SMC class of ‘97 ticket violates election policy
By CAROLINE BLUM
Assistant News Editor

According to Board of Governance Elections Committee, the Indie Pokorney (President), Laura Loh (Vice-President), Karyn Cannolly (Secretary) and Katie Eifsworth (Treasurer) ticket was running for senior class office next year and has violated an election policy.

While campaigning, the Pokorney ticket passed out their 8 1/2" x 11" platforms to the entire campus, a violation of Election Poster Policy No. 6 that requires the size of the platform must be smaller than the 8 1/2" x 11" flyer.

"We need to take into account how many people their flyers affected," Election Commissioner Emily Buhler said. "The flyers could be ELECTION/ page 4

Hollywood lauds Prejean’s story
Sarandon wins Oscar, nun continues crusade against death penalty
By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

The movie "Dead Man Walking" may have garnered Susan Sarandon the best actress award at the Oscars last night, but after the paperazzi and ticket sales diminish, there will still be the woman who inspired the film.

Sister Helen Prejean has made a lasting impression through her work with death row inmates in Louisiana’s Angola State Prison and has unwittingly found herself in the spotlight as a spokesperson against capital punishment.

Appearing on Oprah and featured in journals across the nation, Prejean has become a bit of a star herself. As the author of the 1993 autobiography with the same title as the movie, Prejean expressed more than the criminal.

She also exposed the human being behind the violence and the families of victims who must struggle with issues of forgiveness.

Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director in the Tim Robbins film "Dead Man Walking," Sister Helen Prejean (Susan Sarandon) lays a compassionate hand on the shoulder of death row inmate Paul de Jesus, preying for later date
By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

The trial against Notre Dame Professor Mark Herro, accused of molesting a 14-year-old boy, has been rescheduled for July 8.

Herro's trial had been set to start March 21, but was postponed at the request of his lawyer, Charles Asher.

Reasons for resetting the trial date were not available, and phone calls to Asher and St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Koncewicz were not returned yesterday.

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University raises record sum
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Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame raised a record $70.2 million in cash contributions in Fiscal Year 1995, according to the annual report "Contributions to Notre Dame: Year 1995". The total, which does not take into account pledges of future gifts, exceeded by more than $5 million the record established in 1994.

"Notre Dame is fortunate—blessed, really—to receive such phenomenal support from various constituencies," said IH Braget, director of development. "There can be no question that the progress Notre Dame makes is due in large measure to the generosity of our benefactors. We are more than grateful."

Breakdown of the results:

Cash Contributions to Notre Dame Fiscal Year 1995

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For the second year in a row, the Graduate Student Union (GSU) will honor graduate students with the Gaul Awards for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student.

The awards are given for an outstanding teaching performance by a graduate student as a teaching assistant (TA) or an independent instructor. Teaching assistants help professors by grading and occasionally giving lectures. Independent instructors have complete responsibility for their classes. They are the main instructors of the class.

Winners receive student teaching. "The freedom and independence that comes with being an independent instructor is truly unique in any other environment." said DSW Wingenbach, the head of the awards committee.

The independent instructors are judged by Teacher-Course Evaluations (TCEs), creativity and innovativeness in the creation of syllabi, and outside references, such as letters from department heads.

"The teaching assistants are harder to grade, because there are no syllabi or TCEs for most of them," Wingenbach said. Teaching assistants are judged by letters from the professors and, in some cases, letters from undergraduates that have taken the class.

The committee that decides the awards is made up of four graduate students from each division of the University's Graduate School. Science, En-
"Braveheart" wins five Oscars, including best picture

LOS ANGELES
"Braveheart," the epic about a 13th-century Scottish patriot, won a record five Academy Awards on Monday night, including best picture and best director for its star Mel Gibson. Like Gibson, Emma Thompson also won an Oscar in another area of her craft, adapting the James Grant novel "Sense and Sensibility" for the screen. Susan Sarandon, who played a nun trying to redeem a condemned killer in "Dead Man Walking," took best actress honors and Nicolas Cage was named best actor for his role as a suicidal alcoholic in "Leaving Las Vegas." Gibson, a placid vest FLASHING from between the lapels of his tuxedo, thanked writer Randall Wallace and producer Alan Ladd Jr. for bringing the script of the Scottish epic to a "Brave new imbecile."

"Like most directors, what I really want to do is act," said Gibson. He granted his own wish, casting himself as the wild-haired warrior who drove the English from Scotland. "Braveheart" was Gibson's second outing as a director, the first being "The Man Without a Face" in 1993. He follows a long line of actors-turn-directors to have won Oscars: Robert Redford, Warren Beatty, Woody Allen, Kevin Costner. Thompson, who won the best actress award for "Howards End" in 1992, collected her second Oscar.

Clinton urges support for health law

WASHINGTON
President Clinton urged states today to vigorously enforce laws barring tobacco sales to minors to combat the notion "that glamor and grit can be found in a package of cigarettes." Clinton met with 27 state attorneys general at the White House and asked them to implement an anti-smoking regulation named for the late Rep. Millard Tydings, D-Md. The rule, part of the Public Health Service Act of 1992, requires states to restrict the sale and distribution of tobacco products to minors in order to get federal block grants for substance abuse and treatment. Clinton acknowledged that even the best efforts of government may not be enough to help some young people from smoking. He cited data that showed 3,000 young people per day begin smoking and 1,000 reduce their life expectancy because of the habit.

Man sentenced for attacks on Amish

Sparta, Wis.
A carpenter who sought revenge after an Amish buggy forced his car into a ditch was sentenced to 60 years in prison Monday for raging a 12-year-old Amish girl and firing a rifle at a horse and buggy. The attacks were classified as hate crimes because Michael Vieth admitted he targeted members of the Amish sect. "I know what it's like to be scared," Vieth said at his sentencing. "I am a member of the Amish." His attorney, Joseph Spaet, told the court, "I know what it's like to be scared," Vieth said at his sentencing. "I am a member of the Amish." His attorney, Joseph Spaet, told the court, "I know what it's like to be scared." Violed said at his sentencing. "I am a member of the Amish." His attorney, Joseph Spaet, told the court, "I know what it's like to be scared.

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The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 26.
By SARAH CORKREAN
News Writer

As a year of adapting to college life for freshman draws to a close, Saint Mary's students find themselves sorting through a list of possible majors with many unanswered questions. In an effort to assist students and answer their questions in the early stages of choosing a major, the Counseling and Career Development Center (C&CDC) presented the panel discussion last night.

