



ROTC at ND?

Lecturers Baxter and Whitmore explore the role of military training on campus, as well as perspectives on warfare.
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Notre Dame freshman Jake Cram has spent the past year trying to move on after the tragedy at Columbine High School. But for Jake and his classmates, the memories live on like

Pictures of the Past

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Packed away in Jake Cram's high school scrapbook are pictures of smiling graduates, freezing the culmination of a four-year journey in a flash of film. Yellow tassels and shimmering royal blue caps and gowns robe post-adolescent scholars, beaming with the pride of their accomplishments.

The pictures are not unlike those in any other high school graduate's memory capsule. They tell a story of friendships, accomplishments and success. But underneath the pictures, behind the smiling graduates, lay magazines that tell another story. As a graduate of the Columbine High School Class of 1999, these magazines tell the story of the day Jake watched 15 of his classmates lose their lives — the day he nearly lost his own.

Today, on the one-year anniversary of the Littleton shootings, Jake and his classmates will return to Columbine High School for a memorial service that will bring back the horror of April 20, 1999. While the memories are now packed away in a scrapbook, they are anything but old for the Notre Dame freshman and his classmates.

"It doesn't seem like a year at all," Jake said. "Some kids will be there, others are going up to the

mountains to get away. A lot of people want to forget, want it to go away, but it won't."

Columbine High School is a different place than it was a year ago; art has replaced the bullet holes in the concrete, lockers line the walls that once were windows to the library. But underneath the new paint and sparkling exterior, the tainted memories of a year ago still linger in the hearts of the survivors. Today will be Jake's third return to Columbine since the shootings, but it never gets any easier.

"Right after, nobody ever wanted to go back, ever," Jake said. "I didn't think I could ever go back there. Slowly, as everything happened and we found out what [Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold's] plan was, we said 'No, we're not going to let them have what they wanted.' If we didn't go back, we were letting them have what they wanted."

Jake's first return was to collect his belongings just weeks after the shootings. With his parents on either side of him, he spent an hour in the building walking through the hallways, still untouched.

"It was really scary ... nothing had changed. There was still blood and bullet holes everywhere. There were half-eaten sandwiches in the cafeteria. In the parking lot, there were shoes everywhere. It was really hard to be in there."

Even after a summer of reconstruction, some still will not return. While some students, Jake included, watched the re-opening of the building in August, it is still impossible for some members of the class

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Freshman Jake Cram looks at the magazines reporting the shooting at Columbine. Cram wanted to read such articles to help him understand the events he lived through.

Rape survivors: ResLife system proves ineffective

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Systems currently in place for addressing rape and sexual assault through the Office of Residence Life are inappropriate and inadequate, said rape survivors Kori Pienovi and Kelly McGeever at a panel discussion Wednesday.

Pienovi, who was raped in 1997 and pursued disciplinary action against her alleged assailant through Residence Life, explained that she initially believed the system was adequate because her attacker was dismissed from the University.

"These people did 'the right thing' for me," she said, explaining her decision to encourage fellow victims to pursue action through Residence Life. But after following the cases of two such victims through the process, she is no longer convinced.

"As far as I've seen, the only way they'll kick someone out is if he'll admit she said 'No,' and

how often is that going to happen?" she asked, noting with

"I don't understand how they can sleep at night ... They raise these girls' hopes up ... and then they say, 'We found no violation of DuLac.'"

Kori Pienovi
rape survivor

guilty because they don't want to ... They do it only if they have to," she said. "They will

do everything they can not to make that decision."

In the cases of the two friends whom Pienovi encouraged to pursue channels in Residence Life, the panel took no action, leading her to the conclusion that the system provides victims with a false belief that justice will be served.

"They say that there's this range [of offenses] and that there's this range of punishments, but from what I've seen, it's all or nothing," she said. "I don't understand how they can sleep at night ... They raise these girls' hopes up ... and then they say, 'We found no violation of DuLac.'"

"They [don't] find [them]

The consequence of that trust is that when the panel chooses not to take action, the victim begins to think that may be the right decision, said Pienovi. McGeever said that one Residence Life official told her that "the only reasons women go through ResLife is that they wanted revenge or that they wanted to heal themselves."

The Office of Residence Life justifies its system on the basis that it is not a legal organization, according to McGeever.

"[They say that] ResLife is an academic system [and that victims shouldn't] come there for

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INSIDE COLUMN

Move over, Playstation

Up-Up-Down-Down-Left-Right-Left-Right-B-A-Start.

A few of you might have just looked at that first line and wondered if there was some sort of a typo. But I am willing to bet that the majority of readers (especially male readers) saw that line and immediately one thing sprang into your minds: 30 lives in "Contra."

How is it that I (and many others Domers) can remember these fairly complicated codes to video games that they haven't played in years yet the names of my professors slip my mind on a regular basis?

Memories of the glory of 8-bit Nintendo came flooding back to me a few weeks ago when my friend brought his Nintendo back from home and hooked it up. Soon the flashier, more technologically advanced and more complicated Playstation and N-64 were discarded in favor of the simplicity, yet brilliance, of 8-bit Nintendo.

"Blades of Steel," "The Legend of Zelda" and "Mike Tyson's Punch Out" quickly replaced eating, sleeping and sometimes bathing on our list of priorities. Amazingly enough, all the secrets and codes and tricks that we had learned as children remained vivid in our minds.

Despite having not helped Little Mac win the title since before Buster Douglas knocked out Tyson in Japan, we could still remember how to stop Great Tigers' "Tiger Punch" and how to neutralize Bald Bull's "Bull Charge."

We still remembered where to bomb to find heart containers and the "Master Sword" in "Legend of Zelda." We still remembered how to kill those stupid dinosaurs in level two of "Zelda."

Why have the tactics of "Punch Out" and "Zelda" remained with me much longer than the answers to most school assignments? Why is 8-bit Nintendo so enduring?

Maybe it was the pure and simple game interface that was so appealing. There were only two buttons and the game pad was a simple rectangle — not the space mutant boomerang with God-knows how many buttons that is the N-64 controller.

The games were simple too. Usually you could only go one direction — right. You just kept walking right and shot, kicked or stomped all the bad guys until you reached the end.

Maybe it is this simplicity that led us to stop playing sports games on Playstation and N-64 with its professional players and complicated stats to instead focus on "Blades of Steel" where icing and penalties are disregarded.

Video games when my friends and I were young were simple. They weren't excessively violent or full of images unsuitable for young children. The "Today" show wasn't doing special reports on whether or not Mario's stomping of Koopa Troopas was leading to school yard violence. Eight-bit Nintendo was just simple and pure and wonderful.

So while my friend who claims that "The Legend of Zelda" is one of the top five things ever to happen to him is a little nuts, there still was something special about that old 8-bit system.

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Remember that one?

Time for Little Mac to face Tyson again.

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| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| ◆ Event: Saint Mary's Wind and Chamber Ensemble; 7:30 p.m.; Little Theater, Saint Mary's | ◆ Good Friday: Mass 11 a.m. and 1, 7 p.m., Basilica; Stations of the Cross, 7:15 p.m., Basilica; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m., Basilica | ◆ Holy Saturday: Mass 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Basilica; Paschal Vigil Mass, 9 p.m., Basilica; Vigil, 8 p.m.; Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's | ◆ Easter Sunday: Mass 11:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's; Mass 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, Basilica; Mass 6:30, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Crypt |
| ◆ Lecture: "E-Commerce in Warehousing Market," 7 p.m., Jordan Auditorium | | | |

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Duke researchers find new use for old drug

DURHAM, N.C.

A drug primarily used to help people quit smoking may also reduce cocaine addiction, based on recent tests on rats.

"This research opens a new approach to the treatment of cocaine abuse, which has been resistant to treatment in general," said Jed Rose, chief of the Medical Center's Nicotine Research Program.

Mecamylamine, which has been available for nearly half a century, was originally used to treat high blood pressure and has been known to help smokers quit.

Currently, the drug is under Food and Drug Administration review as a treatment for both smoking and Tourette's syndrome in children.

Mecamylamine works by blocking nicotinic receptors in the brain that



would normally release dopamine, the primary chemical involved in generating feelings of pleasure.

An addicted individual's desire for cocaine is weakened when the drug cannot produce any feeling of pleasure in the brain.

Nicotine, cocaine and alcohol are just a few of the drugs that increase dopamine in the brain. Mecamylamine's presence may

affect the pleasure-inducing qualities of other drugs, including cocaine.

"[Mecamylamine] indirectly affects the system that cocaine normally stimulates," explained Edward Levin, lead researcher and associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral science.

A paper about his research on the topic is currently being reviewed by several journals in the field.

Levin predicts that this research will pave the way for the discovery of new addiction-fighting drugs that will reduce the side effects of treatment.

"The results of this study can be used to find and develop even better antagonists that are more specific in targeting the sub-receptors directly stimulated in drug addiction," he said.

Dartmouth begins housing shift

HANOVER, N.H.

Heavily endorsing recommendations made by a committee report, the Board of Trustees announced the culmination of the first phase of the Student Life Initiative launched in February 1999. Despite opposing recommendations by the Student Assembly and the Coed Fraternity Sorority (CFS) Council, the Board threw its support behind steering committee recommendations such as the removal of taps and bars from CFS basements, the continued moratorium on the formation of new single-sex selective organizations, the discontinuation of the CFS Judicial Council and the move of rush to Winter term. The board also endorsed the development of an extensive residential life system, including the ideas of clusters and possibly common houses linked to each residential hall. The trustees acknowledged the importance of centralized dining and authorized an expanded student center, recreational center, flat-floor space and renovations on campus dining facilities, including a dining hall on north campus.

Duke joins NAACP in flag boycott

DURHAM, N.C.

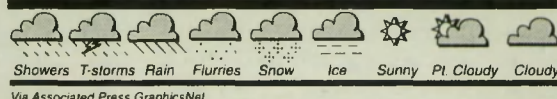
Red is not one of Penn State's school colors. But when they took the field against the Winthrop baseball team March 18-19, every Nittany Lion sported a red wristband in protest of the Confederate flag flying above the state capitol. That weekend, Penn State joined the growing list of sports organizations that have made some sort of statement against the Confederate flag. The resistance has been slowly building since January, when the NAACP first announced the boycott. Some NCAA schools in the Philadelphia area, including Temple and Swarthmore, canceled lacrosse and tennis matches in South Carolina, and various professional and national sports organizations have taken action. In addition, several prominent individuals in the sporting world, like Serena Williams, Lou Holtz and Terry Bowden have expressed their support of the boycott. Although the South Carolina state senate voted last week to remove the flag from atop the statehouse, the NAACP is continuing the boycott because the bill hangs a Confederate flag at a monument on statehouse grounds.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

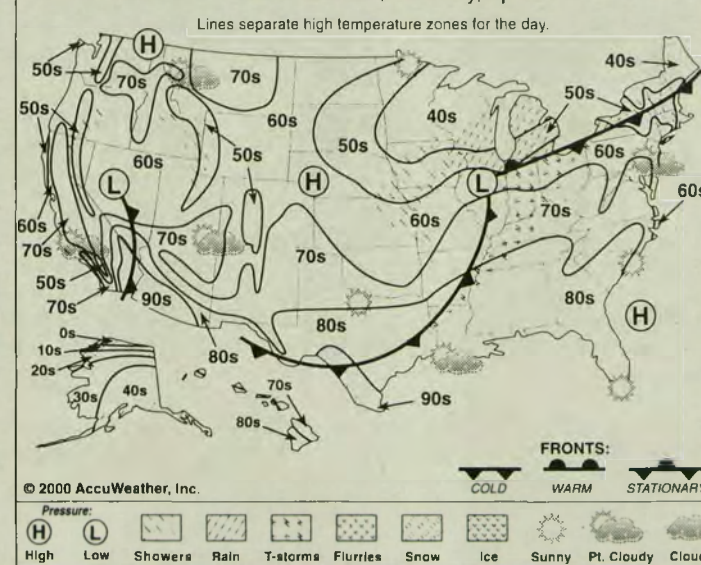
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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, April 20.



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Lecturers question ROTC program's place at University

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

There are numerous reasons why Notre Dame should not host the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC), according to Father Michael Baxter, who lectured with professor Todd Whitmore about Catholic Perspectives on ROTC Wednesday night.

The relationship between the University and ROTC and its policies on recruiting soldiers for war is somewhat undetermined, said Baxter.

"ROTC constitutes an intrusion of an external authority into the internal autonomy of the University," said Baxter. Hiring policies and protocol are not the same as the University, but it instead operates under a separate entity.

Faculty of ROTC are primarily members of the military rather than members of the academy. They are not brought under departmental review as faculty in other departments are, said Baxter. He added that the ROTC curriculum is not brought under review in the same way as the other departments, said Baxter.

"ROTC is in a way that the church is not — an external authority," said Baxter.

"The ROTC program is, to put it bluntly, is an appendage to the Department of Defense," said Baxter. Implementing monetary incentives for recruiting people to join ROTC

in efforts of upholding the strength of the U.S. defense is another misdirected goal of the military, said Baxter.

"Are not there other ways to give financial money to these students?" Baxter said.

Most students who join the ROTC do so to receive funds to help pay for their education, said Baxter, who believes the percentages of students in ROTC receiving scholarships is enough to make such a generalized statement.

"The University could come up with money not for military service but for ecclesiastical service," said Baxter. "The ROTC curriculum lacks rigorous training about cooperation with evil."

Furthermore, courses and ideas that address the morality of warfare should be a major component in the ROTC curriculum, said Baxter.

"Preparation that students get here on campus is way too abstract to provide meaningful and effective training for battlefield situations," said Baxter.

This kind of training is endemic not only to ROTC training, but it is endemic to military training in general, he said.

"You do not know what it is like to go to war until you go to war," said Baxter, recalling discussions he had with commanding officers in the Gulf War who described their training as simulated in the form of video games.

"There was a certain unreality to it," said Baxter.

"ROTC does not provide adequate information and training

in regards to conscientious objection to moral aspects," said Baxter. Opposition to war or unjust practices in war is not welcomed and is certainly not supported by the military, said Baxter.

There is a formal process to declare conscientious objection to war. However, the process is long and complicated. Although it normally results in the placement of the soldier in a non-combat situation, the option is rarely pursued or recognized in the military, said Baxter.

The military is not conducive to the laws that the Church teaches and is therefore not in line with the ethical and moral implications that the church fosters, said Baxter.

ROTC students are likely to break the moral law as a result of the issue of morality lacking a presence in the military, he said.

"In war time, you do not want people questioning orders, but what if those orders are immoral?" said Baxter.

Whitmore agreed with the idea and stated that there should be more instrumental room for discussing ethical aspects related to war.

In addition, Whitmore provided various theories and explanations for the institution of war, ranging from waging war centered on self-interest to Pacifism. Whitmore identified the ideologies of Realism



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Father Michael Baxter and professor Todd Whitmore discuss the Catholic perspective on ROTC and how the program functions at Notre Dame.

and Tribalism as those that exist in a ruthless realm of war where self-interest is the only consideration.

"All of us — non-combatant and combatant — are by definition innocent, and all of them — combatant and even non-combatant — are not," said Whitmore of the Tribalists' mentality. Wars formed on these pretexts are based on national ideologies and crusades that have no definite end.

"Your interest is never served and it tends to be more destructive," said Whitmore.

On the other end of the spectrum of war ideologies, Whitmore cites Secular and Christian Just War tradition as well as Christian Pacifism

as the most morally considerate.

"[Secular Just War Traditionalists are] rooted in classical tradition of the cardinal virtues, justice, prudence, fortitude, and temperance," Whitmore said.

The just-war theory can be summarized as the practice of killing others in war as an action that is not always wrong, provided that the

war was declared by a legitimate authority on the grounds of just cause focused on attaining peace and justice.

"One cannot kill another person on behalf of the state as an act of love towards the person killed," said Whitmore in reference to Christian Pacifism.

