Students serve as ‘good neighbors’ to local community

ND and SMC volunteers help El Buen Vecino impact families

By ERIN LAUFFA
Assistant News Editor
The year ago, a 2-and-a-half year old boy wandered away from his South Bend home, quite curious about the cars he saw whizzing by him. He walked about three blocks before a woman found him standing near the side of the road. The woman spoke only English and he spoke only Spanish, so she had to take him to the police station. Police officers were eventually able to find his parents — immigrants from Mexico who spoke no English. Authorities charged the “founder with neglect and took the boy away from them.”

The family was eventually able to regain custody of the boy, in part through the help of Notre Dame student Michael Haber, a Cuban immigrant, who has studied for over 30 years with Hispanics in the United States. Eight years ago, she founded El Buen Vecino, which means “The Good Neighbor.” It is now located in its own building in South Bend and offers numerous programs to families in the area, including tutoring in English and assistance filling out job applications.

“[We] want to help our community to better the life of our families,” said Haber. “El Buen Vecino is unique in the community because (1) it is the only agency that assists the low-income families — mostly Hispanics — that come to the community ... The family needs all the support (it) can get.”

Haber runs much of the organization herself, but also relies on the assistance of student volunteers from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

The same junior Susan Palladino decided to serve at El Buen Vecino at the beginning of her sophomore year after spending time in Mexico. She has volunteered on a weekly basis ever since.

The place is never boring — there’s always something going on. It’s always so busy that your head spins on some days,” Palladino said.

At first, Palladino primarily turned out food and played games with children. This year she is involved in program administration and grant writing. When she started volunteering at El Buen Vecino, she knew she wanted to be a business major but did not have a specific career goal. After working there, she decided to pursue management of non-profit organizations.

“I think working there really solidified my direction,” Palladino said. “The non-profit world has a different pace than the business world. They’re attuned into the community, where often times the business world, the business world.

Don’t just do it! Nike-affiliated schools joining the WRC may lose Nike sponsorship.

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary’s News Editor
Taking a revolutionary stand in the pro-life movement at the collegiate level, the Right to Life clubs on Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s will host a conference entitled “Our Duty to Serve, Our Call to Lead” this weekend.

“The first time anyone has ever tried to host a national collegiate pro-life conference,” said Emily Morarity, president of Saint Mary’s Right to Life. “It’s really exciting that we’re a part of this.”

Morarity and Right to Life member Rachel Richardson are co-chairing the event. U.S. Representative Chris Smith (N.J.), Co-Chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, will deliver the keynote address on Friday night in which he will discuss pro-life leadership and human rights abuses. A strong advocate of human rights and child health, Smith is known for his legislative victories banning overseas groups that perform promote abortion from receiving federal family planning funding.

Smith has also advocated legislation for maternal and child welfare, and has initiated legislative measures dealing with adoption and maternal health.

“A lot of people think that pro-life leaders are extremists,” Morarity said. “But that’s not what the pro-life movement is about.”

Several other noted members of the pro-life community will also speak at the conference. Janet Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas, will speak on “Abortion, Contraception and Our Culture” and present pro-life arguments against the contraceptive mentality Smith founded the Women’s Care Crisis pregnancy network in South Bend in 1984.

“We had a meeting to try to find different pro-life leaders who had a Christian focus,” Richmond said of the selection process for speakers.

Father Matthew Haigher, President Emeritus and Chairman of the Board of Human Life International, will give a talk on “Constructing a Culture of Life,” to teach students how to spread the pro-life movement in society. Human Life International is the largest pro-life organization in the world.

“It is really good that Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are taking the lead in this and understanding how important all life is at all stages, stages, stages, and stages un- born,,” Morarity said.

Dr. John Crosby, professor of philosophy and Chairman of the Graduate Philosophy at Franciscan University of St. Louis, will address the “Dignity of Human Persons, Both Born and Unborn,” pursuing the abortion debate from a philosophical context. Crosby is the author of the “The Selfhood of the Human Person.”

Father Joseph Howard, director of the American Bioethics Advisory Committee, will teach...
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**THESE WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAIN T MA RY’S**

**Friday**
- **Lecture:** "New Challenges for Urban Postcommunism," Venelin Garvey, Kellogg Visiting Fellow, 12:30 p.m.
- **Lecture:** "Podcasting," Saska Sassen, 3 p.m.; Hesburgh Auditorium
- **Event:** Acoustic Cafe; 9 p.m.; LaFortune

**Saturday**
- **Event:** Junior Mom’s Weekend; Saint Mary’s
- **Event:** 5K, 10K, plus 2-mile walk; Proceeds benefit Christmas in April; 11 a.m.; Register in advance at Rolfs

**Sunday**
- **Event:** Junior Mom’s Weekend; Saint Mary’s
- **Concert:** Notre Dame Collegeium; 8 p.m.; Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

Laura Rompf

Assistant News Editor

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof’s decision last month to join the Worker Rights Consortium might eventually lighten the University’s pocketbook by more than the just the price of WRC dues.

Last Thursday, Nike terminated its contract with Brown University after school officials tried to renegotiate their contract in accordance with the WRC code of conduct, a set of standards championed by students, sweatshop activists and organized labor groups nationwide.

In anticipation of this Friday’s founding WRC meeting, the move has raised more than a few eyebrows at universities nationwide.

Nike officials say the WRC is counterevolutionary because corporations are not allowed to sit at the consortium’s bargaining table, an exclusion they say creates distrust between all involved parties.

Simon Pestridge, Nike’s labor practices manager, says the corporation prefers their membership in the Fair Labor Association, an alternative labor-monitoring group criticized by activists and organized labor for catering too heavily to corporate interests.

“We’ve been involved with these labor issues for a long time, and we know how to make improvements in the factories,” Pestridge said.

“While you’re saying with the WRC is that we don’t know how to do that,”

So far Brown, a founding WRC member, is the only institution to face repercussions because of their involvement.

Pestridge said Nike will deal with each university on a per contract basis. But the University of Minnesota, whose men’s and women’s basketball and hockey teams and football team all sport uniforms bearing the company’s trademark swoosh, could find itself in the same precarious position since WRC is fully established.

At issue, in part, is the structure of each individual contract. Brown University was in the second year of a three-year deal that provided equipment in their men’s hockey team at wholesale prices.

**FRUIT FLY GENOME FOUND**

BERKELEY, Calif. — University of California-Berkeley scientists announced last week in the journal Science that they have succeed in mapping the vast majority of the fruit fly genome — a success which researchers said could help explain human diseases. In solving the map of the drosophila melanogaster genome, researchers discovered that many of their genes are similar to those in humans, and that their genetic material appears in both organisms. A genome is all of the DNA in a set of chromosomes. The Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project, headed by UC Berkeley professor Gerald Rubin, is part of a nationwide effort to map the entire genome of several model organisms. The same set of hundreds of scientists from around the nation announced last year that they had completed sequencing the entire fruit fly genome. In one cycle of its fast replication cycle, the fruit fly has long been used as a model organism in biology, and was used to lay many of the foundations for the field of genetics. For example, the fruit fly was used in 1916 to prove that genes lay on chromosomes.

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Blood drive honors Seattle girl

The Arnold Air Society is sponsoring a blood drive today in LaFortune Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the name of Junior Collins.

Collins, a Seattle girl suffering from a rare form of liver cancer, needs blood transfusions. Collins' parents, Bill and Kathy, graduated from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's respectively and are organizing blood drives nationwide to raise 1,000 pints of blood in the girl's name. She was diagnosed with the cancer in September, and has received several blood transfusions.

Thirty students gave a pint at an Arnold Air Society drive for Collins on Nov. 31, 1999. Organizers expect 30 students tomorrow. Nurses will come from the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank to draw the blood.

Most people in good health who are more than 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. Students who would like to do so but cannot come tomorrow can contact the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank Monday through Saturday downtown at 234-1152 or in Mishawaka at 273-8879.

Student body president Brian O'Donoghue and vice president Brooke Norton preside over the Student Senate for the first time on Wednesday.

Need: LEADERS FOR APPALACHIA SEMINAR TASK FORCE

The Appalachia Seminar is currently seeking members to join the Appalachia Task Force for the 2000-2001 school year. The Task Force consists of eight undergraduate students who form a leadership team responsible for planning, implementing, and creating new opportunities within the Appalachia Seminar. The Task Force is dedicated to experiential learning as a means to enhance higher education. We are in need of interested, enthusiastic, and committed persons to join us.

If you have participated in the Appalachia Seminar, please consider applying to the Appalachia Task Force.

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New officers debate parliamentary nomination

Last night's Student Senate meeting was the first for the new officers and vice president Brooke Norton. Although the agenda included very few items, the meeting lasted nearly two hours due to a lengthy debate over the nomination for parliamentarian.

"I'm not sure why there is so much debate over a simple nomination for an office like parliamentarian," said former Judicial Council president Kelly Felts. She continued by advising new senators that this type of debate for a routine nomination was "not normal."

Earlier in the week, current council president Tony Wagner had met with John Oshorn, Board of Trustees Chair, as parliamentarian.

"There were two applicants for the position. We carefully read over the applications, conducted interviews and decided John would be best for the position. It was a hard decision to make because both candidates were qualified. However, John brought some experience outside student government and there is the argument that student government simply replicates itself, so we thought it would be good to have a fresh face," Wagner said.

Some senators thought that Paul Slaydock, former St. Edward's Hall senator, the other applicant, was better qualified for the position.

"We have a duty as an oversight group to just not sit and stare at something that comes across our desk," said Audrey Haggan, Pasquerilla West senator.

"If a nominee is not qualified, we should reject the nomination," said Katie Thompson, the McGill senator. "I know as a new senator, I may not know the constitution well, but it is the parliamentarian's job to know it intimately and I think it would be difficult to have someone who actually worked on parts of this constitution together."

However, several senators disagreed.

"I do not know [Oshorn] well at all, but he seems extremely intelligent and qualified for this position," said Grant Cholson, Keenan senator. "If we can get anyone to do this job, I think that is good. I think we should respect the nomination. I do not see any reason to reject it. He seems willing to learn and it will not be hard to get the rules down."

Others agreed.

"We're questioning a judicial counsel decision here. Personally, I think we should respect other parts of the student union," Luciana Reali, Lewis Hall senator. "I know John Oshorn very well and I can attest to the quality of his character," said Ryan Becker, Zahm hall senator. "He is dedicated and does care a great deal about student government. He wants to stay involved and I feel this is a perfect way. I am confident he can serve in this task."

The recent acquittance rape on campus was another topic of discussion at last night's meeting.

"When I read the Viewpoint article in The Observer, it is clear that this is an issue that effects many students," said Reali. "It is a difficult issue to deal with on this campus because people are not willing to talk about it.

Reali recommended that the senate form a committee to create an education system for the campus to educate students on the issue.

"I believe we should form a committee immediately to try and solve some of this issue," Reali said. "We must start to raise awareness."

Reali said that senators should talk to administrators, students and faculty in order to get a complete understanding of problem and what can be done.

In other senate news

Nomineations were presented last night as follows: Trip Foley for secretary of the student senate, John Oshorn for student senate parliamentarian, Mark Lesheey for chaplain of student senate, Jay Smith for office of the presidents chief of staff, Susan Roberts for academic delegate and Matt Clark for office of the president controller.

