Bone marrow treatment helps leukemia patients

Leukemia diagnoses difficult; effective treatments tough to find

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Sophomore Conor Murphy's recent diagnosis with leukemia has drawn special attention at Notre Dame to this confusing and widely varying disease.

The different forms of leukemia make the disease hard to diagnose and very difficult to treat. Out of three million potential donors in the National Bone Marrow Registry, only one was a match with Murphy.

"What we do know is that Conor has an extremely rare, acute form of leukemia," said sophomore Wes Jacobs, a friend of Murphy's.

The disease

Seeking both sexes and people of all ages, leukemia has rather elusive signals, including easy bruising, paleness, fatigue and poor healing of minor wounds. Often times the disease is found during a routine physical exam, according to the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Marcia Robbins, coordinator of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), explained leukemia as "a disease of the blood system. The technicalities of it create many different kinds — there are so many kinds that I can't say exactly what leukemia is." More than 30,000 cases of leukemia are diagnosed every year, and 142,000

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National marrow registry testing to take place Wednesday

By MAUREEN SMITHE
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In light of sophomore Conor Murphy's struggles with leukemia, Notre Dame will host a bone marrow drive Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the LaFo­ tune Ballroom.

The drive will be another indication of the support for Murphy which has been growing since his diagnosis was made public before spring break. The drive is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Ministry.

"Our community and Conor need this," said Father Jim Lies, rector of Zahm Hall, where Murphy lives. "Conor needs to know that he is sup­

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By TIM LOGAN
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INSIDE COLUMN
Let’s get on with it!

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Bearing in mind that all we have to choose from is whatever people send us, you can understand the frequency of debate about homœsility, football, and all things conservative. When you realize that the most letters that more or less say “Bob Davie sucks” without any real reason or rhetoric, you know why Viewpoint editors often have trouble in print the delusional ramblings from the one person who writes about the controversy by the CAA to use fluoride in our drinking water as a mind control substance.

Occasionally we may be so pressed for coherent letters that the comments possess a serious ideological slant. Then, it is an opinion page, after all, or worse, a distinct lack of what we in the business call “facts” or “a solid background of reliable information.” (For cases in point, see Thursday’s “neon orange” feature and the perception that somehow NDSPD’s water is contaminated, gun-toting, and not putting back the perception that somehow NDSPD’s local counterparts.)

There is a fascinating job that allows me to purse the opinions of students and faculty, keeping a tenuous finger on the pulse of the outposts minority of this unique collection of Christian-guided academics we call the Notre Dame family. At the same time it is disheartening to see the vast disillusionment of students jaded by pedantic professors, pointlessly parietals policies, or acrimonious administrators. Even more depressing is the seeing the obsession shared by far too many students to believe that ideas can be shared in fewer than 800 words, and sharing an opinion doesn’t mean you are referring to authorities beyond your emotional inner child. For one I would welcome more letters, more pithy and more often. And don’t lie to me about something new, something exciting, and something that would involve Bob Davie or the infamy of the water.

And now that I have come to the very brink of calling the general readership unfeeling sheep driven by base instincts and an avarice of genuine discipline and discourse, I challenge someone to prove me wrong. Shed the cloak of apathy that you have wrapped yourself in express yourself through your soul. Go tell it on a mountain; sing it to the highest heaven. You get the drift.

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Council recommends continued alumnae involvement

By MOLLY McVOY  
Saint Mary's Editor

The President's Alumnae Advisory Council met this weekend to make recommendations to Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred about the future of the College and alumnae contributions. The council consists of 15 past and recent Saint Mary's alumnae who gathered to discuss the status of the college and how improvements could be made. The alumnae attended classes on Friday and met with a panel of faculty from each department in the College to discuss how alumnae could help their efforts.

Many faculty members commented on how invaluable information and networking connections to alumnae are to the students; and how the alumnae are one of the best resources for promoting the college. "The power of graduating from an all-women college is something the alumnae need to get across," said Toni Barsis, associate chemistry professor. "I was impressed with the alumnae of Saint Mary's. I continue to be amazed by these women." Faculty also agreed that alumnae serve as mentors to current students, serving as community builders, sharing their knowledge with students as students make life choices," said Fran Kominkiewicz, director of the Social Work Program. Barsis agreed that alumnae serve in an important way as mentors.

"I would say that the theme of the panel was that there are a variety of ways to mentor students," she said. "We're not asking the alumnae for their financial help or to come to Saint Mary's for a whole day—but if they'd be able to serve as a mentor.

Kominkiewicz also explained that programs such as social work, which have strong ties to the community, appreciate alumnae support. "Through our Social Work Advisory Board, alumnae contribute to the program's ability to stay connected to the community," she said. "Alumnae often serve as field supervisors, field instructors, and field organizers. Alumnae have continued to connect our students to various geographical communities, often giving information about graduate programs, volunteer activities, and other career opportunities."

The graduates can also help update departments so the skills and concepts they teach are compatible with the needs of the workforce and community after graduation. The math department instituted the statistics and actuarial mathematics major in part because of a suggestion from alumnae about the need for that type of mathematical training. "We've been using alumnae over the past several years to help us," said Don Miller, chair of the math department. "We stay in touch with our alumnae and look for suggestions about our program."

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Interested in the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships?
Professor Walter F. Pratt, Jr. will discuss the scholarships and inform you of deadline dates and the Fall application process on Monday, April 3, 2000 6:00 p.m. 101 Law School

If you are unable to attend this meeting, a sheet of information may be obtained in 102-B O'Shaughnessy Hall after the meeting date.
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people live with the disease, according to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Every year more than 22,000 people die from it, but over the past 39 years bone marrow transplants have helped to improve the survival rate among leukemia patients.

Transplant treatment
A bone marrow transplant is one of the best cures for patients with leukemia. According to the NMDP, "marrow is found in the cavities of the body's bones. It resembles blood and contains stem cells, which produce red cells, white cells and other blood components."

A bone marrow transplant replaces diseased bone marrow with healthy marrow, which is what makes the process so vital to patients battling the disease. "On any given day there are usually 3,000 people with a disease who physicians will search the registry for a match," Robbins said.

Participating in the NMDP is painless and quick. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and have a clean bill of health. The initial registration requires only a small blood sample. The majority of people who have joined the registry are Caucasians — we have a great need for minorities. We highly encourage minorities especially to consider it," she said. "Also, with Caucasians we constantly need a refur­ bish of the supply."

All potential donors, however, must be prepared for the chance that they may someday be called upon to possibly save someone's life. Although no one on the registry is required to donate if a match is made, the NMDP encourages any potential volunteer donors to register only if they are willing to commit. The average of matching with a patient are slim, but possible.

Zahm Hall rector Father Jim Lies said the actual dona­tion of marrow is a relatively pain­less procedure. "Basically, the procedure itself requires a local anesthetic, and a needle is inserted into the pelvic bone and the marrow is drawn out," he said. "The worst of it is an achy feeling in your hind quarter for a few days — that's it," he said. "That which is taken from you is restored naturally in four to six weeks."

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Zahn sophomore John LeBlanc had an uncle who underwent the donation process when he was called upon as an ideal match for a patient suffering from leukemia. "I don't think he said it was that bad. He had to stay in the hospital for just a night," he said.

The procedure
The mystery surrounding the success of bone marrow transplants can be described as a miracle. The patient is given a lethal dose of chemotherapy and radiation to kill off their cells. In doing so their immune system is depleted, so they have to be iso­lated. Once the patient has gone through this regime, it puts him in a vulnerable state, so timing is essential. At this point it would most likely be fatal for the patient if the donor were to back out, according to experts. "A donor's bone marrow is put in through the patient's IV and miracu­lously the body accepts the new marrow and begins manufacturing new marrow of its own," Robbins said.

Once the donated marrow enters the patient's circulatory system, it takes about one month to see the first evi­dence of a "graft," meaning that the marrow has begun to work and is pro­ducing new cells, according to the NMDP. "The number of white blood cell count is the first sign that a graft has occurred."

Still, in some cases, the donated marrow rejects the patient's body, an opposite effect of a heart or liver trans­plant, where the body rejects the organ. This is part of the risk in under­taking such a proce­dure.

"Bone marrow is an organ in the body. We want a large proliferation of stem cells for a successful transplant. Because of the reverse situation the proce­dure is risky," Robbins said.

Just like any other organ transplant, patients are given a wide range of drugs to fight off rejection. "We do everything we can to make the match work," Robbins said.

The donations from Notre Dame's bone marrow drive tomorrow will help more than just patients with leukemia. Robbins said that 25 percent of bone marrow transplants go to people suffering from other blood diseases, such as Hodgkin's, sickle cell anemia and lymphomas. "I think it is a great credit to the University to host this drive because it is needed and patient-focused," she said.

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port, and as a community we need to pull together." Although an anonymous donor for Conor was located from a registry of more than three million potential donors, the need for more donors is always there. "The statistical reality is that there are not enough donors available," Lies said. "While you may not match for Conor, you may one day be a match for someone else — someone who is some­one's Conor."

