By MELANIE GARMAN
Saint Mary's Student News Editor

As many students are making plans for the weekend, a handful of Saint Mary’s students are preparing for the Saint Mary’s Awakening Retreat. The overnight retreat, which is being held at Still Waters farmhouse in rural Michigan, gives students the chance to spend quality time with friends, away from the daily activities on campus.

“The main purpose of the retreat is to deepen God’s presence in our lives,” said Liz Biegel, Liturgical Ministries coordinator and retreat leader. “God is present in our lives through prayer, scripture, and those around us, but at times we become so involved in our daily routines that we don’t take the initiative to deal with the deeper question of his meaning in our lives.”

The Saint Mary’s Awakening Retreat began last year and grew out of initiative of the Spirituality Community Leadership Team.

Mary’s had expressed the desire to have an open retreat for the entire Saint Mary’s community. Retreats are held within individual departments.

NDH engulfed by nasty stench

Yesterday an overbearing bad smell engulfed North Dining Hall at lunch, and again at dinner.

“I went in for lunch at 12:15, and there was a horrible stench. As I walked toward the center of the dining hall, it became unbearable,” said Rossana Vincone, a junior from Lewis who ate both meals in the dining hall.

There were rumors of a few students running out of the building and vomiting outside.

What the odor was still unknown as of last night, Mike VanKirk, North Dining Hall manager, believed that it was done on purpose by students.

“We’re not positive,” he said, “but each time it happened there has been a lot of microwaves of something like Parmesan cheese on slow cook.”

VanKirk had no specific means of preventing such a thing from happening again, but he did not feel there w as a pattern.

“Is it really up to the students,” he said. “If they enjoy doing pranks like this, they have to sit and endure it.”

Renowned actor shares social agenda with Stepan crowd

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Associate News Editor

"Luke, I am your father.
This trademark phrase resounded through the Stepan Center last night, uttered by the voice that made it famous — that of James Earl Jones.

To a crowd of over 1,250, Jones stepped out of his well-known Hollywood persona and shared his opinions on a very real world on the verge of a new millennium.

"The problem with predictions of doom is that there are exploiters waiting for us, to sense panic and harm innocent people who are listening around to see if the world will really end at the turn of the century," he said.

"But I bring you good news — you will find that we are already going through the apocalyptic ages,"

As the world makes the transition from the 20th to the 21st century, Jones expressed fears that the media’s perception of the world is quickly becoming reality for many.

"It is from the movies that we learn how to be. Movies are like our most vivid dreams; they fill a psychological void. They have become real," he said.

He said that humanity must deal with issues of religion, economics, and political goals.

"The future is in our hands. It is our gift to our children," Jones said, making reference to his own 15-month-old.

"The physical universe has been created in such a way that the past is our teacher, the present is potential and the future is our mission.”

Attacking first the educational sphere, Jones offered the need to "for-}
Michigan student dies of stab wounds, police shoot culprit

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A man who was stabbing his girlfriend on the University of Michigan campus today was shot by a school police officer, and both died in surgery at a nearby hospital, authorities said.

The officer, responding to 911 calls, drove into a campus parking lot shortly after midnight and fired when the man lunged at her head, according to the officer's report. The woman was identified as Tamarra Williams, 22, who lived with Williams but was not a university student. Nelson was convicted of a domestic assault in 1995, university spokeswoman Julie Peterson said. Williams' 2 1/2-year-old daughter was asleep in the apartment and was placed in protective custody. She had heard people arguing in the parking lot and then heard someone shout: "She's dead. Get the police. She's dead."

Yeltsin agrees to weapons deal

WASHINGTO

Democrats shut down Senate floor debate on nuclear weapons theft

African American News Editor

After concluding his speech, James Earl Jones spent about 45 minutes answering audience questions ranging from his movie and stage career to his reaction to social issues, among intermingled requests by a few inquiring students to "please just say my name in that voice."

Below is an overview of the discussion:

- On inclusion and racism. "What you need to help is those who obsess about the problem (of racism). I think the worst problem of the black community is racism. It's a poison."
- Those of you who have not resolved personal problems, I hope you can resolve them because we have to care about those of us who struggle with other problems.
- On the wealth of information on the Internet.

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SOCIAL

SMC to hold run-off tomorrow

By MICHÈLLE S. PRIEMLAU
New Writer

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Jones answers student questions

By MICHÈLLE KRUPA
African American News Editor

"We need guides and filters [of information], but too little knowledge is a very dangerous thing. The strength of a person's knowledge is how he can use it."