Karen Manier, assistant director of C&CDC, along with a panel of Saint Mary's juniors and seniors representing a wide array of majors, guided an audience of Saint Mary's freshmen through the process of choosing a major.

Manier warned the freshmen audience of the many "stumbling blocks" that students may face when declaring a major. "Some students simply don't always do enough information searches before declaring a major," said Manier.

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Morrissey accepts new post

Special to The Observer

David Morrissey, associate director of development at Notre Dame and director of the University's Los Angeles regional development office, has been promoted to the newly created position of director of international and public policy advancement.

In recent years Morrissey has directed Notre Dame's early efforts in international fundraising, with a personal focus on Asia. He played an integral role in the University's record-breaking Moment capital campaign and in the development department's winning of Circle of Excellence Awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

In his new role, Morrissey will expand the University's international development activities and also establish special advancement programs for Notre Dame's law and graduate business schools and for the University's presence in Washington, D.C.

"Dave has been Notre Dame's link to the West Coast for more than 15 years," said William Sexton, vice president for University Relations. "We are delighted that now he will be joining us on campus to continue our new focus on internationals. We are delighted that now he will be joining us on campus to continue our new focus on internationals. He has served for four years in the U.S. Air Force as a missile launch officer and instructor. He holds a bachelor's degree from Loyola and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Southern California.

Morrissey and his wife, Bonnie, are the parents of four children, all Notre Dame graduates: Kevin '86, Kimberly '88, Colleen '92, and Dennis '93. Colleen is a second-year student in the Notre Dame Law School.

Morrissey will assume his new position April 1.
ND celebrates Earth Week

**Special to The Observer**

The Notre Dame Environmental Coalition, an informal alliance of campus groups, is celebrating Earth Week with a week full of activities to promote environmental awareness and involvement.

"Seeking Environmental Justice: A Panel Discussion on..." (truncated)

The committee met Monday to decide the penalty for the violation, which they collectively agreed would be a deduction of 15% of the ticket’s total vote.

"We obviously have to penalize them because all the other tickets played fair," committee member Christine Riesenberger said.

The committee based the penalty on the voter turnout in past elections and an estimation of what the voter turnout will be today when the junior vote.

"If it’s a close or marginal election, the violation could have an effect," committee member Colin Shaughnessy said. "But if the election is a landslide, the violation won’t make any difference."

Committee members Jen Lidga and Emily Miller also supported the decision, explaining that some of the members on the ticket have held student government offices before, and have knowledge of the election policies.

"The reason why Emily [Roffe] held mandatory meetings is to assure that situataions like this don’t occur," Miller explained. "She is very specific in going over the rules and policies."

The committee ruled that in case of a runoff at the election today, the 15% penalty would again apply.

"We assume full responsibility for distributing flyers that were 8 1/2 x 11 inches," presidential candidate Jolie Pokorny said. "This minor oversight that will result in a 15% vote reduction is a call to all 329 members of the class of 1997 to vote in order to ensure that our class is fully represented. We are the same ticket, with the same platform, and the same dedication to serve our class."

Voting will take place during all meals in the dining hall today.

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New comet attracts skygazers

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

A comet came closer to Earth since the appearance of the comet, said Brian Marsden, associate director for planetary science at the Smithsonian-Harvard Center for Astrophysics. "I suppose it's the fact that you can have this thing... the little white and know it's from a great distance."

Hyakutake, named for the amateur Japanese astronomer who discovered in January, is the brightest burning comet since Comet West in 1976. It is visible throughout the Northern Hemisphere.

Observers say there have been more watchable comets this century, though the much larger Hale-Bopp due to pass near Earth next year could top Hyakutake's show. At Hyakutake's closest point to Earth — about 9.5 million miles away Sunday and Monday — skywatchers said it had the brilliance of Sirius, the brightest star in the northern sky. Its tail of glowing gases is an estimated 62,000 miles long.

A comet came closer to Earth as recently as 1983, but it was nowhere near as bright.

Experts say the comet will start to fade after Monday until the first week in April as it drifts farther from the Earth, but may brighten again as it gets closer to the sun. It should become visible to people in the Southern Hemisphere in mid-May, MacRobert said.

Traveling 198,000 miles per hour it rounds the sun, Hyakutake's orbit and the gravitational effects of the planets should bring it back this way in about 17,000 years. Halley's Comet returns every 76 years.

"Things like this spur people to look up beyond the surface of our little planet, where we live our little lives," MacRobert said, "and see something of the bigger, wider universe that is waiting for us to just look up."

CLOSING OF LENT 1996

"Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

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RUSSIA

Yeltsin calls for closer ties with Belarusians

By DEBORAH SEWARD

MOSCOW

President Boris Yeltsin said Monday that Russia and Belarus would have strong ties under their new union, but denied the two countries were forming a single state.

"If the Kremlin continues its policy of occupation, it will get a fight if the union goes ahead," National Front leader Zenon Peyzak said the letter would say. Most Belarusians, however, support closer ties with Moscow. The country of 10 million is floundering economically and many Belarusians long for the stability of the old Soviet system and look to Russia to bail them out.

Chigir acknowledged that his country is the poorest of all the former Soviet republics and said expanded trade with the West would, among other things, help Belarus pay the enormous bill it owes Russia for oil and gas.

In Moscow, the agreement drew mixed reviews from Communists, who generally support the restoration of the former Soviet Union.

Viktor Angilov, leader of the most pro-Soviet Communist party, was quoted Monday by the Interfax news agency as saying that the agreement was doomed to failure.

"There can be no talk of integration between ex-Soviet republics. It will fail. People's own experience, the old Soviet system are the front-runner in the presidential race, praised the new union Sunday and claimed credit.

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Authorities seeking Syrian terrorists

GERMANY

Authorities investigating two 1980s terror attacks are seeking high-ranking Syrian officials, including one described as a relative of President Hafez Assad, officials said Monday.

One arrest warrant was issued a year ago for Feisal Sammak, Syria's former ambassador in East Berlin and a relative of Assad, according to Suzanne Pfefferkorn, a spokeswoman for the Berlin State Justice Ministry.

Sammak is suspected of helping terrorist Carlos the Jackal's alleged right-hand man, Johannes Weinrich, in the 1983 bombing of a French cultural center in West Berlin, which killed one man and injured 23 others. Weinrich is being tried for murder in the bombing.

