Alvare: Abortion is powerlessness, not freedom

By SARAH J. HILTZ

One of the most popular arguments used to refute the pro-life argument is that the freedom of women is compromised if they are denied the right to choose. Helen Alvare, the spokesperson on abortion for the National Council of Catholic Bishops, does not believe that this is the case.

Addressing a standing-room only audience in the Law School courtroom, Alvare took a new angle on an old topic by addressing the concept of freedom. "The number one value in [the pro-choice argument] was being independent and free," said Alvare.

Many advocates of abortion assert that denying women the right to choose robs them of control over their own lives. These would equate the decision to have an abortion with the ability to correct a mistake, or to control one’s body. Alvare said, however, that such control is illusory, as is evidenced by the fact that 50 percent of abortions are repeat abortions. This, she suggested, indicates that abortion is not a means of control over oneself, but is rather a sign of powerlessness.

She also mentioned that while having a child may prevent a woman from improving her life by getting a job or going to school, abortion does not in any way make her life better, as it is not guaranteed that she will be able to do anything.

She also countered the claim that denying pro-choice supporters that, in many cases, abortions prevent social problems caused by unwanted pregnancies.

"Unwanted pregnancies do not usually translate into unwanted children," she stated. According to Alvare, the abortion industry has long been guilty of not informing women of the dangers of and alternatives to abortion. She claimed that many illegal street aborters use lies, misinformation, and the promise of a safe and legal abortion to lure women into the abortion industry.

As she addressed a capacity crowd with a speech entitled, "Abortion, Women and Authentic Freedom," Helen Alvare highlighted her perception that abortion clinics tend to leave their patients uninformed.

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Cranes tear up Stepan courts

Construction will likely finish in time for Bookstore Basketball

By SEAN SMITH

News Writer

The fears of those who have recently passed by the basketball courts outside of Stepan Center and apprehensively wondered about the fate of this year’s Bookstore Basketball Tournament can be put to rest. Construction on the courts is expected to be completed by April 15, with the repaving of the courts finished shortly thereafter.

Center Line Mechanical Contracting is putting in two 30-inch waterlines that will run directly under the basketball courts, will carry chilled water and be used to supply air conditioning to buildings on campus.

Michael Smith, director of Facilties Engineering, expects the two waterlines to be installed by April 15, but said the installation of new water lines under the Stepan courts should be done in time for Bookstore Basketball.

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Graduate Student Union

Coshow, Janning take control of GSU

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Assistant News Editor

Stepping into the leadership of the Graduate Student Union, Suzanne Coshow and Michelle Janning will assume the positions of president and vice president, respectively.

Their term officially begins when Rob De Haan and Melissa Falb step down at the year-ending April 7 meeting of the Graduate Student Council.

Coshow and Janning won the election on a platform of "reaching out" to all graduate students and including them in the process of improving and enhancing the quality of graduate student life in all its various dimensions.

Janning, vice president-elect, said that her job would be to facilitate these goals by seeking out "members of the graduate student body and encourage them to get involved in the process. I will be going out there so the members can associate a name with a face."

The incoming administration also plans to continue many programs begun under De Haan and Falb.

"It has been a really good year," said De Haan. "The GSU has been growing a lot and we have worked toward that in all aspects including our work with the administration, which has grown more friendly and entrenched as the year has progressed."

A standing GSU seat on the Academic Council, which was acquired by last year's administration, survived its first year with Ana Laura Soderigues-Gustafsson filling the position.

She did fantastic work," De Haan said. "She and I presented a report to the Graduate Affairs Subcommitte (of the Academic Council) on how we think students should fit into the provost's office.

This is the last edition of The Observer until Wednesday, April 2. Have a Happy Easter!
Editor's Accent

No more Merediths, BMWs or Audis. For the most part, by tomorrow night, Boris Yeltsin, bureaucrats will cruise around town in Soviet-era Volgas. Only Russian cars for Russian officials. Yeltsin sent this thunderbolt through the globed halls of the Kremlin on Wednesday, the eve of a nationwide strike. Millions of workers who have not gone months without paychecks are expected to walk off their jobs Thursday in a desperate effort to call attention to the flagging economy. Presumably, the president's decree was designed to send a message to ordinary Russians — angered by the growing Soviet recession — that Moscow — that the government shares their pain. Yeltsin didn't say whether his decree applies to his blue Mercedes limousine. Kremlin officials say they haven't seen the order yet, so can't say whether it will apply to their top brass. But foreign cars were among the luxury imports have become all the rage in recent years among government officials and the new Russian elite.

Vatican condemns execution

A Cuban refugee whose face mask caught fire during a 1982 strike. The Vatican newspaper said Wednesday, L'Osservatore Romano said the president's decree was "burned alive like a torch" when he was executed Tuesday for murdering a woman in 1982. Pope John Paul II had made a plea for mercy for Medina, who came to the United States in the 1980s. The Vatican has sought to intervene in a number of death penalty cases. "That this incredible, tragic event might cause justice officials to second guess all capital cases, then escalate into a mental protest, then escalated into a picnic," wrote the Rev. Gino Concetti, the news-vendor's commentator on moral issues. "He found the moral vacuum in the lives of the people, and refused to let the Vatican's execution," wrote Concetti, whose article is the first word out of the Vatican on the execution. Roman Catholic teaching holds that capital punishment should be used only if absolutely necessary to protect society. In an encyclical last year, John Paul said such cases are "practically non-existent."

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea

Jubilant soldiers and protesters ended a blockade of Parliament yesterday, after forcing the resignation of a prime minister who brought in foreign mercenaries to fight secessionist rebels. Prime Minister Julius Chan defended his move as he stepped down after he had acted to defuse an "explosive situation after protesters and mutinous soldiers blockaded Parliament House.Official says and refused to let lawmakers leave. The defense and finance ministers also agreed to resign while an interim government runs the country until national elections in June. "I think I have taken the right course to preserve peace, to preserve order. This is the right thing to do," Chan told lawmakers, to applause.

Outside, about 2,000 protesters cheered loudly at the news, then let the lawmakers — about 80 of whom had spent the night in their office in the building. Chan said he would convene the Cabinet within 24 hours to appoint an acting prime minister.