Senate passed a resolution establishing a Sophomore Signature Event Planning Committee.
Conference Schedule
All events will be in the College of Business

Friday, April 7th, 2000
5:30 pm - Registration and Social
7:15 pm - Constructing a Culture of Life, Father Matthew Habiger
9 pm - Pro-Life Leadership and Legislative Issues, Representative Christopher Smith
10:15 pm - Prayer Vigil for Life at the Cronin

Saturday, April 8th, 2000
9:30 am - Abortion, Contraception and Our Culture, Janet Smith
11 am - Workshop Session #1
1 pm - Law, Politics and the Right to Life, Charles Rice
2 pm - Workshop Session #2
3:15 pm - Fetal Experimentation and Bioethics, TBA
6 pm - Dignity of Human Persons, Both Born and Unborn, John Crosby
7:15 pm - Social Event
9:30 pm - Evening of spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession and spiritual direction

Sunday, April 9th, 2000
8:00 am - Workshop Session #3
10:00 am - Workshops and Contests
11 am - Workshop Session #4
1 pm - Workshop Session #5
3:00 pm - Workshop Session #6
5:30 pm - Closing Session

Pro-life students about "Fetal Experimentation and Bioethics."
From the Notre Dame community, law professor Charles Rice will also speak. Rice has led and advised numerous pro-life organizations around the country, including the Free Speech Advocates of Catholics United for Life. He will share his experience with the design and advocacy of the Human Life Amendment.

"It's an effort to bring people in from various college campuses to provide mutual education on right to life issues," Rice said of the conference. "I think it's a great idea. It's a very useful opportunity for Notre Dame students to become informed on the issue."

Along with the lectures, the planning committee has scheduled workshops to empower students to deal with issues ranging from death row ministry, the death penalty, post-abortion trauma counseling, crisis pregnancy centers and aid for low income mothers, bioethics, stem cell research, international adoption, euthanasia and moral concerns. Students also may work with the students on a wide range of pro-life ethics and strategies for pro-life student organizations.

The purpose of the conference is to bring colleges and universities together for spiritual education, to share ideas with other students and to spread the pro-life culture," Moriarty said. "Our workshops will be on a wide range of topics to help students make their clubs more effective on campus and to generate more enthusiasm for the movement."

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, worked with the students when they approached him initially with the idea of hosting a conference.

"We were supportive from the beginning," Poorman said. "All of our reservations were logistical, but [the planning committee] rose to the challenge."

"He was completely supportive of our objective," Moriarty said. "The administration has been very supportive throughout the whole process. I would expect we'd have a lot more obstacles at a public university. There would probably be protests."

According to Antkowiak, the conference was designed by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to provide students nationwide with the practical means to spread the pro-life message on their campuses, and to propose the formation of a national pro-life network. Students from at least 10 other institutions of higher learning are expected to attend.

The conference was also sponsored by the ND Center for Ethics and Culture, Jacques Maritain Center, Amnesty International, St. Thomas More Society, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata, Knights of Columbus, Jus Vitae, Campus Ministry, and Notre Dame's Department of Theology. Most lectures will be held in Jordan Auditorium in College of Business Administration.

"This conference will equip and motivate students for their critical role as leaders in the new millennium," Antkowiak said.

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MILWAUKEE

Smoke enveloped areas of western Milwaukee County on Wednesday as wind worked against firefighters battling a 2,000-acre blaze at the edge of the I-94 highway. Late in the day, nearby residents were asked to stay indoors, keep windows and doors shut and turn on their air conditioners, that was "like looking into a fire in the area," according to an advisory issued by Milwaukee County government.

The fire broke out Saturday, according to the Florida Division of Forestry, and a strong northwesrly wind fed it through undeveloped, swampy areas on Wednesday. No residents or businesses were threatened by fire, but smoke hampered visibility for drivers on nearby Tamiami Trail. Oaklawn Road and Florida's Turnpike, said David Udry, Everglades district manager for the state Division of Forestry.

The CIA has given Germany a first batch of spy files obtained from the former East Germany that could expose many agents who operated in the West during the Cold War. The archive, said to contain 320,000 names, was obtained by the U.S. intelligence agency after the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, though the circumstances have never been officially explained. Government spokesman Uwe-Karsten Heye said Wednesday that the first CD-ROM arrived at Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's office last Friday. It was still sealed and had not yet been analyzed, he said. Some 1,000 fürther discs are to follow over the next one and a half years, Heye said.

15-year-old boy will stand trial for shootings

LIVINGSTON, Alberta

A 15-year-old boy who shot two students at his high school last year is mentally fit to stand trial in either adult or juvenile court, a judge ruled Wednesday. The shooting in Taber, Alberta, occurred eight days after the 1999 G8 summit in which two students killed 11 people before turning the guns on themselves. Balraj Dev, the hoy's lawyer, said Wednesday his client fired the shots that killed Aeron Lang, 17, and wounded another youth in the hallway of W.B. Moss school in April 1999.

"We will not change our position that he pulled the trigger," Dev said. "It's never been an issue. By law, the boy's name cannot be released because he is a minor. Dev has said his client was reacting to bullying at school and also was affected by the Columbine shootings. After his arrest, the boy underwent an open-heart surgery to correct a previously undetected birth defect.

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**Japan**

Morí to continue successor's policies

**s Election of new Prime Minister resolves leadership crisis**

TIKYO

Ruling party insider Yoshiró Morí took control as Japan's new prime minister Wednesday, squelching speculation he would call early elections and promising to plow ahead with his predecessor's economic recovery plan.

The election of Morí by parliament resolved a leadership crisis in the Japanese government triggered Sunday when Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi suffered a stroke and went into a coma. Obuchi remained hospitalized on life-support.

At his first news conference as prime minister, Morí brushed off suggestions that opposition pressure would force him to call a general election before July, when leaders from the Group of Eight nations will hold a summit in Japan.

Morí, the former second-in-command in the Liberal Democratic Party, said bolstering the economy and preparing for the summit were his priorities, not elections. The government must call elections by October.

"I have other major tasks to carry out and I have to make sure that I execute those tasks in a proper manner," he said.

Morí, 62, took office with a mandate to keep up the policies of Obuchi, who mounted a huge public spending campaign to jar Japan out of recession. He kept Obuchi's Cabinet intact, with all the ministers the same except for the top spot.

Morí said his first job would be to end Japan's decade-long stretch of deflation, and especially to boost private consumption, long considered the central weak spot in the economy.

"I will be following the path of Prime Minister Obuchi," Morí declared. "I will finish what he has started and left unfinished."

A former trade minister, Morí won solid majorities in votes Wednesday in both houses of Parliament following his installment earlier in the day as leader of the LDP. He and his Cabinet were sworn in by Emperor Akihito, Morí emerged as the most viable replacement as prime minister shortly after Obuchi's stroke.

President Bill Clinton puts his arms around Microsoft founder Bill Gates and World Bank President James Wolfensohn during the White House conference on the economy Wednesday. Leading economists and industry experts discussed world economic trends and predictions at the meeting.

Clinton boasts strong economy
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There will be three student representatives elected by the United Students Sweatshops, three college and university representatives elected by the participants and six representatives from the already existing Advisory Council. These three groups will serve as the governing body of the Consortium and will vote on future decisions for the WRC.

In addition to Poynter, students Maureen Capillo and Calle Koon, along with the director of the bookstore, Sandy VanderVeen and Besty Staunton, the coordinator of the working group, will be attending.

VanderVeen hopes that, aside from learning about the functioning of the WRC, the group can gather some information on the manufacturers the college uses when producing collegiate apparel.

"My expectations are just to learn more about how I can be a buyer for the campus, will be made aware of what is occurring," she said.

Currently the College buys from the corporations Jansport and Gear, Both Staunton and VanderVeen hope that, eventually, the WRC will make it possible for colleges and universities to know all of the vendors' manufactur- ers and in order to assure they are treating their workers fairly.

"We hope to learn how the WRC is going to work when we have a question about a certain vender," Staunton said.

Because Saint Mary's is a small college, the amount of apparel sold by the college is not as substantial as some other members. Many representatives, however, feel that the educational benefits the student body will receive from the WRC are more important than information on apparel manufacturers.

"Even though Saint Mary's is small, it's still important to take a stand," Poynter said. "The WRC has important symbolic and educational significance."

Poynter added that the Consortium has educational significance.

"We are also attending the conference so that we can become more informed about the WRC and can get plugged into the network of campuses that care about sweatshop issues," Poynter said.

She also hopes to bring back information which they can use to educate the rest of the Saint Mary's College community about this issue.

Aside from electing the governing board, the weekend will provide informational sessions on sweatshops and the WRC. Congressman George Miller will be addressing the participants, and there will be a panel discussion with representatives from universities and anti-sweatshop advocates.

After the initial conference this weekend, the WRC will meet three times a year.

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two Saint Mary's students intern there for the work-study program.

There are tons of opportunities for those who serve," Palladino said, adding that individuals or entire dorms can get involved without a weekly commitment.

Another junior, who asked that his name not be used, originally went to El Buen Vecino this year because he owed 46 hours of community service. Instead of fulfilling that obligation through unrelated, one-time volunteer projects, he completed all 440 hours at El Buen Vecino. After finding his requirement, he still volunteers regularly there.

"I just got involved with it, thought it was a good idea, so I kept on going," he said.

There are also benefits for the volunteers themselves, according to Palladino.

Many students who serve as tutors at the organization are not fluent in Spanish, but are able to practice speaking the language with members of the community who come to be tutored, Palladino said.

More volunteers would be beneficial to the organization as well, said Palladino, especially for the year-oriented program, Care for Our Children.

"Care for Our Children is going to work for the entire year," she said.

The program specifically aims to help families to deal with cultural issues and includes seminars for adult family members in areas such as health, child-development and the proper organization of a home.

"In order to live better you have to have that house organized. Everyone can live in a healthy and safe environment."

Palladino said. It is important to include all members of the family — not just the parents of the children. In these seminars because Hispanics tend to live in extended families, according to Palladino.

In addition to year-oriented seminars for adults, Care for Our Children offers family counseling and separate seminars for children dealing with issues such as sharing, discipline and helping with household chores.

El Buen Vecino began this program in 1998 after receiving a grant from the Indiana Children's Trust Fund, a division of Family and Social Services. The grant is funded from the sales of "Kids First" license plates.

"We are asking all the students... everybody from Notre Dame... to buy the plate," Haber said. "We need support from the staff, faculty and everyone who lives in Indiana."

As with all programs at El Buen Vecino, the families who participate in Care for Our Children are not committed to attend all events related to the program.

