber said "a purely military solution will not work."

Though he concedes the United States has a far more sympathetic policy toward Israel, he said he sees the "real tragedy as the Palestinian story."

As an American student, Lusvardi focused on the American media perspective.

Lusvardi said that the American media is biased toward Israel and he challenged the audience to strive to see the full picture by consulting British sources and being critical readers.

Much like the American media, Lusvardi sees the United States foreign policy as bias.

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John Duffy
panel discussion moderator

The United States is not neutral in this conflict because it gives monetary aid to Israel," he said.

But Gaffney said, "There are many ways

to tell a story."

Focusing primarily on history of the region, Gaffney challenged the audience to learn background. Gaffney believes history can give clues to present violence because of, "deep wounds that continue to fester."

"The status quo is not good for anyone: Israeli, Palestinian, or America," Lusvardi said.

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Married poet duo to perform at SMC

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Joel Peckham Jr. and Susan Atefat Peckham are writers, poets and teachers. They are also married to each other.

In celebration of "National Poetry Week" the Department of English is sponsoring the husband and wife poets' joint reading of their work tonight in Stapleton Lounge at 7 p.m.

The couple currently lives in Michigan with their two young children. Both are professors at Hope College and share duties in a partnership so that both have time with the children, each other and their work.

"We call it literally five hours, five hours. I work from eight to one and Susan works from one to six," Peckham said. "We have five hours to get everything done, which has actually made me a more disciplined writer, splitting [time] between my scholarship and creative writing. I turn out a lot more work than most of my writer friends who aren't married and have children."

Peckham's first book, "Nightwalking," was published in 2001 by Pecan Grove Press and was his first poetry collection. Peckham also writes scholarly reviews, articles and is a scholar of American Literature.

"You don't write poetry to make money. It's something you do

because you can't stop," Peckham said.

Susan Atefat Peckham's first book "That Kind of Sleep," is this year's winner of the National Poetry Series and is published by Coffee House Press. In addition to writing, Atefat Peckham is also a musician and a painter. As an undergraduate, she earned a pre-med degree from Baylor University, but instead of continuing on to medical school, she stayed at Baylor and received her M.A. in English, where she and her husband met at a Byron seminar.

"I don't think I knew I was going to be a writer," Atefat Peckham said. "It's something you just fall into, you do it because you need to."

Atefat Peckham explained that she is a "multi-task person" and so she thinks about and writes her poems in her mind during the school year and then writes books during the summer.

"I teach to support my habits, but the ideal job is to teach writing," Atefat Peckham said. "I can't believe I get paid to teach people what I love. I feel very lucky to have an academic job, I love my students and they are invigorating."

Peckham and Atefat Peckham will also be speaking at a poetry workshop in Haggard Parlor from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

IRA denies Colombian terrorist ties:

The Irish Republican Army has not trained rebels in Colombia, the group insisted Wednesday as a U.S. congressional report accused it of spreading terror in the South American nation. "The IRA has not interfered in the internal affairs of Colombia and will not do so," the IRA said in a statement.

Mystery virus spreads in Greece:

Seven new cases of a mystery virus suspected of causing a potentially fatal heart inflammation were reported Wednesday. So far three people, all adults, have died from the infection. Doctors urged Greeks to remain calm as the total reported cases of the ailment reached 39 since officials began counting on April 18.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Colorado fires displace thousands:

A 1,400-acre wildfire jumped from treetop to treetop Wednesday as gusting winds pushed it past containment lines and authorities evacuated this mountain town. About 1,000 homes and a dozen businesses were threatened, but none had been burned. Crews stood ready to defend downtown buildings as about 200 firefighters battled the fire, assisted by aircraft dropping slurry. At least four schools were closed and a stretch of Highway 285 was shut down. Sheriff's deputies were gearing up for more evacuations.

Committee passes discrimination ban:

Legislation to ban workplace discrimination against homosexuals is headed back the Senate floor, its prospects seemingly improved this year by support from corporate America. The bill was approved Wednesday by the Democrat-controlled Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committees.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

County jail escapee still missing:

A Scott County jail inmate remained at large Wednesday following a weekend escape while helping with a campaign dinner for the sheriff. Joshua Campbell, 22, of Austin was helping deliver food to a Knights of Columbus hall for Scott County Sheriff Tommy Herald when he asked for permission to go to the restroom and never returned, Detective Lymon Gobin said. Campbell was being held on charges of fleeing police and public intoxication.

YUGOSLAVIA



STR / Agence France Presse

Former Yugoslav general Dragoljub Ojdanic says goodbye to his grandsons as he prepares to depart for the Hague, where he will voluntarily confront a war crimes indictment in Kosovo by a United Nations tribunal.

General surrenders to tribunal

Associated Press

BELGRADE

Yugoslavia delivered indictments for 18 war crimes suspects to a Belgrade court Wednesday, and the country's former army commander said he would surrender to the U.N. tribunal the next day.

The 18 suspects include the most-wanted fugitives — former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime commander Gen. Ratko Mladic — court officials said.

The rest are either Yugoslav citizens or Bosnian Serbs who have

been hiding in Serbia, Yugoslavia's larger republic. All have refused to turn themselves in voluntarily despite government pleas.

Besides those indicted, six suspects have promised to turn themselves in to the court, including former army commander Gen. Dragoljub Ojdanic. He said he would surrender to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on Thursday.

Delivery of the U.N. war crimes tribunal indictments to the Belgrade court is the first step in a process Yugoslavia hopes will end in the arrest and transfer of war crimes sus-

pects to the U.N. court.

The court, as a next step, must issue warrants and order police to arrest the suspects. But it could be weeks or months before any extraditions take place, even if police make arrests.

Ojdanic, who led government forces against ethnic Albanians and NATO during the 1998-99 war over Yugoslavia's Kosovo province, said he will leave for The Hague aboard a commercial Yugoslav Airlines flight.

"I have nothing to fear, nothing to be ashamed of — my conscience is absolutely clear," Ojdanic

told reporters at his Belgrade home. "With this modest act, I want to give my own contribution to ending my country's pariah status in the international community."

Ojdanic said it was his task to "prove his own innocence and defend the honor of the Yugoslav soldiers" before the U.N. court.

Ojdanic said he had decided to surrender after parliament adopted a new law allowing extraditions. He claimed the army had "behaved honorably" in Kosovo and dismissed allegations the military committed war crimes.

NIGERIA

Oil hostage negotiations resume

Associated Press

LAGOS

U.S. oil companies and Nigerian authorities pressed negotiations Wednesday for the release of dozens of Nigerian and international workers held hostage on an oil rig off southern Nigeria.

Noble Drilling, the Sugar Land, Texas-based contractor that operates the rig, said in a statement it was "optimistic that the situation will be resolved amicably."

Most of the original group of foreigners taken hostage were Americans, San

Francisco-based ChevronTexaco said.

Nearly 20 men from the village of Ilaje stormed the rig on Sunday, seizing 88 workers and blocking off the helicopter landing deck, oil company officials said.

The rig is five miles from Escravos, the site of a major oil export terminal.

Talks Tuesday led to the release of 45 hostages. The identities and nationalities of the remaining 43 captives were not disclosed.

A ChevronTexaco spokesman in Lagos said the 88 original captives were "mainly Nigerians and Americans" and included a "few oth-

ers" from Canada, Britain and Thailand.

Most of the workers were employed by Noble Drilling, but two ChevronTexaco workers were also being held, ChevronTexaco said.

A new round of negotiations Wednesday involving ChevronTexaco, Noble Drilling, government officials and local community leaders was under way, the ChevronTexaco spokesman said. The company would not say where.

"We are optimistic that we can put this crisis behind us very soon," the spokesman said.

Market Watch April 24

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Up: 1,518 Same: 183 Down: 1,656 Composite Volume: 1,343,732,992

AMEX:	923.26	-1.44
NASDAQ:	1,713.34	-16.95
NYSE:	581.13	-3.17
S&P 500:	1,092.96	-8.00

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
WORLD COM INC (WCOM)	+2.02	+0.06	3.48
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+3.00	+0.42	14.43
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-2.15	-0.19	8.66
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-1.54	-0.51	32.50
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-5.58	-0.62	10.50

This Week in Campus Ministry

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04/26
friday

Eucharistic Adoration
11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

807 Mass
8:00 p.m.
Hammes Student Lounge
Coleman-Morse Center

Campus Ministry Choirs' Dance
9:30pm-2:00 a.m.
Hammes Student Lounge
Coleman-Morse Center

04/28
sunday

RCIA-Mystagogia
10:00 a.m.
330 Coleman-Morse Center
ND Women's Liturgical Choir
Basilica Schola Concert
8:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

04/29
monday

The Way Bible Study
8:30 p.m.
331 Coleman-Morse Center

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday through Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

04/30
tuesday

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

What are you living for?

■ by **Fr. Bill Wack, c.s.c.**
Director, Freshman Retreat Program

Now that seems like a strange title for a column by someone in Campus Ministry! First of all, I'm not implying that I think you should be dead or anything like that. I am simply asking you to think about your life's goal. What is it that you hope for, now and after your death? While these questions are not usually a part of our everyday conversations, I believe they should be asked again and again.

This quest is nothing new. Ever since humans have been around we have been trying to uncover the meaning of life. Even a cursory glance through the Scriptures shows this (for example, see Job, the Psalms, Ecclesiastes, or the prophets, not to mention Jesus' teachings in the Gospels). It is really very human to ask the ultimate question: "What is the meaning of (my) life?"

Many will tell us that this question is un-answerable. Life is a mystery, after all. There is no way we can understand it, or know why we are here for that matter. Others think that they know the answer and they are happy to tell you: The goal of (your) life is to do as well as you can for yourself. You are put here to achieve, to obtain, to accomplish, to amass wealth, and to get the most out of life. Get a good job. Get married and raise a family. Live beyond your means. Be comfortable. You aren't responsible for others around you.

While some of these may, indeed, happen to you (and certainly are not inherently bad), these should be regarded as blessings from God and not goals in themselves. Even though many voices in

our culture and society seem to be telling us to watch out only for ourselves, Jesus came to teach us another way. How might he answer these questions?

Why are we here?

We are God's beloved children, created in the image and likeness of God. We were created in love in order to love and serve God and our neighbor in this life, so that we can be eternally happy in the next.

What am I living for?

Simply put: to get to Heaven and to help others get there, too. This is the goal and endpoint of all human life. In his very oft-quoted saying, St. Augustine states this beautifully: "Our hearts are restless, O God, until at last they rest in You." There is no other reason for living. Jesus poses the terrifying question, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose his[her] soul in the process?" (Mt 16:26). Everything we see and have here on earth will vanish one day, but the souls of the just rest forever in God.

This may seem to be a curious topic about which to write for the last Considerations Column for this year. But it's something I have been thinking about for some time now, and I believe it is a topic which absolutely deserves our attention. It would appear as though we have forgotten why we are here, judging from the many evils we see perpetrated in the world and in ourselves. Without remembering why we were put here or where we hope to go when we die, we become selfish and prideful.

