Kaneb Center intern earns national award

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Cecilia Lucero, an intern at the Notre Dame Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, is one of seven graduate students nationwide to receive the K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award. The award, given annually by the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE), recognizes potential leadership in the field of higher education. It is named for a professor emeritus at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Lucero, a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan, was nominated by two Michigan faculty members last September. "I'm surprised and excited. There's a lot of pressure involved in living up to the expectations of such an award," Lucero said.

Included in her award is an all-expense-paid trip to the AAHE national conference in Anaheim, Calif., in May. At the conference, Lucero will be formally recognized in a ceremony for the seven recipients and will receive official membership into the AAHE. But the most attractive feature of the award will probably be the many new networking and mentorship opportunities, according to Lucero.

Lucero also hopes the award will lead to future research projects. At the Kaneb Center, she has undertaken many projects during the past three years. Her research ranges from topics such as faculty and technology in tracing the integration of new professors into the Notre Dame community.

"I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful intern and keen researcher," said Barbara Walvoord, Lucero's supervisor at the center.

Though Lucero's internship ends this spring, her plans for the immediate future are already set. She intends to further develop her doctoral proposal and to finish her dissertation in the months ahead. Eventually, she said she would like to hold an administrative position on a college campus.

"I'm also interested in writing books, maybe one about African-American women in higher education. I've done research on that," Lucero said.

Lucero is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., who completed her undergraduate work at Notre Dame, where she majored in American Studies.

SMC constitution faces amendments, evaluation

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
San's Mary's Editor

In response to the confusion with the 2000 student body presidential elections, Board of Governance approved several measures to amend and continually evaluate their constitution Tuesday.

Angie Little, student body vice president, and Michelle Nagle, student body vice president-elect, presented a proposal for a constitutional oversight committee that would be responsible for investigating the constitution in relation to the changing needs of the student body.

The committee, which is chaired by the vice president and is responsible for discussing amendments to be presented to Board of Governance, would be convened only when needed in response to a complaint or other dispute that indicated need for evaluation, Little said.

"The only role this committee has is to recommend amendments. The committee has the responsibility of researching and investigating," Nagle said.

Little and Nagle said that members serving on the committee should be elected, although attendance at committee meetings is open to the public.

"We talked a lot about who should serve on the committee, and we felt that they should be women voted on by the student body," Little said. "Basically, this is a forum for research, and closing those meetings would be at the discretion of the vice president." The proposal was passed with three members abstaining.

The board also discussed amendments to the constitution regarding election bylaws.

"These are all recommendations from me as interim elections commissioner regarding the bylaws," said Bridget Heflin, who served as interim commissioner for the 2000 presidential election. "Most of these are clarifications of current bylaws, and none of them are changing what is in the constitution."

The drafted amendments clarify several ambiguous election situations. Amendments address appropriate action in the potential vacancy of an elections commissioner because of candidacy or other reasons, the jurisdiction limits of the Elections Committee, the function of the appeals board and confidentiality of members' names, endorsement of candidates by Elections Committee members and run-off procedures.

The amendment states that in AN 'ULTIMATE' DAY

Students enjoy the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday, taking a break for a midwinter round of frisbee. Temperatures are expected to be in the 50s for the remainder of the week.

By MARY CALASHFINK
News Writer

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Angry Mob out to have fun
Ever wonder what goes on inside O'Neill? Find out what those former Grace dwellers are doing.

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McCain wins two
Michigan and Arizona are like-minded states, according to the Republican primaries.

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BOG members Janet Horvath (left), Angie Little (center) and Molly Kahn discuss proposed constitutional amendments stemming from the chaotic student body elections.
I be thinkin'...

OK, so I went to Kroeger's one time over the summer to buy something. So I grab the stuff, which was about $9.50 worth (the food, the drink, the gum, and the scissors). I said to the check-out cashier, "Okay, anything else in the cart?" She said, "No, ma'am." Then she gave me the total. I said, "Okay." And then she scanned everything, and I handed her the cash. She said, "Thank you." I said, "You too." And then she gave me my change. I said, "Thank you." She said, "You're welcome." And then I walked out of the store.

I never go to Kroger's again.
Trial team competes for top rankings

By ELLEN FITZGERALD
News Writer

The Notre Dame Law School trial teams placed first and second seed, respectively, at the Midwest regional competition Feb. 10, and will both advance to the national competition.

This marks the first time in the region's history that the two advancing teams stemmed from the same school, and the first time Notre Dame's team has advanced this far since 1993, when Notre Dame won nationals.

The competition, sponsored by the National Association of Trial Lawyers, a section of the American Bar Association, is held regionally in 12 different locations. The top two teams from each regional competition advance to the nationals.

The Notre Dame's team, the Barristers, was composed through a series of tryouts held in September. From of those tryouts, two separate teams were formed: the Blue team, comprised of Shazie Nasem, president of the Student Bar Association, Tamara Walker, team captain, and president of the Black Law Student Association, Ryan Redmon, and Kelly Murphy and the Gold team, comprised of Stone Grisom, Scott Kellogg, Steven Pratico, and Matt Woleski.