"They are not obligated to come here. They come when they can, when they have time," Haber said.
SMC group presents at national conference

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College was well represented last week at the National Meeting of American Chemical Society in San Francisco. Seniors Julia Bower, Anne Pangilinan, Katie Goolsby and Laura Carroll, along with junior Emily Koelsch and professors Deborah McCarthy and Phillip Bay, attended the four-day conference directed towards learning and presenting chemical research. Of this, 16,000 in attendance, only about 2,000 were undergraduate students. The four Saint Mary’s seniors each presented a poster on research they had conducted. Anne Pangilinan’s research title was “Comparison of Diffusion FTIR for Quantitative Determination of Silica and Phosphorus Pentoxide in a Mixture.” She got the idea for research from her advisor, McCarthy, who has been working since 1993 on Chemical Aircraft Landing System in South Bend. “I just continued the research they started back then,” Pangilinan said. “I was able to begin working on it this past summer through S.T.E.M. grant through Saint Mary’s.” Her fellow colleague, Carroll, researched toxic compounds in Lymphoblastoma cells, using a technique known as Fluorescence Spectroscopy. According to Carroll, the conference is like a “giant science fair with people that know way more than you walking around asking questions.” The students were questioned about their own research and were also allowed to question other students and learn more about other research projects. “People come up with questions you never thought of in any other direction,” said Carroll. “I learned a lot about communication skills — communicating what you’re researching, communicating with other scientists — and a lot about networking. It really exposes you to different aspects of research.” Pangilinan expressed excitement about some of the information she required from other professors for help on her research. “I benefitted a lot,” Pangilinan said. “I think we represented Saint Mary’s very well. There are so many other types of the chemistry majors are geeks. You can be cool and a chemistry major.” Saint Mary’s Affiliates of American Chemical Society (SMAACS) also presented a poster. Koelsch and Carroll are co-presidents of the club. “We worked with us to go to leadership workshops and present the SMAACS poster with us,” said Carroll. “The group received an outstanding achievement award in 1999.” Although the poster presentation is not a requirement for chemistry senior comprehensive at Saint Mary’s, it is valued for the experience. Koelsch went as a student affiliate to present and learn about what other chemistry chapters are doing. She noted that the chemistry field includes great diversity. “We discussed stereotypes of chemistry and how to break them down. It was very obvious to me, that there is no stereotype for chemistry. There were a lot of minority students at the conference,” said Koelsch. Koelsch also learned about the path of many chemistry students, who work hard and then do not benefit from it. “We learned how to deal with apathy and what to do when you get tired of chemistry and it’s your job,” Koelsch said.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution encouraging the Academic Council to institute the efficient use of classroom space and sent another resolution back to the committee on Student Affairs and Academic Affairs regarding information reported on students’ transcripts and the awarding of honors at graduation at its April meeting Wednesday.

The resolution requesting the investigation by the Academic Council into the under-utilization of available classroom space came from the committee on Student Affairs. The creators of the resolution intended for the resolution to acquire information on the issue about the shortage of classrooms during peak hours of the day. Furthermore, the resolution states that “the costs of increasing number of classroom to remedy these shortages divert University funds from real needs (increased faculty, tuition reduction).” The resolution also states that more than 15 percent of the classrooms that are used Monday and Wednesday are not used on Friday. If the Faculty Senate debated the relevance of the resolution, but after members from the committee on Student Affairs explained that the purpose of the resolution was to request information and not regulation, the resolution passed 23 to three.

The committee on Student Affairs proposed another resolution regarding the increase in cumulative grade point averages throughout the University and addressed the discrepancy among the colleges in regards to awarding graduation honors.

According to the resolution and University of Notre Dame fact book, the mean undergraduate cumulative grade point average for seniors increased from 3.198 in Fall 1995 to 3.299 Spring 1999. Also, in Spring 1999 the median cumulative grade point average in the college of Arts and Letters was 3.363 while in the college of Engineering, it was 3.178. According to the resolution, the disparity resulted in “disproportionate award of grade point average-based honors.” To aid in resolving these issues, the resolution called for the University to require the “numerical value of the mean grade assigned to students” to be placed on the transcripts in addition to the next to the individual students assigned grades. During debate on this resolution, the Faculty Senate also requested that the size of the courses be placed on the transcripts.

The resolution also suggested that the committee on Student Affairs change to the Academic Board on Athletics. Furthermore, the resolution asked the Academic Council to allow the Faculty Senate to add their input before the committee on Student Affairs decides on any changes to the Academic Board on Athletics.

In other senate news
• In her chair’s report, Jean Porter announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to nominate the candidates for committee chair and officer for next year’s senate.
• Porter also announced that the final Faculty Senate Forum on Academic Life will be on Monday, April 10 from 3-5 p.m. in McKenna Center. The topic will be “Diversity and Community” and presenters will be Associate Provost Carol Mooney, Professor Jimmy Gurlah of the Lehman School and Adela Penagos, coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs.

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House bans ‘partial-birth’ abortions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Republican-controlled House voted anew Wednesday to ban what critics call “partial-birth” abortions, eager for an election-year vote showdown with implications for the presidential campaign as well as the battle for control of Congress.

The vote was a bipartisan 287-141, the third time in five years the House has backed the ban. And while the majority was wide enough to override President Clinton’s threatened veto, the bill’s supporters appear to be short of the strength they would need to prevail in the Senate.

“God put us in the world to do noble things, to love and to cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them.”

President Clinton’s threatened veto

Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

WASHINGTON Three men who spent years in jail waiting to die for murders they didn’t commit came to the Capitol on Wednesday to seek a halt to all U.S. executions until stronger safeguards are in place to ensure innocent people aren’t executed.

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“Given one opportunity to seek a change the bill, Democrats sought to create a new class of exceptions from the ban for cases in which the mother might suffer “serious long-term physical health consequences.”

It marked the first time that opponents of the measure had dropped their long-standing demand for exceptional cases based on mental health.

Even so, their attempt was rejected, 289-140.

A bipartisan group of opponents of the measure also sought a vote on an alternative that would ban “fetal viability abortions” except in cases where the woman’s life or health was jeopardized. The GOP leadership successfully prevented the measure from coming to a vote.

Clinton has vetoed the so-called “partial birth” bans twice in the past, each time saying he would sign a bill that provided exemptions for both the life and health of the mother.

The impact of the abortion issue on the campaign is unpredictable.

George W. Bush, the GOP nominee-in-waiting, has sought to soft-pedal his opposition to abortion at points, but has repeatedly said he would sign a “partial birth” abortion ban.

Former inmates seek to ban death penalty

Darby Tillis, former death row inmate

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Gauger was convicted of killing five people at a Chicago beauty salon in 1993. Some 13 men were exonerated after new DNA testing revealed that the wrong men had been executed.

Since that time, 87 have been freed since 1973, according to the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center. Some were cleared with true trials. Some had their convictions overturned on appeal. Some had DNA prove their innocence.

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What is it about this place?
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

I find myself wanting to say something about Notre Dame and about what this place means to me and to so many. Not only because our seniors are inevitably consumed by thoughts of their imminent departure; but because I myself am preparing to leave Notre Dame at the end of this academic year. I have been given the blessing of my religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to take my leave of this place and to pursue doctoral studies in moral psychology. I don’t need to tell the seniors that this leave-taking comes with mixed emotions. There is in me great excitement at being able to pursue that which I’ve long wanted to; but at the same time, there is more than a tinge of sadness at the thought of leaving this place which I have of late called home.

What is it about this place that makes it so hard to leave? There are as many answers to that question as there are people who’ve been faced with leaving here. There are undoubtedly some among us who won’t find it difficult at all, a few who’ve looked forward to this day for a long time. And then there are those who can’t imagine life beyond it. And then there are most of the rest of us who fall somewhere in the middle, pained at the prospect, but excited, and grappling at the same time at making the best of these remaining days.

I find myself reflecting a good deal personally on why this place might mean so much to me. Clearly, it is the relationships with the many in this place who fill the everyday of my life that I will most miss. There are numerous encounters each day which leave me a better man for each. There is also the sense of this place as being bigger than any one of us, and even bigger than the collective, a spirit which takes all of us beyond ourselves. There are circumstances lately that have brought this home to me more powerfully than I might otherwise have appreciated. The most obvious are the events surrounding Conor Murphy’s relatively recent diagnosis with leukemia and the remarkable love and support that have been expressed for him. Clearly, the narrow donor drive, which garnered the participation of so many, was evidence enough of our collective willingness to stand together in times of adversity, and to support one another in a time of need.

As a rector and a campus minister on this campus, I have most enjoyed the opportunity that it has provided me to enter into the lives and stories of so many fine people, young and old. I am humbled and honored to have walked with so many through some of the most important days of their lives. As I write, it is the anniversary of my ordination to priesthood. I suspect there is no other gift for which I am more thankful as I reflect on my days of ministry here at Notre Dame. There is a richness to our sacramental life and to our shared faith that leaves me speechless with gratitude before God. This evening I will offer a Mass at the Log Chapel to yet again give thanks for the many blessings that I, and all of us, have known in this place.

Not long from now, I will miss being able to wander out in the middle of any night to spend some time at the Grotto; I will miss the ceaselessly joyful liturgies which grace our beautiful Basilica; I will miss many things, but most of all, I will miss the people. I will miss the multitudes who make up this place, the people who challenge me every day to be more than I am, whether they be students, faculty, staff or administrators. As I prepare to leave this place, I do not apologize for being sentimental about it; I am sad, I am excited, I am moved and I am grateful. There is simply a lot of sentiment in this that!

I want to close with a prayer that has meant much to me ever since my theology studies in Berkeley. They are the words of Teilhard de Chardin, but so much the thoughts of my heart in these days, for myself, and for you. His words might encourage us to be present to each moment, even as they are numbered.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow.
Let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don’t try to force them on as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstance acting on your own good will) will make of tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.
Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.
Annan welcomes U.S. flexibility  

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday he welcomed a U.S. decision to be more flexible in talks on expanding the 15-member U.S. Security Council. But diplomats cautioned that reform of the most important U.N. body was still bogged down by competing national and regional demands.

Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told the General Assembly's Open-Ended Working Group on Monday that Washington was dropping its demand for any expansion of the council to have a ceiling of 21 members.

"The U.S. is now prepared to consider proposals that would result in a slightly larger number of seats than 21," he said, without giving a new ceiling.

Annan welcomed Holbrooke's announcement. "I think it will facilitate discussion among member states for reform in the council," he said.

The Security Council, the only U.N. body with power to enforce its decisions militarily or economically, has five permanent members — the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China — and 10 non-permanent members whose terms rotate every two years.

Holbrooke stressed that the U.S. position during future negotiations would be based on the need for the Security Council to be reformed and strengthened, not merely expanded.

While progress will not be easy, if we approach this discussion with a spirit of openness, we can energize this debate and begin to build consensus," he said.

The United States and France favor adding five new permanent seats — Japan, Germany, and one member from Asia, Africa and Latin America — to be selected by their regional groups. Those regions are a long way from agreement on a single country to represent them.

Many industrialized and developing countries oppose any expansion of the permanent members, who have veto power. And proposals for the council's non-permanent members go up to 25 members.

As Italy's U.N. Ambassador Sergio Vento told the working group, adding new permanent members would be discriminating and would further divide the council and make decision-making even more difficult.

China's deputy U.N. ambassador Shen Guofang said Beijing is flexible on the number, but is concerned about maintaining the council's efficiency and wants to ensure "minimum group" representation of the developing countries.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Namibia's U.N. Ambassador Martin Andjaba, a non-permanent council member.

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States investigate gun industry

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Smith & Wesson was headed for a long legal battle over its new line of "smart guns" yesterday when the company agreed to join in a Justice Department agreement that would bar it from selling products to five states unless it developed "safety locks" for its firearms.

Under the agreement, the company will have 90 days to develop the locks, to be sold in addition to the "smart guns" that it has started marketing this year.

"Exercising corporate responsibility should not be reason for your competitors to put a bull's eye on your back," Nathan Baranek, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, said yesterday.

Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Delaware will be included in the agreement, the company said. A sixth state, New York, has filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent the company from shipping "smart guns".

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Minister: U.S. needs actions, not words

• Albright’s remarks could rebuild U.S.-Iran relations

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran

Iran’s foreign minister on Wednesday welcomed a recent overture by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to begin reversing decades of mistrust, but said words needed to be supported by actions.

Albright’s comments last month contained some positive points, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

In a speech March 17 in which she abolished a U.S. ban on imports of Iranian luxury goods, Albright said that the United States wanted a “new relationship” with Iran.