In addition to the drive, mem­bers of the Notre Dame commu­nity have found other ways to support Murphy. Zahm has hosted Marrow Marchad 24­ hour vigil for him and put together a hamper, Lies said. Also, several of Murphy's friends have visited him on week­ends.

"Conor suggested the drive and he is all for it — he knows your blood can save a life," said sopho­more Wes Jacobs, a friend of Murphy's. "He has made a lot of people think twice about a lot of things." "He is pretty excited about it. It was suggestion that regard­less of his finding a donor we have the white cells," said sophomore friend George Remus.

Original concerns surround­ ing the drive centered on a lack of funds. "The cost for providing this

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Murphy

CONOR MURPHY, 21, OF SOUTH BEND, was in the ICU on March 24 as he underwent chemotherapy for a week­end battle with leukemia.

"I can't stand fighting this disease anymore. I am ready for it to be over. Please help me," he wrote the University to host this drive because it is needed and patient-focused," she said.
World News Briefs

Mass grave reveals 73 more cult-related deaths

RUGAZI, Uganda

Police laborers dug layer-by-layer through rotting corpses Sunday, pulling dozens of bodies from a mass grave at a sugarcane field — the third scene of carnage linked to a doomsday cult. The laborers unearthed 73 bodies, including two dozen children and babies, from the field belonging to a defrocked Catholic priest who was one of the sect leaders. The grim discovery brings the number of cult-related deaths that police have confirmed to 562 since a March 17 fire in a makeshift church. Two other compounds in southwestern Uganda belonging to the sect remained to be examined. James Bangrana, a local police official, said late Monday that wasn’t certain that all the bodies of sect victims had been found.

Listeria contamination forces

Sara Lee hot dog recall

WASHINGTON

The Sara Lee Corp. has recalled 34,500 pounds of Ball Park-brand hot dogs because they might be contaminated with bacteria that can cause life-threatening infections. No illnesses have been reported in connection with the hot dogs. Sara Lee spokeswoman Therna Harewezen said Monday. The recall was ordered after a military laboratory found Listeria monocytogenes in hot dogs that had been distributed to an Army commissary, she said. The hot dogs, which were packaged Jan. 25 at a plant in Philadelphia, were distributed to commissaries and retail establishments in Florida, Missouri, Ohio, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Delaware, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maryland.

DeBartolo testifies against ex-Gov. in racketeering trial

BAYON BOUGE, Pa.

Former San Francisco 49ers owner and Notre Dame benefactor Eddie DeBartolo Jr. testified Monday that ex-Gov. Edwin Edwards demanded and received $400,000 from him to ensure that a small newspaper for a riverboat casino license would be approved. A day after DeBartolo allegedly gave the governor the money — in stacks of $100 bills in a briefcase at the San Francisco airport — the Louisiana gambling board unanimously awarded a license to DeBartolo. DeBartolo’s testimony has been the most anticipated in Edwards’ federal racketeering trial, not only because he is one of the richest men in the country and a former NFL team owner, but also because he is the only witness who claims Edwards himself extorted money and collected it.

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BOGOTA

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Five rebels from the country’s largest leftist insurgency, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, were also reported killed in the fighting, which raged in two fishing villages near the border with Panama and a region in the South American country’s far north.

Twenty-one police officers died trying to repel a 36-hour rebel assault on Viga del Fuerte, 230 miles from Bogota, that began on Saturday. Six civilians were also killed, including mayor Pastor Perea and two young children, the Antioquia state government reported.

National police chief Gen. Bosso Jose Serrano reported after visiting the destroyed town Monday that eight of the slain officers received gunshot to the head at close range. Troops regained control of the town of 1,200 residents Sunday night, and found that rebel machine-gun fire and inaccurate homemade missiles had destroyed the church, the mayor’s office, the police barracks, the telephone company and ten houses located near the town plaza.

In the neighboring town of Bojaya, Serrano reported seven police missing and presumed to have been taken prisoner by the FARC. No rebel deaths were reported in the battle for the two towns, which straddle opposite banks of the Atrato River, a strategic waterway to the Caribbean that is both contested by rebels and rival right-wing paramilitary groups. The region is a major arms and drug smuggling corridor.

Tension grows over Elian’s fate

MIAMI

The Justice Department threatened to take Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives Monday as a crowd gathered outside the boy’s Little Havana home, ready to form a human chain if necessary. The risk of a confrontation over the 6-year-old boy who aren’t willing to send Elian back to Cuba, the Justice Department ordered the Miami relatives to return Elian to his father in Cuba. Elian’s relatives Monday. They are so worried that Elian that the INS would be removed the child and send Elian for return to his father in Cuba. Elian for return to his father in Cuba if they lose. On Monday, the relatives filed their latest appeal — and asked that the case get expedited handling — but they have not addressed the other demand.

"That being so, the INS is under no obligation to maintain the current arrangement,” the government wrote in response, referring to the deal giving Elian’s great uncle custody in the meantime.

Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florham would not say what the government would do next. She said the department would send the family a letter outlining its plans.

The agency has made it clear that clear would not want to do anything to traumatize the boy or provoke Miami’s large Cuban community.

Meanwhile, about 100 people gathered outside Elian’s home, through by evening the crowd had dwindled to fewer than 50. Someone put a 15-foot banner in front of the house with a drawing of Elian and a message: “I just want to live in freedom.”

Many of the protesters responded to a call by the Democracy Movement, an anti-Castro group, to be prepared to form a human chain around the home if the government tries to remove the child and send him back to his father in Cuba.

"There are a lot of people who aren’t willing to kill but are willing to die only for the child’s rights,” said Raúl Sanchez, head of the Democracy Movement.

In an apparent effort to increase American support for their battle to keep Elian, the child’s relatives last week allowed ABC’s Diane Sawyer to spend two days with Elian. The result was his first extended interview, which aired Monday on “Good Morning America.”

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Elian denies mother’s death in first interview

As the political storm over his future kept swirling, Elian Gonzalez said in his first lengthy interview that he doesn’t really believe his mother died when the boat carrying them to Florida sank.

The 6-year-old Cuban boy spoke with Diane Sawyer in a segment shown on ABC’s “Good Morning America” Monday, raising questions about the propriety of interviewing someone so young. The Cuban government sent a letter of protest to ABC on Monday.

Elian insisted his mother survived.

“My mother is not in heaven, not lost,” he said in Spanish through his cousin Marisleysis Gonzalez. “She must have been picked up here in Miami somewhere. She must have lost her memory, and just don’t know I’m here.”

Not all journalists believe it is proper to interview young children. NBC’s competing “Today” show, for example, did not pursue an interview with Elian because it did not believe it was appropriate to talk to a 6-year-old.

Several networks, including NBC, requested interviews with Elian, said Armando Gutierrez, spokesman for Elian’s Miami relatives. He said he was not sure whether NBC’s request was specifically from “Today.”
Iraq

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We cannot choose whether to engage with the world, only how to.

—Stephen Batchelor

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Associated Press

Baghdad

Voting was brisk and orderly Monday as Iraqis choose a new parliament expected to be energized by the presence of President Saddam Hussein's oldest son and heir apparent, Odai Hussein — a powerful figure who was making his formal political debut — among 312 candidates running for 220 seats in the National Assembly. He was widely expected to win a seat, which would help him begin to build a formal political base.

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What does it really mean to "practice virtue?"
And why would anyone try to live a "virtuous" life?

When we listen to the media and the people around us talk about being successful in life, the word "virtue" doesn’t usually get mentioned. And when it does come up, it can meet with a VERY cynical reception. So, living a life of virtue nowadays requires a lot of courage.

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7:30 p.m.
136 DeBartolo Hall

Tim Gray is Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at Christendom College located in Front Royal and Alexandria, Virginia. He is author of Mission of the Messiah and co-author of Catholic For a Reason: Scripture and the Mystery of the Family of God, and he is currently working on a Bible study for men on the topic of virtue.

Michaelann Martin holds a Master's Degree in Education from Pepperdine University. She is the author of Women of Grace: A Bible Study for Women, and co-author of Catholic Parent Book of Feasts: Celebrating the Church Year in Your Family. She is currently a featured columnist for both New Covenant and Lay Witness magazines.

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Senate views amendment to protect flag from desecration

The Senate began another long-shot effort Monday to amend the Constitution to protect the flag from desecration. Opponents used the opportunity to bring up campaign finance reform, another issue with election-year repercussions.

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The Senate is the first chamber to pass an amendment, and it's one of those against the amendment predicted the outcome would be similar to that of the last Senate vote in 1995, when supporters fell three short of the two-thirds majority needed to amend the Constitution.

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The amendment is a one-sentence article stating: "Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

The drive for the amendment dates back to two 5-4 Supreme Court decisions in 1989 and 1990 that first struck down a Texas flag desecration statute and then ruled unconstitutional a flag protection law passed by Congress.