- On storytelling. "I don't believe you can give a message and tell a story. A story conveys through your heart all kinds of messages. I'm just not sure what the best story is."
- On his decision to enter drama. "When I discovered how to talk again [after a speech problem], it led me to a career where I speak. And my father was an actor. He said to me that 'if you're going to be an actor, don't do it because you want to get rich, but because you love it.'"
- On his roles. "I've been lucky because my work takes me away from home and I do things that relate to my son at work in the roles I take on. I'm conscious of it. I just cast in certain kinds of roles. It's nothing intentional — I'm willing to play the bad guy."
- On violence in the movies. "What I can't get over is how fragile we are. This is unanswerable. In so many fast-fights where nobody hurts their hands is kind of unbelievable.
- "Choosing to watch violence is individual responsibility. It's a matter of what you choose to come to you, and it's up to you to filter it, if not censor it."

- On the actor's role. "I didn't want credit for just being a special effect."
- On which one of the movies is your favorite? "It's the first one. The 'Father' film is always the best."
- On his role as the archangel. "I can't get over is how poison."

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Griffin vetoes resolution

Student body president Matt Griffin announced officially yesterday in a letter to student senators that he would not sign a resolution requesting the resignation of Lee Hambright as assistant treasurer of the Student Body President.

Hambright currently serves in that capacity and as Hall Presidents' Council treasurer. The resolution, in its resolution, called the assignment of dual offices a conflict of interest but noted that in holding the two offices, Hambright did not commit any ethical offense.

By withholding his signature, Griffin vetoes the resolution unless the senate can achieve a five-sixths vote to override it.

In using the veto power allotted to him by the new constitution, Griffin cited a higher goal than just keeping Hambright in his current position.

"The real question is how much trust and authority one should give to a student president and vice president in choosing their staff," Griffin said in a press release. "I believe that by not signing the resolution, the senate can focus on issues that are more important to the student body."

Some members of the senate took issue with Griffin's veto of the resolution.

"Even though I voted against the resolution, I don't have the amount of authority that the president exercised over the senate," Morris senator Matt Szabo said. "I realize that it was in his power to do so, but I should have respected the senate's wishes on this occasion. By not signing the resolution that the senate passed by a majority vote he is sort of slipping the senate in the face."

Each retreat is formatted differently and is based on the communication leadership team model, which is designed by the staff and student leaders.

This weekend's retreat will be a one-day experience, and in January one will be two days.

According to former participant Kim Jeselnick, the time is used as a renewal of one's faith; it is a chance to interact with new students and to grow together.

"It was a very peaceful experience where I was able to reflect on where I was in my faith and where I was going," said Jeselnick.

The retreats are limited to between 15 and 20 students in order to keep the gathering intimate while enabling the group to spend quality time together.

"When I went on a retreat my senior year in high school, I was among 30 students who came back feeling more loved and loving," said Phelan.

"I am hoping that this weekend will bring me the same feelings and emotions."

The Saint Mary's Awakening retreat is offered three times per year and has become a significant part of the Student Body's community.

"I would recommend the retreat to anyone," said Jeselnick. "It was a wonderful way to take a break and get a new perspective on my life and my faith."
NASA debates sending another astronaut to Mir

By MARCIA DUNN

American aboard the

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - NASA came under mounting
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political and public pressure
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NASA Administrator Daniel
Goldin, who has been warned
by key members of Congress
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"The whole country was
behind us in Apollo," said
Christopher Kraft, retired
director of the Johnson Space
Center and a key figure in the
development of the Apollo and
shuttle programs. "Today we
live in this world of what have
you done for me lately business.
That makes it very tough, particularly for NASA."

NASA insiders were divided
right before the 1986
Challenger accident on
whether to launch that
morning, but that debate didn't
become public until after the
ugly fact. One of the biggest
disputes before that came
before the triumph Apollo 8
flight to the moon during
Christmas 1968, when some
argued that the Saturn 5 rocket
needed more testing.

There have been other
debates along the
way, whether to
replace John Glenn on
NASA's first
orbits flight in
1962 because of the per-
ceived psychological toll of
his numerous
launch delays, whether to
send astro-
nauts to the
damaged Skylab station in
1973, and whether in 1981 to risk astronauts on a space
shuttle protected from the
fiery
re-entry only by fragile outer
ciles.

In every case except for
Challenger, NASA was confi-
dent of its technical know-how
and won.

This time, though, NASA is
forced to rely on another coun-
try's expertise. And that coun-
try's space station is breaking
down more and more.

NASA's inspector general,
Roberta Gross, noted in a
recent letter to the House
Science Committee that Mir's
problems "are occurring at a
time when the Russian govern-
ment may not be in a position
to provide adequate financial
and technical support to enable
the aging space station to oper-
ate safely."

Leaders of the science com-
mittee oppose sending any
more Americans to live on Mir but have left the
final decision up to Goldin. The
White House also is
leaving it up to Goldin.

Goldin wants to review two
more safety reports by
independent experts and
meet with
two experts before giving the
go-ahead.

If Goldin decides it is too
risky to put Wolf aboard, NASA
probably will still send Atlantis
to Mir as scheduled to bring
American Michael Foale home
after a 4 1/2-month stay and
to deliver urgently needed sup-
plies for the space station,
including a replacement com-
puter and repair gear.