The other warrant is against Heitham Sa'd, chief of the Syrian air force's spy agency. He is accused of ordering the 1986 bombing of the German-Arab Friendship Society in West Berlin, which injured seven people.

Austrian officials arrested Sammak in Vienna in 1994 at the request of the German government, but he was soon released under diplomatic immunity. He is director general of the Syrian Tobacco Co.

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Study: Risk of disease 'small'  

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press

LONDON

Hoping its words would speak louder than its modest actions, Britain said Monday that the risk of humans catching mad cow disease is "extremely small" and ruled out destroying millions of animals to curb its spread.

But far from calming worries, the government's statement only fueled what is becoming an increasingly partisan issue and sparked angry exchanges in the House of Commons.

"Last week I said public confidence was hanging by a thread. Now public confidence has collapsed," Harriet Harman of Britain's opposition Labour Party told the legislature after the announcement.

The European Union banned British beef and veal on Monday, and Burger King restaurants in Britain and Japan joined the spreading boycott that threatens to devastate the nation's $6-billion beef industry.

Government scientists said they were investigating two possible new cases of the human sickness linked to mad cow disease "most likely" stemmed from the cattle disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

But the Labour government was under fire Tuesday for exacerbating the panic by failing to destroy the beef industry's backlog of frozen meat even though other countries have been doing so.

In response to a court case in December, the government acknowledged that themad cow disease is the most likely source of a brain-wasting disease in sheep known as scrapie, is "extremely small." It has not been transmitted to humans and is not contagious.

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By JENNIFER MEARS
Associated Press

DENVER

Gov. Roy Romer vetoed a bills banning same-sex marriages Monday, saying such unions may deserve less recognition.

"It is one thing to believe, as I do, that marriage is the union of a man and a woman," Romer, a Democrat, said. "It is quite another to believe that committed same-sex relationships do not exist and should not be recognized by society.

"We cannot prohibit or ban these relationships, and we shouldn't use our law to at­ tempt to do so," he said.

The bill won final approval in the Colorado Legislature earlier this month. The bill passed 33-31 in the House and 20-14 in the Senate, so it is unlikely supporters could get the two-thirds majority needed to over­ ride the governor's veto.

The bill is similar to legisla­ tion in other states introduced in response to a court case in Hawaii that could result in a ruling legalizing gay marriage as early as this year.

Since states customarily rec­ ognize each other's statutes, such a ruling in Hawaii could force the other 49 states to grant homosexuals in same-sex marriages the same financial, legal and social benefits afforded to married heterosexuals.

Supporters accused Romer of bowing to political pressure. But Romer, a three-term gover­ nor who is in the middle of his final term serving another term, called the legislation mean-spirited and unnecessary.

"Let's be honest. Some sup­ porters are just trying to single out and condemn the lifestyle of gay and lesbian peo­ ple," he said.

Leslie Freed and Sharon Espi­ nosa, a lesbian couple, said the governor's action was a step in the right direction.

"We're in the long run going to be recognized as a family," Espinosa said.

Will Perkins, chairman of the Colorado Democratic Party, called the veto. "The governor is absolutely unaccountable to the electorate," he said.

Colorado was boycotted and labeled the "state of sin" after approving an anti-gay-rights measure in 1992 that banned local laws protecting gays from bias in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The ballot measure, written by the bill's sponsor, was later struck down by state courts and never took effect. The U.S Supreme Court has not yet had a chance to consider this year.

The governor's action Tuesday is a blow to the group who will consider bringing forward a ballot initiative banning same-sex marriages in Colorado.

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Accused murderer faces trial  

Suspect pleads not guilty in the slaying of seven

By PETER SPEILMANN
Associated Press

SYDNEY

On the opening day of his trial, the man accused of stalking and slaying seven backpackers in Australia's most notorious serial murder case pleaded innocent Monday.

Prosecutors are to present the opening arguments Tuesday in the trial of Ivan Robert Marko Milat, 51, charged with killing five women and two men between 1989 and 1992, dumpy­ ping their bodies in parts of the tangled woods of Belanglo State Forest.

Milat also allegedly transported the bodies of several of the backpackers before dumping them in Belanglo.

In a pretrial hearing, the man took an oath of truth and told the court that he would answer each question truthfully.

The trial is expected to last at least three months and could be adjourned regularly due to the extensive nature of the case.

Determined to avoid a fourth trial, Milat's former truck driver, Ronald "Ron" Ryan, 26, was charged with murdering seven people:

• British traveling companions Caroline Jane Clarke, 21, of Staley, and Joanne Lesley Waller, 21, of Chichester,
• German couple Gabor Kurt Neugebauer, 21, of Munich, and Anja Siemens, 21, of Freiburg, 20, of Karlsruhe,
• American traveler Simon Lornit Schmidt, 21, of Roe­ mburg,
• James Harold Gibson, 19, and Deborah Phyllis Everist, 19, both from Australia's state of Victoria.

In a pretrial hearing, the prosecution said the killer used a rifle with a silencer to avoid attracting attention as he shot Clarke 10 times in the head, us­ing her skull for "target prac­ tice." Walter's body was riddled with 20 slash and stab holes in it.

Parts of the gun used to shoot Clarke bear Milat's fingerprints and were found in his house. Ballistics tests linked the weapon with bullets and cartridges found near Clarke's remains.

Camping gear, backpacks and other property belonging to several of the backpackers were found at Milat's home or had been given to his relatives for safekeeping.

Governor vetoes bill banning gay marriages  

By JENNIFER MEARS
Associated Press

FUNCIONAL

The Mad cow disease has been linked to BSE in Britain, but there is no proof that the disease is spread from cows to cows through contact. The disease is spread only through the ingestion of the affected tissue. The disease is spread only through the ingestion of the affected tissue.
Israel’s ‘security measures’ leave Palestinians in a bind

Dear Editor:

Yesterday, we visited El Fawwar refugee camp. This morning two houses there were completely demolished by explosion. The houses belong to the family of Ibrahim Sarhanah who was responsible for the Ashkelon bombing of February 25.

The house demolitions will leave 35 family members homeless. Sitting inside a make-shift tent near her sealed home, Ibrahim’s mother says she was in Jordan for two months before the bombing.

The day she came home, her son told her he was going away for a while to avoid being arrested. (Unemployment is a chronic problem in the camps, as in the rest of the Occupied Territories, but has been exacerbated by the condition of the Palestinian economy.)