The Senate version of the amendment called by a pro-amendment group of some 150 veterans and civic groups, said three-fourths of the states support a flag amendment and 49 state legislatures — all but Vermont — have passed resolutions urging Congress to pass the amendment.

Pat Brady, chairman of the alliance, said they were hopeful but weren't predicting victory. "They want to protect the flag, everyone wants to do it, but for some reason they are reluctant to correct the mistakes of the Supreme Court."

Several senators averse to changing the Constitution, led by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., offered a statutory alternative that would establish jail terms and fines for damaging a flag. They claimed the measure is written so as not to violate First Amendment free speech rights.

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Pat Brady
Citizens Flag Alliance

"Leadership... A Continual Work-In-Process"

Mr. Jim McGuire
President, NJK Holding Corporation

Wednesday, March 29th
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Scientist find gene linked to weight-gain

NEW YORK

Scientists have created strains of mice that can chow down on a high-fat diet without getting chubby. The researchers say their secret — a single gene — might lead to a new obesity treatment for people.

In its normal form, the gene, called HMGIC, apparently helps mice make more cells to store fat when they have been eating a fatty diet, researchers said. But the mice in the experiment had a defective version of the gene.

They apparently failed to create storage cells in response to the high-fat diet, and so avoided putting on weight, the researchers said in the April issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

The finding could lead to a human obesity treatment if scientists can find a drug that interferes with the effect of the normal HMGIC gene, said Kiran Chada, a biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and senior author of the paper. He is also president of a company formed to develop products related to the gene.

Dr. Bradford Lowell, an obesity expert at Harvard Medical School, said it will take a lot more work to find out how promising Chada's approach would be for humans.

Dr. Rudy Leibel, an obesity expert at Columbia University in New York, said if a person's supply of fat-storing cells were restricted, fat might build up in the liver instead. That could seriously interfere with liver function, he said.

Chada said he has seen no sign of fatty liver buildup in his mice.

Mice born with the genetic defect only develop about 10 percent of the normal amount of body fat but are otherwise normal, Chada said. "Instead, mice that ate a high-fat diet for six months didn't put on any more weight than mice that ate a standard diet."

Normal mice, in contrast, did become obese on the high-fat diet. All three groups of mice ate about the same amount.

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April 1, 2000

Mr. Horst Kohler
International Monetary Fund
700 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20431

Dear Mr. Kohler:

As President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and in the spirit of the Jubilee Year, I am writing to request that you suspend an immediate suspension of the economic policies and practices that have caused poverty and suffering among the world’s peoples, and damage to the environment. On the occasion of the first meetings of the governing bodies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the 21st century, I further call on you to cancel the unpayable multilateral debt of the world’s poorest countries and use the resources of the World Bank and IMF to finance this cancellation.

I make these requests based on the call of our faith for solidarity among the members of the human family, genuine debt relief in the spirit of Jubilee, poverty reduction, and global economic justice. Pope John Paul II has been eloquent and unrelenting in his call for debt relief. He has noted that the existence of debt is “suffocating” quite a few countries, and that “the Church in her pastoral concern cannot ignore this difficult situation...” I urge you, in your position as Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, not to ignore this situation any longer but to propose and support immediate and significant action to cancel the debt which seriously threatens the lives of millions of people and the future of many nations.

Archbishop Mwamba Mumba of Zambia has written that “The debt problem is not simply an economic issue. It is fundamentally an ethical issue because it is a radically human problem, affecting the well-being of families, the survival of the poor, the bonds of community, and the security of the future.” I join with the Archbishop and with the Bishops of the United States, and religious leaders of many faiths throughout the world urge you to take the opportunity of the spring meetings to address the debt issue, making the year 2000 a true Jubilee year for the world’s people who need it most.

We will experience a true Jubilee only when the well-being of all, including the world’s most vulnerable people and ecosystems, is given priority over macroeconomic adjustment and neoliberal economic policy. I urge you, in the spirit of Jubilee justice, to take courageous action now to abandon the failed policy of structural adjustment and cancel the debt of the world’s most heavily indebted countries.

Sincerely,

Sister Marie Marie Stein, C.S.C.
President of the Congregation,
Notre Dame, Indiana
Clinton plans legislative push as his term nears close

President's agenda includes 'patients' bill of rights,' Medicare reform, gun control laws and campaign finance reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton, convinced that Republican leaders in Congress are out of step with the country, is capitalizing on what aides see as a rare chance to make inroads on gun control, Medicare reform and other issues — or at least to make those issues work for Al Gore in November.

On Wednesday, Clinton plans to chart his legislative agenda for the coming months. Aides describe his speech as more policy than politics, but politics is the linchpin for what the White House views as an election year offering an unusual shot at enacting legislation important to the country.

Republican strategists say the White House simply is trying to gain partisan advantage and provide legislative fodder for Vice President Gore's presidential campaign.

"They're not really trying to improve or better people's lives. They're trying to create campaign commercials," said John Czwartacki, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Clinton's strategy of public pressure will be applied to all the main pieces of domestic legislation on his wish list this spring, aides said.

That list includes a "patients' bill of rights" for managed care patients; reform of the Medicare system; the drug benefit; new gun control laws; and campaign finance reform.

On several of these issues, "there are actually bipartisan majorities in either the House or the Senate, and the only thing holding it up is one place or the other is that the Republican leadership has not relented," White House adviser Joel Johnson said.

Clinton is taking a different tack with his push for a new trade deal with China. In that fight, the White House is allied with most Republicans and against many Democrats, labor unions and environmental and human rights groups.

In the months leading to the Republican and Democratic conventions this summer, Clinton plans to hammer GOP leaders' commitment to large tax cuts and opposition to new gun control, aides said.

Republican leaders have their own versions of minimum wage legislation and other issues. They hope to deny campaign fodder to Gore, help presumptive GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush and hold on to their majority.

Still, the White House hears whispers of Republican dissent.

The House cast a symbolic 218-205 vote this month in favor of moving ahead on gun control. And with Republicans in difficult re-election races attended a White House pep rally for the Clinton gun control agenda.

Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-Calif., who stood prominently beside Clinton at the rally, said bipartisan support exists for several Clinton priorities, but the president must be willing to compromise.

"A lot will depend on how much he wants these things for his legacy," Bilbray said.

The other Republican at the event was Rep. Jim Rogan, R-Calif., one of the House managers who laid out the impeachment case against Clinton in the Senate last year.

Clinton has said he is eager to accomplish big things in his last year in office. But Stephen Hess, presidential analyst at the Brookings Institution, sees little reason for White House optimism in this election year.

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Police have arrested a 16-year-old boy in the killing of two American college women near a Costa Rican beach town earlier this month, authorities said Monday.

While police are still trying to determine a motive, they say they’re close to solving a case that has threatened Costa Rica’s image as a safe, peaceful haven for tourists.

The suspect — whose identity was not released because he is a minor — was arrested Saturday night in Siquirres, a town on the border of Panama, Judicial Police Director Jorge Rojas said.

Rojas said police also are seeking two other male suspects, both minors whom he did not identify.

The bodies of Emily Eagen, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Emily Howell, of Lexington, Kentucky, both 19, were found on the side of a highway March 13 near the town of Cahuita, 90 miles east of San Jose. Both had been shot.

Acquaintances of the suspect told police he later gave them the .380-caliber handgun that police allege had been used in Howell’s slaying. A second gun of the same caliber was used to kill Eagen, but has not been recovered, Rojas said. The suspect also was identified by two witnesses who claim he forced them at gunpoint to burn the sports utility vehicle the victims had been using.

A juvenile court in the Caribbean town of Limon has ordered the arrest of the boy under a two-month provisional jail term without bail. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 15 years.

Rojas told a news conference that the arrest is “an important development in the case. We are very close to solving it completely,” he said.

The deaths shocked this Central American country, whose reputation for safety and stability in an otherwise turbulent region has helped attract thousands of U.S. retirees and about $1 billion a year to tourism from more than 1 million tourists.

Howell had been in Costa Rica working on a photography project for her studies at Ohio’s Antioch College. Eagen, who withdrew from Antioch in August, was visiting Howell.

Vitamin may hurt cancer victims

In 1993, Golde’s team discovered how vitamin C gets into human cells. They found that an oxidized form of vitamin C, called dehydroascorbic acid, enters cells through the same opening used by sugar. Once inside, it is immediately converted back to vitamin C.

He said a key feature of many cancers is they have many more of these sugar openings than do ordinary cells. This allows them to take in the energy they need.

But he said cancer cells often also have very high concentrations of vitamin C. The exact function of the vitamin in inside cancer is unknown.

“Experience as a biologist would say it is no accident. The cancer cell wants vitamin C because it wants antioxidant protection,” Golde said.

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Among cancer’s uses for the vitamin, he said, could be protection against the harmful effect of radiation therapy, as well as some forms of chemotherapy that work by inducing oxygen damage.

