Pictures of the Past

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Packed away in Jake Cram's high school scrapbook are pictures of smiling graduates, freezing the culminat
tion of a four-year journey in a flash of film. Yellow tinsels and shimmering royal blue caps and gowns rose past-adolescent schol
ars, beaming with the pride of their accomplishments.

The pictures are not unlike those in any other high school gradu
ate's memory capsule. They tell a story of friendships, accomplishments and success. But underneath the pictures, behind the smiling graduates, lay maga
zines that tell another story. As a graduate of the Columbine High School Class of 1999, these maga
zines tell the story of the day Jake watched 15 of his classmates lose their lives — the day he nearly lost his own.

Today, on the one-year anniver
sary of the Littleton shootings, Jake and his classmates will return to Columbine High School for a memorial service that will bring back the horror of April 20, 1999.

While the memories are now packed away in a scrapbook, they are anything but old for the Notre Dame freshman and his class
mates.

"It doesn't seem like a year at all," Jake said. "Some kids will be there, others are going up to the mountains to get away. A lot of people want to forget, want it to go away, but it won't."

Columbine High School is a dif"erent place than it was a year ago, art has replaced the bullet holes in the concrete, lockers line the walls that once were windows to the library. But underneath the new paint and sparkling exterior, the tainted memories of a year ago still linger in the hearts of the survivors. Today will be Jake's third return to Columbine since the shootings, but it never gets any easier.

"Right after, nobody ever wanted to go back ever," Jake said. "I didn't think I could ever go back there. Slowly, as everything happened and we found out what [Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold's] plan was, we said, 'No, we're not going to let them have what they wanted.' If we didn't go back, we were letting them have what they wanted."

Jake's first return was to collect his belongings just weeks after the shootings. With his parents on either side of him, he spent an hour in the building walking through the hallways, still untouched.

"It was really scary... nothing had changed. There was still blood and bullet holes everywhere. There were half-eaten sandwiches in the cafeterias. In the parking lot, there were shoes everywhere. It was really hard to be in there."

Even after a summer of reconstruc
tion, some still will not return. While some students, Jake includ
ed, watched the re-opening of the building in August, it is still impos
ible for some members of the class to do everything they can not to make that decision."

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Kori Pienovi rape survivor

"I don't understand how..."

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Systems currently in place for addressing rape and sexual assualants through the Office of Residential Life are inappropriate and inadequate, said rape survivors Kori Pienovi and Kelly McGeever at a panel dis

Pienovi, who was raped in 1997 and pursued disciplinary action against her alleged assailant through Residence Life, explained that she initially believed the system was ade
quately because her attacker was dismissed from the University.

"These people did "the right thing" for me," she said, explaining her decision to encourage fel
low victims to pursue action through Residence Life. But after fol
owing the cases of two such victims through the process, she no longer con
vinced.

"As far as I've seen, the only way they'll kick someone out is if they'll admit they said 'no,' and how often is that going to happen?" she asked, noting with hindsight that her attacker's ad
mission that she attacked her "l i k e l y forced the panel to dis
miss his case."

"They don't find it... It's a lies the truth that they don't want to... They do it only if they have to," she said. "They will do everything they can not to make that decision."

In the cases of the two friends whom Pienovi encouraged to pursue channels in Residence Life, the panel took no action, leading her to the conclusion that the system provides vic
nents with a false belief that jus
tice will be served.

"They say that there's this range of punishments, and that there's that range of punish
ments, but from what I've seen, it's all or nothing," she said. "I don't understand how they can sleep at night... They raise these girls... they hope for... and then they say... We found no violation of DuLaR."

The consequence of that trust is that when the panel chooses not to take action, the victim begins to think that may be the right decision, said McGeever.

"They say that ResLife is an academic system (and that vic
nents shouldn't) come there for

Rape survivors: ResLife system proves ineffective

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Freshman Jake Cram looks at the magazines reporting the shooting at Columbine. Cram wanted to read such articles to help him understand the events he lived through.
INSIDE COLUMN
Move over, PlaystatIon

Up-Up-Down-Down-Left-Right-Left-Right-B-A

A few of you might have just looked at that first line and wondered if there was some sort of a typo. I am willing to bet that the majority of readers (especially male readers) saw that line and immediately one thing sprang up in your minds: 30 lives in "Crazy C." How is it that I (and many others) do not remember these fairly complicated codes to video games that they haven't played in years yet the names of my professors (or that of former professors) who read this column are on a regular basis?

Memories of the glory of 8-bit Nintendo came flooding back to me a few weeks ago when my friend brought his Nintendo back from home and hooked it up. Soon the flashier, more technologically advanced and more complicated PlayStation and N-64 were discarded in favor of the simplicity, yet brilliance, of 8-bit Nintendo.

Remember the Legend of Zelda and "Mike Tyson's Punch Out"? quickly replaced eating, sleeping and sometimes bashing on our list of priorities. Amazingly enough, all the secrets and codes and tricks that we had learned as children remained in our heads.

Despite having not helped Little Mac win the title since Buster Douglas knocked out Tyson, I am still able to remember how to stop Great Tigers "Tiger Punch" and how to neutralize Bald Bull's "Ball Charge." We still remembered where to bomb to find heart containers and the "Master Sword" in "Legend of Zelda." We still remembered how to kill those stupid dinosaurs in level two of "Zoids.

Why have the tactics of "Punch Out" and "Zelda" remain with me much longer than the actual bills the state of Pennsylvania has passed recently?

Why is 8-bit Nintendo so endearing?

The game was pure and simple game interface that was so appealing. There were only two buttons and the game pad was a simple rectangle -- not the space mat hummering with God-knows how many buttons that is the N-64 controller.

The games were simple too. Usually you could only go one direction in your right. You just kept walking, kickboxing, or stomping all the bad guys until you reached the end.

Maybe it was the simplicity that led us to stop playing sports games on PlayStation and N-64 with its professional players and complicated stats to instead focus on "Blades of Steel" where icing and penalties are disregarded.

Videogames in which my friends and I were young were simple. They weren't excessively violent or full of images unsuitable for young children. The "Today" show wasn't doing special reports on whether or not Mario's stomping of Koopa Troopa was leading to schoolyard violence. Eight-bit Nintendo was just simple and pure and wonderful.

So while my friend who claims that "The Legend of Zelda" is one of the top five things ever to happen to America is a little nuts, there still was something special about that old 8-bit system. 007-373-5963 Remember that one? Time for Little Mac to face Tyson again.