Ibrahim’s mother denounces the action of their son and the killing of innocent Israelis. “Tomorrow,” says Ibrahim’s brother Mohammed, “my 15 children will witness the bombing of their home, and they will feel such anger that they may go out and do what they feel.”

The Israeli military has another theory about these demolitions. As one official said, “blowing up a house has a greater deterrent effect than shooting. When you feel that your home is under attack, you feel you think about it a long time.” (Elm al Adham, March 13)

This is evidently a form of deterrence that works only on Palestinians. The family homes of Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein, who massacred 29 Palestinians at prayer, and of Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin of Yitzak Rabin, are still denied freedom of movement. On a different level, the condition of the Palestinian economy means that an entire population, to punish the crimes of a few, is an outrage that would be tolerated by no civilized society.

The humiliation, if intended to produce ‘Israeli security’, will likely have a different effect, as the initial enthusiasm for the peace process rapidly deteriorates.

Ibrahim’s family may also be seen as a metaphor for the Palestinian territories, which are slowly being destroyed through an ongoing ‘closure’ imposed after the bombings. Collective punishment, considered a deterrent by Israeli officials, is in fact creating a climate of frustration and despair among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that may render any potential for peaceful negotiations impossible.

For two weeks, all Palestinians were confined to their village or town by a combined catalogue of Israeli checkpoints. At least 17 Israeli infants died at the check point when they were prevented from reaching hospitals. Cancer patients, people needing kidney dialysis, and others were cut off from their treatment.

Now movement between towns and villages is permitted for a 12-hour period daily; however, the rhetoric of “creating a climate of frustration and despair” obscures the fact that Palestinians are still denied freedom of movement, access to jobs and schools, and the ability to transfer food and products freely.

A top UN official in the territories has predicted social and political unrest if this closure continues for two more weeks. The overwhelming majority of Palestinians, even the mothers of killers, condemn the suicide bombings. Tens of thousands have participated in demonstrations from Nablus to Gaza protesting the violence. And yet, two million Palestinians are being forced to pay a heavy price for the crimes of a few desperate, vengeful young men.

The conditions here have become abysmal. In Gaza, where unemployment has risen from 50 percent to now 70 percent, many people are near starvation.

To make matters worse, yesterday Israel brought in over 200 Thai workers to replace Palestinian labors (in jobs that most Israelis refuse), and will continue to bring in new Thai workers at a rapid rate.

Now Israel pretends it has no responsibility for the crimes of a few, is an outrage that would be tolerated by no civilized society. The humiliation, if intended to produce ‘Israeli security’, will likely have a different effect, as the initial enthusiasm for the peace process rapidly deteriorates.

Coming only a few months after the partial Israeli ‘withdrawals’, the reality of continuing domination is setting in, and along with it, a sense of helplessness and growing restlessness. If any hope for peace is to be salvaged, the closure must be lifted now.

There are returning their medicine to the pharmacy to get a few shekels to buy bread for their children. Many merchants are selling goods at half-price. Banks have frozen loans to Palestinian businesses.

Not only are people without work, but many have been denied their right to an education. In the wake of the bombings, Israel closed Abu Dis College and Hebrew University, leaving several thousand students and hundreds of employees without work.

These students’ families had already paid their tuition, a hardship for many. Bethlehem University, where I am teaching, has reopened after two weeks of closure; however, many of our students and faculty living in Jerusalem are arbitrarily denied entrance into Bethlehem, as Israeli soldiers at checkpoints send them back to their homes just five miles away.

These practices, called ‘security measures’ by both Israeli officials and by President Clinton, have created a devastating state of insecurity among the Palestinians who condemn bombings and killings.

A word has power in and of itself. It comes from nothing into sound and meaning, it gives origin to all things. By means of the word can a man deal with the world on equal terms.

—N. Scott Momaday

Clint A. Clark
Enthusiastic, talented students have opportunity for role reversal

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask you to consider spending your next two years teaching in an underprivileged urban or rural public school.

Several years ago, when I was a senior in college, I started Teach For America because I was convinced that a national teacher corps of America’s most talented individuals could fundamentally change our country, by ensuring that more of our nation’s young people have an equal opportunity to an excellent education, and by influencing the consciousness of a corps of individuals who will ultimately be among our nation’s leaders. Realizing how far we have to go, I am only more passionate about our mission.

It is impossible to capture in a short letter what we have as a nation’s young people. Suffice it to say that they do not have anything near an equal opportunity to have the same opportunities some of our nation’s young people have. Suffice it to say that they do not have anything near an equal opportunity to have the same opportunities some of our nation’s young people have. Suffice it to say that they do not have anything near an equal opportunity to have the same opportunities some of our nation’s young people have.

The feminist movement is a movement of women who care so deeply about their fellow human beings that they are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of others.

Women’s lib hits a standstill

Dear Editor:

We would like to offer a few comments in response to the letter written by Laura Grimes, Maureen Kramlich, Callie Murphy and Elizabeth Jensen, Officers of Feminist for Life (Observer Feb 28). It is not clear to us how these women can be counted feminists at all.

Fundamentally to feminism’s meaning is the claim to freedom. Women who accept chokes determined by patriarchal authority are feminism’s enemy not its ally.

The Feminists for Life’s obedience to the Vatican line in the area of women’s reproductive rights, and in the area of women’s reproductive rights, is not the only example of women who fail to understand the basic nature of feminism.

If, for example, they had come out in a survey of women at Saint Mary’s, they would have found that the majority of women at the college view feminism positively.

The column written by Ann Pettitzer in the last issue of “Common Sense,” which Grimes et al are attacking, makes the simple and rather obvious point, namely, that like Mary the mother of Jesus (it was the Advent season) all women should enjoy the freedom to be the mother by choice.

“Every child wanted child” was Pettitzer’s theme. She went on to argue that right-wing Catholics and Protestants — those vociferous voices in the pro-life movement — are making the false claim that women who choose to be a feminist identity limits the potential for women to show some independence from the male-dominated, patriarchal voice. Again, we see that their whole approach reeks of deceit.

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Founder, Teach for America

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Kara Pavlik

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Another spectacular Shenanigan finale.

**SHENANIGANS**

By RYAN HARDING

Assistant Accent Editor

W here can you find Broadway-style shows—opera, vocal jazz, and traditional Irish folk songs all on the same stage? It may seem like an unusual combination, but not for Shenanigans. The group is Notre Dame’s only singing and dancing ensemble, and consists of singers from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. As the name suggests, Shenanigans combines vocals with musical theater and choreography.