Albright said the shah, whom the United States had backed until it was overthrown by the 1979 revolution, had been brutal to Iranians, and that Washington had been “regrettably shortsighted” in its tilting toward Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88.

“Neither Iran, nor we, can forget the past,” Albright said. She also condemned the 1979 seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and criticized Iran as a supporter of terrorism, an opponent of Middle East peacemaking and as bent on acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Kharrazi said Wednesday that his ministry would give a detailed response to Albright later. But he said Washington’s apparent intention to improve relations needed to be demonstrated in practice.

“1f the United States is really for an improvement of ties with Iran, it should take practical steps in this regard and show that it has abandoned its hostile policy,” Kharrazi told a joint press conference with Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen.

Kharrazi called for the release of Iranian assets that are frozen in the United States.

“If the United States is really for an improvement of ties with Iran, it should take practical steps in this regard and show that it has abandoned its hostile policy,” he said.

Asked whether his remarks showed a shift in Iran’s line on the United States, Kharrazi said: “What I said was that Mrs. Albright’s speech revealed some changes in Washington’s attitude toward Iran, but it still contradicts what the U.S. government does in practice.”

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LIVING IS EARNING A SATURDAY WAGE

One of the remaining questions that the University's Task Force on Student Workers Initiative (SWI) must address is that of the living wage. My own position is that the University should not be asked to fund the living wage. The first reason for doing so is that the improvement in such a wage would bring about the survival of the workers. The second is that the living wage has been a standard part of modern Catholic social teaching from its inception with Pope St. John XXIII's letter, "Nourishment through the latest instruments. Both of these reasons are obvious.

There is a third reason, however, that is often missed: the lack of a living wage severely curtails and even violates a person's right to life. This fact is substantiated in a wide range of studies that have appeared in journals from The New England Journal of Medicine to The British Medical Journal. Such studies appear under academically inflected titles such as "The Surprising Duality in Mortality between Socioeconomic Groups in the United States, 1960 and 1986", but the point is sufficiently clear. If you deny someone a living wage, you rob them of a significant portion of their life.

What leads to this loss of life is a variety of factors for instance, long-term stress, illness, malnutrition, lack of health care — with different factors becoming predominant in different circumsances. Just how much of a person's life he or she is denied is hard to determine in any specific instance, but studies like the above can generally be used to estimate that in the circumstances studied in the U.S. 20 years or more can be lost. (The circumstances are frequently worse abroad.) What the studies miss are the instances of increased infant and child mortality in families that do not earn a living wage. In a family where there is no living wage, more than one person is denied years of life.

The American Catholic Bishops recognize the wage in the ways in which the lack of living wage and the frequently attendant lack of adequate health care impair children. In the lack of basic healthcare — and factors tied directly to poverty — have been documented in the tragic reality that poor children are twice as likely as other children to have physical or mental disabilities or other chronic health conditions that impair daily activity. Our nation's continuing failure to guarantee access to quality health care for all people exacts its most painful toll in preventable disabilities, deaths, and sickness of our infants and children.

When death is involved in these cases, much more is lost than 20 years. A living wage would cover such health care.

Catholic teaching often distinguishes between "quality of life" issues on the one hand and "right to life" issues such as abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment on the other. What the research data indicate and what the teaching also affirms is that even with quality of life issues there is a floor beneath which the lack of quality becomes a matter of a right to life. This is the force behind the Second Vatican Council's admonishment "to remember the saying of the Fathers: 'Feed the man dying of hunger, because . . .'

If you have not fed him you have killed him.

The American Bishops put the matter in their own words in reference to the global economy: "In our hearts, we know something is wrong as we watch children die on the nightly news. We need to link these heartbreaking pictures of hunger and desperation to the structures of debt and development, and we need a response even more than we need a political and economic system that would help bring an end to world hunger and poverty."

The lack of a living wage is part of the current global "structures of development and poverty." The living wage identifies that floor beneath which persons begin losing not simply this or that quality of life but also life itself.

What goes under the name of unemployment is not simply at fault because it does not, in fact, sustain persons over the long haul. Failing to survive on substandard rations day after day takes its toll and evens out in premature death for oneself and one's loved ones. The living wage — that wage which can support and sustain a life of dignity — is necessary. It is, ultimately, a matter of the right to life. That is why it is called a "living" wage.

There are a number of objections to the living wage both as a concept and as a concrete desideratum. Critics claim that it cannot be calculated and that if calculated it would be wrong to implement. I will take up these concerns and others next time.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loan forgiveness benefits the poor

I graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1996 and practice law as an assistant federal public defender in South Texas for a Mexican border. I chose to attend Notre Dame because I wanted a good education and because, as a practicing Catholic, I wanted to attend a school that would allow me to grow spiritually. However, attending Notre Dame has unfortunately made it difficult for me to practice law in keeping with our Catholic faith.

As you are undoubtedly aware, attending Notre Dame is expensive. As of this year, it costs approximately $21,000 per year in tuition to attend Notre Dame. The typical law student graduates from Notre Dame with a student loan debt of over $90,000.

The Notre Dame law school's tuition is comparable top other top law schools. The tuition they charge is higher than it has been in the past in the past, in part due to the demand from students who compete for the opportunity to attend a good school. It is also a reflection of the salaries its graduates earn upon graduation. The average annual salary of a Notre Dame Law School graduate going into a large firm, for example, is approximately $90,000. A person earning this income can afford to make his or her student loan payments. If not, however, the person had to practice law as an attorney helping the person, his or her salary would not be high enough to make his or her student loan payments.

As a result, many students are prevented from pursuing a career in public interest law. In the class of 2000, only 25 percent of the class wanted to practice public interest law, but only approximately 5 percent of those students had to practice public interest law for at least four years.

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If you are a student earning this income and your student loan payments make it difficult for you to pay for rent, utilities, food, clothing, and other basic needs, you may apply for loan forgiveness.

The need is driving the demand to help the poor is real. People are illegally evicted from their apartments because of the cost of their rent. They are denied basic educational opportunities and taken advantage of in a variety of ways. The poor in our communities are always the most vulnerable. When a person cannot afford to hire an attorney to help them, they do not have the same as yours and mine, go unprotected. As a result, people suffer.

As Catholics, we believe that we have a moral obligation to serve the poor. Jesus called us all to recognize our responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves. When we speak of the unborn andurus, we are speaking of the most vulnerable.

I encourage everyone in the Notre Dame community to support the development of a loan forgiveness program. This is a program that students will be able to support. It is a program that you can support.

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Cusack and co. lend sharp humor to ‘Fidelity’

By JILLIAN DEPAUL

The offbeat romantic comedy “High Fidelity,” directed by Stephen Frears and adapted from the novel of the same name by Nick Hornby, is a delightfully fresh coming-of-age story about a 30-something slacker named Rob Gordon, played by John Cusack (who also co-wrote and produced the film).

The credits of “High Fidelity” read like a game of Six Degrees of John Cusack. It stars his sister, two-time Oscar nominee Joan Cusack, as her character’s best friend; John Cusack’s first film, “The Geeks,” and it was written by Steve Pink (of “Wayne’s World” fame). Steve Roseenthal and Cusack themselves co-wrote John Cusack’s 1997 film “Gross Pointe Blank,” a film which dared to ask the question, “How does a hitman balance his 10-year high school reunion?”, and throughout his career, that Cusack has been surrounded by characters with similar hang-ups, such as an uncertainty about the future and fear of their own potential. Rob is no different. He would certainly appreciate the “I don’t want to buy anything, sell anything or process anything” monologue delivered by Barry Gordon (the originator of the boom-box scene) in 1988’s “Say Anything.”

But despite the fact that “Gross Pointe Blanke’s” Martin Blank became a professional killer to avoid going to college, Gordon is an undiscouraging owner of a record store in downtown Chicago, whose insecurities about the reality of potential manifest themselves in ranked lists and an over-the-top love of music specifically, his own record collection.

“High Fidelity’s” story actually takes the form and relationship history of the commitment-phobic Rob, who, after breaking up with his latest girlfriend, Ray (Isla Fisher), reconnects with tough ex-girlfriend, Laura (Laura Linney), and tries to hook-up with musician Marie de Salle (Lisa Bonet).

Rob addresses the audience directly, offering his quirky musings on love and life. This does wonders for his character, allowing him to be seen as both wonderfully insecure, instead of shallow and selfish. He offers some wonderful insights into the world of relationships, such as, “It’s not what you are like, but what you like. Books, films, music. These things are important.”

Another extra special moment is when Rob explains the intricacies of making a successful compilation tape. This is among many others, as memorable moments created by a genuinely original and clever script. And Cusack delivers them with an uncommon sincerity that allows him to shine despite his unfortunate haircut.

The film features a few big-name stars in bit parts, such as Catherin Zeta-Jones as one of the five dreaded ex-girlfriends and Tim Robbins as the spiritual guru with whom Laura tracks up with after she leaves Rob.

Suggestive stars of “High Fidelity,” however, are Rob’s supporting cast, including Nick, who idolizes the life of his uncle, and Vincent, the real supporting character of “High Fidelity,” however, are Rob’s best friend, Dick and Bar, who is a sensitive guy who longs to share his feelings with more than a record player and Barry, the alleged dreams of rock-and-roll fame. When these two get together and discuss music, usually in a series of challenges to come up with the “top 5” of some obscure category, their banter is priceless. It is this real supporting character of “High Fidelity,” however, is the record store itself. Named “Championship Vinyl,” it takes on a distinct person to which contributing factors are the inspiration of the employees, the decor and the music itself. This is appropriate since the film communicates in the language of music.

Even though “High Fidelity” never truly reaches the heightened emotional level of which it is capable, it is a funny and intelligent movie. It’s a show-in for the “top 5” of that rare breed: smart, romantic comedies.

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VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

‘Clowns’ displays humor and insight ahead of its time

By JASON HAMMONTREE

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Secret societies, killer provosts abound in ‘Skulls’

By MIKE McMORROW

“Skulls” receives two shamrock halves: one for the fact that it does make one laugh on many occasions (although it’s unintentional), and another for the fact that any movie that contains a killer provost deserves at least some credit.

Yes, folks, director Rob Cohen’s new film has a character who is the chief academic officer of an Ivy League university, but spends more of his time giving ludicrously insane looks rather than lectures. This will be treasured for a long time.

The Skulls is a secret society, at a school, but the film doesn’t do enough to flat out call it Yale (the school’s logo is in a big ‘Y’). That makes sense, because the Skulls society is most likely based on the Skulls and Bones society to which George Bush supposedly belonged.

The film frames the story around the character of Luke McNamara (Joshua Jackson), a fantastic rower for the crew team. Luke is not rich. He is from New Haven and attends on the basis of his rowing skills. After a big victory, Luke receives a phone call asking him. “Are you ready to be reborn?” No prizes for guessing that it’s the beginning of the Skulls initiation process, which consists of stealing the mascot of another secret society at the university. Soon, Luke is an official member of the Skulls — so he thinks.

This is some club. Each member gets a huge living room and bedroom in a home similar to a frat-house and gets $20,000 automatically deposited into their bank accounts. They also get a car, a girl “who knows everything about you” and connections beyond imagination. In addition, each initiate is paired up with another initiate and the two are declared “soul mates.” Luke has the misfortune of being paired with Caleb Mandrake, who happens to be the son of one of the group’s elder leaders.