The teams were formed at the request of the National Association of Trial Lawyers, the student organization that teaches and trains students nationwide over winter break, and actually returned to school a week early in order to begin formulating their arguments. The teams prepare opening and closing statements, as well as cross-examinations. The two coaches of the teams used this time to discuss which students would be the prosecution, defense or witnesses.

Once at the regional competition, each team has the chance to argue the case up to three times, once in the preliminary rounds, once in the semifinals and again in the finals.

The winners are chosen by three evaluators from the legal profession. One acts as a judge and two are set up as jurors. Teams can then win by a unanimous vote of all three, or a 2/1 split. Seeding for the national competition is determined by their record from these and by a point system.

Both teams were declared the winner by unanimous decisions and both teams were undefeated for three days of competition," said Tamara Walker, team captain.

Competition at the meet was extremely heated, as Notre Dame competed against Kent State, John Marshall and Loyola, and reigning national champions Northwestern, on their way to the regional title.

The Barristers will next represent the Notre Dame Law School at the national competition the last week in March.

"Our region is really strong, and the people doing the best are pretty solid. We are a very trial-based school, so I think our odds are very good," said Walker.

Students to participate in testing

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Twenty-two students from Saint Mary's education department will participate in a nationwide trial run of a proposed national licensure test for teachers on March 1.

The testing will take place at the Inn at Saint Mary's, and will last four to five hours. The test, itself, called the Test for Teaching Knowledge (TTK), has been in the works for the last 18 months. It is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The TTK was developed after the release of principles of good teaching developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTAS) in 1994.

There are 10 principles to the program, the most basic requiring that teachers have a concrete knowledge of the subject matter. Other issues covered include the development of the learning processes of students, how well the teacher can support, their intellectual and social life, and personal development of the student. The TTK is an effort to encourage the development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills in students and create a safe and nurturing environment for education.

Those principles also state that teachers must master effective verbal, nonverbal and media communication skills, develop lesson plans that deal not only with subject matter, but also with the students and local community, meet the curriculum goals and devise strategies in order to successfully teach the lesson plan.

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a runoff situation where the run-off ended in a tie, "the tie broke on the tax votes from the primary election and the tie was broken by the furthest balloting," she added. Furthermore, she should add, appropriate action would be taken by the Board of the Elections Committee.

Some members expressed concern that the drafted amendments did not address how students were disenfranchised in the 2000 election. "I wish what people were concerned about was that they didn't know where to go if they had a concern," said Marisol Omezuwa. "We need to make sure people can go to if they have a concern without the elections process."

Off-campus commissioner Beth Beatty also called the board's attention to the fact that two elections votes to the duties needed to be specified.

"This year voting occurred in two areas off campus. If you want to say that the election should remain only in the dining hall, that needs to be clarified only by the board."

The amendments were passed with the understanding that clarifications regarding direction of elections completion would be made. Off-campus campus voting locations would be determined. Members also passed the amendments with the understanding that they will not be in effect for class elections until the fall semester.
Russia struggles to pay back debts

MOSCOW

Few countries would be better candidates than Russia for Debtors Anonymous. The Russian government owes billions of dollars, refuses to pay back billions of dollars and wants to borrow billions of dollars more. Its reputation has yet to recover from its disastrous 1998 default on about two-thirds of the $150 billion it owes foreign lenders. Yet Russia desperately needs help from just those lenders: It still has massive debts and argues it does not have enough money to pay them. Over the last several months, the government has tried to persuade lenders to write off its old debts. At the same time, it wants to restore the credibility it needs to regain access to foreign capital markets and get more loans. So far, Russia’s formula seems to be working.

Russia: ‘No way out’ for Chechens

Residents of Grozny make their way along the damaged streets. Four months of Russian shelling and fierce fighting in the streets has left much of the Chechen capital in ruins.

Associated Press

Russia

Thousands of rebels in Chechnya’s mountains have "no way out" as Russian forces backed by artillery and air attacks close in on them, Russia’s defense minister said Tuesday.

About 20,000 Russian troops nearly completed a blockade of the Argun Gorge, a key passage into Chechnya’s mountains, the military said Tuesday.

Russian warplanes and helicopter gunships flew more than 150 combat missions over the area in 24 hours, it said.

The Interfax news agency cited a military commander in a rebel enclave in the Chechen capital, Grozny. The Defense Ministry made no immediate comment.

Russian strategists remained concerned about a rebel resurgence, and have warned repeatedly over the past weeks that rebels are planning substantial attacks for Wednesday. The day is both a Russian holiday honoring the military and a traditional Chechen commemoration of the beginning of their mass deportation to Central Asia in 1944 under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Apparently in response to those concerns, Russia closed all its border crossings into Chechnya on Tuesday. Russia previously has shut border crossings for periods ranging up to several days at a time.

In southern Chechnya, the rebels maintained their tight grip on the village of Dabra-Yurt as the entrance to the Argun Gorge, according to the news agency Interfax.

But Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev said the fighters "had no way out anymore." Interfax reported.