In addition to the group’s performances at University and on the Notre Dame campus, Shenanigans also performs on national tours and at other institutions. The group has maintained its 16-person size and has continued to grow on campus and around the community by appealing to audiences of all ages and musical tastes. Newly elected Music Director Ruzza Burns “wants to develop our talent and gain recognition as a quality show choir,” and private parties and corporate events are just two examples of ways to reach the group’s new repertoire.

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According to incoming Staging Director Mia Montagna, “The spring show will be very different from our recent shows. We’re performing many more small group numbers, and we’ll be using some costumes, too.”

The concert will feature selections from Gershwin’s “Crazy for You,” Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and the Tony-award winning “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.” Group members will perform solos and small group numbers as well, embracing a blend of Broadway classics and recent theatrical releases.

Shenanigans’ finale is the perfect blend of music and dance, the one who sang its words—Freshman Dyneda Mason. “It’s amazing what God’s presence can do,” said Courtney Smith, the choir’s co-president. “It’s very moving music; it’s deeply felt.” People got so moved by the Spirit that night that by the end everyone was on stage with us, praying and singing together,” Smith said.

Bringing people together and lifting away the darkness when the light comes to hide is what this group is all about. It’s about the Friday nights spent together rehearsal nights for the thirty-six members of this group who gather to share their lives, pray together, sing together, leaning on each other through music and faith. Rehearsal begins with each person reading a Bible verse as they hold hands and pray. “The weeks are tough but on Friday nights we get to sing and let go, sharing our faith.” There are Baptist, Methodist, Roman-Catholic, and Islamic people but they are also people who have family members who are III and need comfort so we all pray to a single God,” says Smith, seeing those eternal links between people fade away before her eyes with their song-filled voices.

Some say that when the Notre Dame and St. Mary’s Voices of Faith Gospel Choir sings, you can feel the Spirit. Like a great ethereal hand from above, it reached down on the night of their biannual concert at Washington Hall last year, forcing the audience on stage with them, softly singing, crying, speaking in tongues into the dancing ensemble. The curtain closer was a song entitled “Calling My Name”: “my personal plea to God to keep his hand upon me so I might the straight and narrow,” remembers the one who sang its words—Freshman Dyneda Mason. “It’s amazing what God’s presence can do,” said Courtney Smith, the choir’s co-president. “It’s very moving music; it’s deeply felt.” People got so moved by the Spirit that night that by the end everyone was on stage with us, praying and singing together,” Smith said.

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Something drifted away as they sang in the North Dining Hall one last-luster Friday evening. Before anyone could notice, people normally separated by the length of the aisles sat together listening to the Voices of Faith who sang before them. “Our common thing is that the Spirit came and the desire to praise, being thankful for what we have, bringing people together in song,” says Smith. “It was faith bringing people together and the Spirit in the music,” adds Mason. The music in the evoked voices much farther back into history than 1985, when the Voices of Faith Choir was formed to sing at the gatherings of Black History Month. Through music can trace its roots to the rows of cash-crops lining soundstages, it’s a link to the music and singing of plantations. The music also passed down to the voices of Faith in the Dixie heat by African slaves. “Our voices, they sang meant hope and togetherness but for Courtney Smith, whose great-grand-great-grandmother worked those fields, its a link to the life of a relative she never knew.” The music is a link to the past for me. “We listen and to listen to the words and reflect on the hardships your ancestors went through; it’s a symbol of strength, of survival, and it keeps me going.”

The music is certainly carrying the faith in its words, and it’s sung by people sharing much more than a melody; they’re sharing what those whispers in the dark mean to them. Standing on stage as a tear drops onto your arm with Dyneda’s voice in your ears, it all seems to make sense.
The Mechanics of In Vitro Fertilization

By LIZA NYKIEL
Accent Medical Correspondent

On July 25, 1978, Louise Brown was born in the Oldham General Hospital in England to the amazement of the entire world. For John and Lesley Brown, the parents of Louise, the birth of their daughter was a truly remarkable event, for you see, Louise Brown was the first baby conceived and delivered via in vitro fertilization in a test tube.

Since that time, further research in the action and mechanisms of the various reproductive hormones have allowed the isolation and development of several new and thus enhanced techniques of in vitro fertilization. Fortunately as this advancement may be for childless couples around the world, it has opened a whole new jar of worms in the troubling world of medical ethics.

The term "in vitro" comes from the Latin phrase that means "in glass," which is in contrast to "in utero" or "in the uterus." Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe were the men responsible for literally taking the delicate process of fertilization outside of the woman's body and into a test tube. Although there have been a number of improvements in the process, in vitro fertilization follows four "basic" steps. First, the female is given a reproductive hormone to promote the maturation of ova or eggs.

Ovulation is the name of the process where an egg is released from one of the two ovaries (but usually not from both). A few hours before ovulation is expected to occur, the medical team will make a small, thin incision just below the navel, and inserts an instrument which allows the doctor to visually examine the maturing eggs. Before the mature eggs rupture the ovarian follicle, the wall is punctured by the doctor and the contents of the follicle is sucked out by an instrument resembling a small vacuum. The removed eggs are placed in a nutrient media that resembles the environment of the fallopian tubes (which is the "route" the fertilized egg or ovum has to travel). This is referred to as "fusing" (fuse your imagination) from the male to the female ovum. At the moment of fertilization, the egg is fertilized by sperm from the male. The fertilized egg is then cultured in an egg media (also referred to as "fertile"") media that is to do so. The small ball of cells is fertilized by a single sperm, the ovum is considered to be fertilized and is transferred to another nutrient solution. The egg begins to divide and then it makes its way through the daring journey of being an "embryo," which is usually not picked up by insurance companies except in extraordinary cases. By this time, the embryo has reached the eight-cell stage, the embryo is ready to be returned to the mother for in utero development. Because the fertilization has not occurred in the woman's body, the body does not know to prepare the uterus, so hormones are injected to do so. The small ball of cells is placed in the uterus through the cervix, which is the opening that leads to the vagina. If all goes well, the ovum at the 32 or 64 cell stage attaches itself to the wall of the uterus, and the pregnancy runs its normal course.

