Meningitis strikes Ireland program student

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

When Julia Fletcher left for the Saint Mary's program in September, she was not expect-
ing what was to come five months later.

After struggling with a bout of mononucleosis, Fletcher woke up Feb. 23 tired, with a fever and
sick to her stomach. She thought she just had the flu. Less than twenty-four hours later, she was
admitted into intensive care in the hospital for hav-
ing type C meningitis.

After attending some morning classes, Fletcher
went back to her room and slept the rest of the day. 

Later that night, she had an extremely high tem-
perature and couldn't move her legs much. She
also noticed big bruises and spots appearing on her
body, but just thought she had bumped into some-
thing earlier. When the counselor of the Ireland
Program came over to see her, she called the doc-
tor right away.

"I just thought it was the flu — even when the
doctor came that night," Fletcher said. 

Fletcher was so weak she couldn't get out of bed. The doctor gave Fletcher two shots of penicillin.
I am from Arizona — a warm, sunny place, where cold is never discussed — where cold is considered evil. I was the only one in the air-conditioning, the kid who turned ice-cold from winter weather without winter clothes. So, when I told everyone in my hometown of my plans of going to college in Indiana, they laughed.

They laughed, and laughed. They laughed for a long time, and many of them continued to laugh, but now, they are smiling and laughing for a new reason — disbelief.

Unknown to many people at college, I suffer from a disease called Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy — a disease that has restricted me to wearing braces, and a disease that is very difficult to cure.

In unfamiliar territory, I am afraid to share — but need to. Some things need to be shared, in case one needs to hear them. So here it is, my Grand Ephyphany.

Remember the huge blizzard? The one which led to the merciful cancellation of some early morning classes? That was my birthday, and I was so happy to be there, walking a favorite poem came into my head:

"The road not taken" by Robert Frost.

Dr. James Tcherg, a cardiologist at the Duke Clinical Research Institute, led nationwide clinical trials of the drug. The drug is known as an "integrilin," and presented the findings at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

"Integrilin, similar to a currently available but expensive drug, was shown to cut by 40 percent the number of heart attacks, post-procedure complications and emergency surgeries within 48 hours of a coronary intervention.

To prevent clotting after doctors open partially clogged arteries, doctors now intravenously give patients abciximab, also called ReoPro. The drug blocks a specific platelet-to-platelet interaction receptor and thus prevents blood from clotting.

"Integrilin, the new medicine, performs the same function as ReoPro at nearly a quarter of the cost — Integrilin costs about $400 compared to $1,500 for ReoPro.

Blocked arteries are a very common ailment among heart patients. In such cases, the blockage interferes with the blood flow and causes heart pain, also called an angina. In a procedure called coronary angioplasty, doctors remove such blockage by inserting a tube into the body and passing it into the heart.

Such coronary interventions are alternatives to surgery and are used only when the number of blocked arteries is fairly low. A catheter and a balloon are used to press the blockage that is stuck on the wall of medical-grade stainless steel is implanted to prop the artery open, restoring blood flow. Around 600,000 coronary angioplasty procedures are performed in the United States each year — of these, more than 95 percent use stents.

**Duke finds cheaper alternative cardiac drug**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.**

Indiana University announced Tuesday they will unblock access to www.Napster.com servers for a two-week trial period beginning Saturday. According to a press release, a new method will lower network traffic which will permit the playing and downloading of music as well as other multimedia files. Napster Inc. and IU worked jointly to find a solution to the congestion problem in order to allow Napster to be reinstated. Students can use Napster like before and the practical result of what is going to be done is that if students are looking for a particular music file then it will look as close to IU as possible to be found online.

"It marks a major step forward," said Mark Brust, information technology policy officer for University Information Technology Services. "If a file cannot be found with in the universities net then it will go outside (the network), but it will look there first," Brust said he expects Napster.com to make use of this method, especially since it will help to lower the amount of space it originally took up, which caused it to be filtered.

"I don't know how or why I ended up where I am or in the predicament that I find myself fighting, but I do know one thing - I wouldn't exchange my life for anything and I am not holding back. Sure, I would love to be totally healthy, to be able to run miles non-stop in some of the most exotic marathons, but I know I can and am able to do, and I am using these gifts to the best of my ability. I have to agree with Walt Disney when he said, "It's kind of dumb to be impossible." It has been a bliss.
Spring break a mix of learning and fun for biology class

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

For 15 Saint Mary's women, spring break was full of fish, culture, friends and education. A marine biology class, accompanied by Platt and his wife, spent the week in Jamaica learning about the culture and the marine life that lives in the waters surrounding its coasts. The trip gave the women a hands-on experience of what they have spent the semester studying.

"The real focus was for the students to be able to observe first-hand the marine life they have been looking at this semester," said Dr. Thomas Platt, who teaches the marine biology course. "They looked at rocky shore habitats and explored zonation, distribution of organisms, and that related to wave action and tide cycles.

The group left Monday and spent the week near the town of Ocho Rios. Each day the women went snorkeling and collected samples of algae, sponges, and other marine creatures. They then identified their finds and classified each one accordingly. At the end of the week, the women had a comprehensive quiz on the specimens they found.

"I learned a lot about the habitats," junior biology major Chris Diana said. "I learned about what kinds of specimens the coral reefs could support." The women also learned about the effects of humans and natural cycles on the coral reefs that surround Jamaica, both of which have seriously damaged the reef in recent years. Hurricane Allen in 1980 destroyed a major coral species and the long-spined black sea urchin was almost totally eliminated by an epidemic in the early 1980's. It's important to see what effect these have on the human population of the island, such as effects on the nutrition of a third world country, as well as the effects on the reef," Platt said.

Along with learning about the culture and beliefs associated with the course, they went on an extended trip to the mangrove trees. "It was a good experience to get out of the classroom and see what the women are learning," O'Neil said. "We went to a local hotel,״ sophomore Lauren Allen said. "We had the chance to interact with the people of Jamaica and I really enjoyed it."

The women also spent the week learning and exploring other parts of Jamaica. One evening was spent taking a night walk in the shallow waters. The students also went octopus hunting, Diana catching an octopus.

"It's important to see what effect these (humans and natural cycles) have on the human population of the island, such as effects on the nutrition of a third world country, as well as we learn about some of their customs and beliefs, and how they live," Platt said.

The women also had an opportunity to learn about the culture and beliefs associated with the course. They went on an extended trip to the mangrove trees. "It was a great experience," Platt said. "It was a lot of fun." O'Neil added, "We're all science majors, so it wasn't just the tourism. It was the science that made it fun.

Panel discusses issue of debt relief for developing nations

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

In celebration of Intercultural Studies Week, the Intercultural Studies Program at Saint Mary's offered students an opportunity to learn more about the state of debt in third world countries through a panel discussion directed by Mark Belanger, professor of political science. The issues discussed centered on why overseas loans the U.S. makes should concern citizens and people of Saint Mary's.

Belanger began by addressing the danger in focusing in on the debt process. It is necessary to first define what developing countries are, which he explained as countries who are immediately developing and less industrialized. This has been a problem for the United States for a long time, at least since World War II, Belanger said, "and the problem has not gotten essentially better."

Belanger discussed ways the International Monetary Fund (IMF) organization deals with helping countries with payment problems to get loans until the exports are paid off. "The IMF tends to have visible representation of the national community," Belanger said. "It is a symbol of the people and a representation of understanding the production of development.

According to Belanger, debt helps in the understanding of third world development and in a logical extension, "the principle wisdom is bringing capital to third world countries and building a western style economy," Belanger said. "Bringing in technology will lead to an increased economic growth," he said.

Belanger said one pervasive problem in third world countries is the level of borrowing does not allow countries to keep up with the growing gap between the rich and poor. He explained that there are two aspects of this problem. One is that "there is a pervasive idea that people think philosophy can be a 'medicine.'"

"This solution will solve the problem of the third world, however it hasn't economically worked because it has people's rights to cities, leading to massive urbanization," Belanger said.

The second aspect of the problem is that the state will be held accountable. Citizens have a sense of their own political agency and can make their own changes, Belanger said.

Belanger emphasized that breaking the chain of debt in developing countries involves working with the people in order to understand what the problems are. "These are high tech answers," said Belanger.

Ways of working with the poor are first, to realize that the concept of development doesn't change second, encouraging globalization.

Katie Poynter, junior philosophies major, discussed her experiences as an intern in Uganda last semester. "The problem I encountered is that the children in school don't have parents. They're from a marine life, so there is no one to support them. Right now Uganda is looking for funding to aid the development of educational facilities. "Developmental money comes from the outside and influences how programs take shape," Poynter said.

"I feel that education is ongoing and makes parents see that they have a role," she said.

Poynter commented on what she discovered in Uganda made her realize that many people take for granted in the U.S. "I realized that there are homeless shelters and social services everywhere," she said. "Many people are not in these third world countries because the government does not have the money."

"You see people with disabilities and you wonder where do they go to get help," Poynter said.

Maureen Capillo, junior English writing major and junior English writing major. She also mentioned the social movement, and how the IMF is trying to reform the problem in the widening gap between the rich and poor. "Humans rights groups are trying to fine them and they realize it's a lot bigger than simply fixing a sweatshop," Capillo said.
Mendoza

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serve on the advisory-council of the College.

Tom and Kathy Mendoza have both worked in the computer industry for more than 25 years and are currently employed by the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Network Appliance (NetApp), the leading provider of network data access and management solutions. The company was listed as the fourth fastest growing by Fortune magazine in 1999 and is a member of both S&P and Nasdaq 100.

The College of Business, founded in 1921, was recently ranked among the nation's top 20 best MBA programs in terms of return for the investment by Forbes Magazine, while Business Week has rated the College's business curriculums as the best in the nation. The college is Notre Dame's second largest with 1,400 undergraduates, 780 graduate students and 250 faculty. It includes the departments of accounting, finance and business economics, management and marketing as well as a number of concentrations and six centers for scholarly research and teaching.

Rosca condemns mail-order brides

By DOROTHY CARDER

Advocating the awareness of the trafficking of women and children, particularly in Asian countries, was the focus of the lecture given by Nonotchka Rosca.

Rosca, founder of the Gabriella network, which works to raise awareness about the issue of women and children, spoke about the continuing and growing amount of women and children being used as "sex slaves" or as mail-order brides — a fact that is becoming increasingly popular in the United States.

"It is harder to open a cigarette store than it is to open a mail-order bride agency," Rosca said.

Many women, 20 million around the world to be exact, 90 percent of whom are women of color, are used to promote this industry. They are forced to prostitute, though they are not allowed to work in restaurants or in countries like Thailand. The issue is not only occurring in foreign nations, but the mail-order bride agencies are what is more prominent in the U.S.

