**Rally for a chance**

*Fight for Alliance recognition inspires protest*

By Lori Allen
Saint Mary's Editor

In order to actively protest Saint Mary's College President Marilou Eldred's decision to deny official club recognition to The Alliance, members, along with students from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame and faculty supporters, gathered outside of Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall yesterday afternoon.

The protest, unlike last Friday's silent demonstration and petition, included drums, music, and chants and was strategically planned to begin at 1:45. When students would be walking back and forth through the hall in between classes.

Senior member Kelli Harrison officially began the protest by reading aloud a statement that she wrote in accordance with The Alliance members responding to Eldred's letter to the College community denying the group club status.

The statement acknowledges the positive aspects of Eldred's alternative to The Alliance, including the president's proposal to expand the educational and programming components of the Committee on Relationships. But the statement also strongly emphasizes the lack of support from the students in a student-run venue.

According to Harrison, "This (support) must be a key component of an honest attempt to address sexuality on campus." "I think this goes back to the way students are sometimes afraid to challenge.

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By Heather Mackenzie
Associate News Editor

The changing of the guard continued last night with the election of new class officers and off-campus representatives to the 1998-1999 administration.

The class of 2001 was the only class ticket requiring a run-off election, a run-off election will also be held for the position of off-campus senator.

Class of 2001

The ticket consisting of Hunt, Clark, Benjamin, Meghan McCurdy and Brian Smith will face-off against Gerry Olinger, Megan Strader, Maggie Wood and Drew Olejnik in a run-off election Thursday. Holding 30 percent of the vote, the Hanover ticket edged out the Olinger ticket's 23 percent in this election, but both sets of candidates promise that this will not be a close race.

"We feel pretty comfortable," Olinger said about their place in the primary election. "Our platform is really strong, with a stress on 'excellence through unity' and communication with the upcoming sophomore class."

"We have a lot of great ideas," Strader added. "I think we know what the class wants to do. We are running for them."

The members of the Hanover ticket were equally optimistic about the upcoming primary election.

"I think that people saw that we had more posters (than the other ticket) and that we had different ways of getting to people. Our effort really showed through the results of this election."

Both of the tickets' platforms emphasize a constantly-updated Web page for better communication with the sophomore community; the Hanover ticket especially wants to integrate the Web into their platform as the mainstay of their communication efforts.

"We are really working for a class link and weekly or bi-weekly e-mail," McCurdy said. "That way the class will know what we are doing."

Both tickets plan to step up their campaigning for the run-off election.

"We are working hard for this election, and we will work equally hard next year if elected," Benjamin said.

"As a Catholic college, we have to take the position that the Church teaches, and I'm hoping that we can reach a compromise."

Marilou Eldred
President of Saint Mary's

Faculty denies proposal to discuss Eldred's decision

By Allison Koening
Saint Mary's News Editor

At the faculty assembly meeting yesterday, a motion to postpone discussion of formal agenda topics, in order to discuss the events surrounding College President Marilou Eldred's decision to deny The Alliance official club status, was denied in a quorum vote.

Just before assembly, President Patricia Sayre commented on the agenda, which included a controversial family leave plan, and associate professor of philosophy Ann Clark voiced the motion to address issues surrounding The Alliance. Her motion was quickly seconded, yet the quorum vote was not met and the discussion was not permitted to take place.

The assembly decided, in an informal, vocal majority vote, to gather for another special session to discuss the Alliance.

Announcement from members of The Alliance did surface at the meeting, via assembly secretary Susan Alexander.

Alexander passed on the group's invitation to the faculty for the sit-in rally to be held shortly after the meeting. She also informed them of the
PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — One person was killed and three others — including a university student — were wounded in a recent on-campus shooting at the University of Pennsylvania. The school boys basketball championship yesterday afternoon.

The incidents all occurred on 33rd Street north of the Palestra at about 4:10 p.m. Witnesses describe seeing a series of gunshots that sounded like "fireworks" shortly after the tournament ended and throngs of fans began leaving the building and filling the street.

According to witnesses and police, the incidents were the result of a drive-by shooting in which a suspect inside a car fired an automatic or semi-automatic gun at least 15 times before fleeing west on Walnut Street. Several police officers at the scene said that they suspected the shootings were related to a fistfight between two fans inside the building during halftime of the game.

After the shootings, police stopped at least four people for possessing weapons. It is unclear if any of the arrested people were related to the incidents, or whether they were arrested as suspects.

A 22-year-old man was pronounced dead at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania after being shot in the back, according to HIP and university police officials. A HIP spokesperson refused to release the victim's name.

The Penn student wounded in the shooting, college junior John La Bombard, is being treated for a gunshot wound to his left leg and remained hospitalized in stable condition as of 12:45 a.m. today, according to a spokesperson for University Hospitals-IHUeman in Center City.

