A new era
SMC trustees present the College's first female lay president to the community

One year later, SMC chooses Eldred

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

It ignited the anticipation of Saint Mary's College students. The memo taped to doors in the tunnels, in the residence halls, in the library, in Haggar and in Madonna Thursday morning was short, simple and to the point.

Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Board of Trustees, was the author of the memo. An announcement regarding the new College president would be made the following day — Friday — at noon in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The Saint Mary's community would finally get their new leader.

"Marilou Eldred's goals are articulated in Saint Mary's own mission statement," Gorno said in Friday's letter to the entire Saint Mary's community. "(Eldred) believes passionately in the value of a liberal arts education as the critical foundation for any undergraduate major," Gorno continued.

The making of a president

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

By SARAH O'LAUGHLIN
Saint Mary's News Editor

The Saint Mary's College community was introduced to the future on Friday afternoon, and her name is Marilou Eldred.

Coined "the best person to lead Saint Mary's into the next century," Eldred spoke for the first time at a special announcement ceremony revealing her hopes and intentions for the College, such as increasing the endowment, financial aid, diversity, academic programs and enrollment.

Eldred, the current vice president and academic dean of the College of St. Catherine, a Catholic women's college in St. Paul, Minn., will be the first lay woman president of Saint Mary's.

In her current role, Eldred oversees all academic programs, curricula, faculty, educational policies and a budget of more than $10 million, and was instrumental in establishing a Women's Studies Program at St. Catherine.

According to Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, Eldred's accomplishments are a tribute to her long-held goals which are in accord with those in the Saint Mary's mission statement. "Women's colleges are critical because women need to be able to identify themselves and assume a role in society. Saint Mary's College prepares women well for that role," said Eldred.

"I have long admired and respected Saint Mary's as a leader for women's colleges in the United States," she added.

The Saint Mary's College community as the first female lay president of the College officially assumes office on June 1.

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Mary Lou Gorno
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**So what if the Cubs are 0-10?**

Don't pity me because I'm a Cubs fan. In fact, don't even question me, because that's what we're doing now: what if we lose one more before the all-time NL losing record set by the modern National League's record for the longest losing streak? The simplest question in its history and by far the worst in the club's 122-year history? Because it is the all-time NL worst record set by the major league record-holder for consecutive losses. Who isn't even on the game-day roster?

Anthony, the major league record-holder for longest losing streak.

So what if the 1984 National League MVP, major league record-holder for consecutive saved games, and nine-game field Colle colon winner, Ryne Sandberg, is batting a buck-fifth, save two unearned threes in two games a week ago and was knocked out of yesterday's game because he was beaned by a hit off a baseball sitting in the booth?

So what if we're forced to listen to Harry Carey spend 10 minutes talking about a player who isn't even on the game-day roster?

So what if the frigid temperature at Wrigley Field was as low as the number of hits summoned by its team?

So what if the Boys of Wrigley are just downright consistently bad?

There is much more to being a Cubs fan than loyalty.

To be a Cubs fan is to know the meaning of the word "loyalty.

To be a Cubs fan means not to focus on the team itself, we can revel in his shining history of Wrigley Field to the often sunny, blue sky.

To be a Cubs fan is to embrace the elaborate history of the organization — from the shiny red, white and black union emblem, union president John Sweeney joined Rodriguez near the head of the 10,000-man line that formed before noon. Workers spoke of being shortchanged and treated badly by employers. Jones says he has not had a raise in seven years and that growers "steal" employees' pay by forcing them to work off the clock.

**Famous biologist dies at 90**

George Wald, who won the Nobel Prize in 1967 for his work on the biochemistry of vision, has died. He was 90. Wald died Saturday at his home after two years and seven months of declining health. Born in Manhattan's Lower East Side to Jewish immigrants, Wald studied zoology at Washington Square College of New York University and did graduate work at the University of California. As a National Research Council fellow in 1927, he began his work on the retina and discovered retinal, a component of the visual cycle. These discoveries laid the foundation for the development of retinal research targeted at understanding how our vision works. After Hitler's rise to power forced him to leave Germany and the United States, he returned to his native New York.

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**Bahamas crash kills four Americans**

PITTSBURG, Bahamas.

A small plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off a tiny island in the Bahamas, killing all four Americans on board, including three Major League pilots.

Their single-engine Beechcraft 36 slammed into a rocky shoal Saturday about 25 yards off Crooked Island almost 100 miles southeast of Nassau.

"The plane went into bits and pieces," she was told the plane had engine problems and was circling back to land when it crashed.

"My father was flying when he was flying," she said. "It's the one consolation we have is that he went doing something he loved."
Jordan: UFOs, aliens exist in a parallel universe

By TOM MORAN

Do UFOs really exist?
Taking into account UFO sightings, abduction stories, tales of the mysterious "men in black," crop circles and cattle mutilations, expert Peter Jordan tackled that question last night.

Jordan, who has been examining these phenomena for 20 years, admitted early on that the vast majority of UFO sightings are either misunderstandings or hoaxes.

He noted that Project Blue Book, the official government investigation of UFOs, determined that 98 percent of UFO sightings are actually aircraft or weather and astronomical phenomena.

Jordan also pointed out the number of UFO boxes that have been perpetrated in the past. "Many people simply took hubcaps, stuck cotton balls to the bottom, threw them in the air and took pictures," he stated. He said that, with modern technology, "it is very easy to create images that fool experts."

He cited specific examples and evidence of alien appearances, abductions and activities. He started with a look at abduction stories, tales of the cattle mutilations, expert Peter Jordan explained, were a number of "surgeon-like cuts being made" on cattle by helicopter-like UFOs. A number of eyewitness sightings, he noted, lend credence to these claims, and he pointed out that there was no rational explanation for these mutilations. They were too precise to be predators, Jordan explained. "Why would the military or the government need to do this?" he asked, later stating that "the matter sits in the field of ambiguities."