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This Week on Campus

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• Event: Saint Mary's Wind and Chamber Ensemble
  7 p.m.; Little Theater
  Saint Mary's
• Lecture: "E-Commerce in Warehousing Market,"
  7 p.m.; Jordan Auditorium

Friday
• Good Friday: Mass
  11 a.m. and 1 p.m.,
  Basila; Stations of the Cross, 7:15 p.m.,
  Basila; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m., Basila

Saturday
• Holy Saturday: Mass
  11 a.m. and 7 p.m.,
  Basila; Paresh Vigil
  Mass, 9 p.m., Basila;
  Vigil, R.m.; Church of Our Lady of Loreto, Saint Mary's

Sunday
• Easter Sunday: Mass
  11:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,
  Church of Our Lady of Loreto, Saint Mary's

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Duke researchers find new use for old drug

DURHAM, N.C.

A drug primarily used to help people quit smoking may also reduce cocaine addiction, based on recent tests on rats.

"This research opens a new approach to the treatment of cocaine abuse, which has been resistant to treatment in general," said Jed Rose, chief of the Medical Center's NICotine Research Program.

Mecamylamine, which has been available for nearly half a century, was originally used to treat high blood pressure and has been known to help smokers quit.

Currently, the drug is under Food and Drug Administration review as a treatment for both smoking and Tourette's syndrome in children.

Mecamylamine works by blocking nicotinic receptors in the brain that normally release dopamine, the primary chemical involved in generating feelings of pleasure.

An addicted individual's desire for cocaine is weakened when the drug cannot produce any feeling of pleasure in the brain.

Nicotine, cocaine and alcohol are just a few of the drugs that increase dopamine. Mecamylamine's presence may affect the pleasure-inducing qualities of other drugs, including cocaine.

"(Mecamylamine) indirectly affects the system that cocaine normally stimulates," explained Edward Leski, lead researcher and associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences.

A paper about his research on the topic is currently being reviewed by several journals in the field.

Leski predicts that this research will pave the way for the discovery of new addiction-fighting drugs that will reduce the side effects of treatment.

"The results of this study can be used to find and develop even better antagonists that are more specific in targeting the sub-receptors directly stimulated in drug addiction," he said.

Dartmouth begins housing shift

HANOVER, N.H.

Heavily endorsing recommendations made by a committee report, the Board of Trustees announced the culmination of the first phase of the Student Life Initiative launched in February 1999. Despite opposing recommendations by the Student Assembly and the Coed Fraternity Sorority Coordination (CFS) Council, the board threw its support behind steering committee recommendations such as the removal of taps and bars from CFS basements, the continued moratorium on the formation of new single-sex selective organizations, the discontinuation of the CFS Judicial Council and the move of rush to Winter term.

The board endorsed the development of an extensive residential life system, including the ideas of clusters and possibly common houses linked to each residential hall.

The board also supported the expanding of the student center, recreational center, flat-floor space and renovations on campus housing facilities, including a dining hall on north campus.

Duke joins NAACP in flag boycott

DURHAM, N.C.

Red is not one of Penn State's school colors. But when they took the field against the Winthrop baseball team March 18-19, every Nittany Lion wore a red wristband in protest of the Confederate flag flying above the state capitol. That weekend, Penn Nittie joined the growing list of sports organizations that have made some sort of statement against the Confederate Flag. The resistance has been slowly building since January, when the NAACP first announced the boycott. Some NCAA schools in the Philadelphia area, including Temple and St. Joseph's, canceled lacrosse and tennis matches in South Carolina, and various professional and national sports organizations have taken action. In addition, several prominent individuals in the sporting world, like Serena Williams, Lou Holtz and Terry Bowden have expressed their support of the boycott. Although the South Carolina state senate voted last week to remove the flag from atop the statehouse, the NAACP is continuing the boycott because the bill hangs a Confederate flag at a monument on statehouse grounds.

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Lecturers question ROTC program's place at University

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

There are numerous reasons why Notre Dame should not host the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), according to Father Michael Baxter, who lectured with professor Todd Whitmore about Catholic Perspectives on ROTC on Wednesday night. The relationship between the University and ROTC and its policies on recruiting soldiers for war is somewhat underdetermined, said Baxter.

"ROTC constitutes an intrusion of an external authority into the internal autonomy of the University," said Baxter. Hiring policies and protocols are not the same at the University, but it instead operates under a separate entity. Faculty of ROTC are primarily members of the military rather than members of the Church. They are not brought under departmental review as faculty in other departments are, said Baxter. He added that the ROTC curriculum is not brought under review in the same way as the other departments, said Baxter. ROTC is in a way that the church is not — an external authority," said Baxter.

"The ROTC program is, to put it bluntly, an appendage to the Department of Defense," said Baxter. Implementing monetary incentives for recruiting people to join ROTC in efforts of upholding the strength of the U.S. defense is another misdirected goal of the military, said Baxter. "Are not there three other ways to give financial money to these students?" Baxter said.

Most students who join the ROTC do so to receive funds to help pay for their education, said Baxter, who believes the percentages of students in ROTC receiving scholarships is enough to make such a general observation.

"The University could come up with money not for military service but for ecclesiastical service," said Baxter. "The ROTC curriculum lacks rigorous training about cooperation and service," said Baxter.

Furthermore, courses and ideas that address the morality of warfare should be a major component in the ROTC curriculum, said Baxter. "Preparation that students get here on campus is way too abstract and not useful and effective training for the kinds of situations," said Baxter. This kind of training is endemic not only to ROTC training, but it is endemic to military training in general, he said.

"You do not know what it is like to go to war until you go to war," said Baxter, recalling discussions he had with commanding officers in the Gulf War who described their training as simulated in the form of video games.

"There was a certain unrealism," said Baxter. "ROTC does not provide adequate information and training in regards to conscientious objections to moral aspects," said Baxter. Opposition to war or unjust practices in war is not welcomed and is certainly not supported by the military, said Baxter.

There is a formal process to declare conscientious objection to war. However, the process is long and complicated. Although it normally results in the placement of the soldier in a non-combat situation, the option is rarely pursued or recognized in the military, said Baxter.

The military is not conducive to the laws that the Church teaches and is therefore more in line with the ethical and moral implications that the Church requires, said Baxter.

ROTC students are likely to break the moral law as a result of the issue of morality lacking a presence in the military, he said.

"In war time, you do not want people questioning orders, but what if those orders are immoral?" said Baxter.

Whitmore agreed with the idea and said that there should be more institutional room for discussing ethical aspects relating to war. In addition, Whitmore provided an overview of the moral arguments and explanations for the institution of war, ranging from waging war centered on self-interest to Pacifism. Whitmore identified the ideologies of Realism and Tribalism as those that exist in a ruthless realm of war where self-interest is the only consideration.

