Hundreds join marrow registry

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Associate News Editor

Generally, when Notre Dame students spend hours waiting in line, football tickets are involved. But yesterday, the La Fortune Hall overflowed with students waiting to join the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) registry. Responding to the request of Zahn sophomore Conor Murphy, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia, 610 people joined the registry, exceeding even the highest expectations for the event.

Bone marrow transplants can be lifesaving to patients with leukemia and other blood diseases. Exact matches are rare; Murphy was lucky to find a match though the NMDP. Organizers hope registering more people will help those like Murphy receive much-needed treatment.

“We are stunned by just the incredible outpouring of support for Conor,” said Zahn rector Father Jim Lies. “We had more people in the room the first hour than we expected all day.”

The unexpected numbers required organizers to scurry for more volunteers and equipment.

“It’s a good problem,” said volunteer Kate Voelker of the Junior League of South Bend. “I was excited for student performers and speakers and offered food and coffee. Students will handle the management and programming of the food.”

“We want it to continue to be the same kind of social gathering for students that the clubhouse was,” said Murphy.

The building will have the see CENTER/page 11

Prejean: Death penalty opposes human dignity

By KATE STEER
Associate News Editor

A standing room only crowd gathered in 101 Debartolo Wednesday to experience the dynamic speaking abilities and powerful message of Sister Helen Prejean.

Prejean, who authored the Pulitzer Prize-nominated Dead Man Walking, spoke about her experience with the death penalty and death row and offered ways to work to make change in this realm. The death penalty, Prejean said, is a highly volatile issue; it often becomes an issue of justice for the victims’ families opposing human dignity and rights.

“What are we going to do with the outrage we feel?” she asked of the response to heinous crimes, though she does not point to the death penalty as the answer.

Prejean, a native of Louisiana, is a self-described “Southern storyteller” who began counseling death row inmates in her home state in 1981. Out of this experience came the story Dead Man Walking that was published in 1993. It was subsequently made into a movie, which Prejean calls a “miracle film” for bringing the subject to the American public.

“The film exists because Susan Sarandon is the middle of Dead Man Walking,” Prejean said. Sarandon read the book and pursued its production as a movie with the help of director Tim Robbins. Prejean praised the pair for their work for human rights.

“If Tim Robbins is going to direct it, Susan Sarandon is going to have the leading role, and Sean
COPS: Live at Notre Dame

Say what you will about the sheltered nature of college students, but one thing they have in common with the rest of the world is their distrust of the law. Cops serve in a thankless profession, much like the military, IHS auditors and septic tank repairmen. And although their wildness as "real" police officers has been challenged lately, they are no less prone to their own set of troubles. For others. If they even do write me a ton of parking violations.

Most of you have your own hometown stories about people who have had less than hazy encounters with the law, and you realize that our Notre Dame experiences pale in comparison. We have made it considered somehow. Should we be ashamed that we feel about us. (So NISP, could you, uh, take care of those tickets for me? No! Well, it was worth a try.)

When the privileged life of a college student shelters him or her from the harsh realities that will await upon graduation, it can help to now and again remind the student how lucky he or she, or it is they, is in the spirit. I would like to see our beloved flat-bos kids give us the treatment we deserve.

To me, one word signifies a beneficial use of the tuition increases: Taser. Lots of them, the kind used by the Boston police on its stuff. These toys would help us make great strides in reducing the heightened level of respect and obedience. You don't want a ticket? Fair enough, I'll turn you into a human night light.

And while we're discussing friendly devils, I'd like to recall the "mini-riot" that occurred last year. The thought that keep creeping my mind, why don't they have gas? And you think paratroopers are bad, or at least the BSE. working at the gate must get rather monotonous, and it would be more fun for citizen cops at students walking from the library to the hotel. If there are any questions as to the effectiveness of this happy gas, the Sierra, Club and PETE in New York provide thorough testimonies, not to mention videotapes.

But let us not digress to a topic of past events to rekindle "memories of the real world." After you have some great blower videos from the field. Our ramp law enforcement could accomplish some serious good if they could in some manner us so-called "real" cops. Take, for example, the controverisal "racial profiling" that occurs in police departments for no obvious reason of how immoral you consider this, I want to constitute this as concept profiling. This would be built on less inflammatory but similar logic-statistically speaking, proppees have the most complaints and cause the most trouble with Notre Dame Security Police. Therefore, random checks of vehicles containing proppees would help decrease these incidents and deter them. Just when you thought it was safe to drive around campus in your sport utility vehicle.

"Hey there Chaswick, have you been watching 90210? I think you'd better step out of the car..." Fear not, my Friends, if you find my ideas about law enforcement a bit fascist, you can take comfort in knowing that these people will never treat us the way we sometimes deserve.

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● Events: "E-Commerce Conference," 1 p.m.; Bond Hall Auditorium

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● Event: "Misa nn Español," 1:30 p.m.
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● Events: "E-Commerce Conference," 1 p.m.; Bond Hall Auditorium

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● Event: "Lenten Vespers," 4:30 p.m.; Church of Our Lady of Loreto, Saint Mary's

Outside the Dome

Purdue students continue hunger strike

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Six students at Purdue University entered day three of a hunger strike in protest of swathel Labor in...
Actor Burke does’t let disability hamper dreams

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Chris Burke, best known for his portrayal of "Torky" on the television series "Life Goes On," knows about challenges. "I was challenged from the day I was born," said Burke in a lecture Wednesday night about his experiences with Down syndrome. Many members of the audience were so touched by his words that the strains of sympathy could be heard throughout the lecture hall.

"When I can't do something, I try harder," this sums up my philosophy of life," Burke said.

He recognized his parents and his family members as the keys to his success.

"My parents and my siblings always did the very best for me - we all worked together," Burke said. "At each step in my life, I had someone there to encourage me.

Burke identified the importance of education for those who have been disabled. "When it came to my education, my mom and dad made sure I had the best," said Burke. "Added that those with disabilities should not be the only ones guaranteed an education, but society as a whole needs to be well equipped to accept and include those with disabilities as well.

Re-membering his childhood days, Burke pointed out his years growing up in middle and high school as being the most influential in terms of increased awareness and education of disabilities. "It was becoming a time when college students were becoming more aware of different disabilities," said Burke.

As a young adult, Burke said he witnessed the progression of society's acceptance of disabilities. Burke recalled visits from the Villanova college basketball team to his local high school. Not only were the players making an effort to break down the invisible discriminatory barriers between those who had disabilities and those who did not, but Burke said "more importantly, they gave us a feeling of importance."

"I learned a lot in those years and knew that when I grew up I could pursue my dreams," he said. Recalling that his only two goals were to succeed as an actor and to help others who faced the same difficulties as he did during childhood.

"I never give up on my dream and Hollywood," Burke said in regards to his first goal.

As for reaching his second goal, Burke has become a spokesperson and advocate for people with the disability through his involvement with the National Down's Society as editor-in-chief of "News and Views," a group's news magazine. "It made me happy to give them my time and love. I learned how to give because I was given so much," said Burke.

Inclusion, or the formal process of integrating those with disabilities into classrooms with those who do not have disabilities, is a program that Burke supports. "I think in everyday life is our ultimate goal. We must work hard to achieve acceptance," Burke said. Equally important, Burke said that family, friends and society should accept and include those who have disabilities into all social, political and economic circles.

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necessary paperwork was complete. Some students stayed, some attempted to study, and a few just waited patiently. Then Lies asked everyone pray for Murphy. The bustle was replaced with silence while everyone joined hands and listened to Lies' simple, sincere prayer.

"I think it's going to be one of those things I look back on after my four years at Notre Dame and remember as one of the great examples of one of the Notre Dame community supporting one of their own," said Murphy's roommate, Steve Nagleman.