Jordan concluded the lecture by affirming that he does believe aliens visit Earth, although he still pointed out several reasons supporting the opposite conclusion.

The generally human characteristics ascribed to extraterrestrials are suggestive of the idea that they are only figments of people's imaginations, he said. Jordan also noted that these "aliens," supposedly possessed of far more powerful technology than ours, seem to have a habit of subjecting people to primitive medical procedures, an idea that seems rather puzzling.

Finally, the most obvious reason to reject the idea of aliens, he said, is that the simple fact that we have no hard evidence of them: no spaceship remains, no alien materials, objects or bodies.

Despite all of the objections he raised, however, Jordan said that he still believes that visitors to our planet exist. "The evidence is overwhelming," he said.

In a statement that much of the audience apparently found hard to swallow, Jordan conveyed his belief that these visitors were not from other planets, but from other dimensions, such as wormholes or parallel universes. The aforementioned reasons for not believing in aliens, he said, led him to conclude that this is a more likely explanation for people's encounters and abduction stories.

Jordan clearly expressed that his 20 years of researching UFOs has convinced him of their existence. He confessed, however, that there are still many questions concerning UFOs and other such phenomena. Thus, he asserted that he would likely continue investigating these phenomena "until I die — or until I figure out what the hell is going on."
Eldred impresses SMC students with speech

By MELANIE GARMAN
Saint Mary’s Associate News Editor

Bustling with anticipation, the students of Saint Mary’s College packed into the O’Leary Plaster Auditorium Friday afternoon to hear the announcement of the College’s 10th president. As Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Board of Trustees, introduced Marilou Denbo Eldred to the Saint Mary’s College community, students, faculty and staff rushed to their feet to greet her. Not only did she receive a standing ovation, but she also received numerous words of encouragement from the student body.

“I am very excited about the appointment of our new president,” said junior Amanda Howerton. “I feel she has a credible background, having been a part of the Saint Mary’s community for 18 years, and I am sure her experience will carry on here at Saint Mary’s,” she added.

Eldred is the first lay woman to assume the Saint Mary’s presidency. Students agree with the idea of Saint Mary’s appointing a female president and are eager for her to assume her duties beginning June 1, 1997. Students are also pleased with Eldred’s enthusiasm and approachability.

“I was very impressed with Eldred’s first speech to the student body,” said freshman Penelope Kistska. “She seemed very professional, yet down to earth, a leader I feel I could go to with a concern.”

Even though members of this year’s graduating class will not get a chance to see Eldred in person as she assumes her new position, positive views were expressed by those who were able to meet with her as well.

“I am confident in her past experiences that she is the right person for the job,” senior Heather Stoecker stated. “If I could address one issue to Eldred, it would tell her how beneficial it would be to incorporate a women’s issues class for all freshmen,” Stoecker added.

Many issues will be addressed by Eldred throughout her presidency, including the challenge of fundraising, diversity issues and maintaining the strong academic program Saint Mary’s is known for.

“I believe that Eldred has a big job ahead of her. However, with the strong interest she has in the student body, she will have no trouble being accepted into the Saint Mary’s community,” Kistska said.

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Eldred stressed the fact that she is a lay leader, something that she believes women are seeing in today’s society.

She also stated her eagerness to meet with present students and alumnae. She plans on implementing informal receptions with groups of students and hosting alumnae reunions to acquaint students with networking opportunities available within the Saint Mary’s community.

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“I believe personally that a liberal arts education furthers the nature of a well-rounded education,” she continued.

“It is a unique relationship to have a religious order sponsor an academic institution. I hope to build on all of the wonderful things that happen here and build on the women’s college aspect,” Eldred added.

“I am really excited to be here,” she emphasized.

Women’s Resource Center: SNEAK PREVIEW! Women’s Resource Center Speak Out! Art displayed Mon.-Wed., 1st floor in case of O’Sugh. Come join us on 4/16, 6pm and celebrate women in the arts. Tell us what you think about treatment of WOMEN at ND! Come support the Annual Film Fest Thurs., 4/17, Fri. 4/18, & Sat. 4/19 in the Montgomery Hostler of Hesburg. Film times will be 7pm and 9pm. Check Observer Ads for scheduled movies.

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Wayward cart driver disrupts annual Wake procession

Alumni residents (pictured above) had their enthusiasm momentarily dampened when a fellow student steered a golf cart through their annual Wake procession (shown left).

Alumni Hall held its annual Wake this weekend, beginning with a half-hour procession around campus and culminating at an SYB. The march across North Quad was disrupted by a Zahn Hall resident, who decided to drive a golf cart through the mob of marching men.

"I got hit when we were outside Zahn, and I just went flying," said Wake participant Jeremy Dixon. "I got cuts and bruises, but no one was seriously hurt."

RAs from Alumni assisted in stopping the cart; several witnesses recalled seeing the driver getting hit by enraged students, but Dixon was unable to confirm this.

"I didn't see any punches," he said. "But people were pretty mad. I mean, he plowed through the procession for no apparent reason."

The Alumni RAs were unwilling to comment on the situation; one source hinted that the occurrence would be pursued by the Office of Student Affairs.

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Violent crime rate declines

By CASSANDRA BURRELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Americans experienced significantly fewer violent crimes in 1996 than in 1994, with rates for such acts as rape, robbery and assault down by 12.4 percent, the Justice Department said Sunday.

The broadest decline happened in the suburbs, where crime rates dropped in all areas of personal victimization except rape and sexual assault.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics said the fall was the largest recorded since the bureau began taking its annual National Crime Victimization Survey in 1973.