"It is quite a miracle," Rosca said.

The issue is only about 1.5 cases per general population carries meningococcal bacteria in the nose and throat in a harmless state (American College of General Practice).

Although the annual incidence of the virus in the United States is only about 1.5 cases per 100,000 persons comprising all age groups, it is still a devastating illness when it hits. An immunization against the meningococcal disease is available at most health services.

The immunization approximate­ly lasts up to three years. (Director of Student Mary's Health Services, Judy Kenney, recommends the vaccine.)

"It mimics the flu and then it's such a switch when you realize it's meningitis," Kenney said. "I recommend it for everyone. If you can prevent it, why not?"

Fletcher, who is now back home in Michigan, is recuperating from some minor hearing loss and muscle weakness, and sore.

"I had to basically relearn how to walk. I lost a lot of muscle mass," Fletcher said.

Her mother feels it could have been a lot worse. Fletcher is conscientious about getting close friends at class.

"I'm doing really great," she said. "It's quite a miracle."

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World News Briefs

Glickman declares Florida counties disaster area

Homestead, Fla. — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declared an agricultural disaster area Wednesday in four Florida counties where an incurable citrus disease is ravaging groves that once provided nearly all of the nation'sanges. "This loss is just as devastating as a drought," Glickman said at a grove that was bulldozed because it was infected with citrus canker. South Florida lime growers have lost more than half of their $20 million-a-year crop, and officials fear the citrus canker could threaten more of the state's $8 billion citrus industry if it spreads north into Florida's Orange, grapefruit and other citrus groves.

Prisoner loses rosary case

Boston — A murderer failed to show his religious rights were violated by prison guards who seized his rosary beads out of concern the beads might be a sign of gang activity, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that Peter Kane, who had white and black beads on his rosary, had been offered an all-black set of beads at a prison worship service. "The plaintiff offers no reason why he could not use the black rosary beads that were offered to him at each religious service," the court said of Kane, who is a Roman Catholic.

Cocaine, heroin prices fall

Washington — The prices of cocaine and heroin have fallen to record lows and the drugs remain widely available, federal officials say, while insisting that progress is being made against drug-related crime during the past year.

Palestinians clash after Pope's visit

West Bank — Hundreds of young Palestinians hurled stones at Palestinian police shortly after Pope John Paul II left this shanty town today—a grim reminder of the violence still troubling the Holy Land.

Sharpton begins ten-day sentence

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Job/internship fair aims to help Arts and Letters students

By KATE NAGENAST
News Writer

With a new facility, a new director and a new outreach program, the Career Center is excited and willing to help Arts and Letters students in a variety of new ways — including the first Arts and Letters Job/Internship Fair being held Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune.

"We've had a stereotype that the Career Center is only for business and engineering students," said Lee Svete. Svete has been the director of the Career Center since coming to Notre Dame from Colgate University last July.

"So what we set out to do was to draw some organizations to our campus that have never been here before, and that would want to hire arts and letters students," Svete added.

"We started to make some phone calls and found very quickly that the reputation of Notre Dame was that of a great liberal arts school... so I felt we could do more for arts and letters students," said Svete.

The center decided on a spring job fair because many employers who are interested in arts and letters students are "just-in-time recruiters." Many hiring companies also wait until late spring to hire employees because they are unsure of their hiring needs until immediately before the positions should be filled.

"There is this whole wave of social service organizations, government agencies, and fashion, merchandise, broadcast journalism, education, law, and the list goes on... that don't even start hiring until March, April or May. While we operate on semesters... many of these employers who want to hire arts and letters students don't operate that way," said Svete.

Although hosting a fair like this is challenging for many reasons, The Career Center is optimistic about the success of this event with over 100 employers in over 20 different industries planning to attend.

"This has been one of the most exciting and explosive job markets we have seen in a long time," said Oliva Williams, Assistant Director of Career and Placement Services. "For us, it reflects the ever-changing process of many employers represented at an arts and letters job fair held in the spring. We've got companies we don't even have any place to put," Williams stated.

For many years, The Career Center hosted a career fair for business and engineering students. The purpose was to provide students with information, not employment. This job and internship fair marks The Center's first attempt at aggressively gathering companies from a variety of industries who have an immediate need for arts and letters students.

Each company represented at the fair will either send a representative or have a resume drop box.

"Traditionally, arts and letters students have not felt that career centers really addressed their needs," said Williams.

"They would look at the list of companies that come and find that they are generally business related. While we don't have a lot of control over who comes to our campus recruiting, especially since many businesses interested in arts and letters students... may have a smaller pool of recruiters because in those industries there may not be as many jobs available," she added.

Svete agreed, "We have to be aggressive and go to them. Through the resume drop boxes... some great employers will look at our students' resumes, and they are reaching out to them."

The Career Center invites not only arts and letters upperclassmen, but students from other colleges as well, to seek opportunities in that career area.

"We are seeing a lot of commonality in professors who internships to identify students as potential future employers. We used to be just juniors, but now they are increasingly looking at freshmen and sophomores," said Williams. "Early the students start in this process the greater their chances of success will be."

However, the process does not have to be a complicated one. "If this is a student's first time, [the fair is] informal enough that he or she can approach the representatives, some of whom are alumni, and make the personal contact, pick up a business card and follow-up later in writing. If a student knows that they have a particular interest, do some research and ask intelligent questions at the fair to show the representative what he knows," said Svete.

This first annual fair will be sponsored by larger corporations like ABC News Nightline, Bloomberg Financial Markets, Buck Consultants, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Journal and Courier (Gannett), Pfizer, Steere Pharmaceuticals, Meijer, Anderson Consulting, Easter Seals - Wisconsin, E. S. P. N., Kaplan Educational Services, Profound Systems, and Cox Automation Systems, so that smaller businesses will not have to pay a par. rent to use the center. The sponsors also provided 45 minutes of advertising time.

"For us, it is phenomenal to have this many employers represented at an arts and letters job fair held in the spring," said Olivia Williams, assistant director of Career and Placement Services.

O'Shaughnessy, a new counselor specifically focused on advising arts and letters students, a computer center, an updated career library, the "Go Irish" afternoon website, interview and scheduling, and an outreach program focused on cooperative efforts with hall resident directors and college deans to inform students about these employers.

"It is a recognition this outreach this year has just been tremendous, but the in-pouring and receptiveness of the students has been even more magnificent," said Williams.

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"Alternative Medicine: Challenge to Mainstream Medicine and Traditional Christianity"
Kaeser: acupuncture useful for animals, humans

By KATE STEER
Associate News Editor

In a culture increasingly dominated by science and Western medicine, local veterinarian Terry Kaeser is an unusual practitioner. A certified veterinary acupuncturist, Kaeser practices acupuncture on many of his patients in lieu of drugs such as stimulants, depressives or anesthetics.

"Acupuncture is just another modality of medicine. Acupuncture, being an Asian art, is over 2000 years old," said Kaeser. "It's a way of trying to balance nature, or the chi or energy source."

Most people immediately associate needles with acupuncture, and associate the use of needles with pain. However, the needles used for acupuncture are quite different than those used for medical purposes.

"Acupuncture uses a tapered-point needle, so it separates tissue — it pushes tissue away. A hypodermic needle actually takes a core of tissue out, and cuts through tissue," Kaeser said.

Acupuncture is used in veterinary medicine and on humans for treatment for problems from allergies to neurological disorders regarding seizures. Kaeser uses it primarily for skeletal problems such as hip dysplasia or slipped spinal disks.

"Acupuncture is not directly related to the area where you put the points. Oftentimes you treat hip problems in the feet area or in the upper spine," he said.

Kaeser, who has been practicing acupuncture since 1976, equates it to Western techniques.

"Acupuncture is just another modality of medicine. Acupuncture, being an Asian art, is over 2000 years old." said Terry Kaeser, veterinarian.

"There are 400-500 acupuncture points on the body. Where there are different pharmaceutical remedies for things like headaches, there are different positionings or 'prescriptions' that we can use if one doesn't work."

Treatment varies, according to Kaeser. In his own practice, Kaeser evaluates his patients after two or three sessions. If success is limited, a different 'prescription' might be tried. Kaeser demonstrated the procedure on a volunteering German shepherd, Nanook, Wednesday as part of a series of presentations by the University's pre-veterinary club.

The club’s next presenter will be Kristi Bush, a veterinarian specializing in touch therapy. The presentation will be at the University's pre-veterinary club. The club's next presenter will be Kristi Bush, a veterinarian specializing in touch therapy.
Report: Web journalism threatens Chinese government

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Internet, which is helping to fuel the U.S. economy and President Clinton's desire to increase trade with China, apparently also has become a threat to the Chinese government's policies of suppressing press freedoms, a new report says.

China's ministry of state security now has an entire department devoted to tracking dissidents and their writings online, according to "Attacks on the Press in 1999," an annual report by the Committee to Protect Journalists.

The report documents a wide range of other types of attacks against journalists, including hundreds who were fined or assaulted, and a total of 87 who were being held behind bars for their work by the close of 1999.

A key player in the clampdown has been China's Internet, which is helping to fuel the desire of many of these journalists to use the Internet to get their work out.

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The report found that by the end of 1999, China and Turkey had imprisoned more journalists than any other countries, with both holding 18 journalists behind bars.

Among the jailed in China was software entrepreneur Lin Hai, who was convicted of "inciting the subversion of state power" and sentenced to two years in prison for providing the e-mail addresses of 30,000 Chinese citizens to a U.S.-based online magazine that supports democratic reform in China.

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"It seems that this kind of thing is increasing," said Anderson, who was held hostage in Lebanon for seven years.

"In the last few years, it's become clear that government and antigovernment groups both are trying to directly influence news conference by attacking journalists."

After Sierra Leone, the most dangerous place to report the news was in Yugoslavia, where six journalists died. Colombia also was risky, with five reporters killed on the job.

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Some 1,100 women who were denied jobs with the federal agency that disseminates U.S. government news and information overseas won $508 million from the government in a federal sex discrimination case.

The agreement, which still requires approval from a federal judge, comes 23 years after the first woman, the then-29-year-old Carolee Brady Hartman, accused the now-defunct U.S. Information Agency and its broadcast branch, the Voice of America, of turning her down for a job as a writer because of her gender.

"I went for a job interview and the man who was interviewing me told me that he was not going to hire me because I was a woman," said Brady, today a 52-year-old divorced social worker living in San Francisco. "At the time, I just didn't know how to respond. Now, I have a way of responding, and this is the victory that we all celebrate today. It is a delicious victory."