There are other factors to
consider besides safety, name-
lv, foreign policy and the future
of the international space sta-
tion.
Elderly find HMOs economical, ‘merciful’

By BRENDA COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO

HMOs may be making death more merciful for elderly patients, researchers say.

While the cost-cutting practices of health maintenance organizations are sometimes criticized as harmful to patients, a new study found that Medicare patients in HMOs were less likely to get prolonged, costly — and ultimately futile — care than those with traditional Medicare coverage.

“If we can avoid these kinds of outcomes, which have suffering associated with them, we can improve the quality of care-giving,” said Dr. Leslie A. Lenert, the study’s co-author.

Skeptics said that the data may underestimate the cost of treating HMO patients and that Medicare beneficiaries who choose HMOs may be people who would decline aggressive care at life’s end anyway.

Nationally, about 13 percent of Medicare beneficiaries belong to HMOs.

In the study, based on 1994 data, Medicare patients hospitalized in intensive care units in California were 25 percent less likely to undergo aggressive, highly expensive care that ultimately proved futile if they were HMO members than if they were covered by fee-for-service reimbursement.

The HMO patients did not die at a higher rate while hospitalized and died at an only slightly higher rate — 8 percent — during the 108 days after release compared with fee-for-service patients.

“This suggests that HMO practices may be better at limiting or avoiding injudicious critical care near the end of life,” the authors wrote in Wednesday’s issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

HMOs treat patients under a prepaid agreement rather than according to the actual cost of care and services. HMOs also reward doctors financially for withholding unnecessary care. Critics argue the cost-cutting incentives in HMOs sometimes deprive patients of treatments they need.

In the study, HMO patients generated $49 million less in bills for aggressive care that ultimately proved futile.

“That’s only 5 percent of all intensive care costs, the researchers said. The study involved 81,948 patients.

Knowing when to turn off a breathing machine or to stop kidney dialysis because a patient is probably beyond saving requires difficult medical judgment, said Lenert, an assistant professor of medicine and molecular pharmacology at Stanford University Medical School.

WASHINGTON

More driver education and restricted licenses for beginners could cut down the accident toll that claimed the lives of more than 6,000 teen drivers last year, the American Automobile Association says.

The AAA launched a Licensed to Learn campaign Tuesday in an effort to tighten states’ driving requirements for those just learning.

The AAA said that studies show the risk of having an accident declines sharply after someone has three to four years of driving experience. Graduated licensing programs allow youths to gain experience while reducing risk by limiting the situations in which they can drive.

Several states already have graduated systems with some restrictions, the AAA said.

• The program urged by the AAA has three stages:
  • At 16, a youth could get a learner’s permit after passing a vision and knowledge test. The permit holder would have to be accompanied by someone age 21 or over when driving, could not carry other teens as passengers, would be limited to daytime driving and would have to take a basic driver education course.
  • After six months without an accident or violation the learner could get an intermediate license, after passing a road test. Someone over 16 would still accompany the teen at night and an advanced driving course would be taken. No more than two other teens could be carried as passengers.
  • A full license could be obtained at age 18 if the driver had completed at least 12 months on an intermediate license with no accidents or convictions.

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Drawn Into the Heart of ND

Laura Bossardt

As a junior in high school, I traveled to Notre Dame for the first time. My mother drove the car, while I anxiously awaited a glimpse of the campus. Our first approach was along Juniper, where I found myself in the midst of very functional, industrial, and unornamented dormitories and academic buildings that have come to be associated with Notre Dame.

Eventually realizing that we could not get to the heart of Notre Dame without stepping out of our automobile and walking, we parked the car. Starting from Notre Dame Avenue, we looked to the skyline for direction and followed the glow of the dome. The campus buildings combined with the archedway of trees created an axis that led us to the heart of Notre Dame.

As we got closer to our destination, the walk unfolded a sense of awe and appreciation within me. Humbled, I could now feel the prestige and integrity of the Notre Dame tradition. Painting by St. Mary’s statue at the beginning of the circle, we passed Alumni Hall and the Law School, and proceeded across contiguous South Quad to enter the wooded, dark quiet of God Quad. Perhaps it was because I was a young, nervous high school student, anxious to receive my first application to college, that I felt a little daunted upon entering that sacred area, not to mention dwarfed by the ominous Father Sorin statue!

Now, I realize that my feelings of mystery and anticipation were heightened because the dome, the Basilica, and the other buildings on the quad could not be experienced fully as they were masked by overgrown trees and shrubbery. There always seems to be a healthy motive, but desire... may become injurious to the mind...

As for another change, the beautiful Jesus statue has been enclosed with a stone ring, noticeably in a safer, perhaps more sturdy foundation, a little ring under the stone ring, noticeably in a safer, perhaps more sturdy foundation, a little

For this week’s column, we are excited to introduce Laura Bossardt, a fifth-year student in Notre Dame's College of Law. She can be reached at Bossardtl@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

We are here to preserve human dignity...
An allowance for death?