"Two years ago, we made a commitment to take our streets back from crime and violence. We had a comprehensive plan," President Clinton said. "Our plan is working."

He said in a written statement that the statistics, which covered the first full year of his crime act of 1994, reflect the largest drop in violent crime in 22 years. He credited the act.

"Attorney General Janet Reno said the figures continued a downward trend in violent crimes that has been reflected in every year of the Clinton administration.

"We see that crime figures remain much too high."

And some experts said the administration is reaping the benefits of a baby boomer generation mellowed with age.

Among white residents age 32 and older, the survey showed overall violent crime declined 12.8 percent. Aggravated assault among whites dropped 24.7 percent.

The decline was less dramatic for black Americans.
**Orkin: Science not ready for any human cloning**

By JENNIFER ROTHACKER
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. —

Studying animal clones is keeping researchers busy now, but scientists warned an ethics panel Sunday that a permanent ban on research into human cloning could stall medical progress.

For now, animal cloning gives "the biggest bang for the buck," said Stuart Orkin, a developmental biologist at Harvard Medical School. Scientists may fall behind, however, if human cloning isn't at least examined, Orkin told the National Institutes Advisory Commission.

President Clinton formed the 18-member commission to study implications of human cloning, with moratoria on the implantation of human embryos because of the potential to produce organs for transplant.

"I'm not comfortable with the notion of banning any kind of research," Orkin said. "However, I am comfortable with moratoriums on the implantation of cloned human embryos because of the inherent risks that I think are unacceptable." Orkin said because not all animal research is directly applicable to humans, the board should "avoid prohibiting legitimate research into animals or humans (because it) really has big potential for benefits in the future."

"Is it possible that we can do most of the basic science on animals...without ever creating an entity which many people find offensive?" asked commission member Thomas Murray, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Orkin did not advocate widespread cloning of animals. Plenty of research is left to do that would not necessitate further cloning of any kind, he said. But researching human cloning could lead to major advancements in such fields as organ transplants.

Research works.

**Lee: Hong Kong deserves its freedom**

Democratic leader calls for U.S. help in retaining liberty

By GENE KRAMER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The United States and all other countries that have supported Hong Kong's coming transfer to Chinese rule have "at least a moral obligation" to help the British colony's 6.5 million people remain free, Hong Kong democracy leader Martin Lee said Sunday.

That will be his message at a White House meeting expected this week, Lee said in an interview.

Both the White House and Lee said an exact time has not yet been set for his White House visit. He is president of Hong Kong's Democratic Party and landslide winner in the 1995 British-Chinese Joint Declaration.

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Beijing's plan to replace the colony's elected Legislative Council with an appointed body "is contrary to the promises of the Joint Declaration," said Lee.

Lee, reached by telephone at the home of friends in the Washington suburbs, recalled that the United States has consistently supported the 1984 British-Chinese Joint Declaration.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a White House official said Sunday that Vice President Al Gore would receive Lee, and President Clinton would join their meeting. They are expected to discuss Hong Kong's future and "the effort to ensure a peaceful transition of power," the official said.

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Farrakhan: Clinton policy will hurt peace prospects

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
President Clinton is hurting the prospects for peace in the Middle East with a policy that too willingly "bows to the dictates of Netanyahu," Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said Sunday.

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Farrakhan said Clinton should have been able to dissuade Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, from building homes for Jewish settlers in east Jerusalem. The Palestinians want to establish the capital of a Palestinian state in that sector.

"The world says he shouldn't do this," the Muslim minister said. "America has influence in Israel but is not using that influence in a constructive way."

Clinton's policy puts the United States in a position that "pays lip service to the Palestinians while she bows to the dictates of Netanyahu and the strong political Jewish lobby," Farrakhan said.

The White House would not comment specifically about Farrakhan's remarks but defended Clinton's strategy in the troubled region as successful.

"The administration's Middle East policy has helped bring about important changes in the region," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. "We have worked closely with all parties in the region, and will continue to do so.

"Farrakhan, leader of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam, for more than 20 years, has been a critic for his sect's work to rehabilitate black convicts and drug addicts but has been severely criticized for denunciations of Jews, Catholics, whites and others.

"He also has been investigated by U.S. agencies for trips through the Middle East and North Africa during which he appeared with and praised leaders of countries on the State Department's list of terrorist exporters such as Libya, Sudan, Iraq and Iran.

"Farrakhan characterized the breakdown of peace efforts in the Middle East as "a very grave problem" that could have been avoided if Netanyahu had allowed the status of east Jerusalem to be decided in peace negotiations. He said Clinton has a responsibility, in dealing with the Israeli prime minister, to "exercise the strength of a man whose country confronted at least 30 billion every year to the state of Israel."

"I do not think that President Clinton is handling his role in the most responsible manner," Farrakhan said.

In Sunday's wide-ranging interview, Farrakhan denied harboring anti-Semitic views, as he has repeatedly in recent years.

He offered to apologize if "I can be shown to be in error."

Farrakhan: Clinton policy will hurt peace prospects

By SHAUN COHEN
Associated Press Writer

HENDRUM, Minn.

Sim Larson, whose farm near Hendrum was hit by spring flooding, said Friday he is concerned about the safety of his family and animals.

The family has worked closely with National Guardsmen sandbagging around farm buildings. His attention has turned to saving his home in Hendrum.

"We've got to save what we worked for all our lives. This is where we live," said Spierer, looking out over the mobile home park where he lives.

Donovan Kolness, Hendrum's mayor for just six months, has been helping organize sandbagging crews and volunteers to watch the city's dike.

"I think we're going to fight this thing and beat it back," he said Sunday, taking a break at the City Hall.