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- Nashville, TN - Oasis Center for troubled teens
- Northern Michigan - Fr. Fred Foundation/Emergency services
- Jacksonville, Florida - L'Arche Home
- Rochester, New York - Home/clinic for pregnant teens
- Peoria, Illinois - (local) Guardian Angel Home (kids)
- Springfield, Massachusetts - Food Bank
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PHOTO COURTESY OF JAKE CRAM

Jake Cram (far right) and friends from the Columbine High School class of 1999 celebrate their graduation. Despite their smiles on the happy occasion, memories of the shooting lingered in their minds.

Littleton

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of 1999 to confront what happened there.

"A lot of my friends can't see Time; can't see what happened on April 20," Jake said. "The kids don't really talk about it that much. For me, I liked to read the Time articles because I wanted to figure out why. Everyone is looking for answers, but I don't think that there is one. Sometimes I just think this was supposed to happen at my school, and I can only hope something good comes out of it."

Still, Jake says, a lot of his classmates just want to forget.

Or maybe it's too hard to remember.

April 20, 1999

It was a normal day in choir for Jake, who was stressing about what he now calls "little things." Prepping for a test in his choir class, he remembers worrying about completing the exam.

"After, I remember thinking why I worried about something so stupid," he said.

But during the test, the 120 students who filled the choir room heard gunshots echo through the hallways, unidentified at first. Brushing off the first few noises as nothing but a senior prank, the class suddenly realized the situation was anything but a joke. Half of the class exited through a back door, while Jake and other classmates ran to a door that led to the hallway. Five feet away, Jake witnessed Klebold shooting at students running down the hallway.

"He never looked at me," Jake said. "My life flashed before my eyes right then. I knew this kid — I'd stayed at his house overnight when I was younger. I couldn't believe it."

Jake and 60 other choir members crammed into a storage closet, pushing a bookshelf in front of the door for protection. None of them knew what would happen.

Inside the pitch-black closet, the students could do nothing but listen for three and a half hours. Stifled by the sounds of continuous gunshots, yelling, fire alarms and bomb explosions,

their own frightened sobs and prayers filled the tiny closet.

And when the noises stopped, no one moved.

In the silence, Jake's best friend, Matt Cromwell, pulled out a cell phone he had in his pocket and dialed his father, who was outside with other panicked parents in the parking lot.

"His dad was talking to the police," Jake said. "He told us that the police weren't in the building yet. He told us 'Don't move, don't make a sound,' and to call back in 30 minutes."

The cell phone was the only link to the outside world the group had during the crisis. Kept calm by Mr. Cromwell's assurances that the police knew where they were, Matt phoned his dad on regular intervals. But nearly two hours since the crisis began, students were rapidly losing composure in the storage closet. After a third phone call to Mr. Cromwell revealed that SWAT teams were entering the building with caution due to bombs that were still active in the school, the panic level was still rising.

"A couple girls passed out, and we all — girls and guys — took our shirts off because it was so hot in there," Jake said. "We lifted a few kids up through the ceiling to give us some room and air."

Three hours later, there was a knock on the door.

"We were all really scared, and didn't know what to do," Jake said. "Then they said it was the Denver Police. We opened up the door and couldn't run anywhere — they had a barrier."

They pulled each student out of the closet one by one, holding a gun to each student's head and frisking them for weapons.

"At the time it seemed rough, and we couldn't believe they were doing that," Jake said. "Later we found out the SWAT guys hadn't found Eric or Dylan, and they didn't know if they'd dropped their guns and hid like an innocent kid."

The last group to be evacuated from the school, the class ducked, sprinted, and fell to the floor in an effort to get out of the building. They raced past bullet holes in the wall, blood on the floor and the corpse of a classmate. Finally reaching the exit, they made it to safety and sped

away in the police cars awaiting beyond the door.

Beginning recovery

As the details began to unfold about the events of April 20 in the Columbine community, Jake and the students of Columbine High School would begin a journey of healing that for some, still has not been completed.

For Jake, it meant realizations of what was important.

"The whole time I was in that room, and we felt our lives in danger, it really made me appreciate life," Jake said. "My friends and family were what was really important in the long run, and I really changed my outlook on life. Nothing really seemed to

matter anymore ... I used to get stressed out about every little thing, but now I don't worry about the small stuff."

But still plagued with memories of April 20, Jake spun into a cycle of nightmares and weight loss that made his trauma visible. At the advice of his parents, he consulted his sports psychologist and began discussing the events with her. When fall came and freshman orientation at Notre Dame approached, the beginning of college provided a welcome reprieve.

"I was kind of happy to get away," he said. "But it was hard for me not to be around people that went through it with me. Everybody here asked about it. They see your name and 'Columbine' next to it, and they want to know what happened. It helped me deal with it, but there were times I wanted people like my friends back home."

But being in South Bend may have allowed him to heal faster than those still in Littleton. Surrounded by memories of the tragedy, a suicide by a parent of one of the victims and a lunchtime student shooting, the tragedy continues in the community.

"I have friends who are seniors [at Columbine], and while the stuff that's gone on there since the shootings has affected me, it's affected them even more. It's a lot easier for me to deal with it here," he said.

But he still struggles with his friends who have not recovered, including Matt. Speaking to him once a week on extra cell phone minutes, he knows his friend's recovery has not gone as well.

"He wouldn't go to counseling," he said. "A lot of kids wouldn't. They thought they could deal with it on their own. I

didn't think I needed to go, but I was glad I did. It definitely helped me a lot. I've progressed a lot more than he has ... but we're a lot closer now. No one else knows what that experience was like."

As of Wednesday, Matt was not set on going to the memorials.

"I've been trying to get him to go, but he doesn't want to," Jake said. "I don't know if he'll be there."

When Jake returns to Columbine today, Matt and several other classmates may not be with him. But for Jake it is a part of healing, a part of moving on and a part of trying to answer the lingering question of "why."

But as he closes the magazines that tell the story from a year ago and looks at the pictures of students robed in shimmering royal blue gowns and yellow tassels, he knows that the smiles in the pictures celebrate more than just diplomas.

They celebrate survival.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAKE CRAM

Memorials lined the outside of Columbine High School after the shooting.

The Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures congratulates this year's winners of the Fulbright Teaching Assistantships in Germany and Austria and of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Direct Grant for post-graduate study in Germany.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Ecuador landslide kills 9

QUITO

A landslide caused by heavy rains buried three homes in a rural area along Ecuador's Pacific coast Wednesday, killing nine people, officials said. Seven other homes near the town of Quevedo, 90 miles southwest of the capital, Quito, were damaged by the avalanche of mud and rock. Among the victims were six members of a family who were buried in the two small houses they lived in at the base of a hillside, The Red Cross said. Ecuador, which is near the end of its September-May rainy season, has been hit in the last week by nearly nonstop showers along the coast and in the central highlands. Landslides in Quito, which lies in a valley between two mountain ranges, have claimed the lives of at least 15 people this month.

D'Alema resigns as Italy leader

ROME

Premier Massimo D'Alema, the first ex-Communist to lead Italy, resigned Wednesday, setting the stage for a new premier or the election of a new parliament. D'Alema headed a left-center government, and President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said he will begin two days of consultations Thursday with Italy's political leaders on how proceed. Ciampi can ask someone else from the center-left to try to form a new government, he can call immediate elections, or can appoint a nonpolitical caretaker to lead until scheduled elections in the spring of 2001. D'Alema's conservative opposition, emboldened by its victorious showing in regional races over the weekend, has been pressing for early elections — something the fractured and debilitated center-left dreads.

Leader backs AIDS policy

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa

In a letter to world leaders published Wednesday, President Thabo Mbeki compared the criticism of his AIDS policies to the censorship of political ideas under apartheid. Mbeki also argued that since HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is spread mostly through heterosexual contact in Africa, the continent's problems are unique. "In the West, HIV-AIDS is said to be largely homosexually transmitted, it is reported that in Africa, including our country, it is transmitted heterosexually," said the letter, dated April 3. "Accordingly, as Africans, we have to deal with this uniquely African catastrophe." Presidential spokesman Parks Mankahlana said Wednesday that Mbeki sent the letter to President Clinton and other world leaders "to explain his position because the reports that have been in the media have either been misleading or inaccurate."



President Bill Clinton and Doris Jones, who lost a family member in the Oklahoma City bombing, visit the victims National Memorial Wednesday. The memorial was dedicated on the fifth anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Wednesday.

Clinton declares site sacred

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY

President Clinton, marking the fifth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, promised today that "America will never forget" the pain and suffering inflicted by the deadliest terrorist attack in U.S. history.

"There are places in our national landscape so scarred by freedom's sacrifice that they shape forever the soul of America," the president said. "This place

is such sacred ground."

Clinton made his remarks in a speech prepared for delivery at the dedication of the Oklahoma City National Memorial on the site of the explosion that ripped open the nine-story Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995 — exactly five years ago. An advance text was released by the White House.

On a grassy slope where the building once stood, 168 bronze and stone chairs represent the 168 Oklahomans who died. Nineteen of the victims

were children, and their chairs are smaller than the others. At night, all the chairs are to be lighted, casting a gentle glow over the site.

The president was to officially open the memorial by untying symbolic colored ribbons: white for innocence, purple for courage, yellow for hope and blue for statehood.

Clinton said that today also was the 225 anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution. "The brave Americans we lost here 220 years later,

though they were not fighting a war, were also patriots in service to their fellow citizens or children whose promise keeps our old democracy forever young," the president said.

"Five years ago, the cowards who killed them made a choice," Clinton said. "They chose to attack this building and the people in it, because they wanted to strike a blow in America's heartland — at the core of our nation's being. This was an attack on all America and every American."

CANADA

Police charge web suspect for mischief

Associated Press

MONTREAL

A 15-year-old boy working under the computer name Mafiaboy has been charged with two counts of mischief for disabling the CNN Internet site for four hours, police said Wednesday.

The Feb. 8 attack was one of several on major international Web sites in recent months that highlighted the security risks of the high-tech age.

The young suspect — arrested Saturday in a joint investigation with the FBI — boasted in Internet chat rooms frequented by hackers that he was responsible for a number of the

attacks, Inspector Yves Roussel of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said. But despite his on-line boasts, he so far has only been charged in the attack on CNN.

The boy's name cannot be disclosed under Canadian law. As a youth offender, he could be sentenced to up to two years in prison if convicted. Roussel said the joint investigation continues and more arrests are possible.

Cyber-attacks in February against CNN, Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon.com, ETrade and other major Web sites inconvenienced millions of Internet users. Called "denial of service," the attacks involved flooding a site with so

much traffic that legitimate customers were unable to get through.

The ease and extent of the attacks, which effectively shut down major Web sites for hours at a time, generated new business for many Internet security firms. Internet sites that believed their operations were already secure found themselves helpless against the flood of attacks.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno praised the joint U.S.-Canadian investigation that led to the arrest and called it a signal for hackers to beware.

"I believe this recent breakthrough demonstrates our capacity to — track them down wherever they may be," Reno said.

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Survivors

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justice, because that's not they're there for," she said.

Only the accused can appeal a decision and a victim's chance of a favorable outcome are about as good from Residence Life as they are in the legal system, said Pienovi, who claimed that if the decision is in favor of the accused that Residence Life refuses to acknowledge the charges.

"As far as they're concerned, if they decide 'No,' it's as if it never happened," she said, explaining that victims whose cases she has followed have been told not to contact Residence Life further after a panel had decided no violation had occurred.

McGeever said that more education is needed. At the time of her assault she was not aware that she could report her 1997 rape and later choose not to press charges.

Pienovi believes that Notre Dame's failure to discipline accused rapists except in cases in which the accused confesses is driven by monetary and social concerns.

"It's all about protecting the image — they can either deal with the problem or cover it up," she said. "A lot of this comes down to money. Lawyers review the panel's decision, and they say that this legal stuff has nothing to do with it, but it obviously does."

It is unreasonable for the panel to refuse to take action without a confession, both because guilt is often apparent due to physical evidence not considered by Residence Life and because very few women bring false accusations, according to Pienovi.

"Statistically, 2 percent of women nationally make this up. They would be right more often if they always took the girl's side, but they take the guy's side," she said. "By doing what they do, they're saying, 'If you come in here and don't say that she said 'No,' you're fine, you're off the hook.'"

Both women said that under-reporting is a problem as well. Because her attack took place at another university, McGeever could not file a complaint with Residence Life, and her experience was not recorded as part of Notre Dame's annual statistics. Furthermore, the University does not include reports to rectors, assistant rectors or resident assistants because they are considered to be functioning in a pastoral role, she explained.

Though she could not accurately estimate the number of rapes that occur annually at Notre Dame, Pienovi is certain that it is much greater than the number security reports.

"I personally know 12 people that are my friends who have been

raped," she said. "It's weird to me how often it happens and that nothing's being done about it."

McGeever explained that when she pursued help through the University Counseling Center she found there was a waiting list. Though helpful, she explained that her counselor had such an enormous case load that she was never able to pursue her feelings in any depth during counseling sessions.

But both victims feel that they have tried to make the best of their negative experiences.

"I will never get over this — it's something I've learned to incorporate into my life in the most positive way possible," said Pienovi, who noted the irony in her mother's urging that she attend Notre Dame instead of Duke because its crime statistics were lower.

Pienovi's experiences with Residence Life have made her determined to bring about change in the system, and she has been told that there are a number of officials in the Office of Residence Life who will be very happy to see her graduate, she said. But despite that, she feels obligated to make her voice heard.

"Before I leave this school, something has to change," she said. "I can't see more girls get hurt like this."

"By saying, 'If you come in here and don't say that she said 'No,' you're fine, you're off the hook.'"

Kori Pienovi
rape survivor

NEWS IN BRIEF

Follett names O'Connor manager of the year

Oak Brook, Ill. — Follett Higher Education Group announced that Jim O'Connor, manager of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, has received the P.R. Litzinger Manager of the Year Award for service and operational excellence. O'Connor was recently presented with his award in the presence of his fellow managers at Follett's annual meeting in Orlando. "O'Connor and his colleagues have dedicated themselves to the opposite mission of being the employer and retailer of choice by putting people first," said James Baumann, president of Follett Higher Education Group. "This award signifies a true commitment to people, especially our customers and colleagues, and to the highest operational standards." O'Connor was nominated by his colleagues because of his commitment to providing a highly positive work environment and for creating an exciting store dedicated to serving the campus.


Russo receives award for distinguished service

Joseph Russo, director of Financial Aid, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Midwest Regional Assembly of the College Board in recognition of his dedication to his profession in particular, and to the College Board. Russo came to Notre Dame as director of financial aid in 1978 after serving in a similar capacity at LeMoyne College and Genesee Community College, both in upstate New York. He is a graduate of LeMoyne with a bachelor's degree in English, and he holds two master's degrees — in student personnel from Syracuse University and in education from the State University of New York. During Russo's tenure, Notre Dame has increased its scholarship aid to more than \$27 million annually and now is able to meet the full demonstrated financial need of all admitted students. Russo is a consultant to a number of organizations aside from the College Board, including the U.S. Department of Education, and he currently is editor of the Journal of Student Financial Aid.

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STUDENT SENATE

Financial board presents budget with one appeal

By LAURA ROMPF

Assistant News Editor

The Financial Management Board presented the 2000-2001 Student Union Budget to the Student Senate last night. Although only one appeal was filed, there were several areas questioned by various senators.

"The financial board is made up of nine members and the group has been together all year. Before we allocated funds, we met with half of the organizations asking for money," said Katie Reicher, student union treasurer.

The Financial Management Board met with leaders of the groups in 15-minute interviews Sunday and then conducted discussions on where money should

go. Because The Shirt project grossed more money this year, the board had \$20,000 more to allocate.

"We decided to create a technology fund where on a three year rotation, different groups would receive new computers for their offices," Reicher said. "In this day and age, there is a desperate need for technology and this fund will help organizations keep up."

One controversy with the budget was that the Student Union Board's (SUB) money was cut by \$5500 from last year.