"All of us — non-combatant and combatant — are by definition innocent, and all of them are combatant and even non-combatant are not," said Whitmore.

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On the other end of the spectrum of war ideologies, Whitmore cites Secular and Christian Just War tradition as well as Christian Pacifism as the most morally considerate.

"Secular Just War Traditionalists are rooted in classical traditions of the cardinal virtues, justice, prudence, fortitude, and temperance," said Whitmore.

The just-war theory can be summarized as the practice of killing others in war as an action that is not always wrong, provided that the war was declared by a legitimate authority on the grounds of just cause focused on attaining peace and justice.

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Jake Cram (far right) and friends from the Columbine High School class of 1999 celebrate their graduation. Despite their smiles on the happy occasion, memories of the shooting lingered in their minds.

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of 1999 to confront what happened there.

"A lot of my friends can't see Time; can't see what happened on April 20," Jake said. "The kids don't really talk about it that much. For me, I liked to read the Time articles because I wanted to figure out why. Everyone is looking for answers, but I don't think that there is one. Sometimes I just think this was supposed to happen at my school, and I can only hope something good comes out of it." Still, Jake says, a lot of his classmates just want to forget. Or maybe it's too hard to remember.

April 20, 1999

It was a normal day in choir for Jake, who was stressing about what he now calls "little things." "Praying for a test in his choir class, he remembers worrying about completing the exam.

"After, I remember thinking why I worried about something so stupid," he said.

But during the test, the 120 students who filled the choir room heard gunshots through the hallways, unidentified at first. Brushing off the first few noises as nothing but a senior prank, the class suddenly realized the situation was anything but a joke. Half of the class exited through a back door, while Jake and other classmates ran to a door that led to the hallway. Five feet away, Jake witnessed Klebold shooting at students running down the hallway.

"He never looked at me," Jake said. "My life flashed before my eyes right then. I know this kid — I'd stayed at his house overnight when I was younger. I couldn't believe it."

Jake and 60 other choir members crammed into a storage closet, pushing a bookshelf in front of the door for protection. None of them knew what would happen.

Inside the pitch-black closet, the students could do nothing but listen for three and a half hours. Stiffed by the sounds of continuous gunshots, yelling, fire alarms and bomb explosions, their own frightened sobs and prayers filled the tiny closet. And when the noises stopped, no one moved.

In the silence, Jake's best friend, Matt Cromwell, pulled out a cell phone he had in his pocket and dialed his father, who was outside with other panicked parents in the parking lot.

"His dad was talking to the police," Jake said. "He told us that the police weren't in the building yet. He told us 'Don't move, don't make a sound,' and to call back in 30 minutes.

The cell phone was the only link to the outside world, the group had during the crisis. Kept calm by Mr. Cromwell's assurance that the police knew what was being done and family were what was really important in the long run, and I really changed my outlook on life. Nothing really seemed to matter anymore ... I used to get stressed out about every little thing, but now I don't worry about the small stuff."

But still plagued with memories of April 20, Jake spent a cycle of nightmares and weight loss that made his trauma visible. At the advice of his parents, he consulted his sports psychologist and began discussing the events with her. When fall came and freshman orientation at Notre Dame approached, the beginning of college provided a welcome reprieve.

"I was kind of happy to get away," he said. "But it was hard for me not to be around people that went through it with me. Everybody here asked about it. They see your name and 'Columbine' next to it, and they want to know what happened. It helped me deal with it, but there were times I wanted people like my friends back home."

But being in South Bend may have allowed him to heal faster than those still in Littleton. Surrounded by memories of the tragedy, a suicide by a parent of one of the victims and a luncheon student shooting, the tragedy continues in the community.

"I have friends who are seniors at Columbine, and while the stuff that's gone on there since the shootings has affected me, it's affected them even more. It's a lot easier for me to deal with it here," he said. But he still struggles with his friends who have not recovered, including Matt. Speaking to him once a week on extra cell phone minutes, he knows his friend's situation has not gotten better.

"He wouldn't go to counseling," he said. "A lot of kids wouldn't. They thought they could deal with it on their own. I didn't think I needed to go, but I was glad I did. It definitely helped me a lot. I've progressed a lot more than he has ... but we're a lot closer now. So one else knows what that experience was like.

As of Wednesday, Matt was not set on going to the memorials.

"I've been trying to get him to go, but he doesn't want to," Jake said. "I don't know if he'll be there."

When Jake returns to Columbine today, Matt and several other classmates may not be with him. But Jake is a part of healing, a part of moving on and a part of trying to answer the lingering question of "why."

But he chose the magazines that tell the story from a year ago and looks at the pictures of students robed in shimmering royal blue gowns and yellow tassels, he knows that the smiles in the pictures celebrate more than just diplomas. They celebrate survival.
Ecuador landslide kills 9

A landslide caused by heavy rains buried three homes in a rural area along Ecuador's Pacific coast Wednesday, killing nine people, officials said. Seven other homes near the town of Guayana, 90 miles south of the capital, Quito, were damaged by the avalanche of mud and rock. Among the victims were six members of a family who were buried in the two small houses they lived in at the base of a hillside. The Red Cross said Ecuador, which is near the end of its September-May rainy season, has been hit in the last week by nearly nonstop showers along the coast and in the central highlands. Landslides in Quito, which lies in a valley between two mountain ranges, have claimed the lives of at least 15 people this month.

D'Allema resigns as Italy leader

Rome

Premier Massimo D'Allema, the first ex-Communist to lead Italy, resigned Wednesday, setting the stage for a new premier or the election of a new parliament. D'Allema headed a broad center-left government, and President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said he will begin two days of consultations Thursday with Italy's political leaders on how proceed. Ciampi can ask someone else from the center-left to try to form a new government, he can call immediate elections, or can appoint a nonpolitical caretaker in lead until scheduled elections in the spring of 2001. D'Allema's conservative opposition, emboldened by its victorious showing in regional races over the weekend, has been pressing for early elections — something the fractured and debilitated center-left dreads.

Leader backs AIDS policy

JoHANNESBURG, South Africa

In a letter to world leaders published Wednesday, President Thabo Mbeki compared the criticism of his AIDS policies to the censorship of political ideas under apartheid. Mbeki also argued that since HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, spread mostly through heterosexual contact in Africa, the continent's problems are unique. "In the West, HIV/AIDS is said to be largely homosexually transmitted, it is reported that in Africa, including our country, it is transmitted heterosexually," he said, the letter, dated April 3. "Accordingly, as Africans, we have to deal with this uniquely African catastrophe," he said. Presidential spokesman Parks Mankahala said Wednesday that Mbeki sent the letter to President Clinton and other world leaders "to explain his position because the reports that have been in the media have either been misleading or inaccurate."
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justice, because that's not what she's there for, she said.