Father Richard McCormick's account of the morality of refusing or withdrawing life-sustaining nourishment to persons in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) is disturbing, not least because it is a widely held view among empiricists and consequentialists in both episcopal and academic theological circles, as Father McCormick himself enumerates (Sept. 23).

At the heart of Father McCormick's account is the proposition that the choice to withdraw food and water from a PVS patient is not the cause of that person's death, as was argued in these pages by Charles Back, Esq. Rather, he says, the choice is "the underlying malady" which, once nourishment is abated, takes its natural course and causes the death. Therefore, refusing or withdrawing food and water is not killing, but merely "allowing to die," an instruction licitly free of the moral gravity of something like "killing." What Father McCormick's analysis of causative modulations is the centrality of morally significant choices and actions in the act of removing food and water. Whenever a person's dying is intended, either as a means or an end, that person has been killed. The fact that the means chosen to further the death happen to be an act of omission rather than commission is irrelevant.

The fact that the choice to deploy such means is done out of sincerely compassionate and merciful intent is similarly irrelevant to the strictly moral question of the gravity of something like life-sustaining nourishment to persons in a persistent vegetative state.

Orville Tefft

Viewpoint

Wrong Side Up

A couple of weeks ago, I was exercising my mind, watching "Days of Our Lives" and enjoying a plump bag of Orville Redenbacher popcorn. I was happy as a little clam, living the good life and only marginally annoyed with the stupidity of the people of Salem.

Margaret Shaheen

At Peace with Health Services

All was well until the show drew to its dramatic close. Sami had her memory back, Austin wasn't Wifi's father and I was struck by a small tickle in the back of my throat. I coughed a few times, figuring Orville had gotten to me. I walked back and forth around the room, but nothing happened.

The tickle remained. I went over to the mirror, said, "Ahha" and began to tremble. It was back. Deep in the depths of my throat, a small hunk of something — much like an Alford — was once again lodged. I starred in utter disbelief. How could this be? My dears was back. There could be only one explanation. The Health Services were more powerful than I had thought. After my last article, they warned me that by criticizing them publicly, I was treading on sacred water. But how was I to know the Health Services had the power to curse me with the devil's debris?

Fearing the worst, I turned to God for protection. "Dear Lord, please keep me well and if I do get to see sick, please let me get sick at home because Health Services hates me." I prayed after every sniffle, sneeze and hiccup.

I thought God agreed that this was in everyone's best interest to protect my health because I was in tip-top shape until Saturday.

That was the day that God got flooded with my heart's request and Straight Arteria Tech game headed into the fourth quarter. I saw numerous Fightin' Irish fans lower their heads in quiet prayer. Facing unforeseen adversity, I knew the University was losing — fans were hot, thirsty, constipated and despairsing. Exploding toilets successfully flooded the stadium, cut off soft drink supplies and forced vendors to charge $3 for a cheap plastic cup filled with ice and water so rancid, it must have been scooped up off the flooded stadium floor. On top of this, the medical team circled with the whistle... like a droning mosquito.

Fearing a panic attack, I realized that all these people, wearing Notre Dame t-shirts and waving around a television, were definitely sick and resilient. I had discerned the choice to the best of my knowledge was the will of the Lord for me.

Yet and still, did I have to continue on in this direction? Can't the students of today learn from the mistakes of their forefathers and mothers?

How could I address this age-old challenge that is dis­proportionate in both episcopal and academic theological circles, as rather recently authored by Notre Dame women who had insulted and hurt them deeply. I questioned them out of curiosity and found a student promptly placing the article in my hand. Upon scanning it, I too was sickened and deeply sadd­ened by the misuse of students' time and talent.

I was again brought back to my college decision. I attended both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. I told them briefly of the mistreatment I endured by my own fellow Saint Mary's classmates because I wore an Army uniform. As the first Saint Mary's student to be commissioned in Notre Dame's Army ROTC program, the pioneering effort was to be acknowledged. Laughed at and scorned because it "wasn't military," wore "fishbowl" uniforms that only made me look bigger and more resilient. I had discerned the choice to the best of my knowledge was the will of the Lord for me.

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I woke up shortly after I hit the ground. A group of men led my sorry carcass to the first aid station where a woman sat me down, took my blood pressure and asked me to tell her my name. Midway through spelling my last name, I realized that the person wearing Notre Dame t-shirts and waving a pan of cool, blue Gatorade was the one who had thrown me out of the stadium and held my fish-like extremities in his own secure hands without showing any signs of repulsion or questions.

The twirking nurse returned with a cup of cool, blue Gatorade. She told me to take small sips, in case I was still nauseous. Two men turned and gave me encouraging smiles as I took my first sip. My head stopped spinning and it became clear that I was wrong, these people were no voluntaries. In fact, they were the kindest people I had ever met.