La Bombard, 21, was working on a project for a design of the environment for the blue, shed-like fine arts building when one of his stray gunshots went right through the wooden wall and hit him in the left leg, police and witnesses said.

A woman who was taken to HIP after being shot in the eithor remained in fair condition as of last night. Her name and age were not immediately available.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
New administration chooses chief of staff

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
Associate News Editor

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And Weiss plans to do just that, as chief of staff, she wants to eliminate some of the ambiguity surrounding her role and student government in general. "I should not be solely concerned with SafetyBole," she said, referring to the large amount of time former chief of staff Mary Gillard spent implementing the program. "I want student government to put more of a focus on other things as well, such as the role of HPC and Executive Cabinet."

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observing the group’s activity, and in between music, chants, and drum beats took turns expressing their views on Eldred’s decision.

“We will not silently go away,” said junior member Kelly Curtis, “this is an issue between the students and the administration, and the goal is to get a student run group. I am protesting the administration telling me that I’m not mature enough to engage in discussion about sexuality with my peers.”

The president remained on the outside of the circle, observing the group’s activity until she was invited to speak. Once acknowledged, she responded with a question about the group’s purpose.

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Dialogue continued and several students brought up different aspects of The Alliance’s and Eldred’s decision to deny the group. Harrison, however, asked the question most of the protesters had in mind, “why won’t a group like The Alliance work?”

Eldred appeared a bit flustered, but stood behind her decision and answered that, “as a Catholic College, we (the administration) have to take the position that the Church teaches.”

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Eldred continued to answer student questions and mentioned that she felt she made the best decision for the College, but if it had been a personal choice, it might have been different, stating that this was a decision that may have put her job in jeopardy.

“I think any issue of social justice is crystal clear. You take a stand for justice no matter what the personal ramifications are for you,” said Susan Alexander, assistant professor of sociolo-
gy.

“I am a big believer in Gandi and King, and if you believe in justice, you take a stand for those who are oppressed.”

The rally itself was received well by those in attendance, and according to Alliance member Poogie Sherer, “it built an unprecedented sense of community on the Saint Mary’s campus.”

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“I think that the student support was amazing, and the fact that the College president came out and directly responded was moving. I really think that this direct interaction between the students and the administration adds to the quality of Saint Mary’s,” said Notre Dame student body president Matt Griffin who attended the protest rally.

“The chances of that happening on Notre Dame are slim.”

With Eldred’s comments and the students’ reaction to her presence, the rally began to come to a close. But before everyone disbanded, Eldred emphasized that the issue would certainly not die.

“Would very much like to get together with a small group of students here who will act as representatives of the whole to discuss other ways to make this happen,” she said.

“I think that the way the rally ended made it clear to President Eldred how strong the feeling is; there needs to be a bigger umbrella of issues being discussed so that there are student discussions going on all of the time,” said Constance Mageau, Notre Dame graduate student in theology.

False alarms cause library evacuations

Observers Staff Report

Contractors working in the Hesburgh Library inadvertently set off fire alarms twice yesterday, causing brief evacuations of patrons and staff. While the contractors were working on the southwest side of the second floor at 8:50 a.m., smoke resulting from their work tripped a beam detector, according to fire-fighter Wayne Bishop.

The detector was tripped again at 4:25 p.m. when the beam was reset after the contractors completed their work for the day, Bishop added.

Although the false alarms forced about 150 library patrons and staff to evacuate, Bishop noted that the alarm system worked correctly.

“The system did what it was supposed to do,” he said.

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National Day of Silence, which will take place on April 8. The purpose of the day is to commemorate the contributions and achievements of gay and lesbian people, and to recognize the fact that their voice has often been silenced in the world. Alliance members encouraged professors to promote a few minutes of absolute quiet in their classes that day as observance of the National Day of Silence.

Beat the clock Tuesday!!

Anytime you call between 5:30 & 7:00, the price of your large 1 topping pizza is the time you call.

* Plus tax

Open for lunch everyday

Anytime you call between 10:30 - 12:59, the price of your 2 large 1 topping pizzas is the time you call.

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Texas accused of defrauding businesses with ever had problems dealing with the government as jury selection began yesterday for members of the anti-government Republic of Texas accused of defrauding businesses with bogus warrants. United States District Judge Joseph

*Priest-killer gets 50 years*

BERNALILLO, N.M. A man who killed a retired priest with a rock after he was picked up hitchhiking was sentenced yesterday to 50 years in prison. Dennis Martinez, 38, who had recently finished serving time on an assault conviction when he met up with 62-year-old Armando Martinez in May near Albuquerque. He attacked Martinez while the two were driving in the Jemez Mountains northwest of Albuquerque, but Martinez made a run for it. A group of people in a car said a screaming Martinez ran up to them in a panic. "He's going to kill me. You must believe me, it's my life," he was quoted as saying. "Please help me, I'm a priest. I gave a ride from Jemez Springs, and he just got out of prison. He's going to kill me. You must believe me it's my life." At that point a younger man came over and said, "Don't listen to my friend. He's drunk."