But the rebels, skilled in guerrilla techniques, have repeatedly shown during the five-month-old war that they are able to slip through Russian lines. They have mounted surprise attacks on Russian-held towns, and many fighters broke out of the capital, Grozny, this month, even though the city was encircled.

In the ruins of Grozny, troops appeared tense on Tuesday, generally sticking close to their checkpoints and bunkers. Soldiers were overheard discussing rumors that the Chechen warlord Khabat was leading a band of 700 fighters to attack Gudermes, Chechnya’s second-largest city.

Human Rights Watch said Tuesday it had documented accounts of a massacre of Chechen civilians that could be the worst atrocity of the war.

The group said at least 62 people died in front of the Star Of Victory in Grozny, in a two-day rampage that began Feb. 5. It said about 100 soldiers systematically robbed and shot civilians.

The troops also committed several rapes and hurled grenades into bastions where residents were hiding, the group said. It quoted survivors’ accounts.

Russia has repeatedly denied reports that its troops have taken part in atrocities.

While Russian aircraft slammed the mountains with bombs and rockets, troops moving toward the rebel mountain stronghold of Shatoi sealed heights near the villages of Makhkhet and Seqeltsazhen, the military said.

Senate hopes to monitor Iran arms deals

WASHINGTON

Brushing aside opposition from the administration, the Senate is moving to compel the president to be more aggressive in tracking Russia and other countries that supply weapons material to Iran.

The bill, taken up by the Senate Tuesday, also could restrict payments to Russia in connection with the International Space Station.

The bill is expected to win the Senate’s overwhelming approval when it votes Thursday, much as similar legislation sailed through the House last September, 419-0.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he hoped the legislation would help the reformers against those bent on harming the United States.

"The danger is still there, and those who are in charge of nuclear proliferation in Iran have a very strong grip on what’s being done," Lott said.

Under the legislation, the president would be required to submit reports to Congress every six months to identify countries providing Iran with materiel to promote its missile and weapons systems.

The president would have the option of cutting off arms sales or economic aid to nations helping Iran’s weapons programs. He could waive sanctions for national security reasons.

The bill also says the United States could make payments to the Russian space agency for helping build the International Space Station only after the president determines that Russia is actively opposing proliferation in Iran.

The bill "sends a message to our friends in Russia about the intensi ty of our concern about their part in helping Iran develop weapons of mass destruction," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. He said it also reminds the administration of "the broad bipartisan concern here in Congress in support of tougher action against any nation, including Russia," that boosts Iran’s weapons program.
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**Riley: School should be year-round**

**Associated Press**

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**Marines**
Troops blamed for massacre

Associated Press

Russian troops rampaged through a suburb of the Chechen capital, killing at least 62 civilians in what could be the worst such massacre in the Chechen war, an international human rights group said Tuesday.

Interviews with survivors revealed that about 100 soldiers systematically robbed and killed civilians in the Grozny suburb of Aldi on Feb. 5-6, according to Human Rights Watch, a New York-based organization.

Russian officials have vehemently denied that federal troops took part in any atrocities against civilians.

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I am convinced that when I attended the graffiti dance almost four years ago, I must have had a sign on my forehead that said in big letters, "I'm a nice girl, and nice girls have to be respected."

I grew frustrated. I was tired of all of men's assumptions and disrespect, and I didn't think I sent any signals of any sort, but my list of guys went up to about four times. And if you do those things, it doesn't mean you are going to get any. A close friend of mine told me that most men have radar. They can tell who and what they can get out of a young woman within the first few minutes of meeting her. This amazed me. I did not think I sent any signals of any sort, but my list of guys "friends" was steadily growing, but it was not as large as it was. This was pretty much non-existent.

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Over the next few months, the three campuses—Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross—will launch the Campaign for International Debt Relief. You will have the opportunity to learn about the effects of debt on heavily indebted countries and to hear directly from people in those countries. The campaign will consist of a variety of speakers, articles and educational efforts in residence halls.

The campaign will culminate in an event and call to action on April 1. The pope, interdenominational groups and President Clinton have called on the U.S. and the international community to forgive the debts owed by the poorest countries. President Clinton has taken a leadership role to advance the alleviation of some of the international debt owed to the U.S., but we, as U.S. citizens, have a lot more to do to insure the necessary appropriations for proper debt relief.

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As I sat there in my seat and watched this unfold, I witnessed two things: a crowd laughing and a woman standing. A woman standing before those laughing and not afraid to announce her feelings. I feel the situation belongs to the pit of my stomach. Was there a difference between those laughing and myself? did nothing? Is it pathetic what people can tolerate and that they go along with anything that a crowd is doing? I write this just at the moment that the singer is apologizing to the crowd for what happened and it gives me some hope, but during that moment as she stood before that crowd, there was little hope. It is too bad that people can bond together in such a situation and have all values and respect behind.