Vitamin-rich food and multivitamins are safe for cancer patients, Golde said, but he routinely advises cancer patients to avoid gram-size doses of vitamin C while under treatment.
Papal pilgrimage is a radical act

Pope John Paul II’s visit through the Holy Land was both moving and courageous. Many non-Catholics had viewed with suspicion the Pope’s recent apology for Catholic transgressions throughout the ages. For some, he had not been specific enough about the kinds of discrimination and oppression which he addressed. For others, his apology did not seem sincere.

Watching the Pope throughout the week, one got the sense that he was like the superstar athlete during his final season. The Pope had planned for this journey 22 years ago after he was elected to the Papacy. This visit was the last hurrah of a religious man who just recently distinguished himself from most of his predecessors. His legacy would be known by his dramatic apology, and this visit would authenticate his gesture for those who had been skeptical.

Catholics take for granted the oppression they still face in many societies, including the United States. We feel comfortable at Notre Dame among our fellow Catholics. We live almost as comfortably in many of our urban and suburban communities, with the exception of numerous southern and midwestern areas. For example, Catholics who have lived in Southern Baptist-dominated areas know the type of distrust and discrimination they faced from their neighbors.

Real hatred against Catholics permeates fundamentalist organizations such as Bob Jones University. Subtle discrimination infiltrates those organizations led by those who believe that only “born again Christians” will one day go to heaven.

Despite the magnanimous and humble apology our Pope extended to all peoples and religions of the world, we will never hear a similar admission on Pat Robertson’s 700 Club. Self-righteousness breeds contempt.

Pope John Paul II raised the Catholic Church above the thinking of the self-righteous. By including other Christians during his visit, the Pope set aside our past self-righteous attitude that we are the one and only true Christian Church. By praying on the site where Muslims believe that Mohammed was raised, he reached out like Christ did to the Gentiles.

By praying at the Walling Wall, the holiest of places, he extended a hand in fellowship like Jesus did to everyone. The Pope was telling the world that the three religions that were begun from Abraham, are in fact, made up of brothers in sister institutions. We as Catholics have now been called by our Pope to live by a higher standard. Some U.S. bishops have already asked for forgiveness for those priests who have betrayed their trust with children.

Other bishops have asked forgiveness for the ways that discrimination has pushed women and gays from the Church.

Notre Dame might rethink its rigid stance against many with prohibitions regarding student recognitions, Observer advertising, and anti-discrimination policies. Perhaps a simple apology might be the first step.

Our Pope took a courageous step in uniting the peoples of the world. It is time for Catholics everywhere to be more tolerant, more humble and more generous. The next time the urge to tell a joke about the “Jew” or the “Negro” or the “Wop” swells from within, think of the spirit that rose from within John Paul II.

Watching the Pope last week at the gardens and hilltops, narrow streets and monuments commemorating where Jesus walked, was actually viewing a reenactment of that journey almost 2000 years ago. John Paul II knows that his remaining time on this earth is short.

The timing of his visit, twenty-two years after his conception, is not coincidental. Whether the Pope has a month, a year or ten years remaining as head of our Church, he has called us to follow the footsteps ... the same call of two millennia ago.

For those who always wished that they could have lived during the time of Christ, their wish has just been granted. That call is difficult one, just as it was those many years ago. Eating a man’s flesh and drinking his blood was quite a radical concept back then.

For many, recognizing other religions and peoples as family is just as radical today.

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame ’73, is serving in President Clinton’s administration as a Congressional and Public Affairs Director and is currently assisting Vice President Gore’s White House Empowerment Commission. His column appears every other Tuesday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Will you be someone's lifesaver?

Do you know who your lifetime would be? Sophomore Conor Murray is hoping to find his. He was diagnosed with leukemia early this semester, and is now on a bone marrow transplant. The Notre Dame community has a chance to help.

Conor is looking for a matching donor on the bone marrow registry at his LaFortune Student Center. He invites all interested students to come by the center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Even if it turns out that a match is not found, he and his friends are pulling for him. The donation is a gift that can save a life and will be held at LaFortune Student Center.

If you would like to be a bone marrow donor, your name will be entered into the national registry. The odds of finding a suitable marrow donor are 1 out of 20,000, although this figure is much higher for patients of certain ethnic backgrounds. Since the National Marrow Donor Program's inception in 1987, more than three million volunteers have signed up to be matched. As of today, there are over 9,000 patients who have a second chance at life.

And it's as easy as a blood test. You must be between 18 and 50 years old, have no history of hepatitis, heart disease, cancer, or AIDS and sign a standard consent form allowing the Registry to include your HLA genetic type in its confidential files for future matching. Please bring your ID and a photo to the event.

Students who have expressed their interest to participate in the drive will receive information on the registry at their offices and on their housing community bulletin board. They will be given the opportunity to sign up to be matched. Students who are already on the registry are also invited to participate.

It is important to note that only males between 18 and 50 years old, with no history of hepatitis, heart disease, cancer, or AIDS, are eligible to donate.

If you are interested in donating, please come to the event at LaFortune Student Center and sign up to be matched. Your gift can save a life and make a difference.

Bridget O'Connor

Letters to the Editor
Can't lawyers take a joke?

I am writing in response to Lindsay Sestile's letter "Creeps aren't the only cause" (March 27, The Observer).

I was reading McDonald's letter and was positive that all law students are creeps. I would like to thank Sestile for clearing up my obviously mistaken assumption. Now I am just left wondering whether or not all law students can take a joke, or just the few I've met at Senior Bar.

Kelly Keegan
Sophomore, Wilbur-Ellis Hall
March 27, 2000

Act locally; change our community

Last Wednesday's edition of this paper gave me much more than the usual food for thought and I thank all those who contributed to the feast. On the front page were good articles on the Roselle incident and coverage of the sweatshop issue and the desire of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) for the University to join the Worker's Rights Consortium rather than the Fair Labor Association.

The middle of the paper contained Jason McFarley's fine feature column about the abuse of power by the Roselle Town Hall, and a letter to the editor by Justin Bunn about how we could use a bit of a crisis to shake up campus. Mr. Bonner, we want our student body to mobilize for this!

In the local, the University is to forsake its already proven leadership role in an organization dealing with sweatshops. It is time for us to sit in the Administration Building and sing the 1960's hit "Puff the Magic Dragon" rather than sit in the middle of the road.

It is time for us to do something. It is time for us to start of something. It is time for us to do something. It is time for us to start of something.

Farther William Scutch
Racine, Morven Street
March 27, 2000
ALBUM REVIEW

‘Giants’ marks necessary transition for Oasis

By CHRISTOPHER McGOVERN
Scene Music Critic

Oasis are not the Beatles. Nor are they the Rolling Stones, the Charlatans or the Stone Roses. Yet due to some brush comments during their younger days, they will always be held to the standard that these great British bands set. It’s a shame because the band responsible for some of the ‘90s best songs and one of the decades best albums, Definitely Maybe, is too often overshadowed by the unreasonable expectations placed upon them. It doesn’t help that their last album, be Here Now, was a critical flop (although it was the fastest selling album of all time in the UK). With their upcoming fourth album, standing on the shoulder of Giants, however, the Gallagher brother’s could quell those pressures — least until their next album.

A project in the works for over two years, ‘The Giants’ starts out well with the first two tracks, “Six-kin” in the Bushes” and the first single, “Go Let It Out.” The former, an instrumental featuring a Zeppelin-esque guitar, is unfamiliar territory for Oasis, though certainly welcome. The latter is the prototypical Oasis radio hit, perfect for a pub sing-a-long. It’s quite possibly the strongest number on the album. The remainder of the album contains some solid tracks, incorporating some new sounds for Oasis, but there is nothing particularly groundbreaking.

Musically, the raucous “Put Your Money (Where Your Mouth Is)” would fit right in on the Bandy Warrhuls album Come Down. Unfortunately, it contains the weakest lyrics on the album. Perhaps Noel’s strongest turn of the pen comes in “That’s My Panter!” a song he wrote prior to his troubles with shaking his cocaine addiction. The song also makes great use of the bands strongest asset, Liam’s voice.

Despite his fantastic vocals however, Liam has never written the words he sings. The first track he has penned to make it to an album, “Little James,” was written for his step-sone with wife/actress Patsy Kensit. It is a blatant rip-off, complete with the requisite “na na na” chorus at the end. While lyrically weak — “You live for your toys/ even though they make noise”— when Liam sings “I’m singing this song for you and your mom/ and that’s all,” one can’t help but believe him. Although completely self-indulgent, the song strangely works.

Noel takes over lead vocals on two tracks, “Where Did It All Go Wrong?” and “Sunday Morning Call.” While not exactly packing the punch of his little brother, Noel shows he can be quite a capable vocalist, especially on “Sunday Morning Call.” The song, supposedly written for supermodel friend Kate Moss, is a broad, sweeping number, which will certainly bring out the sea of lighters when performed live.