Even in my half-conscious state, I knew the University Health Services were certainly a bit apprehensive with. But should you ever collapse into toilet water, or have anything else seri­ous happen to you, they will definitely the folks you want to have around.

I propped myself up on my elbows and was shocked to see that hands were clammy and purple. They were so reproachable, I thought I was a wonder. Then, I remembered the man who had helped me off the stadium floor and held my fish-like extremities in his own secure hands without showing any signs of repulsion or questions.

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Encountering spirituality and yourself

By BRIDGET RZEZUTKO
Accent Writer

Not only are high academic standards a top priority in the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community, but so are spiritual and personal growth.

Greg Vanslambrook, a senior from Dillon Hall, attended a Notre Dame Encounter during his freshman year. "It was the defining point in my Notre Dame experience. It is not just a feel-good experience but a way to show the face of yourself and see the good in other people. It was an enlightening experience," he said.

The Notre Dame Encounter (NDE) is a three-day weekend beginning on a Friday morning and ending on a Sunday evening. The retreat provides students with an opportunity to explore both their relationship with God and their commitment to living a Christian lifestyle.

"Each retreat takes on its own character. The participants are what make the retreat possible. A lot of unexpected events occur. It is full of surprises," Vanslambrook remembers.

The roots of the NDE are strong on this campus. It first began back in 1987 when Sister Jo Giarrante and Brother Bonaventure Scully took a group of 10 Notre Dame students to Richmond, Va., where the students participated in a college retreat program sponsored by the Diocese of Richmond. The students wholeheartedly participated in the retreat and put what they learned into effect at Notre Dame. Hence the NDE officially began with the first retreat in February of 1987, adapted from the Richmond model first experienced on that initial trip.

Now, over a decade later, the NDE is a regular occurrence that yields a significant impact on its participants.

The goal of these retreats is just that — to provide an opportunity for students to come together, share experiences of God in their lives and to recognize God in others.

"More than the fact that Notre Dame Encounter is one of the premier college encounter retreats in the country is that lives are significantly impacted and the faith of our students greatly enhanced with each retreat," Father Jim Lies, rector of Zahm Hall, remarks.

Healing and growing, a junior from Howard Hall, agrees. "I wasn't all that religious before I went on an encounter, but I found it was an incredible experience. People often stereotype the type of people they think attend such events, but the participants vary greatly. The weekend is a chance to get away and not even think about school work. I have never talked to anyone who has regretted going."

Today the retreat is co-directed by both Lies and Sister Sue Bruno, rector of Pasquerella West. They took over leadership from Father Tom Gaughan, who directed the program for eight years.

Since its inception, NDE has provided students with opportunities to explore the religious part of their life.

"The retreat is structured in such a way that God may come through and reach the people on it," Vanslambrook commented. Vanslambrook was a team leader for NDE his sophomore year. As a team leader he helped organize the retreat along with eight other team leaders and one student coordinator, who directs the retreat.

"The students put quite a bit of time into planning the retreat. My experience with the students is a remarkable one. The effects of the retreat are ones they will carry with them for years," Bruno remarks.

The students work together in groups, each group leading a discussion in spirituality with the chance to openly share his or her beliefs.

"It's an incredible opportunity to figure out who you are going in life and see the big picture," junior Scott Cullen said.

The Board is comprised of four campus ministers and eight students. These coordinators plan the weekends of the retreats, finalize details and make sure the team members have everything they need.

Laura Kalgran, a junior at Saint Mary's, participated in the encounter as a freshman, teamed a retreat as a sophomore and is on the Board this year. "A lot of soul searching takes place on a retreat. It is a chance to find out who you are on your walk with Christ. It is an honor to be involved," she said. "This year we hope to make the applications more accessible to students, especially those on the Saint Mary's campus, because anyone who is willing is able to attend. I don't feel as if too many Saint Mary's students know about the program," she added.

The application process is relatively simple. Applications must be turned in four weeks before the retreat weekend. They are made available from the library office of Campus Ministry on a Monday and are due by Friday of the application week.

Due to the limited space at the Fatima Retreat Center, located on the west end of campus, only 56 people can be accommodated on each of the five retreats given each year. A lottery is enacted in order to randomly pick participants when applications exceed the space available.

The first retreat of the year will be held the weekend of Oct. 3-5. The other four retreats are scheduled for Nov. 14-16, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, Feb. 27-March 1, and March 27-29. If interested, more information can be found by calling Lies, Bruno or the library office of Campus Ministry.

A special thanks to Father Jim Lies for all his help regarding this article.

What does a Notre Dame Encounter mean to you?