Only the accused can appeal a decision and a victim's change of heart is not a viable option as are good from assaults in the legal system, said Pienovi, who claimed that if the decision is in favor of the accused that Residence Life refuses to acknowledge the charges.

"As far as they're concerned, if they decide "No," it's as if it never happened," she said, explaining that victims whose cases had followed have been told not to contact Residence Life further after a panel had decided no violation had occurred.

McGeever said that more education is needed. At the cases she has seen, she explained, that many times when rape survivors report their attackers, they're saying, "If something has to be done, it's that nothing's being done about it." McGeever explained that when she pursued help through the University Counseling Center she found there was a waiting list. Though helpful, she explained that her counselor had such an enormous case load that she was never able to pursue her feelings in any depth during counseling sessions.

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"I will never get over this — it's something I've learned to incorporate into my life in the most positive way possible," said Pienovi, who noted the irony in her mother's urging that she attend Notre Dame because it's something she has learned to do.

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Both women said that under-reporting is a problem as well. Because her attack took place at another university, McGeever could not file a complaint with Residence Life, and her experience was regarded as part of Notre Dame's annual statistics. Furthermore, the University does not include reports to rectors, assistant rectors or residential advisors because they are considered to be functioning in a pastoral role, she explained.

Though she could not accurately estimate the number of rapes that occur annually at Notre Dame, Pienovi is certain that it is much greater than the number of security reports.

"I personally know 12 people that my friends who have been raped," she said. "It's weird to hear how often it happens and that nothing's being done about it."

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Although only Student Senate filed their new report, several Financial board presentations were given on Wednesday last night. It was only one appeal that was made, the students had to be held on the weekend. Groups change more on the weekends than on weekdays.

Financial board president, Becky Hegovin said that the group had tried to bring Oliver Stone or Terry Springer to campus but because these events fell through, SUB had money remaining in its account.

One area of concern within SUB was the essentially allocated for concerts. Korean senator Grant Ghisoni expressed concern with the acts that SUB is able to bring to campus for concerts and questioned whether giving them more money would aid in getting large names to play here.

"The problem with concerts is that it is an overarching issue," Reicher said. "The University as a whole must work to get bigger names. We are not in a position to allocate enough money to bring such an act in."

"Basically we decided that one big concert is a better idea than two smaller ones. It is beyond our realm. We simply do not have the money as a Student Union to put forth towards renting the Jacksonville Athletic and Recreation Center (JACC)," she said.

Other members of the Financial Management Board also commented on this issue. "SUB was asking for more money specially in concerts because they wanted the shows to be held on the weekend. Groups change more on the weekends than on Thursday nights. However, we did not think it made sense to allocate money for this reason," said SUB member Marcie Higgins. "Also part of the problem is that the concerts have not made much revenue because a lot of people do not come. SUB told us that the easy area to cut within their budget would be concerts."

Patrick Kelly, another member of the board, urged the senate to help with the difficulty of renting the JACC.

"The issue of the JACC largely deals with the athletic department. They won't move a practice to allow for a concert. This is an issue that senator should pursue. Meet with the athletic department and see if a change could be made," Kelly said.

Despite the controversy, SUB did not file an appeal. "We understand that the budget is limited and although we very realistically the amount of money we were given, we are not going to appeal," said SUB representative Becky Hegovin. "However, if there is a re-allocation, we ask that they give us money from our budget. We need every penny we are given.

Another issue of controversy was the money allocated for Transfer Orientation. Because this event originated in the office of the president, the money has always been taken from student funds. However, last year the financial management board was given the impression that admissions would take over the cost because they give money for Freshman Orientation. Thus the financial management board only gave Transfer Orientation half of the money it was given last year.

"Unlike SUB, the Transfer Orientation committee did not file an appeal. This cut is hitting us hard. Our funds were not cut a little, they were cut in half and we are not sure where the extra money will come from," said Heather McDonald, of the Transfer Orientation committee. "We are asking Admissions to find an extra $500 and simply do not know where they will get it. Hopefully we will get it from the Financial Management Board's position."

"Transfer orientation is much like Freshman Orientation and thus we feel that admissions can pick up the bill," Reicher said.

However, McDonald said that the money was necessary and if the financial management board does not give them the money for Transfer Orientation, they may not receive it elsewhere.

"We're not asking for a lot, just $5000. We need every cent of that. I would like to see the importance of Transfer Orientation. When you come as a transfer student, you do not know anyone," McDonald said. "A good portion of transfers live off campus and often do not feel like they are part of the University."

Overall, the senate agreed with McDonald and rearranged funds. 

In other senate news: The senate approved the nomination of Lance Williams for 2000-2001 class representative to the Financial Management Board. 

The senate chose Luciana Reali, Brendan Dowdall and Dan Burbash as Campon Life Council representatives.

New athletic director Kevin White addressed the senate on the mission statement.

"I am so excited to be on the most celebrated University and campus in the country with the most outstanding student body in the country. I think the most important element of any campus is the student body and we do want to anything to represent you. We are very excited to be here."
WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS

Conor's Prayer
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

On Conor's behalf, I write to thank you. You know who you are.
You're the one who lit a candle at the Grotto for the kid you hardly knew.
You're the one who prayed for that for which the doctor's gave us no hope.
You're the one who stood in line for hours and offered yourself to be tested for
the National Bone Marrow Registry because you were suddenly aware that
you could, quite literally, save someone's life. You're the one who signed a T-
shirt or sent a card, an e-mail or a letter to let our brother know that while he
may not be with us physically, he was no less with us in spirit , in our
thoughts and in our prayers. You're the one who shaved your head to join in
solidarity with our brother. You're the one who traveled to Cleveland to be
with him and with his family. You're the one who worked to raise money to
fund the Donor Drive. You're the one, stranger or friend, who has seen him
through to this day.

As I write, on Tuesday of Holy Week, we await that for which we have
all long hoped and prayed. This evening, Conor will receive the bone marrow
transplant form the one perfect match that was found among the more than
three million person National Bone Marrow Registry. Conor has spent the
past several days receiving a series of radiation and chemotherapy treatments,
respectively, to prepare him for the transplant. The theory is that they kill
everything in him that is sickness and death, and with the transplant, restore
life and renew his immune system. It is difficult to know just how long it will
be before we will know of the success of the procedure, and so your continued
prayers are deeply appreciated.