In addition to the $508 million that must be paid to the women — approximately $450,000 apiece before taxes — the federal government must also give them nearly $23 million in back pay and interest and pay their attorneys' fees. Those fees will be at least $12 million, because the lawyers intend to bill the government for approximately 90,000 hours of work over the 23 years.

"The message has to be sent to the United States government, to employers in this country and to employers around the world: The cost of discrimination is high. If you compound that with delay, the cost of discrimination is enormous," said Bruce Frederickson, the women's lead attorney.

The Justice Department said that although there have been larger settlements involving other forms of discrimination, this was the largest federal sex discrimination settlement in history. The Civil Rights Act was signed into law in 1964.

In the end, after many years of insisting on trying each individual case in the courts, even though the suit had been certified as a class-action case, government lawyers decided to settle to save money; they had already lost 46 of the 48 cases that had gone to trial, with each woman winning about $500,000. Those 46 will also share in Wednesday's settlement.

"We took into account the prior court decisions of the trial and appellate courts . . . the results of the individual class members' hearings that had been conducted to date, as well as our independent projections of the likely results of the remaining hearings in the absence of a settlement," said Wilma Lewis, U.S. attorney of the District of Columbia.

The government had been dealt a series of legal blows over the years. In 1984, the U.S. District Court here found the government guilty of sex discrimination.

The president toured the Taj Mahal after addressing the Parliament in New Delhi, urging India to forgo nuclear weapons and resume a dialogue with Pakistan despite bitter tensions.

"You don't make peace with your friends," Clinton said. "Engagement with adversaries is not the same thing as endorsement." Legislators slapped their desks in applause at much of the president's speech but listened in silence as he urged nuclear restraint and contact with Islamabad.

"In a nuclear standoff, there is nothing more dangerous than believing there is no danger," Clinton said.

He said the United States and former Soviet Union, despite safeguards and regional communications, "came far too close to nuclear war."

But even before the president spoke, India's government had rejected his call to sign a non-aggression pact and otherwise restrain its nuclear program.

And afterward, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramesh Singh Jassal said this was not the time for talks with Pakistan.

"How can we have a dialogue with Pakistan when massacres are taking place with cross-border terrorism?" he asked, referring to the killing of 40 people in disputed Kashmir by gunmen whom India calls Pakistan-backed militants.

Pakistan "must stop cross-border terrorism and cease hostile propaganda against us," Jassal said.

The address to members of Parliament concluded Clinton's two days of official business in New Delhi.
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### CLASS OF 2001

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Class Mass with Fr. Hesburgh 3/26. Sunday Alumni Hall Chapel 0400PM
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Freshman with class T-shirt get into SUB movie Free 3/30 Thursday 101 DeBartolo 1030PM
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### MISCELLANEOUS/CAMPUS-WIDE

French Film Festival: My Life is Pink 3/26 Sunday Snite 0200PM.
Gonzalez's great-uncle said 

Elian relatives fight Court ruling

said attorney Kendall Coffey. 

"I've never seen a more com­ 

pelling or dramatic story in my life." 

For now, the legal team is 

focusing on the next step. The 

attorneys filed a notice of 

appeal with the 11th 

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals 

in Atlanta on Tuesday, hours 

after U.S. District Judge 

Michael Moore dismissed the 

Miami family's lawsuit and 

affirmed the government's decision to send Elian to his father in Cuba. 

"Elian has been saying over 

and over again that he doesn't 

see why he has to go back," 

said the boy's cousin, 

Georgina Cid Cruz. "I don't 

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Washingto State-run schools could subscribe campus groups with money collected from mandatory stu dent activities fees without violating the rights of students who find some of those groups objection able, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The justices unanimously upheld the University of Wisconsin's student-fee system after finding the school does not pick and choose which student groups to fund based on the views they espouse.

"The First Amendment permits a public university to charge its students an activity fee used to fund a program to facilitate extracurricular student speech if the program is viewpoint neutral," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the court.

The amendment protects free speech rights, and the mandatory fees had been challenged by students who said their rights were violated by forcing them to contribute to groups they oppose.

But the justices ruled the other way, public colleges and universities across America would have had to stop giving money to controversial student groups or figure out some way to give partial refunds to those students who want them.

Liberal groups praised the ruling.

"College and university campuses have a long tradition of providing a forum where voices can be heard," said Ralph Nader of the American Way.

But conservative groups said the decision shortchanged some students.

"The court acceded little value to a student's right," said Liberty Counsel's Matthew Staver. "This decision takes away the rights of the objective.

The court previously had allowed members of labor unions and bar associations to opt out of paying mandatory dues that might subsidize political advocacy. But Wednesday's ruling drew a distinction by emphasizing what Kennedy called "the important and substantial purposes of the university, which seeks to facilitate a wide range of speech.

The court had split 5-4 when ruling five years ago that public universities and colleges cannot create a "public forum" for students by supplying subsidies that then refuse to fund some groups because of their viewpoints.

The 1995 decision, involving a campus religious group at the University of Virginia, divided the court along its ideological lines. That split was not in evidence Wednesday, surprising liberal and conservative advocates alike.

When Wisconsin's student-fee system was challenged in 1996, about $15 of the $166.75 raised for the 1995-96 academic year was earmarked for distribution to campus groups without association with the university. The court's ruling five years ago said that created a total fund of almost identical version by a lower federal court.

"It was a rude awakening," said Bowers, who was visiting the Capitol on Wednesday. "A lot of people my age are going to be happy tonight," he said after the Senate vote.

The House passed an almost identical version by a 422-0 vote three weeks ago. It will have to vote on it again, most likely next week, congressional aides say, because the Senate made a technical change to assure that workers age 64 are not penalized.

"I look forward to opening a new era of opportunity for older Americans by signing this measure into law," President Clinton said in a statement from India, where he was visiting the Taj Mahal.

The change would be made retroactive to Dec. 31, 1999, effectively boosting the income of some Social Security recipients 65 through 69 by thousands of dollars before election day next November.

"We need the workers,"olph Clinton. "It would be ridiculous at a time when we have these unemployment needs to drive people from the work force."

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D Neb., who is not seeking re-election, sounded the lone voice against the measure in two days of debate. While supporting the bill, Kerrey said that workers age 64 are not penalized, the measure would be raised in 2017, shortly after the post World War II baby boomers begin retiring en masse.

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WASHINGTON

Juggling party loyalty with political independence, Sen. John McCain promised House Republicans on Wednesday he will campaign vigorously for them, then produce a former GOP rival, George W. Bush, to support federal regulation of tobacco.

"I hope the governor will take that position," he said in an Associated Press interview.

Bush, who defeated McCain in the Republican presidential nomination, has declined to say whether he favors federal regulation.

In the interview in his Senate office, McCain said he intends to board his campaign bus, the Straight Talk Express, one more time, and ride it this summer from the Capitol to his party's national convention in Philadelphia.

He said he underwent a "10- to-12 hour period of depression" the night of Super Tuesday when he realized his campaign was over. He lay awake for hours, he said, not because he lost, but because "the ride was over." He said he was proud of the reform-based campaign he ran, conceded some mistakes but defended one of his most controversial acts, a speech strongly criticizing Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell in the days before the Virginia primary.

The speech "needed to be given," he said. "It would not have been fair for me to have won the primary and then made the comments, which many Republicans say triggered a backlash among cultural conservatives that cost McCain dearly at the polls.

McCain has been grudging in his praise of Bush since returning to Washington this week, although he has frequently said he would support the nominee of his party.

"I respect the verdict of the voters," he said. "I respect Governor Bush, but I have to say in the interests of straight talk I would not have run the campaign he ran under any circumstances.

After Bush lost the New Hampshire primary, he sharply attacked McCain in the weeks that followed, relying on surrogates in South Carolina and elsewhere as his main campaign television commer-
cials were run.

McCain, with his campaign over, has sought to re-enter the Senate this week as a loyal Republican committed to maintaining the GOP majority. At the same time, he has repeated his determination to press the "reform agenda" that helped fuel his rise in the presidential race and frequently brought him into conflict with his own party.

On tobacco, McCain said he will support an effort to pass legislation this year giving the Food and Drug Administration jurisdiction over tobacco. "We need a 5-4 opinion that would give the FDA the power," he said.

"I believe we could pass a bill that would give the FDA the authority," he said. "I d d e a, t h o u g h , t h a t w h e n I see the huge influence of the tobacco companies on the Republican Party took $7 million in legal fees from the tobacco companies when it took him over. It was obviously not concerned.

McCain's comments put him at odds with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who opposes expanding the FDA's authority, and also served as a challenge to Bush.

The Texas governor sidestepped the question of FDA jurisdiction in a statement issued on Tuesday, and again on Wednesday. "He believes that Congress should pass tough laws to keep tobacco out of the hands of kids similar to strict anti-teen smoking laws he advocated and signed in Texas," it said.

If McCain was parting company with his party on this issue, he signaled his loyalty on another. In a closed-door meeting with House Republicans, he promised to campaign for GOP candidates without imposing conditions such as support for his key issue of campaign finance legislation.

"I believe we could pass a bill that would give the FDA the authority," he said.

"You have to have that," Ward said, "because the people for me to deal with are far better than Democrats on a broad variety of issues because at least I share the same philosophy with these Republican candidates.

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Even as McCain met with Republicans, Democrats sought to exploit the issue. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., who chairs his party's campaign committee, said McCain has put himself in an awkward position of supporting lawmakers who oppose his bill. "House Republicans are controlled by the wealthy special interests — and not even the Straight Talk Express can get them back on track," Kennedy said.

McCain was warmly received by the House rank and file — a contrast to the derision that many Republican have heaped on his call for a ban on campaign "soft money," according to several Republicans, one lawmaker who faces a tough race, Rep. Brian Bilbray, publicly asked McCain to campaign on his behalf in his district in California.

Rep. Jim Rogan, another Californian who faces a strong challenge, urged McCain to join the GOP ticket as vice presidential running mate this fall. These Republicans added.

In comments to fellow lawmakers, McCain demurred about joining the ticket.

In the interview, he dismissed the idea.