"We decided that [giving that money to SUB] may not be the best way to use student funds ... We went through the budget as a collective whole to make these decisions," Reicher said.

SUB still has a lot of money

remaining in their account from this year, and thus the board decided they did not need as much money, Reicher said. However, SUB representative Becky Haglin said that the group had tried to bring Oliver Stone or Jerry Springer to campus and because these events fell through, SUB had money remaining in its account.

One area of concern within SUB is the money allocated for concerts. Keenan senator Grant Gholson expressed concern with the acts that SUB is able to bring to campus for concerts and questioned whether giving them more money would aid in getting large names to play here.

"The problem with concerts is that it is an overarching issue," Reicher said. "The University as a whole must work to get bigger names. We are not in a position to allocate enough money to bring such an act in."

"Basically we decided that one big concert is a better idea than two smaller ones. It is beyond our realm. We simply do not have the money as a Student Union to put forth towards renting the [Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center (JACC)]," she said.

Other members of the

Financial Management Board also commented on this issue.

"SUB was asking for more money specially in concerts because they wanted the shows to be held on the weekend. Groups charge more on the weekends than on Thursday nights. However, we did not think it made sense to allocate money for this reason," said SUB member Marc Higgins. "Also part of the problem is that the concerts have not made much revenue because a lot of people do not come. SUB told us that the easy area to cut within their budget would be concerts."

Patrick Kelly, another member of the board, urged the senate to help with the difficulty of renting the JACC.

"The issue of the JACC largely deals with the athletic department. They won't move a practice to allow for a concert. This is an issue that senate should pursue. Meet with the athletic department and see if a change could be made," Kelly said.

Despite the controversy, SUB did not file an appeal.

"We understand that the budget is limited and although we are not thrilled with the amount of money we were given, we are not going to appeal," said SUB representative Becky Hagelin. "However, if there is a re-allocation, we ask that money not be taken from our budget. We need every penny we are given."

Another issue of controversy was the money allocated for Transfer Orientation. Because this event originated in the office of the president, the money has always been taken from student funds. However, last year the financial management board was given the impression that admissions would take over the cost because they give money for Freshman Orientation. Thus the financial management board only gave Transfer Orientation half the money it was given last year.

Unlike SUB, the Transfer Orientation committee did file an appeal.

"This cut is hitting us hard. Our funds were not cut a little, they were cut in half and we are not sure where the extra money will come from," said Heather McDonald, of the Transfer

Orientation committee. "We are asking Admissions to find an extra \$3500 and I simply do not know where they will get it."

Reicher defended the Financial Management Board's position.

"Transfer orientation is much like Freshman Orientation and thus we feel that admissions should pick up the bill," Reicher said.

However, McDonald said that the money was necessary and if the financial management board did not give it to Transfer Orientation, they may not receive it elsewhere.

"We're not asking for a lot, just \$5000. We need every cent of that. I would like to stress the importance of Transfer Orientation. When you come as a transfer student, you do not know anyone," McDonald said. "A good portion of transfers live off campus and often do not feel like they are part of the University. Transfer Orientation is the first thing to make them feel like part of the Notre Dame campus and seeing a few familiar faces helps so much."

Overall, the senate agreed with McDonald and rearranged funds to give the Transfer Orientation committee the money they requested. They took \$500 from the freshman class, \$500 from the office of the president, \$500 from Hall President's council and \$875 away from the technology fund.


In other senate news:

♦ The senate approved the nomination of Taylor McWilliams for 2000-2001 class representative to the Financial Management Board.

♦ The senate chose Luciana Reali, Brendan Dowdall and Dan Barabas as Campus Life Council representatives.

♦ New athletic director Kevin White addressed the senate on podium.

"I am so excited to be on the most celebrated University and campus in the country with the most outstanding student body in the country," White said. "I think the most important element of any campus is the student body and we want to do anything and everything to represent you. We are very excited to be here."



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CONSIDERATIONS...

Calendar of Events

Thursday of Holy Week

Morning Prayer, 9:00a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:00p.m.
Tenebrae, 11:00p.m.

Thursday, April 20
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Good Friday

Morning Prayer, 9:00a.m.
Passion, 3:00p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 7:15p.m.

Friday, April 21
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Celebration of the "Via Crucis" (Way of the Cross)

Friday, April 21
Chicago's Hispanic Pilsen neighborhood

Holy Saturday Morning Prayers, 9:00a.m.

Saturday Paschal Vigil Mass, 9:00p.m.

Saturday, April 22
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday

8:00a.m.
10:00a.m.
Noon
Paschal Sunday Vespers, 7:15p.m.

Sunday, April 23
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, April 26, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall Chapel

Easter Sunday

Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 22 Mass

9:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Sunday, April 23 Mass

8:00 a.m.
Rev. James M. Lies, C.S.C.

10:00 a.m.
Most Rev. Joseph R. Crowley

12:00 noon
Rev. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43
2nd Reading Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8
Gospel Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS

Conor's Prayer

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

On Conor's behalf, I write to thank you. You know who you are. You're the one who lit a candle at the Grotto for the kid you hardly knew. You're the one who prayed for that for which the doctor's gave us no hope. You're the one who stood in line for hours and offered yourself to be tested for the National Bone Marrow Registry because you were suddenly aware that you could, quite literally, save someone's life. You're the one who signed a T-shirt or sent a card, an e-mail or a letter to let our brother know that while he may not be with us physically, he was no less with us in spirit, in our thoughts and in our prayers. You're the one who shaved your head to join in solidarity with our brother. You're the one who traveled to Cleveland to be with him and with his family. You're the one who worked to raise money to fund the Donor Drive. You're the one, stranger or friend, who has seen him through to this day.

As I write, on Tuesday of Holy Week, we await that for which we have all long hoped and prayed. This evening, Conor will receive the bone marrow transplant from the one perfect match that was found among the more than three million person National Bone Marrow Registry. Conor has spent the past several days receiving a series of radiation and chemotherapy treatments, respectively, to prepare him for the transplant. The theory is that they kill everything in him that is sickness and death, and with the transplant, restore life and renew his immune system. It is difficult to know just how long it will be before we will know of the success of the procedure, and so your continued prayers are deeply appreciated.

The parallels to that which we celebrate this week ought not to go unnoted. There is an appropriateness to its happening during this most holy of weeks. It is a powerful metaphor, in some ways, for that which we celebrate, the paradox of the Paschal Mystery. It might be a time for us to ask God to purge us of everything that is sickness and death, and to begin in us the life to which each of us is called, a life of light, and truth, and love. Even as we pray fervently for Conor in these days, let's pray for ourselves as well. We may well be in as much need of healing, perhaps not of body, but of mind, heart and spirit.

It is impossible to thank all who have contributed so mightily to Conor's cause, from the outpouring of love, prayers, and support that surrounded the news of his illness to the contributions to the Donor Drive which was held on his behalf. There are some people and groups that deserve particular attention for their incredible generosity and support. On Conor's behalf, I wish to list some of them here. Before I do, however, let me acknowledge the danger in listing any contributors at all, since I am likely to inadvertently leave out some. Simply know that there are countless individuals, residence halls, clubs, and significant anonymous donors whose names and contributions go unnoted here but which are no less deeply valued and appreciated.

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Joe Cassidy, Peggy Hnatysko, & Mary Edgington and the Office of Student Activities

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Conor has been singularly overwhelmed and sustained by the love and support, shown in so many ways, which he has received since his diagnosis on February 25th. He has asked me to thank you, and to assure you of his prayers. His prayer is that you might one day know, as surely as he does, the grace of God and the power of the Notre Dame Family. He is convinced that he lives today, with great hope for healthy future, because of what you have done. He has articulated on various occasions, and far better than I, his deep abiding belief that God is at work in this and through you. For him, and with him, I thank you.



MOVIE REVIEW

'American Psycho' makes a killer satire

By MATT NANIA
Assistant Scene Editor

If films like last year's "Being John Malkovich," "Fight Club," "Magnolia" and the newly released "American Psycho" are any indication, the current state of film-making is looking pretty good.

Not since the '70s have American audiences seen such an illustrious crop of unique and exciting films.

Granted, "American Psycho" was not made in Hollywood with a \$100 million budget, but it did get made for \$7.5 million by Lions Gate Films, which also released last year's "Dogma."

With "American Psycho," director Mary Harron ("I Shot Andy Warhol") and co-writer Guinevere Turner (adapting a much-maligned Brett Easton Ellis novel), have given us a cold, dark satirical look into the blackness that resides within the image culture, as well as the first truly memorable film of the year.

"American Psycho" portrays, with playful meticulousness, the egotistic world of young and affluent Patrick Bateman (Christian Bale): Wall Street V.P. by day, vicious serial killer with a penchant for outrageous combinations of sex and hyper-violence by night. Through this well-sketched character, "American Psycho" offers a fierce, social commentary about the excesses that characterized the 1980s.

On the surface, the well-groomed, conservative and conventional Bateman appears to be the ideal late '80s yuppie. But underneath the surface lurks... well, nothing. The film plays with the idea that nobody has time for emotion in a society driven by materialism. Bateman is not even remotely contemplative of his brutal crimes. His murders are merely a natural extension of his cutthroat lifestyle (at one point, he puts on a poncho so blood won't splatter on his designer suit). Bateman is young, rich, good-looking and psychotic. He is the very essence of jealousy and

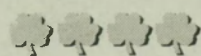
greed that was corporate America.

Harron has created something truly original: a character study of a man who is more a collection of ideas than a unique personality unto his own. Her direction unflinchingly captures the decadence of this big-cash world, where young businessmen are interchangeable and their jobs nondescript.

The film will undoubtedly anger those seeking a traditional motive to Bateman's crimes or a sense of resolution; but by keeping the film loosely plotted as well as gorgeous in appearance, Harron drives the point of the film home in both idea and design.

She and cinematographer Andrzej Sekula handle the picture's violent sequences skillfully, making them genuinely jarring without allowing them to overwhelm the film's satirical points. This is one of the few recent black comedies that really works, delivering laughs and shivers in about equal measure. Indeed, an undercurrent of nasty humor is maintained even at the most brutal

"American Psycho"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Mary Harron

Starring: Christian Bale, Reese

Witherspoon, Jared Leto, Samantha

Mathis, Chloe Sevigny and Willem Dafoe

moment.

The killing of fellow broker Paul Allen (Jared Leto), in particular, is the most hysterically funny killing imaginable, all done to Huey Lewis & The News' "Hip To Be Square." Lewis may have pulled his song off the official soundtrack CD, but it remains in the movie and is absolutely essential to understanding how nuts Bateman is becoming as he sees his illusions of power shattered.

In another scene, which is set up previously by a short clip of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," Bateman, naked and splattered in blood, chases a prostitute through the halls of a seemingly empty New York City apartment building, all the while clutching his wailing chainsaw. While this may sound a bit grisly, this scene, as it is presented, is nothing short of hilarious in its over-the-top B-grade horror movie aesthetics. Indeed, perversely and pointedly, "American Psycho" is



Photo courtesy of Lions Gate Films

In the dark, twisted satire "American Psycho," Christian Bale plays a psychopathic 1980s Wall Street V.P. who kills people in his spare time.

repeatedly funny.

Much of the film's humor and success is due to Christian Bale's all-or-nothing performance as Patrick Bateman. Presenting him as wonderfully off-the-wall, Bale ("Little Women," "Velvet Goldmine") manages to play Bateman to the point of absurdity without making the character so ludicrous that he becomes irrelevant (one can only imagine what a totally different effect would have resulted had Leonardo DiCaprio, as originally suggested, taken the role).

And while Bateman, whose Wall Street specialty is "murders and executions," (which is misheard as "mergers and acquisitions"), remains consistently amusing, Bale actually gives an oddly insightful performance. On the verge of a breakdown, Bateman never cries, not because he's holding back the tears, but because he honestly can't get the emotions to happen. There's simply no one there.

The movie is also helped by some effective supporting roles. Reese Witherspoon ("Election") is Patrick's princess-like fiancée, who smothers him with baby talk

and attention. Deep down Patrick hates her, preferring the broken-down and medicated despair of Courtney (Samantha Mathis), an emotional wreck and suicide waiting-to-happen. Chloe Sevigny ("Boys Don't Cry") is Patrick's sweet, tentative secretary, who during a date mistakes his fears of losing control for tender declarations of sexual attraction. And Willem Dafoe ("Platoon") is solid as an incredibly likable private investigator.

Some will argue that, like its protagonist, "American Psycho" has a lot on the surface, but not much underneath. The picture may lose its footing toward the close, and its observations might not be exactly profound, but it's not merely an exercise in style — it has ideas, however muddled they may be.

It is being praised by some as the darkest satire to hit the screens since "A Clockwork Orange." Others, however, are calling it "misogynistic" and "utterly deplorable." Whatever the case may be, one thing's for sure: "American Psycho," much like "A Clockwork Orange," is destined to become a cult-classic.

Box Office



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

TOP TEN

Weekend of Apr. 14 - Apr. 16

| Movie Title | Weekend Sales | | Total Sales | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 1. Rules of Engagement | \$ 10.9 | million | \$ 30.6 | million |
| 2. 28 Days | \$ 10.3 | million | \$ 10.3 | million |
| 3. Keeping the Faith | \$ 8.1 | million | \$ 8.1 | million |
| 4. Erin Brockovich | \$ 7.1 | million | \$ 99.3 | million |
| 5. The Road to El Dorado | \$ 6.2 | million | \$ 33.1 | million |
| 6. Return to Me | \$ 5.1 | million | \$ 15.5 | million |
| 7. American Psycho | \$ 4.9 | million | \$ 4.9 | million |
| 8. The Skulls | \$ 4.1 | million | \$ 25.7 | million |
| 9. Final Destination | \$ 3.1 | million | \$ 38.2 | million |
| 10. Ready to Rumble | \$ 2.7 | million | \$ 9.1 | million |

Source: Yahoo!

The courtroom military drama "Rules of Engagement," starring Samuel L. Jackson (left), snuck past Sandra Bullock's "28 Days" to gain the top stop at the box-office last weekend, earning \$10.9 million. The Edward Norton romantic comedy "Keeping the Faith" did moderately well, pulling in a substantial \$8.1 million to earn the third slot. Despite appearing on only half as many screens as the top draws, "American Psycho" still managed a decent \$4.9 million intake.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Grand slam, four homers helps Boston shut out Detroit

Associated Press

Trot Nixon hit a grand slam and four other Boston players homered as the Red Sox routed the Detroit Tigers 10-0 on Wednesday night.

Jose Offerman, Troy O'Leary, Mike Stanley and Nomar Garciaparra also homered for the Red Sox, who matched the total of five homers hit in the first seven games at Comerica Park.

Brian Rose (1-2) and three relievers combined on a six-hit shutout against Detroit.

Stanley, who was 4-for-5, hit a disputed home run to start Boston's six-run sixth. After two singles and a walk against Matt Anderson, Nixon greeted Jim Poole with the first grand slam in Comerica Park history.

One out later, Garciaparra hit his first homer of the season to give Boston a 9-0 lead.

Nixon, who homered in the Red Sox's 7-0 victory Tuesday, joined Tampa Bay's Gerald Williams as the only players with two home runs in the Tigers' new home.

Nixon added a run-scoring single in the seventh. He was 4-for-5 and had five RBIs to match his career high set in a three-homer game against Detroit last July 24.

Rose, hit hard in his two previous starts, allowed three hits in six innings. His ERA dropped from 16.50 to 8.25.

Detroit starter Hideo Nomo (1-1), who entered the game with a string of 15 scoreless innings, gave up four runs on five hits — including three homers — in five-plus innings.

Stanley led off the sixth with a

drive that bounded somewhere off the top of the right-center field wall and back into play as Stanley rounded first with an apparent single.

Yankees 5, Tigers 4

Clay Bellinger hit a solo home run in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees completed their first three-game sweep at Texas since 1983.