Leland Nepstad fears he may have lost his 660-acre sugarcane beet and grain farm just across the Red River in North Dakota. The bridge to get there was closed before he and volunteers could sandbag around farm buildings.

His attention has turned to saving his home in Hendrum.

"Now that we lost our farm, we're sandbagging 15 to 16 hours a day trying to protect our home," he said.

Like Mrs. Larson, are already looking to the future: "Sooner or later," she said, "it will all be cleaned up. Everything will be green and we won't even remember it."

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Experts: The tomato may prevent cancer

By DANIEL HANEY
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO

For years, cancer experts have been telling folks to eat fruits and vegetables. Now they are trying to answer the next obvious question: "Which ones?"

They are still far from having an answer. But studies presented at a cancer conference this week suggest tomatoes are looking good. So are oranges and several other kinds of food, including tofu and spaghetti.

Teasing out specifics about the health effects of different kinds of foods is difficult, in part because it may take many years for a particular nutrient to have even a small effect on health.

However, scientists are trying. And tomatoes appear to be the food of the moment.

Last year, Harvard researchers reported that men who get at least 10 servings a week of tomato-based foods are up to 43 percent less likely than usual to develop prostate cancer.

No one knows why, but it could be because tomatoes are the primary source in the diet of a nutrient called lycopene. Now a team from Columbia University has preliminary evidence that this may be especially important for smokers.

Dr. Jean Ford and others looked at levels of various vitamins and other nutrients in the blood of 204 people, half of whom had smoked. They found concentrations of lycopene were significantly lower in the lung cancer victims.

After taking smoking into account, they found that those with low levels of lycopene have triple the risk of those with high levels. The association was especially strong in people currently smoking. The lower their lycopene levels, the higher their cancer risk.

Ford cautioned that low lycopene levels might be a result, rather than a cause, of lung cancer. Nevertheless, the findings raise the possibility that the nutrient might somehow help protect smokers from the cancerous effects of cigarettes.

This is a preliminary report, but it raises questions about whether there are dietary risk factors that we need to take a closer look at for lung cancer, Ford said.

Among other reports on the effects of food released Sunday at the American Association for Cancer Research meeting:

• Animal studies suggest that orange juice protects lab animals from cancer. In an effort to find out why this might be, Dr. Naja Guthrie and others from the University of Western Ontario evaluated limonoids, the bitter stuff in limes, lemons, grapefruit and oranges. They found that a particular limonoid called nomilin is an especially powerful inhibitor of cancer in the test tube.

• Dr. Rashmi Sinha of the National Cancer Institute looked for links between meat consumption and lung cancer in 1,216 women in Missouri. Women who ate a lot of red meat were twice as likely as those who had it sparingly to get lung cancer, but fish and chicken had no apparent effect on risk.

For the pope, there was no question that peace and unity go hand-in-hand. "For the edifice of peace to be solid, against the background of so much blood and hatred, it will have to be built on the courage of forgiveness," he said. "People must know how to ask forgiveness and to forgive."

If Bosnians can establish peace, he told the Muslim, Serb and Croat leaders, "the land can become at the end of this century an example of coexistence in diversity for many nations experiencing the same difficulty, in Europe and elsewhere in the world."

John Paul said Sarajevo is a symbol of the horrors of the 20th century including the start of World War I, the bitter fighting of World War II and the conflict marking the end of the century.

He called for respect for human rights, efforts to ensure all Bosnians have work and the return of refugees to their homes.

About 70 percent of the workforce is unemployed in Muslim-Croat territory, and probably more on the Serb side. The future of the refugees is one of the biggest political issues facing Bosnia.

Muslims and Croats are often at odds, but their men on the presidency promised to work for unity.

Bosnia's chief Muslim cleric, Mustafa Ceric, met the pope Sunday afternoon and said afterward he would use the opportunity of the pope's visit to seek "substantial dialogue" between Muslims and Catholics.

Serbs and many Croats are intent on breaking away from Bosnia rather than continuing in a diverse multiethnic land.

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E-mail and the lost art of good conversation

Every morning, at precisely 10 a.m., my friend Ray roosts himself from deep sleep and makes his way to a pristinely kept personal computer.

Bong Miquiabas

After some soft clicks, he taps out a simple password: C-U-B-S.

"I'm a die-hard fan," he explains. "I won't forget my password this way." Nor would he want to forget. It is a password that connects him with a world he has never seen but knows exists, and it is a world that enables him to keep in touch with his extended Chicago area family and friends, as well as with several strangers.

The desktop hums for a few searching moments. A minute later, a delightful ding! signals something meaningful. A new message appears on his screen.

"I'm glad to hear from you again, Ray. I've been meaning to write you for a while. It's a great day to hear from you, Ray."

There is something discrete and pure about the composition of a handwritten letter. Never mind what is written, the time that it takes to decide what to write about how and to relate it makes this form of written conversation much more endearing, and I think, more meaningful.

Hardly eloquent, but deeply gratifying to his friend, Ray explains.

One wonders if post-modern conversation, as manifest in e-mail, will be something more than streams of consciousness melding an indifference to detail. James Joyce meeting a c-cumulus, without the insight or the artistry.

Long-distance conversations need not be so crude — and I do not mean it in the prudish sense of the word. Take handwritten letters. There is something discrete and pure about the composition of a handwritten letter. Never mind what is written, the time that it takes to decide what to write about how and to relate it makes this form of written conversation much more endearing and, I think, more meaningful.

Handwriting a letter, the mere decision to write reveals much more about one's state of mind than a hastily typed reaction to a flippantly sent remark. Furthermore, fewer of us are truly connect with people in general, never mind our friends. In this bustling age of drive-thru ATMs, credit card-operated gas pumps and grab-and-go lunching, to make good conversation is, in a sense, to waste time.