The parallels to that which we celebrate this week ought not to go
unnoted. There is an appropriateness to its happening during this most holy
of weeks. It is a powerful metaphor, in some ways, for that which we cele-
brate, the paradox of the Paschal Mystery. It might be a time for us to ask God
to purge us of everything that is sickness and death, and to begin in us the life
to which each of us is called, a life of light, and truth, and love. Even as we
pray fervently for Conor in these days, let's pray for ourselves as well. We
may well be in as much need of healing, perhaps not of body, but of mind,
heart and spirit.

It is impossible to thank all who have contributed so mightily to
Conor's cause, from the outpouring of love, prayers, and support that sur-
rrounded the news of his illness to the contributions to the Donor Drive which
was held on his behalf. There are some people and groups that deserve partic-
ular attention for their incredible generosity and support. On Conor's behalf,
I wish to list some of them here. Before I do, however, let me acknowledge
the danger in listing any contributors at all, since I am likely to inadvertanly
leave out some. Simply know that there are countless individuals, residence
halls, clubs, and significant anonymous donors whose names and contribu-
tions go unnoted here but which are no less deeply valued and appreciated.

Fr. Mark Poorman, C.S.C. and the Office of Student Affairs
Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C. and the Office of Campus Ministry
Fr. Jim Lewis, O.Carm. and the Notre Dame London Program Students
Joe Cassidy, Peggy Hnatusk& Mary Edgington and the Office of Student
Activities
Brian Wolford and the Washington Semester Program Students
Annie Thompson and the University Health Center
Kate Voelker and the Junior League of South Bend
"The Shirt" Charity Fund Student Board
The College Democrats

Alumni Hall Pasquerilla East Hall St. Edward's Hall
O'Neill Hall Pasquerilla West Hall Walsh Hall
Pangborn Hall Siegfried Hall Zahm Hall

Conor has been singularly overwhelmed and sustained by the love and
support, shown in so many ways, which he has received since his diagnosis on
February 25th. He has asked me to thank you, and to assure you of his
prayers. His prayer is that you may one day know, as surely as he does, the
grace of God and the power of the notre Dame Family. He is convinced that
he lives today, with great hope for healthy future, because of what you have
done. He has articulated on various occasions, and far better than I, his deep
abiding belief that God is at work in this and through you. For him, and with
him, I thank you.
**MOVIE REVIEW**

‘American Psycho’ makes a killer satire

By MATT NANDA
Assistant Scene Editor

If films like last year’s “Being John Malkovich,” “Fight Club,” “Magnolia” and the newly released “American Psycho” are any indication; the current state of film-making is looking pretty good.

Not since the ’70s have American audiences seen such an illustrious crop of unique and exciting films.

Granted: “American Psycho” was not made in Hollywood with a $100 million budget, but it did get made for $7.5 million by Lions Gate Films, which also released last year’s “Dogma.”

With “American Psycho,” director Mary Harron (photobooth Andy Warhol”) and co-writer Guinevere Turner (adapting a much-hyped Brett Easton Ellis novel), have given us a cold, dark satirical look into the blackness that resides within the image culture, as well as the first truly memorable film of the year.

“American Psycho” portrays, with playful merriment, the egotistical world of young and affluent Patrick Bateman (Christian Bale). Wall Street’s Wall Street by day, vicious serial killer with a penchant for outrageous combinations of sex and hypothermia by night. Through this well-sketchered character, “American Psycho” offers a fierce, social commentary about the excesses that characterized the ’80s.

On the surface, the well-groomed, conservative and conventional Bateman appears to be the ideal late ’80s yuppie. But underneath the surface lurks... well, nothing. The film plays with the idea that men have a right to venison in a society driven by materialism. Bateman is not even remotely contemplative of his brutal crimes. His murders are merely a natural extension of his rutheless lifestyle (at one point, he promises “American Psycho” so blood won’t splatter on his designer suit). Bateman is young, rich, good-looking and psychotic. He is the very essence of preadolescent greed that was corporate America.

Harron has created something truly original: a character study of a man who is more a collection of ideas than a unique personality unto his own. Her direction unflinchingly captures the decadence of this big-cash world, where young businessmen are interchangeable and their jobs nondescript.

The film will undoubtedly anger those seeking a traditional motive to Bateman’s crimes or a sense of resolution: but by keeping the film loosely plotted as well as gory, Harron drives the point of the film home in both idea and design.

And cinematographer Andrzej Sekula handle the picture’s violent sequences skillfully, making them genuine horror.

In the dark, twisted satire “American Psycho,” Christian Bale plays a psycho-pathic 1980s Wall Street V.P. who kills people in his spare time.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Grand slam, four homers helps Boston shut out Detroit

Associated Press

Troy Nixon hit a grand slam and hit four home runs as the Red Sox homered off the Detroit Tigers 10-0 on Wednesday at Fenway Park. Joe Offerman, Troy O'Leary, Mike Stivicina and Nomar Garciaparra also homered for the Red Sox, who matched the total of four homers hit by the Tigers in the first seven games at Comerica Park.

Brian Rose (1-2) and three relievers combined on a six-hitter against the Red Sox in Boston's second straight shutout against Detroit.

Said Nixon, who was 4-for-5 hit a disputed home run to start Boston's six-run sixth. After two singles and a walk against Matt Anderson, Nixon tied a game and Pete Goodwin followed with a double to center.

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Yankees 5, Tigers 4

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Evan Rodriguez, who was getting the day off, tied the lead with a pinch-hitter home run in the ninth, a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth. The AML MVP connected on the first pitch he saw from Yankees closer Mariano Rivera (5-4).

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Jeff Nelson relieved and threw two balls to Curtis, with the walk charged to Clemens. After a force play, Aloures, who had homered in the sixth, hit an RBI double.

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Carlos Lee drove a pinch-hit grand slam in the fifth inning and the Chicago White Sox, beat the Seattle Mariners.

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Lee hit a two-run single to center to give the White Sox a 4-2 lead.

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But he wanted to walk away — rather than be carried away — in his last game, which is why Barkley took the court one more time despite his knee being only about 70 percent healed.

For all his flamboyance throughout his career, Barkley finished with a humble tone.

"Basketball doesn't owe me anything. I owe everything in my life to basketball, everything," Barkley said. "I'm 37 years old. I'm beyond my wildest dreams. I have great material things. I've been all over the world and it's all because of basketball."

Barkley considered playing Monday night at Phoenix, where he performed for four seasons, and was closest to winning an NBA championship in 1993. But Tomjanovich didn't want to take a chance with Barkley's injury still at 100 percent.

This is a sad day for me, I've been playing basketball since I was nine years old and now I'm not going to be playing anymore," Barkley said.