Donations continued past 3 p.m., the scheduled end of the drive. Even so, many potential donors were turned away because of lack of time.

"If it had been physically possible we could have probably processed 1,000 people," said Lies. The crowd included Murphy's closest friends, casual acquaintances and people who had never met him.

"I figured that if I needed the bone marrow transplant I'd want everyone to donate for me," said sophomore Adam Kronk, who has never met Murphy. "It was the least I could do."

The phenomenal success of the drive has created a new challenge. Each donation costs $96 to process. Zahm Hall and various campus organizations including Campus Ministry, Student Activities, the London program, and Hall Presidents' Council have already raised thousands of dollars. But with three to four times the anticipated turnout, significant additional funds are needed. Lies estimated that an additional $25,000 is needed to cover expenses.

"We'll have to continue to raise money to support this drive," said Lies. "Any help from the University community to further support Conor in this way will be greatly appreciated."

Although there are no plans for another drive on campus, the Junior League of South Bend is sponsoring a bone marrow registration drive today from noon to 7 p.m. at the Memorial Leighton Healthplex, located at the corner of Michigan and Jefferson in downtown South Bend.

Students anxious to join the National Marrow Donor Program registry crowd into LaFortune Ballroom Wednesday (above). Many of the 610 donors waited more than two hours for a nurse to take the necessary blood sample (left).

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Kosovo officials denies anti-Serb stance

PARIS
The United Nations' top representative in Kosovo on Wednesday denied harboring anti-Serb sentiments and insisted he gets along well with French peacekeepers in the province. Bernard Kouchner's remarks in two National Assembly committees were in response to allegations of favoritism toward ethnic Albanians that were contained in classified documents and leaked to the French press. "When they say the French army is full of conspiracy over me, not only do I refute this but I find it scandalous," Kouchner said. "I'm neither pro-Albanian nor pro-Serb ... I'm absolutely not anti-Serb.

Police arrest one of Mexico's most notorious kidnappers

MEXICO CITY
Federal police have captured one of the country's most wanted kidnappers, a man known as the Colonel whose trademark was cutting off his victims' fingers. Marcos Tinoeco was arrested Monday in Mexico City, police said in a news release. At the time of his capture, he was carrying a 9mm Beretta pistol, a diamond-studded gold Rolex watch, more than $8,000 in cash and a driver's license. During an inspection of his hotel room on a highway between Mexico City and Toluca, the capital of Mexico state, police found a rifle, stun gun, fake mustaches, handuffs and false stationery from the Mexican attorney general's office and the interior ministry. Tinoeco, 41, headed more than five separate kidnapping cells and was responsible for at least 11 abductions, the list of which took place last week, authorities said. allegedly cut the left finger of the right hand off some of his victims.

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Cuba

HAVANA
The father of Elian Gonzalez is willing to travel to the United States to claim his son and stay with him, while their Miami relatives continue a legal battle to keep him, President Fidel Castro said Wednesday night.

Elian Gonzalez is "ready immediately" to go Florida to take custody of the 6-year-old boy, Castro during the surprise announcement made during a live television broadcast. He said the trip was conditional on guaranteeing that the U.S. government would turn Elian over to his father or at least make a maximum effort to do so.

"The passports are ready," Castro said. "And of course the airplane is ready.

He said that Gonzalez's American attorney Gregory Craig was seeking U.S. visas for the father and a large entourage as well as guarantees the father had sought.

Castro also said that all Gonzalez was waiting for was final word from his attorney that the guarantees had been delivered. He did not offer any specifics to what city the plane would fly to initially, but said that Gonzalez would wait out the court process with his son in Washington.

The turnabout came at a crucial time — on the eve of the U.S. Justice Department's deadline for Elian's Miami relatives to sign an agreement promising to give up the boy if they lose their legal appeal.

Lazarro Gonzalez, the Miami great-uncle Elian has been staying with, has said he would be willing to release the boy to Gonzalez, if the father personally came from Cuba to pick him up. Apparently calling the great-uncle's bluff, Castro said not only would the great-uncle go, but he would stay for the entire court process.

Gonzalez in the past has said that he would be willing to travel to the United States to claim his boy if he could just pick him up and come back to Cuba.

This is the first time that anyone has said that Gonzalez was willing to stay in the United States during the legal process. It is also the first time that it has been said that Gonzalez is ready to travel immediately.

Gonzalez would go with a large group of people, including his wife, and their 6-month-old son, who is Elian's half-brother. Also in the entourage would be Elian's first grade teacher, a dozen of his classmates and a host of Cuban psychologists and psychiatrists.

Other members of the family would stay at the home of the chief of the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, Castro said. He said having Elian's teacher and classmates along would allow Elian to reinsert himself into his family and school environment "without losing a moment of the child's readaptation."

Since the international dispute over Elian erupted after the boy was rescued at sea more than four months ago, Gonzalez has been reluctant to travel to the United States.

Ruling hurts nude dancing industry

WASHINGTON
The Supreme Court made it easier for local governments to ban nude dancing in about 3,000 adult clubs nationwide Wednesday that a stripper's freedom of expression can be restricted by forcing her to wear pasties and a G-string.

Nude dancing can be regulated in an effort to combat crime and other harms that adult entertainment clubs often attract, the justices said in a splintered decision reinstating a public-nudity ordinance in Erie, Pa.

"We're delighted," said Valerie Sperkle, Erie's assistant city solicitor. "We didn't ban any expression ... that's what's being regulated is the means of expression."

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Penn came on board to play the death row inmate, I thought all the Hollywood studios would go for it,” Prejean said. After facing many rejections, the story was picked up by Polygram Films International.

Prejean’s support for the project was bolstered by her trust in Sarandon and Hobbins and her hope that the film would bring the issue to the American consciousness.

“What the film Dead Man Walking did was to reach out to the American people and give them a way to begin reflecting on the death penalty,” she said. This achievement has also been recognized with many awards, including the Academy Award. It is a step toward eliminating superfluous use of the death penalty.

Prejean’s support of the project came in part because of her profound connection to the issue. “One of the reasons I got involved by getting involved with poor people,” she said. But on the other hand, she has kept the public informed about the death penalty’s ineffectiveness.

Prejean pointed to the unreliability of the system that hands down the death penalty, stating that currently 37 innocent people have come off of death row since its reinstatement in 1976.

Following the removal of Anthony Porter from death row in Illinois, Gov. George Ryan, who supports the death penalty, imposed a moratorium while the system that has sentenced numerous innocent people to die is investigated. While 5 states have followed suit and formed initiatives to call for moratoriums, there are other states in which the death penalty is deeply ingrained in the culture.

“We have legitimized vengeance as a part of our culture,” she said. “I didn’t know I was going to get involved with the death penalty, or walking with people to the electric chair, or with the guards who are part of the execution squads,” said Prejean. “I got involved by getting involved with poor people.”

Ultimately, her introduction to the death penalty was incidental. She was approached by a member of the Prison Coalition to become a pen pal with a death row inmate. Through this project she came to know inmate Patrick Sonnier, whom she eventually went to visit.

“Prisons are such places of abandon­ment,” she said. Sonnier’s mother visited once but was unable to return because of the trauma it raised. “He was alone and sentenced to die,” said Prejean. “I couldn’t believe how his face was.”

Prejean continued to visit and become Sonnier’s spiritual advisor, and would accompany him literally to his death.

After accompanying 5 people to their executions, and carrying with her their faces and the faces of victims’ families, Prejean became deeply involved in working to reform the system that imposes such a punishment.

“On one hand we hear about innocent people being killed in wanton evil acts where their lives are just cut short, and we feel outraged — it’s part of moral sensitivity to feel outraged,” she said. “But on the other hand, we have the polls that show that public support for the death penalty is plummet­ing.”

Prejean said that this project is a step toward eliminating superfluous use of the death penalty.