**Nigeria takes Cameroon to court over dispute**

THE HAGUE, Netherlands—Nigeria asserted its claim Monday to an oil-rich peninsula in a territorial dispute with Cameroon, accusing its West African neighbor of provocation. On the opening day of hearings before the World Court, Nigeria contended that the contained Bakassi peninsula lies in its territory and that its nationals in the area are under threat. "Bakassi belongs to Nigeria ... Cameroon hopes to take Bakassi from us to enlarge its body, is trying to settle the bitter boundary quarrel that brought the two nations to the brink of war in 1981."

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**Boy Scouts lose court battle over gays**

The United States Supreme Court is expected to rule this month on two discrimination lawsuits, one filed by a man who was thrown out because he is gay and the other by twin boys who were thrown out because they do not believe in God.

The Boy Scouts said it would appeal yesterday's decision to New Jersey's Supreme Court. Spokesman Greg Shields said the court's "very strong" rejection of traditional family values, and a homosexual is simply not a role model for those values.

On the day, envoys from such countries as Brazil, Costa Rica and Portugal, which normally support the U.S. stand against Iraq, made clear they opposed any resolution that would leave the Washington blank check for an attack if Iraq doesn't honor the accord.

"It is very clear that only the Security Council has the authority to approve an armed military action," said Costa Rican ambassador Fernando Berrocal Soto. The United States has maintained that it has sufficient authority to use force under several resolutions enacted since 1991. But France, Russia, China and others dispute that interpretation. Yesterday in Baghdad, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told CNN that if the proposed resolution is an attempt by the United States and Britain to lay the foundation for an attack, the resolution would endorse an agreement reached last week in Baghdad by Annan that allows U.N. inspectors to visit eight presidential palaces.
Campus Ministry This Week

**Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm, Campus Ministry-Badin Office**

**Campus Bible Study**
The study will continue to read and reflect on James' Letter on Christian actions and Christian values. Come and learn how we can follow the Lord.

**Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 - 8:00 pm, Keenan-Stanford Chapel**

**Contemporary Prayer Service for PEACE and UNITY**

**Fridays during Lent, 7:15 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart**

**Stations of the Cross**
Music Ministry:
- March 6 Schola
- March 13 Cantor/Organ

**Monday, March 16, 5:30 pm, Main Circle**

**African American Community**
Dinner and Conversation at Montego Bay Restaurant

**Friday - Saturday, March 20-21**

**Retreat for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Undergraduates and Friends**
For information, please contact: Kate Barrett at Campus Ministry (1-5242 or katharine.s.barrett.28@nd.edu); Mark at 4-1933 (mark.f.massoud.1@nd.edu) or Alyssa at 4-3352 (alyssa.l.hellrung.5@nd.edu).

**Sunday, March 22**
Does your relationship have a future? Should your relationship have a future? Campus Ministry will offer the program "What's The Future of This Relationship?", an opportunity to explore issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships. For more information, or to register for the program, call 1-5242 for Chris Etzel, John or Sylvia Dillon.

**Friday - Saturday, March 27-28, St. Joe Hall**

**Freshmen Retreat** for residents of Carroll, Cavanaugh, Farley, Fisher, Knott, Pangborn, Siegfried, Stanford and Welsh Family.

**In progress, Hesburgh Library Concourse**
"A Glimpse Into the Soul"
An art exhibit of the artwork of Belinda Bryant '01 and Alan Easter '01.

**In progress, LaFortune Box Office**
Free tickets are now available for the March 21st NBC taping of "Easter at Notre Dame." This broadcast will be aired nationally on Easter Sunday and will involve the Folk Choir and Notre Dame students.
Scientists have altered a gene in rat livers by injecting a "repairman" molecule into the bloodstream, a startling advance that may lead to cures for such genetic diseases as hemophilia and cystic fibrosis.

Most gene therapy experiments haven't tried to fix a bad gene. Instead, they've supplied cells with working copies of a gene to step in for the defective version. Fixing the bad gene would be better, but the low efficiency in past experiments has been discouraging.

"We were surprised ourselves by how efficient it was," said Dr. Clifford Steer of the University of Minnesota, who reports the work with colleagues in this month's issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

The experiment altered a healthy gene in the rats rather than correcting a defect. Researchers now plan a study in dogs to fix a flawed gene that causes hemophilia. The repairman molecule had two main parts. One was a tag to make liver cells pull the repairman out of the bloodstream. The other part contained a mix of DNA and its chemical cousin RNA, designed to seek out a particular piece of the gene for a clotting substance called factor IX.