"Would he might ever have to answer for life, except the vice presidency," he laughed.
Dispelling most small town myths

In response to Thomas Cooney’s letter on March 8 regarding to Salvador Hernandez’s critique of the Basilica’s policy of reserving large sections of seats for people at certain regularly scheduled masses: In my view, Ms. Hernandez’s letter reflected an authentic, and quite tradi- tionally educated perspective. The community celebrating the eucharist, doing so as the church, shares one baptism, one profession of faith, and one Christ. To paraphrase one theologian, the eucharist is a festival of fellowship and love, a participation in the passion, and expression of grace. It is not a graduation ceremony or a “fundrais- er-thank-you,” even though we rightful- ly celebrate the generosity of people宁 within it. It is not about “space-man- agement.” The introduction of rank and privilege into this reality — together with ushers to enforce this rank and privilege — is simply incompatible with the nature of the mass itself. With a block of 200 peo- ple given a place of privilege in the mid- dle of the Basilica, one can easily see why Ms. Hernandez felt shoved aside, and why it did not “fit” with what she, and everybody else, was doing there. Who was discouraged to whom? And more importantly, who was acting a part of the mystery of the celebration and who wasn’t?

Mr. Cooney argues that the 5 p.m. mass is in question, but not the 7 p.m. or the 8 p.m. massing. It is worth pointing out, though, that a wedding is normally not held at a regularly scheduled mass time, and is a bit more personal. When my wife and I got married, our parents sat in the first row and everyone else just filled in. I’ve been to a lot of wed- dings, but I’ve never seen a huge chunk of space set aside in the manner described by Cooney and Hernandez. The Basilica needs to think this through.

James Ball
Graduate Student
Theology
March 22, 2000

The Observer
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Sprewell leads Knicks to trouncing of Bulls 78-67

Associated Press

Latrell Sprewell scored 21 points and New York pro-
duced its best defensive effort of the season in a 78-67 vic-
tory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night. The victory snapped a two-
game losing streak for New York and was the eighth con-
secutive loss for the Bulls, who have dropped 16 of 17.

The 67 points were the fewest surrendered by the Knicks this season.

New York led 61-55 enter-
ing the fourth quarter, but Sprewell and Larry Johnson each scored four points in an 8-0 run that put the Knicks in control at 69-55.

Chicago, which made just one field goal in the third quarter, was never able to cut the Knicks lead to less than nine of the rest of the way.

The Bulls missed their first 12 shots and fell behind 9-0. But the Bulls hung in and trailed by only 49-39, 30 seconds after being up 13, short jumper by Elton Brand late in the half.

Patrick Ewing and Charlie Ward answered with baskets for the Knicks, but Chicago closed to 47-41 at the half on Chris Mullin's jumper two seconds before the buzzer.

Indiana added 12 points and Allan Houston had 11 for the Knicks, while Brand led Chicago with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Timberwolves 109, Cletics 106

Anthony Peeler's 3-point baseline jumper with 1.2 seconds left lifted a second-half comeback and Kevin Garnett's career-high 47 points gave the Minnesota Timberwolves a 109-106 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Peeler, who tied the game at 106 with a 3-pointer with 6.7 seconds remaining, Terrell Brandon then dribbled the ball up court and passed to Peeler, who shot the left corner for New York's first stumbling Pierce ran toward the basket.

Boston's only hope was slim — tap the inbounds pass in bounds from a downhill jumper by Elton Brand late in the half.

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Pistons 104, Trail Blazers 95

Grant Hill took over the fourth quarter for a second straight night, scoring 14 of his 24 points in the final 12 minutes of the Wednesday night as the Detroit Pistons rallied to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 104-95.

Suns 114 Kings 93

An ankle injury to Jason Kidd limited the Suns' 114-93 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The All-Star guard injured his left ankle with 2.1 seconds left in the first half while rac-
ing the clock to take a shot.

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Lakers 119 Warriors 96

Shaquille O'Neal scored 14 of his 22 points in the first eight minutes Wednesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers took command early in rolling to a 119-96 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

The win was the fourth straight and 23rd in 24 games for the Lakers, whose 57-12 record is the NBA's best. The Lakers haven't lost back-to-back games in a row and 13 of their last 15.

O'Neal left the game for a second time in the third quarter and the Lakers didn't trail

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Julia Roberts shines as ‘Erin Brockovich’

By CASEY K. MCKLUSKEY

Erin Brockovich is a story of one woman’s fight for justice against a large corporation. In this role, Julia Roberts brings a level of determination and compassion to the screen that is truly inspiring. Her portrayal of Erin Brockovich is a testament to the power of one person’s determination to fight for what is right.

The movie is based on the true story of Erin Brockovich, a single mother who took on Pacific Gas & Electric Company in a battle over pollution from a landfill. Roberts’ performance is a masterclass in how to portray a character who is both vulnerable and fierce. She perfectly balances the struggle against the corporate giant with her own personal struggles, making the audience root for her and her cause.

Brockovich’s determination is palpable, and this is reflected in the film. The narrative is told through the eyes of Erin, making the audience feel as though they are right there with her, experiencing the highs and lows of her journey. The movie is not just about environmental issues, but also about human rights and the need for justice.

Director Steven Soderbergh expertly handles the film’s narrative, keeping the audience engaged throughout. The supporting cast, including Albert Finney and Aaron Eckhart, also delivers strong performances, adding depth and richness to the story.

In conclusion, “Erin Brockovich” is a powerful film that not only entertains but also educates. It is a reminder that one person can make a difference, and that the fight for justice is a noble one. Julia Roberts’ performance is a shining example of the potential of cinema to change the world and inspire action.

Movie Review

De Palma’s ‘Mission’ too friendly for its own good

By V. VAN BUREN GILLES

Brian De Palma’s “Mission to Mars” is a film that is more about the journey than the destination. The story, which follows a crew of astronauts on a mission to Mars, is well-intentioned but falls flat in execution.

The film’s premise is strong, with a cast that includes Gary Sinise, Tim Robbins, and Don Cheadle. Sinise’s character, George, is a strong and likeable lead. However, the film lacks the tension and excitement that one would expect from a science fiction film about a mission to Mars.

The direction by De Palma is occasionally interesting, but it lacks the dynamism and tension that one would expect from a film about a mission to Mars. The pacing is slow and the script is filled with dialogue that feels forced and clunky.

In conclusion, “Mission to Mars” is a film that has potential but falls short in execution. It is a film that is more about the journey than the destination and lacks the tension and excitement that one would expect from a science fiction film about a mission to Mars. However, it is still worth a watch for sci-fi fans, who may enjoy the conceptual exploration of the film’s themes.
And the loser is ... almost everyone

By JASON HAMMONDTREE
SunMoive Critic

With the Academy Awards only days away and the storied Oscar statuettes finally recovered, the nominees for this year’s event can begin work on the hardest and most important part of the evening: the loser’s smile. With four losers for every winner, most actors must work hard to perfect that grins grin that is displayed upon hearing another person called to the podium. A grin that says, “Oh yes, you are such a deserving winner,” while underneath that neatly, locked-away smile, the expletives and comments about the winner’s outfit can be untrusted. It is a smile–an absolutely fake, and yet so necessary, to avoid being caught on television with a death stare as one’s name is not called.

Some of the nominees and winners’-seem obvious; others leave us shaking our heads. In this wonderfully spiritual spiral, some thought it would be fun to take a look at the losers of the past few years, those not even nominated, in another important movie category: Best Oscar Snub.

This time around, we’re all about the 1997 awards, the so-called Year of the Independent Film. That year, critics and film pundits pontificated about the death of the studio picture and the lack of recognition that was due. For the truly great features were in the low-budget independent films. But this has been an up-and-down year, when the best picture nominees for that year were announced and “Jerry Maguire” scored as the only big-budget studio film nominated that other four: “Fargo,” “Importunate,” “Slume” and “The English Patient.”

The Academy had rewarded the smaller films and the wonderful performances in them; and we were introduced to actors like Emily Watson, William H. Macy and Ed Harris, who were nominated. Directors like Anthony Minghella, whose “The English Patient” swept the big awards. For some, it seemed that the Academy had gotten it right. The deserving were nominated, and the deserving won. But no “Best Snub” winners is little film, so let’s move on.

If 1997 was the year of the small feature, 1998 was the Year of “Titanic,” in all its big-studio, big-budget glory. It’s hard to remember other films from that year—were any other films even nominated? But though “Titanic” received a whopping 13 nominations, including 11, there was also one “Best Snub” for the film. Mr. Leonardo DiCaprio was not nominated for best actor. Let’s think this kid is some acting slouch, remember that he was nominated in 1993 for a terrific performance in “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape.” And we, while everyone and their brother got to go on stage for “Titanic.” Leo sat at home, watching the show on television. (Although, don’t worry Leo. None of the performances from that movie won an Oscar.)

1999 was an exciting year, which saw “Shakespeare in Love,” “Saving Private Ryan” and “Life Is Beautiful” duke it out for the year’s best, and an awards show that was not without some exciting snubs and controversy. The first “Best Snub” occurred with the early favorite “Saving Private Ryan” falling to win best picture. Now, “Shakespeare in Love” was a deserving film, but there was a feeling that the Oscar had been bought because of Miramax’s strong push for the film. The amount that they spent promoting “Shakespeare” (especially to the Academy voters) made many feel that the integrity of the awards had been compromised. This sort of thing arose again this year during the Golden Globes, when Sharon Stone, wanting a nomination for her work in “The Muse,” sent gold watches to members of the Foreign Press, who voted for those awards. The watches were eventually returned.

Other “Best Snubs” for last year included the movie “Rushmore,” especially the failure to nominate Bill Murray for best supporting actor. His performance was a particular favorite of the critics that year. Another picture that many felt was unfairly left out was “Out of Sight,” the George Clooney-Jennifer Lopez dark comedy, which had won the New York Film Critics Best Picture Award.

But the most interesting snub of that year was Jim Carrey’s performance in “The Truman Show.” He won a Golden Globe for the movie, yet did not get a best actor nomination. That scenario repeated itself this year, with Carrey again winning the Golden Globe for his performance as comedian Andy Kaufman in “Man on the Moon.” But again, come Oscar time, both Carrey and the film go empty handed.

Two “Best Snubs” in a row to go Jim! What makes Carrey’s snub so provocative (and entertaining) is not that he was necessarily deserving of the nominations, but that he refuses to “ grin and bear it.” He has spoken openly many times on how he “was robbed.”

Which brings us to this year’s Oscar race. We can only talk about the “Best Snub” nominees right now, of course.

We’ll have to wait until Monday to cry foul over the winners. But already there has been much talk on the films that were left out of the show. Entertainment Weekly called 1999 the best year of film ever, with so many wildly inventive films made. Many then were disappointed when films such as “Being John Malkovich,” “Elementary School,” “Shakespeare in Love,” and “Fight Club” received few, if any, nominations. Other snubs include “The Talented Mr. Ripley,” “Minghella’s first since “The English Patient,” which only got one “big” nomination (Best Actor for best supporting actor). And, “The Hurricane” received only one nod (Benjamin Washington for best actor). That film was hurt by questions over the film’s bending of the truth, and it wiped out virtually all its support.