In our long-distance relationships, the popular thinking goes, "Why bother writing or even phoning someone if I can send e-mail?" Yet behind this simplistic justification there lingers a less savory rationale. Meaningful conversation takes concentration, effort and — most importantly — time. For too many of us, our time is too precious to divvy up for another person's sake.

I wish not to paint a cynical picture of our world today, although there is more than a touch of irony in seeing one modern convenience after another compromise the much-needed art of good conversation.

Bong Miquiabas is a third-year law student. His column appears every other Monday.
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Kilmer Falls From Grace

The Saint

Directed by: Phillip Noyce
Starring: Val Kilmer and Elizabeth Shue

"The Saint" is like Easter and Christmas — it's exciting, and you might get to see some cool toys, but if you actually think a little about the story behind it, all the ridiculousness isokes you laugh. An old guy in a red suit doesn't traverse the globe with eight rendrevous friends, nor does he deliver the deco rated embryos of St. John the Baptist's phylum.

Simon "the Magician" (Val Kilmer) steals the answer to the world's energy problems and single-handedly saves a reemerging superpower. Modeled after the 1960s television show with Roger Moore, "The Saint" takes place on the high-stakes stage of international espionage. The story opens with Simon Tremlet, one of a myriad of names borrowed from Catholic saints, slithering into the safe of a powerful Russian billionaire. He hires Simon to steal the formula for a nervous drug and dashing indigent strolling about the Kremlin. Simon does a fascinating job portraying these different characters, but poor dialogue and a lack of action limit performance. Elizabeth Shue, who plays Dr. Russell, is an appropriate sidekick for Simon. She matches Kilmer in good looks, but too much of the actor's time is consumed d o g i n g b e d s a n d c r a w l i n g t h r o u g h t h e s a f e of a power ful Russian orph anage. This identity crisis is then over-dramatized to the extent that Simon wishes to remain nameless to the woman he has fallen in love with. Random characters also pop-up throughout the film, such as Dr. Russell's Simon and Dr. Robert Bussell, a black-market art dealer, to save them as they race through Moscow's sewer system. Questioning the storyline hurts the movie.

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Photo Courtesy Paramount Pictures

Simon Templar (Kilmer) and Dr. Emma Russell (Shue) find romance in this predictable plot leaves you to discover other interesting novelties within "The Saint." Simon's little gadgets, from a laser-impervious fingerprint to a pseudo-cellular phone that flips into a portable e-mail center, hold your attention as an interesting side show. Val Kilmer's continual identity changes is another novelty that enhances the film. His cast of characters include a buck-toothed, balding scientist; a poetic, long-haired Romeov a Russian officer. Each is an interesting counterpoint swelling indigent about the Kremlin. Kilmer does a fascinating job portraying these different characters, but poor dialogue and a lack of action limit performance. Elizabeth Shue, who plays Dr. Russell, is an appropriate sidekick for Simon. She matches Kilmer in good looks, but too much of the actor's time is consumed doing beds and crawling through the safe of a powerful Russian orphanage. This identity crisis is then over-dramatized to the extent that Simon wishes to remain nameless to the woman he has fallen in love with. Random characters also pop-up throughout the film, such as Dr. Russell's Simon and Dr. Robert Bussell, a black-market art dealer, to save them as they race through Moscow's sewer system. Questioning the storyline hurts the movie.

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When Sonny finds Brenda at his house, he moves to kiss her, thinking she has made her decision. She breaks down and reveals she has made her decision. She tells him it could be a while, and he promises to wait.

Simon finds a letter, recognizes Brenda's handwriting, sneaks into the bathroom, stuns it open and reads it, because she thinks Brenda would do it. The upshot is that Miranda knows that Sonny and Brenda made love and she goes to tell Jenny, who gets to Brenda. But Brenda tells her that she has not fallen in love with him, but with her as a friend. She leaves the floor alone, because she decides she is going to go on a fast. She is explained away.

Brenda and Lucas make out, have Austin work from home. Carrie, who was basically responsible for the fire escape. Lucas sees it, and then goes to look into it. He goes to the scoop from Sonny, leading Taggart's 900th warning.

Brenda still doesn't think she is the type of woman that Stefan should be with; the type she describes sounds like Katharine. Ned and Alexis hatch a plot to clear Monica's good name. They think they've found a guilt, caretakers of complicated families. She gives Ned the name of a woman who accused Dorman of sexual harassment. What's good for the goose...

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Days of Our Lives

By TRACY GORMAN and LYNN WONG

Last week in Salem, that kid with a guitar, Shawn D., got shot. At the hospital, we see Bo torn between telling Hope the truth and keeping up the charade in order to catch J.E. King, who was basically responsible for Shawn's death. J.E. King is the drug dealer, and while at the hospital, Hope gets her hope up that the little box is for her, but it's someone else's. Make love and she goes. Sonny and Miranda make a move, but she's explained away. She's explained away.

Jack is still in jail prison over Jennifer. He sees Jean and King together on TV for the big Titan party. Jack learns from another inmate that King is a dangerous drug lord, and runs to the phone to warn Jennifer. Jack is hoping to get out soon, thanks to the best lawyer in the state, Mickey Moran. As it turns out, Jack's ruling was against him, and he has to stay in jail.