“The father of one of Sonnier’s vic­tims spoke to Prejean about his decision to forgive as one inspired by the healing power of God. He used Scripture to realize that Sonnier’s crimes did not make him less human. “Jesus was not just about being kind to people,” said Prejean. “Jesus inaugurated a new kind of community — look at who he hanged out with: all who society rejected, today’s HIV positive, convic­ted criminals, gay and lesbian.”

This forgiveness is something that Prejean points as crucial to social and political change regarding the death penalty. She believes prison reform is essential as well.

“Over 10 years, state legis­latures have been tightening up sentencing for people who are charged with first-degree murder, which is the only crime punishable by death,” she said. Prejean said that this is a step toward eliminating superfluous use of the death penalty. Its ineffectiveness is evidenced by the fact that only five percent of those eligible for the death penalty receive it as a sentence, and that of those, a large number end up being released.

In a dialogue with Pope John Paul, Prejean was able to clarify the Church’s official stance on the issue, which has recently changed from support of the death penalty to strictly pro-life.

“Modern societies have a way to incapacitate people without imitating their violence,” she said. Prejean was invited to speak by Call to Action Michiana, and was sponsored by many local groups including Amnesty International.

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Hellrung reflects on homosexuality at ‘a place like this’

By BRIAN HOBBS
News Writer

Senior Alyssa Hellrung began her lecture titled “What It Takes to Be Honest in a Place Like This” with a powerful image. “Imagine if you woke up one morning and you realized that all the time you thought your eyes were dark brown they were really blue,” Hellrung said, describing her sexual awakening.

This lecture examined homosexuality and activism for gay and lesbian rights at Notre Dame in her lecture Wednesday night in her dorm. “I want to talk about what happened before I started questioning my sexuality,” Hellrung said. She discussed her coming out, which included a normal upbringing, concerns with popularity and a pursuit of the opposite sex. “I was having feelings for women as well, and I didn’t know what it meant at that time,” Hellrung said.

She dismissed those feelings as a part of her lifelong desire for an older sister. “I went through high school and had a lot of boyfriends, but for whatever reasons I’d always break up with them,” Hellrung said.

“I was a shudder of repression — no offense to you guys,” she said. After high school, Hellrung examined her relationship with a female friend in a different light, questioning if she had a crush on her. “It made me question a lot of my relationships and what was behind them,” said Hellrung, adding that such questioning led to some self doubt. “I didn’t want to go there, to think that I might be all the way gay,” Hellrung said.

Hellrung found it hard to talk with her parents about the issue as well. “[My mom] would say something that would hurt me, like this is just a phase,” she said.

Hellrung realized that her only way to make an informed decision would be to act on her impulses. She described an encounter with a friend, Angie. “She just knew she was gay,” said Hellrung.

The friendship led to physical contact and an awakening for Hellrung. “Over the summer before I came here, I realized that I was a lesbian,” she said. “Then I came to Notre Dame and that is where things got funny.”

Hellrung described Notre Dame as being more conservative than she had expected. “I was going to wait a couple months and get used to life here and then I’d start by coming out to my roommates and then my section mates and that did not work,” she said. “It took me about an hour to realize that that wasn’t going to work. I had to be honest.”

Hellrung said that honesty has been at the core of her activism since then. “The sprit of Hellrung’s freshman year saw an eruption of activism as response to controversy of the Spirit of Inclusion. A parade and protest for awareness was staged on the steps of the Main Building, where Hellrung’s honesty activism made her the most recognized homosexual on campus.

“I am a lesbian at Notre Dame,” Hellrung said in front of a crowd of 400. “People were like — you’re so brave to be doing this,” Hellrung said before dismissing her stand on the steps as more honest. “It’s. . . .” she said. Later in high school, Hellrung examined her relationship with a female friend in a different light, questioning if she had a crush on her.

The sprit of Hellrung’s activism has helped quell the myth of taboos about the issue. “I’ve seen things change here in the four years I’ve been here,” she said, citing the emergence of support groups and information as well as education for resident assistants.

She has even seen a turn-around in her parents. “The mind is like a parachute, it doesn’t work unless it’s open,” Hellrung’s mother said in support after her daughter’s freshman year coming out. “I am all about making life more comfortable for me, my gay friends and the gay people coming after me,” she said.

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Two students involved in the Roseland Denny’s incident addressed the Student Senate Wednesday night with concerns about the letter written by the senators supporting the students.

Senator Joseph Joy and junior Patience McHenry questioned why the students involved in the incident were not consulted before writing the letter.

"First of all, let it be known that I was not one of the students arrested on February 26," senator Joseph Joy said. "I was a member of the group that was expelled from the restaurant and I did experience many of the injustices of that night.

"Also know that this statement is in my behalf, and not on behalf of the entire group, although I do believe many of the other students will have similar opinions of the Student Senate’s letter concerning the incident," Joy said, continued by saying that although the Senate’s intentions were positive, by not interviewing the involved students their facts and further actions could be negative.

"It is my opinion that, in order for the Senate to support the students involved in the incident, they must first listen to what we have to say," Joy said. "I feel that the letter was not very well informed. In order for the Senate to honestly say that it ‘stands with the students,’ it must first consult the students and understand in what capacities it can support them." Some senators felt that since last week the letter was just "in spirit" and was open to further review, there was no need to rescind the letter. "We already passed the letter in spirit and if we make a motion to rescind it weaker the letter," said Brendan Dowdall, Dillon Hall senator. "We know what we did and we know how we stand. Did this to support the students. However, I feel we should listen to what the involved students have to say." Knott Hall senator Ed Foy agreed.

"Recalling or rescinding the letter makes it appear like we’re not supporting the students," Foy said. However, other senators disagreed.

"We should recall the letter and get a clear understanding of what happened so that the actions we take will be in line with the students," said Zahn Hall senator Ryan Becker. "We messed up last week and instead of trying to save face here so we don’t look bad, we should just fix the situation."

"I feel we should recall the letter and get the facts straight. We should get out there with these students and get the facts correct," said Cimarron Gilson, Sorin senator.

McHenry seconded Joy’s feelings that the senate should have consulted the students involved in the incident.

"We just have three main problems with the letter. First of all, we were unsure what was meant by an open letter," McHenry said. "Does this mean it will simply be kept on file? Or will it be sent to people in South Bend?"

"Second is consultation. No one ever talked to the people directly involved. We are not attacking the spirit of the letter," McHenry continued. "We feel the spirit is awesome. We are not saying this was done for selfish reasons. Our problem is it came from a blind source and that you all were not informed."

"Lastly, there was some wording in the letter that was not conducive to the facts." Overall, because the letter had already been sent out to three separate groups, the senate resolved to form a committee of old senators, new senators and involved students to make revisions to the letter before it would be sent on to further involved parties. Joy and McHenry agreed to the resolution.

"Because the letter has already been sent to the Roseland Police Department, the St. Joseph County Police Department and Denny’s, I realize that recalling the letter is not possible," Joy said. "But I do ask that the letter not be further distributed until it is revised."

He added that he was glad the senate chose to support the students involved in the incident.

"I am not angry with the senate for stating its support of the students. I am pleased that it wishes to support us. I am just curious as to how the senate plans to do this. I also hope that, in the future, the senate investigates a little further when acting on behalf of the students’ which it represents," Joy said.

In other senate news:

- The meeting ended the term for 1999-2000 senators as well as student body vice-president Michael Palumbo.
- Christopher Anderson, Kourough Hall president, and Larizana Reali, student body secretary, presented the results of the student survey on a new student center.
- "We have been analyzing information over the past months and collecting student opinion on the issues," Reali said. "This is the first time that the students have been consulted regarding a building issue, so we are very excited."
- Senate unanimously passed three more resolutions, one regarding the use of flex points at the Alumni-Senior Club, one regarding the destruction of Stepan Center and a final one regarding the use of Farley Hall as a student entertainment facility. The facility would play 70s music on the first floor, 80s on the second, 90s on the third floor and a mix of Marvin Gaye and Barry White on the fourth.
- "I really want to thank you for finally doing something for the students," said Fisher Hall senator, Phil Dittmar. "Student government has really changed me."