He did not indicate who might replace him. Following weeks of crisis, it will soon be made to ensure public confidence in a judicial inquiry into the country's devastating $1.3 billion-per-year debt.

Chan's government has hired the British and South African mercenaries to quash a 9-year-old rebellion on the island of Bougainville.

About 1,000 people have died since the rebel's rebellion against the environmental protest, then escalated into a guerrilla war to secede from Papua New Guinea, off Australia's northeast tip.

Yeltsin denounces bureaucratic waste

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Bernardin Center selects Malloy

ND president 'happy to serve' on board

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

The new Bernadin Center for Theology and Ministry recently appointed Father Edward Malloy to its national board of advisors.

The center was named in memory of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernadin of Chicago.

"Before the cardinal died, the center was for pastoral ministry," said Malloy. "Now it encompasses this aspect while also training people for lay ministries."

Along with the training, the center will sponsor theological research, public discussions, and various programs in areas of concern to the Catholic Church.

Malloy remarked that his function on the board would be primarily to assist in strategizing for all proposed activities.

"This appointment confirms good relations between Notre Dame and the Church in the archdiocese of Chicago," he said. "I am happy to serve in any way that can help."

The Catholic Theological Union, founded in 1968, is the largest Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry in North America. With a current enrollment of 350 graduate students in masters and doctoral programs, the school hopes the new center will extend its Catholic principles to more of the community.

Cardinal Bernadin died in November of pancreatic cancer. He was the 1995 recipient of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, one of the most prestigious honors awarded to American Catholics.

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The Center for Theology and Ministry, at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, will offer academic training and scholarships to both lay and religious men and women.

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tions are often safer than clinical procedures, since the former bear legal detection, while the latter know that the law is bastant to make rul­
ings against them. That women are often not properly informed, Alvarè stressed, is contrary to every definition of freedom.

"Abortion clinics" don't think you need to know about any more what you're choosing because once you choose, it's free," Alvarè asserted.

Alvarè also discussed partial-birth abortions, a procedure in which the base of the brain is stabbed and the skull is crushed. He pointed out that the partial-birth method is extremely dan­gerous, since bone chips may cause injury to the mother.

Another potential consequence of this method is that the fetus may accidentally be delivered alive. Alvarè stated that she has asked abortion technicians what they would do to the circum­stance, to which they replied they would have lit­tle choice but to kill the newborn baby.

Women are often not informed of these possi­ble consequences. Alvarè argued, "How could you enhance women's freedom by not informing them of dangers, by telling them lies?" She also stated that these procedures are often not even performed by ob/gyns or gynecologists.

"The partial-birth method is a delivery... in fact, it's more dangerous than a delivery." To support her arguments, Alvarè cited pas­sages from "Faithful to Life," a 1993 pastoral letter written on abortion, and "Evangelium Vitae," the encyclical in which Pope John Paul II refers to the culture of death which supports "inauthentic notions of freedom."

To conclude last night's lecture, which was simul­cast on closed-circuit television in order to accommodate the overflow of the crowd, Alvarè said, "We caught the mistake right away," said Burns. "We went straight to the Student Union office and all the posters were approved." According to one student, the mistake only had a minor sig­nificance.

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The major concerns that will carry over between adminis­tration is the uncertainty about the law and how that is going to affect our students. Currently, a single student only pays $450-500 for the Mególl's Tuition." When this is ridiculously cheap for health care," De Haan said, "many students find it to be adequate coverage.

"More alarming is the prob­lem of families and spouses who just cannot cover the costs," he continued. "A gradu­ate student who is married, with two children, can expect to pay up to $4,000 in health insurance. The average graduate stipend is only $10,000, that is 40 percent of income before taxes. (The health care cost) is prohibitive.

"Coshow worked as the chair of the Quality of Life Committee, whose main focus was health care. She also is the graduate student representa­tive on the University com­mittee for Graduate Student Health Concerns. In an effort to illustrate how impor­tant it is to find a healthy care plan that is affor­dable for students, especially for children and chil­dren and to make sure that no one slips through the cracks, especially not the children."
SMC students in search of ‘the perfect room’

By RACHEL TORRES
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College students found themselves under a different kind of stress this past week as their attention focused on the room selection process. Students could be found wandering the halls in search of the “perfect room” as the deadline to actually select their room quickly approached. New additions to the housing policy this year aimed at reducing the amount of students who misuse the system. A housing committee was also implemented to allow for student input in any changes that may occur. In accordance with the changes that were made, students are no longer allowed to switch roommates until the first day of classes. This new policy intends to curb the amount of students who volunteer to live with people just to use a good number. In addition, waiting lists may not begin for alternate housing until the first day of classes. If students are not happy with their room choice, they must wait until fall semester starts to make changes.

The uncertainty surrounding room picks is a part of life for Saint Mary’s students each spring. This year was no exception. The room selection process provides each student interested in living on campus with a random number with which to choose her room for the following year. After paying the required $250 room deposit by Feb. 20, each student is given a random number on March 4 to use in the lottery system of selecting rooms. In the time between acquiring the number and the actual pick of the room from March 24-26, the Saint Mary’s student sits in wonder. It is almost impossible to know if the student’s desired room will be taken or will remain open when it is her turn to select.

On the night of room picks, the lobby of LeMans Hall is filled with anxious students. An amplifier system is used to announce the numbers and begin the actual selection process. Students then move through the housing office and are asked to show their identification cards and room deposit slips at various points. As rooms are taken, members of the Residence Life and Housing Staff announce them to keep the students updated. “If functions like a well-oiled machine,” said LeMans Hall director Jill Atchison.

The housing policy allows students to move between residence halls. For example, if a student lives in Holy Cross Hall one year, she is free to live in LeMans Hall the next year if she chooses. The trick to this policy is to get a good enough room pick number to better a student’s chances of living not only the room she wants, but in the hall she wants as well.

“I once we know where our friends are going to live, it’s easier to pick a room because we limit ourselves to that hall,” said junior Jen Nelson.

A housing committee was introduced this year to increase student input in operation of room picks, in an attempt to alleviate hassles.