To counter this sinful attitude, we would do well to remember constantly that we live in order to get to Heaven with God. If we were really convinced of this, we would only want to serve others, help those in need, forgive those who wrong us immediately, turn the other cheek, build a world where all of God's children can live in peace and with justice, and, in short, live like Jesus lived.

In this Easter season we celebrate God's greatest gift to humankind, salvation in Jesus Christ. Now that Jesus has been raised up to Heaven, we pray that we will soon follow. But we won't get there if we focus only on ourselves. We won't get there if we disregard our neighbor in need. And we won't get there simply by asserting that we are a disciple of Christ. Rather, "Only those who do the will of my Father shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt 7:21).

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you" (Mt 6:33). Now THAT'S something to live for!

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facing similar pressures that she once faced as a student.

"I think we're helping to enhance the culture at Notre Dame for women in a way that's more conducive to our lifestyle and to our ways of thinking," said Johnson.

Frequently referring to the Bible, Johnson cited the lessons and stories of some of its women as a source of reflection and strength in improving personal will.

Johnson pointed to the creation story in the Bible in relating Eve's self-doubt to the struggles of many other women in identifying healthy self-images.

"Our power rests in that we're not afraid to share our story," said Johnson of the women gathered around to hear her message. "Whenever I share my story, someone is healed — and that has to do with God," she said.

In defining what it means to be uncommon, Johnson cited society's paradigms that confine women to fit into unrealistic standards and roles.

"Living a life uncommon has everything to do with

self-esteem," said Johnson. "It has everything to do with your belief in God — it's a faith issue," she said.

In the Garden of Eden, Johnson likened Eve's temptation to outside, worldly distractions that can often influence a person in assessing their own self-worth.

Even though Eve had everything, she still felt she wasn't enough, said Johnson. By going outside of herself to achieve more was the path she and countless other women choose from societal pressures she said. Accepting yourself as you truly are is important in reaching inner spiritual peace said Johnson.

"When you believe in Christ, you believe without a shadow of a doubt, that we were created in the likeness of God," said Johnson.

It begins from within by controlling inner perceptions about the self, said Johnson. Through this reflection, women gain strength in knowing that it begins from within she said.

"To live a life uncommon means that you find for yourself your sacred space," said Johnson. "There's nothing that you need that you don't

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that in-hall dances should be reinstated, while the second resolution resolves that "in-hall dances be allowed to continue for a probationary period of one year, after which they will be assessed in light of the ban on hard alcohol and increased student awareness."

"If we do concede the hard alcohol aspect, then why not give us this probationary period?" said Connolly.

At the March 25 meeting, Father John Herman, O'Neill Hall rector, suggested that the in-hall dances be put on a probationary period of a year and to observe how students react and dance operate under the new guidelines. He cited that after the O'Neill Mardi Gras was put on probation, residents realized the risk of losing their signature event.

"No one knew that they were in danger of dances being taken away across the board," said Connolly.

The resolution includes a clause stating, "many students were unaware of the gravity and frequency of problems arising from in-hall dances and the concern of administrators."

Connolly said that the student realization of losing in-hall dances and the new restrictions under the alcohol policy would diminish the problems that contributed to the decision to eliminate in-hall dances.

In other Senate news:

♦ The three possible topics for the Fall report to the Board of Trustees include the following: student participation in University policy making, procedures of the Office of Residence Life and Housing, and a plan for the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education.

♦ After meeting with administrators this week, Libby Bishop, student body president, said that the new policy regarding tailgating will not be in effect this weekend for the Blue-Gold game.

♦ Matt Kinsella, sophomore class treasurer, was approved as the class treasurer to serve on the Financial Management Board.

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ing about du Lac revisions in an active way."

As a result, there will be increased student input in the drafting of the du Lac revisions. Her early April meeting with Father Mark Poorman was not as successful because the vice president for Residence Life remained firm in his stance that a definitive direction is already set with regard to the alcohol policy.

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Studying abroad is hard, but worth it

So far this semester, all my columns have related to me being in Ireland but concentrated on something more relevant to the bulk of Notre Dame students. In this final column, however, I want to write entirely about the abroad experience itself.

This is still pretty relevant — Notre Dame sends 900 kids per year abroad, which means that almost half the school goes at some point. This column is primarily for the 900 people going next year and secondarily for the 2000 freshmen considering applying.

Going abroad is actually not the best thing I've ever done and it hasn't been the best semester of my life. The first month I was here, I seriously questioned my sanity for applying. I am very prone to homesickness, and I was intensely homesick for both Notre Dame and home for the first month. I was counting the days, I was thinking (only briefly) of giving the whole thing up and going home, and I was homesick and lonely for quite a while.

Going abroad is a lot like being a freshman again — you don't know what's going on and you want to go home. What's worse, everyone else seems to be having the time of their lives. But, like freshman year, it only seems like everyone else is perfectly fine. Almost everyone is scared and lonely sometimes during freshman year, and almost everyone is lonely and homesick sometimes while they are abroad.

Being abroad is frustrating. If you don't know the language, there will be days when you don't understand anything anyone says. You may know the

language and still have days where you can't figure out what is going on. Little things like no paper towels in bathrooms will drive you nuts. The accent will get on your nerves. You'll wonder if it's always cold/hot in this country. You'll get really, really lost. Some nights all you'll want to do is curl up and cry for your mommy.

But it is honestly worth it. You'll learn so incredibly much abroad, and at least 98 percent of it will be outside the classroom. You'll learn to cook, to make international phone calls and travel plans and to BS your way through an assignment in a foreign country. You will (eventually) learn the bus system, the train system and the educational system. You'll learn about budgeting and independence. You'll learn about yourself, who you are, how you deal with new things and where you are comfortable.

The little and big frustrations of everyday life will pale after awhile and be forgotten, but what you learn about yourself won't be. It's like freshman year — an opportunity to stretch and redefine yourself. Except this time, you've done it before, so it's significantly less scary. You won't actually save seals or small starving children in East Asia, but it is an incredible experience. It's not always fun, but that's when you learn the most. If it doesn't hurt a little, you aren't growing.

The hardest part is being away from Notre Dame. To you, it feels like life is on hold while you go off adventuring, but it's not. When your best friend starts dating someone you've never met, or your friends go out and send pictures that you aren't in, or when a loved one is hurting and you can't give them a hug, it's really hard. Going abroad is a great opportunity, but it costs you a semester

at Notre Dame. When you only have three or four left, that's a big price. Nevertheless, it's completely worth it.

I'm not trying to scare people. Some people may never feel most of this, may never miss Notre Dame or may never be unhappy. But a lot of people will. No one told me before I went to Notre Dame or Ireland that it wasn't going to be all peaches and cream, and I want to let people know that's it's not.

The hardest thing for me was worrying that I wouldn't enjoy it, that I'd be the one person who hated being abroad. In those early days when I was really unhappy, I was pretty well convinced that I was that person. But it got better and I haven't hated it here, and trust me, if anyone was going to, it would have been me.

I'm saying all this to reassure everyone going abroad that, even though it won't always be easy, it will be worth it. I think the best way to go into anything is with a realistic sense of what it will be like. It's probably going to be hard at first. So cut this out, bring it with you and read it those first few weeks when it's difficult. Then, when it all gets good (and it will), throw it out and have a brilliant time.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Military protection of rights is a myth

Congratulations to the ROTC cadets who participated in the Presidential Pass ceremonies and graduate to officer class in the U.S. armed forces. Like Connie Quinlan in her April 23 letter, I applaud their dedication, hard work and service to our country. I do not applaud, however, the institution for which they are going to work.

In particular, I reject the powerful myth that the armed forces are in the business of protecting our right to free speech and protest. In reality, those rights come under assault during every large-scale military operation. Today many academics are under attack for their public opposition to the war in Afghanistan. Dr. Lynne Cheney, the wife of the man who is second in line to command of the armed forces, is leading the campaign to compile a blacklist of intellectuals who have exer-

cised their free speech in protest of the war. So far, no one in the military has articulated a plan to protect us from Cheney.

But I do appreciate and respect what war memorials, such as the cemetery at West Point where I have visited, really stand for. There I felt the powerful presence of so many souls given for others. Most of all I felt sadness for the immense loss of life represented there, nearly all of which since 1945 has been unnecessary. This is bound to continue after the Presidential Pass, and I will not applaud its perpetuation.

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April 24, 2002

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Washington Irving
writer

VIEWPOINT

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There is danger of a new Notre
Dame mystique

The Sunday South Bend Tribune reported that there have been seven allegations of rape against Notre Dame football players since 1998. Kathy Redmond, the director of the National Coalition Against Violent

Athletes, comments, "I receive more calls from students regarding Notre Dame than any other school in the country. I feel like I am always dealing with Notre Dame in one way or another."

Female students regularly report to me that the football team has a "reputation" for having a disproportionate number of players who are sexually violent. David Haugh of the South Bend Tribune did the calculation on the allegations. It's one out of every 12.4 football players recruited, "an average of nearly one accused rapist per huddle." If the national average of 87 percent of rapes going unreported also applies to Notre Dame, then the situation is even worse.

Some of the fallout from the most recent case has been evident in letters to The Observer. One student writes that she believes the woman. Others write to chastise her for being too quick to judge.

Here, it might be helpful to distinguish between legal guilt and whether the

charged actually committed the crime. During the O.J. Simpson trial, for instance, one view during the trial was that he did commit murder but would be judged not guilty because of the level of burden of proof necessary to obtain conviction.

Those believing the woman in the most recent Notre Dame case need to be aware of the gap between the level of evidence required for such a belief and the level of evidence needed for legal conviction.

Those who wish to withhold all judgment until legal judgment is reached need to be aware of the social and legal matrix of rape that functions to make the rate of conviction far lower than the rate of incidence. To stop one's critical thinking at the question of legal conviction is to court a not-so-benign naivete.

Rape is, in some respects, an even harder case than murder to convict. The state of Illinois, which is reconsidering the death penalty because of the large number of false convictions, still allows a murder conviction based on a single eyewitness. With rape, it is still considered a matter of he-said/she-said when there is no further evidence. The testimony of the primary witness to the crime is not sufficient for conviction.

It is sometimes cautioned that the woman, out of anger or spite, might be

seeking to trap the man, but one reported statistic is worth noting: Only one percent of rape charges are false reports. If this statistic bears up, then in cases where there is no mistaken identity regarding who is the rapist, the total for misreports remains at one percent. In the seven cases of alleged rape involving Notre Dame football players, the women making the charges knew the players.

The University has not been inactive in responding to the problem of sexual violence. The Student Development program for student-athletes includes a "Men Against Violence" workshop, a workshop that the University would do well to require of all students. The University also provides resources for women who have been sexually assaulted. Moreover, Notre Dame is far from alone among universities for having problems with athletes and others in their academic community being sexually violent.

Having one out of every 12.4 football players accused of rape means that 11.4 out of 12.4 have not been so accused, and this should not be forgotten. Still, seven cases, particularly with the low rate of misreports with rape generally, is far too many to set aside as isolated incidents.