"I think it's a way to get in touch with others and learn more about your spiritual life." Sarah Wagner
Freshman, Pangborn

"A great way to meet people through sharing your relationship with God." Roni Davidson
Senior, Howard

"It's a good place to meet chicks, yeah baby!" Jim Blaum
Junior, Carroll

"It's about finding your place in the world." Isabel Perez-Franceschini
Senior, Off-Campus

"(I think) it's a chance to get away and think about life." Cynthia Montalvo
Junior, Howard

Photo courtesy of Matt Conner
Pirates in contention in NL Central race

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

Shawn Dunston hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning Wednesday as the Pittsburgh Pirates held their ground in the NL Central race Tuesday night with a 6-0 win over the New York Mets, moments after the Mets had been eliminated from playoff contention.

The Pirates remained 3 1/2 games behind Houston, which beat Chicago 5-3. Pittsburgh was on the road, playing Wednesday night at Shea Stadium before ending the season with three games at the Astrodome.

Frank Thomas and three runners scored on a four-hit and combined to strike out 13. Amazing.

The Mets had to win the game to stay alive for the time in five games at New York this year.

In the seventh, Turner drove in three runs on the run out of friend and fellow Lidge (7-2) and Mark Smith walked. The runners moved up on a wild pitch by Suter after a walk to Roe. Dunston loaded the bases with a two-run single for a 3- head.

Dunston has hit safely in 16 of 17 games since being traded from the Cubs to Pittsburgh on Aug. 31. His three singles raised his batting average to .284 for the Pirates and his three RBIs gave him 15 with his new team.

The Mets closed to 5-4 in the sixth on pinch-hitter Alex Ochoa’s RBIs groundout of Jason Isringhausen.

Pirates starter Jason Isringhausen took Tony Womack and Ward to start the hit to raise his AL single- that brought in reliever Raul Alcantara. Dumesdorff drove in one with his second double and Dunston followed with an RBI single.

Womack took the NL lead in stolen bases when he swiped his 57th in the sixth.

Braves 6, Phillies 0

PHILADELPHIA

First, Atlanta rookie Kevin Millwood got advice from teammate Greg Maddux. Then, he went out and pitched like him.

Millwood allowed two hits in eight scoreless innings and Andrew Jones and Michael Tucker hit consecutive homers, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 6-0 win over the Philadelphia Phillies.

"Maddux said that the mound here was hard to get used to," Millwood said. "I threw some extra pitches during warmups in the first inning and felt better as the game went on."

Millwood (5-3) took a no-hitter into the seventh before giving up his second straight RBI to right- center with one out. The 22-year-old right-hander, making his eighth start of the season, struck out 10 in improving to 4-0 with a 2.49 ERA.

After Justice ripped his fourth hit of the game off Irabu, the Indians were sparked by Mariano Rivera, met Longoria’s two-run double in the ninth, and the Indians took the last time the Tribe had been here before going to the World Series in 1995. In another recurring theme, New York hammered Charles Nagy for six runs in five innings. The Tribe got 14 hits and seven earned runs in five innings. It got a no-decision

Cleveland’s comeback sparked Tino Martinez’s 44th homer, a milestone franchise and franchise hits. Martinez’s 154 RBIs were the most in the NL since 1984, and he was the 1st player to hit more than 300 career home runs.

Justice also is the one who hit the first major league home run for Atlanta in 6 of 1995. "He was our No. 1 player, "Francona said. "If he would have left him in, the crowd at Jacobs Field roared when Justice hit off Millwood."

The Indians, who trailed 2-0 after six innings, made Indians the first team to win 15 games against New York this season (16-20). 23 hits, 18 earned runs and 6-9 in six starts.

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Sportscaster admits to affair; other issues unclear

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Va.

Marv Albert is baring his sexual secrets in an attempt to save himself from prison.

The prosecution and defense agree that the veteran NBC sportscaster and the woman he is accused of assaulting had a rough-and-tumble sex life in their 10-year relationship. They agree on little else.

The prosecution and defense contend that the 42-year-old Albert was angered when a three-way tryst at a hotel didn't materialize, throwing down his lover and telling her: "You've been a bad girl, you didn't bring anybody."

Albert then allegedly bit her repeatedly on the back and forced her to perform oral sex. Charged with sodomy and assault and battery, he could face from five years to life in prison if convicted under guidelines for a first offense, sentencing likely would range from 15 years for an attack without serious injury to 40 years in an attack that caused serious injury.

Nancy Penwell, a friend of the accuser, was the first witness to be called as testimony began today. Albert's accuser was also expected to testify today.

The defense contends the 42-year-old woman was obsessed with celebrities such as the 54-year-old Albert and Peter Jennings, the ABC News anchor, later denied in a statement knowing the woman.

"How many of you have seen the movie 'Fatal Attraction?'" defense attorney Roy Black asked potential jurors, referring to the movie about an obsessed woman who stalks an ex-lover.

Outlining the foundation of his defense, Black argued that the woman was lashing back at Albert because her life was falling apart — she had lost her job and Albert had recently told her he was thinking of getting married to another woman. He was divorced five years ago.