Amanda Sula
Holy Cross Hall
February 18, 2000

Letters to the Editor

Community thanks students

I want to thank all of the students who signed Jeff Geert's "Get Well" bumper on Feb. 1 and 2. I talked to Jeff on the phone this weekend and he was extremely grateful. For those of you who don't know, Jeff Geert is a freshman in Fisher Hall who is missing the entire semester because of testicular cancer. Jeff is in a chemotherapy class and he quickly became one of my best friends here. He is incredibly friendly and fun to be around, and he remains positive and upbeat in his battle against cancer. Those who want to wish Jeff well can e-mail him at jgeert@nd.edu. He said that having to stay in the hospital while he undergoes chemotherapy is not only difficult but also boring. So I know that he would appreciate some e-mail.

Nicholas Sweedo
Fresno, California
February 20, 2000

More federal funding needed

Professor Rice's Feb. 22 Viewpoint column on the skyrocketing tuition at Notre Dame and the rapid expansion of the size of the campus raised valid points, and I must admit that I agree with most of them.

Pricing a Notre Dame tuition out of the reach of most potential students seems elitist and un-Christian to me. However, I feel more compelled to respond to his statement claiming the "form of financial aid remains student loan."

Professor Rice should realize that successive Republican administrations in Washington—both Bush and Clinton—have called on Congress to pass legislation that helps to advance the alleviation of some of the international debt owed to the U.S. and to forgive the debts owed by the poorest countries. President Clinton has taken a leadership role to advance the alleviation of some of the international debt owed to the U.S., but we, as U.S. citizens, have a lot more to do to insure the necessary appropriations for proper debt relief.

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All Irish-Americans are alcoholics.
All Arab-Americans are racially inferior.
All Asian-Americans are poor drivers.
All Indian-Americans are lazy.
All Mexican-Americans are lazy.
All Polish-Americans are dumb.
All Southern-Baptists are rhythmically challenged.

As you look at the above statements, you are probably saying to yourself, "Of course I don't believe that these statements are true. I would never think that about any group of people. Anyone who believes these statements is clearly a racist and I'm certainly not a racist." Now pause and take a few minutes to search within yourself. Really look deep inside and try to find those well-guarded places that might not make you particularly proud. It's OK to acknowledge them.

No one has to know. After searching inside yourself, were you able to acknowledge that at some point in your life you probably believed a version of at least one of the above statements? If you answered yes, then that acknowledgement is a good thing. Recognizing your racial stereotypes is the first step to overcoming them. The task is not easy. Even the most well-meaning and well-intentioned people are unable to escape their racial stereotypes.

It is not possible to escape your racial stereotypes.

Racial stereotypes are automatic and exaggerated mental pictures that are held about all members of a particular racial group. When people stereotype based on race, individual differences aren't taken into account. The stereotypes are so rigid, people tend to ignore or discount any information that is not consistent with the stereotype that has been formed about the racial group.

Racial stereotypes develop in early childhood. On a very simplistic level, it's human nature to categorize people. It's one way of making a complex world simpler. From an early age, one learns to place people and objects into categories. However, when very young, people tend to put less of an emphasis on attributing values to these categories. As one grows older and is influenced by parents, peers and the media, the tendency to label different racial groups as superior or inferior begins significantly. Accurate and appropriate people have a particular racial group, the more likely they will have negative feelings about the group. Also, any negative experiences that a person has with a particular group will strengthen their racial stereotypes and create fears about people in these groups. An unexplored or unresolved mental conflict can result and tends to be self-protective in nature. As a result, people miss opportunities to learn and thrive from these differences.

Some people might say, "There's no harm in having racial stereotypes because stereotypes are based on stereotypes. People these days are so politically correct and should just lower their expectations. Anyway, there's always a kernel of truth in every stereotype." In some instances, all of the above might be true. However, in most cases, racial stereotypes are harmful and often make it difficult to comprehend the full humanity and uniqueness of all people. When perceptions of different races are not realistic and stereotypical, it's demeaning, devaluing, limiting and hurtful to others. In some cases, those who are repeatedly labeled in negative ways will begin to develop feelings of inferiority. Sometimes, these feelings of inferiority can lead to self-fulfilling prophecies that perpetuate the stereotype. Racial stereotypes can also foster feelings of hate and aggression that might lead to a false sense of entitlement and superiority. For those individuals who have perceivers, this can lead to their engaging in discriminatory and racist practices. Because of their harmful effects, a real commitment should be made to try to overcome racial stereotypes. This cannot be achieved by first saying that everyone is human and that people do harbor racial stereotypes. Next, everyone wants to become more aware of their inner thoughts and feelings and how they affect their beliefs and actions. When a person has a stereotypical thought about a racial group, one should follow it up with an alternative thought based on factual information that challenges the racial stereotype. This factual information can be obtained by leaving their comfort zones and exposing themselves to people of different races. Also, one should be willing to engage in honest dialogue with others about race at times that might be difficult and uncomfortable. Media portrayals of different races that are realistic and positive should be sought out. Attending churches, plays, concerts and movies that celebrate diversity will also broaden people's world-views. Learning more awareness and knowledge about other racial groups, not only will racial stereotypes lessen, but everyone will also become better equipped to educate and challenge others about their racial stereotypes. As people change, they will be able to help others change in others' through their examples and the quality of their conversations. In doing this, everyone works to create a society in which all races are valued, appreciated and embraced.