If what Kathy Redmond tells us about Notre Dame being the most frequently reported school in her conversations is correct, then the "reputation" regarding

its football players has moved beyond the concerns of a certain number of female students at the University. There is now national attention. There are dangers of this becoming Notre Dame's new mystique, something that is difficult to pin down with exact quantitative precision but has enough verifiable truth to sustain the reputation.

What specific steps to take in order to reduce the incidence of sexual violence on campus is not a straightforward proposition. The best thing for the University to do is to gather the widest possible range of interested parties for conversations whose aims are at once reflective and policy-oriented. Such conversations need to be reflective, not least because even good policy decisions will not be sufficient. It will be important also to ask what there might be in the national and in the University's culture that sustains attitudes that contribute to sexual violence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democracy
needs support

I am writing to voice my strong support for Paul Graham's April 24 article regarding the importance of democracy in the workplace and at Notre Dame.

As I have argued in my lectures over the year, one key element of the core values of the United States is the belief in democracy. However, participants in my courses on the history of modern United States foreign and domestic policy have witnessed the continuing challenge of achieving that important goal. As Graham points out, the struggle of workers in the United States to gain a voice and influence the development of their society is an ongoing effort.

The challenge to establish an open democracy at Notre Dame extends not only to the workers, but also to the faculty and students. Whether discussing the question of faculty governance or the rights of students to organize dances and their residence lives, the democratic challenge clearly emerges at the center of these issues. Graham's challenge to the students to open their hearts and minds to the workers can be combined with a broader challenge to expand the role of the Notre Dame family in the development of our University.

Through supporting the growth of democracy at home, we can help to prevent its subversion abroad. Anti-democratic forces dominate the globe and emerge even where democracy has found root. Democracy remains a fragile system and only through constant expansion and revitalization can it be maintained. It is only by expanding our democracies at home and abroad that we can meet the challenge of anti-democratic forces.

Democracy does not guarantee a better society, but it presents us with the widest array of probabilities for progress. We can begin that progress through the support of the workers' right to influence their work place. I second Graham's call for expanded participation of all those who, as Joe Larson points out on the opposite page, make this place special. I urge the students to consider themselves as part of the process of defining their society both at the University and beyond it.

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class of '92
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April 24, 2002

Student Government
does help diversity

I must say Jourdan Sorrel's April 22 letter hurt me. Although I agree with him about some students' lack of initiative and movement on important issues, you do not know the entire picture. For you

to say that Student Government has done nothing to improve race relations on campus personally offends me for I was the Diversity Chair in that office this past year. Not only was I able to put on a successful Multicultural Fair where over 400 students, both minority and white, attended, but I also worked extensively to have a Learning to Talk about Race retreat for student leaders in Student Government and a training workshop for multicultural commissioners. In addition, I created forums and panels where at least 50 students, mostly white to your surprise, attended to finally open up dialogue about diversity, AIDS, religion and sexual orientation.

These events may not have turned Notre Dame into Berkeley in one year; however, it is a step. For the first time in my three years, I actually saw larger numbers of white stu-

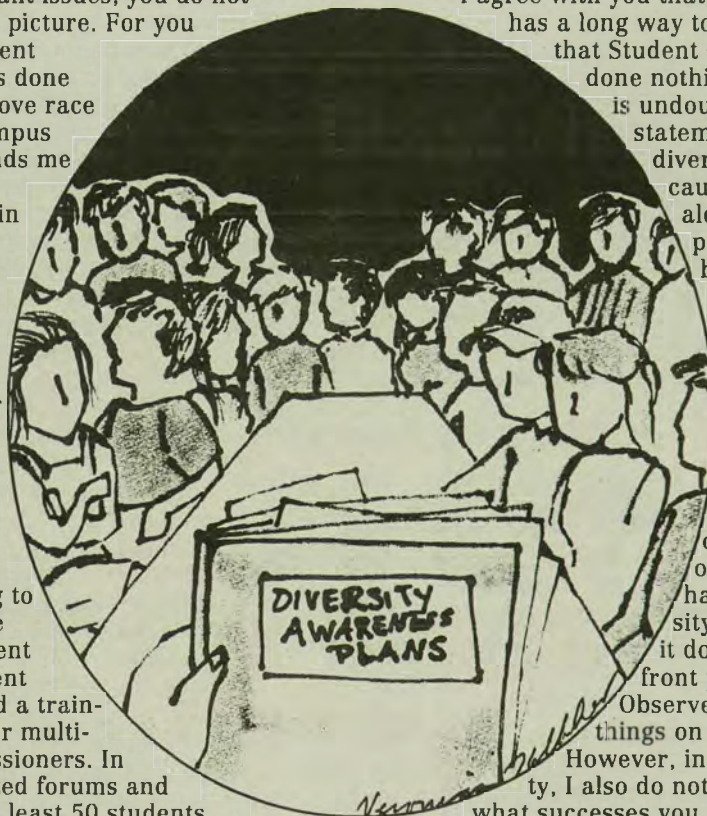
dents attending cultural and ethnic events than ever before. Even alumni from merely five years ago agreed with that observation.

I agree with you that the University has a long way to go, but to claim that Student Government has done nothing for minorities is undoubtedly a false statement. Granted, diversity issues did not cause a stir like the alcohol policy, but perhaps this is because of the student media, not the lack of effort on Student Government's or my part.

It is easy to get caught up and not realize some accomplishments or strides that other organizations have made in diversity, especially since it doesn't get onto the front page of The Observer like other things on campus.

However, in terms of diversity, I also do not know exactly what successes you have personally brought to the table, but I know you worked diligently all year toward a great goal.

Joyce De Leon
junior
former Diversity co-chair
April 22, 2002



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'Murder by Numbers' just a by the numbers movie

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

From producer Sandra Bullock and director Barbet Schroeder comes "Murder By Numbers," which probably adopted its misleading title after deciding not enough time had passed to reuse the title "A Perfect Murder."

Not unlike the Michael Douglas film four years ago, storywriters in Hollywood are out to prove again that there are no perfect schemes to murder and that our heroes will always catch up to their suspects in the end (especially if they have to be kicked off the case to do so). Hitchcock perfected this entire storyline in one movie, "Strangers on a Train," but for those who want more of the same, this movie is not a bad way to spend two hours.

Bullock plays Cassie Mayweather, a meticulous homicide detective whose newest case not only has an unknown victim, but no apparent motive or trail of clues. Cassie's burden is saddled by newcomer Sam Kennedy (played by Ben Chaplin), who is full of theoretical case information but has no actual field experience.

Mayweather's explanation of routine procedure for Kennedy coincides with her internal questioning of that method. Her hypotheses take form first as unfounded ramblings, especially when evidence begins mounting against Ray (played by Chris Penn), the local school's janitor. After refusing to accept Ray as the murderer, Mayweather is removed from the case and begins conducting her own investi-



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Sandra Bullock plays the only fully-developed character in "Murder by Numbers," Warner Brother's latest thriller.

gation in secret. Everyone at the police station, including her new partner, assumes Mayweather's troubled past as a former target of a homicidal maniac has finally caught up to her.

The audience, which has the luxury of being omniscient, knows Mayweather is the only one on right trail. The cop scenes

in "Murder by Numbers" are cross-cut with scenes involving the "perfect" murderers. Richard and Justin (played by Ryan Gosling and Michael Pitt) planned the gruesome escape from boredom for months and are convinced that they have com-

mitted an unsolvable crime. While the movie waits for Mayweather to put all

the pieces together, the script provides static lines of dialogue for these supposed intellectual maestros of murder.

Pitt authenticated his talent in last year's gritty film, "Bully," and Gosling has certainly taken well-formed strides since his stint as a Mouseketeer. It is the movie, not their performances, that has boxed them in this time. "Murder by Numbers" is a vehicle for Bullock and every character except for hers suffers from as a mere caricature.

Perhaps recognizing this inability to produce three-dimensional characters, the movie tries to supplement action sequences for character soliloquies. Since the audience is aware of the identity of the murderers, the movie has little conflict that will potentially surprise a viewer.

The ending of "Murder By Numbers" is less suspenseful than the ending to Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train" or "Dial 'M' for Murder."

"Murder By Numbers" follows the status quo and order is restored to a society that virtually begs for stability — at least from their movies. In the end, "Murder by Numbers" is like the guy in the college basketball tournament pool who picks all the favorites; the strategy is dreadfully unoriginal, but the conservative approach always leads to a formidable showing and avoids the potential humiliation in being drastically different.

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'Murder by Numbers'



Director: Barbet Schroeder

Writer: Tony Gayton

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling and Michael Pitt II.

Personal trials featured in 'Lanes'

By BRIAN BIRCHER
Scene Movie Critic

Have you ever wondered if you had done one thing differently could your day, or even your life, have turned out better? This is one of the questions that "Changing Lanes" attempts to make the audience consider. Unlike other films with similar premises, such as "Sliding Doors" or "The Family Man," "Changing Lanes" makes this not a question of chance, but one of morality — there is doing what is right and doing what is wrong.

The movie wastes no time getting started after quickly establishing its two main characters: Gavin Banek (played by Ben Affleck), a rising young lawyer in his father-in-law's firm, and Doyle Gipson (played by Samuel L. Jackson), a recovering alcoholic who is attempting to make amends with his wife and two young sons.

On important days for both men, they get into a fender-bender on the F.D.R. Highway in New York. The accident is really no one's fault and neither man is hurt. As they both check to make sure the other is OK, they take differing approaches to dealing with the accident. Doyle wants to do "the right thing" and

exchange insurance information. Gavin, already late for court where he is delivering sensitive documents, has no time for insurance information and hands Doyle a signed blank check instead, saying, "Better luck next time."

Doyle was also in a hurry to reach court to argue for visitation rights of his sons with his separated wife. As a result of the accident he gets stranded on the F.D.R. and is late for his court appointment, losing any chance at having visitation rights with his sons. Meanwhile, Gavin arrives at court only to realize that he left the extremely important case

file with Doyle as he was writing the check. The judge gives him until the end of the day to submit the documents to the court, setting off a cat-and-mouse rivalry between Gavin and Doyle as each attempts

to make the other's life worse in order to get what they want: for Gavin it's the file and for Doyle it's the time in which he lost his sons.

What could have been an intelligent back and forth mental battle between the two men turns into a relatively predictable struggle. While the plot is nothing revolutionary, Affleck and Jackson's performances are good. Affleck tends to inhabit the same character in his movies: the loudmouth, brash yet



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck play two desperate men who have to deal with each other because of a twist of fate.

charming character. The skill in which he depicts Gavin as his debacle profoundly changes his character throughout the course of one day is convincing and realistic.

Jackson is equally convincing as a father sincerely trying to make amends with his family, but still battling a temper that has obviously led to trouble in the past. This is one of the positive qualities of the movie, that it allows its characters to develop throughout the course of the two hours as the audience learns more details about the men.

Despite these performances, "Changing Lanes" is another addition to the thriller/drama genre that is so popular these days, attempting to seek higher ground by intellectually engaging the audience with its focus on issues of morality. In this, it succeeds to an extent and offers a fairly entertaining two hours.