Sami is now living with Austin and unknowingly (or as we assume) running Carrie and Austin's life. While Sami sleeps, a hormone-driven Austin sneaks into Carrie's apartment via the fire escape. Lucas sees her brother and calls Sami. In turn, Sami gets nervous when she can't find her man, and goes looking for Carrie to add to the list. Lucas holds Will and said that he never felt so connected to a kid until Will came along. Could this be a clue??? Hopefully we will all remember that fateful day when Sami and Lucas got wild in the Titan back room. Sami and Lucas make plans to have Austin work from home. Carrie, after hearing the news, goes mad and fed up. And finally, Kristin/Susan/John plot. The tension in the DiMera Mansion thickens as Susan seems to be the baby nurse. Susan seems to be the only one in the house able to calm John Jr. down, which infuriates Kristin even more. Kristin hires Stephano's contractor to build a secret room in the mansion and Kristin and Susan commi t their marriage vows. John hears Susan say "I'm going to take care of my baby," and he gets those patented confused looks. Susan runs into Celeste, the Dennis Rodman of gypsies, and can feel Susan's pain. We think that Celeste has the potential to expose Kristin for the fraud that she is. Susan also reveals that little Elvis gets stronger, she has a "big fat surprise" for everyone. All last week, Marlena thought about Rob and the possibility of him coming home. Tune in for this week's more drama...
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Whalers bid farewell to Hartford with win

By CHRISTINE HANLEY
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Glen Wesley and Kevin Dineen scored in the Hartford Whalers' 2-1 victory over Tampa Bay Sunday night, giving the fans a win to remember them by in their final game at the Civic Center.

Wesley scored in the first and Dineen in the third for a 2-0 Whalers' lead before Dino Ciccarelli deflected in a pass from Chris Gratton for the final score.

The outcome of the game meant nothing to the playoff picture, as both teams were coming back to Hartford even. Dineen tallied the first of the goals in his final game at the Civic Center. The Whalers lead before Dina scored in their final game at the Civic Center.

But Wesley scored in the first and Dineen in the third for a 2-0 Whalers' lead before Dino Ciccarelli deflected in a pass from Chris Gratton for the final score.

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Woods masterful in record-breaking performance

By RON SIRAK
Associated Press Writer

Augusta, Ga.

Ultimately, Tiger Woods' record-setting Masters victory was more about Jack Nicklaus than Jackie Robinson.

The rollicking cheers and waves of affection that carried Woods through the final few holes and onto the 18th green at Augusta National Golf Club made that clear.

His golf game seemed to make it inevitable.

When the green jacket was draped over the shoulders of the 21-year-old champion, golf greeted not just the first black to win a major professional championship, but also a player of the talent, intelligence and discipline to achieve his goal of being the best to ever play the game.

By the time Woods was jumping up and trying to see who was away after missing the 18th fairway way left, he had let himself laugh, joked with the crowd and seemed to enjoy one of the most startling and easy victories in the history of golf.

After making his final putt, Woods became a kid again when he squinted his eyes tight and fought back tears as he hugged his father, Earl, the man who taught him the game, and his mother, Tida.

"My dad said last night, 'If you play well and be yourself, it would be the most rewarding round you've ever had,'" he offered.

"I'm not sure I've been more than that, " Phenomenal performance," Nick Faldo, last year's winner, told Woods, "Welcome to the green jacket.""

Closing with a 69, Woods finished at 18-under 270, the lowest score ever shot in the Masters and matching the most under par anyone has ever been in any of the four Grand Slam events.

His 12-stroke victory over Tom Kite was not only a Masters record by three strokes, but the greatest winning margin in any major since Tom Morris Sr. won in the 1862 British Open by 13 strokes.

And Woods was the youngest to win the Masters by two years to win the Masters.

"He's out there playing another game on a golf course he is going to own for a long time," said Nicklaus, who won the Masters at 23. "I don't think I want to go back out and be 21 and compete against him."

What Woods did this week at Augusta means that anything is possible. It was an effort recorded not on a scorecard, but in the record books and pages of history.

Nearly every sentence uttered about Woods after his victory included words like lowest, fastest, first, youngest.

The Grand Slam - winning the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA in the same year - is not out of the question for Woods, and breaking the record low score of 59 for a competitive round could be only a matter of time.

A scintillating 66 followed by a 65 in the middle two rounds - when only one other player could shoot a 66 - proved that and it ended the tournament.

Coming into Sunday with a nine-stroke lead over Costantino Rocca, the final round was a mere formality which he handled perfectly, playing safely but not softly.

Even the once seemingly impossible mark of 20 major championships by Nicklaus is now vulnerable.

His remarkable accomplishments as a golfer almost overshadowed yet another significant achievement:

Woods' victory came just two days shy of 50 years after Jackie Robinson became the first black to play major league baseball.

And surely, 50 years from now, the day Tiger Woods won the Masters will be discussed with just as much awe and perhaps with as much significance as Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier.

Woods, however, credited those who had gone before him: "I wasn't the pioneer. Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, Ted Rhodes, those are the guys who paved the way. All night I was thinking about them, I think they've done for me and the game of golf."

Coming up 18, I said a little of prayer and began to think about those guys. Those guys are the ones who did it.

With the same flair for the dramatic he has shown throughout his brief career, Woods not only won a major championship at 21, but when he hit the dangerous 12th green and nearly laughed when he hit from the right rough to the first tee.

Woods' walk to the first tee on Sunday was greeted not with turned heads but with crossed necks as thousands tried to get a glimpse of the game's new hero.

Woods made a birdie on No. 2 - one of the par-5 holes he played a total of 13 under par for the week. And he showed his first flaw since Thursday's 40 on the front nine of the first round in the middle of that nine on Sunday.

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Associated Press Writer

Cubs tie National League losing record
By RICK GANO

Monday, April 14, 1997

The Chicago Cubs tied the
modern National League record for season-opening futility, losing
their 10th straight game as Michael Tucker's eighth-inning triple gave the Atlanta Braves a 4-1 victory Sunday.

The Cubs tied the mark set by Atlanta in 1988. They can
match the all-time NL mark of 10-11, set by the Detroit
Wolverines in 1884, when they
play Colorado on Tuesday. The record for worst start in the
majors is 0-21, set by the 1988
Chicago Cubs.