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Alexander Schmemann

I don't remember the day when I decided to be a Catholic... and I don't mean the day of my baptism in the first few weeks of my life. I didn't decide that... my parents did. I remember long ago enrolling those who converted to Catholicism because it occurred to me that they had a choice, and I didn't feel like I did. Until I realized that the choice was mine, to claim it or not... to profess and live my Catholic faith, or not. I don't remember a particular day on which I said, as an adult, I want to be a Catholic, I want to follow Jesus. And yet I have, most assuredly... and do. Somewhere along the line, the renewal of my baptismal promise became my own. Somewhere along the line I realized that I do believe in the God of Jesus Christ and in the God in Jesus Christ... call it grace, or bum luck... all I know is that I believe. My faith in this God is so real that I want to celebrate it... even the worst of it... because the worst of it, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, is, paradoxically, the best of it. Our very salvation is tied up in it. We commemorate this great salvific event liturgically in the Triduum.

Much can be said about the Triduum, those days which embrace the Pascal Mystery. "Triduum" in the Latin simply means "a space of three days," but as it is used in the Christian tradition it is meant to signify the three days prior to Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The words of the tradition and of the present liturgical books convey the intensity and unity of the hours around the Vigil. These days call us to fast and pray, to keep watch, and to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We come face to face with the very reality of our own lives, our own dying and rising. Our oneness with Jesus as members of his body, our oneness with each other, and our oneness in the death and resurrection of Jesus is ritualized in the liturgies of the Triduum and realized in our participation in them, and in our very lives as Christians.

It is during the Easter Vigil that we as a community initiate and welcome into full communion those who have, as adults, chosen to join the Catholic Church. They have been preparing for the past several months through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Twelve will be baptized and eleven others will be received into full communion with the Catholic faith from other Christian traditions. I include their names here so that you might remember them in prayer in the days ahead:

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These are important days for all of us. Days during which each of us stands alone before God to renew our commitment. It is an opportunity for us as adult Christians to say yet again, "Yes, I believe!" It is an opportunity for us as a community as well to stand side by side in our shared commitment to live the call of Jesus, to rededicate ourselves to that call, and to build the Kingdom together. Please join me in the days ahead in celebrating the glory and greatness of these days, whether it be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Church of Loreto, a residence hall chapel, or at your home parish. We join with the whole Church not only in remembering the events of Jesus's passion, death and resurrection, but, as the Body of Christ, we ourselves partake in them even now that they might transform our very lives.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.
IRA bombs English railway

By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LONDON--Twin bombs tore up rail track and damaged key signaling equipment early today in the northern English town of Wilmslow, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the IRA. US. Prime Minister John Major called the explosions at Wilmslow, a major signaling center for trains that is 160 miles northwest of London, an "insult to democracy at the start of the general election campaign."

Greater Manchester police said the explosions caused extensive damage and disruption to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wilmslow is on the west coast line from Manchester to London.

Police said they were uncertain whether the explosions were caused by bombs. The most recent IRA bombing in England was June 15, when a 3,000-pound bomb injured 200 people and damaged 300 shops in Manchester.

On Oct. 7, the IRA detonated two car bombs inside British army's headquarters in Northern Ireland, killing one soldier and injuring 46 civilians and soldiers.

Major said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in British-ruled Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages."

He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet."

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London.

Gore hopeful in talks

VP: China may improve human rights

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING--After two days of intensive talks, Vice President Al Gore said China is promising greater access to its markets and listening with a "more receptive ear" to U.S. complaints about human rights.

Gore called Wednesday's talks with President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng "productive, friendly, searching" and said they elevated U.S.-China relations to a new level of trust.

Gore offered no specifics, however, and America's leaders, he said, have heard such promises before. The have often come away convinced they had won concessions, only to complain later that Beijing was not keeping its end of the deal.

Jiang had this to say of the highest-level U.S. visit to China since the Tiananmen crackdown: "The past few days have been productive."

"Good afternoon," the president said in English as they started their talks with an energetic handshake.

"I think we have done some good work here on behalf of the United States and on behalf of the relationship between the United States and China," Gore said at a news conference.

He was heading Thursday to Xian and Shanghai, then ending a weeklong Asia trip by updating South Korea leaders on his talks with the Chinese. Gore's upbeat assessment of U.S.-China relations will be put to the test in the coming months. Both the Clinton administration and the many critics of its China policy will look for tangible evidence that China is living up to its promise to become a more reliable partner.

Additionally, allegations that China tried to funnel money illegally into U.S. elections last year threaten to undermine public support for the Clinton administration's overtures.

Gore said he told the Chinese that the allegations alone won't chill recently warming relations. But it would be "serious indeed" if a federal investigation turned up solid proof of the charges, Gore said he told Li.

Earlier, an administration official said Gore did not raise the prospect of reparations if evidence of Chinese interference surfaced, but Gore was emphatic that he had.

Gore's journey to China underscored the delicate balance he must maintain to remain a loyal Clinton lieutenant while thinking ahead to his own presidential campaign three years away.

On Tuesday, for example, Gore revealed in announcements that Boeing Co. and General Motors Corp. were signing lucrative new deals with the Chinese.

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Palestinians reject U.S. presence in peace talks

By NICOLAS TATRO
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM

A new U.S. peace mission received a frosty response from Palestinians today, with protesters burning U.S. flags and negotiators saying the effort would fail if President Clinton’s envoy did not call Israel to order.

In the West Bank, 20 Palestinians were struck by rubber bullets when hundreds of protesters briefly overran an Israeli checkpoint on the outskirts of the autonomous West Bank town of Ramallah. One of the injured was bleeding profusely from a neck wound when rushed away by paramedics.

The Palestinians demand a halt to Israel’s construction of a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem. Israel, in turn, insists that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat halt stone-throwing protests and rein in Islamic militants.

Clinton’s Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, headed to the region today. U.S. administration sources say Ross will meet tonight in Rabat, Morocco, with Arafat, who agreed to cut short his Asian visit and fly back for the talks following a phone call from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Israel’s army radio said Ross will follow up his meeting with Arafat by holding talks Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Ross, a painstaking mediator, faces perhaps his most difficult mission yet in trying to bridge the gap and calm the violence that is eroding the peace process.