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'Changing Lanes'



Director: Roger Michell

Writer: Chap Taylor

Starring: Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson

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TWO TICKETS FOR "FRAILTY"

'Frailty' delivers a fragile movie

Mel (MR) and Paul (PC) bought their last "Two Tickets" of the semester, expecting to simply review the new suspense thriller "Frailty" starring Bill Paxton in his directorial debut. They received the unexpected bonus of an opportunity to rekindle one of cinema's greatest debates: Paxton or Pullman? You be the judge.



Melissa Rauch
and
Paul Camarata

Scene Movie
Critics

PC: Just before the lights went down on the opening of "Frailty," I said to Mel how I had no idea what the movie was about. Not the plot, the cast, not the director. I was in the dark before the theater was. She giggled with glee, having read all about the production on one of her obscure Hollywood Web sites.

MR: You lie. The first time I heard about this movie was at the 'Backer last weekend when fellow Scene critic and Delroy Lindo-lover Tom O'Connell came up to me and asked if we wanted to "go see a wacko Bill Paxton movie." With this brief but juicy description, how could I say no? I had wanted to see "Kissing Jessica Stein" based on a recommendation of the divine Ms. Anne Abbott ...

PC: Of "Hello Gorgeous!" fame?

MR: The same. But we live in South Bend where the choices were Sandra Bullock, The Rock or Mr. Paxton. I think we made the right decision.

PC: Sure Paxton had that great vomit scene in "Apollo 13," but that doesn't mean he should be starring in and directing his own full-length feature. Apparently, the producers didn't seem to mind. In "Frailty," Paxton plays Papa Meiks, the father in Matthew McConaughey's flashback of his twisted Thurman, Texas childhood. It's "The Apostle" meets "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" as a divine messenger informs Meiks that he and his two sons have been chosen to enact God's will on Earth. After that memo, Paxton goes on a zealous search-and-destroy mission of several "demons" disguised as humans. Meiks justifies his violence with the kind of religious resolve that harkens back to such good old times as the Spanish Inquisition and the Salem Witch trials, only he finds his faith (clap-clap-clap-clap) deep in the heart of Texas.

MR: It's always the last place you look, but let's not spend another column deriding the Lone Star state. Getting back to the movie, it was a probably a good thing we didn't know too much about it beforehand. It's a dark thriller that plays on suspense so the less prior information the better. From the opening sequence, which features a slow montage of grisly newspaper headlines set to effectively creepy music, the audience is ready for a good murder mystery. The premise definitely sounds outlandish, but it hooked me as soon as the flashback story began. As with all suspense movies, you expect twists and turns along the way. While I predicted a few, there were definitely still some surprises I didn't see coming.



Photo courtesy of www.frailtythefilm.com

In "Frailty," Bill Paxton plays a religious zealot who goes on a killing spree in Texas to enact God's will on Earth. The film raises questions about limits of righteousness.

PC: The plot walks a fine line between gruesome tension and horror film nonsense and all because of Paxton's vague persona. There's a chipperness about him that never completely disappears, so that even at his angriest of moments Paxton never really flares his nostrils or instills the fear that maybe he should. This aloofness strikes me more as his normal acting style than as an achievement he made in this particular film, but it did serve to obscure, if not conceal, the development of the plot. There's just something about his performance, though, something missing ...

MR: Go ahead.

PC: Go ahead, what?

MR: I know what you're thinking.

PC: What?

MR: That Ray Liotta would have done a much better job in the role.

PC: Well if you're twisting my arm, Liotta does have the old "Ray-Liotta-look-in-his-eye." But movie audiences know they have to take the lukewarm performances with the scintillating ones.

MR: While it's true Paxton bears that stigma of goofiness or, perhaps, bad acting, I think it works for him in "Frailty" because you have to figure out whether his character is completely

nuts or fulfilling his mission from God. Some people probably thought the Blues Brothers were crazy too. As for the rest of the cast, the young boys playing the Meiks brothers in the flashback both perform well in their reactions to the horror surrounding them. Matt O'Leary, who gets the special "Introducing Matt O'Leary" honor in the opening credits, especially stands out as older brother Fenton, the skeptic who sees his father as a deranged killer rather than righteous hero.

PC: And let's not forget actor Powers Boothe, the poor man's Tommy Lee Jones, as the FBI agent to whom McConaughey relates the story. McConaughey himself departs from his more typical role as the heartthrob, adding a veil of darkness and uncertainty from the first scene in which he appears in Booth's Dallas office. It's a solid demonstration of his range, though he does have the luxury of amplifying his natural Texan accent in order to create ambiguity about his character's character. Not that it gives me any more insight into the ultimate aspiration for this film. When the lights came on at the end, I was still in the dark.

MR: Sure, the movie's not going to change your life, but it manages to raise some interesting questions while it entertains. While Daddy Meiks appears off his rocker from the get-go, one still wonders about the moral

implications of becoming a killer in order to be a savior. You know, like Buffy.

PC: Buffy who?

MR: The Vampire Slayer.

PC: Ahh, and here I thought we were going to finish our final column without you ever espousing the virtue of that [expletive] show. No such luck. "Frailty" creates a realistic framework in which to probe such questions because it relies only on human tension and action to make its effect rather than straying too far into a supernatural world of magical realism. How much it actually contributes to such a debate is questionable, not to mention that I'm not sure what the film's title is supposed to mean.

MR: I can't comment on your first observation without giving away the ending and as for the title, I think it has something to do with the weakness of the human mind, how well it can handle such disturbing messages before going off the deep end. All I know is: "Frailty," thy name is Paxton.

PC: Pullman.

MR: Paxton.

PC: Liotta.

Though their final review includes shout-outs that are irrelevant to 99 percent of the Notre Dame community, Mel and Paul would nonetheless like to thank their readers. Though their original headshot photo developed quite a cult following, they assure you it will never be seen again. Plus, it's really small potatoes compared to that Gocke-Driver yearbook candid.

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"Frailty"

Melissa's rating



Paul's rating



Director: Bill Paxton

Writer: Brent Hanly

Starring: Bill Paxton, Matthew McConaughey, Powers Boothe and Matthew O'Leary

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percent and with that increase in expenditure comes an increased need for revenue. With that need for revenue, colleges may start taking shortcuts – including cutting academics right out.

"I think one of the big problems with intercollegiate sports is the amount of money involved and that really gets back to television," said Hesburgh, who co-chaired the Knight Commission. "[Programs] go out and they really start cutting corners and they're admitting kids to college that couldn't get into high school."

In a report published by the NCAA concerning academic standards in 1997-98, the average grade point average for an athlete entering in a revenue sport (men's basketball or football) was 2.95 and the most recent NCAA graduation report recorded that only 48 percent of Division I-A football players earn degrees.

The NCAA requires a minimum of 13 college preparatory courses as athletes head into college and a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

"That is embarrassing, I think" said Notre Dame assistant provost for enrollment Daniel Saracino. "That is something which we think is ridiculous. It's dangerous for a student who is a great athlete to just look to the NCAA for wisdom. ... The bare minimum of 13 units and 2.5 is wholly inadequate."

The lowered academic standards and the commercialization of collegiate athletics seem to be seeping into

high school athletics as well.

According to the Knight Commission, "high school sports today can reflect the worst of their collegiate counterparts. In addition to commercial influences, recruitment and transfer of high school players is far too common, leading to disjointed academic experiences and absurdly dominant teams in some communities. Academic compromises are made for high school athletes as well, leaving them with a diploma but ill-prepared for college level work."

This kind of environment – replacing the stress on academics with a stress on running a good business – seems to be in direct contrast with the NCAA, whose mission statement describes athletics as "an integral part of the educational program, and the athlete as an integral part of the student body."

Notre Dame's place

Despite this seemingly downward spiral of academics in Division I-A programs, several programs have managed to retain both their academic integrity and their athletic excellence. Programs such as Duke, which is in the top 20 universities rated by US News and

World Report and competes for a national title in basketball each year, have found a balance between excellence in the classroom and on the field.

Notre Dame and Stanford have both managed to be in the top 20 for the Sears Cup in both the fall and the winter and remain in the top 20 schools rated by US News and World Report. Stanford is ranked first in both the fall and the winter Sears Cup rating; Notre Dame was rated sixth in the winter and

14th in the fall of 2001-2002.

"We've chosen a path that few have chosen and we want it all," said Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White. "We want the whole enchilada and we're not willing to ratchet down those expectations as relate to any of those realities, be it competitive academics, compliance, whatever."

Thus far, Notre Dame seems to have managed to maintain higher academic standards than many NCAA institutions and has requirements higher than those held by the NCAA itself. In a recent letter sent out to all coaches at Notre Dame, Saracino recorded the University's requirements for its student athletes. Student athletes interested in attending Notre Dame must complete a minimum of 16 college prep units – three more than required by the NCAA, citing the fact that a student with low numbers of college prep units cannot be successful at the University.

"A student who has 13 college prep units will not make it through Notre Dame," Saracino said.

In addition, the grade point average for entering athletes is higher than the 2.5 required by the NCAA. Although the Notre Dame football players may not boast a grade point average as high as the average Notre Dame student, according to Saracino, the average Notre Dame football player enters with a solid B+ average and a firm academic background.

"We don't have remediation here," Saracino said. "So if a student doesn't have three years of math, we're not going to be able to make that up."

But in addition to high academic standards, Notre Dame expects to win on Saturday.

"It's not good enough to be close; you play it to win," said Notre Dame head football coach Tyrone Willingham. "That is success for me. It is success when I have young men graduate and do well academically at this institution; that is suc-

cess for me."

White described it as the Notre Dame way – keeping academic standards high, retaining integrity and still winning on Saturday. Despite their determination to retain Notre Dame's high stan-

dards, however, people associated with the University recognize the frustration surrounding the recruitment of good athletes who are also good students.

"I think, in a way, our problem is getting good players," Hesburgh said. "You can't compete without good players. But we have to get good players who can compete at this university."

Saracino said, "Do I think there's some frustration? Yes."

But Notre Dame has a strong tradition both in athletic excellence and academic success and there are those who plan on keeping that tradition alive.

"I think as much of a challenge as some people have marked it, I feel it's a wonderful opportunity," White said. "And I think we stand for something and my sense is most people around the country know what it is we stand for. I think that becomes a beacon; that attracts a lot of talented young people."

Looking to the Future

Despite the strong determination to keep Notre Dame's academic reputation and its athletic success, a question still remains, a question regarding the future of the relationship between education and athletics.

"We're not here today just to talk about football and

basketball and any other ball you want," Hesburgh said. "We're talking about an institution called University which was founded in 1204 in Paris. ... I said this is an ancient institution, ... it's ancient enough to be vener-

ated and not just looked on as a sports club."

But can University be kept in Notre Dame's image or is it doomed to become a sports club?

Notre Dame has at least one thing going in its favor – the tradition of the Golden Dome.