Sandberg hit by foul line drive
Chicago Cubs second base-
man Ryne Sandberg was hit in
the right side of the head by a line drive off the bat of teammate Brant Brown. Sandberg was examined in the
dugout and taken to Northwestern
Memorial Hospital for further evaluation.

The Braves scored three runs for a 4-1 lead in the sixth. Blauser had a bases-loaded
career error, allowing the
Cubs to have six errors Sunday - the
most errors in a game.

Steve Van Zant (2-0), who
gave up two runs in the
seventh, got the win. Mark Wohlers pitched
two scoreless innings to earn his
fifth save.

Chicago's lead with 2:21 left in the
third quarter. But the Bulls came out cold
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Women's Tennis

Irish netters prove worthy of top twenty

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

To say that the Notre Dame women's tennis team had a good weekend would be an understatement. Ranked No. 19 in the country, the Irish came home after a close win against Indiana for a three-match home stand.

The Irish began their weekend on Friday with a 9-0 win over Drake. In singles, the team was highlighted by Kelly Zalinski and Darcie Sweeney, who each completed a perfect match in Nos. 4 and 6 singles, respectively. The closest match came at No. 2 singles, where Marta Velasquez narrowly beat the Bulldogs' Lindsay Bell, 6-1, 7-6.

In No. 3 doubles, the team of Courtney Haskell and Kelley Olson defeated Drake's Meredith Lavelle and Huns Huns 8-6 in the third match of the day.

"A perfect match doesn't come very often," head coach Jay Louderback commented, "but we had three of them on Friday. Zalinski played as well as I've ever seen her.

"In another doubles action, Gates and Hall won 6-2 in No. 1 doubles, while Zalinski and freshman Sarah Scarrings won at No. 2 doubles, 8-4.

With the loss, Drake fell to 9-10 on the season.

On Sunday, Notre Dame continued their rampage against Boston College. The team performed with the same ferocity as it did two days ago, finishing with another 9-0 shutout with "Overall, we played very well as a team," Louderback said. "Hall and Gates have struggled over the past few games, but they really came on strong this weekend.

The Irish won all six singles matches in straight sets, with no individual player highlighting the meet. The match that clinched the game came at No. 6 singles, where Sweeney defeated the Eagles' Judith Kiwewetz, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles play, Gates and Hall scored a perfect match, defeating their opponents 8-0. The closest match of the day came at No. 3 doubles where the duo of Haskell and Olson defeated Arbuckle and Domenick 9-7.

"Our spirits were raised with our win over BC," said Scarrings, who won at No. 2 doubles during the course of the day. "Over the past few weekends, we've been really successful with our matches. Now, we can set our sights on our next match and then the Big East championships.

During the weekend, Hall, Gates, Zalinski and Olson went undefeated in four singles and doubles matches.

"Overall, I think the team played extremely well," Louderback said. "This is the kind of momentum that we need to going into the match against Hawaii and then the Big East championships.

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py the early play may be, it remains necessary for any team interested in advancement.

"Today's game was an important part of Bookstore because it allowed us to have a good time playing, but it was also good for us to get used to playing together," said Chad Chevalier, whose sixth-seeded team Sexual Chocolate defeated L.A. Locos 21-8.

Team rhythm will be a key as the competition gets bigger and the pool gets smaller.

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don that category.

Angela Bessolo allowed just four hits in recording her second consecutive complete game.

In game two, Kelly Nichols led the Irish on both sides of the field, hurling a complete-game two-hitter and going 3-3 at the plate. Marten added two hits, and Sarah Mathison belted Kara McMahon's 2-2 stint. Murray knocked in four runs, scoring three more, with one RBI.

Angela Bessolo threw her second complete-game shutout of the weekend, allowing five hits to improve her record to 10-8.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 3-0 lead in game two, before Villanua plated its first run of the weekend. A Murray homer in the sixth helped put the Wildcats away, 8-1.

Joy Battersby notched the complete game victory for the Irish, improving to 5-6 on the season.

The Irish head home to host Northwestern in a doubleheader tomorrow at Ivy Field. Notre Dame defeated Northwestern 5-3 on March 8, at the Sooner Classic in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Baseball

Wagner provides hot bat for Irish in double-header

by BRIAN REINTHALER

Wagner provides hot bat for Irish in double-header

After being rained out for what must seem to the players to be the hundredth time this season, the baseball team made up the lost game with a double-header yesterday at Rutgers.

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Junior Todd Frye posted a double in the split double-header on Sunday against Rutgers.

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be looked to as a leader of the running back unit because those
behind him on the depth chart lack experience.

"I don't see it as anything different from the past," Denson said.
"This may be the spot that's a little thin as the defensive backs and wide receivers
were last season. We feel like we can go out and do the job. The people that we have are
capable; we just have to stay healthy and stick together."

One of the pleasant surprises so far in the spring has been the return of Clement Stokes, who
will be a senior. Stokes' talent has been impressive so far, and he is currently right behind
Denson at the tailback slot.

"Clement has shown some good things, and that has been
a big plus this spring," Colletto said.

Jay Vickers missed his rookie campaign due to a shoulder in­
jury, but he is healthy now and is third on the depth chart.

Come fall, one of the most an­
ticipated blue-chippers will ar­
rive on campus—Tony Driver.

Driver garnered numerous awards in his high school ca­
er, including Kentucky Player of the Year and a first team All­
American. Driver is considered the prize of the Class of 2001;
his size and speed is the kind of stuff recruiters and coaches drool over.

Driver brings the versatility to line up at the wide receiver slot or in the backfield, but he will
come in at his natural tailback slot.