The intent of this series of articles is not to provide counseling but to provide information about a variety of mental health topics. To seek help with your individual concerns, please contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7236 to schedule an appointment.

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-- David Letterman

Sounds of Ancient India come to ND

Nancy Lesh is an award-winning cellist who has devoted the last 20 years to the performance of Hindustani classical music. Her recent study of Dhrupad Music, Nancy Lesh was the well-regarded concert cellist. She has been the co-principal cellist of the Rome Festival Orchestra and the Orchestra del Maggio of Florence, and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Tickets will be available at the General Admission center.

Wednesday, February 23, 2000
O’Neill Hall is ready to ‘Let the Good Times Roll’

By EMMETT MALLOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Ask any former resident of Grace Hall who dug up his experiences in that dorm and usually the word “chaos” is used.

With more than 500 students spanning 11 floors, Grace Hall was legendary for its wild parties and heavy drug enforcement of the rules. However, the ideals and traditions still live on through O’Neill Hall, one of two male dorms on West Quad with roots in Grace. Opening in fall of 1996, O’Neill has already established itself as a prominent dorm on campus.

Indeed, many former residents of Grace believed that O’Neill would never rise up to the Grace legacy, but many now agree with the move. Kyle Shaw, an O’Neill RA who lived in the other twin tower, Flanner, felt that the move was good for Grace because “it moved students back to the center of campus, and plus the dorm,” Shaw explains, “Grace was more for administrative purposes than for student living.”

Although the residents of O’Neill are very proud of its Grace heritage, the dorm has also opted to create a tradition of its own. Arguably the biggest dance on campus, Mardi Gras has become something of a legend entering into its fourth year. The dance was originally conceived by former hall president Brian Gaffney, who was originally conceived and put into its fourth year. The dorm has also opted to engage in its fourth year. The dorm president Brian Gaffney, who was originally conceived and executed the dance, has become something of a legend.

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“Basically hú wanted to find a niche, something to carry on for 30 years or so,” explained Tim Casale, a fourth year resident of O’Neill, and an RA.

The dance begins this Thursday night with the King Contest, which features seven contestants from every section competing for the right to be the King of the weekend festivities. With the past kings and the presidents of McGlinn as the judges, the contestants contend for the title in a series of games ranging from karaoke to impersonation to best pickup line. This year features a new category: the Wheel O’ Shame. The contestants must spin the wheel and then doing whatever the market selects.

The dance officially begins with a parade, complete with floats, around campus with the first stop at Grace to pay homage. After that, the parade goes to Mod Quad, then North, onto South and finally back to West Quad. During the parade, participants stop at the dorm of their O’Neill to pick them up. The return of the parade to O’Neill marks the start of the biggest dorm event on campus. The dorm spends most of its yearly budget on the event, even forgoing Christmas decorations. Furthermore, each O’Neill resident is allowed to bring two dates, making Mardi Gras a heavily attended event.

In less than four years, O’Neill has made a name for itself in athletics. O’Neill has won intramural championships in soccer, hockey, softball and cross-country. Perhaps the most recognized face was Gaffney, who was the three-time Bengal Bouts champion until he lost in the title fight last spring. In addition, the dorm is very committed to social causes. A new program initiated this year involves sending a different section in the dorm to the Boys and Girls Club. Although the dorm does not have the tradition of older dorms on campus, dorm president Matt Alles welcomes the challenge. “As tough as it is to start new things, it gives us the opportunity to begin a tradition that will be going on for years to come,” Alles remarked.

The mon from O’Neill take a break from their studying to share a few laughs.

O’Neill will celebrate Mardi Gras this weekend.

Spirited McGlinn: Livin’ on the edge — of campus

By LAURA KELLY
Scene Writer

Where Notre Dame’s golfers once shot the back nine holes now sits McGlinn Hall, one of the newest additions to Notre Dame’s residential halls.

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“It was a big change for all of us to relocate from the north side of campus to the south,” said Haas. “But with the remnants of the dining hall and the building of the new bookstore, the location was ideal.”

Although some may still find their home on the westernmost edge of West Quad a bit out of the way, sophomore Stephanie Hoover pointed out that McGlinn is “right by Resker’s and South Dining Hall,” making it a short walk for food or a place to relax.

McGlinn is one of the larger dorms on campus, housing 270 women in two wings, branching out from a central lobby. Despite its size, the hall maintains the feeling of a small community. According to freshman Priyanka Ho, McGlinn is a close-knit dorm “that wants to work hard.”

“Regardless of the outcome, the losses and the wins, we do a lot of activities together, like movie nights and attending the pep rallies.”

Spirits run strong in this dorm. Beginning with the Dillon Pep Rally, when McGlinn women are so busy that McGlinn girls could be seen decked out in togas, the Shamrocks are a visible group at all the football rallies. True to their mascot’s name, Ro said her fellow dormmates are easy to spot in a crowd — “We wear a lot of green!”

While Sister Kathy describes her women as “a spirited bunch,” the Shamrocks also come together each Sunday night on a quieter note. True to Notre Dame traditions, McGlinn Masses have their own unique flavor.