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Event promotes good health for students

By NELLI WILLIAMS
News Writer

As part of Nursing Week at Saint Mary's College, the Student Academic Council and the Student Nurses Association are sponsoring an annual health fair covering diverse health issues today from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in LeMans Hall.

"The definition of health I'm using includes physically, emotionally and mentally well-balanced," said Julie Mowry, a senior who is the main coordinator of the event.

"Last year's [health fair] was a huge success," said Mowry. "I'm just hoping that Saint Mary's will show enthusiasm and support for this since we are bringing in organizations from the community." Susie Mac, Shana Cugney and the nursing department helped Mowry with the fair.

"I'm very excited," said Mowry. "It's taken me since the beginning of February to plan this." Each organization present at the fair will have a section of a table in LeMans Lobby.

"Students will learn how to improve their health, learn more about their health and benefiting from good health," Mowry said.

Organizations represented at the health fair include: Saint Mary's Counseling and Career Center, Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Care Center, The Healing Touch Organization, American Lung Association, Breast Cancer and Sex Offense Services.

There will also be information on organ donation, a nutritionist, a massage therapist, a chiropractor, an aerobics instructor doing fat testing, a diabetes educator, a pharmacist and a yoga instructor.

The Dining Hall will be providing healthy snacks and StudyAngel will be providing bagels. There will also be drawings for gift certificates to restaurants.

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Judge: Clinton guilty of privacy violation

Associated Press  WASHINGTON
Resurrecting an impeachment controversy, a federal judge ruled Wednesday that President Clinton "committed a criminal violation of the Privacy Act" by releasing personal letters to undermine the credibility of one of his accusers.

Clinton immediately disputed the decision, saying he reluctantly released the letters two years ago because "it was the only way I knew to refute allegations" by Kathleen Willey of an unwanted sexual advance.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth concluded the president and three top White House lawyers disregarded an earlier court ruling when they made Willey’s letters public in the midst of the Monica Lewinsky scandal in 1998.

"This court cannot accept or condone this unlawful action," Lamberth wrote in a decision that clears the way for a lawsuit filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch to delve further into the issue.

Initially, Lamberth’s ruling simply requires White House lawyers to answer questions they earlier rejected about the decision to release the letters. But it could open the door for an eventual lawsuit by Willey.

And the Justice Department, which is reviewing the decision, has an open investigation into another impeachment-related release of damaging information about a critic – the Pentagon’s release of data from Linda Tripp’s personnel file.

Independent Counsel Robert Ray, who must decide whether to indict Clinton after he leaves office, cannot prosecute a Privacy Act case because it only is a misdemeanor.

The White House plans to appeal. Clinton said he never even considered the Privacy Act when he made the decision to release the letters.

The president said he “decided to do it reluctantly only because it was the only way I knew to refute allegations that were made against me that were untrue.”

He also took a swipe at Lamberth, noting the Republican appointee “somehow acquired a significant percentage of the cases involving the White House. That’s an interesting story.”

White House Counsel Beth Nolan said Lamberth’s opinion is inconsistent with “every Administration” since 1975, “Republican and Democratic alike” that the White House is not subject to the Privacy Act.

The judge, minced no words, writing: "The president committed a criminal violation of the Privacy Act.”

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Press accounts in the past few days have yielded yet another mention about the forlornness of the guys at 1600. The latest "oops" concerns Al Gore's e-mails. Despite having invented the Internet, it seems that AI is a klutz (color me shocked) when it comes to using e-mail. At least we are to believe that to explain why AI and Justice Department investigators, can't recover six years of e-mails covering the period when there has been some question about fund raising improprieties at the White House.

Six years — and Richard Nixon got skewered for a 12-minute tape on his secretary's transcription tape. I bet old Tricky Dick wished he had done the Gore maneuver on those White House tapes. Gore is the same guy who gave an impassioned speech this trip didn't guiver quite as well as Bill's, when he's sharing your pain, but he's working on it about how his sister died of lung cancer, because of cigarettes. This was a powerful personal message, which attracted a lot of media coverage — and public sympathy.

Unfortunately for AI, it attracted so much coverage, that someone was able to dredge up a televised and equally impassioned, speech AI had delivered, shortly after the death of his sister, telling voters in Tennessee "I have always been, and will always be, a tobacco farmer." When this discrepancy was pointed out, AI claimed that he had temporary amnesia because of his sister's death if I'm not making this us. Gore also forgot to remember that his visit to a Buddhist Temple was a fund-raiser, even though he name away with buckets of cash. He pointed out that there was no controlling legal authority in the Clinton Administration. Maybe I'm misquoting him a bit, but the idea is the same.

In Monday's papers if it isn't making this us, Gore said he did not remember his staff people talking about fund raising at the temple. He claimed that he was drinking a lot of iced tea that day, and he may have been in the bathroom at the time of the discussions about fund raising (Iptos won't want to put that in their commercial!).

During the recent primaries, Bill Bradley's folks unearthed some letters to constituents and Congressional votes showing that Al had once been a "believer" in the "right to life" position. Bradley pointed this out in an attempt to weaken Gore's popularity with the abortion crowd. Didn't work. Al can't remember.

If George W. can quit tripping over his feet in time to defeat Gore, I recommend Al consider a career in car sales, as Joe Biden, Jr. Now where could Al have picked up this memory loss problem? How about from Bill and Hillary?

I was thinking about the contrast between the President during my youth, Dwight Eisenhower, and the current occupant of the White House. Ike played football and boxed, at West Point, Clinton played footsie in his boxers in the West Wing. Eisenhower went to England to invade Europe to serve his country; Bill went to England to evade serving his country, Advantage Ike.

If we had to depend on Bill to do some of the things Ike did, this essay would be filled with umlauts. Bill seems to have also suffered memory loss while at Oxford, because he forgot to graduate, and couldn't remember if he ever got a draft notice. And, according to Monica Lewinsky, Bill couldn't remember her name, while he was not having sex with her.

Bill also couldn't remember why one of his underlings (Craig Livingstone) had 1,000 FBI files on Republicans. This pathetic, sacrificial underling himself couldn't remember why got him his White House job, even though it was a considerable step up from his other prior employment. ID Checker in a tavern. (Chuck Colson, an aid to President Nixon, served six months in Federal Prison for improperly having one FBI file, during the Watergate era.)

Some sources claimed that the First Lady was the person who put Livingston in his job. You can see why she couldn't remember, since she couldn't remember how she was able to earn $100,000 in her home day of future's trading. Then she couldn't remember how her Rose Law Firm's billing records "turned up" one day, in a private sitting room, in the White House!

Bill Clinton promised "the most ethical administration in history." He delivered the most forgetful. The past few years have been very good for the economy and there have been no foreign enemies at our shores. You can't count the Chinese spies in our nuclear labs and the Clinton fund raisers who fled back to China, so the Clinton-Gore era deservedly got some high marks in the history books, but when all the chapters are completed, we may learn that Ronald Reagan was not the only recent President with a memory malady.

Cappy Gagnon was a 1966 graduate of Notre Dame, where he sat alongside two future Pulitzer Price winners in his journalism classes. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
All we need is a Christian candidate

First of all, I must admit that I have been one of the many quietly compliant students here. However, things have seen recently in The Observer have finally brought me to action in writing. I have two purposes within this letter.