Once the repairman showed up there, the cells replaced that piece with the substitute brought by the repairman. How that works is still a bit of a mystery, but it probably involves the body's natural mechanism for repairing genetic flaws, Steer said.

Dr. James Wilson, a gene therapy expert at the University of Pennsylvania, said a big question is how well the technique would work against a variety of genetic flaws.

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**Attitude Can Be A Problem.**

*Or A Problem Solver.*

"Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. We are in charge of our attitudes."

— Charles Swindoll

What's your attitude?

Meet DC Systems on March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Foster Room.

Refreshments provided • Interviews March 4 & 5
Separate and Unequal?

On issues like affirmative action, Americans fall into two categories. Generally, the battle is fought between the "things aren't so bad, definitely not as bad as they used to be," and the "white people get all kinds of advantages, have more strings to pull, and minorities deserve special treatment" crowd.

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Empty.

That's the one word that best describes my mail these days. I call it the black hole. I reach in and there is nothing there. It's a deep void. But when there is a note that writes "like I always hope it will one day contain some scrap of paper"

**Bridget Rzezutko**

I guess I am just wondering—whatever happened to good old fashioned letter writing?

In the old days people wrote letters a lot. I know. I am an English major. I am constantly reading someone's journal, correspondence, or a book containing upper class people who can't wait for the mail man to come. Even for those items you can perhaps receive some "favorable" letters from "agreeable" people.

Now we have new technologies like fax machines and e-mail that to some people, and this writer, are just shorthand.

Maybe so, but writing letters has always been a big part of our lives.

Remember when you were younger and you were given a blank paper to write your thank yous after every holiday or birthday, even for those items you received the next day anyway, like fuzzy pajamas, complete with footies? Or when we were given a blank sheet of paper to write a story or another, containing questions like, "Will you go with me?" I remember I read a book on handwriting analysis once. Supposedly the way a person writes a letter can reveal his or her personality. In scientific fact it rates right up there with the scientific proof that color and horoscopes, but it's fun anyway. How big your name appears at the top of the page corresponds to your ego and how busy is your handwriting. I read once that very busy handwriting may indicate a person who is very "busy" and even some distant relation and all he is talking about is the weather and you have no idea who he is. They actually happened to me once, so I'm aware. It can happen to you, too. But knowing you have that information, you will now have something to do while reading it.

In a handwritten letter you can hear his or her voice talking. The way a certain word is written bigger than others or in a different color accentuates the way he or she would say it. Also, it is always easier to sort out feelings and thoughts on paper in order to make sure you say exactly the right thing.

But the greatest reason to write someone a letter is "just because"—just because you want to put a smile on someone's face.

And even if the letter doesn't contain money, I guarantee you will.

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**Win or Lose, Bouts' Participants Are Still Champions**

I write in an attempt to explain the incredible dynamics involved with the boxing program and Bengal Bouts. A lot of people see us up there in the ring one week out of the year and fail to get the full description of what the entire experience is about. I hope this writing can in some small way allow the students of Notre Dame to understand some of what goes on both inside and outside of the ring.

To fully describe what exactly is the program is all about, I have to start at the beginning. It was on an evening in September, when I was strolling through the activities fair, that I became involved in the process of becoming a part of the greatest tradition at Notre Dame.

Though the formal process for beginning the program started when Iigged the dotted line for participation, it was a long time ago that I actually was drawn into the program. I can remember specifically in high school I was a 10-year-old spectator. I saw boxers climb between the ropes and give everything they had and said it was greater than anything that any single person could hope to be. I viewed the struggle for oxygen in the third round, when lesser people would have let their bodies crumble to the ground in exhaustion. But for these individuals, to give up when so much had already been given to the program would be a personal failing.

It was this determination that possessed me to donate my body and soul to the Bengal Bouts mission for six weeks. I should have imagined that such an undertaking would be as rewarding as it has turned out to be. However, during that first week of practice, I found that my practice was wavering. Doing multiple hundreds of push-ups, sit-ups, and jump-jacks can do that to a person. Gradually, over the course of several weeks, I found that practice was getting a little hit easier. Some of that was my body was becoming more fit. But more than that, I found that a great source of my determination was the other people involved with the program. How could I give up when so many other people were laying their heart and soul on the line to continue in the program?

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Did you give up something for Lent?

"I gave up drinking during the week. I gave it up because I can't afford it. It has many layers — physically, mentally, spiritually, economically."

Ryan Smith
Senior, Off-Campus

"I gave up smoking because my boyfriend says I have a dirty mouth."

Rebecca Sanders
Senior, Off-Campus

"I can't tell you that, for religious reasons."

Michael Miro
Sophomore, Alumni

"I gave up fighting. I don't believe in violence."

Maura Brannick
Freshman, Welsh

"No, because I wanted to do something. Like spending more time with my friends."