A suicide-bomb attack claimed by Islamic militants killed three Israeli women in Tel Aviv on Friday and stone-throwing riots have plagued the West Bank for the past week.

However, there were signs that Arafat was moving to lower the tensions ahead of Ross visit.

In Ramallah, dozens of Palestinian police struggled to keep demonstrators — some carrying firebombs — from Israeli soldiers. About 200 protesters reached Israeli-controlled territory, where the Palestinian police could not follow, and at one point unfurled a Palestinian flag over a sign marking the Israeli zone.

The protesters hurled stones at the Israelis, who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas, and fired live ammunition in the air. Besides the injured, 32 were treated for gas inhalation.

Most of the Palestinians were pushed back into autonomous territory by nightfall, about two hours later.

In Bethlehem, Palestinian police formed a human chain today to keep dozens of Palestinian protesters away from Israeli troops guarding an Israeli enclave in the city.

Palestinian police let the crowd burn Israeli and U.S. flags, and several young men broke through the cordon and hurled stones.

However, the police efforts were in sharp contrast to previous days, when officers did nothing to stop the riots.

"We want Mr. Ross to respect the signature of Mr. Clinton on the (peace) agreement and to stand up and clearly tell the bulldozers to stop," Erekat told the Palestinian legislative council.

Also today, a top PLO official compared Netanyahu, who ordered the construction to begin, to Adolf Hitler.

"Netanyahu resembles Hitler in his arrogant, vainglorious and rigid behavior," said Farouk Kaddum, head of the PLO’s political bureau in Tunisia. "He refuses to... follow the peaceful means to solve the Middle East peace process..."

Ross spent weeks mediating between Israeli and Palestinian factions on an Israeli withdrawal from most of the West Bank town of Hebron in January. Bar-Bilu, a senior Netanyahu aide, said Arafat was using violence as a tactic to pressure Israeli and must instead signal Islamic militants that he will not allow any more terror attacks.
Are students at Notre Dame really snobs?

Mick Swiney

I know what he's talking about. I call it the Wow Effect. Do you know it? When you tell people from high school that you go to Notre Dame, do their eyes widen and do they say "Wow" or "Really?" They must mean something like, "You must really be hot stuff!"

Believe it or not, this attitude caught me completely by surprise — I suppose I went through it. My thinking that it was just my family who was ga-ga over Notre Dame? That's not until I lived in Chicago for a while that I found out: just about everybody loves Notre Dame. No big wonder, I guess, since it's not No. The other Notre Dame.

I'm sick of people automatically ascribing to me some "upper class" within the student population of the world. I'm not better than anyone else; I have the same concerns, hopes, anxieties, dreams and ideals of any college student. I don't want it. I refuse to go to a university? "Oh, yes, old boy, I remember when I was at Notre Dame..." I don't want it. I refuse to go to a school for upper-class snobs.

But before you indignantly tell me to start packing my bags, let me most vehemently assert that I DON'T. I know these students of Notre Dame... I know them as idealists, hopeful and hard-working people who are eager to roll up their sleeves and plunge into the "real world," ready to tackle any problem, any issue with a clarity of heart and a strength of moral conviction. I know these students, and the fact that we, our school, and our very tradi­tion represent the "American Dream" for a great many people outside our close community. So what does all this mean?

This is Notre Dame — not, Harvard, not Yale, not Stanford — and thank God. This isn't an upper-class snob factory. This is a university founded not on ideals of superiority or economic excess but on diligence, community ser­vice, and loyalty to our faith. But the only people who can keep it that way are we. We must always remember that we didn't come here for the Wow Effect or the fat future salary, but so that we may spread the spirit and dedication which brought us here. We must always remember that tradition does not mean exclusion; high quality does not mean superiority. And the one thing which we must remember at all costs is this: we don't go to Notre Dame because we're better than anyone else. We go here because we're luckier.
nick cave and the bad seeds

Boatman's Call

(Out of five stars)

Recendy I died. I was barrelrolling down the rollover craneing Skeleton Key's major label debut, Fantastic Spikes Through Balloon, out of my Honda's backseat stereo system. Pouncing in my bucket seat, flailing my arms to the groove — I was too busy so hard I had to undo my seatbelt, as the music forced through my earbuds like a tongue in a wedge of gum. Shows soon I was head-banging to track two, and I bounced my Civic into an overpass.

Brent: "What did you do for?"
God: "I had to tell you about Skeleton Key."

Brent: "They're good, damn it."

God: "Yeah, well, I wanted to form a rock group that combined all the elements of the best bands pushing the pop envelope."
Brent: "Hats off! Skeleton Key reminds me of Primus and Brainsiac and Jon Spencer and Prince and Jawbox all rolled into one."

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Brent: "Sure. No, Rick Lee beats like a monkey on his drumset that he hand-built with garbage cans, a red wagon, a woodblock and other stuff you'd find in Sanford and Son's front yard."

God: "In this song infused with sadness and regret, Cave reaches the peak of his productivity. One cannot help feeling, however, that this edge is missing from many of the other tracks, and thus there is an inconsistency which, although not fatal, entails that the level of achievement represented by "Murder Ballads" is not matched. Those who enjoy Cave's work will no doubt gain great pleasure from "The Boatman's Call," with a slow tempo it does create a lasting mood suitable for late nights and early mornings. But, on the other hand, those who require an introduction to Cave and his Bad Seeds need to listen to this in parallel with his previous album. In such a way will his greatest talents be most fully revealed.

by Julian Elliott

skeleton key

Fantastic Spikes Through Balloon

(out of five stars)

By JULIE DRISCOLL
and MICHAEL ANDERSON

Most of us think of Easter as a very spiritual time, a chance

to reflect on God's love for us. Others of us think of Easter as a
time for candy, where an oversized rabbit hops to bring eggs
and baskets of chocolate, but does anyone think of Easter as a
musical season? Admittedly, music is not the first thing

one thinks about when pondering Easter. However, music is
an integral part of the Easter season, Holy Week, and Easter.
One of the binding forces of the many Christians participat-
ing in the week's events certainly be the gift of music.
In particular, time-honored hymns.