"That's the only thing that makes me sad. I won't miss the limelight."

The most coveted thing is that nothing I'll do in my life from now on will come close to what I've accomplished in basketball in the last 16 years."

Barkley was the fifth player selected overall in the 1984 NBA draft by Philadelphia after a standout career at Auburn. Barkley's draft class included Michael Jordan, John Stockton and current teammate Hakeem Olajuwon.

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Barkley's career was thought to have ended Dec. 8 when he ruptured a knee tendon against Philadelphia.

But he wanted to walk away — rather than be carried away — in his last game, which is why Barkley took the court one more time despite his knee being only about 70 percent healed.

For all his flamboyance throughout his career, Barkley finished with a humble tone.

"Basketball doesn't owe me anything. I owe everything in my life to basketball, everything," Barkley said. "I'm 37 years old. I'm beyond my wildest dreams. I have great material things. I've been all over the world and it's all because of basketball."

Barkley considered playing Monday night at Phoenix, where he performed for four seasons, and was closest to winning an NBA championship in 1993. But Tomjanovich didn't want to take a chance with Barkley's injury still at 100 percent.

This is a sad day for me, I've been playing basketball since I was nine years old and now I'm not going to be playing anymore," Barkley said.

"That's the only thing that makes me sad. I won't miss the limelight."

The most coveted thing is that nothing I'll do in my life from now on will come close to what I've accomplished in basketball in the last 16 years."

Barkley was the fifth player selected overall in the 1984 NBA draft by Philadelphia after a standout career at Auburn. Barkley's draft class included Michael Jordan, John Stockton and current teammate Hakeem Olajuwon.
Bullock’s ‘Days’ too predictable, formulaic

**MOVIE REVIEW**

By CASEY K. MCCLOSKEY

When most people think of Sandra Bullock’s movie roles, they think of the nice girl-next-door. Although the role of Gwen Cummings in Bullock’s ‘Days’ is not a far cry from her normal roles, Bullock definitely has much more of an edge than we are used to seeing. The storyline concentrates on a serious one, but Bullock is still able to add a little charm to her character.

Gwen is a New York City columnist who enjoys the fast life and the big story. Her life consists of swinging from one party to the next without dealing with or caring to deal with, any of the repercussions.

Gwen is finally forced to deal with her problems — and there are plenty — when she is sentenced to 28 days of rehab after drunkenly crushing her sister’s wedding into a house while trying to replace the wedding cake she fell into.

Soon, Gwen goes from living life in the fast lane to living a much slower paced life in a New Age rehab center. Gwen walks into a world of singing, chanting, hugging and sharing. She is not ready to join in the festivities. Gwen thinks that if she can stick out 28 days, she’ll be able to go back to her life, but she does not see that she has a problem. But like any good Hollywood film, Gwen has her moment of realization just in time to get the full experience out of rehab.

The story line of this film is predictable, although a number of the characters in the film are pretty forgettable. Alan Tudyk plays Gerhardt, a fellow patient who is extremely amusing and very puzzling at the same time. He has an accent that drifts from one country to another, which is entertaining. Despite being a very emotional guy, Gerhardt still has trouble opening himself. Although he is very much an enigma, he is one of the most lovable characters.

Another interesting character in the film is Gwen’s roommate, Andrea, played by Azura Skye. Andrea is a seventeen-year-old who has edgy and detached. She hasn’t been in and out of rehab most of her life but is still surprisingly innocent. She is Gwen’s ticket into the rehab group and the world of sobriety.

During the 28 days in rehab, Eddie Boone (Viggo Mortensen) joins the group. Boone is a rehabbing baseball player who is ready to move on from the pressures of being a big leaguer.

Gwen and Eddie develop a flirtatious relationship that seems to be the salvation for Gwen to leave her old life. The relationship with her party-boyfriend Eddie is interesting, but like most of the characters in the film, her relationship is underdeveloped. The audience is not given the chance to get to know these characters intimately and therefore are not given the chance to care about them too much.

Coming from someone who is not a huge Sandra Bullock fan, her role as an alcoholic and drug addict is very impressive. Although the plot may be predictable, she gives a very fresh and honest portrayal of a woman who is struggling with demons that go beyond drugs and alcohol.

We see flashbacks of Gwen’s childhood with her mother, who was also an addict, and we can see where her patterns have come from. Director Bettie Thomas makes these flashbacks very intriguing, visually as well as contextually, because they are memories that are slowly coming back to Gwen as she finally allows herself to deal with her demons.

“28 Days” is a big story. Her new world, but also has to come to terms with her childhood, but she also has to come to terms with her severely relationship with her sister. Lily played brilliantly by Elizabeth Perkins. Gwen realizes that in order to survive outside of rehab she will need help from others, especially her sister. This does seem a bit too perfect for the real world, but these two actresses pull it off without making you feel unclear.

“28 Days” isn’t worth much more then a rental, unless you are a huge Sandra Bullock fan. Save your money and wait for the video.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

By JILLIAN DePAUL

Sneak Peek Clip

Edward Norton, arguably one of the best actors of his generation, tests his ability behind the camera with his directorial debut, “Keeping the Faith,” an entertaining, though a bit confusing and unnatural, romantic comedy.

Norton turned many heads, including those of his former costars, with his breakout role in "Primal Fear." Since then, he has continued to take risks with his choice of roles, such as a rags-to-riches lock in "American History X." For which he got his second of what are sure to be many Oscar Award nominations and the nameless narrator of last year’s ablaze, yet visionary, “Fight Club.”

Not only does Norton choose edgy and innovative roles, but he also acts these roles flawlessly and effortlessly, commanding a rare and classically powerful presence on screen.

However, as a creative force behind "Keeping the Faith," he is faced with the opportunity to take a great risk, which is undoubtedly the road less traveled by romantic comedies.

Unfortunately, Norton, and consequently the film, play it safe by conforming to the conventions of the genre. The result is ironic in the sense that his own character feels the weight of the role.

“Keeping the Faith,” scripted by an old Yale buddy of Norton’s named Stuart Blumberg, tells the familiar story of two friends who fall in love with the same woman. However, there is an unfamiliarity to Norton’s character, Brian Finn, is Father Brian Finn, and Ben Stiller’s Jake Schram is actually Bill Schram. Jenna Elfman plays Anna, the childhood friend of both men, who wakes back into their lives as a beautiful and successful businessman some eighteen years later. Unwittingly and inevitably, her return throws the three of their lives into upheaval. The trio pick up where they left off in eighth grade, except for a few small details. Now they go to each other’s religious services for fun, and Brian and Anna try desperately to help Jake with his troubled love life. His whole congregation is trying to set him up, and since he feels obligated to suffer through the bad dates, he does not quite know what to do when a promising prospect comes along.