"Without our history and our tradition, I

think there are other schools that have those same noble aspirations, but without the history and the tradition we enjoy, it makes it virtually impossible to realize," White said.

Notre Dame has managed to keep up with the other football powerhouses in the last 20 years. In 1988 Lou Holtz led his team to a national championship and in 1993 he missed another one by one loss to Boston College.

And, of course, the number of athletes Notre Dame needs each year is limited.

"You're not looking for a large number [of football players each year]," Saracino said. "And to think that you can't find that small number of talented, bright students is insulting to student athletes."

Willingham summarized the thoughts of the University when he was asked why he thought he could win at Notre Dame.

"Unfortunately, sometimes I have to answer questions with a question," he said. "Why not?"

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Griffey feels Bonds' pain

Associated Press

CINCINNATI
Ken Griffey Jr. winces when he sees Barry Bonds hobble across home plate or slide over in the outfield to compensate for his sore hamstring.

Been there, done that.

The Cincinnati Reds center fielder also understands why the single-season home run champion resists coming out of San Francisco's lineup unless he absolutely must.

Done that, too.

"It's hard to take certain players out of a lineup," Griffey said Wednesday. "It's hard for certain guys to be out of a lineup. I fit in both categories. I can't watch baseball when I'm not playing."

Griffey showed up at Cinergy Field to take batting practice Wednesday, keeping



Griffey



Bonds

his swing in sync while he recovers from a torn patella tendon in his right knee. Griffey injured it during a rundown on April 7 and went on the disabled list.

He's doing several hours of therapy each day to strengthen muscles around the knee.

Many of the exercises are the same ones he did last season while he recovered from a torn left hamstring that limited him to 92 starts.

He rides an exercise cycle, but hasn't been given permission to try to run. There is no target date for his return, and Griffey won't speculate on when he might be ready.

Bonds and the Giants are due in town for a three-game series this weekend. While he rehabilitates his knee, Griffey has paid enough attention to baseball to know what Bonds is going through.

The left fielder hurt his hamstring in spring training and aggravated it on April 14, forcing him out of a game.

It hasn't kept him out of the lineup, though he did sit out Wednesday night's game in Chicago.

Griffey can empathize. He did the same thing after he tore his hamstring in spring training last year, making 16 pinch-hit appearances before finally going on the disabled list in late April.

He sees Bonds making the

same effort to mask the injury.

"When you watch him run, you're like, 'Oh,'" Griffey said. "I know what it feels like to go out there and not be able to move some days, having to cheat more in the outfield. Sometimes you feel so far out of position."

Griffey's hamstring improved enough for him to return last June, but he had to be careful until it got back to full strength as the season wound down.

He figures Bonds is going to have to do the same.

"He's going to try to do everything he can to be out there," Griffey said. "You just make sure it's warm when he goes out there."

"I know the feeling of having to ride the bike 10 to 15 minutes before the game, then go out and run, then come back in and keep heat on it. Those are the things I had to do. You run up and down the tunnel to stay loose. If you have a long inning or a pitching change, you go downstairs and stretch."

Griffey's hamstring injury didn't get better until he went on the disabled list and let it rest.

Bonds wants to keep playing, taking the risk that the injury will get better instead of worse.

"If it's getting better, there's no risk," Griffey said. "You just have to be smart."

NHL

Chicago fan sues after hit with puck

Associated Press

CHICAGO

A fan who had emergency brain surgery in January after being hit by a hockey puck sued the Chicago Blackhawks, the NHL and the United Center on Wednesday.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of season-ticket holders Elizabeth and Steven Hahn of LaGrange Park alleges team, league and arena officials knew for years that flying pucks were dangerous but did not increase safety measures.

"They consciously and recklessly disregarded the fact that this was happening," attorney Tim Whiting said.

Officials from the Blackhawks did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment. The NHL declined to comment Thursday.

Last month, a 13-year-old fan attending an NHL game in Columbus, Ohio, was killed after a deflected shot struck her. It was the first such fatality in league history.

Elizabeth Hahn was hit by the frozen puck while picking up a napkin Jan. 6 at a game between the Blackhawks and the Pittsburgh Penguins. She was taken to

Rush Presbyterian Medical Center, where she was diagnosed with a blood clot on her brain and a severed right ear lobe, according to the lawsuit.

Whiting said he believes the defendants "wantonly and willfully" disregarded the safety of spectators and should be exempt from a state law granting hockey stadiums immunity from injury liabilities.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday that the lawsuit cites a study by two emergency-room doctors showing that during 127 NHL games at the MCI Center in Washington, 122 fans suffered puck injuries.

Elizabeth Hahn, who was not present at the news conference, is recovering and "doing better," Whiting said. She has returned to work but suffers from headaches, has problems with her hearing and difficulty maintaining her balance, he added.

Steven Hahn is named as a plaintiff because he suffered from his wife's injuries by losing her companionship for a time and becoming liable for her medical expenses, according to the lawsuit.

The couple is seeking an undisclosed amount of compensatory and punitive damages.

Belles

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NCAA debates athlete status

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
The future of the NCAA is up for debate this week in Indianapolis.

On Thursday, the Board of Directors will discuss a series of proposals that could redefine the term "amateur" athletics. Then on Friday, the executive committee will begin its search to find a replacement for retiring president Cedric Dempsey.

It's a 48-hour period that could dramatically change the governing body does business.

"We're asking the NCAA to move away from one of its founding principals" said Ohio State president Brit Kirwan, chairman of the NCAA's board of directors. "Given that fact, it's made it a really difficult issue."

At the top of the agenda is allowing "elite" student-athletes to take one-time loans of up to \$20,000, based on potential earnings. Another proposal would allow high school athletes to enter a draft and go to college without losing eligibility if they do not sign a contract or with an agent.

And that's only the beginning. The committee also will debate a measure that permits student-athletes to compete professionally for one year, then sit out a year and enter college. The athlete would then have three years of eligibility remaining.

Other proposals would let the

NCAA pay for the disability insurance of "elite" student-athlete and permit the acceptance of educational expenses to high schools or prep schools without losing eligibility if the money is distributed by the school.

An "elite" student-athlete is determined by where they are projected to go in the draft although the standards are different for the five sports included — football, men's and women's basketball, ice hockey and baseball.

The catalyst for the changes, Kirwan said, has been the increase in college athletes leaving school early for the pros and high school athletes who skip college and enter the draft.

But solutions have been difficult to find unanimity on.

"The most divisive elements are those ... allowing athletes who have ever been paid for playing on professional teams much more so than the loans," Kirwan said. "I think we've already accepted the idea that athletes could borrow money for disability insurance, so I don't think loans are as big an issue."

If the proposals are approved, they could change the face of college athletics as early as next season.

Still, Kirwan is uncertain what the board will do. He called the debate "intense" at times, and acknowledged that some items may not even be voted on Thursday.

The other big issue is finding

a new president, who the executive committee must approve.

Tulsa president Bob Lawless heads a four-member search committee formed to winnow the field of candidates.

The search committee consists of Lawless, Kirwan, Patricia Cormier, president of Longwood College in Virginia and chairwoman of the Division II Presidents Council and Bette Landman of Beaver College in Pennsylvania. Landman is chairwoman of the Division III Presidents Council.

Lawless said two or three finalists are expected to be determined in September and that those finalists would interview with the 12-member executive committee at a special meeting Oct. 10. He anticipates a final vote Oct. 11.

"I think we are looking for leadership more than we were the last time," said Lawless, who also is chairman of the executive committee. "In changing from an executive director to a CEO, we're looking more for leadership than we were the last time, and I think we got good leadership from Ced."

Lawless expects the executive committee to approve Friday the choice of Baker-Parker, an Atlanta-based firm, to conduct the search.

Lawless said he has not yet received any applications for Dempsey's replacement. Dempsey announced in January during the NCAA convention that he would be retiring when his term ends Jan. 1.

NBA

Hall of Fame gives Johnson nomination

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

A few years later than he wanted, Magic Johnson is in position to join friend and rival Larry Bird in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Johnson, unable to persuade the hall to waive its five-year retirement requirement so he could enter alongside Bird in 1998, was nominated for induction Wednesday in his first year of eligibility.

Johnson, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA championships, was nominated along with 13 other players and coaches and the Harlem Globetrotters.

"He's an obvious choice to me or anybody else that follows the game," said Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak. "It's a formality, another jewel in his career."

There are so few doubts

about the outcome of the Honors Committee vote that, in a break with tradition, the Hall of Fame is announcing its inductees in June in Los Angeles, where Johnson spent his entire 13-year pro career.

In his rookie season with the Lakers, Johnson seized control of Game 6 of the 1980 NBA Finals against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Starting at center for the injured Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and playing all five positions during the game, Johnson had 42 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists, leading the Lakers to the first of five titles during the decade.

At 21, Johnson became the first rookie to be selected Finals MVP.

The Lakers also won titles in 1982, '85, '87, and '88, and Johnson was the league MVP in 1987, '89 and '90. He was MVP of the All-Star game in 1990 and '92.

"Magic's contributions to the game make him one of the most deserving ever for this exceptional acknowledgment," Bird said.

Nominees need 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee for induction.



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ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, April 25

- 5:00 p.m. Lecture: *Surprise Twists in a Career Path* by Mary Coleman, 242 O'Shaughnessy
- 5:00 p.m. SEA Teacher Panel, LaFortune Student Center Montgomery Theatre
- 5:00 p.m. Tie-Dye Fun, Snow Cones and Music, Fieldhouse Mall (event begins at 3:00 p.m.)
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6:30 p.m. *Surgical Volunteerism as a Mechanism for Improving Lives*, lecture by Dennis Nigro, DeBartolo 126
- 7:00 p.m. Film: *The Anniversary Party*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 8:15 p.m. Recital: Rex Rallanka, organ, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Bookstore Basketball Sweet Sixteen, Stepan Courts
- 9:00 p.m. Acousticafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Indian Dance Party, Bhangra Zone, Alumni Senior Club
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Vanilla Sky* and *Muppets Take Manhattan*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

Friday, April 26

- 5:00 p.m. Bookstore Basketball Elite Eight, Stepan Courts
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Band Concert featuring OKGO and inflatables, Fieldhouse Mall (event begins at 12:00 p.m.)
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6:05 p.m. ND Men's Baseball vs. Arizona State, Frank Eck Stadium
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 7:30 p.m. ND Opera: Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Washington Hall*
- 7:30 p.m. The "Freshmen Four" Plays: *Time Flies*, *Date With A Stranger*, *Slop-Culture*, *Naomi in the Living Room*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium*
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *Vanilla Sky* and *Muppets Take Manhattan*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge
- 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Billiards, ND Express, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Mother's Day Project/End-of-Year Bazaar, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight, Koncert for the Kids, North Quad
- 9:15 p.m. Beacon Bowling Trip, Hesburgh Library Circle*
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Saturday, April 27

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 5:00 p.m. ND Men's Baseball vs. Arizona State, Frank Eck Stadium
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- 8:00 p.m. *The Fantasticks*, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Movie on the Quad, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, North Quad
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The Speech That Father Malloy Did Not Give

*Pax Christi ND approached and asked President Malloy C.S.C. to give the following speech at yesterday's ND ROTC Presidential Review. The Presidential Review is an annual parade to thank the President of the University for hosting the ROTC program. President Malloy chose **not** to give this speech. We respect President Malloy. We embrace the students of ROTC as classmates and friends. The following are words that need to be spoken.*

As another academic year draws to a close, it is once again my distinct pleasure to address you, the Notre Dame students who have chosen to commit four years of your lives to the defense of your country. As I understand it, the Presidential Review is your way of thanking me and the University for hosting ROTC. I am, of course, deeply honored to represent Our Lady's University before a group of students who truly embody the ideals of integrity, discipline, and self-sacrifice. And I would like to say that the University is especially committed to forming you as Catholics prepared to serve God by serving your country.