Christian origins of the church, hymn-singing has been
an integral part of Christian worship. In the book of Acts,
we find Paul and Silas "singing hymns to God" (Acts 16:25) when they were imprisoned in the Philippian jail.
Singing hymns has been an important means for teaching
Christian beliefs, because music was largely illiterate. But
hymns are more than just a way of disseminating knowledge;
they are opportunities for all believers to express praise to
their God.
Many of the surviving Christian hymns, some more than six
centuries old, have very interesting origins. We thought it
might be appropriate to recount some of the great hymns
and their histories, not just of this Lenten season, but of all
time.
We begin with "What Wondrous Love Is This?" The tune is
classified as an American folk hymn to which no author has
been attributed. The origin of the folk hymn was Appalachia
and has been passed down through many generations, exist-
in several versions.
"What Wondrous Love Is This" is most notable for its use
in a melody in the classical Dorian mode, which gives it a cer-
tain quality of finality that our Western ears are not used to.
This lack of melodic definition is a wonderful description of
the text which addresses the question of ages for Christians:
What made Him do it? What made Him do it for me?
Another great hymn of the season is "Crown Him with Many Crowns." This hymn has two authors, Matthew Bridges and
Godfrey Thring and was written in the 19th century.
Interestingly enough, history tells us that the two authors
never met.
Bridge converted to Catholicism when he was 48 and
wrote the hymn, originally under the title "The Song of the
Seraphs." Thirty years later, Thring, an Anglican clergyman,
felt the original hymn was missing a verse on the Ressurection
and was that motivated to add several stanzas verses to it.
A Protestant favorite is "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine,"
authored by American Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915). Crosby
wrote an astounding 8,000 hymns and used more than 200
names for hymns. She was required to write three hymns per week as prescribed by her contract with a music
publisher. Here's another catch: she was blind from birth.
The tune of what became "Blessed Assurance" was actually
composed by Flossie Knapp, who was married to the founder
of MedLife Insurance Company. Knapp brought the tune to
Crosby in 1873. Crosby begged her to play the tune several
times. Then the blind woman, kneeling beside the organ
exclaimed, "That says, 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O
what a foretaste of glory divine!'"
Joel Cummins, well-known keyboard player from Slimmer
Bob, has a great passion (we learn) for "The Old Rugged
Cross." Well Joel, did you know that "The Old Rugged Cross"
was written just a few hours by South Bend in Albion,
Michigan, the author George Bernard (1873-1938) was
originally a member of the Salvation Army and later became
clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Brebaker's pick: "Were You There When They Crucified My
Lord?" — This traditional Lenten hymn comes to us from the
great African-American spiritual collection. Some say that
spirituals were "passwords" calling slaves to secret, forbidden
meetings.
"Were You There" was likely "developed" in the early 1800s
by African-American slaves. Common to all spirituals, the
words are gripping. and the central theme has an emotional
appeal.
Woolf's pick: "Jesus Christ is Blain Today" — This hymn is an
Easter staple for a multitude of denominations across
America. Interestingly, the tune is from a Latin hymn from
the 14th century, but prolific hymn composer, Charles
Wesley (1707-1788), set it to English text and re-baptizmated
it. Wesley's brother John is credited with founding the MedLife
Church.
Chances are you will hear one of these wonderful hymns in
the next few days. Here's how you might apprepiate these
type of songs have helped build communities of believers for
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Brad Lidge fanned 11 Golden Eagles and walked just two, while scattering three runs on three hits for the Blue and Gold.

North Dame head coach Paul Mainieri thinks that his team is best yet to come out. "I believe it's over," remarked Mainieri. "I think I had a little bit of pop in my pitches tonight," commented the right-hander. "and I was able to get my curve over. The key to getting strikeouts is being able to spot my fastball."

Lidge fanned 10 Golden Eagles and walked just two, while scattering three runs on three hits for the Blue and Gold. "That (Stavisky's outing) was the best I've ever seen for us," stated Mainieri. "The guys on the bench were really excited to see him back out there."

Senior Mike Arrhein continued to shine at the plate for Notre Dame as he extended his hitting streak to 16 games by belting an off-speed pitch well past the 401 foot sign in center.

"I've just been trying to stay focused," said the Irish catcher. "Catching has helped me a lot from a physical standpoint. I've been seeing the ball real well."

Centerfielder Randall Brooks must have also been seeing the ball pretty well last night as he tied Arrhein for the team lead in BBA in the game with three. The senior continued to show signs that his hitting is coming around, going two for two with a double. "Brooks got a big hit tonight," stated Mainieri. "That's what our leaders (Arrhein and Brooks) need to do."

Mainieri was a little worried about the consistency of the of-

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Junior Dan Stavisky's standout performance led the Irish to victory. "I believe it would eventually show up. We just really needed to do that (put together back-to-back strong hitting games)," said the coach. "They have continued to work really hard on their hitting this year. They are now starting to swing the bats better."

Mainieri and the Irish hope the combination of consistent offensive output and solid pitching continues when they close out their three-game home stand and host Central Michigan this evening. The team will head back to the east coast this weekend to play important conference double-headers versus Connecticut and St. John's.
Spring drills signal new start for team under Davie

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It is spring time in South Bend. Following up a history cold and seemingly endless winter, spring is supposed to be a season of hope, a time for growth, and the mark of new beginnings.

And while the weather may not always fall true to form in this neck of the woods, spring is all of these things — a time of growth, hope, and new beginnings — for Notre Dame football.

As the Irish kick off spring drills this week, it will not just be your average month of extensive workouts and rigorous conditioning. Indeed, this spring is different for new head coach Bob Davie and the Irish.

It is a chance to phase out the old and usher in the new.

It all begins now - this spring. Davie knows he will have a chance to implement what he really wants off the field care of itself, but certainly is going in as the starting quarterback," said Davie at Monday's press conference.

"It's exciting now to start and do the on-field part."

While the new coach is eager to implement his own style of coaching and leadership, Davie insists that Irish football won’t be much different than under his predecessor Lou Holtz.