Echoing influences from Led Zeppelin and The Beatles, Oasis’ newest offering features lead singer Liam Gallagher’s first attempt at songwriting with “Little James,” a track dedicated to his step-son. The album comes to a close much like the record and best-selling album, What’s the Story Morning Glory? with “Hello It Over.” Comparably to the epic “Champagne Supernova,” the song comes to loud, dramatic crescendo before bringing the album to a soft, almost exhausted-feeling close.

While Giants may not be a huge step forward for Oasis, it is a necessary transition. Their appeal has always lied in their breath, high-energy rock as well as their desire to make music for the people. And progress he demanded when all the people want to do is get drunk and sing along.

ALBUM REVIEW

Soundtrack offers a preview of upcoming U2 album

By TIMOTHY COLLINS
Scene Music Critic

U2, the biggest rock band of the late ‘80s and early ‘90s, is back with their first new release of the new millennium, but it does not come by way of a new album. It comes instead from the soundtrack to the film The Million Dollar Hotel. The movie, written by lead singer Bono and starring Mel Gibson, has to do with the theme of addiction and the critical acclaim in Europe but has yet to pick up an American distributor. Its soundtrack, however, is quite a treat in itself; it has been built upon because of the two new U2 songs that are the band’s first new material since 1997’s Pop.

The album opens with “The Ground Beneath Her Feet,” with lyrics written by Salmon Rushdie. The song starts at a slow pace, carried by drummer Larry Mullen Jr. and bassist Adam Clayton, before exploding about halfway through into one of The Edge’s best guitar solos. Bono relates the great lyrics with such passion that when he sings, “Let me love you, let me rescue you. Let me bring you where two roads meet. Oh come back above where there is only love,” the listener can feel his pain with every line.

The only other new contribution from the band comes in “Stateless,” a song that is somewhat reminiscent of Radiohead. Bono’s lyrics sound more like poetry than anything he has ever written, and Clayton’s throbbing bass once again carries the song. It takes a few listens before it sticks in the listener’s head and it is definitely not as catchy as a lot of the band’s music, but it is a solid piece.

The other song that stands out on the album is the U2 song “The First Time,” which is taken from the band’s Grammy Award-winning 1993 album, Zooropa. The song steals the show on the soundtrack. Bono’s lyrics, about the first time he feels love between a man and his lover, brother and father, is as good as anything the band has ever written. The album that it comes from may be the best of the band’s career as well, and this song sounds as fresh as it did seven years ago.

The rest of the soundtrack consists of a few songs that Bono wrote and performed without U2. The best of which is “Never Let Me Go,” which he collaborate with Daniel Lanois, the band’s long-time producer. The rest of the album is made up of instrumentals and covers; the most interesting of which is the Spanish version of the Sex Pistols’ classic “Anarchy in the U.K.” It definitely offers a different take on the song.

This soundtrack is a must-have for any U2 fan. The band’s new songs are as good as anything the band has written in the last five years. The rest of the songs on the album are good, but it wouldn’t be worthy of buying if it weren’t for the two new U2 songs. Those new songs give a great glimpse into what to expect from the band’s new album due out this fall.
**ALBUM REVIEW**

**After 27 years, AC/DC refuses to soften up**

By JOSEPH LARSON

When you think of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll bands of all time, AC/DC probably isn't the first that comes to mind — but you can't completely ignore them.

Since 1973, AC/DC (whose name was taken from the back of a vacuum cleaner) has released 18 studio albums and three live CDs. They've forever changed the face of rock music with their hard-driving, thunderous sound. Every rock musician has tried to copy the energy and pounding hallucination that is signature AC/DC. So what if their music hasn't exactly developed and matured over the years? They still are one of the longest running rock bands of all time. Not only is it impressive that they're still playing after all these years, but they haven't softened up at all. Unlike other rock bands still around from the '70s (i.e., Aerosmith), AC/DC has maintained the same style they had when they released their first album, High Voltage, in 1973.

Some critics would consider it a bad thing that AC/DC has simply been making the exact same album for the last 27 years. They would say that they are long over the hill and should promptly retire and quit baring us with the same songs over and over again. The problem is, AC/DC is never boring — even though they've been copying themselves for years. They continue to rock the way they always have. Their songs, though pertaining to the same subject matter throughout their career, are still the most energetic of any of the rock bands today. AC/DC's first singer, Bon Scott, summed it up best when he said, "All the songs we do are basically about three things: booze, sex and rock 'n' roll. What more do you want out of a band? They're not trying to say anything important, they're just playing good rock 'n' roll and they know it.

This still may not be enough to silence the critics, who would argue that AC/DC has lost a step on their new release, Stiff Upper Lip. Some would say that this new album sounds like a band impersonating AC/DC. They would say that lead guitarist Angus Young doesn't have the same power he had on songs like "You Shook Me All Night Long," "Back in Black" and "For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)." They would consider this new album a futile attempt at capturing their patented, hard-driving music.

This just isn't right, even though there are no songs like "Back in Black" on Stiff Upper Lip — this album is still patented AC/DC. They have had plenty of albums without classic singles over the years. The absence of a single does not mean that AC/DC has lost any of their punch. This is apparent on songs like "Hold Me Back," "All Screwed Up" and "Give It Up." The best song on the album is the full-throttle rockers "Satellite Blues," which consists of lead singer Brian Johnson being echoed by his harmonies in the chorus. This song is true to AC/DC's strict rock 'n' roll code, proving rock bands don't need backup singers. This song is what rock music is meant to be.

Listening to this, the 18th studio album from this classic rock band, proves two things. One, they really haven't changed in 27 years. And two, it doesn't matter. AC/DC can continue to make the same song over and over again for 18 more albums and they'll still be fun to listen to. Their sound is still original even though their new songs aren't. When listening to this album, you can't help but start involuntarily bobbing your head to the thunderous drive. The golden visage of Angus Young on his guitar and fist thrust into the air on the album's cover is the perfect statement of a career that continues to stubbornly push forward no matter how many critics believe they should call it quits.

So the next time there is a debate about who the greatest rock bands of all time are, consider this: Who is the most fun to listen to, and who has been the most true to their selves and their fans? At this point in their career, the only thing that should be said is to AC/DC, "For those about to rock, we salute you."
A Texas Tech player goes up for a rebound against Notre Dame's Alicia Ratay in the Lady Raiders victory Saturday. Texas Tech fell to Tennessee Monday.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Indians interested in Rocker

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel escaped the strong winds blowing inside Space Coast Stadium on Monday by stepping down into the Indians’ dugout.

Once inside, he asked about the big trade rumor that blew through earlier.

"We got Rocker yet?" Manuel joked following Monday’s Associated Press page. "If he’s up, if we got, that’s fine. We got a closer in the market for a closer.rocking Star." Manuel said.

"It’s essential," Hart said. When Mike Jackson, who saved 39 games for Cleveland last year, wasn’t re-signed this winter, the Indians were left without a closer. Manuel’s plan was to have a competition for the job between Steve Karsay and Paul Shaeuy, but so far that battle has been very one-sided.

Karsay, a former starter who has never closed before in his career, has not allowed a run in 8 1-3 innings during the exhibition season.

Shaeuy, meanwhile, had his ERA swell to 10.80 after giving up six runs and six hits in two-thirds of an inning against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

But despite the disparity in numbers, Manuel isn’t ready to pick a closer.

"I don’t want either one to think I’m putting the other one ahead of him now," Manuel said. "If someone steps up fine, but right now nobody is ahead of the other."

Rocker would immediately step ahead of both Karsay and Shaeuy. He had 38 saves and a 2.49 ERA last season, but is suspended for the first two weeks of the season for his disparaging comments about minorities, gays and foreigners.

"There’s not too many guys out there with Rocker’s ability," said Manuel. "He’ll light you up." Manuel said he wouldn’t be too concerned about how his team might react if Rocker were to join the Indians, who like the Braves have a large nucleus of Latin players.

"I would say the majority of them would give him another chance," Manuel said. "We can give him a second chance." Hart agreed.

There are other reasons to think the Indians and Braves could be up to something.

Hart is a good friend of Atlanta GM John Smoltz, who denied a trade Monday that had Rocker going to Montreal for closer Ugueth Urbina. The two pulled off a blockbuster trade on the eve of opening day in 1997 when Hart traded Kenny Lofton and Alan Embree to Atlanta for Marquis Grissom and David Justice.

Rocker got a mixed greeting from Indians fans when he stepped down into the Indians’ dugout.

"Everybody realizes the Rocker situation, which I guess you could say was a winter of turmoil," Hart said.

The same could be said of the Indians’ current relief pitching situation.

"It’s unsettled," Hart said.

"I think probably everyone in baseball has asked about Rocker," Manuel said. "I know his name came up, but he involved and deep we got, I don’t know. I don’t think that it’s gotten to where we were dickering over a deal."

Rocker’s name has been popping up all over Florida. Baseball fans are still arguing over whether he’s a hero or a martyr. while major league general managers are trying to decide if the left-hander would be up to the job.