I would like to say that you have had the opportunity to diligently and thoroughly study Catholic Social Teaching, specifically moral theology's rich and diverse treatment of those issues of war and peace that are so relevant to your coming service in the United States military.

I would like to say that you are quite familiar with Saints Augustine and Thomas Aquinas and the Christian just-war theory and those demands it will make upon your consciences should you ever—God forbid—be called to kill and die for your country.

I would like to say that you have exhaustive knowledge of those papal and episcopal encyclicals that deal with modern military conflict and that you know which American military campaigns, strategies, and weapons the pope and bishops have denounced for violating either Christian charity or the principles of discrimination and proportionality.

I would like to say that if after four years of Notre Dame and ROTC education any of you cannot for reasons of conscience go on to serve in the US military then the University would make every effort to defend your choice, both by supporting you should the military choose to bring you to trial and by forgiving the debt you will owe once the military demands repayment.

I would like to say all these things about the University's ROTC programs, but sadly, I cannot.

As the leader of America's greatest and most well-known Catholic university, it is my duty to admit, in all Christian humility, that I have failed you.

All of you have heard that Notre Dame's ROTC programs are unique because they "Christianize" the US military. I firmly believe that ROTC on this campus is unique. This is, after all, Notre Dame; and Notre Dame is strong as an institution because of its people. You are Notre Dame people, and that is why our ROTC programs are unique. But I must admit that the classes you take are not unique.

The truth is that, unlike any other department on campus, ROTC is an institution external to the University. Your instructors, good men and women that they may be, are not hired or paid by the university. Though the Provost approves the faculty in the ROTC program and may oversee the curriculum, your classes are formulated by military officials and your instructors draw their salaries from the US Department of Defense.

In 1988, realizing that the University might not be doing enough to fulfill its obligation to form your consciences, I appointed a special task force to review ROTC at Notre Dame. In its final report, the task force suggested that Notre Dame ROTC students should be required to take classes in Catholic moral thought, specifically Church teaching on war and peace. Despite the task force's findings, I have done little to improve your formation.

Let me explain my position. I am not trying to make excuses; in the spirit of honesty, I want you to know why I have failed and continue to fail you. The truth is that I would like to require you to take classes in Catholic Social Teaching and just-war theory. As future leaders in America's armed forces, you could surely benefit from such intellectual and moral training. But US law currently forbids host universities from imposing specialized course requirements solely on ROTC students. In this matter my hands are truly tied.

Aside from the unique moral and intellectual character of its students, Notre Dame's ROTC is programmatically identical to ROTC at state colleges and universities. Let me make this point clear; Notre Dame ROTC does not require you to receive any sort of special training that you wouldn't receive at any of more than 200 other American colleges and universities that also host ROTC.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, my distinguished predecessor, wrote the following, "The university is not the kind of place that one can or should try to rule by authority external to the university. The best and only traditional authority in the university is intellectual competence: this is the coin of the realm." With these words in mind, it is impossible for me to claim that an ROTC program can belong on this campus; for the US Department of Defense, just the sort of external authority to which Father Hesburgh refers, imposes absolute control over ROTC. The ROTC programs' presence on campus violates the academic freedom that is essential to intellectual competence.

Many will surely ask themselves why I continue to support the ROTC programs—know that I will always support you as Notre Dame students—if their educational methods so vividly contradict the internal control of curriculum and academic freedom that the University strives to embody. I offer the following reasons, knowing full well that they do not excuse the University's failure to reform ROTC and form your consciences.

First, I recognize that many of you are only able to attend the University because of the financial aid that ROTC offers you. In the 2000-2001 academic year alone, ROTC provided more than \$6 million in scholarships to Notre Dame students. To dissolve these programs without implementing a system whereby former and potential ROTC students could receive comparable financial aid would be negligent on the University's part. Moreover, the flat removal of ROTC would prevent many deserving and able students, especially those from working-class families, from attending Notre Dame. At least one Notre Dame alumnus has suggested that the University offer peace scholarships, whose recipients would commit to working after graduation in fields related to social justice, peace building, or peacekeeping. These post-graduation commitments could involve joining Peace Corps or other similar programs. The University could even devise a program for peace scholarship recipients who choose to join the US military upon graduation; this program, like premed or honors, would require specific courses in Catholic Social Teaching and just-war theory.

To be perfectly honest, I have not taken any steps to initiate a program like the one I just described, because there is another reason the University tolerates the presence of ROTC programs on campus: If the University were to take steps to remove ROTC from campus, it would lose a great deal of federal funding. Let me explain. In 1995 US Representative Gerald Solomon of New York introduced an amendment to the Defense Appropriations Bill that would cut Department of Defense funding to any college or university that tried to remove ROTC or stop military recruiting on its campus. This amendment passed, and in 1997 it was expanded to include funding from the Departments of Education, Energy, Transportation, and Health and Human Services. The University currently receives more than \$39 million from the US government. From 1999-2000 the Radiation Laboratory received almost \$4 million in federal funding. Just last month, the Departments of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, and Electrical Engineering received almost \$850,000 in federal funding. These are only a few examples. Many other University departments would also risk funding cuts if ROTC were eliminated.

San Jose State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology each tried to remove ROTC from their campuses. San Jose State would have lost \$18 million; MIT would have lost \$336 million. Both schools reconsidered their positions. Perhaps San Jose State President Douglas Leders put it best: "I cannot in good conscience . . . jeopardize the life's work of current professors and students whose research is financed by the affected agencies."

These are the economic realities I face. Many would say that the Catholic institution with the largest endowment in the world, over \$3 billion, has the fundraising ability to at least partially compensate for these losses. It is, after all, a matter of conscience. I reply that it is not so clear-cut as my critics would like to think.

Legally, the University is prohibited from forming you, its ROTC students, in Catholic Social Teaching and just-war theory. Financially, the University is unwilling to risk losing massive amounts of funding by dissolving ROTC. The result of these two tragic circumstances is that I and the University I represent have failed in our mission to adequately inform your consciences.

The world is an unstable place for myriad economic, social, and political reasons. For the first time since the end of the Cold War, the US faces real threats to its security. The tragedy of September 11 crystallized these threats in our minds. Now more than ever, Catholic Social Teaching and the just-war tradition must guide the decisions and actions of those Catholics who serve in the US military. I would like to say that the University of Notre Dame has done its job in preparing you brave men and women assembled before me, especially the seniors.

Unfortunately, it has not. I have failed you, and so I cannot accept your gratitude on this day. In the turbulent days ahead, may God watch over and protect you, may the peace that Christ promised and that only Christ can bring sustain you and motivate your actions, and may the Holy Spirit guide you.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 10 Irish take on 5-8 Wildcats

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team takes its shortest road trip of the season when the Irish travel to Evanston, Ill., today for a 3 p.m. game versus the Northwestern Wildcats at Lakeside Field.

The Irish, who dropped from ninth to 10th in the national rankings this week, will look to close their schedule on a strong note as they search for the program's first-ever NCAA bid. Following the Northwestern game, the Irish close out the Big East schedule at Rutgers on Sunday and then close out the regular season on May 3 at home versus Vanderbilt in a 1 p.m. game.

Notre Dame faces Northwestern for the first time on the Division I level as the Wildcats program is in its first year. The Irish come into the week with a 9-4 overall record and a 4-1 mark in Big East play. Northwestern, which had women's lacrosse from 1982-91 before disbanding the program, is 5-8 overall and 2-3 in the American Lacrosse Conference.

The Irish lost their first Big East game of the season last

weekend, falling 17-8 at second-ranked Georgetown on April 20. Northwestern dropped a 13-10 decision at 15th-ranked Penn State on April 21.

Northwestern is a young team with 15 freshmen and four sophomores on the roster. The Wildcats average 7.77 goals per game while giving up 9.31 per contest. Offensively, they are led by

freshman Sarah Albrecht with 25 goals and 13 assists for 38 points. Sophomore Angela McMahon is second with 21 goals and 10 assists for 31 points. In goal, freshman Ashley Gersuk has played all but 30 minutes and has a 9.52 goals against average.

The Irish will look to put the Georgetown loss behind them. After Natalie Loftus scored just 1:31 into that game, the

Hoyas ran off six straight goals on the way to an 11-5 halftime lead. The lead would go to 1-5 early in the second half before the teams traded

goals in the final 19 minutes.

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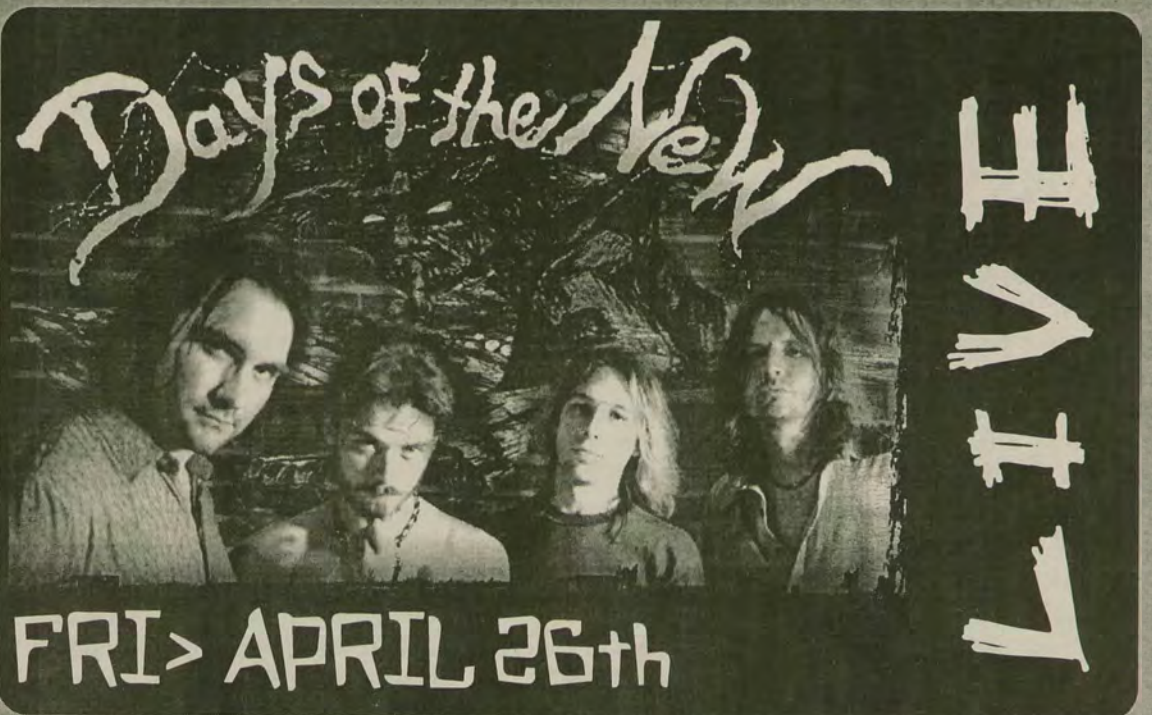
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15. We're Hungover and the Hardcore Stokers traded baskets at the start of the game. Neither team shot the ball well for the first 20 minutes of play. With a 7-6 lead, however, the Hardcore Stokers finally started hitting their shots and built a 12-8 lead. We're Hungover improved its outside shooting late in the second half but never got closer than 17-14. We're Hungover blamed its collapse against a team containing three Saint Mary's basketball players to poor conditioning. "Our name isn't just a creative nickname. We're second semester seniors and really haven't been practicing or keeping in