The Yankees' winning streak is their longest since they took nine in a row in August 1998. This string started with two victories over the Rangers last week at New York.

Ivan Rodriguez, who was getting the day off, tied it with the first pinch-hit homer of his career, a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth. The AL MVP connected on the first pitch he saw from Yankees closer Mariano Rivera (2-0).

Rivera had been successful on 27 straight save chances since last July 16. In the 10th, he retired David Segui on a fly ball with a runner on third to end it.

Bellinger, who entered the game as a pinch-runner in the eighth, homered off Jeff Zimmerman (0-2). The Rangers reliever struck out five — including two batters before the homer and two after it.

Little-used Lance Johnson got four hits for the Yankees and starter Roger Clemens pitched four-hit ball for seven-plus innings in his longest outing of the season.

Clemens, who hadn't gone past the sixth inning in his first three starts, struck out five and walked two.

Yankees manager Joe Torre pulled Clemens after he went 2-0 on Chad Curtis leading off the

eighth. The Yankees said Clemens had stiffness in his lower back but said the situation wasn't serious.

Jeff Nelson relieved and threw two balls to Curtis, with the walk charged to Clemens. After a force play, Luis Alicea, who had homered in the sixth, hit an RBI double.

White Sox 5, Mariners 2

Carlos Lee delivered a tiebreaking, bases-loaded single in the fifth inning and the Chicago White Sox, beat the Seattle Mariners.

Gil Meche (0-1) got the first two outs in the Chicago fifth but then walked the bases loaded, giving him seven walks for the game, and was replaced by Jose Paniagua.

Lee hit a two-run single to center to give the White Sox a 4-2 lead.

Rodriguez thought he tied it with a two-run homer in the seventh but his long drive to left was ruled foul by third base umpire Fieldin Culbreth.

Rodriguez thought the ball hooked inside the pole and manager Lou Piniella came out of the dugout to apparently seek a second opinion.

Culbreth asked for help and, after meeting with plate umpire Bill Welke and second base ump Mike Winters, the foul call stood. Television replays were inconclusive.

Rodriguez eventually grounded out after an at-bat against reliever Keith Foulke that featured nine foul balls, including another long drive to left.

The White Sox made it 5-2 on a bloop double by Magglio Ordonez and RBI single by Paul Konerko in the seventh.

Sean Lowe (1-0) got the victory with 2 1-3 innings after replacing starter Scott Eyre. Bob Howry pitched the ninth for his first save.

Jay Buhner hit a two-run homer, his fourth of the season, to give the Mariners a 2-0 lead in the second.

Expos 7, Cubs 3

Vladimir Guerrero drove in four runs and hit a go-ahead double in the seventh inning Wednesday night that led the Montreal Expos to the win.

Guerrero went 3-for-5, falling a home run short of the cycle. He also struck out for the first time since last Sept. 25, a span of 22 games.

Henry Rodriguez and Jeff Reed homered for the Cubs, who lost their fourth in a row. Reed was 3-for-3.

It was 3-all in the seventh when Guerrero hit a two-out, two-run double off Ruben Quevedo (0-2).

Carl Pavano (2-0) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. He won his first career start against the Cubs, the only NL team he had yet to face.

Guerrero hit an RBI single in the first inning. He struck out in his next at-bat — his 47th of the season — while chasing a low 0-2 pitch from Andrew Lorraine.

Guerrero had not struck out in 71 at-bats — and 82 plate appearances — since he fanned against Atlanta's Terry Mulholland last season. Guerrero hit an RBI triple in the fifth to put the Expos up 3-2.

Jose Vidro followed Guerrero's single in the first with an RBI grounder to give Montreal a 2-0 lead.

Rodriguez hit his second

homer after Sammy Sosa grounded into a double play in the fourth to draw the Cubs to within one at 2-1.

Pirates 5, Marlins 1

Todd Ritchie pitched seven strong innings and Kevin Young hit a two-run double to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to victory over Florida, snapping the Marlins' three-game winning streak.

Ritchie (1-0), who had no decisions in his first two starts despite allowing just three runs in 13 innings, gave up one run on eight hits. He struck out four and walked one.

The Pirates loaded the bases with no outs in the third against Alex Fernandez (2-2) on consecutive singles by Chad Hermansen and Ritchie and a walk to Jason Kendall.

Following a popout, Brian Giles' groundout scored Hermansen.

With runners on first and third, Young followed with a drive to the fence in right-center field, where a fan reached down to catch it.

Second base umpire Rich Rieker ruled it a double and allowed Giles to score from first, giving the Pirates a 3-0 lead. Young had been 3-for-30 against right-handers.

After stranding three runners in scoring position through the first three innings, the Marlins scored a run on Mike Redmond's two-out single in the fourth.

Jason Christensen and Mike Williams each pitched a hitless inning in relief to wrap up the victory.

Pat Meares hit an RBI single in the Pittsburgh seventh and had a run-scoring grounder in the ninth.

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PERSONAL

Thanks for reading, Laura.

Ready to hit the open road, Nell? Crossing the border once was enough, but now we're headed for time number three. I don't know if that country can take any more.

But here's a hint — stay standing when you're bowling. It helps your score.

At least Brett knows we're coming this time.

WHOSE car is that? WHAT do you do?

Good luck in Australia, Gretchen!

Cscott and Chuck: I am sorry I had to revoke your pizza invitation. Next time I will order more pieces.

I mean, pizza.

Where was the Papa John's man? I am tired of talking to the CEO.

Jose is the man.

Anne Marie is the Jose of ed board.

Liz: thanks for helping me pull my story together. You rock.

24 hours and I'll be dancing.

Happy Easter

jellybeans, jellybeans, jellybeans

Ginnys, you rock my world.

To Kate:
Happy six-month anniversary. I'm so happy we're together, and I wouldn't have it any other way
Love you, sweetie.
--Mikey

worship me, MPQR

Welcome to Notre Dame, Chunk! --Sloth

Hey Lisal I saw your panties!!! Put your drawers back on, skank. Quit walking around 3North naked.

Maybe I would find Turner attractive if I had any idea who Turner was.

I don't have a scale...

...at least anymore.

Like Katie says, that was in middle school.

Or senior year. Same deal.

It's only one.

I have no classes until Tuesday.

I have a shower sponge with a tarantula on it.

Smelly Mindy has the dragonfly.

Well, she's not smelly anymore.

But I wonder if her bed is still covered in paper-mache stuff.

That cookie is dead.

And I want a Pepsi.

But I don't want to deal with the corpse of the cookie.

I'm sick...

...and dying...

...and I have nothing to do.

Why does no one ever instant message me when I'm at home but as soon as I get to work, everyone wants to be my best friend al of a sudden?

Erin is a mosquito.

I am a tarantula.

Mindy is a dragonfly

Kristina is a monkey.

Should I give Noah his brownies? Or should they be MY brownies?

Evil laugh.

Eric's weasel laugh.

Okay, I need to get over my little Billy Madison kick.
How bout Clueless?

And they expect us to swoon?

Wow, I am clueless.

Mommy, the rhino's getting too close to the car.

Tommy Boy is another great flick.

So much room, nothing to say.

At least now I have something to do.

Too bad for Noah that his pages don't fit.

I feel bad.

Really I do.

Yep, look at me.

Just look at me.

Yep, that's right.

This is me not caring.

Is it conceited to think you're the most beautiful girl ever?

See, I didn't think so.

It's just honesty.

I'm going to get caught up this weekend.

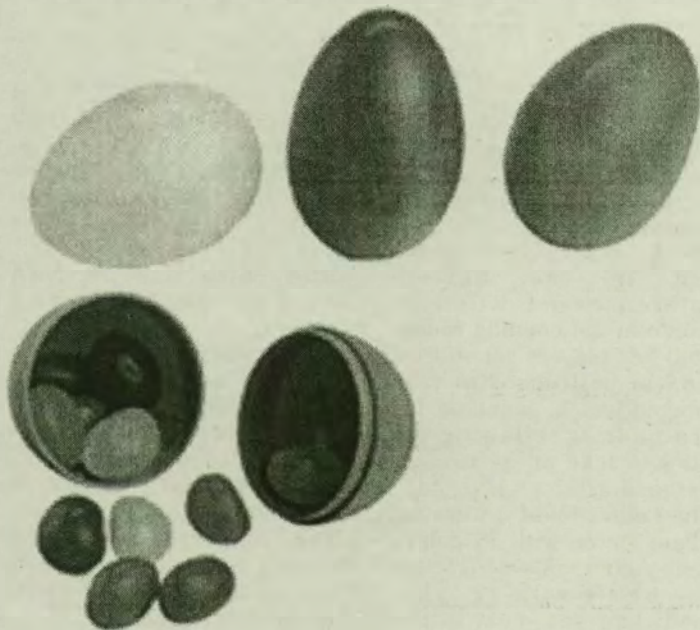
Erin, I'm even going to decide how I'll organize my notebooks for classes this semester.

I'm right on schedule.

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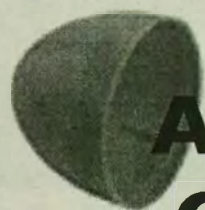


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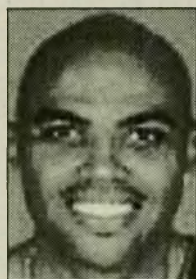
NBA

Sir Charles walks away from NBA

Associated Press

HOUSTON Charles Barkley ended his 16-year career the way he wanted to.

Determined to go out standing up, the Houston Rockets forward thrilled the home-t o w n c r o w d with 7:26 to go in the second quarter Wednesday night when he reported into the regular season finale against the Vancouver Grizzlies.



Barkley

Barkley, out since Dec. 8 with a ruptured knee tendon, received a standing ovation amid shouts of "Barkley, Barkley, Barkley." Fans waved cardboard cutout Barkley masks and groaned when Barkley missed his first shot with 6:10 left in the half.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich obviously was trying to get Barkley in the scoring column. Barkley missed his next two shots before he finally got a rebound and scored with 1:24 left in the second quarter.

That got him another standing ovation, and Tomjanovich took him out with 1:19 left.

Barkley left smiling, finishing with six minutes of playing time, two points, one rebound, one assist and a blocked shot.

Barkley returned to the sidelines for the second half, where a fluffy recliner awaited him.

The Rockets almost had another thrill with a fourth-quarter comeback, but the Grizzlies held on for a 96-92 victory to snap a seven-game losing streak. Former Rocket Michael Dickerson led Vancouver with 20 points.

The Rockets trailed 84-71 with 7:59 left, but tied it at 90-90 with 1:27 to play. The Grizzlies hit six straight free throws to hold on. Walt

Williams led Houston with 20 points.

After a dazzling 16-year career with Philadelphia, Phoenix and Houston that earned him a spot among the 50 greatest players in NBA history, Barkley brought it to a close against the Grizzlies.

Barkley's career was thought to have ended Dec. 8 when he ruptured a knee tendon against Philadelphia.

But he wanted to walk away — rather than be carried away — in his last game, which is why Barkley took the court one more time despite his knee being only about 70 percent healed.

For all his flamboyance throughout his career, Barkley finished with a humble tone.

"Basketball doesn't owe me anything. I owe everything in my life to basketball, everything," Barkley said. "I'm 37 years old. I'm rich beyond my wildest dreams. I have great material things. I've been all over the world and it's all because of basketball."

Barkley considered playing Tuesday night at Phoenix, where he performed for four seasons and came closest to winning an NBA championship in 1993. But Tomjanovich didn't want to take a chance with Barkley's knee still less than 100 percent.

"This is a sad day for me. I've been playing basketball since I was nine years old and now I'm not going to be playing anymore," Barkley said. "That's the only thing that makes me sad. I won't miss the limelight."

"The difficult thing is that nothing I'll do in my life from now on will come close to what I've accomplished in basketball in the last 16 years."

Barkley was the fifth player chosen overall in the 1984 NBA draft by Philadelphia after a standout career at Auburn. Barkley's draft class included Michael Jordan, John Stockton and current teammate Hakeem Olajuwon.

Celtics knock off Knicks in finale

Associated Press

The Boston Celtics ended their seventh straight losing season on a high note, defeating the Knicks 112-85 on Wednesday night.

The Knicks, who are seeded third in the Eastern Conference and will face Toronto in the opening round, rested key players yet still led 56-55 at halftime. But they managed just 11 points in the third quarter, allowing the Celtics to take an 84-67 lead into the fourth.

The Celtics (35-47) were led by Paul Pierce with 19 points, Kenny Anderson with 18 and Tony Battie with 17. They ended their season with five wins in their last six games after a 10-game losing streak ruined their playoff chances.

The Knicks got 17 points from John Wallace and 15 from Patrick Ewing. Their starting backcourt took much of the night off as Allan Houston had 11 points in 28 minutes and Charlie Ward was scoreless, playing only the first 11 minutes.

New York scored the first five points of the final period, cutting the lead to 84-72, but the closest the Knicks got after that was 94-82 with 5:20 remaining.

Hornets 83 Heat 73

The Charlotte Hornets gained homecourt advantage for the first round of the playoffs and denied Pat Riley his 1,000th career coaching victory by beating the Miami Heat.

The Hornets, who were in seventh place in the Eastern Conference on March 20, won 14 of their last 16 games and seven in a row to move up to the fourth seed. They play the

Philadelphia 76ers in the opening round.

Riley, who has a 999-434 regular-season record, will have to wait until next year to join Atlanta's Lenny Wilkens as the only NBA coaches with 1,000 victories. Wilkens has 1,179.

Riley also has an NBA record 149 playoff coaching victories.

Anthony Mason, Eddie Jones and Brad Miller hit consecutive layups to give Charlotte a 65-55 lead, and the Heat never challenged again.

Mason and Jones scored 14 each, Eddie Robinson came off the bench to shoot 6-of-7 for 13 points, Derrick Coleman added 12 and Elden Campbell scored 11.

Anthony Carter led Miami with 16 points. Jamal Mashburn had 15 and Mourning 13.

Pistons 112 Bulls 91

The Detroit Pistons will get the first-round matchup they wanted against the Miami Heat.

Detroit (42-40), which went 2-2 against Miami and 1-3 against top-seeded Indiana, gets the seventh seed in the East. Chicago (17-65) is headed to the draft lottery for the second year running.

The Pistons played without Grant Hill for the third straight game. Hill was placed on the injured list before the game due to a bone bruise in his left ankle.

No Piston played more than 29 minutes, and four reserves reached double figures. Even rookie Jermaine Jackson, who hadn't played since October, got in and scored four points.

Chicago was led by Elton Brand with 32 points and 11 rebounds, while Fred Hoiberg

added 15.

Chicago stayed close for most of the first half, but Detroit got nine points from Stackhouse in the second to lead 57-47 at intermission. Stackhouse hit a jumper at the buzzer, but the officials ruled that it came just late. Brand had 24 points at the half, but his teammates managed just 23.

Cavaliers 111 Nets 108

Lamond Murray hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 11.9 seconds to play and the Cleveland Cavaliers scored the final six points to beat New Jersey in what was likely Don Casey's final game as the Nets' coach.

Casey is expected to be fired next week after he meets with owner Lewis Katz. His 1 1/2 year run ended with a season-high 11-game losing streak, a slump that allowed the Nets (31-51) to edge Cleveland (32-50) for the seventh worst record in next month's draft lottery.

Murray had 27 points, including six of the Cavs' final eight. Shawn Kemp added 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Johnny Newman and Keith Van Horn scored 29 points apiece for New Jersey, which had only seven healthy players. Kendall Gill added 24 points, but threw up an airball with three seconds to go and the Nets behind 109-108.

Elliott Perry hit two free throws with 19.6 seconds to play to give the Nets a 108-105 lead. Murray was fouled on a drive at the other end with 16.1 seconds to go. He made the first and missed the second free throw, but Van Horn lost the rebound out of bounds, giving the ball back to Cleveland.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Bullock's 'Days' too predictable, formulaic

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

When most people think of Sandra Bullock's movie roles, they think of the nice girl-next-door. Although the role of Gwen Cummings is not too far off the mark from her normal roles, Gwen definitely has much more of an edge than we are used to seeing. The storyline itself proves to be a serious one, but Bullock is still able to add a little charm to her character.