Everything hits the fan, people die and accusations are made. Luke wants out but can’t because, of course, they can do anything they want to him.

The movie is so poorly paced, acted and written that it’s hard to even match the slightest about any of the plot occurrences or motivations. Never has there been a time when a movie that takes itself so seriously fails so miserably at its attempt to uncover any kind of complexity in its characters.

This is a fundamental problem, but it’s worsened by the fact that it moves along so gracelessly in the first place. There is no continuity or smoothness between scenes (which is something that can be used deliberately, but certainly not here), and consequently there is really no mounting suspense. It turns out to be an exercise in unpleasant parody of everything that can be poorly done in a movie.

The film’s actors are really given nothing to do, thanks to the hordid lack of development, but even in their vapid roles the acting here really leaves something to be desired. Paul Walker is wooden as Caleb, who could have at least been a one-sided love-to-hate hero (which would have made the audience dislike him). But people were laughing at his appallingly unctuous delivery and altogether unconvincing style.

Jackson gives no depth to Luke, who could have at least shown some conviction before the obligatory moral-high-grounded ending, which comes off as especially unearned and hokey.

Truth be told, though, I enjoyed Craig T. Nelson’s portrayal of Litten Mandrake, the evil and conniving father of Caleb. Nelson accomplishes two things: One, he makes the audience finally react to a character, and two, makes one wish “Coach” was still on the air.

Of course, it wouldn’t be appropriate to leave out the killer provost, who by his very nature steals every scene he’s in. If the whole movie had been about the killer provost, there might have been something worth watching.

To close a review of “Skulls” on a serious note is tough, but here is one thought: was there a movie to be made at all here? The plot and the set-up are ludicrous, but it may have worked had the movie been self-aware. Perhaps if the script required more panache from the actors (with the notable exceptions of the killer provost and the evil “Coach” Nelson), it could have worked as well, what Roger Ebert terms, a Good Bad Movie: a movie that’s aware of its ineptness and relishes in it. Or they could’ve just given the lead to the killer provost and had the First Oscar-winner for “Best Actor in a Parody.”

Box Office

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Source: Variety

Though “Erin Brockovich” proved no April Fool, winning the first position at the box-office for the third weekend in a row, the animated adventure “The Road to El Dorado” opened strong thanks to its family audience appeal. The big surprise though was the lightly promoted Joshua Jackson teen-thriller “The Skulls,” which defied expectations with a very impressive opening. Appearing on significantly fewer screens, the critically acclaimed John Cusack film “High Fidelity” debuted in fifth place with a decent 6.4 million.
Indianapolis

Jalen Rose made three last-minute free throws and Reggie Miller hit two — all in the final 17 seconds — to help the Indiana Pacers to a 105-101 win over the New Jersey Nets on Friday.

Rose was 6-of-6 during Indiana’s 14-point run, starting with a jumper, one-handed layup and a 3-pointer in the period. His 19-foot jumper tied the game at 101 with 1:11 left in the period, giving the Pacers a 62-47 lead.

Pistons 111, Celtics 106

Gram Poll had 27 points and six rebounds as the Detroit Pistons won 111-106 over the Boston Celtics. The Pistons defeated the Celtics for the ninth straight time.

The Pistons winners of three straight games within the last 11 days.

Jr. Smith had 32 points, including seven of eight free throws, and a season-high nine assists.

Celtics winners of eight straight games in the first quarter.

Boston had 32 points, including seven of eight free throws, and a season-high nine assists.

The Pistons finished the game on a 10-point first-quarter lead, but the Celtics won four in a row, with 38 points.

Mike Bibby scored five points during an 11-2 run that gave the Pistons a 16-10 lead.

The Celtics tied it at 40 on a 3-pointer by Glenn.

Lakers 111, Warriors 104

Kobe Bryant and Los Angeles Lakers have made it fun at the movies.

Bryant hit the game’s 3-point shot with 11.2 remaining.

The Lakers made the trip because he is making the trip.

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Devean George hit all of his 3-point attempts and scored 14 points for the Lakers.

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Orioles’ Erickson returns to mound

Associated Press

Several weeks after Erickson’s strong outing in the Baltimore Orioles’ starting rotation, he has been sidelined since having bone chips removed from his elbow early last month. The right-hander said three weeks ago that he would like to return in May, but his latest session has the Orioles thinking he might get back sooner.

“I was very encouraging,” pitching coach Sammy Ellis said. “I don’t know if this puts us any closer, but his throwing looks pretty good to me. Everything looks straight ahead.”

Erickson has been working feverishly to get back into a rotation that currently features Calvin Maduro and Jose Mercedes, both of whom spent all last season on the minors.

The plan is to get Erickson’s velocity where it should be,” manager Mike Hargrove said. “We’re looking at arm strength as much as anything.”

The Orioles’ biggest worry is Erickson will push himself too hard.

“You don’t want to be too frisky,” Ellis said. “You’ve just got to keep building, keep adding a little bit.”

The rehabilitation process will probably end with at least two starts in the minors.

“It depends on how he does in the first one,” Hargrove said.

Erickson’s absence from the rotation means No. 3 starter Pat Rapp will start Thursday in the final of the Orioles’ three-game series against Cleveland.

All things considered, Rapp would have preferred to make his Baltimore debut against anyone but the Indians.

“They’ve hit me pretty good in the past,” Rapp said Wednesday. “When I faced them last year, they got five runs without getting a hit. Then Travis Fryman hit a bullet that bounced off my leg right to the first baseman. I settled down after that.”

Rapp has a 1.64 lifetime ERA in 12 games at Camden Yards. He hopes that won’t change dramatically for, not against, the Indians.

“I don’t think it will be any different,” he said. “I’ll just try to pitch my game. Everything feels kind of normal now, but I’m sure it will get more intense when I get out there.”

Rapp was 2-1 with a 3.96 ERA in six games this season. First of all, he had a 5.02 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Over the past two seasons, he had 222 strikeouts compared to 176 walks.

Maj0r League Baseball

Average salary hits $2 million

NEW YORK

These days, a $2 million baseball player is just average.

Just eight years after the average salary broke the million-dollar mark, it nearly reached $2 million on opening day, falling just short at $1,988,874, according to a study of major league contracts by The Associated Press.

“I don’t know if it is negative or positive for the game,” New York Mets manager Mike Piazza said. “It rewards guys with talent who have worked hard all their lives, rode the buses in the minors and now are getting paid very well for what they do.”

When Piazza first came up to the major leagues in 1993, he made $260,000. This year, he’s making $12,071,429, and that only puts him sixth.

Outfielder Kevin Brown is No. 1 at $15,714,286, only slightly less than the $16,000,000 the Minnesota Twins are paying their entire roster.

Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson is second at $13.35 million, followed by Baltimore outfielder Albert Belle ($12,846,976), New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams ($12,527,143) and California outfielder Larry Walker ($12,142,857).

Belle had been No. 1 the previous three seasons.

Cincinnati’s Ken Griffey Jr. is only 9th at $9,329,708, which includes $7 million in salary, $625,000 as the remaining share of the signing bonus from his Seattle contract and $1,704,720, which was 20 percent of the 2000 value of $5.5 million in deferred payments. While Cincinnati gave Griffey a $116.5 million, nine-year contract, $57.5 million is deferred and won’t even start earning interest until 2005.

“If the salaries continue to escalate and you don’t have revenues that come close to staying even, then you’re in trouble, and that’s where we are,” said Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo, who says Johnson every two weeks “I don’t think anyone could say it’s a healthy sign. There needs to be a change in the economic system. That’s just clear and distinct.”

The average went up 15.6 percent from $1,720,050, nearly as much as the 19.3 percent increase last season.

Salaries have increased 85.6 percent from the end of the 1994-95, when the average was $1,071,029 on opening day. The NBA average is $3.5 million this season, and the NFL average was $1.927 million in 1998-99, the last season for which figures are available. In the recently completed season, NFL players averaged $1,083,000.

“It’s just part of revenue,” Texas shortstop Ivan Rodriguez said. “When they’re selling organizations for more than $200 million, that’s a lot of money and a lot of wealth to spread around. It’s not greed; we are not trying to take more than what’s in the pot. It’s in the pot, so why not distribute it however they feel each player’s worth is.

The New York Yankees, at $92,538,260, have the highest payroll for the second straight year, followed by Los Angeles ($88.1 million), Atlanta ($84.5 million), Baltimore ($81.4 million) and Arizona ($81.0 million).

Last year, all eight playoff teams were in the top 10 spenders. If that holds this year, the Chicago White Sox, the Tampa Bay, 10th at $56.7 million.

However, trades and other roster moves and performance Al’s salaries are paid before the season begins, and St. Louis, Colorado, the Chicago Cubs, Atlanta and Detroit all have payrolls between $58 million and $62 million.

The Yankees’ payroll is nearly six times the size of Minnesota’s. Also near the bottom are Florida ($20.1 million), Kansas City ($23.4 million), and Pittsburgh ($28.9 million).

The number of players at $1 million or more rose from 348 to 377. 44.8 percent of the 840 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists. Those at $2 million rose from 254 to 277.

At the top of the scale, the number of players making $9 million or more doubled to 20.

On the other hand, the median salary — the point at which an equal number of players make above or below — was $750,000, up from $700,000 last year and $675,000 at the end of the strike.

Players at the $200,000 minimum, which is higher than the average prior to 1982, dropped to 144.

“Sure it’s a lot of money,” Texas first baseman David Segui said. “The stadiums are full and look at the players. They are making off television. The industry generates that kind of revenue and without the players, the game won’t go, will it?”

Contract figures were obtained by the AP from various player and management sources and include a player’s 1999 salary plus a prorated share of any signing bonus or guaranteed income not attributed to a specific date. Portions of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to present-day value.

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Athletes see benefits of corrective eye surgery

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddux had laser surgery Thursday to correct his vision in July. He won his 10th 20-game season.

“George wants more than a one-year deal,” source close to negotiations said Thursday. “George is saying, ‘Look, I’m joining the team for the next 10 years.’”

Maddux, who now has 20-15 eyesight and says he can focus on home plate better than ever, said: “I was in bed with my 7-year-old son and he was asking me how the Vikings did last night. I couldn’t see them, but I was listening to the radio, and I told him that the Vikings won. I’m just happy that my vision is back.”

The long-term consequences are impossible to know because the procedure has only been on the market a few years.

“Experts also caution the surgery is not for everyone,” said Dr. Robert Maloney, a Los Angeles ophthalmologist, said celebrities are a distinct drawing card.

“The acceptance by professional golfers has brought a huge number of amateur golfers into our practice,” said Maloney, who has also performed the procedure on musicians Kenny G. and Barry Manilow.

New York Yankees slugger Bernie Williams said he carefully researched the procedure before having it done in November.

“This is nothing short of miraculous,” Williams said. “I saw the success a lot of people have had with it. I did some research, I talked to doctors, other patients, other players who’ve had it, and I got enough confidence in the whole thing to get it done.”

NFL

Vikings still atop George’s wish list

Associated Press

EIHEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Jeff George’s agent said Wednesday that Minnesota remains his client’s destination of choice despite flirtations from the Washington Redskins and the Vikings’ dalliances with other quarterbacks.

“There’s an impasse in negotiations, but we’re not going to willingly walk away from Minnesota,” agent Leigh Steinberg said. “One question that is troubling is what if Jeff George takes the Vikings to the Super Bowl?”

Maddux, who has won 20 games in each of the last three seasons, is expected to have the operation on Friday.