good shape," Karen Goodwin said. **Notes:** ♦ The open Bookstore tournament continues today at 8:30 p.m. at Stepan. There are three games scheduled at 8:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. The top two seeds, blackJACKS and AdWorks All-Stars play their games at 10 p.m. ♦ The Round of 8 in the women's tournament continues today at 4 p.m. at Stepan. ♦ The men's tournament games on Friday and Saturday are scheduled for 4:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Stepan. ♦ The championship games begin Sunday at noon with the women's championship followed by the Hall of Fame game at 1 p.m. and the open championship at 2 p.m.

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Softball

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season." Defeating Nebraska 3-2 on Tuesday night gave Notre Dame the experience of defeating a nationally ranked team. This afternoon, the Irish face the task of maintaining that high level of play against IUPUI-Fort Wayne. "Our biggest challenge is to play at our level," Gumpf said. "We have to not play at their level, which is something we have done this year." The Crusaders are 5-26 on the season and have lost five of their last six. "Our team has already experienced a letdown and they know what it feels like," Gumpf said. Notre Dame's offense has been productive in helping the Irish win 19 of their past 20 games. Throughout those games, the offense is averaging almost 7.5 runs per contest. "The players have been concentrating solely on making things happen," Gumpf said. "The last months, our hitters have been giving us

support." Catcher Jarrah Myers leads the potent Notre Dame offense. She currently has a team-leading .380 batting average, .500 on-base percentage, 37 runs scored, nine home runs and 32 RBIs. Six Irish regulars have batting averages above .300 Hartmann's game-winning three run home run against Nebraska gave Notre Dame its 10th different player with a home run this season, a school record. While the Irish offense is giving the pitching staff run support, the pitchers haven't needed it. In the last 20 games, Steffany Stenglein, Carrie Wisen, and Jessica Sharron have allowed less than two runs per game. During the stretch, Stenglein and Wisen combined on a no-hitter and Stenglein (17-9) pitched a perfect game. Wisen (11-4) is scheduled

to get the start today for the Irish. The Irish could see Mastodons' pitcher Mindy Pomeroy today. In 118 innings of work, Pomeroy has given up 70 runs, but only 39 are earned. The sophomore is 2-18 with a 2.97 ERA. Scoring runs has been a big problem for the Mastodons. In 31 games, the offense has only produced 37 runs, hit two home runs, and has a team batting average of .193. Outfielder Christina Funk leads the Mastodons with a .299 batting average. Shortstop Angela Grabczak has a team-high nine RBI. This afternoon's single game is scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. at Ivy Field.

"Our biggest challenge is to play at our level. We have to not play at their level, which is something we have done this year."

Deanna Gumpf
Irish head coach

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BASEBALL

Wind helps Irish blow past Falcons in 6-inning game

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Even though the Irish won the battle, Mother Nature won the war.

In a rain-shortened game that was called in the top of the seventh inning, Notre Dame's baseball team squeaked out a 3-2 victory over Bowling Green Wednesday night.

"I thought Ryan Kalita did a marvelous job against a really good-hitting ball club," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said.

After the game's start was delayed for about an hour due to rain, wind and lightning, Kalita pitched himself into a jam in the top of the first inning, giving up two doubles and a single to give the Falcons an early 1-0 lead. While the damage easily could have been much worse for the Irish, Kalita was able to retire three straight batters with runners on second and third.

The Irish took away Bowling

Green's lead in the bottom of the third inning, when Joe Thaman and Steve Stanley opened the inning with singles. After Matt Bok sacrificed both runners, Brian Stavisky's groundout to second tied the game at one.

Notre Dame then took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning with a similar scenario to the third inning. Steve Sollmann opened with a single up the middle and Kris Billmaier sacrificed Sollmann to second. After taking third on a wild pitch, Sollmann then scored on Javier Sanchez's groundout to shortstop.

Bowling Green was able to tie the game in the top of the sixth inning as cleanup hitter Kelly Hunt crushed a pitch that, with the help of a gusty wind, hit the top of the screen in right-center field.

But the Irish responded with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, as Billmaier hit a fly ball to right-center which, also with a lot of help from the wind, cleared the

fence to give the Irish a 3-2 lead.

"Billmaier's [home run] maybe wasn't a legitimate home run; it probably was helped by the wind, but so was [Hunt's], so it kind of evened out," Mainieri said.

After a groundout by Bowling Green off Irish reliever Drew Duff to open the seventh inning, the rain and wind returned to Eck Stadium. After a strong gust of wind wreaked havoc on a throw to the infield by Stanley after a one-out double by the Falcons, the officials decided to stop play.

After about a half-hour delay, the game was officially called, giving the Irish the 3-2 victory.

With the victory, Kalita's record is now 2-0 on the season, and the Irish improve to 29-12.

"He deserved to win," Mainieri said. "That team had some really good hitters, and I thought Kalita threw fantastic tonight."

The Irish have now won 11 straight victories — and 20 of their last 22 games — heading into a huge weekend series with

Arizona State.

"We're fired up [about this weekend's series]," Mainieri said. "I know the kids are excited, I know I'm excited, hopefully we'll get some good weather and play some good baseball."

Note:

♦ Due to the game being called in

the top of the seventh inning, by ruling only the last full inning counts. Therefore, the game officially lasted only six innings, one more than the minimum in order to have an official game. The two at-bats by Bowling Green — and the appearance by Duff — in the top of the seventh inning do not appear on the official box score.

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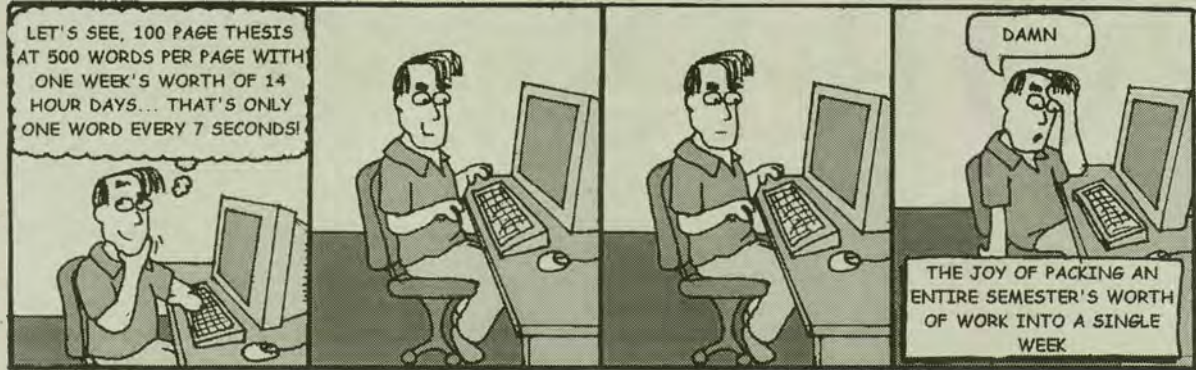
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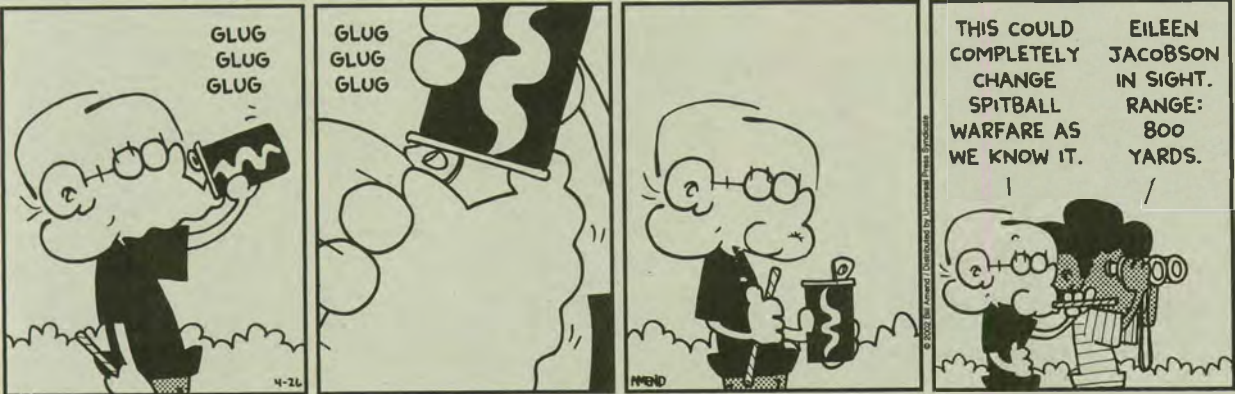
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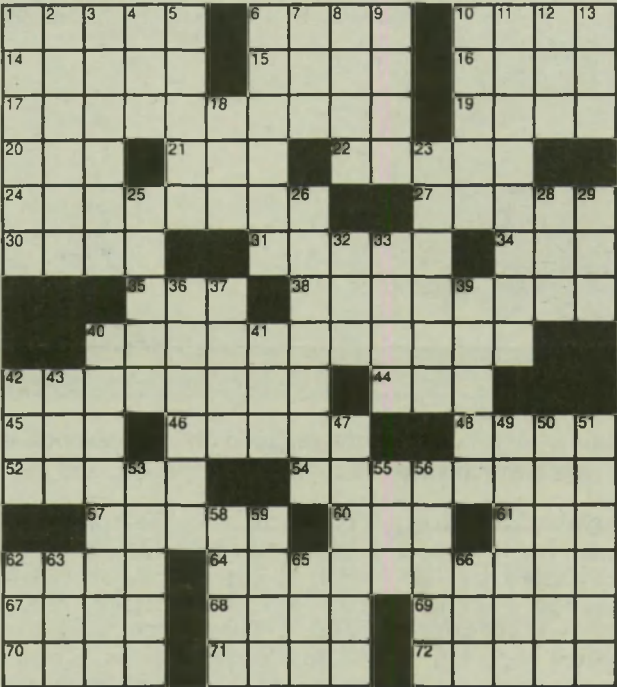
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- 36 Sunday driver?