The first is to set a few things straight with Mike Marchand. I was first incensed when I read his March 6 column decrying gun control. I was not in agreement with his position; but again, my complacency got the better of me. Luckily, in March 9, he published a very good refutation for Marchand’s arguments. Ryan Davis took the words out of my mouth (March 13). Representative “smart guns” which could take over where human error and innocent irresponsibility take over? If only one life is saved, it is more than enough to justify the law.

Marchand’s arguments reminded me of a friend of mine back home who would support the right at all times this family beloved George W. too liberally. On the subject of George W. Marchand wrote about in his column which requires an answer. For one thing, I wonder how someone as politically savvy as George W. could not know about BUI’s “trahim and anti-Catholicism,” even after past Republicans have visited the place in previous years. I’m not saying that GW is a racist, but I am just asking if he is really willing to sell out on Catholics to court the far right (and equally so if the Democrats do the same thing). Maybe we genuinely don’t know about BUI, but if we did, we should have identified his party with it. Marchand’s association that Bush has the support of Catholics in the “millions of Hispanic Catholics” in Texas is simply wrong. As a Hispanic Catholic from San Antonio, I know this is certainly not the case. As the GOP goes, he is making significant headway with some Hispanics, but he is far a cry from the support that Marchand implies. To a very large extent, Mexican-Americans identify themselves with the Democratic party, even to this day. His winning Texas was not due to the Hispanics, but due to the state’s strong GOP base.

This brings me to my second point, a point which I share with J. W. Boyd was even in “Inside Column,” on March 28), that I find offensive ... those who replace “Catholic” in their personal philosophies with” and “Christian” is simply anemic and trivializes the difference in viewpoint.” His words have finally lulled me out of my complacency to write. It would first like to make clear that I do do not categorize Marchand in this group; it would be unfair to me to do I do not fully know all of his political staunch.

I think it is kind of interesting that Father Bill Sheehan put an article on March 28 also trying to give us a wake up call. I remember talking with him a few months back expressing my political frustration. He told me that he would not be a Republican because of their positions on gun control or lack thereof and on capital punishment (i.e. “you do things in Texas”). However, I could not consider myself a Democrat because of the party’s official disregard for life’s sanctity in abortion. He told me that he agreed with me, and was very helpful.

I wonder why there can’t be a politician (maybe even a president?) who puts his or her Christian beliefs above the party and political arena, when applicable (for instance in issues of abortion, debt relief and capital punishment). Why can’t there be a politician who will not self-censor his or her racism in order to suit the party (if what is said about how true? I think that there has to be something out there reading this who is called into politics and who also is strong in faith.

I personally don’t know if I am, but be assured that I am. I must and intend to answer whatever calling I receive. I hope that more people in the church, laity and clergy will encourage its members to seek politics as a way to set things right, in accord with the universal ideals found in Christianity, and in reality, all faiths respect for life, helping others almost to a societal point and safeguarding peace, to name a few.) I hope that someone will answer this call to be a true servant of God and all people. For one thing, we won’t have to choose between the less reducible of the platforms. I heard Father Sheehan say this once, and I hope other priests may echo this, “get your rear end into politics” if you are so called. Do not neglect your vocation.

Happy March 27, I’d like to point out that the Notre Dame Police Department is not just a nuisance. Notre Dame Security is a buffer from the South Bend “real” law that may be underappreciated by Jeremy Boyd.

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By LAURA PETELLE
Scene Writer

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Ending of ‘Gate’ leaves its audience behind

By MATT NANIA

When one looks at the early career of director Roman Polanski, they are likely to be struck with awe. This is, after all, the man who gave us two of cinema’s classics: “Rosemary’s Baby” and “Chinatown.”

In later years, though, his work has been competent, but not quite as spectacular. With “The Ninth Gate,” Polanski shows us that he’s still got his directing chops — to some extent.

This is a supremely intelligent movie, which, despite its languid quality, draws its audience into a sinister world of demonic lore. With a very absorbing opening credit sequence, the film moves nicely at first, weaving an eerie, gothic fabric around its characters. Sadly, its veiled ending nearly ruins the film completely.

The story introduces the audience to Jean Corsi (Anthony Depp), an unassuming rare book expert who will do almost anything to procure rare books for resale. Corsi is contracted by one of his prestigious clients, Boris Balkan (Frank Langella) in Creepy Camp Glory for the volume of “The Nine Gates of the Kingdom of the Shadows,” a satanic tome rumored to conjure the Dark Lord himself.

Travelling from New York City to Portugal and France, Corsi crosses two alternate versions of the book, each containing two secrets for unlocking the key to summon Satan, Soon the owners of these other copies are murdered and Corsi finds himself caught up in a labyrinth of deception and danger that includes being hunted by the widow (Lena Olin) of the book’s original owner and being followed by a mysterious woman (Emmanuelle Seigner) with supernatural powers.

“The Ninth Gate” is extremely well crafted. Adapting the film from the novel “El Club Dumas” by Arturo Perez-Reverte, Polanski produces an effectively dark and otherworldly atmosphere without resorting to trashy shadows-and-fog effects. Polanski’s strengths as an author — his dry wit, Hitchcockian movement, striking visual imagery and an engaging, brooding narrative — are all on display here.

The movie deals heavily with the occult, yet Polanski never once stoops to cheap theatrics as were used in such films as “End of Days” and “Stigmata.” There are no monsters coming out of the depths of hell or supernatural beings casting deadly spells. Polanski keeps everything in the low-key style of a classic film noir who-done-it.

And, despite a few plot spots, the pacing of the story is nearly perfect. A mystery centered on books should unfold at a tempo different from the pell-mell acceleration of today’s thriller.

Depp’s performance is solid as usual, capturing a man driven by a dry malice. It’s never quite clear if the film is Depp as an actor, who can lend himself to a filmmaker’s most fantastical (“Sleepy Hollow”) or poetic (“Dead Man”) conceptions and turn it into the embodiment of those stories, anchoring them to earth.

From the first scene, as he con a greedy bourgeois couple out of a book collection, Depp is right in tune with Polanski’s dry malle.

It remains, however, that these elements aren’t enough to salvage a film that misses its audience for two hours only to thumb its nose at them in the end. Surely, after such a mysterious journey, the least one can hope for is some sort of tangible payoff.

Since “The Ninth Gate” plays like a marginally entertaining detective story, the overall enjoyment of watching the film would have been greatly heightened had it not left so many questions unanswered. Why did the original owner of the book hang himself? Who is the mysterious woman? What is the Ninth Gate?

For all its seemingly careful plotting and Polanski’s eye for quirky detail, the film’s ultimate revelation seems too much like an afterthought, making the movie a lengthy joke without a clear punchline.

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Mon, April 3: Class dinner at LaFortune Ballroom, 5-7pm.
Tues, April 4: Karaoke at Reckers, 9-11pm
Wed, April 5: Movie "Animal House" at DeBartolo 102, 8pm
Thurs, April 6: Game show at Reckers, 7-9pm
Fri, April 7: Class recess day, location and time TBA
Sun, April 9: Class Mass, location and time TBA

Class of 2003

Spirit week
Thurs, Mar 30: Free Sub movie at DeBartolo with class t-shirt
Fri, Mar 31: Polaroid scavenger hunt with cash prizes
Sat, April 1, Class dance at Alumni-Senior Club

Office of the President

*Positions for the 2000-2001 Office of the President staff have been posted outside of the Student Government Office. Thank you to all for applying!

*Transfer orientation applications are available in the Student Government Office (2nd floor LaFortune). They are due this week.

**"Faculty-student lunch" Thursday, Mar 30, College of Architecture, 12-1:30pm in the hospitality room of South Dining Hall.