"I don’t think his name has been discussed as part of a trade between the Braves and Indians, who just might be in the market for a closer."

Hart wouldn’t confirm or deny a report in Monday’s Cleveland Plain Dealer that he’s discussed a trade involving Rocker and left-hander Bruce Chen for starter Jaret Wright, reliever Paul Shaeuy and infielders John McDonald or Jolbert Cabrera.

"This is the time for a lot of rumors," Hart said while sitting behind home plate during Monday’s game. "And right now I’ve got two guys competing for a closer’s job, so I really don’t want to say anything about that.

"If we get him, we’ll have a closer. If we don’t get him, we’ll decide if the left-hander would fit in with our team."

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Indians GM John Hart is one of them.

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NBA

Players file charge with labor board

Associated Press

Claiming the NBA’s use of locker room cameras is an illegal change in working conditions, the league’s players filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board.

The union also wants to stop the NBA from using boom microphones in team huddles during timeouts.

"The NBA cannot impose these changes without the union’s consent," union lawyer Robert Lanza said Monday. "While players certainly want to enhance the game experience for every fan, these types of changes can only be brought about through collective bargaining."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Sanders singles in second game back

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. With both Cincinnati Reds and Dallas Cowboys fans cheering him on Monday, Deion Sanders got back to major league baseball, and got a hit, too.

With two black batting gloves flapping from each of his back pockets and a thick gold chain and jeweled cross dangling from his neck, Sanders played in his second spring training game as a replacement left fielder.

He also got a couple of at-bats in Cincinnati's 9-8 loss to the Texas Rangers. Sanders grounded out to second and lined a single to left, then slid in hard at second base as the Rangers unsuccessfully tried to turn a double play.

"Any time you get to play with the big guys, that's definitely a step forward," Sanders said.

His reemergence was an indication he could be back with the Reds sooner than expected.

Sanders, in camp on a minor league contract, has missed most of spring training because of a balky knee and a swollen ankle.

A day after Dr. Timothy Kremchek predicted it would take Sanders four more weeks to get into top playing shape, the outfielder diplomatically disagreed.

"How can I put this gently: That's Dr. Kremchek's opinion," Sanders said.

Sanders said, "I feel good running."

The Cowboys cornerback had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee on Jan. 24 and could only bubble last month when he resumed a baseball career put on hold in 1997. He didn't move well in a split-squad game on March 14, going 0-for-3.

His right ankle later swelled up, requiring a cortisone shot 11 days ago. He had spent the last few days playing in minor league games.

The Reds don't need another outfielder but general manager Jim Bowden would love to have Sanders available as a pinch runner as soon as he's healthy.

Sanders seems headed for Triple-A Louisville to show what he can do. How long he'll be there is the question.

"We have a nice plan," Sanders said. "If they feel that's where I need to go to do rehab, I'll do so."

Bowden was back in Cincinnati on Monday, missing the return of one of his favorite players.

A buzz went through the crowd of 4,519 when Sanders, wearing No. 12, moved into the on-deck circle in the sixth inning to pinch hit for Ken Griffey Jr. He didn't get to bat that inning because Chris Stynes made the last out, but stayed in the game as the left fielder.
**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Irish sweep Jayhawks 9-0 after 9-day layoff**

By KEVIN BERCHEOU
Special Writer

After a nine-day layoff, the Notre Dame women's tennis team was eager to return to play Monday, and return they did, blasting the overwhelmed Kansas Jayhawks 9-0 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish came out firing on all cylinders, and from the match's onset it was clear the Jayhawks were an endangered species.

"Everyone played well," junior star Michelle Dasso said. "We were all eager to get out there and play." It was Dasso that gave the Irish the lead they would never relinquish. She dismantled Jayhawk Brooke Chiller in straight sets, setting an emphatic tone for the rest of the match. On this day there was no way the Irish were going to lose.

Sophomore Becky Varnum and senior Kelly Zalinski followed their teammate’s sterling example with strong play of their own, as they notched victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles respectively. Zalinski saw her match stretched to a third set, the only time all day Notre Dame would go to three. Zalinski, however, recorded yet another singles win and moved one step closer to the school record for career singles wins.

With the match clinched after singles play, head coach Jay Louderback decided to do some experimenting with his doubles pairings.

Louderback chose to play Kimberly Dasso with Sarah Scaringe at No. 3 doubles. The move was unexpected, as Guy had been sidelined for over a month with a wrist injury and was not thought to be ready to compete. Having the win already in hand, Louderback saw a great opportunity to give Guy, one of the squad's best doubles players, a chance to work her way back in to the mix.

"She looked great out there," Dasso noted. "She’s fine in practice, and she didn’t have any pain. The only thing is, she can’t hit a two-handed backhand." Guy was apparently just fine, as she teamed with Scaringe for an 8-6 win. Dasso and Varnum notched an easy win at No. 1 doubles, while Zalinski and sophomore Nina Vaughan were victorious at No. 2 doubles.

Having gotten back on track with one of their best performances of the season, the Irish anticipate a tough match when they attempt to tame the Wolverines of Michigan Wednesday.

The Wolverines have lacked bite this season, posting a record of just 6-5, but are come off their first shutout of the season, a 7-0 blanking of the Michigan State Spartans. The win was the Wolverines' first in the Big Ten.

"It’ll be a tough match," Dasso said. "We play them every year and it’s always close. It’ll be a little more important because it’s a regional match."

Michigan boasts solid singles play, headed by Brooke Hart and Danielle Lund.

"Their singles are good," Dasso noted. "It’s probably their strength. Though the Wolverines are strong in one-on-one matches, the Irish will likely still have an advantage. Dasso and Varnum have been playing well of late."

The Irish should see a noticeable upswing in their doubles play. The return of Guy, even at partial strength, moves to stabilize a doubles lineup that is desperately looking to regain its early season form.
Irish drop to 9-7 with losses to Tar Heels, Blue Devils

By RACHEL BIBER  
Sports Writer

Defeat is usually tough to swallow, but the 23rd-ranked Irish men’s tennis team wrapped up a weekend of competition with an especially bitter taste in their mouths after losing to both North Carolina and 5th-ranked Duke, to fall to 9-7 on the season.

Notre Dame kicked off its competition on a high note Saturday against the Tar Heels by winning the doubles point to notch a 1-0 lead. The advantage disappeared, though, and North Carolina rallied for the 4-3 win with straight set singles wins at Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6.

“The North Carolina match was a tough match to lose,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. “We played pretty hard, and it could have gone either way, but it was an opportunity we let slip through our fingers.”

North Carolina’s defeat of the Irish marks its first win over a Top 25 team since April 6, 1997 when they beat 25th-ranked Virginia 6-1, and was a highlight of a recent seven-match winning streak.

The 37th-ranked doubles team of Irish sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Sachire beat the Tar Heels’ Ben Riff and Tripp Phillips 6-3, improving to 15-6 on the year. Seniors Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller followed suit with an 8-2 victory over North Carolina’s Tyne Brownlow and David Chestwood at No. 2 doubles to give the Irish the lead heading into singles.

But North Carolina came back, winning four of the six remaining singles matches.

Tenth-ranked Sachire and Matt Daly both pulled through to provide the lone singles victories for the Irish after dropping the first set in their matches. All-American Sachire beat 47th-ranked Phillips 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, while Daly defeated Chestwood 2-6, 6-0, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

The Irish clung to their lead, but dropped close matches at No. 4 and 5 singles, allowing North Carolina to secure the victory and improve its record to 10-2.

Notre Dame’s Taborga was defeated 7-6, 7-6 at No. 4 singles while Andrew Laflin was downed by the same score at No. 5 singles.

“We could have won the Nos. 4 and 5 singles matches and won 5-2. But ‘could of,’ would of, should of doesn’t get it done,” Bayliss said.

Following their loss to the Tar Heels, the Irish traveled to Durham, N. C., to take on the Blue Devils on Sunday, but they left any sense of force on the tennis courts in Chapel Hill.

The Notre Dame squad lost the doubles point and won just one singles match in its 6-1 loss to Duke.

Duke took all three doubles matches from a scrambled Irish lineup to secure a 1-0 lead going into singles play.

Taborga, who usually pairs with Talarico at No. 1 doubles, did not play on Sunday due to a shoulder injury, leaving the duo of Sachire and Miller to fill in the top slot.

Duke’s third-ranked team of Doug Root and Ramssey Smith beat Sachire and Miller 8-6, while Notre Dame’s Casey Smith and James Malbato were also edged by the score of 8-6 at No. 2 doubles.

Talarico and Daly teamed up for the first time and lost 8-2 in the No. 3 match. Sachire held off a Blue Devil sweep with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Duke’s 42nd-ranked Root in the No. 1 singles match. The victory improves Sachire’s singles record to 25-9 on the year and marks his 12th win of the year at No. 1 singles.

The Blue Devils then reeled off a string of straight set victories in the remaining five singles matches to take home the win.