And so, the snubbing continues. Enjoy the headlines of this week. And when the winners are called, watch the losers run out on their perky white suits and draw attention away from their beauty little eyes. And if that doesn’t work, they can always be like Carrey and “go and they were snubbed.” Good luck and may the “Best Snub” go to the sorest loser.

OSCAR WATCH

With four losers for every winner, the biggest Oscar party is a party for losers.

Jim Carrey failed to earn an Academy Award nomination for his performance in the Andy Kaufman biopic “Man on the Moon,” despite critical praise and a Golden Globe win. Carrey is one of many who have been “snubbed” by Oscar over the years.

TOP TEN MOVIES

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Source: Variety
Conflicting with Catholic teachings

In recent weeks the PSA (Progressive Student Alliance) has been urging the University Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives and President Malloy to accept two proposals or demands. The first is to join the Workers' Rights Coalition; the second is to withdraw from the Fair Labor Association.

This invocation of Catholic social teaching — both the fact of it and the manner in which it is done — raises a number of points for reflection. My own sense is that there is a fair amount of affinity between the general ideas of the PSA and the concerns of Catholic social teaching. The difficulty is in addressing the needs of the poor. The official church statement that comes to mind when I think of the PSA at its best comes from the introduction to the 1971 Synod of Bishops' "Justice in the World": "Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive consideration of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation."

If we take the statements by the PSA as they are written, however, there are some difficulties. When we move from general affinities with Catholic teaching to specific statements, the first is that some of the PSA statements appear to view corporations and the market in which they function to be intrinsically evil. I know that this is the view of a significant number of persons who are active in and supportive of the development of the Workers' Rights Coalition. The above-quoted PSA letter also refers to "the corporate-contaminated FIA." While Catholic social teaching may be drawn upon to condemn the practices of particular corporations, it does not condemn the market economy itself as fundamentally evil. Important here is the distinction, made clear in John Paul II's "Laborers of the Earth" and "Centesimus annus" between the free economy — a market economy with moral and juridical limits — and capitalism — an economy where the market logic overrides all other considerations. For the Pope, this is a distinction with a difference: for many persons backing the WRC, it is a distinction without a difference. The PSA is at best uncritical on the matter.

What is clear is the implication in the PSA's statement that any policy proposal that does not match up with its own is necessarily at odds with Catholic social teaching. This is the second difficulty in their claim of representing that teaching. Absent here is the distinction, central in Church teaching, between general principles and specific applications. Paragraphs 8 through 15 of the American Catholic bishops' "Challenge of Peace" are apropos here. "At times we reason purely in terms of moral principles ... at other times we apply moral principles to specific cases. When making applications of these principles we realize — and we wish our readers to recognize — that prudential judgments are involved based on specific circumstances or which can be interpreted differently by people of good will." This does not mean that all judgments are equal or that some are out of bounds, only that the application of principles to specific circumstances is not as univocal as the PSA letter implies.

The bishop's reference "to people of good will" points to the third difficulty with the PSA statement. The suggestion that the interests of the lobbyists over the well-being of the working poor is a charge of bad will. I am on the Task Force. By now my columns have made clear that I do not prefer to protect the interests of corporate funders over the obligations of the social teaching to the well-being of the working poor is a charge of bad will.

Kristi was a resource for me in my dealings with high school students. I am currently teaching at a local high school, and one of my students had driven me to the point of complete frustration the last time that Kristi and I spoke. She gracefully walked the fine line between wittiness and groundedness. I will never really understand how she managed to maintain such a complex paradoxical existence, but I will forever be in awe of every aspect of her life.

Not only was Kristi stunning on a physical level, her beauty was offset by the depth of her faith and her honest concern for those around her. Few of us have the capacity to love as Kristi did, nor do we have the perseverance to keep fighting in the face of adversity. With her knowledge in social work and her understanding of the human psyche, Kristi was a resource for me in my dealings with high school students.

It is with great hope, amid this time of sorrow, that I know that my prayers will now be personally answered. These women have proven to be faithful friends, voices of reason and comfort in times of sorrow.

I am forever in debt to you, Angel.

Ellen Anderson
Senior
Off-Campus
March 21, 2000

On the eve of the April 6th announcement of the new president of the University of Notre Dame, the current student government and the faculty union hold out hope for the future.

"We believe that this appointment represents the beginning of a new era for the University. The new president, a former faculty member, brings a fresh perspective to the administration," said Kristi Williams, student body president.

"We are confident that he will continue to foster the values of social justice and personal growth that are central to our community," added President Malloy.

"We are also pleased to see the appointment of a new provost, who will play a vital role in shaping the future of the University," said the faculty union leader.

"We look forward to working with the new president and his staff to ensure that Notre Dame remains a beacon of light in a world that is often dark and confusing," concluded the student body president.

Ellen Anderson
WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?
Chris Etzel & Jim Lies, C.S.C.

They were both seniors. They had dated for almost two years. Graduation was looming in their future. They both were interviewing for jobs. They felt that this relationship was special; they were serious about each other. But they just weren't sure what the next step was. Should they look for jobs in the same city or should they test the relationship with some distance? Should they get engaged now or should they work for a year or two first and establish some career goals? We all know them, or "couples" just like them.

Well this particular pair came into the Campus Ministry Office one day hoping for some information. Perhaps we had a compatibility test they might take to see if they were truly meant for each other. Did we have any articles they might read? Did we have any advice on what they should do?

They caught us off guard. This was a new twist. Though we had offered programs for engaged couples for many years, we had not really thought about this category of couple; what should we call them? "Serious but not yet committed?" "Pre-engaged?" We were greatly impressed that a couple would so seriously question their future as to come to our office for advice. Yet a program for the engaged would not be appropriate for this couple. They were still exploring their relationship - the decision was not yet made; and the decision might eventually be to not continue the relationship. What could we do for couples like these?

After much discussion we focused on some of the issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships:
- How can we determine if we're really ready for marriage?
- Should we try to find jobs or graduate schools that are in the same city?
- How will a long distance relationship affect us?
- How can you express your true feelings without pressuring for commitment?
- How will the demands of career/graduate school affect our relationship?
- How might differences in our families of origin affect our relationship?
- How can we communicate better?

After identifying the issues we put together a program and called it "What's the Future of this Relationship?" It includes some presentations on the stages of relationships and decision-making. While we were able to avoid "compatibility tests", we did include a marriage expectations quiz. There is time for answering questions and a lot of time for discussing answers with your partner. There is a discussion period for questions. There is a folder of articles for additional information and reflection.

What most couples seemed to enjoy about the program was the time and the opportunity to discuss their relationship, especially areas or topics they hadn't considered before.

If you are in a significant relationship and are asking the kinds of questions listed above we encourage you to attend the program this semester.

"What's the Future of this Relationship?" will take place Sunday, April 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration papers can be obtained in both Campus Ministry Offices (Library Concourse and Badin Hall). The registration deadline is Thursday, April 6. Unfortunately, space is limited to 25 couples. There is no cost for the program. If you have any questions, please call Chris Etzel, Sylvia or John Dillon at 631-5242.
Jordan plans to leave endorsements

Associated Press

Michael Jordan, always the scene stealer, is looking for more work behind the scenes. The former Chicago Bulls superstar who made numerous appearances in commercials for Nike shoes, Hanes underwear, Wheaties cereal and McDonald's burgers was quoted in a Chicago newspaper on Wednesday as saying he was "getting totally out of the endorsement aspect of things" when his current contracts expire.

His agent said he wanted to develop himself as more of an investor and businessman.

"I told the endorsement companies to go ahead and use the commercials I've done," Jordan told the Chicago Sun-Times. "But they understand from conversations we've had where my life is headed. They have to gradually work their way into other campaigns."

David Falk, his agent, said Jordan intends to honor his existing contracts, which could include additional commercial work in the years ahead.

In addition, Falk said Jordan may appear in ads for businesses he owns like the online sporting goods startup MVP.com that he formed with John Elway and Wayne Gretzky.

Falk said Jordan didn't want to do "the traditional kind of product endorsements that he has done."

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Gonzaga prepares for NCAA

Associated Press

Gonzaga coach Mark Few says the better his team does in the NCAA tournament, the harder it is for the Bulldogs to schedule big-name teams during the regular season.

The 10th-seeded Bulldogs, in their third NCAA tournament, have again made an impression by toppling Louisville and St. John's.

Oddsmakers in Las Vegas favor the Bulldogs as a point spread favorite for games next season.

"When we see a guy looking really beat, we will sub. That's kind of how we did in Salt Lake City," Bennett said on the eve of Wisconsin's game against LSU.

"But that doesn't discourage me. I think we are a good defensive team and I think we are ready to take the court," he said.

"We want to recover from hernia surgery. We don't want to cut corners on the road or at home. We want to play in the NCAA tournament," Few said.

The Bulldogs are 5-1 in the tournament.

"We have managed to substitute and change lineups," Bennett said.

"Everyone gets off the court and everyone gets a chance to play."
NFL

Replay debate resurfaces in NFL

• Teams to vote on continuation of replay system

Associated Press

The NFL's annual instant replay debate is ready to start again.

After the first season with replay since 1991, the league's competition committee has voted 6-1 to recommend use of the same system in 2000.

It will be voted on by all 31 teams at the league owners' meetings next week in Palm Beach, Fla., with 24 votes needed for approval.

Replay votes have been a staple of these meetings for the past 15 years. It was voted in for the 1986 season and voted out after 1991, primarily because of delays it caused.

It was reinstated for last season after a series of controversial calls in 1998 with a coaches' challenge system.

It wasn't always a critical success last year. Several teams always seemed to lose their challenges, notably Tampa Bay, which also had a crucial catch overturned by replay in the final minute of its 11-6 loss to St. Louis in the NFC championship game.

That makes it a question mark again this year.

"It's always a close call," Joe Browne, the NFL's chief spokesman, said in a conference call Wednesday. "Some clips spark up against it during the season. The calm of the offseason may have calmed them down some."

The only negative vote on the competition committee came from Mike Brown, president of the Cincinnati Bengals, one of three teams to vote against replay last season.

Bob Ferguson, general manager of the Arizona Cardinals, voted for replay, even though Arizona owner Bill Bidwill was another of last season's three "no" votes.

So did the committee's co-chair, Rich McKay of the Falcons, who had expressed some reservations during the season.

One change that needs no vote stems from that controversial call in the NFC title game.