In the United States, as of 1989, more than 100 clinics are performing this technique. Success rates for the procedure range between 23-25%, roughly the same odds as those of a normal couple trying to conceive. As of 1992, this procedure costs about $3,000, and is usually not picked up by insurance companies except in extraordinary cases. Women with a myriad of reproductive problems can now participate in the joys of having their own child. Public opinion of this procedure is also positive. At the Norfolk clinic in Norfolk, Virginia, where the first U.S. baby was born via in vitro fertilization, waiting lists of over 8,000 names have been reported, a backlog of almost sixteen years.

Other benefits have evolved from this procedure, and ironically, have helped in the development of more effective contraceptives. For example, if it is discovered how the sperm penetrates the ovum, you can develop a method to enhance this penetration. The way in which environmental toxins affect the developing fetus can also be discovered through such research.

However, these advancements do not come without a price. There have been a number of questions raised that need to be considered in depth before any standards concerning this procedure can be set. First, all when the ova are mixed with the sperm, no matter how many are fertilized, only three or four are implanted. What comes of the rest of the ova that fail to implant in this manner? Second, do we believe life begins at conception will have a difficult time addressing these questions may be to answer, they have to be addressed.

Have any questions or comments? Feel free to e-mail me Liza.C.Nykil.10@nd.edu
Spurs streak left intact with victory over Nets

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - The San Antonio Spurs overcame a driving rain and a cold-shooting fourth quarter to win their 50th game in a row - one short of the franchise record - with a 95-88 victory Monday night over the New Jersey Nets.

The Spurs shot just 4-for-17 in the fourth quarter and 37 percent overall, but stayed ahead with a pair of 3-pointers by Sean Elliott and by outrebounding the top rebounding team in the NBA.

Elliott had 35 points, one short of his season-high, and David Robinson had 17 offensive rebounds and a total of 17 rebounds to go with his 19 points. San Antonio outrebounded the Nets 52-43, including 22-12 on the offensive glass, in winning its 50th game of the season.

The Spurs, who finished a four-game road trip and won their seventh in a row away from home, will go for their 15th victory in a row Wednesday night at the Alamodome against New York. The club record for wins in a string of victories was set March 14-April 9 last season.

New Jersey trailed by as many as 14 in the first quarter, but the Spurs went cold from the field after Elliott made a 3-pointer with 10:21 left for an 82-70 lead.

An 11-2 run by the Nets, capped by a three-point play by Shawn Bradley, cut the deficit to 84-82 with 3:30 left. Vinny Del Negro missed a jumper at the other end of the court, but Elliott got an offensive rebound and made a 3-pointer - his fifth of the game - for an 87-82 lead with 2:29 left.

San Antonio, which played Sunday at Indiana, scored its last eight points from the free throw line in the final 1:53.

Shawn Bradley had 21 points and Armon Gilliam 20 for the Nets, who were playing their fourth game in five days.

Notes: Jason Williams of the Nets boxed in a 3-pointer from them opposite foul line at the third quarter buzzer. It was Williams' second 3-pointer of the season.... Chuck Person was 4-for-9 with all eight misses coming from behind the 3-point line.... Nets center Yinka Dare, who was playing in his 15th straight game, almost got his first NBA assist.
No. 1 Minutemen out for respect

By HOWARD ULMAN

Associated Press

BOSTON

Top-ranked Massachusetts has the most wins in the nation of any major team. It crushed eight of its first 11 opponents to reach the Final Four and was led by a team that hadn't won a game since 1980. It's a turnaround story even though they've lost just one game.

"We're still UMass from little Amherst. Until we win a national title, this is going to happen and that's fine. I accept that," coach John Calipari said Monday. "We don't play against the world. We know respect is earned and, obviously, we haven't earned it yet.

Part of the problem is UMass never had to be a Final Four team. It had won 10 games and five national championships.

This year's Wildcats have a deep bench and have piled up huge margins of victory. Massachusetts depth isn't nearly as impressive and it has been tested by close games, including four overtime wins.

The Minutemen are still looking to reach the NCAA title, the final four, for the first time ever. They've won their first two games, including a 92-82 win over Kentucky that knocked the Wildcats out of the No. 1 ranking.

The center Marcus Camby was outstanding in that game with 32 points and nine rebounds. In Saturday night, the Wildcats face UNLV, a do a better job against him.

"They're looking for revenge. We're looking for respect," Camby said. "So, for them to beat us this again, maybe we'll get a little respect." UMass (35-1) went into its first game of the season ranked fifth. But it had lost an exhibition game to the College of Charleston, while Kentucky (32-2) already had won its first game and was ranked first.

The Minutemen led 29-10 after one half,扩大ed the lead to 45-45 at halftime. But UMass began to falter, with a 5-6 run, and fought off the rest of the Wildcats' comeback attempts.

"I knew at the beginning of the year that this was a special team," said Dana Dingle, the Minutemen's leading rebounder. "That everybody shares the same ultimate goal of winning the national championship and, as the season progressed, it seemed like the true and I knew we had a chance to get there."

The Converse loss ‘woke us up,' Calipari said. "What do you find out after the Kentucky game is we have a team that wants this bad. As bad as I want it for them, they want it bad, too."

That resolve stiffened as the season progressed. Last year, the Minutemen reached the quarterfinals but squandered a five-point halftime lead and lost to Oklahoma State 68-54 as Camby managed just six points and fouled out.

In this year's quarterfinal, UMass led Georgetown by just four at halftime.

Last year, "we went in at halftime and said, 'we're going to the Final Four,' " said Donnie Vosburgh, Kentucky's second leading scorer. This year, Vosburgh will be in the locker room and said, "remember Kentucky State."

Camby scored the first three baskets of the second half against Georgetown, giving the Minutemen an 11-1 run that gave the Minutemen firm control.

"Allen Iverson in the second half but also to face our best rebounding guard, Tony Delk, if it is to move to Monday's night's championships game against the winner of the Mississippi State-Syracuse semifinal.

Carmelo Traverso likely will be the main defender on Delk, just as he guarded -- and frustr­ated -- Iverson.

When I'm three and a half feet, it will be facing a quick, trapping defense. "They are just ferocious defensively," Calipari said.

That's going to be a huge job of rotating out of traps. They are doing a much better job of running people down.

"Right now, Kentucky is a 10-point favorite in this game and I think they probably have gone to their depth, size, their shoot­ing ability, their coaching. We know it's going to be a hard game for us to win."

Associated Press

SEC sends two to Final Four

By JIM O'CONNELL

A conference having more than one team in the Final Four is nothing new in the 1990s.

With Kentucky and Mississippi State of the Southeastern Conference both heading to the Meadowlands next weekend, the five of the Final Four of the decade have had a pair of schools from the same league.