John Fernandez
Senior, Morrissey

Perhaps one can relate to this common exchange between a Notre Dame student and one of his non-Notre Dame friends. The student makes a reference to some strange and apparently cultish tradition that he practices as a Catholic, without remembering that his friend has no idea what genuflecting, ashes, or "getting my ashes" is all about. So his friend replies with a condescending, "Catholics are so weird and exclusive with your silly mythological traditions" retort. The Notre Dame student tries to explain the source of the allegedly exclusive mythology, but the damage is already done. In his friend's mind, the world Catholicism is exiled to a lonely ancient island of rules that just no fun.

The season of Lent and the rules and restrictions which accompany it are just the stuff of such traditions which confuse many people. But despite the initial appearances, Lent is not about adherence to rules. It is rather about denials of particular gratifications — a time set aside to focus on these denials which should exist all year.

The self-imposed temperance and abstinence, which are exclusively Catholic to many non-Catholics in America, is actually the most ecumenical aspect of Catholicism. After all, Islam has the fast month of Ramadan. Buddhism maintains the notion of denial of desire is the only way to truly combat suffering, seems, upon close examination, that every major religion in the world — and even secular forms of wisdom about the self — agree on this concept. It is a good thing to deny gratification to one's desires. What does it mean, though, that religions across space and time
Freedom

In March of 1993 I knew virtually nothing about Notre Dame. A senior in a public high school and a child of two Baptist parents, I decided that Notre Dame was the place for me. Five years later, I can say that I made the right choice and that I’ve learned a lot more than I ever thought I would have in five years.

Before coming to Notre Dame, I never fully understood the significance of the Lenten season’s meaning. It represents the 40 years of Noah in the Ark, the 40 years of Israel in the wilderness and most importantly the 40 days of Jesus in the wilderness in anticipation of a plethora of other significances not mentioned here. We celebrate Lent in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus, and by giving up something important, we constantly remind ourselves of where our minds should be focused.

During my freshman year here, I was baffled by the idea of “no meat on Fridays” at the dining hall, even though I knew it was a Catholic practice. I didn’t understand why people didn’t want to go out on Ash Wednesday, and I couldn’t believe that an enormous population of people actually fasted for the entirety of Lent.

At first, these ideas confounded me and made me somewhat uncomfortable, but as I explored their meanings as symbolic and physical reminders of Catholicism, I grew to admire and appreciate them.

The appreciation goes further than the many rituals and activities that I’ve seen people at Notre Dame participate in during Lent. It is an appreciation for the community’s devotion to Catholicism, and its devotion to God. All in the Notre Dame community are fortunate to have so many opportunities to participate in Catholicism in so many different ways, and I must say that as a non-Catholic, I’ve felt welcomed to participate in the Catholic aspect of the Notre Dame community.

Since then, I’ve become a Theology major, exploring my understanding of Christianity and developing a deeper understanding for Catholicism. Through both exploring and developing, I’ve come to love Notre Dame’s deep and diverse religious foundations in way I never dreamed of as a high school senior.

Which brings us to March 1998. We’re nearly a week into the Lenten season and many, including myself, have made their Lenten commitments. For me, this year is a very special one because it is the first time I have given something up for Lent.

I guess I should say “we” because this involves all eight of my roommates. And now that I have you on the edge of your seat, I bet you can’t wait to find out what it is.

The answer is electricity.

Living off-campus in a large house, we as a group decided to give up electricity for all but the bare essentials. All that’s left are the phones and alarm clocks (we don’t think giving up classes for Lent is fair) and at night, we survive by candlelight.

So far, it’s been great. Instead of coming home and turning on the television, we come home and talk to each other. Or we come home and pick up guitars and digimes while we sit down at the piano. Instead of focusing on mundane things, we’re now focusing on each other. I can’t tell you how much I’ve already benefited.

I’ve had my frustrating moments and admit to going in to flipping a switch a couple of times. It’s hard to clean the house at night when you try to feel your way through a closet to find a towel and then trip and fall on your face, knocking over every. But as long as I’ve prepared what I need before nighttime, everything goes as planned.

So what is the point of all this?

We at Notre Dame face a daily barrage of technology, of sensory overload, and of activities at nearly every turn. I often struggle to make time for reflection, to make time for the people and ideas that are the most important in my life. It is difficult to focus on what is important, but Lent arrives at the time when we must begin to focus. For Christians, the most important season will soon arrive, as we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the meantime, we give up something for Lent to constantly remind us that the Easter season is approaching, and that we should refocus our spiritual lives for that reason. Use this time to not only better understand yourself, but also to better understand Notre Dame and all it has to offer. We are lucky to be in such a deeply rooted religious institution, rich in religious diversity and filled with history and meaning of Catholicism. The first preface of Lent says, “Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with glad and heart renewed.” Make this season one of renewal with open hearts and minds, and you too can make Lent a truly joyful season.
NHL Penguins sweep Maple Leafs

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Alexei Morozov and Stu Barnes scored goals 3:33 apart early in the first period to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils at the Igloo. The Penguins completed the season-game series and have won four straight over the Devils.