Gwen is a New York City columnist who enjoys the fast life and the big story. Her life consists of swinging from one party to the next without dealing with, or caring to deal with, any of the repercussions.

Gwen is finally forced to deal with her problems — and there are plenty — when she is sentenced to 28 days of rehab after drunkenly crashing her sister's wedding limo into a house while trying to replace the wedding cake she fell into.

Soon, Gwen goes from living life in the fast lane to living a much slower paced life in a New Age rehab center. Gwen walks into a world of singing, chanting, hugging and sharing. She is not ready to join in the festivities.

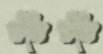
Gwen thinks that if she can stick out her 28 days, she'll be able to go back to her life. She simply does not see that she has a problem. But like any good-old Hollywood film, Gwen has her moment of realization just in time to get the full experience out of rehab.

The story line of this film is predictable, although a number of the characters in the film are pretty fresh.

Alan Tudyk plays Gerhardt, a fellow patient who is extremely amusing but very puzzling at the same time. He has an accent that drifts from one country to the next, never settling on an origin. Despite being a very emotional guy, Gerhardt still has trouble expressing his emotions. Although he is very much an enigma, he is one of the most lovable characters.

Another interesting character in the film is Gwen's roommate, Andrea, played by Azura Skye. Andrea is a seventeen-year-old heroin addict who has been in and out of rehab most of her life but is still surprisingly innocent. She is Gwen's ticket into the rehab group and the two form a bond to help each other.

"28 Days"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Betty Thomas

Starring: Sandra Bullock,

Viggo Mortensen, Alan Tudyk,

Azura Skye and Elizabeth

Perkins

During the 28 days in rehab, Eddie Boone (Viggo Mortensen) joins the group. Boone is a rehabbing baseball player who is ready to move on from the pressures of being a big leaguer.

Gwen and Eddie develop a flirtatious relationship that one soon suspects will be a motivation for Gwen to leave her disastrous relationship with her partying boyfriend.

Eddie is interesting, but like most of the characters in the movie, he is too underdeveloped. The audience is not given the chance to get to know these characters intimately and therefore are not given the chance to care about them too much.

Coming from someone who is not a



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

In "28 Days," Sandra Bullock plays Gwen, a struggling alcoholic forced into a rehabilitation clinic.

huge Sandra Bullock fan, her role as an alcohol and drug addict was still very impressive. Although the plot may be predictable, she gives a very fresh and honest portrayal of a woman who is struggling with demons that go beyond drugs and alcohol.

We see flashbacks of Gwen's childhood with her mother, who was also an addict, and we can see where her patterns have come from. Director Betty Thomas makes these flashbacks very intriguing, visually as well as contextually, because they are memories that are slowly coming back to Gwen as she finally allows herself to deal with her

demons.

Gwen not only has to come to terms with her childhood, but she also has to come to terms with her severed relationship with her sister, Lily (played brilliantly by Elizabeth Perkins). Gwen realizes that to survive outside of rehab she will need help from others, especially her sister. This does seem a bit too perfect for the real world, but these two actresses pull it off without making you feel queasy.

"28 Days" isn't worth much more than a rental, unless you are a huge Sandra Bullock fan. Save your money and wait for the video.

MOVIE REVIEW

Norton, Stiller, Elfman lend charm to romantic 'Faith'

By JILLIAN DePAUL
Scene Movie Critic

Edward Norton, arguably one of the best actors of his generation, tests his ability behind the camera with his directorial debut, "Keeping the Faith," an entertaining, though a bit confusing and unnatural, romantic comedy.

Norton turned many heads, including those of Academy voters, with his breakout role in

"Primal Fear." Since then, he has continued to take risks with his choice of roles, such as a rage-filled neo-Nazi skinhead in "American History X," (for which he got his second of what is sure to be many Academy Award nominations) and the nameless narrator of last year's abrasive, yet visionary, "Fight Club."

Not only does Norton choose edgy and innovative roles, but he also actualizes them flawlessly and effortlessly, commanding

a rare and classically powerful presence onscreen.

However, as a creative force behind "Keeping the Faith," he is faced with the opportunity to take a great risk, which is undoubtedly the road less traveled by romantic comedies.

Unfortunately, Norton, and consequently the film, play it safe by conforming to the conventions of the genre. The result is ironic in the sense that his own character feels the weight of the loss.

"Keeping the Faith," scripted by an old Yale buddy of Norton's named Stuart Blumberg, tells the familiar story of two friends who fall in love with the same woman. However, there is an unfamiliar twist. Norton's character, Brian Finn, is Father Brian Finn, and Ben Stiller's Jake Schram is actually Rabbi Jake Schram. Jenna Elfman plays Anna, the childhood friend of both men, who waltzes back into their lives as a beautiful and successful businesswoman some eighteen years later. Unwittingly and inevitably, her return throws the three of their lives into upheaval.

The trio pick up where they

left off in eighth grade, except for a few small details. Now they go to each other's religious services for fun, and Brian and Anna try desperately to help Jake with his troubled love life.

His whole congregation is trying

to set him up, and since he feels obligated to suffer through the bad dates, he does not quite know what to do when a promising prospect comes along.

Not before long, both men develop romantic feelings for Anna. This is complicated, though,

because Jake is expected to marry within his own faith, and we all know about Brian's priestly sacrifice.

The film emphasizes the equality of their friendships (three can sometimes become a crowd). Therefore, when Jake and Anna start a casual, sexual relationship, the audience assumes that Anna's feelings for both men are tied up in it, and that she chooses Jake for obvious and convenient reasons (for one, he does not have a vow of chastity).

But, as they always do in the movies, this casual, sexual relationship develops into love, and

when the two confront their feelings, both parties act immaturely. Anna does not understand what a problem it is for Jake to be involved with a Catholic woman, and Jake is insensitive to Anna's needs as a woman with career priorities.

Meanwhile, back at the rectory, Brian, clueless about their relationship, is ready to chuck his priesthood, and essentially his life, to be with Anna.

The relationship between Anna and Brian has better chemistry, or maybe our sympathies just lie with Norton because he is such a great Father What-a-Waste. Either way, Norton sells his own character short in choosing not to go there. Had the audience not been led to believe that Anna chooses Jake for mere convenience, and had the script been convincing in its loving relationship between Anna and Jake, the film's flaws would have been forgiven. Instead, unique character dynamics are sacrificed for a tired, conventional ending.

Despite some essential problems, the film is genuinely entertaining. The three lead actors display charisma that makes many of the laughs work, even though they sometimes feel forced.

Although "Keeping the Faith" is a less than holy movie, redemption can be found in the trinity of its young talent.



Photo courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Edward Norton (left), Jenna Elfman and Ben Stiller play three-childhood friends in the romantic comedy "Keeping the Faith."



Yellow Cab is too slow for busy me

I think I can probably call this column a public service warning. After all, I did tell the guy I was going to do this, and what good is a threat if you don't follow through?

You are wondering, I suppose, what I am talking about. Let me tell you.

It is Tuesday night of last week. I have just finished working five hours at the dining hall, and I am a tired puppy. It is 10 o'clock p.m. I am supposed to meet a friend at a place on 31-33 as soon as I can. Since it is 10 p.m., there is no way, short of God himself commanding me and making himself visible in a fiery cloud, that I am going to walk over to 31-33 via St. Mary's Lane. So I call a cab.

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again

And the trouble begins.

I call Yellow Cab. The barely intelligible man says that my cab will be here, and I quote, "Soon." So I settle down to wait. I call my friend so he will know when I leave. I get off the phone with my friend after 20 minutes.

And I wait some more.

It is now 10:40. I call Yellow Cab again. I ask where my cab is. I am told that there was some confusion, but now they have more drivers, and my cab will be there in 10 minutes. All right, I think. Fifty minutes is a bit excessive, but what can I do?

Fifty minutes was just the beginning.

I call back at 11:10, a full 30 minutes after the 10-minute estimate, and I am told the cab will now be here "very soon." However, he absolutely refuses to give me an actual time estimate.

My friend is now calling me every 10 minutes to see if the cab has arrived. I think to myself, if Domino's doesn't make it in 30 minutes, the pizza is free, so I think that if Yellow Cab doesn't make it in 30 minutes, they ought to have to build a time machine and get you there on time for free.

One 10-minute call goes by, then two. Three, and on the fourth call, at 11:50, my friend tells me he will come get me and walk me over to 31 so I will be safe. You know what happens next. The cab shows up.

Of course, I no longer need the cab. So I tell the guy why I don't need his cab; he took too long. He says, "Oh." I say that he told me it would be "soon" and I do not consider two hours "soon." To which he smartly replies, "it wasn't two hours. Your call came in at 10:03." I apologize. Only 1 hour and 50 minutes. Oh, the vast difference.

However, I tell him, 1 hour and 50 minutes is still not soon. It's not? he dares to ask.

I almost have a conniption fit on the phone. "No!" I yell, "that is not soon!" I am a busy college student, and I do not have two hours to spend waiting for a cab. Besides that, he lied to me. If he had told me it would take two hours, I would have called someone else.

He tells me he did not lie. I reiterate that two hours is not soon, and he definitely said soon. I say something more about being a busy Notre Dame student. I am then treated to a tirade from him about how his mother worked at Notre Dame for 50 years and when she retired all she got was \$91 a month for a pension.

I am sorry, I tell him. That's awful. But I have no control over her pension, and he does have control over cabs. No, he doesn't, he tells me. What?! You work there! I say. Of course you have some control over cabs.

He asks me what it is that I am after. I tell him that I want him to stop lying to people. He says he wasn't lying. We have the two-hours-isn't-soon exchange again. I tell him that I am a columnist at our paper here, and I am going to write about this experience in my column next week. I also tell him that I hope no one ever takes his cab company ever, ever again. I tell him good night and hang up.

So that's why I had to write this column about this topic. What's the point of being a columnist and threatening to write a column about being treated badly by a local company if you never follow through?

And I do hope no one ever takes his Yellow Cab company ever, ever, again.

Marlayna Soenneker is a freshman psychology major. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

GUEST COLUMN

Will vouchers end public schools?

TUCSON, Ariz.

Arizona's Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Graham Keegan might be getting a new job.

It depends on whether GOP presidential contender George W. Bush a) wins the presidency this November and b) agrees to appoint the McCain supporter his Secretary of Education.

Sheila Bapat

Arizona Daily Wildcat

If all of the above come true, America can kiss the public education system goodbye.

It is no secret that Keegan has championed a highly conservative approach to education. She wants to turn public education into a market-based system, which makes her the darling of those who want to end the public education system.

Pundit George F. Will wrote an endorsement for her in his April 17 Newsweek column that likened to a love poem.

"Keegan ... supported John McCain, who, regarding straight talk, is a shrinking violet compared with Keegan, a Stanford-educated intellectual who radiates prickly thoughts," Will wrote.

Instead of improving the current education system, Keegan's influence would eventually tear apart a public education system that ought to be saved.

The conservative premise that a market-based education system is best is wrong. Even though vouchers allow for "public choice," which on the surface sounds like a fine idea, it does nothing for the children who need the most help.

Apparently, Keegan believes that once you give parents a choice about where they can send their kids to school, all educational problems are solved.

But the poorest students will not be able to find their way out of a ghetto simply because the government sends them a check and says, "Go pick a school!"

There are structural problems that public choice programs do not solve. Instead of trying to fight the root of the problem — impoverished

neighborhoods and cycles of poverty — vouchers will only allow the most privileged students to truly have control over where they go to school. A single-parent welfare family with many children will probably not be able to get out of their neighborhood in order to find a better school.

Poor schools exist in poor neighborhoods. And poor neighborhoods are the key problem that Keegan's agenda does nothing to solve. Simply taking a few lucky kids out of a bad neighborhood does not get to the root of the nation's education problem.

Students should not have to move anywhere in order to receive a good public education. The goal is to make all public schools good, to improve the system as it is.

But Keegan wants a revolution.

"[Keegan] does tend to lean toward completely changing things, blowing them up and starting over instead of building on success," Penny Kotterman, president of the Arizona Education Association, told The Associated Press. "She is clearly a spokesperson for the Republican agenda for education."

Will's love poem to Keegan proves that she represents the conservatives' educational agenda. He writes, "Bush would be wise to start now using his campaign to raise her profile as his kind of conservative and to begin plagiarizing from her."

Even though Keegan supported McCain in the Republican primary, her conservative agenda should win her plenty of support within the party for the appointment to Secretary of Education. She is a prime conservative candidate for the post.

If we elect another President Bush, America should pucker up.

It will soon be kissing public education goodbye.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

American way is not best for everyone, for Elian

For the most part, Americans accept differences in opinion, lifestyle and ideology; however, there are those in our nation who believe that the American way is the right way and the only way. These Americans disregard the foundations of our country based on freedom of speech, thought and religion and condemn and punish those whose political and social views differ from their own. These Americans would tear a family apart through their prejudicial disposition. These people have, for over five months, kept a father and son apart due to politics and ideological differences.

Elian Gonzalez became separated from his father last Thanksgiving when Elian's late mother tired to reach America and took Elian along for the ride. Now Elian remains locked in the home of his Miami relatives who adamantly refuse to either return Elian to Cuba or to his own father. The Miami family's reluctance to return Elian might be understandable if his father had been abusive, if he had no job or means of supporting his family, or if he had a criminal record, but in reality he's not guilty of any of these offenses. Juan Miguel Gonzalez, Elian's father, is guilty of being Cuban and living under the Communist regime of Fidel Castro.

The battle cry of the thousands of supporters and protesters outside of the Miami home of Elian's relatives is to keep Elian in the USA at any cost. Elian must stay in the United States because here Elian will live a better life than he would in Cuba. Why should Elian go back to Communist Cuba when he can instead live a better life here

with MTV, the Gap, school shootings, the NRA and capitalism? Does this mean that all children living in family on welfare should be taken away from their mothers and fathers because there are certainly better, wealthier homes in which they could live? Are all parents in Communist China unfit to raise their own children?

I'm tired of listening to the Miami relatives claim to work for what's in the best interests of the child. The political affiliation of Juan Miguel does not impair his ability to raise his children. Even though America is a capitalist democracy, it does not indicate that all other forms of government are inferior and unacceptable; therefore, we should not penalize members of other nations with differing governing philosophies by taking away their children. It is simply unacceptable to claim to work in the best interests of Elian by using him as a political pawn while keeping him away from his father.

Elian's Miami relatives have manipulated the government and America itself for far too long. Time after time, this family has disobeyed federal mandates and laws to keep the child in their home and in America. Their motives are politically driven and have divided a family. It is time to reunite Juan Miguel and Elian before the prejudicial ideologies of his Miami relatives begin to influence Elian himself.

Clayton Swope
Freshman, Sorin College
April 19, 2000

Vermont senate backs gay unions

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. Bobbi Whitacre and Sandi Cote are already making plans for a small ceremony sanctifying their 33-year relationship. The women are just disappointed they won't be considered "married."

A bill that passed the Vermont Senate on Wednesday gets as close to gay marriage as any place in America, but it still reserves "marriage" for opposite-sex couples.

"It's a bittersweet victory. I think, for a lot of us," Cote said. "To have to stop short of the goal, it's disappointing."

On a 19-11 vote, the Senate passed a bill creating "civil unions," a legal structure parallel to marriage for gay and lesbian couples.

The landmark proposal would grant to same-sex couples some 300 state benefits of marriage, including medical decision-making, tax breaks and inheritance. No other state has conferred more than just a handful of the benefits.

"It's great that it passed," said Beth Robinson, one of the lawyers who successfully argued before the Vermont Supreme Court that gay and lesbian couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage. The court left the decision to the Legislature how to provide those rights.

Rich Condon, 44, an oppo-

nent of the bill, listened grim-faced to the roll call of senators — and said they were making a huge mistake.