The conference that was expected to dominate that tradition of multi-births this year was the Big East, which had three teams in the Top Ten all season. It did get one team to the national semifinals, but it wasn't one of the big boys, it was Syracuse, the fourth-best team in the league.

The other team in the mix for the national championship will be top-ranked Massachusetts, like Mississippi State making its first appearance in the Final Four.

So 60 NCAA tournament games have had a matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2, the first in the NCAA tournament since top-ranked Houston and Louisville met in the Final Four (1983).

This Final Four has already been compared to that one, with many calling the Kentucky-Massachusetts meet­ing of top seeds the title game and Monday night a mere fora­mity for net-cutting purposes.

That's what people thought 13 years ago when Houston top seed and defending champion and then waited 48 hours to be ambushed by North Carolina State, coming back from a 17-point deficit in the late Jim Valvano, in the shock­ing championship game.

Syracuse was the No. 4 seed in the West and Mississippi State was a rung lower in the Southeast. Both took different roads to reach the Meadowlands.
Wildcats' tempo might be too upbeat for UMass

By MIKE EMMRY
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Rick Pitino doesn't want to hear any talk that the Kentucky-Massachusetts game in the Final Four is the true championship.

"You don't know that," Pitino said Monday. "The Kentucky-Massachusetts showdown is the headline attraction at Saturday's semifinals in New Orleans, with the NCAA game commanding less attention.

Mississippi Staln' than the West.

While Kentucky is favored to win the national title, Pitino isn't sure his Wildcats should be in that role.

"I think they've been in Marvuitlua too long," Pitino said of the oddsmakers. "Maybe they should concentrate on other areas because with all of the teams in this Final Four beat us.

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Derrick Bell
Professor of Law, New York University Law School

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All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to join us on:

Date: Saturday, March 30, 1996
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Place: Hesburgh Auditorium, University of Notre Dame

Happy Birthday Matt!

Only one more year to use those fake IDs

Love, your family

SPORTS BRIEFS

ARCHERY CLINIC - RecSports will be sponsoring an Archery Clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday March 27 and 28 from 7-9 p.m. All equipment will be provided and the fee is for the class is $8. Class size is limited and you must register in advance at RecSports.

HOOPS SHOOT OUT - RecSports will be sponsoring a Hoop Shoot Out on Saturday March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. The Shoot Out will consist of a three-point contest, a Free Throw contest, Advanced registration in the RecSports office is required and the deadline is Monday, March 26. There is no fee for this event.

BOWLING LEAGUE - RecSports will be sponsoring a Bowling League on Thursday nights from March 28-May 2. Register your three-person team in advance at RecSports. Cost is $6 per week per person and includes three games and a four-game night at the Chipper Bowl. Transportation is not provided. Contact Mike or Dan at 631-4644. The league will be held for March 27, at 6:15 p.m. in the RecSports office.

WEEKEND RAFTING ON THE OCONALUFTEE RACQUETBALL - This tournament will be held on Saturday, March 24, and Sunday, March 31. There will be both men's and women's divisions with t-shirts being awarded to all participants. Bring your own racquetballs will be provided. Also, refreshments will be served. You must register in advance in the RecSports office by Monday, March 26 and there is a $6 fee.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL BENEFIT RUN - March 30 is the date for this 5K or 10K run, and 2 mile walk. The run begins at 11 a.m. with the start/finish being at the Rockne Memorial. There will be six divisions for each run with trophies being awarded to the top finisher in each division. All registrants will be awarded a t-shirt. The cost of the run is $5 advance and $6 the day of the event. All proceeds will be donated to Christmas in April. Family members of all staff and faculty can participate.

CASTING AND ANGLING COURSE - Course includes four sessions held on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The dates are April 15, 22, and 29. Classes are held in the Joyce Center, Rolls, and campus lakes. Equipment is provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. The fee is $8 for the class and is open to students, staff, and faculty. Advance registration in the RecSports office is required.

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(Championships) was a great meet for us," said Brooks. "We showed the Big East that we are not just another team coming into the conference. We proved that we would be up there every year."

Next on the agenda for Brooks was a trip to Indianapolis for the Olympic trials, which lasted from March 6 to March 12. The pool in Indianapolis is a meter pool (Olympic swimming competitions use pools measured in meters), which is slightly longer than the normal yards used by collegiate swimmers are used to. Brooks swam in the 100-meter trials, but did not compete in the actual qualifiers. In the 200, Brooks turned in a time 2:16.2 and was satisfied with her swim considering that it was in a meter pool.

Finally, less than two weeks after the trials, Brooks went to represent the Irish at the NCAA Championships in Ann Arbor. "We are not just another team coming into the competition. I wanted to go my lifetime best and gain some experience for next year," she clearly did that and a whole lot more.

Brooks discussed the implications of her qualification for the national championship meet, as well as the team's solid effort at the conference championships. "(Brooks' qualification for the NCAA's) was a step in the right direction for the program," said Brooks. "The last person from Notre Dame to qualify for NCAA's was Joselyn Peterson in 1994. The fact that we made a strong showing in the Big East and sent a swimmer to the NCAA's should help me next year."

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Ceballos was taken off the suspended list Monday, and left the team this season. "I don't know," Johnson said. "It's hard for me to deal with all this. I'm too old."

Just as Michael Jordan has abandoned us, you abandoned us, you know," Ceballos said. "I'm really sick and tired of it." Johnson said Ceballos going AWOL has taken away from his comeback. He said he plans to wait until the offseason before deciding whether to return next year.

"I won't throw myself back into next season. I don't know," Johnson said. "I won't throw myself back into next season."

Ceballos is more than ready to lead those new Domers in the right direction for the season ahead. As far as personal goals go, Brooks simply said, "This season should help me next year."

My goal is to work hard and try to get into the top eight in my events next year."

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"I believe the schedule they are still 6-0 in their regional which is where they will play before, the NCAA championships. Now the Irish have a rest day and have just one match in twelve days. According to Bayers this will be the key."

"This break will give us a chance to sleep in our own beds, recuperate and enjoy that delicious dinner hall food before our last six dual matches before the Big East tourna-

"The men's tennis squad toughest remaining matches will square them off against regional foes Michigan and Northwestern."

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"In the No. 1 and 2 singles slots Rob Chaos, ranked fourth in the country, and Dmitry, ranked forty-sixth, edged senior Mike Sprouse and Pietrowski respectively."