Morozov and Barnes capped a comeback with the 4:49 goal of the game. Morozov snapped a 1-1 tie with a goal on a shot from the left circle at 3:16 and Barnes converted a cross-crease pass from Jaromir Jagr on a power play for his season's goal.

Tom Barrasso shut the door from there. He made seven saves in the first period, then turned aside all 11 shots he faced in the second. Barnes made nine saves in the third period and finished with 27. Fenway Cathedral. Barrasso also stellar in net for Toronto. He stopped 35 shots, including 30 in the final two periods.

Davy, Flyers 3, Devils 4

Steve Thomas’s strange goal on the Devils with 6:06 remaining Monday night lifted the New Jersey Devils past the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3.

The victory moved the Atlantic Division-leading Devils 13 points ahead of the runner-up Flyers. The Devils, who won 20 of their last 22 games, extended their unbeaten streak to eight.

Thomas nudged the puck between the goalie’s pads and it trickled into the net open net before any other Flyers could track it down.

After the embarrassing score, an exasperated Flegel shattoned his skis by stepping on the crossbar.

Brian Rolston scored twice and Randy McKay added a goal as the Devils continued their season-long mastery of the Flyers, who have lost six of their last eight (2-6-0).

Sabres, Rangers 0-0

Dominik Hasek just keeps on surprising everyone with his great play. After Hasek got his second shutout in two days as the Buffalo Sabres extended their unbeaten streak to 13 games with a 2-0 win over the New York Rangers Monday night.

Hasek, who blanked Washington 3-0 Sunday, recorded his NHL-leading ninth shutout in covering his great work from the Olympics, when he led the Czech Republic to the gold medal.

It was the third straight game Hasek held the Rangers scoreless. After allowing only one streak to New York in 1998 minutes, 46 seconds. It was the first time in Sabres history they shut out a team three times in a row.

The Sabres, 7-0-6 over their last 13 games, have not lost since Jan. 20, when they were beaten 3-0 by Philadelphia. Hasek, starting his third game since returning from Nagano, extended his personal unbeaten streak to 11 games.

Hasek made 32 saves, including an astonishing performance in the first period, when the Rangers outshot the Sabres 13-3. The Sabres countered with three goals in the last five minutes of the game, two on deflections, then made a great left-pad save on Pat LaFontaine in the final 10 seconds.

The game marked John Muckler’s first coaching appearance against the team that fired him as general manager. It was an emotional game for the future Coach of the Sabres.

The Sabres went ahead at 3:18 of the first period, as Zigmund Palffy hit a screen shot with a quick shot after a short skate to the goal.

Otherwise, Richter was perfect, making 17 saves.

Olympians confront adjustment problems

Associated Press

ODENDALE, Md. — Ron Wilson was angry. But he had earned the right, as U.S. Olympic coach, and March hasn’t started any easier.

"You need a lucky bounce," Wilson said Monday after the Washington Capitals’ morning practice. "And we haven’t had many." Wilson was talking about the Capitals, but it could as easily have been described as him.

After his Olympic team finished sixth in place, Wilson was then embarrassed after some players talked a suitcase in the Olympic village, Wilson returned home to find his NHL team in disarray.

First, the Capitals lost consecutive games to the Sabres in the league, the Tampa Bay Lightning. Annually, it’s three games before counting the Lightning’s victory the two teams met in the last game before the Olympics.

On Sunday, Wilson ran into a nemesis, Czech goaltender Dominik Hasek, who ended the U.S. team’s hopes in the quarterfinals at the Olympics.

Back with Buffalo, Hasek shut out Washington 3-0 for the Capitals’ fourth straight loss. Combining the play of the two teams, Wilson has won just two of his last 13 times behind the bench.

All of which made for a somber practice as Washington prepared for Tuesday night’s home game against Boston. Wilson tried to shake things up by chang­ ing lines and inspiring his defense to be more aggressive. "I’m just trying to find ways to do it," Wilson said.

"What’s it matter to you?" Wilson shot back when asked if he was trying to find ways to do it. Wilson cut his hair before the American team’s game in Nagano, a failed attempt to inspire his players with the same look he had when he led the United States to the World Cup title two years ago.

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Spring training gives way to start of exhibition ball

Associated Press

While Roger Clemens was hit hard in his spring debut, Mark McGwire once again flashed the form that makes him a threat to Roger Maris' home-run record.

Dwight Young singled in two runs and Eddie Taubensee homered for his first hit in 11 spring at-bats.

At Jupiter, Fla., Mark McGwire hit a three-run homer in seven hits in the first inning as Tampa Bay batted around in the inning.