In December 1996, Black said, the woman had been admitted to a mental hospital after a suicide attempt.

Black said the woman asked to be bitten and suggested oral sex because she did not have contraceptives with her. He accused her of meticulously planning to entrap Albert, going so far as to spill his semen into her underwear.

"She's collecting evidence," Black said.

Jurors heard even more details about the relationship between Albert and his accuser during the trial's first day.

Prosecutor Richard Trodden spoke of consensual three-way sex and telephone sex conversations filled with fantasies. He said Albert asked his lover to bring women's underwear to their meetings for him to wear.

Trodden said Albert had repeatedly expressed his wish for three-way sex with another man in his lover before the two met at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Arlington on Feb. 12.

He said they watched a pornographic movie before the attack.

Trodden said Albert pinned the woman's pants and ignored the woman's pleas of "Stop, you're hurting me," and mocked her, saying: "You know you like this."

The normally stoic Albert looked away from the jury box and began taking notes at this point. His fiancée, ESPN producer Heather Faulkinder, sat behind him, expressionless.

One of his two adult children in the courtroom, daughter Denise, winced.

Black, however, told jurors: "Everything that happened that night was consensual. It was the same thing that happened every other night when Marv and the woman got together."

The trial is expected to last about a week.

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Offense remains major concern for stagnant Irish

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The offensive problems that exist for the Notre Dame football team right now more or less create a double-edged sword. On one side, there is a problem within the unit—a wavering side, there is the No. 1 defense in the nation anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Irish offense in Ann Arbor on Saturday.

Still, Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie hopes, and Michigan team right now more or less creates a double-edged sword.

Carr arrival of the Irish offense in Ann Arbor. We'll have played this game of the season. I have no doubt about that. I think any team that has great tradition is going to come fighting back. We expect them to do that.

In order to do so, however, the Irish are going to have to work out some major kinks in the offense, and are going to have to develop a rhythm that has been missing in the last two games, all in the next three days. "On offense, we've been able to move the ball, as you know, we haven't been able to score points," Davie said, at his weekly press conference yesterday. "No. 1, we need to execute better. If you're not going to get plays in big chunks, then you need to commit yourself to just being an execution team and work at getting things the hard way. I think the second thing, we have to get the football more and in better field position, and that means defensively, we have to play better in the kicking game."

Many people have questioned the role of Ron Powlus as the starting quarterback, and feel that the Irish offense is overdue, a time bomb waiting to go off. "Notre Dame head coach Dave Carr said.

"They're going to come in here and play their best defense, and in better field position, and that means defensively, we have to play better in the kicking game."

Ron Powlus will remain the chosen leader of the offense, and Davie has called in outside linebacker Korey Minor to be the play-caller on the defense. Minor has been one of the key leaders of the Irish defense, coming up with key interceptions against both Purdue and Michigan State, with the one against the Spartans setting up the only Irish touchdown of the game. The Irish defense, which will be once again missing inside linebacker Bobbie Howard and end Corey Bennett, who reined his knees last week, will have a major challenge ahead of it, going up against a Wolverine running game that is averaging 243 yards a game and alternates three different tailbacks.

The major underlying story for the Irish this week, though, is the fact that they will head into the "Big House" for the first time since 1993 when they beat the Wolverines 27-23. With a capacity of 102,501, Michigan Stadium is one of the hardest places to play in the country, but neither team is taking the rivalry for granted. "I think it's a love-hate relationship," Michigan inside linebacker Eric Mayes commented. "You look at Notre Dame as a program that has the same respect nationally as Michigan."

We definitely look at this as a prestigious college football game. These are two great teams with great histories."
Squads work into midseason form during week two

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

Pasquerilla West 6, Farley 6

Farley was truly at its "finest" on Monday when it took the field against the Purple Weasels of PW. Farley had not won a football game in two years and dropped its first game of the season to Lewis Hall. However, the finest were outstanding on both sides of the ball, enabling them to play a 6-6 tie.

The Purple Weasels got on the board first. Midway through the first half, junior quarterback Liz McKillop hooked up with Kelly McMahon to cap off a 50-yard drive. The PW defense held Farley scoreless until late in the second half. Kelly Shannon intercepted a Liz McKillop pass on Farley's side of the field. After Kelly returned the ball to the five-yard line, freshman quarterback Jenny Geraci punched the ball in on a quarterback keeper.

Farley was unable to take the lead when Geraci's pass attempt fell short and the extra point failed. PW had a good chance to score late in the second half, but McKillop's pass fell incomplete and the Purple Weasels were turned away as time expired.

"Our defense played exceptionally well," commented Geraci. "They kept us in the game."

Farley's record now stands at 0-1-1 and it is still in search of that elusive first win. This was the first game for PW whose record now stands at 0-0-1.

Purple Weasel captain Amy Crawford said, "The tie was disappointing, but we hope to use it as a springboard to a successful season."