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Acoustic Cafe, Thurs, March 30, in the Huddle, 9pm-12am

Sleepy Hollow: Thurs, Mar 30, 10:30pm. Fri and Sat, 8pm and 10:30pm. $2 admission, 101 DeBartolo.
Portugal, Schourek lose positions with Reds, Pirates

Associated Press

The Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates found their fifth starter, forcing Mark Portugal and Pete Schourek to look for new jobs.

Three days after announcing that Portugal was their fifth starter, the Reds changed their minds and released him Wednesday.

The Pirates did the same to Pete Schourek, who thought he had earned the No. 5 spot in Pittsburgh's rotation with a strong outing a day before.

The about-face stunned Portugal, rotation replacement Bob Bell, and a clubhouse full of teammates who thought the pitching staff was set. Portugal's rough outing on Tuesday prompted general manager Jim Bowden to change his mind.

"Bewildered is probably the best word I can come up with," right-hander Pete Harnisch said. "Shocked is probably another one."

Portugal had a 4.50 ERA when Bowden announced that he'd won the fifth starter's job. His Tuesday outing raised it to 6.00, still the second-lowest in a rotation that has struggled this spring.

"They didn't really get into some of the reasons. But I just think the timing of it is kind of weird," Portugal said. Convinced that Schourek was no longer the pitcher who won 18 games for Cincinnati in 1995, the Pirates released Schourek and gave rookie left-hander Jimmy Anderson the job.

"He just said he feltunky all over and couldn't get loose," manager Tony La Russa said. "He could have scored in the first inning, but he said he just couldn't run well enough."

Outfielder J.D. Drew was hit on his right pinkie by a pitch from Scott Strickland in the sixth inning. His status was uncertain.

"We'll know more in the morning," La Russa said. "He seems to be OK."

Dodgers 7, Braves 2
At Kissimmee, Fla., Gary Sheffield hit a pair of home runs, including a two-run shot off Gregg Maddux, and drove in five runs. Kevin Brown allowed one run and four hits in 2 2-3 innings, giving up only a solo homer to Chipper Jones.

Orioles 8, Expos 2
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mike Mussina allowed two runs over six innings in his last start before opening day. Harold Baines went 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

Red Sox 4, Reds 3
At Sarasota, Fla., Pete Harnisch gave up three runs in six innings, including an RBI single and a sacrifice fly by Nomar Garciaparra, on the day Cincinnati picked him as its opening day starter.

Indians 3, Astros 2
At Kissimmee, Fla., Dave Burba pitched five scoreless innings and Joelbert Cabrera went 5-for-5 with an RBI.

Yankees 5, Phillies 1
At Tampa, Fla., Opening day starter Orlando Hernandez allowed one run in six innings and Derek Jeter had a pair of RBI singles as New York won its seventh straight game.
Thursday, March 30, 2000

JUBILEE DEBT RELIEF
a call for global solidarity & response

"Jubilee Debt Relief & Women's Concerns"

THURSDAY, March 30, 2000
7:30-9:00PM
SR. ESTHER ADJOA ENTSIWAH - GHANA
@ the Center for Social Concerns

Dear Mr. Wolfensohn:

As Presidents of the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College, and in the spirit of the Jubilee Year celebrated on each of our campuses, we are writing to request that you support 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, we 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.

We 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 President of the World Bank, 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 that our Congregation ministers to, throughout the world.

Archbishop Mlanda Msowoya 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." We join with the Archbishop and with the Bishops of the United States, and 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. We urge you, in the spirit of Jubilee justice, to take courageous action now: abandon the failed policy of structural adjustment and cancel the debt of the world's most heavily indebted countries.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward Malloy, CSC
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dr. Marilou Eldred
Saint Mary's College
Notre Dame, Indiana

Br. Richard Gilman, CSC
Holy Cross College
Notre Dame, Indiana

April 1, 2000

Mr. James Wolfensohn, President
World Bank Group
1818 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433

"Jubilee Debt Relief: A Call for Global Solidarity & Response"

SATURDAY, April 1st
3:00 - 4:30pm
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@ Notre Dame's Snite Auditorium.
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Women's NIT Tournament

Moore lifts Wisconsin over Florida to claim NIT title

Associated Press

Tamara Moore scored 25 points as Wisconsin blew all but one point of a 15-point second-half lead before hanging on to beat Florida 75-74 Wednesday night in the women's NIT title game.

Florida, which scored the game's final 11 points after trailing 73-63 with 2:55 left, missed two shots in the closing seconds that could have won it. Wisconsin needed a dramatic rebound from freshman center Nina Smith with three seconds left to secure the victory.

The Badgers had the rabid support of 13,006 screaming fans, the fourth-largest crowd in school history and second-largest in the tournament's history. Wisconsin, which lost the WNIT final to Arkansas last year, made a 15-0 run spanning halftime and appeared to be cruising with a 12-point lead with four minutes to play.

But Florida, using a pressing defense and calling timeouts after almost every basket in the final minutes, cut Wisconsin's big lead to 75-71 on Tumbi Bell's layup with 1:09 to play. Jessie Stomski double-dribbled for Wisconsin, and Tonya Washington hit a jumper to cut Wisconsin's lead to four points with 44 seconds left.

After Kelley Paulus missed two free throws, Bell made one free throw with 23 seconds left, and Florida got the ball back on another Wisconsin turnover.

But Washington missed a jumper with six seconds left and Tamara Stocks missed a putback attempt. Smith viciously ripped the final rebound away from two Lady Gators with three seconds to play.

Badgers coach Jane Albright knelt with her hands clasped in prayer on the sideline as time expired, and her players mobbed each other at midcourt. Smith finished with 16 points, and Stomski added 14.

Wisconsin celebrated the title with hugs and tears before cutting down the net. The Badgers' season ended in triumph just two games after Albright gave one-game suspensions to seven players for an alcohol-related incident on campus.

Naomi Mobley had 19 points and 13 rebounds for Florida, while Tiffany Travis added 18 points. Tamara Stocks had 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Brandi McCain, Florida's former All-American guard who missed most of the season with a broken leg, was held scoreless.

Moore, a sophomore who was named tournament MVP, scored 11 points during the first-half run, including three consecutive three-point plays.

The Badgers were at home in all five rounds of the tournament this season, while Florida played host in just one round of the tournament because its home gym was being used for the SEC gymnastics championships.
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Red Wings crush Canucks, trail Blues for division title

Associated Press

Sergei Fedorov got his 300th goal and Detroit scored four times in the third period as the Red Wings dampened the Vancouver Canucks’ playoff chances with a 6-3 victory Wednesday night.

Steve Duchesne had two goals for the Red Wings, who are chasing St. Louis for first place in the Central Division and Western Conference, Detroit, which has won four straight and is 5-1-1 in its last seven, plays at St. Louis on Saturday.

Detroit trails the Blues, who lost at home to Toronto, by just one point.

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for Vancouver, 5-1 in six contests. The Canucks began Wednesday two points out of the final Western playoff spot with only five games remaining.

Vancouver took a 2-2 lead in third-period goals from Marty Boris and Brendan Morrison before Detroit rallied.

Todd Gill tied it by pushing a nice centering pass from Kirk Maltby past goalie Felix Potvin at 14:22.

Kris Draper put Detroit ahead for the third time at 6:09. Duchesne's shot behind Potvin 2:26 later, and Stu Roed added an insurance goal at 15:21 when he gloved down Fedorov's rebound and fired it into the net.

Duchesne scored into an empty net with 1:12 remaining. Chris Osgood made 26 saves for Detroit. Potvin stopped 26 shots.

Detroit played the third period without captain Steve Yzerman, held out as a precaution after a second-period leg injury.

Red Wings forward Tomas Holmstrom missed the final two periods after he was hit in the face with an Yeaman shot in the first. He suffered a cut lip and left the arena for dental work.