"I truly, truly believe that the Supreme Court, the legislators, and others, don't understand what they're doing," he said. "They don't understand the consequences of their vote."

The House voted 76-69 in March to provide civil unions. The Senate largely agreed with the House's approach to the issue, but changed some of the language in the bill

and also moved up the effective date by two months to July 1.

Now the House will have to vote on whether to accept the Senate's changes. House Speaker Michael

Obuchowski said he did not believe anyone would back off from his or her original vote. Gov. Howard Dean has promised to sign the bill.

"It has not been an easy journey," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Richard Sears, a Democrat. "But for a few

months of my life, I've learned a lot about what it's like to be discriminated against. I also began to understand the goodness of my fellow Vermonters."

Because lawmakers decided to reserve the status of marriage only to heterosexual couples, gays and lesbians would not be able to qualify for federal benefits available to opposite-sex couples, such as sharing Social Security benefits, immigration status and some tax provisions.

Whitacre, 52, and Cote, 53, of Manchester had almost decided they would not enter into a civil union out of frustration that the state wouldn't allow them to marry, but they decided to go ahead with a ceremony anyway.

"I have difficulty with separate but equal," Cote said. "I fought for civil rights down in

Alabama in the '60s. And that's what this state is letting happen, second-class citizens in the year 2000."

Even though they know there's one more vote to come in the House, people like Whitacre and Cote are beginning to plan their futures. On Sept. 15 — the anniversary of Whitacre's late grandparents' 58-year marriage — they'll hold their ceremony.

"After 33 years, she's finally going to make me an honest woman," Whitacre said.

"It has not been an easy journey. But for a few months of my life, I've learned a lot about what it's like to be discriminated against. I also began to understand the goodness of my fellow Vermonters."

Richard Sears
Vermont Senate Judiciary
Chairman

Hope, pain mark Columbine anniversary

Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo.

The carpenter who last year erected wooden crosses for the 15 victims of the Columbine High School massacre returned to Colorado to restore the memorial as mourners prepared to mark Thursday's anniversary of the tragedy.

Greg Zanis wanted "to honor the families of the victims," his wife, Susan, said in an interview from their Aurora, Ill., home.

His truck carried 13 crosses this time, in deference to one victim's parents who had torn down the two crosses representing the two student gunmen. Both boys committed suicide after the rampage.

The April 20, 1999, massacre was the worst school shooting in U.S. history, and it affected thousands of people worldwide who watched on television as police circled the building and terrified students fled the school, including one seen dropping from a library window.

At nearby Clement Park, where the crosses were erected after the slayings, workers unloaded orange-and-white barricades Wednesday in anticipation of thousands of mourners at a public memorial service and a candlelight vigil planned Thursday.

Elsewhere, victims' families organized memorial services to mark the day, and officials prepared for a statewide moment of silence.

The school itself remains off-limits to the public.

Davadas Moses, a doctor from Loma Linda, Calif., in Denver on business, tried to reach it

Wednesday but was turned back by security.

"I just wanted to get a sense of it in my own mind," Moses said as he walked through Clement Park.

Many survivors, still coping with their grief, planned to stay away from the services and the Littleton area Thursday.

Columbine's attendance has dropped this week, with 263 of 1,885 students absent Tuesday, said school district spokeswoman Marilyn Saltzman. Attendance was "way down" Wednesday but figures were not available by midafternoon.

"Most of the people I've talked to are trying to get as far away from this place as possible — the ones who were actually there," said Karen Nielsen, who was working in the cafeteria when the first shots rang out.

Kim Blair, a Columbine senior who saw her friend Anne Marie Hochhalter wounded, planned to spend the anniversary with her family in a hotel.

"Everybody I know is going up to the mountains or trying to get away for the day at least," Blair said. "For some, it's an emotional thing. Last year was so horrifying that they just can't be anywhere near that place at that time."

Still, officials expected a good number of students at the private assembly. Classes are canceled for the day, and attendance is not mandatory. Teddy bears sent in the wake of the shootings were to be set out for students to take if they want.

Gov. Bill Owens planned to lead a public service at the Capitol in downtown Denver, including a statewide moment of silence at 11:21 a.m. MDT, the time the attack began.

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Rape is a form of crucifixion

My last column indicated that in this installment I was going to continue the discussion of the living wage, but two events have intervened. The first is a date rape, reported in The Observer, and the ensuing discussion in the letters to the editor. The second is Good Friday, which is tomorrow.

What is the connection between the two events? A letter to the editor from one woman who was date raped provides a clue: "To me, rape is like murder. My body was not killed, but my soul was. My energetic spirit and love for life were gone. I wanted my life to be over because I could not bear the pain of losing something that I had held sacred."

One claim found in much of Christian theology is that Christ is in all people and that the task of the Christian is to develop the vision to see this fact and act accordingly. However, when a man rapes a woman — and this is the shape of the vast majority of rapes — he crucifies the Christ within her. "My body was not killed, but my soul was." Her life often becomes one long string of Good Fridays. "My energetic spirit and love for life were gone."

There are disanalogies, of course. For instance, while it may have been his calling to go to the cross, the Gospels describe Jesus as clearly having a choice in the matter. No woman is called to be raped and none genuinely choose it. Efforts might be made to imply they do: "Why did she choose to dress provocatively, to drink and to go up to his room after hours if she did not want to have sex with him?" But this logic fails miserably; it is as if to argue that anyone with an expensive car wants it stolen.

The function such an argument plays becomes clear if we grant that while in no way do women choose rape, it may be the case that it is unwise to, for instance, go up to a man's room after hours. In other words, in certain conditions it is unwise to be with Notre Dame men. Notre Dame men cannot be trusted (and it is not wise to view a particular man as an exception). In short, if we keep ourselves from collapsing, for instance, unwise decisions to drink under certain circumstances into viewing these decisions as choices to be raped, then it becomes clear that the logic that blames women for rape is really an indictment of men.

Collapsing the unwise decision to drink into the view that the woman chose or deserved to be raped allows a person to turn the indictment on its head and accuse the woman: given other things that the woman did, either

she really wanted it or the man could not help himself. The view is that university or legal defense of the man (itself important) requires yet another crucifixion of the woman.

This leads to another disanalogy between Jesus' crucifixion and rape's murder of the Christ in women: While Jesus' trial was before his murder, women who are raped describe their trial as coming afterwards. Again, the letter to the editor articulates a repeatedly occurring theme in women's writings on rape. "The months that followed were excruciatingly painful ... I had a disciplinary hearing where I was forced to sit less than 10 feet away from my attacker, only to be dismissed, disregarded and having my integrity ripped apart by a University I was raised to love ... I still question whether or not I should have made that phone call at all."

Maybe in the long term, I will be proud of the courage I displayed in standing up for myself, but while I'm still in the short term, I have my regrets."

The woman's reference to the long and the short term brings up a third disanalogy: While Christ's resurrection occurred in three days and was "once and for all," a raped woman's resurrection (the resurrection of Christ within her) — if it occurs at all — is a much longer and uneven affair. A year later, thanks are to "God, who continually showers my life with blessings," but there are still any number of daily encounters "which all serve as constant reminders of that night." All indications are that the dark nights of the soul will continue. "I live faced with the reality of having to tell my future husband that sex to me is not beautiful or an expression of love, but ugly, forced and painful."

One of the exchanges of letters following the Observer report concerned whether men's silence condoned the rape. Behind this exchange is the broader question of what can individual men do beyond themselves not raping women. There are any number of things that they can do, but tomorrow provides us with one possibility. Good Friday is a day for fasting.

The practice of fasting has a variety of purposes, and three are worth mentioning here. The first is fasting as an expression of sorrow. We need to mourn the souls killed and pray for their resurrection.

The second purpose is fasting as a

form of protest. We need to protest the men who rape and the attitudes that facilitate rape (for instance, the view that men under certain conditions are not expected to control themselves). We need to protest at one and the same time the assumption that Notre Dame men cannot be trusted and the practices of Notre Dame men that give credence to that assumption. We need to protest any logic that turns the violent action of men into an indictment of women.

I understand that Notre Dame students are, in general, not given to protest (it is not my first inclination either). But if Notre Dame men are incapable of protesting any suggestion that they are incapable of moral direction and self-control, then maybe those who foster such a suggestion are right.

Whether silence condones an action of another person depends in large part on whether the action is an isolated incident or part of a pattern. There have been enough reports of date rape (a notoriously under-reported crime) that the "isolated episode" explanation is suspect. It is important for men to speak.

To speak well, however, requires discernment, and this leads to the third purpose of fasting: it provides the occasion for self-examination. What kind of environment am I living in? What are the patterns of speech and action? Do I reinforce patterns that subtly or not-so-subtly contribute to an environment where date rape occurs on a regular basis? Do I laugh at certain jokes? Do I let certain comments about women slide rather than risk confrontation with one of my dormmates? I am sure that you can think of more questions for discernment yourselves.

Men of Notre Dame, I am fasting tomorrow, and I will do so not only remembering Christ on the cross 2,000 years ago, but also Christ on the cross in the women at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame who have been raped. I know that many of you are going home for the Easter triduum. Still, this is something — just a start, but something — that you, too, can do regardless of where you are. Men of Notre Dame, will you join me?

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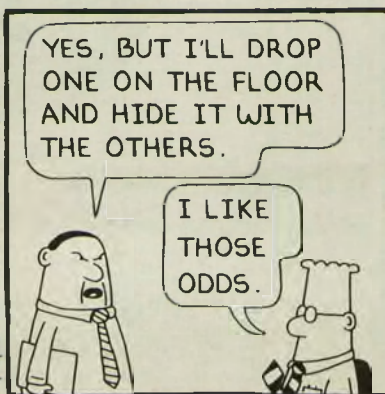


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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish boats complete successful weekend

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The second varsity eight boat of Leah Ashe, Joslyn Moreau Allison Barsch, Emily Deye, Elizabeth Nerney, Maureen Carr, Kerri Murphy, Megan Feely, and Erin Kiernicki claimed the silver medal by finishing second in 7:11.20. Clemson won the race with a time of 6:58.7.

After placing second to top-seeded North Carolina by only 1.4 seconds in the semifinals Saturday, the varsity eight team of Katie Besson, Katherine Burnett, Amy Braun, Lauren Lyons, Katrina Ten Eyck, Kristen Vandehey, Courtney Mercer, Michelle Olsford and Claire Bula placed fifth in 7:02.70. Tulsa won the race in 6:53.10.

The first novice eight team of Erica Drennen, Beth Fryzynski,

Beth Jeub, Julia Kelly, Casey Buckstaff, Becky Lockett, Ashlee Warren, Ann Marie Dillhoff and Cassandra Murphy placed fourth in a time of 7:07.90. The second novice crew of Sarah Drenzes, Becky Campbell, Kathryn Anderson, Megan McPherson, Ann Gurucharri, Laura Aull, Katie McCaulden, Andrea Amoni and Pam Swan also placed fourth in 7:52.90. Duke won both the first and second novice eight.

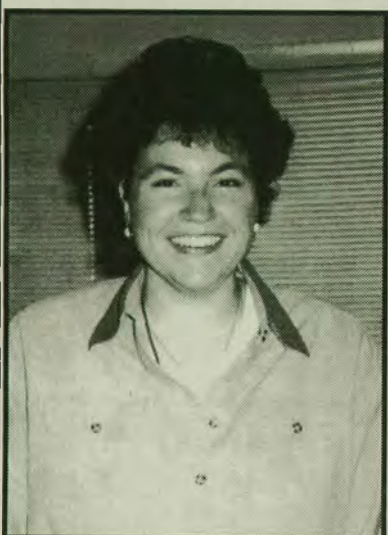
The novice four squad of Kelly Malloy, Jessica Manske, Kelly Mahaney, Melissa Slavin, and Cynthia Lee were also fourth in 8:08.50. North Carolina State took first with a time of 7:50.30.

The varsity four crew of Sandra Peterson, Mary Lampe, Cassandra Stuart, Kolleen Myers and Cassie Markstahler finished first in the petite final and seventh overall with a time of 8:16.00.

The Notre Dame women's rowing team travels to Madison, Wis., Saturday, April 22, for the 2000 FutureSystems Midwest Rowing Championships. The albano buoyed course is 1,850 meters long starting at Wingra Park and finishing at Vilas Park. The Championships' first race of the day is the Second Novice Eight race, which begins at 6:24 a.m. and concludes with the Grand Final, the women's varsity eight at 7:00 p.m.

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The Women's Resource Center is pleased to honor Tami Schmitz for her outstanding contribution to the community and the inspiration with which she enhances so many lives.

Here is her story:

I am originally from a farm in Forestville, Wisconsin and I am the youngest of six. I majored in sociology at St. Norbert College in DePere, WI as an undergrad and received a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago in 1993. For two years I was a Religious Education Coordinator for St. Joseph Parish, DePere, WI, taught four years at Xavier High School, Appleton, WI and served as a Campus Minister/Pastoral Associate at St. Norbert College from 1992-1998. I most recently joined the Campus Ministry Team at Notre Dame in the Fall of 1998. My main responsibilities at ND are RCIA and Emmaus (small faith sharing communities). I help with a variety of retreats like NDE, women's choir and senior retreat and I also assist Fr. Tom Doyle in ministering to gay and lesbian students on campus. I have enjoyed my two years at Notre Dame immensely and it is definitely feeling like "home." There are still moments of, "I can't believe I am really here" as I am in awe of the incredible colleagues I work with as well as the wonderfully gifted and generous students I have encountered. I simply feel blessed to be part of such a faith-filled, supportive community as ND and I love the variety of opportunities I have to minister here at Notre Dame. It is everything I hoped for as a campus minister and more!! In my spare time (little there is!!), I serve as a "big sister" in the Big Sister/Little Sister Program of South Bend. Spending time with my "little sister" Demetria is one of my favorite things to do. I love biking, cross country skiing, hanging out with friends, spending time with my family, and I also have a great interest in Ireland and in the Amish!!

Tami Schmitz - Nominated by Erin Kennedy

"I nominate Tami Schmitz for the Women's Resource Honor. Tami is a campus minister who gives tirelessly and often is not thanked adequately for her incredible gift of self. To quote a friend, "Tami bends over backward to be nice to every creature on this earth!" She always offers kind words to people and brings a warm presence with her to her interactions with others. I have had the pleasure of working with Tami in the RCIA process through Campus Ministry and she acts as my supervisor for my field education required of all Masters of Divinity students. She has taught me how to handle difficult situations with poise and compassion. She has been incredibly kind in helping me learn how to resolve conflict successfully. Tami is a wonderful woman and the Notre Dame community is truly richer for her presence." - Erin Kennedy

The Women's Resource Center would like to express our gratitude to the following women who were nominated for this honor. They have contributed so much to all our lives and to our university - we hold them as great examples for our ambitions and for our place in the community.

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The Women's Resource Center would like to recognize our outstanding judging panel. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and respected, for it is most difficult to choose only four out of so many special women.

Dean Cileen Kolman Professor A. E. Manier Marnie Bowen
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MEN'S LACROSSE

No.12 Notre Dame continues win streak

Special to The Observer

Junior attack Jon Harvey tallied a career-high six goals, tying the Notre Dame school record for goals in a home game, as he led the 12th-ranked Irish to their fourth straight win with a 17-9 victory over Villanova.

**Notre Dame 17
Villanova 9**

Notre Dame, who improved its record to 7-3 on the season, scored 12 unanswered goals in the second half after falling behind 7-5 early in the third quarter. Seven different players scored in the contest for the Irish as Notre Dame displayed another balanced scoring attack. The 17 goals were the most scored by the Irish since the 17-9 win over Denver during the 1999 campaign.

Junior David Ulrich tallied four goals and dished off three assists in his best performance of the season, while Tom Glatzel added three goals and dished off four assists.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early 3-0 on two goals by Harvey. The Irish led 3-0 just under two minutes into the second quarter before the Wildcats finally got on the board with 10:27 remaining in the second 15-minute stanza on the first of Eric Dauer's two goals.