Senior Ryan Sachire sets up for a backhand in a match earlier this season.
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Doherty leaving his mark on program in just one season

First-year coach leads Notre Dame into NIT semifinal

By BRIAN KESSLER
Senior Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, first-year head coach Matt Doherty was forced to put a little detour in this year's game plan. Winning an NIT championship wasn't in his original list of five goals that he set forth at the beginning of the season. Nevertheless, Doherty and the Irish are still on the way to reaching the second round by this season. But that's been part of our mission - to prove to the NCAA committee that they made a mistake in leaving us out. Doherty told the Associated Press Monday during a luncheon to introduce the coaches of the NIT semifinals, "I told the team to look at Wisconsin [in the NCAA tournament]. They have 13 losses. That could have been us.

"These four [NIT] teams could be in that other tournament, but I, uh, forget the name of it," Doherty joked. But being slighted by the NCAA committee has served as motivation for Doherty and his troops and won't soften his approach for this Final Four. "We've talked about proving them wrong since the beginning of this tournament. We were disappointed at not making the NCAAs, and that's no slight to the NIT. I'm grateful to the NIT because I think we should be playing for some kind of championship," Doherty told the AP at the luncheon.

Doherty, a New York native, will return home and look to give Notre Dame its first-ever NIT title. "There is a fine line between the competition in college basketball today," Doherty said. "We have the AP at the luncheon. It's all about execution, making shots, biorhythms and the stars and the moon being in the right place that day."

As Antawn Jamison to lead Deamons against BYU in the NIT quarterfinal, Doherty will lead his team into battle against Penn State tonight at Madison Square Garden. Notre Dame fell just shy of an NCAA Tournament berth and is anxious to quiet its critics by sweeping the NIT. All-American forward Troy Murphy is tough to quiet its critics by sweeping the NIT. All-American forward Troy Murphy is tough to

Penn State has won six of its past seven games. The Wolfpack knocked off teams like Purdue, Maryland and Virginia, while suffering close losses to Duke and North Carolina. Freshman Damien Wilkins has come on strong for the 'Pack, and other top players are guard Anthony Grundy and forward Kenny Inge.

Sizing up the NIT Final Four

Notre Dame, like North Carolina, had an up and down season. The Wolfpack knocked off teams like Purdue, Maryland and Virginia, while suffering close losses to Duke and North Carolina. Freshman Damien Wilkins has come on strong for the 'Pack, and other top players are guard Anthony Grundy and forward Kenny Inge.

Penn State has been rolling to victory since the Big Ten Tournament ended. An experienced squad led by Jarrett Stephens and Joe Crispin surprised Ohio State by handing the Buckeyes an upset defeat. If the Nittany Lions play like they have in March, they could threaten for the title. If they are in their February form, they'll be in the consolation game.
Notre Dame stands two wins away from NIT title

**Irish in search of school's first-ever postseason championship**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon looks to get the ball into the post during the Irish's win over the Cougars. The victory sent Notre Dame to the semifinals where it will take on Penn State.

Notre Dame's Troy Murphy converts an uncontested lay up in the NIT quarterfinal victory over BYU. Murphy and the Irish take on the Nittany Lions tonight at 9 p.m.

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**Irish in search of school's first-ever postseason championship**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The Irish men's basketball team waits two wins away from a feat never before accomplished at Notre Dame — a championship in a post-season tournament.

Winning the National Invitation Tournament may not be the pinnacle of college basketball, but's something reserved for the NCAA Tournament champion. But for a basketball program that last won 20 games in the 1986-87 season and most recently qualified for the NCAA tournament a decade ago, running out the win in Madison Square Garden would send the message that Notre Dame basketball is back.

That's a message that Notre Dame (21-14) would like to communicate loud and clear in tonight's semifinals match-up against the Penn State Nittany Lions (18-15).

"I'm just looking forward to going back to New York, proving the NCAA Tournament selection committee wrong, and showing everybody that we could have been in the tournament," sophomore forward Harold Swanigan said.

The Nittany Lions, who have been on fire since starting the postseason, stand in the way of an Irish celebration.

Since dropping five straight conference games to close out the regular season, Penn State won five of six in the Big Ten tournament and NIT. Three of those victories have been over teams Notre Dame also defeated — Michigan, Ohio State and Siena.

"I know that they're playing really well right now," Notre Dame sophomore David Graves said. "I remember during the middle of the season they weren't doing too well, but obviously they made a big run and big surge and they won some quality games. It's going to be a battle.

Penn State turns to the inside tandem of senior forward Jarrett Stephens and junior forward Titus Ivory, both of whom average in double digits.

Stephens, who scores 18.7 points per game and pulls down 10.7 rebounds, was the only Big Ten player to complete the year in the top five in both categories. He recorded 19 double doubles this year.

Brothers Joe and Jon Crispin pose a perimeter threat for the Irish. Joe Crispin, a junior guard, pours in 18.8 points per game, while Jon, a freshman guard, adds 9.5 points per outing.

The siblings are buddies of Notre Dame freshman guard Matt Carroll, a Pennsylvania native.

"The only thing I know about Penn State is the Crispin brothers because Matt Carroll is good friends with them," Graves said after Notre Dame defeated Brigham Young to advance to the semifinals. "I know that they're tremendous shooters, and they really look for their shots.

The Irish will be looking to get Graves some open shots, who is tied for the school record in single-season 3-point field goals with 80. Carroll and senior point guard Jimmy Dillon should dish out the ball, as both have tallied at least five assists in each of Notre Dame's three NIT games.

Troy Murphy, a 6-foot-9 power forward who was named a consensus first team All-American this season, needs to work his way free for shots wherever he can get them. Murphy, who averages 22.9 points and 10.5 rebounds per game, gets double- and triple-teamed every time he sets foot on the court.

The Irish need to find a way to get the ball inside to beat a red-hot Nittany Lions squad.

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**Irish in search of school's first-ever postseason championship**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Notre Dame gets better production off its bench, with solid outside shooters in Junior McCarron, Marcuse, and Swagman, as well as an up-and-coming inside player in Korbel.

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**Irish in search of school's first-ever postseason championship**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The experience: Four of Penn State's starters are upperclassmen, while only Notre Dame starts only one senior. Several of the Nittany Lions played in the NIT finals two years ago.

Intangibles: The Irish are out to prove they were worthy of an NCAA tournament berth, especially as two teams with 17 losses advance to the Final Four. An NIT title would help salvage Penn State's season.

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**Irish in search of school's first-ever postseason championship**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Overall Notre Dame and Penn State have tamed similarly against common opponents. The Irish pulled off more upsets this season. Redemption after missing out on the Big Dance for the 11th straight year could come in the form of an NIT banner.
Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head volleyball coach Debbie Brown’s 2000 recruiting class has been ranked ninth nationally in the May 2000 issue of Volleyball Magazine, one of the sport’s most well-known and oldest monthly publications.

The Irish class of 2004, which is comprised of middle blocker Kim Fletcher and middle blocker Katherine Neff, signed letters of intent in early February. Two of the four recruits, Kristen Kinder and Fletcher, were also named to the publication’s "Fab 50" list. The "Fab 50" list is an annual list of the country’s high school seniors who have the most promise as collegiate players according to the magazine.

Kristen Kinder and Fletcher will join five other former Fab 50 selections next season including seniors Denise Boylan, Christi Giron and Jo Jamieson and juniors Marcie Bombick and Malinda Goralski.

Other former Fab 50 selections to play for the Irish included 1999 Big East Player of the Year Mary Leiters, first all-conference selection and current assistant coach Lindsey Treadwell, All-American Jamie Lee and first team all-district selections Angie Harris and Carey May.

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Yaz and the '57 Irish

Ironically, the most famous Irish player this century never actually took the field in a game. Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame Carl Yastrzemski — one of the greatest American athletes during the 1960's and '70's — attended Notre Dame during the 1957-58 academic year and practiced with the baseball team. At this time, however, NCAA rules prevented freshmen from actually playing in games.

Yaz played against the freshmen in intersquad games back then," said former outfielder and current member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Chuck Lennon. "I remember chasing a line shot of his, it was raining at about 3:00 in the afternoon, and the groundouts in old Carter Field." Another member of the 1957 team gained his fame on the field for the Irish. In leading the 1957 team to a third-place finish in the College World Series — there's no higher honor — Jim Morris battled an incredible 7:14 to set a record for highest batting average in a College World Series that still stands.

"It was just one of those times when everything was going good," says Morris, who is now the religious school director at his local parish. "In fact, two of the outs I made were line drive.

Ron tied pitched for the Irish in 1963, preceding a major league career in which he would win 146 games in 19 years. Ron also played in the NBA. Kevin Hardy was Notre Dame's first three-sport athlete in the second half of the century, playing baseball in 1964 and '65 while also playing basketball and football.

Moving to more recent players, in 1989 outfielder Dan Pelitera was a Baseball America first-team All-American. Pelitera, who was also a two-time GTE Academic All-American, went on to play for the Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants.