Red Sox 13, Pirates 8

At Fort Myers, Fla., Boston scored 10 runs in the first two innings and Nomar Garciaparra homered for his first hit in 11 spring at-bats.

Garciaparra, the AL Rookie of the Year, made the score 12-4 with his solo homer before Al Martin's solo homer put the Pirates ahead.

Dennis Eckersley retired all three batters he faced in the sixth inning, his first appearance of the spring and allowed two hits in two shutout innings. McGwire hit a three-run homer off Eric Davis.

Marlins 5, Mets 4

At Melbourne, Fla., Luis Castillo singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as Florida rallied.

At Lakeland, Fla., Damion Easley hit a grand slam as Detroit beat Texas 5-1 in four games this season.

Bryce Florie, obtained in an offseason trade with Milwaukee, followed starter Scott Sanders and got the win, allowing one run and one hit in 2-3 innings.

Yankees 12, Indians 8

At Winter Haven, Fla., Dale Sveum hit a two-run double and Tino Martinez followed with a two-run homer in a six-run second inning.

Martinez, Chad Curtis, Tim Raines and Luis Sojo each had two of New York's 19 hits in the first meeting between the teams since Cleveland eliminated the Yankees in the AL division series last October. Sojo was in the left hand by Jaret Wright's first pitch. X-rays were negative.

Phillies 8, Twins 4

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Eric Davis homered and doubled, who batted colon cancer last season, gave Baltimore a 4-2 lead in the first inning with an opposite-field shot to right off Carl Pavano.

He also doubled and scored on a double by Cal Ripken in the second.

Shane Andrews went 3-for-3 for the Expo, outscoring 23-2 in three losses this spring.

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Possibly no ‘Mo’ driving for Red Sox slugger Vaughn

Associated Press

DEDDHAM, Mass. — Mo Vaughn had been drinking at a strip club before he crashed into a car parked beside the highway and flipped his pickup, according to testimony Monday at his trial on drunken driving charges.

"It was obvious that he was intoxicated," Trooper Paul McCarthy said, reaching the conclusion after the Red Sox first baseman failed eight sobriety tests. "There's no doubt in my mind."

But defense attorney Kevin McCarthy argued that Vaughn had a "recurrent" knee injury, was on wet ground and taking allergy medication and had gained weight in the offseason — all affecting his balance.

Vaughn was driving in Norwood early Jan. 9 when he struck a Ford Escort parked on the shoulder and rolled his pickup truck.

Richard Ball, the first officer on the scene, said he was satisfied that Vaughn was not injured and then took him away from the crowd that had gathered. On their way back towards the patrol car to administer the sobriety tests, Ball testified, Vaughn bumped into him several times.

On the actual tests, Vaughn performed even worse, including failing three times to recite the alphabet correctly, Ball testified.

That, combined with what the officers described as bloodshot and glassy eyes, confusion about the cause of the accident and Vaughan's admission that he had been drinking led the officers to arrest him. He was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol; if convicted, a first-time offender typically gets his license suspended for 45-90 days.

Vaughn, who has said he will not testify in his defense, sat quietly at his lawyers' table in the defendant in this case. It is to work neither for nor against him."

The clerk, who referred to Vaughn repeatedly as "Morris" — his real name is Maurice — didn't need any such admonition. And the jury did not seem overly interested that one of the city's most beloved athletes — at least until his current contract negotiations turned acrimonious — was among them.

A handful of Red Sox fans however, waited outside the courtroom in the morning holding a sign that said, "Free Mo."

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Blue Devils secure top spot with win over Tar Heels

Associated Press

Duke's dramatic victory over North Carolina kept the Blue Devils No. 1 in the NCAA college basketball poll Monday, as Mississippi State broke into the Top Ten for the first time in school history.

The next-to-last poll of the season had Duke (27-2), which beat the Tar Heels 77-75 Saturday, easily on top for the second straight week with 48 first-place votes and 1,724 points from the national media panel.

Arizona (26-3), which extended the nation's longest current winning streak to 19 games with a 90-58 victory over Stanford on Saturday, held second with 20 No. 1 votes and 1,684 points.

Kansas (23-3), which closed the regular season with a win at Oklahoma State on Sunday, switched places with North Carolina, moving into third with the other two first-place votes and 1,580 points, 17 more than the Tar Heels (27-3).

Those teams have held the top four positions in different orders for the last five weeks. Utah, Connecticut and Kentucky held places 5-7, while Princeton moved up one spot to No. 8 and Purdue jumped two places to ninth.

Mississippi (21-2) closed the regular season with wins over Arkansas and Auburn and moved from 13th to No. 10. The Rebels had never been ranked until last season, and that was just for one week.