Under a new interpretation to be used next season, a ball that hits the ground can be ruled a good catch if the receiver has full possession. Rodriguez showed what an ESPYϊculate can do in the wild card game. The Bengals' receiver was able to come up with a catch in the final minute of the game.

"Some.

"There's really nothing on the field that he can't do. Really, there are no flaws in this guy's game," Browne said.

"I'm not saying he's perfect," Browne said. "But he's one of the most complete players in the league. You can honestly tell you that those two guys are not better than A-Rod."

Larry Bowa's eyes light up when he's asked about his opinion of that new pupil, Alex Rodriguez.

"He comes along every 50 years in an organization," the Seattle Mariners' new third baseman said with a smile. "There's really nothing on the field that he can't do. Really, there are no flaws in his game."

Bow a, 34, played 16 seasons in the major leagues and was one of the game's premier shortstops in the 1970s, when he was a five-time All-Star with the Philadelphia Phillies.

At 24, Rodriguez already has an AL batting title and two 40-homer seasons. The Mariners shortstop has played in three All-Star games.

Bow a spent the past three seasons playing Rodriguez as a member of the Anaheim Angels' coaching staff. He joined the Mariners' coaching staff under manager Lou Piniella this winter.

He's trying to help Rodriguez become even better than last season, when he came back after missing 32 games because of surgery on his left knee and matched his AL record for the most homers by a shortstop with 42.

But, Bow a concedes there's no way he can offer baseball's greatest leader qualities.

"He's one of three players in major league history to hit 40 homers and 40 bases in the same season."

"Some.

"He's one of the game's premier players," Bow a says. "There are no flaws in this guy's game."

Larry Bowa
Mariners' third base coach

"There's really nothing on the field that he can't do. Really, there are no flaws in this guy's game."
Baseball

Naumann leads ND to easy victory over Detroit

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame baseball team continued its solid start as it dominated the visiting Detroit, 10-3 on Wednesday.

Junior left-hander Mike Naumann pitched five strong innings of middle relief and sophomore Paul O'Toole had two hits and three runs scored to lead a balanced Notre Dame offense. The No. 24 Irish won for the 10th time in the last 11 games at Eck Baseball Stadium.

The win featured most of the ingredients that have characterized Notre Dame's 13-3 season, with strong pitching and defense, offensive contributions up-and-down the lineup and a late-inning explosion from the Irish.

Detroit opened the game with a two-out rally, as Justin Davenport hit a first-pitch double to left-center before scoring on Mike Daguanos's 1-2 single to right. Trevor Gentry then marked an RBI double in the left-center gap, for an early 2-0 lead.

Two errors helped the Irish tie the game in the third. Senior catcher Matt Nussbaum drew a full-count, leadoff walk before sophomore second baseman Kris Millmayer singled to third baseman Mike Malley, with the runners moving up on the errant throw.

Sophomore centerfielder Steve Stanely then hit a pitch to the first baseman Daguanos, who fired home to nail Nussbaum at the plate.

Freshman rightfielder Brno Stavisky plated the first run with a groundout to the second baseman before junior shortstop Mike Purzli's grounder went through the legs of his counterpart, allowing another run to score.

O'Toole was hit by a one-out, 0-2 pitch in the fourth and scored to third on sophomore third baseman Andrew Bok's first-pitch single through the right side before scoring on sophomore DII Matt Bok's bust single to the left side.

The Irish stretched to a 4-2 cushion in the fifth, after Stanley's bust single to the pitcher's left. Stanely's single through the right side, and Purzel's RBI groundout to the second baseman.

O'Toole hit the spark again in the sixth, with a first-pitch single off the glove of second baseman Ron Blackmore After a stolen base and Bok's 2-2 single to the shortstop, Bok lifted a sacrifice fly to center for a 5-2 Irish lead.

Detroit's final run came in the seventh, with Millmayer's throwing error allowing the leadoff hitter Gentry to reach base.

A groundball out moved the runner to second and pinch-hitter Mike Mittlevskii then delivered a run-scoring double to right.

O'Toole came through again in the leadoff spot, striking a first-pitch hit into left-center that he converted into a bustling double in the eighth.

Bushey then drew a full-count walk and Bok's sacrifice bunt brought home the rightfielder line by Andrzejk. The rightfielder Davenport threw errantly as well, allowing Bushey to score for a 7-3 Irish lead.

Nussbaum followed with a first-pitch bust single to the left side and Millmayer dropped the next pitch into right-center to plate another run. Junior rightfielder David Wampler took the mound and threw a wild pitch before Stanley plated the final two runs with a 3-1 single past the head of second baseman Blackmore.

The Irish broke open the game with five runs in the eighth, representing Notre Dame's most runs in an inning this season.

Every Irish starter registered a hit. Five different Notre Dame players combined for the team's seven RBIs while seven Irish players scored.

Notre Dame's big finish gives the Irish a 19-4 season and a 36-9 edge in the eighth inning this season and a 36-9 margin in the seventh and eighth innings combined.
Indiana investigates Knight

Associated Press

The ripples from Bob Knight's latest controversy widened Wednesday beyond his Indiana University locker room.

A university sports advisory committee planned to review accusations that the Hall of Fame coach choked former player Neil Heed during a 1997 discussion. "He did not kick Brand out of practice," Jaffe said. Heed left the team in 1997, he said he was physically and mentally abused by Knight, although he offered no specifics publicly. Following Heed's departure from the team, the athletics committee heard from Doninger, according to panel member David Towell, an associate professor of geology.

"Clarence had encouraged him to finish the semester," Towell said. The alleged bathroom display and the charge that Knight once grabbed Heed by the throat are "total lies to me," Towell told The Indianapolis Star. "If governments don't comply we'll raise a wall of shame," Pound said. "It's not in a government's interest to have it known they are hinder ing out-of-competition testing." The IOC will continue to have authority over drug testing, analysis and sanctions in Sydney, but WADA will monitor the process and be informed of any positive tests. At previous games, the head of the IOC panel was the only official to receive test results from the lab. In Sydney, four other people will be notified. That group will report any positive findings to the full IOC medical commission, which will make recommendations to the IOC executive board. The board will continue to have the sole authority to disqualify athletes for drug use.

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Drug tests planned for Olympics

Associated Press

Half the 10,000 athletes at the Sydney Olympics are expected to be screened for drug use before the games.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) will start out-of-competition testing in April, the group's interim leader said Wednesday.

"We plan to have as many as 2,500 tests under our program," IOC vice president Dick Pound said. "With national and international federations performing unannounced testing as well, that would be in excess of 5,000 out-of-competition tests performed. That would mean, on average, one in two athletes participating in Sydney will have been tested in unexpected circumstances." Another top official doubted a test for the banned performance-enhancer erythropoietin, or EPO, would be ready in time for the Sept. 15-Oct. 1 games.

EPO allows users to cram extra oxygen into the bloodstream. Pound said it's possible an EPO test will be developed in time, but IOC medical commission member Arne Ljungqvist disagreed. "It will take a year at least if the test is to meet all the criteria to meet all the legal demands," he said. "I've heard plenty rumors but seen no facts that anyone has come up with a valid test."
Laxers run to competitive start in 2000 season

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team went 2-1 over spring break, defeating Ohio University and Richmond at home and losing to 16th-ranked Syracuse on the road.

Syracuse, theOrange-women struggled, as the Orange-women held Notre Dame to just 27 shots on goal for the game. The Irish trailed 2-3 at the half, with goals coming from Lael O'Shaughnessy and Kathrynn Perrella, both junior co-captains, along with freshman Danielle Shearer. The Irish were scoreless in the second half.

Three goals against Syracuse are the fewest Notre Dame has scored in a single game this season. The Orange-women widened their lead to end the game at 9-3. Durkin had 18 saves for the Irish in that match.

"We were the better team," Durkin said. "That should have been our game."

The game against Syracuse marked the last time the two teams met as independents. Next season women's lacrosse will be sponsored by the Big East Conference, and Notre Dame will join Boston College, Connecticut, Georgetown, Rutgers, Virginia Tech, and Syracuse in round-robin play.

Even without any seniors this year's squad set several school records in its 22-3 victory over Ohio University. The game, held March 11 at the Loftus Sports Center, opened the home season for the Irish. Eleven different Irish players scored against the Bobcats, the most players ever to score in an Irish women's lacrosse game. The total of 14 assists and 36 points in the game against Ohio University mark single-game highs for the four-year-old Irish program. Notre Dame also had two scoring streaks, 10 straight goals in the first half, and 8 in the second half.

"The depth on the team is a lot better," O'Shaughnessy said. "The freshmen have stepped up, and it's a whole new thing."

O'Shaughnessy and sophomore Maureen Whitsaker led their team with 4 goals each against Ohio University. Perrella, Shearer, Natalie Luftau, Tina Fedarcyk, and Katharine Scarlett, junior Maura Doyle, and freshmen Anne Riley and Eleanor Weil both contributed goals for the Irish.

"It was really nice to open the season with a confident win like that," O'Shaughnessy said. "Everyone gets in and gets to play."

Durkin allowed just 2 goals in 38 minutes of play. With the help of fellow goalies, junior Carrie Marshall and freshman Jen White, who allowed just one goal between them in 22 minutes, Notre Dame held Ohio University to 12 shots on goal for the entire game.

"The defense has definitely stepped up their aggressiveness," O'Shaughnessy said. "They play more as a unit now. They are very good at causing turnovers."

A day later, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team managed a 14-13 victory against the Richmond Spiders. Although the Spiders had the lead early in the first half, the Irish took over, scoring seven goals in a row. The Irish left the half with a 9-4 lead. In the second half the Spiders came back strong, answering Notre Dame's two initial scores to bring the game to 11-6. The Spiders then went on a scoring drive, scoring three goals in the final three minutes of the game, outscoring Notre Dame 9-5 in the second period. With 17 seconds left in the game and the score standing at 14-13, Irish defender Fedarcyk won the final draw to run out the clock and score the victory for the Irish.

"The freshmen are fantastic," O'Shaughnessy said. "They are filling in their spots well."

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to ne night's stay at the Saint Mary's Inn. Wendy's gift certificates. a enter and drink all night and drawings for the night is not just athletics. "Come in here and show your Saint Mary's pride. By coming and supporting this event, you are supporting the whole Saint Mary's community." Lynn Kachmarik athletic director

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you're not going to win." Notre Dame won despite 18 turnovers and a less-than-perfect defensive outing, according to Doherty. "It wasn't the prettiest game for a lot of reasons," Doherty said. "I want everybody operating at 100 percent capacity, and I felt we were a little bit flat at times. The energy wasn't there on the bench. When you win and you don't play your best, I think you're a pretty good team." Game Notes: • No player for BYU scored more than 10 points, but Wesley, Vranes and John Allen all tallied exactly 10. • Murphy led the Irish with 19 points, as eight Irish players scored in the outing. • Dillon climbed to second highest number of games in school history. The 1908-09 Irish played 40 games, while this year's team will play in 37. • Notre Dame's next game will be in the semi-finals of the NIT. The team will take on an 18-15 Penn State team Tuesday at Madison Square Garden.