Before long, both men develop romantic feelings for Anna. This is complicated, though, because Jake is expected to marry within his own faith, and we all know about Brian’s priorly sacrificed.

The film emphasizes the equality of their friendships (three women sometimes become a crowd). Therefore, when Jake and Anna start a casual, sexual relationship, the audience assumes that Anna’s feelings for both men are tied up in it, and that she chooses Jake for obvious and convenient reasons (one, he does not have a vow of chastity). But, as they always do in the movies, this casual, sexual relationship develops into love, and when the two confront each other’s feelings, both parties insist logically. Anna does not understand what the problem is as Jake is to be involved with a Catholic woman, and Jake is insurmountable to Anna’s needs as a woman with career priorities.

Meanwhile, back at the review, Brian, clueless about their relationship, is ready to chuck his priestly life, and essentially his life, to be with Anna.

The relationship between Anna and Brian has better chemistry, or maybe our sympathies just lie with Norton because he is such a great Father What-a-Wast. Either way, Norton sells his own character short in choosing not to go there. Had the audience not been led to believe that Anna chooses Jake for more convince, and had the script been convincing in its love relation-ship between Anna and Jake, the film’s flaws would have been forgiven. Instead, unique character dynamics are sacrificed for a tired, conventional ending.

Despite some essential problems, the film is genuinely entertaining, with Carla Gugino’s display charisma that makes many of the laughs work, even though they sometimes feel forced.

Although “Keeping the Faith” is a less than holy movie, redemption can be found in the tragedy of its young talent.
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TUCSON, Ariz.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

American way is not best for everyone, for Elian

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Vermont senate backs gay unions

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Bobbi Whitacre and Sandy Cote are already making plans for a small ceremony sanctifying their 33-year relationship. They are just disappointed they won't be considered "married." A bill that passed the Vermont Senate on Wednesday gets as close to gay marriage as any place in America, but it still reserves "marriage" for opposite-sex couples.

"It's a little sweet victory, I think, for a lot of us," Cote said. "To have to stop short of the goal, it's disappointing.

On a 19-11 vote, the Senate passed a bill creating "civil unions," a legal structure parallel to marriage for gay and lesbian couples. The landmark proposal would grant to same-sex couples some 200 state benefits of marriage, including medical decision-making, tax breaks and inheritance. No other state has conferred more than just a handful of the benefits.

"It's great that it passed," said Beth Robinson, one of the lawyers who successfully argued before the Vermont Supreme Court that gay and lesbian couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage. The court left the decision in the Legislature how to provide those rights.

Richard Sears Vermont Senate Judiciary Chairman

"It has not been an easy journey. But for a few months of my life, I've learned a lot about what it's like to be discriminated against. I also began to understand the goodness of my fellow Vermonters."

Because lawmakers decided to reserve the status of marriage only to heterosexual couples, gays and lesbians would not be able to qualify for federal benefits available to opposite-sex couples, such as sharing Social Security benefits, immigration status and some tax provisions.

Whitacre, 52, and Cote, 53, of Manchester had almost decided they would not enter into a civil union out of frustration that the state wouldn't allow them to marry, but they decided to go ahead with a ceremony anyway.

"I have difficulty with separate but equal," Whitacre said. "I fought for civil rights down in Alabama in the '60s. And that's what this state is doing - happening, second-class citizens in the world."

Even though they know there's one more vote to come in the House, people like Whitacre and Cote are beginning to look toward their futures. On Sept. 15 — the anniversary of Whitacre's late grandparents' fiftieth wedding — they'll hold their ceremony.

"After 33 years, she's finally going to make me an honest woman," Whitacre said.

Hope, pain mark Columbine anniversary

Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. - The carpenter who last year erected wooden crosses for the 15 victims of the Columbine High School massacre returned to Colorado to restore the memorial as mourners prepared to mark Thursday's anniversary of the tragedy. Greg Zanis wanted to "honor the families of the victims," his wife, Susan, said in an interview from their Aurora, Ill., home.

He struck carried crosses this time, in deference to one victim's parents who had torn down the two crosses representing the two student gun­ men. Both boys committed sui­ cide after the rampage.

The April 20, 1999, massacre was the worst school shooting in U.S. history, and it affected thousands of people worldwide who watched on television as police circled the building and terrified students fled the school, including one seen dropping from a library win­ dow.

At nearby Clement Park, where the crosses were erected after the slayings, workers iced off orange-and-white barricades Wednesday in anticipation of thousands of mourners at a public memorial service and a candlelight vigil planned Thursday evening.

Elsewhere, victims' families organized memorial services to mark the day, and officials pre­ pared for a statewide moment of silence. The school itself remains off­ limits to the public.

Davina Moses, a doctor from Lima Linda, Calif., in Denver on business, tried to reach it Wednesday but was turned back by security.

"I just wanted to get a sense of it in my own mind," Moses said as he walked through Clement Park.

Many survivors, still coping with their grief, were trying to get away from the services and the Littleton area.

Columbine's attendance has dropped this week, with 363 of 1,850 students expected to attend, said school district spokes­ woman Marie Letarte. Attendance was "way down" Wednesday but figures were not available by midafternoon.

"Most of the people I've talked to are trying to get as far away from this place as possible — the ones who were actually there," said Karen Nielsen, who was working in the cafeteria when the first shots rang out.

Kim Blair, a Columbine senior who saw her friend Anne Marie Hochhalter wounded, planned to spend the anniversary with her family in a hotel.

"Everybody I know is going up to the mountains or trying to get away for the day at least," Blair said. "For some, it's an emotional thing. Last year was so horri­ fying that they just can't be anywhere near that place at that time."

Still, officials expected a good number of guests at the private, family-only remembrance. Classes are can­ celed for the day, and attendance is not mandatory. Teddy bears sent in the wake of the tragedy were still waiting for students to take if they want.

Gov. Bill Ritter took the day to lead a public service at the Capitol in downtown Denver, a statewide moment of silence at 11:21 a.m. MST, the time the attack began.

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Rape is a form of crucifixion

I...
I am originally from a farm in Foxville, Wisconsin and I am the youngest of six. I majored in sociology at St. Norbert College in DePere, WI as an undergrad and served as a Religious Education Coordinator at St. Joseph Parish, DePere, WI and as a Campus Minister/Pastoral Associate at St. Norbert College from 1992-1998. I then entered the Jesuit order and received my Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago in 1998. My main responsibilities at ND are RCI A and Emmaus (small faith sharing groups) and I also have a great interest in Ireland and in the Amish!!