Welsh Family 24, Off-Campus 0

Welsh bounced back from its 7-6 loss to McGlinn on Sunday by blowing out Off-Campus on Monday night. The Whirlwind completely dominated the game and didn't allow their opponent to cross midfield. Coach John Kuka was pleased with his team's precise passing game and swarming defense.

Sophomore quarterback Stephanie Eden threw three touchdown passes. Sarah LeBlanc caught two TD passes, while Kelly Nagel was on the receiving end of the other. April Olsen scored the final touchdown when she intercepted a pass in the end zone. Off-Campus fell to 0-2, while Welsh improved its record to 1-1.

Lewis 12, McGlinn 0

The Lewis defense propelled the Chicks to a 12-0 victory over McGlinn on Monday night. Cornerback Maureen Neville led the defense with three interceptions, including one she returned for the game-clinching touchdown late in the second half. Her first interception and return setup the game's first touchdown.

Several plays later, quarterback Liz Tabacco found Caron Upp in the back of the end zone. The extra point attempt failed, but the Chicks got out to an early lead. The Lewis defense held McGlinn on several occasions, including a few key sacks by captain Kelly Donohue.

The shutout improved the Chicks record to 2-0, proving they were a lot better than their No. 11 preseason ranking. McGlinn fell to 0-1.
Kentucky offense catches Spurrier's attention

By DOUG FERGUSON
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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Steve Spurrier is so single-minded about cracking up the Fun 'N Gun that he rarely pays attention to any offense but his own.

But when Tim Couch of Kentucky opened the season by throwing for 398 yards and four touchdowns against Louisville, then threw for seven touchdowns in a 49-0 win last week in Atlanta, Spurrier couldn't help but take a peek.

"I did get a chance to watch what they did a little bit this week," Spurrier said. "I'm sort of curious to how they're doing now."

During three games, Florida has run 206 plays, divided evenly among the run and the pass. A year ago, Kentucky passed the ball 38 percent of the time. This year, the Wildcats are passing 64 percent of the time.

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Irish control Eastern Illinois
Turner keys home victory over hapless regional opponent

By DAN LUZIETTI
and TOM STUDEBAKER
Sports Writers

The Notre Dame men's soccer team defeated Eastern Illinois last night by a score of 1-0. It was the second win in a row for the Irish, who boosted their record to 4-2-2 on the season.

"We definitely came into the game with some clear cut goals in mind, and I feel that we did a good job accomplishing them," head coach Mike Berticelli said. "First and foremost we wanted a shutout against Eastern Illinois. We also tried to create better scoring chances up front. We created a lot, but now we need to finish more of those chances."

Senior co-captain Ryan Turner scored the lone goal of the game off a Scott Wells pass from the end line. Turner has stepped up his play in the past five games, accounting for five of Notre Dame's six goals in that span. Turner's season totals of five goals and four assists lead the Irish. The loss dropped Eastern Illinois to 0-0-8 on the season, but the Golden Eagles continue to play with heart. The loss was their fifth decided by one goal this season.

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Despite close losses throughout the season, Notre Dame's volleyball team has always managed to rebound and win the next match, usually by a wide margin.

Last night, the Irish continued in that same manner, defeating the Marquette Golden Eagles easily in three sets, 15-3, 15-4, 15-5.

In the first game, the Irish took a 4-0 lead before Marquette called its first time-out. The team then added two more points before the Golden Eagles finally got on the board. Despite a short rally by the Golden Eagles, the Irish went on an 11-0 run before the Golden Eagles could respond. The Irish were led once again by senior hitter Angie Harris, who scored a team-high 13 kills on 21 attempts with only one error. She was backed by fellow senior Jamie Lee and freshman Christi Girton, who recorded six and seven kills respectively. Late in the match, freshman Katie Ward got her first action of the season, registering one kill and serving an ace during the last few plays.

"Overall, we did very well," head coach Debbie Brown said. "I'm proud of how everyone played, and I think we were well prepared for this match. I think we're starting to overcome some obstacles we've been having this season. Marquette didn't put a lot of pressure on us tonight, and I think that makes a lot of difference during the course of the match."

The match statistics were stacked in Notre Dame's favor, as the Irish turned in a hitting percentage of .406 to the Golden Eagles' .102. Along with the best hitting percentage in its past 50 matches, the team also held a 5-4 blocking edge and held a 15-9 ace-to-error ratio. Harris' .211 hitting percentage was the second-best performance of her Irish career, topped only by a first-round NCAA tournament match against Ohio State last season.

The match held a special significance for freshman Denise Boylan, whose sister Susan is a junior on the Golden Eagle squad.

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Eagles no match for Harris and company
ND pounds Marquette in three-set match

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Sophomore defender Matt McNew lines up a shot in last night's match-up against Eastern Illinois. Notre Dame prevailed over the wiryass Panthers by a score of 1-0 to move to 4-2-2 on the season.

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Davie prepares for Michigan
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