Villanova was able to tie the game at 3-3 on Chris Larson goal with nine minutes left to play before the intermission, but Harvey broke the tie with his third score of the game. The two teams were deadlocked at 4-4 at the break as Dauer netted a goal with 4:04 left in the second quarter.

Todd Ulrich gave the Irish a 5-4 lead a little over a minute into the second half, but then the visitors scored three unanswered goals in a two minute span as the Wildcats grabbed a 7-5 lead with ten minutes left in the third quarter on a Brian Marks score. David Ulrich answered with a goal six seconds following Marks' tally and then Devin Ryan knotted the game at 7-7 43 seconds later.

Harvey provided the go-ahead goal with eight minutes left in the third as the Irish would go on to tally two more goals in grabbing a 10-7 lead after three periods.

Notre Dame scored the first seven goals of the fourth quarter. Villanova finally halted the Irish 12-goal run when Jack McTigue scored with three and a half minutes remaining. The Wildcats, who fell to 8-4 overall with the loss, also added a score late in the game.

The Irish return to action on Saturday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. in search of their fifth straight win the home finale against Fairfield.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish must play strong at home

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's laxers will seek redemption in their contests at home this weekend against Columbia and Harvard. Seeking to improve on a disappointing 4-8 season campaign, the Irish will look to come up with some wins.

"It's a really difficult thing to lose," sophomore defender Kathryn Lam said. "Nobody likes to lose to keep going out there and coming up short is hard."

The Irish play the Columbia Lions on Saturday, April 22, and take Easter Sunday off before facing the Harvard Crimson on Monday, April 24.

"We're all about getting each other ready," Lam said. "We try to pick each other up."

Columbia has 5-5 overall record and 0-5 record in the Ivy League.

The Lions are 19-35 under the leadership of fourth-year head coach Celine Cunningham. The Lions are coming off a 10-day break. Their last game resulted in a 17-7 loss to Yale.

Notre Dame also fell to the Bulldogs on April 15, three days after Columbia's defeat.

"I think that they are all particularly good teams," Lam said. "They are all competitive teams that we are trying to [defeat]."

The Lions are led by senior midfielder Sara Brubaker, who has 10 goals and 1 assist this

season. Brubaker finished the 1999 season with 17 goals and 4 assists.

Devin Fitzpatrick, a junior midfielder, is close behind Brubaker with 11 goals and 1 assist on the 2000 season.

Junior attacker Caroline Samponaro was last year's leading scorer for the Lions, notching 21 goals and 8 assists. Samponaro has 6 goals and 1 assist so far in 2000.

Sophomore Gina Kline is in goal for Columbia. Kline has posted a .483 save percentage and a 10.33 GAA thus far.

The Irish emerged victorious from last year's contest between with the Lions, with a final score of 13-5. Current sophomore tri-captain defensive leader Kathryn Lam scored 4 goals and assisted on another goal to lead Notre Dame to victory against the home team.

"Usually the attack is down there scoring," Lam said. "It just happened to go that way."

Columbia will play Harvard on Sunday, April 23, before the Irish face the Crimson on the following Monday. The Crimson are 4-4 overall and 2-2 in Ivy League competition. They arrive at Notre Dame after a 15-6 loss to second-ranked Princeton on April 15.

"It is nice to be able to collect ourselves and get back on track," Lam said. "Everybody is working hard and conditioning [this week]."

The Irish first met Harvard in 1999, losing 15-10 on Harvard's home turf. Irish attacker Kathryn Perrella, now a junior tri-captain, led Notre Dame in that game with three goals.

Carrie Marshall, then a sophomore, made 12 saves in goal for the Irish in the loss to Harvard.

"I remember last season after that loss I didn't feel like

we played to our potential," Lam said.

The Crimson are led this season by junior attacker Lauren Corkery, who has 9 goals and 2 assists. Corkery was her team's lead scorer in 1999, finishing with 16 goals and 10 assists.

Like Notre Dame, Harvard has more than one talented goalkeeper. Junior Keltie Donelan and freshman Nora Guyer have backed each other up in net all season.

Guyer, who has seen the majority of game time in goal for hte 2000 season, was an Honorable Mention All-American at the Baldwin School.

"Whatever it's going to take [to win] we're going to try and put it out there," Lam said.

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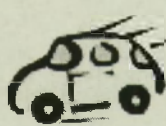
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TRACK AND FIELD

Runners head to Indianapolis

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame track and field teams will fill out the race entries this weekend with the Indy Relays in Indianapolis.

Most of the team has not competed since a home meet on April 1, since weather canceled running events the following week, and very few athletes competed in Saturday's Mt. SAC Relays.

"We started off April really well, and our next meet got cancelled because of weather," women's distance coach Tim Connelly said. "So we're not really sure where we're at right now."

With just two weeks remaining before the focal point of the team's outdoor season, the Big East Championships, it's about time the Irish found out where they stood.

"This meet is sort of in preparation for the Big East meet, where they'll have to run several events," sprints coach John Millar said. "This is a meet when we're going to try to prepare for the Big East meet. We want to give some people some opportunities to run, and make decisions on who we're going to run at the Big East."

Notre Dame faces mainly local schools this weekend and hope to come away with the team title.

"I don't think it's going to be too hard for our team to win," sprinter Liz Grow said. "It's all coming together. We're working hard, and it really seems to be paying off."

"If we qualify, that's all right," Millar said. "We're going to run people in several events, which is usually not where you get people to qualify. You never know about the weather up here."

Some of Notre Dame's most competitive sprint events will be the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x200-meter relay, senior Marshaun West in the 200-meter dash, Big East champion Chris Cochran in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and sophomore Liz Grow in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

On the women's distance end, Erin Olson, Cara Motter, Erin Luby and Patty Rice will square off in the 1500-meter run, Jennifer Handley and Hilary Burn will compete in the 3,000-meter run and Leanne Brady should pace Notre Dame in the 800-meter run.

"We're just trying to keep improving," Connelly said. "We're trying to give a lot of people a chance to compete."

Among field events, West and freshman Tameisha King highlight the long jump. All-American Jennifer Engelhardt leads high jump competition, and freshman Jaime Volkmer powers Notre Dame in the pole vault.

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too much height and athletic skill for Unleashed.

"They had too much height," Bevilacqua said. "They were just

jumping over us. There was really nothing we could do."

After a Bevilacqua long distance shot balanced out by a Cooper putback, Like Whoa went into halftime ahead 11-9. Like Whoa started off the second period with three straight baskets, one by Johnson and two by

Cooper.

Cooper and Sanders dominated the boards for Like Whoa, while Cooper and Johnson scored most of the second half points. Cooper knocked down six of the final 11 buckets.

"This game was more defense," Johnson said. "The

other games we won just by our talent. This game we had to really buckle down on defense and make plays on offense."

Unleashed could have made it more of a contest, but its shots weren't falling through the hoop.

"It could have been close," Bevilacqua said. "If just a few shots went in, but what can you do?"

Sixth-ranked Coco Butter defeated Fun Dip, Pixie Stix, and Three Other Reasons My Nephew Wears a Helmet 21-13 despite a driving downpour.

"Speed and quickness are our strengths," Coco Butter player Tony Fisher said. "We had to slow down our press."

Fisher and two of his fellow Notre Dame football teammates Lee Lafayette and John Owens joined Doug Connors and Fighting Irish track and field

star Marshaun West to overpower their much smaller opponents.

"Basically we're just trying to have some fun out here," Fisher said. "It would be real great to win it [the tournament]. As long as we play as a team, we've got a good chance to do that."

No. 13 Double Down sent home the Pistol Packin' Mamas by beating them 21-14.

Double Down, with a roster of five off-campus seniors in Coley Brady, Larry Zimont, Steve Alfred, Daniel McGowan and Matt Ott, scored five of the last seven points in the game to cement the victory.

"We just started running it at the end, and we got a couple of easy baskets," McGowan said. "We played tough defense tonight. If we hit our outside shots, we can go far."

Results from the Round of 64

Nylon Stokers def. Sofa King Good (21-6)

F-Bombs def. Pass the ball, Robert! (21-6)

Please call us Bosphus def. Passing Aggressive (21-19)

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Sexual Frustration V def. Jimmy Chitwood (21-15)

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Donkey Ball def. Pro Bono (21-10)

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Dexy's Midnight Runners def. What's up!!! (21-11)

Guided by voices def. Nobody likes you anyway, Kutylo (21-7)

Franchise def. Kota skatus (21-14)

Furious D def. Criminal Nagliganca (21-7)

The individuals def. Team 162 (21-12)

Mourning Wood def. Soup and 4 non-asses (21-9)

Versatility def. Jesse Spano's Nard Hipplis (21-17)

Like WHOA!! def. Unleashed (21-14)

The torch def. Ten deep (21-16)

Fast Eddie def. Joan van Haute (21-13)

Team 126 def. Beans over frank (21-17)

Majestics def. Phi slamma clamma (21-13)

Double Down def. Pistol Packin' Mamas (21-14)

Nunc Dimmitis def. How's your mom? (21-6)

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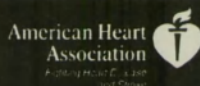
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ry when Casey Smith and Javier Taborga each won 7-5 in the third set of his singles match to secure a 4-3 win.

The Irish have recorded impressive wins in the conference championship, and three current Irish players enter this weekend's competition after perfect performances in singles a year ago. In his third appearance in the Big East Championship, All-American and 10th-ranked Ryan Sachire did not surrender a match, capping a 4-2 singles record in his three years of play.

Smith tallied a 3-0 mark last year, while Taborga won both of his singles matches. However, the Irish will most likely be without the services of Taborga this weekend, because of lingering soreness in his wrist.

"[Taborga] is out indefinitely," Bayliss said. "It's possible he'll be back for the Big East, but probably won't. His wrist is sore, and they

are taking a real cautious path with him, which is wise."

The Irish's Andrew Laflin lost his only singles match in last year's competition, while Aaron Talarico went 1-0 in doubles.

Senior Trent Miller, the only other current player besides Sachire to have competed in more than one Big East Championship, has a 2-1 record in doubles play.

In the absence of Taborga, who has paired with Talarico throughout the season to form the No. 1 Irish duo, Miller and Sachire will fill in at the top doubles spot. The pairing continues to play solid doubles, compiling a

"We eked it out last time [over Miami in the final]. They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry."

Bob Bayliss
head coach

1 2 - 3 record since an 8-2 win over Kentucky on February 8, and have gained victory over four ranked teams during their recent wins, proving their capability of filling in at No. 1 doubles.

Notre Dame will suit up on Friday to face its first opponent, and no matter the lineup composed by coach Bayliss, the Irish will look to keep a hold of the Big East title.

BASEBALL

Irish, Pirates battle for Big East

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

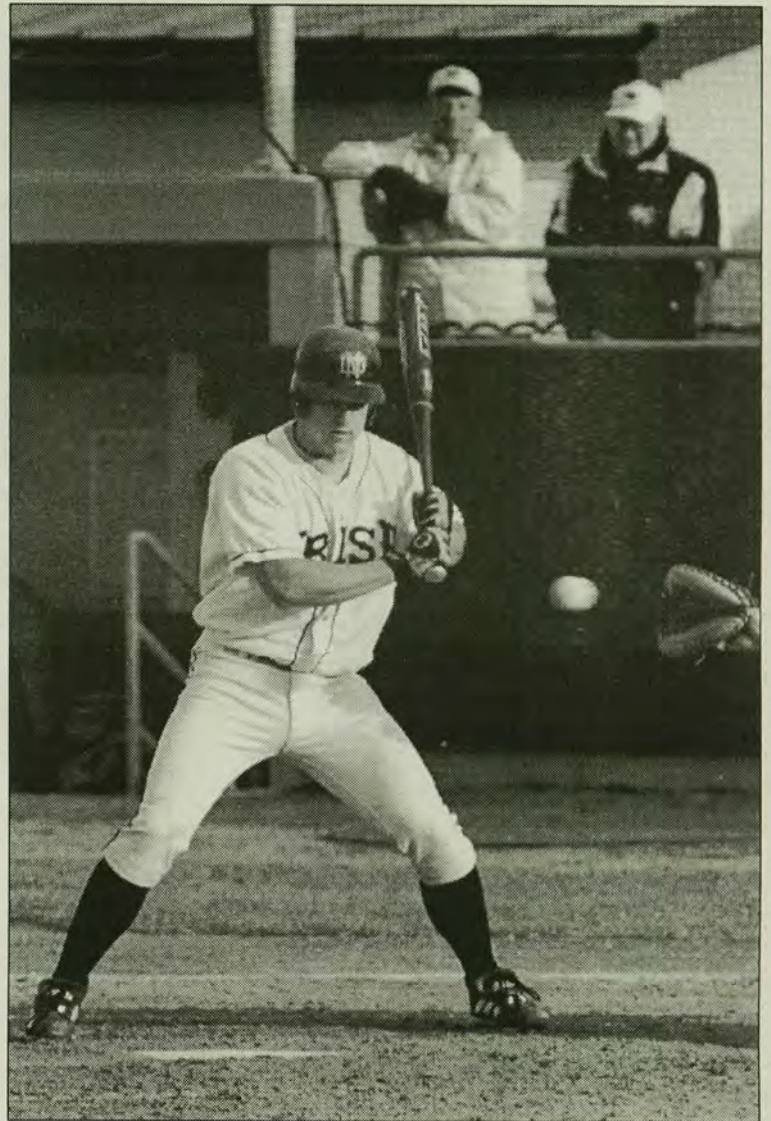
Last year, the Pirates and Irish came out of their season battle with a draw, as each team won two of the four games the teams played. This year, a resurrected Irish team sports a 29-8 record as they begin their Easter weekend play today with a doubleheader in South Orange, N.Y.

This weekend's games are crucial for Notre Dame, who also visits Georgetown for a Holy Saturday doubleheader. The Irish and Pirates enter tomorrow's games tied for second in the Big East, both sporting 8-4 records within the conference. Notre Dame, however, has the better overall season record as Seton Hall has 24 wins to go along with 10 losses.

The Pirates are led by utility player Alfie Critelli, who currently is tied for the Big East lead in home runs with 12 and in runs batted in with 46. Seton Hall also boasts the top two base stealers in the conference as Mike Bascom and Joe Cuervo are tied with 21 apiece.

Notre Dame will counter with their own offensive attack. Catcher Matt Nussbaum and shortstop Alec Porzel have been on fire as of late. Shortstop Porzel is the team's leading hitter with a .351 average. Nussbaum was the catalyst as the Irish took on Seton Hall last season, batting .500 while scoring five runs and driving in four more.

Notre Dame will likely start veterans Scott Cavey and Aaron Heilman in today's games.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Matt Nussbaum takes a pitch against Bowling Green last week. Last season, Nussbaum performed well against Seton Hall with five runs and four RBIs, and the Irish hopes he repeats this performance against the Pirates this weekend.

Heilman, coming off a career-best 18 strikeout game against West Virginia, is 7-1 on the season with a conference leading 74 punch-outs. Heilman, however, has given up 7 runs in 9.2 career innings against Seton Hall.

Cavey, coming off of an impressive win over the Mountaineers, fared much better against Seton Hall last season, giving up one run in six innings to collect the win. Cavey also had seven strikeouts in the game.

If the Irish can get past the Pirates, the Georgetown games provide a chance for Notre Dame to increase its conference standing. The Hoyas are a woe-

ful 1-14 in conference play this year, 12-30 overall.

Last season, the Irish won all three of the meetings between the teams. Designated hitter Paul O'Toole batted .400 against Georgetown as a freshman, driving in four runs. Fellow sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey homered against the Hoyas, batting .375 in the four games.

The Irish return home to play a few local games during the week next week. The team takes on Western Michigan on Tuesday at Kalamazoo and Michigan on Wednesday at Comstock Park.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look for Big East repeat

Special to the Observer

The 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team travels to Miami this weekend for the Big East Championships.