"There will probably be a lot more similarities to last year's team than what people think," said Davie. "One of the reasons was that our philosophies were very much similar."

"I don't think you're going to see, at least I hope you're not going to see a drastic change. We've been pretty darn successful around here."

However, as a former defensive coordinator, Davie plans to add a twist of his own. Fans can expect to see offensive players competing at the defensive side in certain situations and vice-versa.

"I think by being creative and getting the best players on the field, I'm certainly open to that [special substitution]," said Davie. "That's something that I want to do. Especially with the scholarship numbers the way they are now, it even becomes more critical that you do that, I think."

With Davie and offensive coordinator Jim Colletto implementing a new system, now is the time to see who will be most effective at the helm of the offense.

"I think that at quarterback Ron Powlus is going in as the starting quarterback," said Davie. "So as we progress into the spring, I think it will take care of itself, but certainly Jarius Jackson and Eric Chappell will have every opportunity to beat Ron Powlus out."

Unfortunately, Davie and his staff will not have the luxury of being at full strength this spring. Defensive linemen Melvin Dansby and Brad Williams (who has moved back to his natural position after a stint at offensive line in 1996) will miss the workouts after undergoing off-season knee surgery.

In addition, starting offensive guard Mike Rosenthal (arthroscopic surgery) will not be available for this year’s drills, but all three are expected to be back at 100 percent by next fall.

"Spring football injuries are a concern of mine. I think you'll see, just in comparison, it probably will not be as physical a spring as we've had," said Davie. "I think first of all, out of necessity, we're implementing new schemes, but that's also my nature. I think spring is a time to really upgrade your scheme."

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Irish face Pirates in Big East conference opener

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

While the skies opened up on Tuesday, forcing the cancellation of the softball team’s home opener against Indiana, the Irish wasted no time in beginning preparations for their Big East conference opener against Seton Hall.

The Irish face the Pirates in a four-game series, playing doubleheaders today and Saturday in South Orange, N.J. Notre Dame, the pre-season Big East South Division favorite, defeated Seton Hall four times in 1996, their inaugural season in the Big East, en route to a 19-1 regular season conference mark.

Leading the Irish into today’s contests, senior Katie Marten blasted seven extra-base hits, with four doubles and three triples.

Also sparking the Irish offense are center fielder Jenn Giampaolo, who leads the team with nine doubles, and third baseman Kara McMahon, who has driven in nine runs.

Pitcher Kelly Nichols heads into the four-game series with 18 career saves, just one shy of the NCAA record held by Cal Poly Pomona’s Lori Thompson. Nichols struck out the final batter in Notre Dame’s 1-0 win over Evansville and pitched the final three innings to seal the victory over Mississippi State, recording her two saves of the season.

Sophomore Angela Bessolo’s 7-5 record and 1.71 ERA both lead the pitching staff. Bessolo has won five of her last six games after a rocky 2-4 start. Senior hurler Joy Batterby has allowed a team-low 15 walks and blasted seven extra-base hits, with four doubles and three triples.

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Despite their strong showing, many Irish players found no trouble pointing to areas in which improvement is needed if they are to successfully compete against the top teams like Hobart.

"We didn't clear the ball well," observed Galli. "We have to be more careful getting the ball out of our own end."

"We need to clean up some other areas," added Savage. "In addition to improving clearing the ball from our end, we need to make it harder for the other team to clear it. More importantly, we need to work on our mental outlook on the game. It's below where it should be. We just have to focus better on the games at hand."

How does Notre Dame prepare for a non-conference game?

"We do not approach these games any differently," declared Galli. "In the past, our conference {which includes Air Force, Ohio State University, and Butler} has not been so strong, and so much of our tough competition has come outside the conference. We take these games very seriously."

Saturday's game is a big step toward fulfillment of Notre Dame's long-standing goal to win a National Championship.

"That's our goal," surmised Jim Keenan, Notre Dame's All-American midfielder, "to win the NCAA title."

To do this, Notre Dame must first get a bid to the 12-team NCAA national tournament, held at the end of the season. The most likely path to the Big Lacrosse Dance is via an automatic bid earned by winning their conference, which Notre Dame has had no trouble doing in the past.

But the competition within the conference is getting better. "Our conference is getting tougher," observed Galli. "There's no doubt about that."

"We need to take the games one at a time," added Savage. "Both the conference and the non-conference games. We want to win it all, but we shouldn't focus on the big picture. Every game is a big game."

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It takes a little more to make a champion

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Adversity is something that faces every team during a season. How much and how they handle that adversity is another matter.

The team that suddenly has everybody talking, the 31-6 Cincinnati-bound women's basketball team, has certainly had their share of challenges. Those challenges have come in more than the form of the Connecticut Huskies, the Alabama Crimson Tide, or a fierce Texas Longhorns crowd.

Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen one player leave the squad and two of her promising young players get shelved for the majority of the season. She saw her squad drop from seventh in the AP poll to as low as 21st as they were upset by an unranked Ohio State team on its national television debut.

The one similarity of all these obstacles has been the team's ability to bounce back and get back on its road to the Final Four.

"We've faced a lot of adversity," McGraw said. "Those who were still healthy, everybody stepped up their game because we knew we were going to be the ones who would make or break our season.

"The squad got off to a quick start out of the gates with upsets of then No. 6 Iowa and then No. 8 North Carolina State in the women's NIT. Then the Irish lost freshman guard Niele Ivey to a torn ACL. Ivey, out of Coral Jesu in St. Louis was the USA Today Missouri Player of the Year and an honorable mention All-American.

The Blue and Gold were then returned the favor of being upset as unranked foes Purdue, Wisconsin, and Ohio State knocked off the Irish. "We lost Niele and that took a lot out of the team. It was a big blow," assistant coach Carol Owens said. "She brought a big spark and it took us a long time to bounce back. But the Irish did bounce back as they entered Big East play and have now won 21 of their last 23 contests with the two losses coming to none other than the then Connecticut Huskies, who no longer stand in Notre Dame's way.

"Our confidence was not high after the OSU loss," Owens said. "Then we went on a spurt where we realized that this is the Big East and we need to do well."