“Greg is a consummate professional,” said Dan Snyder, the Redskins’ owner. “He knows he’ll be back in plenty of time to lead us to the championship.”

Maddux, who is 39 years old, has been named the starting quarterback in 2001 and has insisted he won’t budge from his one-year offer to George, who was 9-3 for the Vikings last year.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder bumped into Steinberg during last week’s NFL meetings in Palm Beach, Fla., and initiated talks about George. The Redskins reportedly are dangling a two-year offer for about $4 million for George to back up starting Brad Johnson.

So, it comes down to this: Would George rather make more money to be a backup in Washington or swallow his pride and start again in Minnesota, knowing he’ll basically be shopping himself to other teams all next season?

“Jeff’s preference is still Minnesota,” Steinberg insisted.

It’s just a matter of finding common ground on the contract, he said.

A source close to negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity said the Vikings have offered George a $400,000 contract, slightly more than the league minimum for a 10-year veteran, with $1 million more available in incentives.

George wants more than a one-year deal.

Green signed a one-year, $250,000 contract last year and made about $1.1 million in incentives after replacing Randy Cupp in 2000 and guiding the Vikings into the playoffs, where they beat Dallas and lost to St. Louis.

George expected the Vikings to offer a multi-year deal, but Green instead offered the starting quarterback job back to Cunningham, who refused a massive pay cut and will likely be waived June 1.

Green then offered the job to Dan Marino, who retired instead, and then invited Culpepper to be his starter in 2000.

Green then reoriented, saying George could sign a one-year deal for minimum money to be a backup in Washington or swallow his pride and start again in Minnesota, knowing he’ll basically be shopping himself to other teams all next season.

“Jeff’s preference is still Minnesota,” Steinberg insisted.

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Johnson, Belle homers boost Orioles above Indians

Associated Press

BALTIMORE - Charles Johnson homered twice and drove in five runs Wednesday night as Baltimore beat the Cleveland Indians, 11-7, giving Mike Hargrove his first victory as manager of the Orioles.

Johnson's second homer, a two-run shot in the eighth inning off former Oriole Scott Kaminski (0-1), snapped a 7-7 tie. He also hit a three-run homer to give Baltimore a 7-6 lead in the sixth.

Last year, Johnson struggled against Cleveland, going just 2-27 with one RBI, and also started the season in a slump, hitting .176 with one home run.

Albert Belle hit a three-run homer for the Orioles, who rebounded from an opening day loss to Hargrove's former team. Cal Ripken went 0-for-4 and remained eight hits short of 3,000.

Charlie Manuel, Hargrove's replacement in Cleveland, was ejected in his second game as a major league manager. Manuel was complaining about the strike zone from the dugout when home plate umpire Ed Rapuano tossed him in the third inning.

Jim Thome homered and Omar Vizquel had three hits for the Indians, who scored two runs on wild pitches and two on base-loaded walks.

Belle's homer off Chuck Finley put the Orioles up 3-0 in the first inning. The Indians scored five runs in the second and led 6-4 in the sixth before Johnson connected off Steve Reed to give Baltimore a short-lived lead. Cleveland made it 7-7 in the seventh when Kenny Lofton reached on an error, took third on a single by Vizquel and scored on a wild pitch by Dave Stieb.

Will Clark hit a one-out single in the eighth and Johnson followed by driving a 2-1 pitch deep into the left-field stands. B.J. Surhoff led the victory with a two-run, two-out double off Tom Martin.

B.J. Ryan (1-0) got the last out in the eighth to earn his second victory of the season.

Finley, making his debut with Cleveland after spending his previous 14 seasons with the Angels, allowed four runs on four hits in five innings but was in position to get the victory before Johnson homered off Reed.

Cleveland batted around in the second, using three hits and three walks to go up 5-3. After Sidney Ponson issued successive bases-loaded walks, David Justice scored on a wild pitch before Vizquel hit a two-out double.

Royals 4, Blue Jays 3

Joe Randa homered twice and Jose Contreras allowed just two hits in six innings Wednesday night, leading the Kansas City Royals over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Banda, who drove in three runs, homered in the second inning for Kansas City's first run, then made it 3-0 in the seventh with a homer off the facing of SkyDome's third deck in left field. He walked with the bases loaded in the eighth against Paul Quantarri, the reliever's third straight walk.

Johnson's 1-0 took a shutout into the seventh before a walk to Carlos Delgado followed by Tony Batista's RBI double off the glove of center fielder Carlos Beltran. Alex Gonzalez's bloop single off Jose Santiago made it 3-2, but pinch hitter Darrin Fletcher grounded out and Shannon Stewart flied out.

Hosko, who allowed 12 runs in 11 innings during spring training, allowed two runs and three hits in six-plus innings.

Bobby Alotico got three hits for his first save, allowing Batista's third homer of the season. Jose Cruz Jr. then walked with one out, stole second and took third when catcher Brian Johnson's throw bounced into center field for an error. But Gonzalez grounded to third, and Cruz got tagged out on a rundown as Gonzalez took second, and Fletcher grounded to first, ending the game.

Carpenter (0-1), chased from his last spring training start by a late drive off his right elbow, gave up three runs and four hits in 2-3 innings.

A's 8, Tigers 2

The Oakland Athletics are built for power, with five players who hit more than 20 homers last season. Little did they expect that 5-foot-9 Frank Menchesino would be their leading slugger after three games.

Menchesino, playing in place of the injured Randy Velarde, hit his second homer in three games and added a run-scoring groundout in a three-run third as the A's defeated the Detroit Tigers.

Menchesino, who spent seven seasons in the minors before making his major league debut with the A's last September, is tied with Jason Giambi for the team lead in home runs and tops the A's with a 1.100 slugging percentage.

Eric Chavez also homered for the A's, Matt Stairs had an RBI single and Giambi, Ben Grieve and Ramon Hernandez all added sacrifice flies.

Omar Olivares allowed two runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings as the A's, who took two of three from Detroit, won their opening series of the season for the first time since 1997.

Tony Clark drove in the Tigers' first run with a ninth-inning single, but Olivares avoided further trouble by getting Damon Easley on an inning-ending, double-play grounder with two on.

Detroit added another run in the eighth on an error by shortstop Miguel Tejada. But Mike Magnante relieved Olivares and got Clark to hit into an inning-ending double play with runners on first and second.

Twins 10, Devil Rays 7

Matt Lawton's three-run homer off Rick White with nobody out in the ninth inning lifted the Minnesota Twins to a victory over the stunned Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Lawton's first homer capped a comeback that began with the Twins down 7-1 with just six outs to go. It was the 11th time the Twins had overcome a six-run deficit.

White (0-1) gave up singles to Todd Walker and Cristian Guzman before Lawton's 417-foot shot to right field made a winner of Eddie Guardado (1-0), who struck out two in one inning of work.

It was the second come-from-behind victory for the Twins in 24 hours. On Tuesday night, the Twins had a two-run ninth-inning rally to beat Tampa Bay.

Esteban Yan made the most of his promotion to Tampa Bay's starting rotation, scattering three hits in seven innings and leaving his bullpen a 7-1 lead that it frittered away in the eighth.

Yan, who spent his first two seasons with Tampa Bay in the bullpen, gave up an unearned run, walked one and struck out three.

The Devil Rays were cruising with a 7-1 lead before the bullpen surrendered six runs in the eighth.

Butch Huskey hit a run-scoring double off Dave Elia, bringing on Jim Morris, who surrendered an RBI single to Corey Koskie. That made it 7-3 and the Devil Rays summoned Albie Lopez, who loaded the bases, by walking Ron Coomer before Jacque Jones' infield single made it 7-4.

Pinch-hitter Midre Cummings hit a three-run double that barely eluded the grasp of Dave Martinez in shallow right field.

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Aurilia lifts Giants over Marlins, despite sloppy play

Associated Press MIAMI

Rich Aurilia hit a three-run homer with one out in the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants came from behind twice to beat the Florida Marlins 11-9 Wednesday night.

Trailing 9-7, the Giants started the ninth with singles by Barry Bonds, Jeff Kent and pinch hitter Felipe Crespo to score a run against Antonio Alfonseca (0-1). Following a forceout, Aurilia hit his first homer on the first pitch.

The Giants overcame a 5-4 deficit on Kent's three-run homer in the fifth. They blew leads of 3-0, 4-1 and 7-5.

The sloppy but exciting game drew a crowd of 8,365, the smallest at Pro Player Stadium in the Marlins' right-eye history.

John Stonehouse (1-0) gave up one run in 1-1/3 innings. Bobo Nei pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Florida scored three runs in the seventh and took advantage of a two-out passed ball on a strikeout to take an 8-7 lead. With the score 7-all, Mark Kotsay singled and Millar homered on a 3-2 pitch with two out.

The Giants' Kirk Rueter walked the bases loaded in the fourth and was replaced by Aaron Faliz, who walked Preston Wilson in give Florida a 5-4 lead. Kent homered in the fifth to put the Giants ahead 7-5.

Expos 6, Dodgers 5

Bordwell, Dodgers 5

Bordwell hit a two-run single off Jeff Shaw in the ninth as the Montreal Expos beat the Los Angeles Dodgers after wasting a two-run lead an inning earlier.

On a night when Omar Hershiser made his first appearance for the Dodgers since Aug. 7, 1994, the Dodgers trailed 4-2 until pinch-hitter Dave Hansen's three-run homer in the eighth off Livan Urbina, who led the NL with 41 saves last season.

Hershiser, who signed with the Dodgers during the offseason as a free agent, allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. Last July 22 at Olympic Stadium while pitching for the New York Mets, he got his 200th career win.

Expos starter Javier Vazquez, who threw a one-hitter last Sept. 14 at Dodger Stadium, allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings, giving up a solo homer to Adrian Betrie in the sixth.

Los Angeles went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a walk for the Expos. Stevens, acquired from Texas on March 16 in a three-player trade that sent first baseman Fred Franklin to Texas, hit an RBI single off Hershiser that put Montreal ahead 2-1 in the first. He added a bases-loaded, two-run single off the 43-year-old right-hander in the fifth.

Expos manager Felipe Alou pointed his finger and shouted at Hershiser after he hit Vladimir Guerrero on the left shoulder with a pitch that loaded the bases in the fifth.

With Alou continuing to yell at Hershiser from the dugout, Stevens blooped a 1-1 pitch into left field for a 4-1 lead.

Beltre went 3-for-4, including a double in fourth. Needing a triple to hit for the cycle, he grounded to first in the eighth.

Gary Sheffield tripled off the center-field wall to drive in his fifth run of the season in the first inning. Viden's RHB double tied the score in the bottom half.

Brewers 8, Reds 5

Kevin Recker, Tyler Houston and Geoff Jenkins homered but Ken Griffey Jr. remained 0-for-10.

The Milwaukee Brewers overpowered the Reds.

Seven different Brewers scored and seven had at least one hit as Milwaukee improved to 2-0 under first-year manager Dave Lopes.

While the Brewers got the most out of their 10 hits, the Reds again wasted opportunities. They were 2-for-16 with runners in scoring position, leaving them 3-for-26 this season.

Griffey walked, grounded out three times against Milwaukee's infielid shift, struck out and stranded two runners on third. He's 0-for-16 in three games and has yet to get a hit out of the infielid in his hometown.

Cincinnati's Dante Bichette got a hit to right into a triple for the second straight night, but got a solo homer for his first hit as a Red and threw Marquis Grissom out at home as he tried to score on a fly in the seventh.