37 Play to

39 Vocal cords, informally

40 Muscularity

41 Blast maker

42 Average name

43 "That's nice!"

47 Revere

49 Penner of polonaises

50 Trifling

51 Barn fledglings
- 53 Pitcher's bagful

55 Wahine's gift

56 Neat as a pin

58 Refs' calls, for short

59 Extreme torment
- 62 Rule, in India

63 Start of a Spanish count

65 Indeed

66 Coldwell Banker competitor

Answers to any clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656 (\$1.20 per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Al Pacino, Ella Fitzgerald, Albert King, Talia Shire

Happy Birthday: Peculiar circumstances arise this year concerning legal or financial matters, taxes or joint deals. Work hard to get your portfolio in good shape. You can make extra cash if you invest in art objects. You should be concerned about chronic health problems. Get a second opinion. Your numbers are 15, 19, 20, 34, 45, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A partner may try to take advantage of you to get what he or she wants. If you are selective in your friendships you will do much better today. A commitment can be made but only if you feel ready to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone you thought you could trust may not be in your corner. Empty promises will result in frustration so be sure to get everything in writing and don't rely on second-hand information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be chatty and eager to share whatever information you have. The more you have scheduled into your agenda the better. You can make great progress today when it comes to meeting people who can make a difference to your future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not want to see things clearly especially at a personal level. Your home life is likely to be challenging. Be careful not to overreact or retaliate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make a difference to others by being supportive and offering your services. This is a good day to enhance your reputation. You will be able to draw people to your cause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Birthday Baby: You will build your ideas on solid ground. You won't take anything for granted. You will question your knowledge and actively seek to acquire more throughout your life. You will have an interest in psychology and unconventional subjects. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have so much going for you. If you second-guess your ideas you will never get them off the ground. Push ahead and don't be afraid to let interested parties in on what you are doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Being secretive will pay off today. If you are discriminating and thorough you won't have a problem. Do not do business with those who are not likely to tell you the whole truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't believe everything you hear. Ask the opinion of a trusted friend. Get promises in writing. Your involvement in a group will lead to some interesting propositions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Uncertainties surrounding work will result in delays. Be agreeable, especially when dealing with your personal life. Partners may overreact to whatever it is you suggest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have some wonderful insight to share with your peers but be careful how you present it. Someone might twist your words, take you the wrong way or oppose what you want to do. Develop your idea to a point where there will be no denial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will do just fine as long as you are dealing with children, being creative or socializing. Once you step into an area that deals with finances you may find yourself losing ground. An investment is likely to backfire.

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Here Come the Irish

Softball

Today vs. IUPUI - Fort Wayne

3pm at Ivy Field

Baseball vs. Arizona State

Friday at 6pm, Saturday at 3pm

- Student tickets will be available on a first come, first serve basis FREE beginning Friday at 9am at the Joyce Center Ticket Office.
- Students can get up to four tickets, with four IDs.
- Students *must* present ID with student ticket at the gate.

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SPORTS ANALYSIS

Making the grade

Notre Dame struggles to balance academic standards with athletic excellence

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh tells a story about what the president of the University of Chicago said when the university disbanded its football team.

"He said, 'you know, it would be a lot easier if all of those schools would go out and buy four horses and then we could put our colors on the horses and the horses could race against each other. Whoever won could be the champion for that year. The beauty of it is nobody expects you to educate the horses.'"

As public distrust of the academic policies of Division I revenue athletics increases and as colleges and universities have seemingly decreasing graduation rates, racing uneducated horses may seem an apt metaphor for the future of collegiate revenue athletics.

Institutions like Notre Dame that pride themselves on strong academic principles in addition to successful athletic programs seem to be becoming obsolete.

Can a university like Notre Dame survive in a world of racing horses?

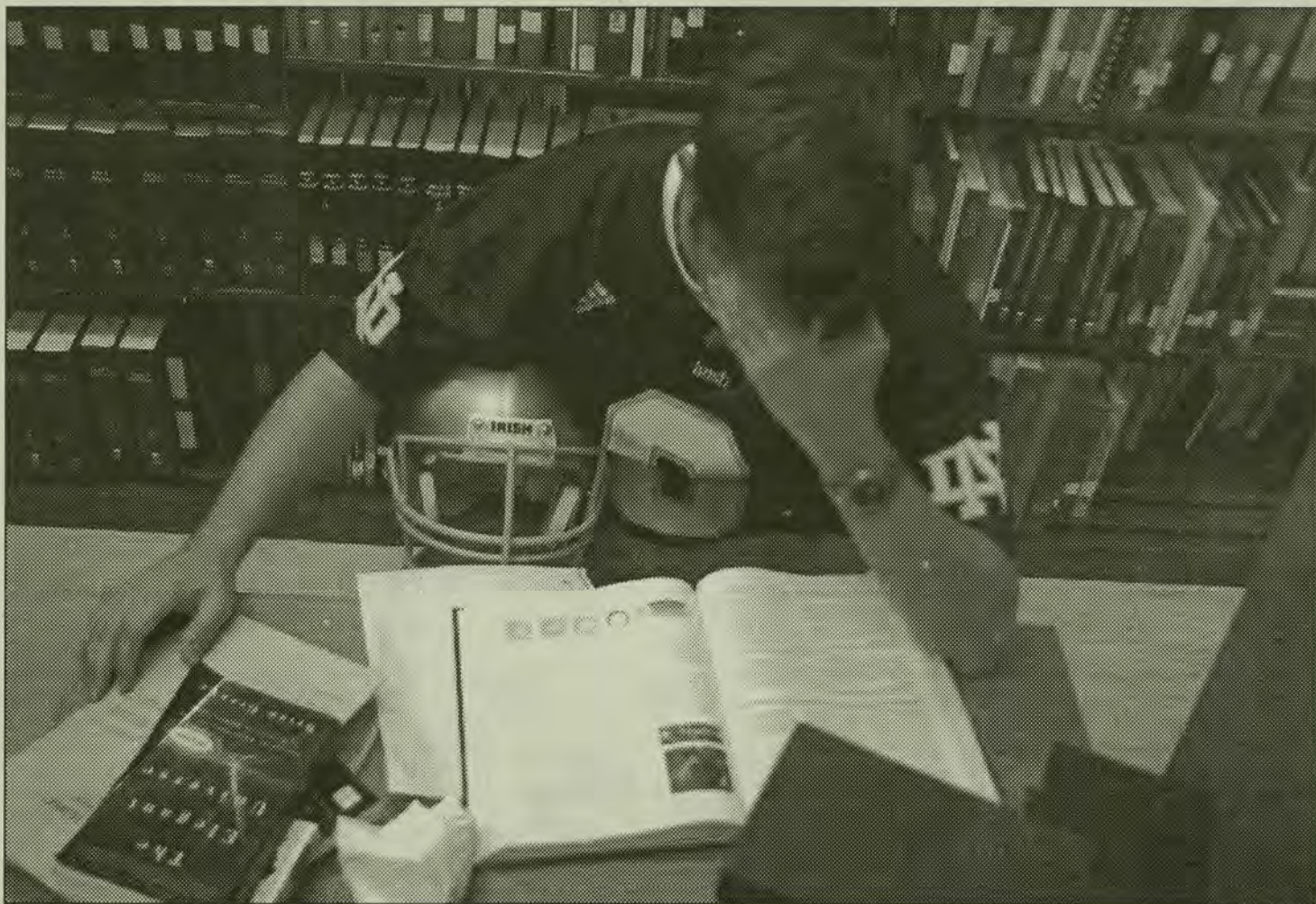


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As the cultural change in American sports reduced the importance of academics in collegiate athletics, institutions such as Notre Dame, which value education in athletics, find themselves more in the minority.

The Culture of Collegiate Athletics

In the 1980s, 109 universities and colleges were sanctioned by the NCAA or put on probation. Over half of the 106 Division I-A institutions playing at that time were included in that number - 57 to be exact. And out of those 106 academic institutions, 19 graduated less than 30 per-

cent of their football players.

With numbers like these, it is hard to deny there has been a change in collegiate athletics. In its 2001 report, The Knight Commission on Collegiate Athletics found "at the heart of these problems is a profound change in the American culture of sports itself." It cited a move from

the amateurism celebrated in the earlier parts of the 20th century to the professionalism rampant in collegiate athletics today.

In the last seven years, the capital expenditures for big college athletic programs has increased nearly 250

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WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Who's Getting Lucky stuffs DeeZ

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

No. 4-seeded Who's Getting Lucky Tonight ran away from Want Some of DeeZ? in the second half as it cruised to a 21-9 victory.

DeeZ could not keep up with Lucky's transition game in the second half of its Round of 16 game of the Women's Bookstore Basketball Tournament. DeeZ trailed 11-5 at the half but were run off the court in the second half.

"That's the one thing we talked about after our last game. We wanted to run on people. We thought we had a quickness advantage," Lucky's Alex Callan said after the game.

When DeeZ slowed Lucky down enough to force it into a half-court game, Lucky's precision passing and movement without the ball led to easy lay-ups. DeeZ stayed in a 2-3 zone to prevent Lucky's guards from driving into the lane. Lucky countered the zone by overloading to one side and cutting on the weak side.

"I didn't think so many teams would run zone against us," Callan said. "I guess they are worried about our quickness but the middle still seems really open."

Despite the lopsided defeat, DeeZ was satisfied just to keep the game as close as it did.

"We knew they were good. We saw them earlier in interhall. I think we did pretty well," DeeZ's

Courtney Giel said.

Lucky is usually made up of four current and one former Welsh Hall interhall football player but for it was missing one player this game. Mary Murphy missed the game to attend the funeral of her grandmother. Lucky expects Murphy to return for the next game today. In her place, first-year law student Anna Benjamin joined Katie Rak, Callan, Vanessa Lichon and Karli Pederson to defeat Giel, Allison Esposto, Tiffney Colon, Jeanne Trelease and Jenny Burke.

The second-seeded Hardcore Stokers got a bit of a scare early from We're Hungover but pulled away in the second half to win 21-

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish prepare to extend win streak

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After Liz Hartmann's seventh-inning three-run homer put Notre Dame ahead 3-1 over No. 4 Nebraska, the Irish knew their opportunity for a season-defining win was at hand.

A record of 1-7 in previous games against top 25 opponents presented the Irish with numerous chances to pull a major upset. Even through los-

ing, Notre Dame gained the experience necessary to hang on in the bottom of the seventh, at a ranked opponent's home field.

"The girls knew what to expect since it was nothing new to them," head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They didn't think they shouldn't win that game. We have played teams better than Nebraska already this

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Women's Lacrosse at Northwestern, Today, 3 p.m.
- ◆ ND Softball vs. IUPUI-Fort Wayne, Today, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Baseball vs. Arizona State, Friday, 6:05 p.m.

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