"When we lost to Ohio State and UConn twice, they were learning experiences," Morgan said. "As far as playing the top team in the country, I think it was a great experience for us. Playing them so close at their home court really helped.

"When this team first came in, we didn't have any All-Americans, the season. We're a small unit and we're very close."

At one point during the year, the squad got to the point where they dressed just seven players. But March is the time of the year when most squads do not go more than seven or eight players deep. That combined with a veteran squad has minimized the effect that the injuries have had on the squad.

"We have a veteran team which helps," Owens said. "We definitely wouldn't have gone this far considering the injuries with a young team. But when all the seniors are healthy that really helps."

"We stopped paying attention to it and everybody took on a double load," Owens continued. "We thought if we want to be in this position in March, this is what we have to do. We had to practice harder, hit the weight room more and stay in great shape."

"This attitude of "never say die" or "refuse to lose" or whatever cliché you can think of has not only been their attitude when it comes to injuries, but also their recent games. In their last three contests against Texas, Alabama, and

Road to the Final Four

Storrs, CT – Big East Championship
- Irish last loss suffered at hands of top ranked UConn 77-86
- Austin, TX – NCAA first and second rounds
- ND blows Memphis out of gym in 93-62 shalacking
- Morgan and Gaither go for 29 each leading to a thrilling 86-83 win over the Longhorns

Columbia, SC – East Regionals
- Morgan's career high and East Regional record 36 points lead Irish from down by 9 to 87-71 to win over Alabama
- Gaither's 25 point 16 rebound effort pace Blue & Gold to 62-52 win over George Washington

Cincinnati, OH – Final Four
- Notre Dame becomes just the third No. 6 seed to advance to Final Four

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Roanne Botman has picked up her play coming tournament time. She has come up with some clutch shots in the Irish run.
Gaither continued from page 20

which sometimes plays right into the hands of the Irish. Sometimes we hope that they double team Katryna," Owens said. "They don't real-
ize how good (Rosanne) Bohman is. That allows the guards or Katryna to get the ball to Rosanne."

"It obviously helps because she draws the attention from the other post players and that opens things for Rosanne and Julie (Henderson)," Morgan said. "Teams can't focus on the post or the perimeter against us because if they do, the other aspect will beat them.

Gaither has written her name all over the Irish record book as she places second on the all-time scoring list behind Morgan and second in rebounds behind Leilatu Brown. She holds the school record for points in a game, burning the Ohio Bobcats for 40 points back in November. Gaither also has 20 doubles-doubles this year and an Irish record 40 in her career, making Gaither a consistent driving force for Muffet McGraw's Final Four squad.

"She goes out and plays hard and has great athletic ability," Morgan said. "When you com-
bine that with her work ethic it's no wonder what she's been able to do.

College ball hasn't always been easy for Gaither. When she first came in and put on her game, there was no question that she was going to dominate, but she has to be able to turn that motivation into victories in their court.

Summitt said. "The Lady Vols had to endure the rig-
ors of a schedule that included 18 ranked teams. In the process, UT dropped 10 games.

"I guess people have to say we've moved from pretenders to contenders," said Summitt. "That was great motivation."

One way the Vols have been able to turn that motivation into victories is their bench. Summit has the luxury of bringing 6-foot-4 Tiffany Johnson off the bench. Johnson was a member of the 1996 NCAA All-
Tournament Team.

The Irish, on the other hand, have a very well-documented thin vest. One bright spot among the reserves has been guard Sheilla McMillen, a sharp-
shooter who can take pressure off Morgan on the outside.

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ple have gotten stronger," said Gaither. "We're very confident and have high expectations. We think we're as good as anyone and can beat us is ourselves."

"With the stakes this high, that is always a concern. The nerves can take over and and I didn't know my role on the teams in the court's home of Mt.

"I don't think we'll be too ner-
vous," said Bohman. "We may have a few bad passes early but it will be nothing we can't over-
near.

Overcoming things, especially the stress on the part of the 31-1 Irish.

"Every game since the Memphis game has supposedly been an upset according to the media and the NCAA commit-
tee," said Morgan. "But we went in focused and everyone on the team believed we had the poten-
tial to reach the Final Four."

Now that they're there, the attitude is a bit different.

"We're going to enjoy it, that's for sure," said Bohman. "We're just going to go out and play our game and try to win this thing.

The honorable mention All-
American guard, and with good reason. As the regular season and now is that everyone is stepping up and peo-
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Choose Your Own Adventure

Who will follow in the path of Dave Kellett and Ed Leader as the next cartoonist for The Observer? Each of these candidates has his eyes set on being the next. And the decision is up to you.

That's right: your vote will determine which comic strip appears in The Observer.

In each issue this week and next week, a selection from each of the four comic strips will appear here. Next week, a ballot will be provided at the bottom of this page so that you can submit your vote for your favorite comic strip.

A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

A Long Way From Somewhere looks at the chaos and comedy of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. The strip centers around the life of A.J., a shy but friendly undergrad, and his outgoing roommate (currently unnamed). A.J. is always finding himself caught up in some wacky misadventure (often during his week-study position at the South Dining Hall) and tends to bring his unwelcoming roommate along for the ride. Whereas A.J.'s love life is perfectly curated, his suave roommate has no problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and Willem, the resident across the hall. Other characters include the ROTC guy, the Stadium Ushers, Skippy the Squirrel, the DART machine, and the Talking ethanol Cloud.

Kevin Trovin

MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

Men About Campus is essentially a comic strip about that — a guy's perspective about Notre Dame. It covers everything, including ND "dating," the dining hall, SYRs, football games, the leprechaun and the weather. Of course, the strip will contain women — as for the moment the guys are just moving into their new place. And like the dorms, all campus comics have to contend with parties, too.

The comic strip also will address some of the politics of ND, such as the stance on gay and lesbian students, the ever-increasing number of sports edifices on campus, along with the basic humor which a group of four unique men eventually come up with.