Pokey Reese had four of the Reds' 13 hits with two singles and two doubles. Eddie Taubensee also had four hits for Cincinnati.

After getting a 3-3 tie in a 5-1 loss while wearing red sleeves, the Reds went back to the black ones that they had success with at home last year. Their last game in black was the 5-0 loss to the Mets in the opener for the NL wild card in October.

Steve Parris started that game and lost.

Same sleeves, same starter, same result Wednesday.

Parris (10-1) gave up a solo homer in the third to Barker, beginning a streak of Brewers runs in four consecutive innings. Houston hit a two-run shot in the sixth off Gabe White, stretching the lead to 7-2.

Jenkins led off the eighth with another homer off Danny Graves and became the only Brewer to score more than once in one game.

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FOOTBALL

Tickets on sale for Blue and Gold game

Special to The Observer

Tickets are now on sale for the 71st annual Blue-Gold controlled football scrimmage, the culmination of the Notre Dame's spring practice period.

The Blue-Gold scrimmage is set for 1:30 p.m., April 29, in Notre Dame Stadium.

The game is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley and helps raise funds for that organization's scholarship fund.

The game itself is a controlled, intrasquad contest for the 2000 Irish squad on the last of its 15 allotted days of practice this spring. Notre Dame began its spring drills this week.

Following the Blue-Gold scrimmage, an autograph session will be held involving all members of the current team.

Prior to the Blue-Gold contest, a flag football game will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. involving Notre Dame football alumni. The Stadium will open at 11 a.m.

General admission tickets in advance are $8 for adults and $6 for youths 16 and under. On game day tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for youths. Gold seats are $12 each. Group sales of 25 or more tickets are available at $5 per ticket. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are admitted free with identification. All parking is free of charge for that event.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Joyce Center ticket office (on the second floor, enter Gate 11) from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets can be ordered by mail by writing Ticket Office, Joyce Center, Juniper Road, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (add $2 service charge per mail order). Phone orders are accepted using VISA, Mastercard or American Express by calling 219-631-7356 ($2 service charge per phone order).

Ticket orders should be received by April 17, to insure prompt mail delivery of tickets. Orders received the week of the game will be held at will call (east side of Stadium). Photo identification is required for pickup of any tickets at will call. Game day ticket sales at ticket windows on the east side of the Stadium begin at 9 a.m.

The Irish return 13 starters this spring (including punter Joey Hildbold), seven on offense and five on defense.

On offense, the returnees are Jim Jones and Mike Gandy at guard, Jordan Black and John Teasdale at tackle, Jabari Holloway at tight end, Tony Fisher at tailback and Joey Getherall at flanker.

Defensively, the starters back are tackle Anthony Weaver, end Grant Irwin, inside linebacker Anthony Denman, outside linebacker Rocky Boiman and cornerback Clifford Jefferson.

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Frozen four survive rocky road to Providence

Associated Press
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

For Boston College, the closest call was in the regional semifinals against Michigan State, when the group of coaches is probably happier than most, considering that all survived scares that could have left them home this weekend.

"We had a couple of lucky bounces, and we were 50 seconds away from our season ending," said Boston College coach Jerry York, who is in his third consecutive Frozen Four. "We were a heartbeat away from winning the national championship in each of the last two seasons."

Boston College lost 3-2 to Michigan in overtime of the 1998 championship game in Boston. Last year, Maine beat the Eagles 2-1 in the semifinal at Anaheim, Calif.

That means Maine is going for consecutive titles. It's been 27 years since a college hockey team has won consecutive titles — a span that is the longest of any sport in NCAA history.

"At this point, it's an opportunity. In the middle of the season, it was a hurdle that put a little pressure on us," said Maine coach Shawn Walsh, whose Black Bears won just once in a seven-game span in January.

"It's been a long season, but now that we're closer we've talked about the possibility of a legacy."

North Dakota has taken the title six times, winning in both 1980 and 1982 in Providence. It is the only team of the four that has won a championship in Providence, which has played host to the final four seven times.

But, like his Frozen Four brethren, Fighting Sioux coach Dean Blais credits his team for surviving struggles.

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Doherty

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however, the prime physical shape necessary to make a run at a Bookstore title surprised Doherty a year ago. "I didn't know it was full-court. I thought it was half-court," Doherty said. "We're going to definitely be prepared this time. I need to get in shape."

Doherty emphasizes conditioning on his Irish team. He once forced the players to run 304_wind sprints while he sat on the sidelines sipping a glass of water. That coaching regimen won't get him in shape for Bookstore. Doherty claims to be doing early morning conditioning to get in shape for the 2000 tour-

ney, a boast his players and assistant coaches would be glad to test him on.

Several may get the chance, as outgoing seniors Jimmy Dillon, Skylar Owen and Todd Palmer are all eligible to compete in Bookstore Basketball. "They don't want to go up against me," Doherty warned with a smile.

Shocker's first game will be Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. on the Sirhan basketball courts.

Doherty's team will go up against a squad called "Who's the Animal?" comprised of five women from Lewis Hall.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gwynn elbow injury not serious

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Tony Gwynn was out of the lineup Wednesday night because of an injured right elbow, but there was good news for the San Diego star. X-rays were negative, meaning no trip to the disabled list.

"He could play in a day or two," Padres assistant trainer Jim Daniel said.

Gwynn had feared a broken bone after being hit by a pitch from Al Leiter in Monday's opener against the New York Mets. "If it's a hairline fracture, you're probably talking DL, out for two weeks," the eight-time NL batting champion said before the Padres took batting practice.

X-rays taken at Shea Stadium, however, showed no crack. The results were announced after the clubhouse was closed. Gwynn left the ballpark Monday with his arm in a sling. The Padres were off Tuesday, and Gwynn's right arm was laged and bandaged Wednesday.

"I want to play. I didn't fly 3,000 miles to put on the pom-poms," he said. "I think I could play if I had to. I probably could sneak down to the batting cage for a few swings." "It feels a lot better today. The fact that I can almost straighten it out tells me it might not be as bad as we thought it was," he said. "But you want to be careful. I'm listening to the doctors."

Gwynn, 38th on the career hits list with 3,067, made two trips to the disabled list last year because of a strained calf and missed 44 games. "To me, my only goal this year was to stay healthy," said Gwynn, who turns 40 on May 9. "To work so hard in the winter and then get hit on opening day, that's one thing. To have them tell you it's cracked, chipped, whatever, it just sucks all the air out of you. I was just so bummed." Initial X-rays on his elbow Monday were inconclusive. The Padres waited another day before taking further tests to allow swelling to subside.

Gwynn was nicked in the fourth inning and stayed in the game. He finished 0-for-3.

"When it first happened, I'm just thinking, 'I got hit. It's over. It will be OK,' " Gwynn said. "I didn't really feel bad until my last at-bat. I got a fastball away and extended my elbow, and my fingers went numb. I probably wouldn't have been able to hit after that."

Gwynn hit .338 last season, one point below his career average. He has batted .300 for 17 straight years, tied with Honus Wagner for the most in NL history.

The Padres play the Mets again Thursday, then go to Montreal for a weekend series. Gwynn got his 3,000th hit last Aug. 6 at Olympic Stadium.

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Hewitt succeeds Cremins at Tech

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Mirroring a move that occurred 19 years ago, Georgia Tech turned to a relatively unknown coach to rebuild its basketball program. Siemens Paul Hewitt agreed to succeed Bobby Cremins as the Yellow Jackets’ coach, the Associated Press learned Wednesday.

A source familiar with the search, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hewitt would be introduced during a news conference Thursday in Atlanta. N.Y. Hewitt boarded a plane to Atlanta but declined comment.

Hewitt, 37-27 in three years at Siena, becomes the first black basketball coach at Georgia Tech.

He replaced a Siena program that went 23-59 in the three years before he arrived. His contract at the Loudonville, N.Y., school runs through the 2002-2003 season, but includes a buyout provision that allows him to take the Georgia Tech job.

The Macon Telegraph reported that Tech athletic director Dave Braine flew to Albany, near the Siena campus, to finalize the deal with Hewitt on Tuesday.

Cremins was a 53-year-old coach at tiny Appalachian State when Georgia Tech hired him as coach in 1991. He pushed the Yellow Jackets to national prominence, recruiting such players as Mark Price, John Salley, Kenny Anderson, Dennis Scott and Stephon Marbury.

Under Cremins, Tech went to the NCAA tournament nine years in a row and 10 times overall, including the 1990

Final Four. The Yellow Jackets fell on hard times during the latter part of Cremins’ 19-year tenure, reaching the tournament only once over the last seven seasons.

At Siena, meanwhile, Hewitt guided Siena to the NCAA tournament in 1999, its first appearance in 10 years. The Saints finished 24-9 this year, losing to Penn State in the second round of the NIT.

Hewitt, a 36-year-old former assistant at Villanova and Fordham, is known as a strong recruiter and favors a running, up-tempo style popular with fans. Siena averaged more than 6,500 per game over the last two years to lead the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in attendance.

Georgia Tech hired heavily toward hiring a minority coach. In addition, Hewitt was able recruit effectively, a factor for a school like Georgia Tech with high academic standards.

Hewitt takes over a program that has fallen to the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference. To make matters worse, the Yellow Jackets 133-171 lose Jason Collier, top scorer and rebounder, and forward Chris Alexander, who may enter the NBA draft a year early.

Cremins announced Feb. 18 that he would not return, saying the Tech program needed a new direction. He accepted $1.5 million to buy out the final three years of his contract.

Hewitt was a late entry into the coaching scene. Among the higher-profile candidates were Leonard Hamilton of Miami and Bill Self of Tulsa agreed to contract extensions.

Among the others mentioned as candidates for the Tech job were Appalachian State’s Burt Peterson, Delaware’s Mike Brey and Dayton’s Oliver Purnell.

The Masters

Nicklaus returns to Augusta

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga.

After a one-year layoff, Jack Nicklaus returned to Augusta National to find a course he hardly recognized.

There’s rough now. Several holes have been lengthened. Trees have been planted and replanted.

In each case, the changes were designed to make things tougher after Tiger Woods’ record-setting Masters victory in 1997. Nicklaus, admittedly, is a traditionalist, a seeming outlier perturbed that club officials decided to tinker with the masterpiece created by Bobby Jones and Alister Mackenzie.

“From a nostalgia standpoint, I don’t like to see it happen,” Nicklaus said Wednesday after a practice round.

“But it’s their golf tournament. If they make a change and I don’t like it, it doesn’t matter a damn.”

The 60-year-old Nicklaus, a six-time champion at Augusta National, finished an electrifying sixth in the 1998 Masters, housing players less than half his age. But he set out last year after undergoing hip-replacement surgery.

Upon his return, he commented on the changing face of the course, originally designed to resemble a seaside links amid the Georgia pines.

“We’ve changed the nature of the golf course,” Nicklaus said. “The Masters has always been a different golf tournament than any other tournament. It’s open fairways, it’s hard and fast greens.”

“Bobby Jones wanted a second-shot golf course,” Nicklaus continued. “He loved St. Andrews and that style of golfing, second-shot golf courses. I think the concept of the golf course had changed greatly. It’s looking more like a U.S. Open golf course than a Masters golf course.”

At 6-15-2 yards, Augusta National is not much of a distance test for today’s long-hitting players, so club officials felt they must remain vigilant to prevent their course from becoming a pushover.

This year, for instance, they altered the contour of several greens, narrowed the 10th fairway and planted trees along the 14th fairway and between Nos. 15 and 17.