Currently, there is only one Notre Dame alum playing in the major leagues. Craig Counsell played shortstop for the Irish from 1989 through 1992, setting a school record for career doubles and serving as captain as a senior.

World Series Hero

Counsell was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 11th round of the 1992 draft, and eventually made the major leagues as a second baseman in 1997. Later that season, the Rockies traded him to the Florida Marlins, who eventually made him to the World Series.

In the seventh game of the Series against the Cleveland Indians, Counsell forced the game into a tie with a sacrifice fly in the ninth. An inning later, Counsell scored the winning run of the series after advancing home on a hit by shortstop Edgar Renteria.

Counsell, who currently is in spring training with the Arizona Diamondbacks competing for a spot as a backup infielder, is a member of the only father-son combination to both serve as captains at Notre Dame. His father, John, served as captain while playing right field for the Irish in 1964.

"I feel so fortunate to have a son who played the same sport, attended the same school, and was the type of player to end up in a leadership position," said John Counsell, who now resides in Fort Myers, Fla.

The tie that binds

While the United States experienced the Great Depression, two World Wars, and the presidency of Richard Nixon during the period between 1915 and 1975, for 40 seasons in the year stretch Clarence "Jake" Klince was the backbone of the Notre Dame baseball program.

Kline played on the varsity squad from 1935-1937, serving as a captain in his senior season. He hit .300 each season and once hit three home runs in a game, still tied for the Irish single-game record. After fighting in the war and pursuing a professional baseball career, Kline returned to Notre Dame in 1931.

He would never leave.

After serving as freshman coach from 1931 through 1933, Kline was named varsity coach in 1934. He maintained the position until his retirement after the 1975 season at the age of 81. Klince remained involved in the program until his death in 1989 at the age of 94.

During his tenure as coach, he led many successful teams. The 1949 squad went 20-8, winning the Irish their first ever appearance in the NCAA Championships. The Irish would advance to the NCAA Championships seven more times under Kline, including the famous '57 team that finished third in the College World Series.

"We didn't have that good of a record going in," said Morris. "But Jake got us into the NCAA tournament at all, and then when we did we played very well."

By the later years of his career, Kline had become somewhat of a legend. He was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 1968. Kline seemed to know everybody in the city and his mind was as strong as ever.

There was a little bit of a generalist in him, but at the time he was our coach he was his late '50's, it was an interesting time in history with the end of the war," said Dick Nussbaum, who played outfield for the Irish from 1971-74. "One thing that we had in common was our love of the game."

Despite the fact that he'd been around as long as he bad, he still had a great knowledge of the game."

Changing venues

For the majority of the first 85 years that Notre Dame fielded a varsity team, home games were held at old Carter Field, which is located in an area that now consists of the quad between Notre Dame Stadium and the Hesburgh Library. These fields even been through the seasons on the football practice fields in the movie Knute Rockne: All-American.

In 1977, the team moved to a new facility on campus as it is known as Jake Kline Field, in honor of the famous coach. This field is located in the area where Rolfs Recreation Center now stands. Between 1980 and 1993 Notre Dame also played some home games at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend, where the local minor league games usually take place.

The Irish moved into their current facility in 1994, Frank Eck Stadium, which features one of the finest press boxes in the nation and a very large clubhouse.

No matter where the Irish have played their home games, they have always been involved in the community.

Giving back to Notre Dame

Many former players have gone on to important roles at Notre Dame and within the Notre Dame community. Lennon, of course, has built up one of the most successful alumni programs of any university in the country.

Dick Rosenthal played first base in 1952 and 53 before serving as the personal assistant to Mike Wadsworth as Notre Dame's athletic director. Current associate athletic director Tom Kelly coached the team from 1976 to 1980.

Joe Kernan, who taught for the Irish from 1967 through 1973, also played two terms as mayor of South Bend before taking his current post as Indiana Lieutenant Governor.

Dick Nussbaum, whose son Matt is a tri-captain on the current team, was named a general counsel to Kernan.

"When we played we all received students first and athletes second simply because the baseball field was the only real deal then as it is now," the elder Nussbaum said. "We were almost all walk-ons. I think it helped all of us because when we got to the world we were able to compete. We disciplined, hard work, and competition while playing baseball."

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SOFTBALL

Irish fall to Michigan, place second at Invite

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball compiled a season-high record of 16 hits as it finished second in the Boilermaker Invitational over the weekend.

The No. 22 Irish, who improved to 22-8 overall, went 3-1 at Purdue, falling only to the tournament champion No. 13 Michigan. Junior Melanie Alkire and sophomore Jennifer Kriech led the Irish as they were named to the all-tournament team.

Alkire and Jennifer Sharron led Notre Dame offensively as it grabbed a total of 16 hits to defeat Kent State 12-4 in a game on Saturday.

The Golden Flashes grabbed an early lead with four runs in the top of the third before the Irish struck back. Alkire finished the rally with a two-run home run to top the five Irish runs in the bottom of the third.

Four more Irish players crossed the plate during the fourth, including two on a double by Alkire.

The Irish grabbed three more runs in the third before scoring two more runs in both the fourth and fifth to finish the Rockets.

After a split decision last week at home, the Irish came back to show Purdue who is in charge with a 4-0 win. The victory clinched second place in the tournament for Notre Dame.

The game was scoreless through the fourth. Danielle Klaasen, who finished 3-for-9, singled in the fifth and scored on a RBI single by Kriech to give Notre Dame its first run. Bledsoe and Alkire each added an RBI single to aid the Irish.

Pitcher Sharron earned her 11th win of the season (11-4) and seventh solo shutout while allowing just two hits and striking out seven.

Notre Dame next plays on Wednesday, when it will host a doubleheader with Eastern Michigan.

Micille Moschel, pictured here in a game earlier this season, recorded six strikeouts and the save against Kent State this weekend.

Alkire earns second Big East honor

Special to The Observer

For the second time this season, Notre Dame softball player Melanie Alkire has been named the Big East Player of the Week for her strong performances in Notre Dame's six games last week.

Alkire, who received the same honor March 13, shared the award with Kent State's Vickie Lamb.

Alkire hit .571 (9-for-20) last week, including three runs scored, five doubles and 11 RBIs.

She went a perfect 7-for-7 on the mound to move her overall pitching record to 6-0 in 2000.

The junior shortstop/pitcher hit .571 in four games to lead Notre Dame to a second-place finish at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., earning all-tournament honors for the second time this season.

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SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's opens home season with pair of wins

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team started the home season off on the right foot with an 8-0 win over the Concordia Cobras. With these wins the Belles bettered their record to 9-4.

**Game 1**
Saint Mary's 9
Concordia 0

The Belles trounced the Cobras in the second game of the double header, cruising to a 12-1 win.

**Game 2**
Saint Mary's 12
Concordia 1

Midway through the third inning the Belles had created a substantial lead, 12-1. The Belles continued to play hard. Concordia suffered from poor play. The Cobras had several errors and gave up several runs due to walks. They did not lack the cohesion the Belles displayed during the game.

"They looked strong and defensively we are as solid as any other team out there," head coach Dave Speybroeck said. He added that he has been moving his team around, trying to fit each player to her position.

"I like to put my fastest girls in the outfield so they can get to the ball," he said.

This years team lacks experience. Eight of 18 players are freshmen and there are no returning seniors.

"Most of my freshmen girls just need college experience," Speybroeck said. "They are all really good players, and we are just trying to find where they are best suited for right now."

For Wednesday's game against Olivet College, Speybroeck wants to work on pitching.

He noted that although his pitchers have rhythm, their speed isn't quiet there yet. Kristin Martin and Anne Senger each pitched against Concordia.

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BASEBALL

Heilman pitches a gem in Notre Dame's 3,000th game

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

In 1866, two students from Marshalltown, Iowa — Sturgis and Adrian "Cap" Anson — introduced the game of baseball to the students at Notre Dame. For the next 20 years, the sport was played between teams of students on campus. Finally, during the 1881-82 school year, Notre Dame decided to make baseball a varsity sport. 108 years later, the Irish baseball team played its 3,000th game, batting game as All-American junior Anson led the Notre Dame past Villanova, 4-0.

"I guess it was only fitting that in the 3,000th game in the history of Notre Dame baseball one of the greatest of all was able to pitch a gem for us," current head coach Paul Mainieri said. "He was very close to pitching a no-hitter. Had I positioned our center-fielder correctly, he probably would have caught the one bloop single in his back pocket."

Indeed, Heilman, ranked as one of the top two college pitchers in America right now, is truly one of the greatest athletes to step on the diamond for the Irish. However in the preceding century, many other great players have donned a cap with the "ND" logo.

A century of greatness

Perhaps one of the most recognizable names in Notre Dame baseball history was none other than its originator, Cap Anson. Anson was one of the original players in the old National Association, the old major league. He went on to become the predominant figure in pre-20th century baseball, finishing a 27-year career as player-manager of the Chicago White Sox (now known as the Cubs).

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