Dan Sullivan

N.D.C.D. BLUES

The main characters of N.D.C.D. Blues are a nameless koala bear and a penguin, and the strip's setting will vary. In general, I will mock events happening around and to me. Since I am a Notre Dame student, obviously Notre Dame events will play a role in the strip's theme. But I'll also explore all aspects of my life here, which means I don't want to focus solely on Notre Dame. These first seven strips demonstrate this: None of them deal directly with Notre Dame; but of the events surrounding it. The jokes regarding the Huddle, the dining hall food, the sports teams, etc., have been done ad nauseam. I hope to put a slightly fresher perspective in this strip.

John Hlavaty

THE LILYPAD

The strip is about Ron, Pete, and everyone else's crazy lives here at ND.

The Stars of the Show:
Ron is pretty dullwitted, and Pete tends to be more sane, as does Lissa when compared to her roommate, Jen. Lissa is an engineering major, although that may change. Crazy Bill is the deranged next-door neighbor of Ron and Pete; he's pretty messed up. The Two Giant Squares are friends of Crazy Bill on the Bookstore Basketball team. Lenny, a chupacabra, lives in Pete's pillow.

Jeremiah Conway
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! This NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE. Your fabulous energy, will do won-32
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-de for you if you choose your ob-jectives with care. A young person could play a major role in your next step. Change and variety are favored next September, so long as your business ac-
dvity doesn't suffer in the interim. Travel (not just a tour but a real vacation) will bring you a lot of fun and relaxation. Romance and travel get tied to hand on the December holiday approach. Reach out to a kind-
hearted soul!

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Singer Maria Carey, singer Sarah Vaughn, actress Maria Schneider, photographer Edward Steichen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your life will be sympathetic, and helpful if you find yourself in a position to help others. Allow your appreciation, shared advice comes from someone who has achieved in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A key relationship could suffer if you show your ambition too openly. Reflect before hitting on anything drastic. Concern yourself with the hard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Adjust your day's agenda in early as possible. Your life partner is a terrific asset in social situations. Shared visions with your partner will lead to productive cooperation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The more flexible you are, the easier
it will be to keep a hectic career balance. Surprisingly, hard work and legal matters will be clarified. A heart's desire is material.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep a budget with a new idea. Having a professional group will expand your social horizons. Be will-
ing to do some work on spec, if it could lead to a paycheck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus yourself on what extra help could lead to a contract or new client. Talk to someone about an un-
known business associate who could help a child's pet sitter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be prepared to take on additional tasks. Keep good records in case someone will do the work for you. Talk to someone who could be a realistic about how long a long-term arrangement will take.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Having hard-ship could set your career back. Becoming romantically involved with a work associate could undermine your success. Do not agree to propose a financial offer. Your finances could be going smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Allow yourself some latitude in case you end up losing your money. Negotiating to maintain equipment could prove expensive. A romance will last longer if you are a Capricorn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Exploring new, adventurous ideas could be a help. A partner could lead to a new job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Not much income is telling you something about a romance. Pay atten-
tion. Although getting a job will be costly, future careers are riding on the client's satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Let family members know your plans. A former partner could be trying to make you feel guilty. You may not be able to take advantage of a travel offer unless you speak up immedi-
ately.

OF INTEREST
Free first-time video showing of the 87th North American National Hunting Championships, filmed in Scarborough, Canada. In 1995. If you are an outdoors type person and enjoyed "A River Runs Through It," you'll find this film equally educational and entertaining. The video will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in the Jewett-Hickey auditorium. The film demonstrates good casting techniques as taught in ReSports' casting and angling class. For more information about the class, contact RecSports at 631-8337 or 631-5199.

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Pineapple Grille
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French Grepe
Hair Cheddar Melt
Roast Beef

Wanted: Reporters, photographers and editors. Join The Observer staff.
SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

It's time for the REALLY Big Dance

BY JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Four years ago a tall, skinny Katryna Gaither stepped onto the Joyce Center hardwood. Now, a lot of quality time with the weights, 2,998 points and 973 rebounds later, Gaither finds herself, and the Notre Dame program in the Final Four and the national spotlight.

Gaither has earned honorable mention All-America honors in addition to receiving national media recognition. Sportscenter's Stuart Scott proclaimed her "The Truth" and Mimi Rogers (ESPN's women's basketball analyst) made the statement that "Katryna Gaither is as good as there is in the country. Everybody talks about (UConn's) Nykesha Sales', (Alabama's) Dominique Wilkins and (Tennessee's) Chamique Holdsaw, but Katryna is right there."

In this record-breaking year for the Notre Dame women's basketball program, Gaither shattered teammate Beth Morgan's record for most national spots and the Notre Dame program in the Final Four and the national spotlight.

Gaither has grown to become one of the most dominant post players in the game, as no one person can guard her due to her size and athleticism.

"Sometimes that (double-teaming) still doesn't stop her from scoring," assistant coach Carol Owens said. "She was always in great shape and she made the adjustment when they started being more physical on her."

After earning a starting position in her sophomore campaign, she poured in 27 points in 79 points a contest with just under eight rebounds as she shot 62 percent from the floor. In her All-American year last season, she averaged just under 20 points on 59 percent shooting from the field.

Gaither has developed into one of the nation's premier post players.

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men's lacrosse

Squad prepped for Hobart's challenge

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

To the average Domer, the word "Hobart" has little meaning — many don't even recognize it as a college in New York. To ardent lacrosse fans, however, 11th-ranked Hobart represents excellence in lacrosse.

The team's trip to South Bend, to take on the Irish men's team at Moose Krause Stadium on Saturday afternoon, is the source of much excitement. "This is definitely a big game for us," stated sophomore defender Laurence Galli. "Hobart has a good team, and this will definitely be a test for us."

Sophomore attacker Ben Savage agreed. "They're a really good squad. They'll probably be tougher than Dartmouth."

Last Saturday, the Irish destroyed Dartmouth with machine-like efficiency. "We played very well against Dartmouth. I think we outexecuted them. We just had an all-around good game," said Savage.

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vs. Tennessee at NCAA Final Four in Cincinnati, Tomorrow at 9:30 on ESPN

vs. Purdue, March 29

Men's vs. Hobart, March 29

Track and Field at Sun Devil Invite and Purdue Invite, March 29

vs. Central Michigan, Today, 5 p.m. at Senn Hall, Today

Davie begins spring practices

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Softball takes on Seton Hall

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