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Notre Dame will prove worth to NCAA committee

Tell Greg at USA Coaches in New York to warm up the bus With a 64-52 victory over BYU Wednesday night, Notre Dame is headed back to the Garden for the third time this season. "We've been there a lot, but we want to win more," head coach and New York native Matt Doherty said. "We've had some pretty good competition. We'll probably have Greg the bus driver again. He's picked us up the last two or three times."
The Irish (21-14) will also look to pick up their game while in the Big Apple. Notre Dame dropped games to Arizona and Maryland in their first trip to New York during the Final Four of the preseason NIT back in November. They rebounded with a win against Rutgers two weeks ago in their return trip during the Big East Championship, but fell in the second round to Miami.

Despite Notre Dame's 1-3 record at Madison Square Garden, sophomore forward David Graves called it the Irish's "home court away from home." "We know the deal there," Graves said. "We know where to practice and we should have some big ticket requests." Graves, however, doesn't care if the Irish play in New York or South Bend, as long as they get to keep playing more basketball. After this weekend, the Irish will be just one of eight college teams that are still playing.

"I don't care where we play," Graves said. "The important thing is that we are still playing basketball. We get to go back to the Garden and play a tough Penn State team. We're not just happy making the semifinals. We want to prove that we are legit and deserved a spot in the NCAA Tournament." That has served as a motivating force for Notre Dame in its wins over Michigan, Xavier and now BYU. The NCAA selection committee isn't No. 1 on Notre Dame's list these days and so the Irish are on a mission to show them who they are missing in their Big Dance.

"I'm ready to go," sophomore center Harold Swanagan said. "I wish we could play tomorrow. I just look forward to playing more games. We're going to go back to New York and prove the committee wrong." But the NIT may be a blessing in disguise for this young Irish squad. For Doherty, the win over BYU also allows him to put off filling out expense reports, returning phone calls and dealing with the huge pile of mail that awaits him when the season finally ends. But on a serious note, the Irish are guaranteed to play 37 games this season—possibly the most by any team this year. Also, they gained some postseason experience and an opportunity to play deep into March.

"We got the opportunity to play three more games on national television when NCAA Tournament games aren't going on," Doherty said. "So you've got friends, and Notre Dame basketball. I like to look at the glass as half full. If we made the NCAA it would have been a great thing. But we didn't so we need to make this as positive as possible. It's the only thing we can do. We want to win though. No one likes playing the consolation game." But on second thought, he may have preferred one game in the NCAA rather than take home an NIT title.

"It's a tough choice — to lose in the first round of the NCAA or win the NIT," he said. "No offense to the NIT, but I probably would have taken the NCAA, That's the big pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It's a pot of gold the Irish won't enjoy this season, but the season has exceeded preseason expectations. In his first year as a head coach, Doherty took a losing club and turned them into a 20-game winner. The students and fans have rallied around him and the team and a NIT title may be just one week away.

"I don't think it's essential for the program," Doherty said. "I would like to win it as much as any coach would, but I think we did enough good things this year. I don't think it's win or bust. We've accomplished a great deal this season. But that won't solve our approach. And wouldn't it be nice to hang an NIT banner in the Joyce Center." Two wins in New York and Doherty will have it.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
SMC softball keeps goals in mind with 5-4 opening

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's softball team began their season last week with a tournament in Florida. Head coach Joseph Speybrock and assistant coach David Martin say they "have very specific goals for their 2000 softball team." They intend on becoming an academic all-conference team, place within the top four in the MIAA, and have a 25-win season. The team is young compared to past years, but the team has a lot of strong qualities.

"Two strong pitchers, great speed in the outfield, and six strong hitters are some of the positive assets that the team possesses this year," said coach Speybrock.

Saint Mary's continued their season with a 5-4 record in their Florida tournament. Coach Speybrock credits the team's win to their "experience, talent, and depth of the members of the team." Co-captains Trisha Klockner and Megan O'Keefe will lead the team this season.

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Magda Krol was last. On Notre Dame's campus for the first time in August of 1996, the新鲜man from Vancouver, B.C. searched the campus for DeBartolo Hall and her French placement exam. But as she and her father wandered the campus looking for the test, Krol found the place she wanted to spend the next four years. "Getting lost at a place like Notre Dame is not a problem," she said. "I love the entire campus. Friendly people all over the place just like I was." In many ways Krol was the typical freshman. She had trouble finding her dorm and her classes and adjusting to life at a university. "She had a very fresh young quality," said Nicole Paulina, a 1999 graduate and Krol's roommate last year. "She was nervous and unsure of herself. While Krol may have been the typical freshman on the quad, in the fencing gym, she was anything but typical. She quickly demonstrated to her teammates that she was something special.

"She adjusted quickly and obviously her impact on the fencing team was felt immediately," Paulina said. "She wasn't really a freshman. Due to her international experience, she was much more experienced than some of the seniors we had. She brought a different fencing style and it was nice to see that in the gym. I think it helped everyone improve." Krol made an impact on the collegiate fencing world outside of Joyce Center as well. In her first collegiate meet at the prestigious Penn State open, Krol won first place. She followed that up a few months later with a national title in epee at the NCAA Championships in Colorado. "It was a dream," Krol said about her NCAA tournament run in 1997. "It was unreal. I didn't even know that the scores were in the individual bouts. All that I cared about was to win for Notre Dame. It fell incredibly when the whole thing was over. I was in a trance. I couldn't tell what was going on. I couldn't understand it at all. It was one of the best feints that I had ever done."

Even after seeing Krol excel in practice and at the Penn State open, the team was still a little surprised to see a freshman handle the pressure of the Championships so well and come away with the title. "It was just amazing," Paulina said. "Especially since she was just a freshman and she had all that pressure. She doesn't fall apart under pressure at all. It tends to handle the pressure very well."

Three years later, Krol, now a senior captain of the foil squad and a three-time All-American, will face that pressure for the last time as a collegiate fencer today at the NCAA Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. But Krol isn't concerned with the pressure that she always seems to handle well. "I think pressure pushes me to perform even better," she said. "I take it as something that instead of drawing me back and pulling me away from my best. I block the pressure and turn it into a positive form of energy and use that to beat my opponent."

As the only Notre Dame senior to qualify for the Championships, the pressure is even greater this year. Three years of second place overall team finishes has driven Krol to strive even harder this year to win the title. All that pressure has brought out the best in Krol. She says that the feeling of excitement and invincibility that filled her three years ago is back for the first time this year.

"Leaving the gym [Tuesday] I felt that exact same feeling that I hadn't felt last year or the year before," Krol said. "I feel really good heading into this Championship. Something is telling me that this is going to be it. I have to finish with a bang and the whole team has to finish with a bang. I am just going to go out and do it."

Opponents had best be aware "whenever Krol sets her mind to accomplish something, it usually happens."

When she arrived on campus as a freshman she switched weapons from foil to epee. As an opeeist she won a national title and was named an All-American three times. Then last summer, with the loss of so many talented seniors and the influx of new talented freshman, head fencing coach Yves Auriol asked Magda to switch back to foil for her senior year. While at first a little hesitant, Krol excelled as foil captain in her senior and recently won the Midwest Regional foil title.

"I decided with the help of my parents and my coaches that switching to foil would be a good thing," Krol said. "It would help me and help the team. It was just a good move with the recruits that we had and the seniors that we lost."

Krol adaptability is very rare, according to Auriol. "What ever I did with her in the four years she has been here, she always came through," he said. "That is very unusual. To be able to adapt to what she was doing, she went from foil to epee and then epee to foil. When she leaves there is going to be a big hole in the women's team." While Magda's graduation may leave a hole in the women's team, he presence this year has been a pillar for other fences to lean on. "Magda is awesome," freshman foilist Liza Boutsikaris said. "I really, really learned a lot from fencing with her. I learned to always fence my hardest. I always look to Magda and look up to her. It won't be any different at the Championships." Krol leads by both words and example. Her love for fencing and Notre Dame refus- es to allow anything less than her very best effort in every match. "I know in my heart that I can only give my very best," Krol said. "I will give 100 percent. I will give more than that. I promise that I won't give any less than my ultimate best because I am a fighter."

Senior Magda Krol travels to Palo Alto, Calif, today to compete in the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships. The foilist from Vancouver, B.C. looks to close her career with an overall team title and an individual championship in foil.
Irish defy odds with strong return to Championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY

The Irish travel to Palo Alto, Calif. today to compete in the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. "It's a little bit overwhelming," freshman foilist Liza Bouzkilis said. "I am kind of nervous but I am really excited. I don't really know what to expect."

With eight fencers making their NCAA debuts, the Irish hope that the infusion of new blood will help them to a championship after four straight second place finishes. "It is an entirely new outlook and new energy," said Nicole Paulina, a 1999 alumna and four-year fencer who now serves as armorer for this year's team. "We have so much talent and so much enthusiasm right now. I think we can really win." Standing between the Irish and their first championship since 1994 are host Stanford, defending champion Penn State and 1999 fourth place Finisher Princeton. These are the only three schools besides Notre Dame to qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the Championships.

While Stanford and Princeton may be strong for the real challenge on the weekend will be Penn State. For four straight years the Nittany Lions have bested the Irish at the Championships. This year, the Irish think they have a chance to knock off the defending champs. "I hope we can take them," freshman Meagan Call said. "I know Anna [Carnick) can take them. I am pretty sure women's sabre can take them and I am confident in women's foil. The men will have no problem."

The men are led by 1999 NCAA sabre runner-up Gabor Seidle. "I am very confident about [the Championships] and I think this year we can win because I don't think there is any more competition left in the championship," he said. "I think I am definitely the favorite."

Also competing for the Irish in sabre is junior All-American Androz Bednarski. He finished 11th as a freshman at the 1998 Championships before taking 1999 off.

The only other Irish male fencer with NCAA experience who qualified for this year's Championships is sophomore All-American Brian Casas. Casas finished eighth at the 1999 NCAA Championships and led the 2000 epee squad with a 35-11 record.