A resident of McGlinn himself, Father Don McNeill often presides, coloring the service with stories of his work in Chile and as the director of the CSC here on campus. To other weekends, McGlinn residents offer their own reflections on the Gospel, making Mass even more personal.

Living in a new dorm like McGlinn has many benefits: large rooms, air-conditioning and more social space. Ro described her excitement at learning she had been placed in one of the new dorms: “When I talked with my roommate for the first time, I couldn’t believe we had gotten in McGlinn — I figured the younger, nicer dorms would only be for upperclassmen.”

Although new dorms like McGlinn lack the history of their older counterparts, the Shamrocks are determined to establish their own traditions. One McGlinn tradition is the West Quad formal, held each year with Keough, O’Neill and Welsh Family. Another annual event quickly becoming a favorite is Casino Night, a fundraiser for the Catholic Worker House in South Bend. In this spring event, gaming and karaoke are held throughout the night as guests compete for prizes donated from area and campus businesses. Each McGlinn woman can invite a certain number of guests, who make a charitable donation for their part in the night’s festivities.

“Everybody loves Casino Night because you can bring three dates!” said Hoover.

Events like these, which not only entertain but also benefit a worthy cause, give McGlinn its character as an energetic, upbeat dorm. Echoing the sentiments of her rector and fellow Shamrocks, Ro said, “I love McGlinn. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”
Crimson Tide upsets rival Ohio State, 11th ranked Tigers

Associated Press
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Terrance Meade made two free throws with 3.8 seconds to go to play Tuesday night, helping Alabama seal a 68-64 upset over Ohio State in a second-round game of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

"I'm really proud of the kids," said Alabama coach Tubby Smith, who led the Tide for the first time in the second half. Meade was fouled on the lead in the lead with 6:36 to play. "I think they all played a great game as far as being physical and being a team tonight." Meade made his three-pointer and a free throw to give Alabama a 62-61 lead with 2:00 to go. Alabama's Erwin Dudley put the Tide back up 63-62, Alabama's last basket until Grizzard's 3-pointer.

No. 2 Duke 98, Wake Forest 78
No. 2 Duke won its fourth straight ACC regular-season title outright, getting a career-high 34 points from Shane Battier in a 15-point victory over Wake Forest.

The Blue Devils (22-3) became the second team to win four titles outright, matching Duke's run from 1990 through 1993.

Chris Dudley led Alabama with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Maryland 68, Florida State 58
Lonny Baxter scored 25 points, leading No. 19 Maryland, despite Florida State's 3-0 run.

Battier's fast break dunk with 2:43 left gave Maryland (20-7, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) its biggest lead at 74-52.

Battier assisted on the win of the ACC's top scorers, finishing with 12 points. Sandon and Maryland's Juan Dixon both came in averaging 16.1 and 11.7, respectively. Dixon scored 11 points.

The win extended Maryland's ACC win streak to seven games and was the Terrapins' fifth straight victory over the Tigers (9-17, 3-10).

Battier was 11-of-16 while Maryland added 19 points as Duke beat Wake Forest for the seventh straight time. Battier's game-high 31 points earlier this season against the Demon Deacons.

Wake Forest (14-13, 5-9) also lost for the first time in 11 games when scoring 70 or more points. Darius Songalia led the Demon Deacons closed to 93-65 when Fizer drove the baseline and dunked it left. Two straight 3-pointers by Fizer and a 3-pointer by Jarrett Jack, who broke his foot in the first half, grew to 79-65 when Fizer got the ball in the right corner, drove past a defender and turned the corner for a 20-0 lead. Although Fizer scored four points in the three games since he returned from foot surgery, he was 0-for-4 from the floor.

Tigers used an 8-0 run to pull in back 22-16 with 10:01 left. But Maryland scored with a 10-0 run of its own, the first five points coming from Baxter, to go up 21-16.

Mike Dunleavy, the team's top scorer, was averaging 9.3 points and 4.2 rebounds per game, is out indefinitely after being diagnosed with mononucleosis.

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CHRISTMAS IN APRIL
APRIL 15, 2000

Join together with up to seven of your friends to participate in Christmas in April (CIA).

CIA is a one day working session during which the South Bend community joins forces with the students, faculty, and staff of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross College to renovate and repair the homes of the needy, elderly, and handicapped residents of a South Bend neighborhood.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Strawberry tests positive, again

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees outfielder Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on Jan. 19 and might once again be suspended from baseball.

A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said Tuesday the commissioner's office is investigating and a decision whether to take disciplinary action likely would be made by Thursday at the latest.

Strawberry is tested two or three times a week as part of his non-contest plea on May 26, 1999, to charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute. He was sentenced to 18 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.

The official did not say what disciplinary action the sport was likely to take against Strawberry. But given his past penalties, a suspension that would last most if not all of this season appears likely. Rich Steinbrenner and general manager Brian Cashman also declined comment on the news, first reported by WTVT in Tampa on Jan. 19 and WTVT in Cincinnati. WTIT obtained the three-page report on the probation violation from the Florida Department of Corrections and made it available to The Associated Press.