The Irish will be looking to defend the title they won last year by beating the host Hurricanes 4-2 in the championship match.

The Irish completed their most successful regular season under 11th-year head coach Jay Louderback by beating Miami 6-3 on Saturday.

Notre Dame will be making its fifth appearance at the Big East Championship after winning in 1996, 1997 and 1999 and finishing second to Miami in 1998.

The 13th-ranked Irish have earned the top seed of the 13 teams in the tournament for the fifth straight year. Miami, currently ranked 43rd in the country with a 9-11, is seeded second.

Third-seeded Syracuse is ranked 75th, while Boston College is seeded fourth. Notre Dame, Miami and Syracuse receive first-round byes as the top three seeds.

The Irish will play their first match on Friday, April 21, against the winner of Thursday's match between eighth-seeded Providence and ninth-seeded Rutgers.

In their first appearance in 1996, the Irish did not drop a match in beating eighth-seeded St. John's, fourth-seeded Boston College and second-seeded Miami 4-0 to claim the title. In 1997, the top-seeded Irish blanked ninth-seeded Providence, fourth-seeded Boston College and second-seeded Miami 4-0 to win their second consecutive title.

The Hurricanes snapped Notre Dame's streak by upending the top-seeded Irish 4-2 in the 1998 championship match after the Irish had beaten eight-seeded Georgetown and fifth-seeded West Virginia 4-0. Notre Dame reclaimed the title in 1999 by beating Rutgers and Syracuse 4-0, before downing Miami 4-2 in the final.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Sophomore Nina Vaughan returns the ball in a recent match. The Irish travel to Miami this weekend to compete in the Big East Championships. The Irish won the title last year by defeating the host Hurricanes 4-2 in the championship match.

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Hildebrandt heads to Australia

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Gretchen Hildebrandt is ready to represent Saint Mary's in the land down under. Hildebrandt, assistant athletic director and head women's swim coach will participate in the World Amateur Triathlon Championships in Perth, Australia next week.

"It's the first time she's gone to a competition at this level," said Lynn Kachmarik, director of athletics and recreation for Saint Mary's.

The race begins on Sunday, April 30, and includes a 1.5K swim, 40K bike race and a 10K run. Hildebrandt will leave South Bend on April 23 to fly to the competition.

Hildebrandt qualified for the Championships by competing in several national meets over the past year. She has been training since early October.

"I've gone to the national competitions before," Hildebrandt said. "I went to a national spring championship in New Jersey and placed fifth in my age group."

Hildebrandt, at 24, will compete in the 20 to 24-year-old age bracket in the Championships as she has done since she began competing in triathlons in May of last year.

"I never thought about triathlons until the middle of last year, when a friend suggested them to me," Hildebrandt said. "Since I've been running and swimming on my own, I thought I would try it. I did seven races altogether last year."

"To me [Hildebrandt's commitment to athletics] is a great message to the women at Saint Mary's," Kachmarik said. "She's really been training heavily since she got here."

"[Triathlons] offer an enjoyable way to keep active and exercise," Hildebrandt said. "Triathlons are taking a huge step because they're in the Olympics this year."

Hildebrandt recently teamed with several Saint Mary's athletes to form a triathlon club. The co-presidents are juniors Colleen Sullivan, Lori Schulte and Jeanne Tierney and freshman Emily Nihill. The members run, swim and bike together each week.

Hildebrandt hopes to use the championships as an opportunity to recruit for the College while overseas.

"I think it is really important to get the word out about Saint Mary's, especially to Australia," Hildebrandt said. "A lot of the students there look to the United States for education, and if I have the means to [recruit] I might as well promote Saint Mary's while I'm down there."



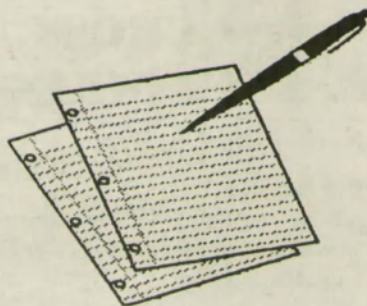
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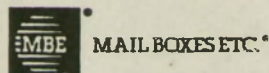
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CROSSWORD

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1 Pastoral pipe

5 Living daylight

10 "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do" group

14 Assert

15 Class

16 Take the low road, in a way

17 Star of "The Producers"

19 Needing some sun

20 One who marries in haste?

21 Chapter titles

23 Pop choice

25 Ilsa's love

26 When tripled, a storeowner's asset

29 Gossiped

32 It gives the eye color
- 33 Revelries

35 Singer's syllable

36 Peaks

37 Cake container

38 Author John Dickson

39 Part of a sneaky response

40 Jungle vines

43 Trask ("East of Eden" character)

44 Hercules's fiber

46 Sheep farmer's need

48 Distinctive horse

49 Spicy stews

50 Dr. Pangloss's doctrine, in "Candide"

53 Music assignments

57 Shed things

58 Dangerous area

60 Right after
- 61 Possible cause of goose bumps

62 Icelandic literary classic

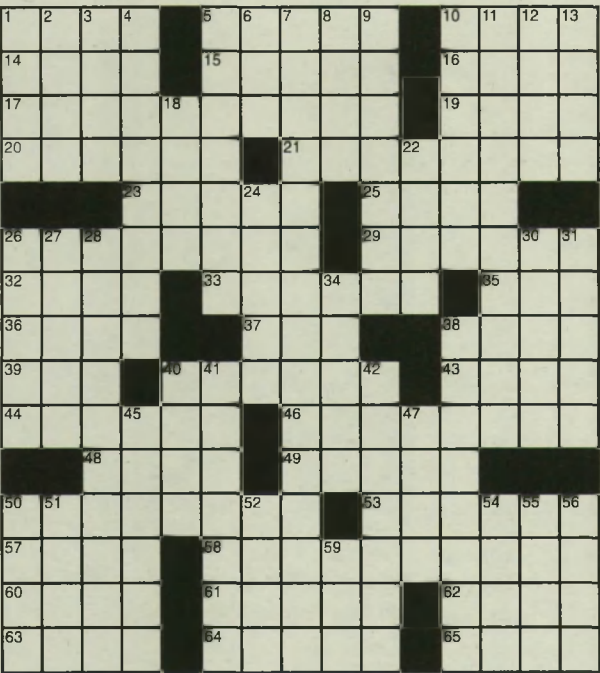
63 Baseball's Mel and family

64 Loudness units

65 Mont. neighbor

DOWN

- 1 Level
- 2 First name in daredevilry
- 3 Architect
- 4 Hockey or soccer maneuver
- 5 Aggressive, moody type, they say
- 6 Commuting aids
- 7 Possible title for this puzzle
- 8 Pea
- 9 Swell
- 10 Salad jellies
- 11 Hardly a sign of intelligence
- 12 Balkan land: Abbr.
- 13 Leon of "Mister Ed"
- 18 Contest
- 22 "Buenos"
- 24 Somewhat, colloquially
- 26 It's a work of art
- 27 Cantilevered window
- 28 XPINPU LPXXOJP, e.g.



Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 30 Computer announcement

31 Fixes a toe?

34 Together

38 Some spacecraft

40 Former Irish P.M.

41 Cosgrave

42 Scoreboard divisions

43 "The Tramp" and "The General," e.g.

45 Forces (on)
- 47 Certain congratulations

50 "Not that!"

51 One who works with feet

52 Manhattan neighborhood
- 54 Some of Duchamp's art

55 They can be tight

56 Mont. neighbor

59 Peer Gynt's mother

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EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jessica Lange, Ryan O'Neal, Toller Cranston, Bob Braun, Mauricio Gugelmin, Luther Vandross

Happy Birthday: Don't let confusion be your demise this year. You must make decisions. You should be working on your own creative ideas and developing your interests, talents and future. Spending will be a problem if you let your impulsive side take over. Budget carefully and you will do just fine. The more you do for yourself and the less help you take from others will determine how far you can go. Your numbers: 3, 19, 22, 25, 31, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a look at your options. You should try to purchase property for investment purposes. You may face limitations if you get involved in joint ventures. Try to go it alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find that relationships are changing. Go with your first instincts when meeting new potential mates or when dealing with present partners.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take time to get to know some of the people you work with. Your connections and popularity will ensure help with future projects that you get involved in professionally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social activity should be on your mind, and you may even find that getting out will lead to passionate and exciting romantic interludes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional outbursts can be expected on the home front if you haven't followed the path that the family was hoping you would. Keep a low profile and they will become accepting.

Birthdays Baby: It won't be easy for others to determine what you're going to do next. One minute you're happy to sit and observe, and the next you are right where the action is. You are curious and inventive, but not always as cautious as you should be.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be well-received if you take a position of leadership. Don't be afraid to speak your piece. Your ideas will be sound and provide solutions to the situation facing the organization.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's a good time to make a career move. You can advance within the company you already work for or make a complete change. Look at all your options and be prepared to make a residential move if necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't hold back your true feelings. Someone you have vouched for in the past may let you down and you must make sure that they understand how you feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to basics. You will accomplish a lot if you work on your own. Don't count on those who say they will pitch in. Rely on your own efforts if you don't want to be disappointed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Passion may sidetrack you today. Someone you meet during your daily routine will capture your attention and possibly your heart. Be careful if you're already attached.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Work may be confusing. Someone may not be feeding you all the information needed to get your job done. Ferret out what you need to know as well as the reason you weren't told.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This will be a great day to get busy and make those changes you have been contemplating. You will pick the right group to join or the best look for a new you. Go for it.

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SPORTS

A record six
In Notre Dame's 17-9 win
over Villanova, junior attack
John Harvey scored six
goals, tying the Notre Dame
record for goals scored in a
home game.



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Wednesday, April 20, 2000

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX

Teams emphasize talent, endurance in round of 64

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Carpe Diem went home Tuesday night disappointed, after bowing out of the Bookstore Basketball tournament with a 21-15 loss to No. 11 Hit Squad.

The five guys' spirits soon lifted, when they received a phone call saying Hit Squad had been disqualified for having too many varsity athletes on its squad.

Bookstore regulations allow for three varsity football players, or one varsity football player and one player who has suited up for a Division I basketball program within the past 15 years. Hit Squad had three football players on its team in Eric Chappell, Raki Nelson and Joe Ferrer. But since Ferrer had gone home early for Easter, Hit Squad substituted Javin Hunter, who was a walk-on on the Notre Dame varsity basketball team a year ago. That boosted the number of varsity football and basketball players beyond the maximum permitted, so Hit Squad's win did not count.

Carpe Diem advanced to the round of 64 by default, but earned its way into the round of 32 with a 21-17 win over One Investment Banker and Four Guys with a Life. Carpe Diem scored the victory despite the absence of assistant varsity basketball coach Fred Quartlebaum due to a recruiting trip. Greg Morrissey took Quartlebaum's place, to round out the roster of Kortny Hall, Fred Hanft, John

Hudek and Brian Goddard.

"The fouls got us in trouble in the second half," Hall said. "But we hit the boards hard and always hustle."

One Investment Banker lost despite the gutsy performance by its players. Senior Mike Aubrey dislocated his shoulder during the game, but forced it back into place and continued to play, although in obvious pain.

"I don't think anything hurt us tonight," Aubrey said. "We just didn't make our shots."

Twenty-second ranked Sexual Frustration V moved on to the round of 32 behind the scoring and rebounding of senior varsity basketball player Skylard Owens. Sexual Frustration V beat Jimmy Chitwood, a group of five Dillon guys who played interhall basketball together, 21-15, after a nailbiter first half.

Sexual Frustration V pulled ahead 18-12, but allowed its opposition back into it with two free throws and a basket. Sexual Frustration finished off Jimmy Chitwood with three straight points.

"We know we're better than them, and we just had to realize that," Nik Green of Sexual Frustration said. "Sky, our big man, is key."

No. 15 Like Whoa used a strong second half to knock out Unleashed 21-14.

The winning team, with Kevin McGuff, three football players in A'Jani Sanders, Deke Cooper and Jay Johnson and varsity soccer player Reggie McKnight, had

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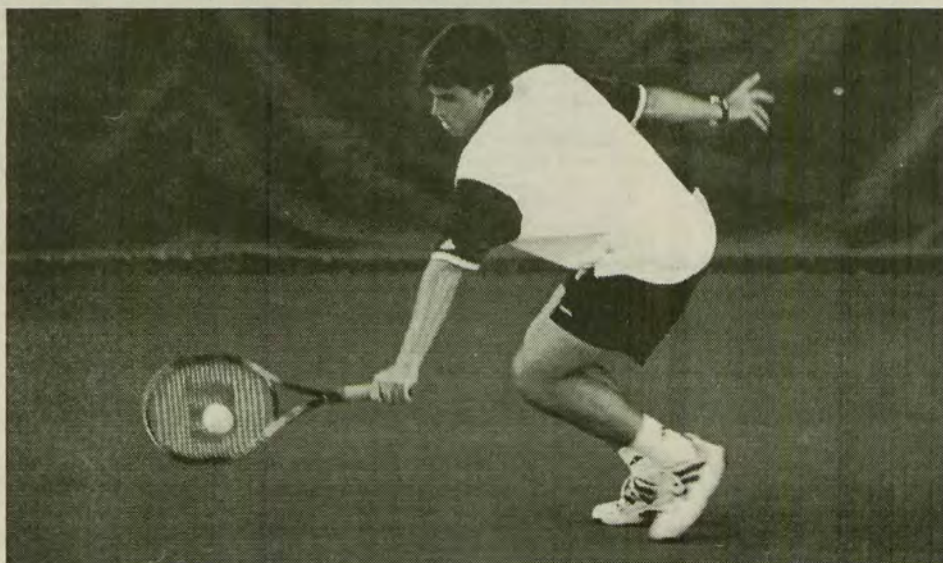


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Unleashed defeated the "hung" jury 21-15 Tuesday on the McGlinn courts. However, Wednesday brought defeat to Unleashed when they fell 21-14 to Like Whoa, a team boasting three football players and one man on the varsity soccer team.

MEN'S TENNIS

Second-seeded Irish prepare for Georgetown, Villanova



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

No. 29 Notre Dame hopes to defend their title at the Big East Championships this weekend. The Irish are ranked behind first-seed Hurricanes.

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The hunt for the Big East championship is on, and the Irish are in the thick of the fight.

As the 29th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team travels to Coral Gables, Florida this weekend for the Big East Championships, they will look to defend their championship title and capture victory for the third time in five years.

The 10-9 Irish will be able to sit back and relax during the opening day of competition after getting a bye in the first round of play. They will then take on the winner of the match between eighth-seeded Villanova and ninth-seeded Georgetown on Friday.

After winning the tournament in 1996 and 1999 and finishing second to Miami in 1997 and 1998, the Irish will

be making their fifth appearance in the competition. Seeded second out of the eleven teams in the conference field, Notre Dame stands behind top-seeded, 18th-ranked Miami, Florida, setting up the possibility of a rematch in the final of tournament play.

Miami defeated Notre Dame 5-2 when the two teams matched up earlier in the season, but the Irish know they are capable of successfully defending their championship title.

"We eked it out last time [over Miami in the final]," Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. "They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry."

In 1999, the top-seeded Irish breezed by Boston College and Rutgers in the first two rounds of the tournament to reach the championship match against Miami for the fourth straight time. The Irish posted a come-from-behind victory

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Softball
vs. Oakland (MI)
Today, 4 p.m.



at Big East Championships
Miami, Fla.
Today-Sunday



Women's Lacrosse
vs. Columbia
Saturday, 11:30 a.m.



Track and field
at Butler Invite
Saturday, TBA



Baseball
at Seton Hall
Today, 5:05 p.m.



at Big East Championships
Miami, Fla.
Today-Sunday



Men's Lacrosse
vs. Fairfield
Saturday, 2:30 p.m.



Rowing
at Midwest Sprints
Saturday, TBA