Stanford dropped three spots to lead the Second Five and was followed by Michigan State, Texas Christian, Cincinnati, South Carolina, Arkansas, Michigan, Illinois, UCLA and New Mexico.

The last five teams were Maryland, Syracuse, West Virginia, Temple and Oklahoma State.

The No. 13 ranking is the highest for Texas Christian since the Horned Frogs were 12th in the poll released Jan. 22, 1952.

Maryland (18-9), the third-place team in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1951, continued its dominance of the ACC, with 12 of the 15 first-place votes and 1,526 points.

The Irish also weren't able to go inside for the easy basket like they had in their two previous tournament games. Freshman Kelley Siemon and Senior Jenny Higgins were held in check by UConn's big men, Kelley Schumaker and Paige Sauer, both of whom stood 6-foot-5.

Riley, who fouled out with just five minutes remaining in the game, and Siemon finished with 12 and six points, respectively. Notre Dame who surprisingly outrebounded Connecticut 38-32. Senior Mollie Peirick dished out 5 assists, but committed six turnovers.

The Irish recorded the fifth-largest home victory in school history, with 32. Senior Mollie Petrick, who connected on a three-pointer, "I think we definitely deserve to be in the tournament despite what you saw out here," said McGraw. "I don't think we'll get a three- or four-seed, but we have no doubt that we should be there."
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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Huskies’ ferocious offense devours Irish**

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, NJ

For the past two seasons, the Notre Dame women's basketball team has seen its Big East Tournament title hopes dashed by Connecticut. Last night was no different as the top-seeded Huskies (20-2), ranked second in the country, continued their dominance over Notre Dame (20-9), handing the fifth-seeded Irish a 73-53 loss in the semifinals of this year's Big East championship.

"They proved why they are the number two team in the country," commented head coach Muffet McGraw. "They play well as a team and that's how you win games." Notre Dame had a lot of confidence heading into the game with UConn, who was without Big East player of the year Nykesha Sales. The Irish, who average just over 20 turnovers per game, committed an uncharacteristic 21 turnovers in the first half, and found themselves down 17-2 five and a half minutes into the game.

"Their quick start was really a mental blow to our confidence," said McGraw. "We never see INSIGHT/ page 17

**IRISH INSIGHT**

**UConn's depth defines resiliency**

By Betty Baker
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The University of Connecticut women's basketball team is like an iguana. You cut off its tail and it grows another one.

The team's backcourt, top scorer and Big East player of the year Nykesha Sales, get cut off the roster and Siyra Hansmeyer grew in her place.

Hansmeyer's game-high 21 points led the Huskies over Notre Dame 73-53 in the semifinals of the Big East championship.

Or was it Rita Williams and her six steals that grew in Saint's place.

Or maybe Paige Sauer and her three blocked shots.

Any way you look at it, it is impossible to stop a team like Connecticut, unless they stop themselves.

Just like the iguana, the Huskies camouflaged themselves with a poor showing against West Virginia on Monday, winning by only two, then came out of the shadows to walk all over the Irish last night.

"Our kids know how to win and they play to win," Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said of his team. "That is why we have won a

**MEN'S TENNIS**

**Notre Dame sends Badgers burrowing for home**

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He does not want to be called perfect. Nevertheless, Danny Rothschild may become the poster boy for quality after recording his ninth singles win Saturday to remain undefeated on the season.

Rothschild, the captain of the men's tennis team, contributed his win over Jeff Malik to the 5-2 victory over Wisconsin, advancing the Irish to 7-2. "Malik was a tough match-up," coach Bob Bayliss said. "He likes to play with pace, but [Rothschild] likes to hit the ball hard. He's been our strongest position."

In a challenging match, Rothschild flexed his strength to overcome Malik's efficient passing 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. "I played well in sports," said Rothschild. "He was passing well so I was falling on my head a lot, diving after balls. But I still need to get better."

Maybe he'll find the place for improvement in doubles, where his usual excellence with Vijay Freeman was lacking as the pair lost their first match.

However, the other two doubles teams fulfilled their roles to earn the Irish the first point of the match.

Ryen Sachire and Matt Horsley solidly defeated Badgers Nifus Reist and Adam Schumacher 8-4 while Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski shined at the No. 1 spot.

The Patterson-Pietrowski duo won their third straight match against David Chang and Mark Loughrin, 8-5. The Irish pair leaped to a 5-0 start, which helped stifle the Wisconsin mini- comeback and signaled a definite turnaround in the 3-3 combo's play.

With a 1-0 lead going into singles, the Irish looked like they had lost the edge at the beginning. But the possible scare for Notre Dame transformed into a pleasurable success.

"Early in singles, we were down in a couple of matches and even in others," Bayliss said. 'Early on, it was tight.' But before Wisconsin could acquire even one point, the Irish had already monopolized five points, ensuring victory.

Although the Irish had depended on strong performances from the bottom

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