“We get some criticism about changes every year,” Jacki Johnson, chairman of Augusta National, said. “I’d say this tournament has a reputation for its tradition and customs. And I think we’ve maintained those pretty well.”

Nicklaus believes the changes will serve their purpose.

“I do not believe you’ll see a lot of record broken this week,” he said. “That’s probably what they were trying for, trying to put a little more fire into Augusta National. I certainly am not here to complain about it, by any means. My time at playing Augusta National has long passed. I’m here to have fun.”

Dayne leads Sullivan nominees

NEW YORK

Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne and Georgia basketball twins Kelly and Todd Miller are among five finalists for the Sullivan Award to be presented Thursday night.

Dayne, who led Wisconsin (10-2) to the Big Ten Conference title and a Rose Bowl victory over Stanford, ran for 1,570 yards and 16 touchdowns in 1999. The 5-foot-10, 252-pound tailback from Berlin, N.J., is major college football’s career leading rusher with 6,857 yards.

The Miller twins, from Rochester, Minn., led the Lady Bulldogs to the NCAA women’s Final Four in 1998-99, and helped them reach the final eight this season. Both are junior guards, and Kelly Miller earned Southeastern Conference player of the year honors.

Kelly led Georgia (32-4) with 11.5 points per game. Georgia was next at 15.3 per game.

The other finalists are wrestlers Stephen Clay of Cal State-Bakersfield; softball pitcher Stacey Novaman of UCLA; and diver Mark Raiz.
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Auburn. He began last season as a fourth string tight end and quarterback but after Eric Chappell was dismissed from the team, only two scholarship quarterbacks remained.

Godsey was thrust into the role of third quarterback behind Jararius Jackson and Arnaz Battle. He may have not seen any playing time but Godsey believes his freshman year was beneficial to his growth as a quarterback.

"Compared to a learning experience," Godsey said. "I got quicker and faster for this offense," Godsey said. "It's hard to tell after the first few days but I think I'm doing pretty well." Godsey also spoke with his brother, George, who is expected to start for the Georgia Tech next fall. The Godsey brothers are in similar positions, with both of their teams looking for replacement at quarterback following the graduation of Jackson and Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton.

"We talk a lot now," Godsey said. "At first I didn't have an understanding but now I do. We run pretty similar offenses so it's fun talking with him.

As of now, Godsey and Battle are vying for the starting spot. But come August, four freshman quarterbacks will add some competition to the mix. There is still a good chance that Godsey may be switched again to tight end. But for the spring, at least, Godsey will be wearing the red jersey assigned to the quarterbacks.

"Coach Darie said I'm going at quarterback 100 percent," Godsey said. The elimination of Godsey's freshman season comes April 29 when he'll compete in the Blue-Gold game.

In just 2-1/2 years he's gone from never playing the position to possibly being the starting quarterback at Notre Dame. This is what I want." Godsey said. "It's always been my dream."

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Hoyas start strong, down Irish 14-4

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sport Writer

The Georgetown Hoyas came out fast and never slowed down, defeating the Irish 14-4 in women's lacrosse action Wednesday. The Irish fell to 3-5 with their fifth loss in a row, while the home team improved to 7-2 on the season.

The Hoyas scored five unanswered goals in the first half and then continued their aggressive play with streaks of four and five goals in the second half. Freshman attacker Angela Dixon was the first and only Irish player to get past Hoyas goalie Elena Holden in the first half. Dixon's goal, off an assist by her classmate, midfielder Danielle Shearer, brought the score to 5-1 at the half.

In the second half, the Irish faded better, allowing only four goals before answering with two of their own. Irish sophomore Alixsa Moser scored off an assist by Dixon two minutes into the half. Dixon scored for a second time just 20 seconds later to bring the score to 9-3.

Georgetown went on its final scoring run after Dixon's second goal, a run stopped when Irish tri-captain Kathleen Persella scored with 17 seconds left in the game.

Dixon came off the bench to lead the Irish with two goals and one assist. Junior All-American midfielder Sherri Stanwick tallied a game-high four goals and added an assist to lead the Hoyas over the Irish. Irish goalie Tara Durkin made 13 saves while Holden finished the game with eight. The Irish were outshot 41-27 and won seven draws to 13 for the Hoyas.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Singles play assures Notre Dame victory over Purdue

By KEVIN BERCHEU
Sports Writer

On paper it looked like a mismatch. On the court it was.

The 14th-ranked Notre Dame women’s tennis team continued its impressive play on Wednesday with a 9-0 victory over the Purdue Boilermakers.

The only thing that made the afternoon somewhat difficult for the Irish was the West Lafayette weather. Playing in their first outdoor match of the season, Notre Dame was forced to brave unseasonably cold temperatures and brutal winds as it attempted to pound Purdue.

“It was really freezing out there,” sophomore Becky Varnum said. “Our coaches pulled us aside and told us not to worry about it and just go out and play our game.”

The weather, evidently, was not much of a factor. For the Irish, the match went exactly according to plan. Junior Michelle Dasso was tested, just as she thought she would be. In her No. 1 singles match against Purdue’s Jennifer Embry, the Irish junior won a close one in three sets. From there, Notre Dame put it on cruise control as they raced home to their 16th win of the season against just five defeats.

Varnum whipped Shannon Taheny in No. 2 singles, while Kelly Zalinski, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green and Katie Conha all notched impressive victories.

“We started strong up top, and just played strong right through,” Varnum said.

With winds whipping all over the outdoor courts, the Irish breezed through doubles play as well.

Though the match was already clinched heading into pairs play, the Irish used the possibility that they might improve in doubles as motivation to keep fighting.

Dasso and Varnum noted an impressive upset victory over Purdue’s 20th-ranked doubles tandem of Embry and Taheny by a score of 8-2. The couplings of Green and Zalinki and Conha and Vaughan also played well in gaining easy decisions.

The Dasso-Varnum effort was significant in that it demonstrated Notre Dame doubles’ reloading efforts.

After some struggling early season doubles play, the Irish had fallen off lately when facing quality opponents in the pairs format. The Dasso-Varnum win indicates that the Irish may have recaptured their early-season form.

The win over Purdue was crucial, for it allows Notre Dame to enter its much anticipated match against national power William and Mary with momentum.

On paper, that match is shaping up to be as close as they come.

This Sunday, April 9, at the 11:45 am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, we will celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion. At this Liturgy, Candidates for Full Communion (those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination or were baptized Catholic and have received no other Sacraments) will complete their Initiation by receiving he Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Candidates have been participating in the RCIA process since September. Please help us welcome them into our Catholic community!

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You'll gain
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10, 16, 32, 34, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be a little on edge. A temper
outburst will not help you sort out your emotions. It's best to put
your personal life into higher gear, or you will be out there
looking for a new job.

TAUREAN (April 20-May 20): This will be the year to deal with
authority figures, red tape, traffic
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your finances. Let it all
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
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earning contacts today. You will not be in a good position if you are talking into putting
too much cash into an investment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
Collection will set you on. You are having a hard time emotionally and
don't need someone nagging at you. Don't let your job suffer because of your personal
issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Friends and relatives will try to have
an impact on you today. Don't be too accommodating. You have
enough to accomplish anything else. Someone will give you a hard time.
Do your own thing.

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can do things with children today; however, be wise to take a little time out for yourself. You could make extra cash. Look
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Coach Doherty suits up to lead Shocker squad

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associated Press/Elmira

All season long, men's basketball coach Matt Doherty strove to get his team to take part in the most popular student basketball tradition on campus, Bookstore Basketball.

Doherty, a collegiate star at North Carolina in the early 1980s, readily agreed to participate. In fact, playing Bookstore Basketball was one of the first things he did after accepting the head coaching position a year ago.

"I want to compete with the students, and have fun with the students," Doherty said.

In 1999, Doherty played on "Krobo's Legends," a squad named after former Tarheels player Jeff Tebo. That team bowed out in the tournament early rounds, but Doherty hopes his second try will fare better.

This time around, Doherty and his assistant coaches, who are also playing in the tournament, left the team assignments up to the Bookstore Basketball commissioners. Doherty went to the first team to ask for his services, a freshman-dominated squad called Shockers.

"I needed a big guy, and he's 6-foot-8," sophomore captain John Mornovok said. "So I called him and asked him.

Since Doherty will miss some games due to his travels for recruiting, Moravsk signed on four freshmen to fill out the roster. Nick Alftermann, Phil Brennan, Brandon Oliver and Kyle Fager. They haven't all had an opportunity to practice together because of Doherty's travel schedule, but Moravsk predicts good things from their 29th-ranked squad.

"I think we have a good chance of making it to the round of 32," Moravsk said. "Our strength is definitely our shooting, so hopefully we'll be able to knock down some shots.

As a sophomore at North Carolina, Doherty helped lead his school to the NCAA Championship. Of course, he had a little assistance from one of the best basketball players of all time — former Chicago Bulls great Michael Jordan — looking back, Doherty jokes that his main weakness as a college player was giving Jordan the ball too frequently.

"I passed the ball too much in college," Doherty said. "I think it's time to make up for that.

With that in mind, the 38-year-old court set down a half-serious alltimat for the other guys on his Bookstore team Shockers.

"They better be able to pass the ball and set a lot of screens to get me open," Doherty said.

No matter how much time Doherty spent around basketball this year in coaching the Irish to a 22-11 record, there's only so much a person can do without a coaching staff. That's why he's looking for a return to the more active days of his Division I career. At North Carolina, he became just the third player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to tally 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 400 assists in his career as a forward.

After 16 years out of college, see Doherty, page 27

Godsey chases dream of leading Irish offense

By TIM CASEY
Associated Press

His father was an offensive guard at Alabama under legendary coach Bear Bryant; his brother Greg played at Air Force and another brother George is currently a quarterback at Georgia Tech. Coming out of high school, he was heavily recruited by Tennessee, Purdue and Ohio State.

But when making his college decision, instead of being swayed by any outside influences, Gary Godsey followed his heart.

"I grew up my whole life dreaming of going to Notre Dame to play football," Godsey said. "When you're getting recruited it's unbelievable because all these schools want you. Tennessee's stadium was unreal, Ohio State's facilities were amazing, but when I came home everything was what I dreamed it to be.

Now, a year after committing to the Irish, Godsey is competing for the most prestigious position in college football: quarterback at Notre Dame.

Not had for someone who just started playing the position two and a half years ago.

It was six games into his junior season at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla., in the fall of 1997, when Godsey switched to quarterback. He had been a starter at tight end, defensive end, center and long snapper at Jesuit. But Godsey had never taken snaps under center.

"He [the coach] thought I had a good arm and good mechanics so he put me back there last quarterback," Godsey said.

"Everything worked out.

Forgive the humble Godsey for the understatement. He quickly adapted to the new position, leading Jesuit to the league championship as a junior. Then, as a senior, in his first full year as a starter, Godsey passed for over 1,000 yards and 22 touchdowns while throwing only four interceptions.

Despite his success at quarterback, most schools, including Notre Dame, were more interested in Godsey as a tight end or defensive end. Some coaches saw his size (6-foot-7 and 240 pounds) as a hindrance for a future at quarterback. Godsey received interest from passing teams like Nebraska and Purdue but when he chose Notre Dame, he knew the Irish coaching staff viewed him as a lightweight.

But when the Irish were sparred on signing day a year ago by C.J. Leak, who decided to attend Wake Forest, there was a void at quarterback. Godsey talked to the coaching staff, asking if he could get a shot at quarterback.

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