The eight-time All-Star, who came back from colon cancer surgery in October 1998, was counted on the Yankees to be their primary designated hitter this season following the retirement of Chili Davis.

On Tuesday, Yankees manager Joe Torre gave a hint that something may have been up. "I have a sense something will happen here that will stir the pot," Torre said.

Strawberry, who has been working out at the Yankees complex, could not be contacted after positive test became known. He lives a gated community, Cheval, just north of Tampa in the suburb of Lutz. He already has served two drug-related suspensions.

The first, for 60 days, was in 1995 after he tested positive for cocaine. The second, from April 24 to Aug. 4, 1998 season, came after he was arrested in Tampa last April 4 for possessing 0.3 grams of cocaine.

Strawberry, who turns 38 on Feb. 25, is being treated for depression. He had surgery on Oct. 3, 1998, to remove a 16-inch portion of his large intestine to rid him of a cancerous colon tumor almost 2 1/2 inches long. At the time, doctors said the cancer did not appear to have spread.

Clarence L. Elder: Inventor

Clarence L. Elder was born in Georgia in 1935. He graduated from Morgan State College. In 1976, Clarence Elder was awarded a patent for a monitoring and energy conservation control system. Called an Occustat, the control system is designed to reduce energy use in temporarily vacant homes and buildings, especially useful for hotels and school rooms.

When the building or room is empty of people, the beam sets the Occustat system into motion, reducing heat and light demand and can boast energy savings up to 30 percent.
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point second-half lead slipped away and then responded with sophomore David Graves’ put back with just 0.3 seconds left in regulation — a shot that gave the Irish a 76-74 victory.

"That score looked strikingly similar to the overtime result of the women’s game earlier in the day, a final of Irish 78, Rutgers 74."

"The uncanny link between these two occurrences grows even stronger when we look to the movements of the stars. Ratay set a personal and Big East record for single game 3-point efficiency, going a perfect 7-7 from behind the line.

"Sophomore Troy Murphy, subconsciously feeling the standard set by the freshman, erupted for 35 points, matching his career high.

"That score is up. It’s odd that you should mention time. Just minutes before these games, both teams engaged in the pre-game shoot-around. This unorthodox means of preparation could have been the defining moment in these two separate yet inexplicably intertwined victories.

Every basketball team always does a pre-game shoot-around. That’s pretty standard stuff. You don’t know what you're talking about, do you?"

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“Update: With those wits, the women won their 18th game in a row, the longest streak in the country and school history, and the men beat their second ranked opponent in a week and their fifth of the season. Two grossly unrelated facts, but almost mysteriously intriguing in their lack of relation. Perhaps..."

All right, Mr. Stack, thanks for your help, but I think your time is up.

"We know they are going to try to look inside," Carroll said. "Shabazz is listed at 7-foot-3 so they're big. We going to try to pack it on to stop them.

"The Irish will try to counter with Murphy who leads the conference in scoring and rebounding. Every basketball team always does a pre-game shoot-around. That’s pretty standard stuff. You don’t know what you're talking about, do you?"

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish can't afford any more off-games

Take a look at the box score of the Notre Dame-Miami game Tuesday and it looks like the Irish came out on top with another impressive win. Ruth Riley scored 36 to lead the Irish to their 20th straight victory, 83-68.

Another team, another easy win, right? Not quite.

Take a look at the game tape and it looks like an instant replay of the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh matchup earlier this month. There, the Irish survived a scare only because they buckled down as the final minutes ticked off the clock.

The set-up for both games was the same. The Irish stepped on the court with things other than the current game on their mind.

Against Pittsburgh, the Irish were looking ahead to a big week against dangerous teams like St. John's and Villanova, instead of focusing on the team on the floor, a team dwindling the clock.

Against Miami, the Irish didn't look like a team that deserved a place in the Associated Press top 25, never mind the top 5.

They racked up four quick fouls in less than four minutes. Riley was on the bench less than two minutes in. And the Irish couldn't put any distance on the scoreboard between themselves and the Hurricanes. They made too many mental mistakes and gave the ball away too many times. Niele Ivey and Riley collided at center court 10 minutes into the first half, highlighting the team's mental-error-ridden play.

"I think [the first-half letdown] was to be expected," McGraw said. "We came off a high with a big win against Rutgers and we've got UConn down the road and it was very difficult to focus. It was a real challenge for us."

The expected letdown isn't a good excuse for poor play and won't get the Irish very far in their biggest game of the season against No. 1 Connecticut Saturday or in the conference tournament in March.

What is going to happen when the Irish make a run for the title at the Big East tournament and face a slew of teams - some bad, some impressive and some just mediocre? Notre Dame can't afford to play to the level of its competition. It must step on the court mentally focused for the task at hand.

No doubt when the Irish step on the court ready for their opponent, they are at times unstoppable. They have the talent and the drive to capture the Big East crown and make a legitimate run for the NCAA title.

But when they ride a roller coaster of mental toughness and weaknesses, games like those against Connecticut at the Hartford Civic Center and ones against other teams waiting to bring down the frontrunner at the Big East tournament become risky outings.