The other three Notre Dame male fencers to qualify for the NCAA Championships are competing for the first time. Jan Viviani, a freshman from Hawthor, N.J., has at times looked like the best epeist on the team but has been extremely inconsistent. He posted a perfect 3-0 record against Penn State during the regular season but lost two bouts to club fencers from Purdue the next weekend.

At foil the Irish feature a pair of talented freshmen. Forest Walton has been solid all year but Ozren Debic is the star of the squad. Debic led the foil team with a 42-3 record and won both the Midwest Fencing Conference foil championship and the Midwest Regional foil championship in the past season. Despite his stellar season, Debic is modest about his prospects for a victory in foil.

"I don't think of myself as the favorite because the whole tournament is five-touch bouts," Debic said. "You can't rest at all and think that you are going to win because one bad touch and one missed touch and the guy can beat you."

Freshman epeist Carnick also dislikes the five-touch bouts that decide the round robin bouts in at the Championships. "I am personally a big fan of 15-touch bouts rather than five-touch because in five-touch anything can happen," she said. "But that is just something you have to deal with." Carnick's opponents will have to deal with the freshmen's quick attacks and sharp reflexes. Carnick's prowess on the strip earned her a 41-10 record and the Midwest Conference epeist title.

Also representing the Irish in epeist Call, who finished the 2000 season with a 37-10 record.

The Irish feature two strong competitors in women's sabre. Freshman Natalia Mazur and junior Carianne McCullough are both making their first appearances at the Championships.

At foil the Irish boast two wins in junior Natalia Krol and freshman Liza Bouzkilis. Krol is the only senior representing the Irish and will be called upon to be a leader on the strip. "I think that it will mean that I have to be a leader because I am the oldest and I have to be a leader," Krol said.

Andrzej Bednarski led the fencers in wins in 2000 with a 36-8 record and finished third at the Midwest Conference Championships.

- Magnificent seven make Championship debut

By KEVIN O'LEARY

When the Class of 1999 traded their fencing weapons for diplomas last spring, many thought that the Notre Dame fencing program would face a down year.

Critics said four All-Americans would be nearly impossible to replace in a single recruiting class. Irish head coach Yves Auriol would have to settle for fewer finishes for a few years while the talent came back to the level that captured four straight second place finishes from 1996 to 1999.

But proving all the critics wrong, Auriol recruited one of his best freshman classes and put the Irish in position for yet another run at the NCAA Championship. With seven freshmen — Liza Bouzkilis, Meagan Call, Anna Carnick, Ozren Debic, Natalia Mazur, Jan Viviani and Forest Walton — qualifying for the Championships this weekend at Stanford, Auriol has one of the youngest squads in Palo Alto.

"I think our class did an excellent job recruiting this year," foilist Walton said. "The kids that we did get and did qualify definitely made up for the loss of the graduating seniors."

The youth and collegiate inexperience of the freshman fencers forced sophomores like All-American epeist Brian Casas into unprepared leadership roles.

"There are so many freshman giving it kind of makes me feel old," he said. "I kind of told them that they should take it seriously but not to worry about it too much. They are all very talented fencers. They just can't let the stress get to them."

While the freshmen are making their first appearance in the premier collegiate event, they are all experienced in big time fencing. Fencing in national and international events as high schoolers taught the freshmen how to prepare for big events.

"Our team is pretty deep in the sense that most of the people going have a lot of experience — maybe not collegiately but nationally and internationally — we have some strong experience in the group," epeist Carnick said.

Debic, who has been the brightest jewel this year in Auriol's treasure chest of a class, expects a challenge but believes his classmates will perform well.

"It won't be easy for sure but it is nothing that I haven't experienced before," Debic said. "All the young guys have a lot of freshmen that don't really matter that they are freshmen."

While the freshman epeist was in the same position last year as this year's freshmen. He came to Notre Dame with a wealth of international experience from his time on the Hungarian national team, but no collegiate experience.

Szelle, however, proved that prior NCAA experience is not required for success as he captured silver at the Championships. He feels that this year's freshmen can enjoy the same success.

"I think in most of the cases we won't have much experience but they are very experienced fencers," he said. "In those cases where they might be problems, they definitely have to concentrate a little more on the details and focus on the bouts. I think it will be an interesting experience."
Irish softball kicks off season in Las Vegas tourney

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The 2000 Irish Softball team will kick off its season this weekend as the women travel to the University of Nevada’s Las Vegas Tournament. Notre Dame will play five of the 16 participating teams. Head coach Liz Miller, now in her eighth coaching season at Notre Dame, has high expectations for the opener this weekend.

"Right now we set very high goals for ourselves. We expect to go and win every game." 

Liz Miller 
Head coach

This year the Irish are making their first appearance in the top-25 rankings since 1997 with a 22nd place ranking.

The Irish, coming from a 42-20 record last season, will look to improve on last year. But it won’t be easy.

With an undefeated conference performance, Notre Dame grabbed its first Big East championship last year before advancing to NCAA Regionals where they defeated fifth-ranked Michigan before falling to Nebraska in extra innings.

This year Notre Dame looks to repeat last year’s stellar performance. The team is expected to finish first again in the Big East by a poll of coaches.

The Irish went 4-2 in the week’s outstanding Division I performance list.

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Moschel and freshman first baseman Andrea Loman were named in the pitcher and rookie of the week by the Big East conference.

The Irish fell to No. 2 Arizona State Friday morning. Finishing with a 12-37 record last season, the Irish are slat­ted to face Oregon. The Ducks stand at 2-1 in the 2000 season, losing only to fifth-ranked Southern Mississippi.

They finished last year at 40-29 after advancing to the NCAA Regionals and grabbing the No. 25 national ranking.

With a 1-1 history against the Ducks, Notre Dame looks to have the upperhand.

Irish softball kicks off season in Las Vegas tourney

The Irish lead off the three-day tournament against Portland State Friday morning. Finishing with a 12-37 record last season, the Vikings have never faced Notre Dame in competition.

Notre Dame plays Southern Utah next. The Thunderbirds, ending last year at 10-48 and returning just three of its nine starters, are currently 0-2.

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Dillon steps up in Irish victory over Cougars

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  Assistant Sports Editor

Every time Brigham Young looked like it would give Notre Dame a run for its money Wednesday night, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon came through for the Irish. Dillon tallied four steals to bring his season total to 64 and smash former Irish star and former 15-year-old single-season record of 61. Dillon's defensive efforts helped lift Notre Dame (12-14) to a 64-52 victory over Brigham Young (22-11) in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

"It's an honor," Dillon said of the record. "It's a shock. But it's a great accomplishment."

Dillon sparked the Irish with his fourth and final steal, which he dribbled down the court for a breakaway layup. Those points ended a more than four-minute scoring drought for the Irish, and put them ahead 52-45.

"I think Jimmy has given us energy all year long," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "He gives us some toughness. He's a good ball-handler. I think he really enjoys running the show, and he's done a good job. He's a smart player."

The Cougars countered with a jumper by junior Mekeli Wesley to cut the lead to five.

Sophomore forward David Graves worked his name into the record books, limiting his points to Wesley, tallying 30.

The game was won by Graves' defense and rebounding. The rebound returned the ball to Notre Dame, and freshman Mike Monarez nailed a 3-point shot for his only points of the game.

"That pass (Graves) made to Harold (Swanagan) was big," Doherty said of a jumper just before Dillon's final steal. "Mike (Monarez's) shot was big. Jimmy (Dillon's) steal was big. That gave us some life, and momentum."

With the Irish now up 60-47, the victory was virtually in hand. Brigham Young coach Steve Cleveland knew things were going out of control for his squad, and called a 30-second timeout. The Irish team sensed they were on the verge of another trip to New York. As Graves hugged Murphy on the way off the court.

The closest the Cougars could come after the timeout was an eight-point deficit with 2:09 remaining, following two free throws by Eric Niehans and a three by Michael Vranes.

Their only hope for victory after that receded on sending the Irish to the charity stripe. But the Irish were golden from the line.

Murphy knocked down two free throws to give the Irish a 10-point advantage.

"It was an ugly game," Graves said. "We found a way to survive by hitting free throws at the end."

The Irish benefited from 58 percent shooting from the field, while the Cougars suffered at 37 percent. The Cougars took a zone defense from BYU for the first time since before Christmas, a challenge they fared poorly against.

"When you play against a zone, you have to make perimeter shots," Cleveland said. "We don't have the size to battle Notre Dame inside. If we knocked those three down, this thing goes right to the wire. If we didn't make (open) shots on the road,"

Graves led the Irish to a 64-52 victory over the Cougars of Brigham Young Wednesday night. Notre Dame now advances to the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament where they will take on Penn State.

Midnight Madness arrives on Saint Mary's campus

By KATIE MCCVOY Assistant Sports Editor

First, there is March Madness. Then, there is Midnight Madness.

Designed to enhance school spirit and pride, the St. Mary's athletic department has organized the first ever Midnight Madness. On Friday, March 31, Angela Athletic Facility will be rocking with championships, music, and prizes. Midnight Madness will arrive at Saint Mary's, with the grand prize of a trip for two to Chicago. Athletic Director Lynn Kachmar designed Midnight Madness, along with assistant director of intramurals, Janel Miller. The event was designed as a way to get the Saint Mary's community involved in athletics on its campus.

"It's a great event," Kachmar said. "This is a way to keep our women on this campus on a Friday night. It's a great opportunity for us to come together and celebrate."

The evening will kick off at 10 o'clock Friday night with the winter intramural championships. Kachmar and Miller have been working to revamp the intramural program in order to get more women involved. This year the intramural teams were associated with residence halls. Each team had to be composed of women from only one residence hall. Friday night Kachmar is looking for support from other women in the residence halls.

"Every residence hall is represented," Kachmar said. "We want the women to come out and support the people who they are living with."

Following the conclusion of the intramural championships, the focus will shift from hall pride to class pride. Each of the four classes will have its own section in the gym and members of the class should come dressed in the assigned class color. Freshmen should wear white T-shirts, sophomores should wear red shirts, juniors should wear green shirts and seniors should wear blue shirts. Angela will also be decorated in these colors.

Following the intramural contests, the games will begin. There will be cross-class competitions, ranging from athletic events to trivia contests. Some of the evening's activities are a three-legged race, musical chairs, dodgeball, 30 second shot contest, and even "What would you do for a Klondike bar?" The evening will also host a tug-of-war between teams composed of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The class that wins the tug of war will face off against a team composed of faculty members.

A DJ will be in Angela all night playing music, and throughout the night there will be various eamese. Participants will be selected from a box at the door for several of the night's competitions. Women may place their names in the box as they see MIDNIGHT/page 29.