Chesw won the first set tie breaker, 7-4, and held off Sproose in the second 7-5. Musyka came from behind after losing the first 3-6, to defeat Pietrowski in the second and deciding sets 6-3, 6-4.

Paterson and O'Brien were also defeated in grueling three set matches. Duke's Peter Ayers struggled with Patterson at No. 4 singles in the first two sets, 6-4, 2-6, before dominat­ ing the decisive third 6-1.

Adam Gasky clinched the win for the Blue Devils with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, victory over O'Brien in the No. 5 singles position.

Senior Jason Pun had a tough time at No. 6 singles as Jordan Wilie needed two sets to win the point.

The lone bright spot on the singles side for the Irish was junior Hyan Sprouse, currently ranked at No. 44, suffered his worst sin­ gle in the No. 35 ranked Duke doubles team of Dmitry Musyka and Sven Koehler.

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innings of six-hit, shutout
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inning. We mindlessly turned to our long time off after
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a bit too much. I know I'm go-
ning to get several more oppor-
tunities on the year, though.
so that I will have more

to practice indoors affect-
ed the Belles' play as they split
their double header with Wheaton
College on Saturday by scores of 3-11 and 12-10.
In the first game, Wheaton came out strong at the
plate, tallying up 16 hits for their 12 runs for the game. The Belles' 3
cum came from 6 hits, a sign that a lack of aggressive move-
ment on the bases could have been a factor.
“We didn’t really make
Wheaton play defensively,” ex-
plained coach Maggie Killian.
“We had trouble focusing due
in a long time with Florida and we didn’t move people around the base well.”
The Belles’ defense experi-
cenced difficulty in the fourth
inning when the team put
bases loaded and two outs. It was then that one of the
first year players got her chance to prove her style.
Shana Cagney, a first year
pitcher, came in to make her
pitching debut in the Varsity
arena and take the last out of
the inning to stop Wheaton
from scoring further.
“We were in a hole and our
momentum was dead,” stated
Cagney. “I was anxious to
be able to show my talents. I
over the nerves and I think
that I would have more confi-
dence in the future and do
the good things for the
team, “
The second game proved a
definite display of softball than the first. The Belles’ success
was attributed to being more aggressive on the bases as well
as an alert defense.
Senior pitcher Laura Richter
shined for the Belles going 4 for
4 with two doubles and 1 home run that cleared the
fence, Richter’s third for the season in only 9 games.
Richter contributed a total of 7 RBIs for the game. Senior
shortstop Shannon Hietz
added two doubles for the
Belles.
We really came together as
a team in the second game,“
said junior catcher Gretchen
Moure. “It was a challenge for
our defense because a lot of
hitters went both ways. But we reorganized, woke up
our bats, and became more aggressive on the bases.”
The Belles continue to prac-
tice for the following weeks and are becoming
incredible at getting on the field. They have
taken it outdoors today and take from
cross-town rival Bethel College today at
3 p.m. at Saint Mary’s.
Irish presence felt at Olympic trials

Junior Erin Brooks posts an impressive time in backstroke

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

Like many other Notre Dame athletic teams this year, the Irish swimming team has gained renewed recognition with their membership in the Big East conference. Success, however, is what sets teams apart. Recruiting time, and the recent performances of junior backstroker Erin Brooks have probably done just that for the Notre Dame swimming program. Brooks swims the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke for the Irish and these two events have kept her extremely busy throughout the past month. In late February, Brooks traveled with her teammates to Pittsburgh to compete in their first Big East Championship meet. The backstroker took first in the 100 with a time of 56.2 seconds, which qualified her for a spot in the NCAA Championships. Then, as if being the first Domer to qualify for the prestigious competition in the past two years wasn’t enough, Brooks confidently moved on to her next event and qualified again. This time the junior raced to a time of 1:59.40 to capture the win in the 200 and boost the Irish to a third place finish in their conference championship meet. "The Big East was great to win our first two matches to the ninth ranked Carolina as they dropped matches to the ninth ranked Blue Devils and the twenty seventh ranked Tar Heels. After getting off to a 6-1 start, the Irish record now stands at 9-6. Besides the tough schedule, the main thing in the squad’s side has been consistency. "I think that we are better than our results," head coach Bobby Bayliss observed. "We have not been real consistent. For example, we’ll have one guy not play well on one day and play great the next. While at the same time there will be someone who plays well the first day and not the second. So, instead of having 1-1 with our guys playing well together, we"}

Netters fall to 9-6 after rough trip down South

By JOE CAVATO
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Most people know that a trip to Tobacco Road to compete against Duke and the University of North Carolina would most likely be a difficult trip. What most people do not know is that the competition is stiffer on the tennis court as opposed to the basketball court. This past weekend the Notre Dame men’s tennis team found out exactly how tough times can be in Carolina as they dropped matches to the ninth ranked Blue Devils and the twenty seventh ranked Tar Heels. After the home opener postponed

Sluggers sweep Eagles but split Friars on successful Big East roadtrip

By DYLAN BARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Put the home opener on hold. The Notre Dame baseball team will have to wait at least another day until they usher in the first home game of the Big East era, their scheduled matchup with Wisconsin-Milwaukee having been frozen by the less than spring-like South Bend climate. In the meantime, the 13-7 Irish can look back with satisfaction at their 3-1 road trip this past weekend, which included a two game sweep of Boston College and a 3-1 split with last year’s Big East champs, Providence College. "I thought our players responded to the challenge very well," commented Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "It was great to win our first two ballgames. Providence is one of the toughest teams we’re going to face all year."

The Irish yielded but one run to the Eagles in Saturday’s doubleheader at Cape Cod’s Dennis-Yarmouth Stadium, cruising to 9-0 and 6-1 wins amidst biting cold and 30 mile per hour winds. Notre Dame’s Darin Schmalz was spectacular on the mound in the opening game, pitching all seven innings of the shortened contest, surrendering only four hits while striking out five. "There was a little bit of nervousness and anxious anticipation about beginning our first season in the Big East," said Paul Mainieri. "But when you have a great starting pitcher, it certainly provides a calming influence over the team. When the other team doesn’t score any runs, it’s pretty hard to lose the game. I don’t even think they (Boston College) hit a ball out of the infield..."

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Women's Tennis
at Georgia, Friday, March 29

Track
at Purdue Invitational, Saturday, March 30

SMC Sports
Tennis at Washington University, Friday, March 29

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Lakers punish Ceballos

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