The Irish are at a point in the season where every slight mental lapse could bring them down.

Against the likes of Pittsburgh and Miami, the Irish could afford to wait until the second half to turn up the intensity and secure a win. But Connecticut won't let the Irish back in the game with 10 minutes left to go and neither will any team come tournament time.

McGraw's squad is at a pivotal point in the season. Twenty-point wins over unranked teams are no longer good enough. The Irish need to dominate the ball from the outset.

Against the Panthers and Hurricanes, Riley was the one who stepped up and reversed the faltering Irish. If she gets into foul trouble as she has in the past — something the Huskies will be looking to bring about — the Irish will be hard pressed to pull off another close win.

Saturday's game against Hartford will set the tone for the rest of the Irish season. The team's hearts will be in it, but if their heads aren't there as well, the season will be shorter than Irish fans would like.

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Belles fall to Dutch in MIAA tourney

By KATIE MCVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's spirit couldn't pull the Belles to a victory over top-ranked Hope College in the first round of the MIAA basketball tournament.

Hope College 75
Saint Mary's 44

Jagr's chances of winning his league scoring title

NHL

Penguins place Jagr on injured reserve

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Pittsburgh Penguins star Jaromir Jagr, the NHL's leading scorer, injured his right hamstring Monday night against Tampa Bay and was placed on injured reserve.

Jagr, who scored nine points for the Belles and had seven rebounds.

Penguins bench.

"They played very well against Jagr," said Hlinka, who is the associate coach for now but will soon take over the Penguins.

Jagr seemed especially down after the game, answering questions with one or two word answers before leaving hurriedly to catch the team bus.

Jagr, whose speed and size usually enable him to deal with teams that try to muscle him, absorbed two unusually hard hits in the first period, one each from Pavel Kubina and Gordie Dwyer, before getting injured in the second period.

"I think we shocked the Jagr line," Petr Svoboda and I know him very well and know what we have to do against him," Kubina said.

"He took a bunch of hits, took no shots and after the second period was done." Like Jagr, Svoboda and Kubina are from the Czech Republic.

Jagr leads the NHL with 85 points and is second to Florida's Pavel Bure with 37 goals despite his recent slump.

Before his scoreless streak, he had a goal and two assists in three games.

Jagr managed to hold onto the league scoring lead despite missing five games earlier in the season, one for a thigh muscle injury and four with an injured stomach muscle from Jan. 19-25.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Riley blows Hurricanes back to Miami

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw paced in front of her bench Tuesday at a quicker pace than usual. Her team was struggling against Miami, ahead by only five points, at 43-38 with 17:15 remaining. Then the whistle blew. Ruth Riley had just been called for her third foul after making contact with the Hurricane’s Martha Bodley. What was she to do with Riley, the 6-foot-5 All-American, who had scored seven points less than three minutes in the half? "I was deliberating on the sideline for quite a while about taking Riley out of the game," McGraw said. "And I continued to think about it. I just thought her presence on the whole team realized we needed to make a couple of games and hopefully we can win a few more."

Since Dobskey’s challenge, Notre Dame (11-14, 5-9 Big East) would go on to expand the Irish lead to 62-50 with 9:40 left. That was as close as Miami (11-14, 5-9 Big East) would get the rest of the way as Notre Dame (24-2, 15-2) cruised to an 83-68 victory, its 20th in a row. "Unfortunately, I have some experience in that area," Riley said referring to the foul trouble. "I knew I needed to be smart. I had to not go for the block if necessary, but maybe just contest the shot and play good defense. I was trying not to get another offensive foul on."

Irish center Ruth Riley muscled her way past Hurricane forward Martha Bodley in Tuesday’s Irish victory. Riley scored 36 points, helping the Irish to their 20th consecutive win.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looks to extend winning streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, first-year head coach Muffet McGraw sent his players with a challenge. They could either give up or make one last run. The Irish basketball team has chosen the latter. "After coach said that, I think the whole team realized we needed to make a move," freshman shooting guard Matt Carroll said. "If we didn’t, our goal of making the NCAA Tournament would be shattered. We’ve gone out and won a couple of games and hopefully we can win a few more.

Since Dobskey’s challenge, Notre Dame (16-10, 7-5) hasn’t flinched while knocking off nationally ranked opponents Connecticut and Seton Hall. Notre Dame will look to make it three in a row when it hosts Providence tonight at the Joyce Center. Last year, the Irish beat the Friars twice during the regular season.

Riding the back of All-American Troy Murphy, Notre Dame emerged as a contender in the Big East and put itself in position for its first NCAA Tournament berth since the 1990-91 season. Providence’s season has been just the opposite. The Friars are 9-16 on the season and in the basement of the conference standings with a 2-10 mark. Providence had lost 10 straight games, but managed to upset third-place Miami on the road last week. "They are an athletic team and play aggressive man-to-man defense," Carroll said. "They beat Miami so we know it will be a tough challenge and we can’t take them lightly."

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Bounced from the tourney

The Saint Mary’s basketball team fell to Hope College in the first round of the MIAA Tournament.

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Unsolved basketball mysteries

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