"He'll be a tailback with Cooper Rego and some other guys that will get a look at the
tailback position," Colletto said.

Rego, out of Motivate, N.J., was named to the Parade All­American team and the USA
Today second team All­American. The 5-foot-6-inch, 190-pound tailback brings
speed which has been clocked as fast as a Rocketeers 4.38 in the 40.

Lined up in front of Denson at the fullback position will be
Jamie Spencer, who starred the last three games in 1996 after
Edwards' knee injury. Joey Goodspeed saw some action in his freshman year upon moving
up in the ranks after Edwards' injury and the competition at fullback has been stellar.

"Spencer and Goodspeed are really competing, and I think we'll be in really good shape
there," Colletto said. "Kenny Barry is also coming real well."

Barry will return for his
senior year at fullback position,
bringing experience and creat­
ing depth for the backfield. With
the new coaches and offense
implemented, the team is taking
advantage of spring ball to
learn the system.

"The biggest thing right now
is to make sure they are
comfortable and learn the stuff
they can do it without having to
think about it," Colletto said.

"The philosophy and thinking
is different," Denson said.

"Some of the things remain the
same, but I don't think there
have been any problems with
transition."

"They all seem to be adjusting fine," Colletto agreed. "They work hard in practice and are
trying to learn. I think it's just a matter of repetition time, and we will have must everything
we want them to learn in after next week.

Sophomore Autry Denson looks to fill the position of Clement Stokes. He's shown some of the Year and is a first team All-American. The 5-foot-6-inch, 190-pound tailback brings speed which has been clocked as fast as a Rocketeers 4.38 in the 40.

Jamie Spencer looks to compete with Joey Goodspeed at fullback.

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******A Great Notre Dame Tradition of Winning Fulbrights******
Weekend plagued by predictability

Seeds advance easily in first round of tourney
By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Last weekend's Bookstore Basketball action was as cold and predictable as April weather in South Bend. Mother Nature didn't surprise anyone with cold and rainy conditions and neither did the top-seeded teams that played.

While about half of the top 32 played this weekend, none of the teams had a chance to exhibit their worthiness for a seed as all won fairly uncontested.

Although all of the seeded teams are quick to credit their opponents' efforts, the early rounds serve as little more than practice for those who have their eye on a bigger prize.

"In the earlier rounds, we know we are not going to play any seeded teams, so we just try to keep the same mindset we'd have if we were playing a ranked team," Chris Dotson of fifth-seeded SFR2. We Still Can' commented. In SFR2's 21-4 defeat of Four Jerks and a Squirt, the biggest obstacle was the large puddle that lay in the middle of the court behind Lyons' Hall.

"The weather definitely slowed us down," Dotson continued. "It was cold so it hurt our shooting and the lake in the middle of the court didn't help."

Dotson did add, though, that the weather provided some much-needed motivation. "We just wanted to get the game over with so we could go inside," he said.

Although an easy victory might appear on the surface to be a blessing, it can sometimes be a curse. The fact that a team can't play to its full potential can often later prove to hurt its performance, especially in the final rounds.

"We're really worried about our next opponent," Dotson's SFR2 teammate Steve Starck said. "Today's game didn't give us much of a chance to get better, and we're afraid our next opponent might take advantage of that."

In addition to binding the overall play of the game, Mother Nature also put a damper on the efforts of those teams who just wanted to have a good time. Forty degrees, rain, and strong winds stifle the potential to have a good time shooting hoops.

Still, the early rounds, regardless of weather conditions, provide a necessary barometer for a team's ability to make a run at the coveted Bookstore title. With the Bookstore Basketball tournament set at a busy time of year academically, many teams have not had much of a chance to get together and develop a team rhythm. Therefore, regardless of how cold or slippery...

Irish post three straight shutouts

By ALLISON KRILIA
Sports Writer

Coming off a tough two game series against Big Ten powerhouse Michigan, the Irish headed east to face Big East rival Villanova in a crucial four-game weekend series. Hanging in the balance was Notre Dame's league lead over Rutgers in the Big East South division.

The squad responded with a bang, scoring 32 runs in four games, while allowing only one Wildcat to cross the plate. Stable defense and strong pitching performances resulted in three straight shutouts for the Fighting Irish, 7-0, 5-0 and 12-0 victories.

With the four-game sweep, Notre Dame improved to 22-18 overall, and 10-2 in the Big East, while Villanova fell to 4-8 in conference. The run warriors remained a perfect 10-0 in Big East road games.

In game one on Saturday, senior Liz Perkins continued her hot hitting, pacing the Irish offense with a three-run homer, her first dinger of the season and the fourth of her career. She has become familiar with the next most talented backfields in the Big East.

Besides carrying the load for the running attack, Denson will become best in school's history

Denson could become best in school's history
By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

The workhorses in the stable of Irish running backs are thoroughbreds whose names, faces, numbers, and times in the 40-yard dash are known to Notre Dame fans.

However, this May, three of those thoroughbreds will graduate, and Irish eyes will see the next group that will lead the ground assault.

Graduating seniors Marc Edwards, Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer have combined with rising juniors Autry Denson and Jamei Spencer to create one of the deepest and most talented backfields in recent years.

Kinder finished his career eighth on the career rushing list with 2,048 yards while Edwards had 1,919 yards and Farmer had 1,153 yards.

The Irish faithful already know plenty about Autry Denson, who earned a starting role last year and has the opportunity to be one of the finest backs in the school's history. After his first two seasons, Denson already ranks 16th on the career rushing list, and he needs to average just over 98 yards per game for his remaining 23 regular season games to finish at the top of the record book.

"Autry's done a lot of nice things this spring and can be a very exciting player," new offensive coordinator Jim Calhoun said. "We're trying to figure out more ways to get him the ball."

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