Morrison broke a 2-2 tie at 4:13 into the third when he converted a pass from Andrew Cassels. Morrison has 18 goals and 27 points in 39 games since the Canucks acquired him March 14 in the trade that sent Alexander Mogilny to New Jersey.

Biron wiped out a 2-1 Detroit lead 1:18 earlier when his shot from the top of the left circle got through traffic and past Osgood. Vancouver scored at 1:11 into the game after Mark Messier won a left circle faceoff back to Marc Naslund, who blasted a shot over Osgold's left shoulder.

Fedorov's 300th goal tied it on a power play 2:39 into the second when he converted a short pass from Brendan Shanahan in front of the net.

The Red Wings took a 2-1 lead at 7:55 of the second when Shanahan made a drop drop near the Canucks' line to Murphy, who shot the puck past Potvin's leg.

**Avalanche 3, Oilers 2**

Eric Messier scored his first goal in 34 games and Joe Sakic extended his point streak to a career-high 14 games with a pair of assists as the Colorado Avalanche crushed Edmonton Oilers 3-2 Wednesday night.

The first-place Avalanche moved six points ahead of the Oilers in the Northwest Division.

Ray Bourque got his seventh goal since being acquired from Boston and playing three games with a goal in his first game after missing six with a strained neck.

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Doug Weight had a goal and an assist and Alexander Sundin set up three goals Wednesday night as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Montreal Canadiens 4-1.

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The Rangers are 5-2-0 in their last eight games and have scored 15 goals in their last five.

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Calendar of Events

Senior Retreat #2 (Mar. 31 - Apr. 1) Sign-Up
Deadline to sign-up is March 30
103 Hesburgh Library
For information, call Clare Sullivan at 631-3389

Retreat for Gay and Lesbian Undergraduates and Friends (Mar. 31 - Apr. 1)
Deadline for sign-up is March 30
112 Badin
For information, call Fr. Tom Doyle, c.s.c. at 631-3391
Dr Tami Schmitz at 631-3016

"What's the Future of This Relationship?" (Apr. 9)
Deadline for sign up is Thursday, April 6
112 Badin Hall or 103 Hesburgh Library
A workshop for couples in a serious relationship who want to explore choices and decisions for the future.

Freshmen Retreat #29 (April 7-8) Sign-Up
Monday, March 6 through Monday, April 3
103 Hesburgh Library
Targeted Dorms: Carroll, Cavanaugh, Dillon, Farley, Fisher, Pangborn, Morrissey, Stanford, Walsh Family

Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #60
Friday - Saturday, March 31 - April 2
Fatima Retreat Center

No Greater Love - A Notre Dame day of prayer, music and renewal
Presentations by: Fr. Bill Seetch, CSC, Chadro Johnson, Fr. Rick Gibble, CSC, John and Sylvia Dillon, Anne Cahill, Fr. Peter Rocco, CSC, Heather Rakoczy, Colleen Knight Santoni, and others.

Jubilee 2000
Tuesday-Saturday, March 28-April 1
Conference on "Campaign for Debt Relief"

Senior Retreat #5 (April 14-15) Sign Up
Monday-Friday, April 3-7
103 Hesburgh Library

Catholic Campus Ministry
March 28, 10:00 a.m.
Wilson Commons

Confirmation - Session #13
Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sieghard Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
Wednesday, March 29, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall Chapel

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Weekend Pastors
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 1 Mass
5:00 p.m.
Most Rev. Rodriguez Maradiaga, S.D.B
Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Sunday, April 2 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Richard V. Wanner, C.S.C
11:45 a.m.
Rev. John A. Herman, C.S.C

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
2nd Reading Eph 2:4-10
Gospel Jn 3:1-17

Where's the Love?
by Frank Santoni

I often find myself thanking God: for a new day, for the sunshine (or more often, for the rain), for my family, for my friendships. I thank God for my wife's good health during our pregnancy. I thank God for my mom's recovery from lung cancer. I thank God, too, for the opportunity to live and work in an energizing community like the one I have found at Notre Dame. I thank God for my dogs, for my home, for Troy Murphy. The list could go on and on, and usually does. God gives us countless reasons to be grateful everyday and, as the familiar response from mass goes, we are right to give God thanks...and praise.

Praise. Praise? What about praise? It's clear how we give God thanks, but how do we give God praise? The words "praise" and "thanks" are not synonyms. While we thank God for things, we do not praise God for anything. We just praise God, period.

Consider this: What if God wasn't a God that answered prayers? Would that make God any less God? Or what if we couldn't easily recount the significant points in our lives at which God blessed us beyond expectation? Would God, then, cease to be as worthy of our adoration? Or what if we look to her moments of greatest need, God hadn't eased our hearts in a moment of divine peace or embraced us through the arms of a loved one? Would we worship God any less heartily? In other words, do we ever praise God simply for being, well...God?

See, there's a big difference between praising God and thanking God. You may think I'm getting picky with my terminology, but I think the distinction runs to the heart of our relationship with God. Our thankfulness is a natural response to recognizing God's fingerprints on our daily lives. Our praise, on the other hand, is our heart's cry in reaction to God's unconditional, unmerited love for each of us. To praise God is to stand in awe of God, acknowledging that we are incapable, through our words or actions, of increasing or diminishing the love and mercy God has already bestowed upon us.

If you have read this far, you may be willing to take yet another step toward deepening your understanding of just how we can praise God in our daily lives. This Saturday, Campus Ministry again will be sponsoring "No Greater Love...a Notre Dame day of prayer, music and renewal." No Greater Love is a day of praise. The day's activities will offer plenty of ways to lift up our praise to God through prayer, music and sharing. Frs. Jim Lies, CSC and Bill Wack, CSC will lead us through the day with personal stories and dynamic preaching. Paul Hillebrand, a renowned composer and musician from Arizona, with the help of the Notre Dame Celebration Choir will lead us in music and worship. Students will share honestly about their own faith journeys through talks, songs, drama and in small discussion groups. We've invited some of our community's most exciting professors and rectors to share about their faith in small group workshops on a wide variety of topics.

No Greater Love is designed for you to be able to come and go as you please. The day will get underway at South Dining Hall at 10:00 a.m. If you come in the morning, I can almost guarantee you will want to stay the whole day. Its fresh format has elements that appeal to everyone, so invite your friends. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in the afternoon and the closing mass will begin at 4:30 p.m. Check out the advertisement tomorrow in the Observer to get more details on the schedule.

God certainly deserves both our thanks and praise. This Saturday we are presented with an awesome opportunity to do both in new and exciting ways. Take this invitation and pass it on to a friend. Together, we can raise our voices in songs and prayers of praise because there exists no greater love than the love that God has shown us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Acceptable sports dealings still only in dream world

Some people dream about fame and fortune. Others dream about love and success. I dream about sports, not what sports are, but what they could be.

I dream of a world where designated hitters cease to exist, where intra-league play is sufficient, and where sports are played on grass.

I dream of a world where the views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

A Salute to the Leaders of Tomorrow - Air Force ROTC Cadets

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Owners vote to keep instant replay next year

Associated Press

Palm Beach

Instant replay is getting so popular among NFL owners that they may want to keep it for good.

Teams voted 28-3 to continue the system reinstated last season. Replay, which returned after a seven-year absence, will be exactly the same. Coaches will get two challenges per game, and a replay official can stop play on his own for a challenge in the last two minutes of each half.

The vote emboldened its proponents, particularly among the coaches.

"Next year is the pivotal year," said Minnesota's Dennis Green, the new co-chairman of the competition committee. "If things go smoothly next season, it may be time to put it in on a permanent basis."

That may be hard. Replay, first instituted for the 1986 season, has always been renewed on a yearly basis, both from 1987-91 and the past two years. That has meant it needs three-fourths of the teams, currently 24 of 31, for approval. If it goes in permanently, it would take three-fourths of the teams to repeal it, a step many may not be willing to take given some of the controversial calls last season.

Cincinnati and Arizona also voted against it for the second straight year. Kansas City replaced the New York Jets as the third dissenter.

"Human nature doesn't change, and it's humans who run these machines," said Cincinnati's Mike Brown, who has voted against replay every time it has been proposed.

NOTES:

- Spring practice begins Saturday and concludes on April 29 with the annual Blue-Gold game in Notre Dame Stadium.

- 15 Irish players had surgeries in the off-season according to Davie. Only one player, Ryan Roberts, a defensive end, is expected to miss some practice time after back surgery.

- Driver got tendinitis in his left pinky finger during a kitchen mishap and senior Justin Smith will replace Driver for the big play.

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"It's bigger than just saying we're going to line up in this defense and be more aggressive because of this scheme," Davie said. "It's the overall thing of confidence, not giving up the big play, being able to blitz and play man coverage. We've got no excuses because I think we've got some guys that can do that."

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Belles struggle at bat, fall to Comets in MIAA openers

By KAREN SCHOFF

The Saint Mary's softball team played its first conference games last night against Olivet College and lost both games, 6-1 and 5-0.

Sophomore Kristin Martin pitched the first game and junior Anne Senger pitched the second.

The Belles current record is now 9-4 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA.

Olivet finished fourth in the MIAA last season, one place above Saint Mary’s. It was the Comets’ first conference game this season as well, although they have an 11-5-1 record overall.

Jessica Davenport, Olivet’s pitcher in the first game, pitched faster than the Belles’ offense is used to.

The speed of Davenport, the MIAA’s 1999 most valuable player, threw off Saint Mary’s' first game.

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"I don't think there is a more physical conference than the Big East," Doherity said. "Murphy may score points in Notre Dame's semifinal victory. "We'll be ready for it."

Doherity will also have his players ready to run past Wake Forest's aggressive man-to-man defense. He stressed the importance of scoring in transition, but he may have to do without his starting point guard. Senior Jimmy Dillon injured his left ankle in the second half of Tuesday's game and may not be able to start. Doherity, however, is optimistic about junior Martin Ingelsby filling in at the point. "We'll move on," Doherity said. "Martin started here for two years, and I'm confident that the other guys will pick up the slack just like they did in the second half against Penn State."

The Notre Dame men's basketball team is due to arrive from New York on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the airport.

Win or lose, staff, students and fans will be gathering between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. in front of the Joyce Center to greet the team upon their return. All are invited to attend.

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Agassi squeaks past Henman in tiebreaker

Associated Press

The ball floated to Andre Agassi's backhand side, offering him a fat target.

Tim Henman charged the net, one last time, desperate to preserve a mistake, but by now it was clear Agassi couldn't be ruffled. He calmly yanked his shot crosscourt for a winner, then punched the air with both fists to celebrate the knockout.

With considerable cool and a little luck, Agassi overcame four match points in a sloppy but thrilling tiebreaker Wednesday to edge Henman 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (100) in the quarterfinals of the Ericsson Open.

"To win a match like that, you feel kind of proud," Agassi said.

Henman, rushing to the net at every opportunity, was one point from an upset victory at 6-5, 8-7, 9-8 and 10-9 in the tiebreaker. He served once with a match point and squandered that chance by double-faulting into the bottom of the net.

"It wasn't the ideal time," Henman said. "But that's the way it goes."

Agassi had a match point at 7-6 but punched an easy return into the net. He then shanked a forehand at 7-7 but escaped and won the final three points.

"I got a little lucky," Agassi said. "I knew he'd put pressure on me. That's why he's so good."

In women's play, top-seeded Martina Hingis and No. 7 Monica Seles easily advanced and will meet in the semifinals Thursday. Hingis, the 1997 champion, eliminated Amanda Coetzer 6-3, 6-1. Seles, seeking her third title at Key Biscayne but her first since 1991, beat Amy Frazier 6-0, 6-3. Agassi's grueling victory in hot, humid weather was his second in as many days. He said he felt fine afterward, although his right leg bothered him during the 2-hour, 37-minute duel.

"It wasn't an easy match," he said. "It was a fight for both of us."

Agassi, bidding for his fourth Key Biscayne title, will have a well-deserved day off before playing in the semifinals Friday against sixth-seeded Gustavo Kuerten, who eliminated unseeded Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 6-4.

Attention Students, Faculty and Staff

At its meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2000, the University Committee on Computing and Information Services (UCCIS) met and discussed the impact that a program named "Napster" is having on University computing resources.

As many of you are aware, "Napster" is a computer program that acts as an intermediary between computer users who wish to find and trade music files. Use of the program has raised serious concerns about network system security, security of personal computers systems, computer resource (bandwidth) management, intellectual property and copyright violations at college campuses across the country, causing nearly two hundred universities to prohibit use of the "Napster" program on their systems.

The UCCIS is concerned about these issues as well as the resultant cost to students, faculty and staff. Because conservative estimates suggest that between 25-40% of ResNet traffic is "Napster" use, the UCCIS has recommended that the Office of Information Technology immediately implement a moratorium on "Napster" and similar programs. Accordingly, and consistent with the policy on Responsible Use of Information Technologies at Notre Dame, we have directed OIT to immediately implement measures to prevent usage of this type of software.

The UCCIS believes that the moratorium is necessary so that core University academic and administrative computing needs can be met and so that an actual determination can be made of the impact of the use of "Napster" on campus.

The UCCIS anticipates that the moratorium on the use of such programs could become permanent at a later date.

Please know of our appreciation for your understanding and recognition of the need to appropriately provide for and protect the University's academic and administrative computing needs.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Title-starved Irish one win from NIT championship**

*By BRIAN KESSLER  Associate Sport Editor*

NEW YORK

Following Notre Dame's victory over BYU last week, first-year head coach Matt Doherty hinted that he probably would have traded an NIT Championship for a first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament. Wednesday he changed his mind.

"After experiencing this tournament and the first-class manner in which it is run, I wouldn't," Doherty said at a press conference held at the Marriott Marquis in New York. "The exposure we've gotten on ESPN and the exposure our players have gotten in a tournament setting is invaluable for a young team."

That young Notre Dame team (22-14) will play for the NIT Championship tonight when they take on Wake Forest (21-14) at 7 p.m. at Madison Square Garden. Penn State and North Carolina State tip off in the consolation game at 4:45 p.m.

"It's kind of neat playing an ACC team (Wake Forest)," said Doherty who played in the ACC for North Carolina. "It brings back some memories, but our players aren't old enough to remember those days so I don't want to sound like the old coach living in the past. I want to create some new memories."

A victory over the Deamon Deacons in tonight's title game would be a nice memory for Doherty in his first year at the helm. The Irish were runners-up in the NIT in 1973 and 1992, but have never won a postseason championship.

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Doherty's main objective entering the spring season is to address his defense.

"Our No. 1 priority, without a doubt, is improving our defense," Doherty said at Wednesday's press conference. "At the end of last season, we really bottoned out, for a lot of different reasons. We had a lot of unfortunate things happen, but the bottom line is at the end of the year we couldn't stop people and because of that we couldn't win football games."

In last season's winless season, the Irish defense allowed over 30 points and 383 total yards to each of their four opponents. Against Stanford in the season finale, the Irish allowed 472 total yards, including 385 through the air. For the year they allowed an average of 27.6 points and 383.7 yards per game.

"We spent every second since the end of the season looking at what we did scheme-wise, personnel-wise and techniques-wise," Doherty said. "I would say the problem would be more of not what we did, but how we did it."

"I think at the end of the season we really had a difficult time tackling," Doherty added. "And we had a difficult time with our techniques as far as just man-to-man coverage techniques in the secondary."

The secondary will be added this year by the returners of Brock Williams and Tony Driver from suspensions. Williams, who...