I have to minister here at Notre Dame in the Fall of 1998. My responsibilities include the variety of retreats like NDE, woman's choir and senior Mass. I love the variety of opportunities like NDE, I am in awe of the incredible colleagues I work with as well as the wonderful, gifted and generous students I have encountered. I simply feel blessed to be part of such a faith-filled, diverse and talented community at ND and I love the variety of opportunities I have to minister here at Notre Dame. It is everything I hoped for as a campus minister and more! Love my job! It is my dream come true! I enjoy the many different facets of campus ministry and I am an avid reader, love biking, cross country skiing, hanging out with friends, spending time with my family, and I also have a great interest in Ireland and in the Amish!!

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The Notre Dame women's rowing team completed a highly-successful weekend this Sunday with a silver medal, three fourth-place finishes, and fifth and a seventh place finishes in the finals of the Southern Inter-collegiate Rowing Association Championships.

The second varsity eight boat of Leah Asle, Myron Moreau, Allison Barsch, Emily Deye, Elizabeth Nernes, Maureen Carr, Kerri Murphy, Megan Feely, and Erin Kiernicki claimed the silver medal by finishing second in 7:11.20. Clemson won the race with a time of 6:58.7.

After placing second to top-seeded North Carolina by only 1:4 seconds in the semifinals Saturday, the varsity eight team of Katie Beeson, Katherine Burnett, Amy Braun, Lauren Lyons, Katrina Ten Eyck, Kristen Vandehey, Courtney Mercer, Michelle Ogbard and Claire Bula placed fifth in 7:02.70. Tulsa won the race in 6:53.30.

The first novice eight team of Erica Drennen, Beth Frizynska, Tami Schmitz - Nominated by Erin Kennedy

I am nominating Tami Schmitz for the Women's Resource Honor. Tami is a campus minister who gives tirelessly and often is not thanked adequately for her incredible gift of self. To quote a friend, "Tami bears backward to be nice to every creature on earth!" She always offers kind words to people and brings a warm presence with her to her interactions with others. I have had the pleasure of working with Tami in the RCIA process through Campus Ministry and she acts as my supervisor for my field education required of all Masters of Divinity students. She has taught me how to handle difficult situations with poise and compassion. She has been incredibly kind in helping me learn how to resolve conflict successfully. Tami is a wonderful woman and the Notre Dame community is truly richer for her presence." - Erin Kennedy
MEN'S LACROSSE
No.12 Notre Dame continues win streak

Special to The Observer

Junior attack Jon Harvey tal­
lied a career-high six goals, tying the Notre Dame school rec­ord for goals in a home game, as the 12th-­ranked Irish to their fourth straight win with a 17-­9	

tory over Villanova.

Notre Dame, who improved its record to 7-­3 on the season, scored 12 unanswered goals in the second half after falling behind 7-­5 early in the third quarter. Seven different play­ers scored in the contest for the Irish as Notre Dame displayed another balanced scoring attack. The 17 goals were the most scored by the Irish since the 1979 win over Denver dur­ing the 1999 campaign.

Junior David Ulrich tallied four goals and dished off four assists in his best performance of the season, while Tom Glazel added three goals and dished off four assists.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early 3-­0 on two goals by Harvey. The Irish led 3-­0 just under two minutes into the sec­ond quarter before the Wildcats finally got on the board with a goal by Marc Daroko with 15:05 left in the second 15­-minute stanza on the first of Eric Dauer's two goals.

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Villanova was able to tie the game at 3-­3 on Chris Larson goal with 11:16 remaining left to play before the intermission, but Harvey broke the tie with his third goal of the game.

The two teams were dead-­locked at 4-­4 at the bre­ak as Dauer netted a goal with 4:04 left in the second quarter.

Todd Ulrich gave the Irish a 5-­4 lead over a minute over into the second half, but then the visitors scored three unan­swered goals in a two minute span as the Wildcats grabbed a 7-­5 lead with ten minutes left in the third quarter on a Brian Marks score. David Ulrich answered with a goal six sec­onds following Marks’ tally and then Devin Ryan knotted the game at 7-­7 43 seconds later.

Harvey provided the go­­ahead goal with eight minutes left in the third as the Irish would go on to tally two more goals in grabbing a 10-­7 lead after three periods.

Notre Dame scored the first seven goals of the fourth quar­ter. Villanova finally halted the Irish 12-­goal run when Jack McGlone scored with three and a half minutes remaining. The Wildcats, who fell to 8-­4 overall with the loss, also added a score late in the game.

The Irish return to action on Saturday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m. in search of their third straight win in the home finale against Fairfield.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish must play strong at home

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team will seek redemption in their return home this weekend against Columbia and Harvard. Seeking to improve on a disappointing 4-­8 season campaign, the Irish will look to come up strong against the Lions.

"It’s a really difficult thing to lose," sophmore defender Kathryn Lam said. "Nobody likes to lose. So keeping it out there and coming up short is hard.

The Irish play the Columbia Lions on Saturday, April 22, and take Easter Sunday off before facing the Harvard Crimson on Monday, April 24.

"We’re all about getting each other ready," Lam said. "We try to pick each other up."

Columbia has 2-­5 overall record and 0­-5 record in the Ivy League.

The Lions are 19­-35 under the leadership of fourth-year head coach Celine Cunningham. The Lions are coming off a 10­-day break. Their last game resulted in a 17­-7 loss to Yale.

Notre Dame also fell to the Bulldogs on April 15, three days after Columbia’s defeat. "I think that they are all par­ticularly good teams," Lam said. "They are all competitive teams that we are trying to defeat.

The Lions are led by senior midfielder Sara Brubaker, who has 10 goals and 1 assist this season. Brubaker finished the 1999 season with 17 goals and 4 assists.

Devin Fitzpatrick, a junior midfielder, is close behind Brubaker with 11 goals and 1 assist. The 2000 season.

Junior attacker Caroline Samponaro was last year’s leading scorer for the Lions, notching 21 goals and 8 assists.

Samponaro has 6 goals and 1 assist so far in 2000.

Sophomore Gina Kline is in goal for Columbia. Kline has posted a .493 save percentage and a 10.33 GAA thus far.

The Irish emerged victorious from last year’s contest between with the Lions, with a final score of 13-­5. Current sophmore tri­-captain defense­man Samponaro scored 4 goals and assisted on another goal to lead Notre Dame to victory against the home team.

"Usually the attack is down there and then the Irish found a way to tie the game," Lam said. "It just happened to be our way.

 Notre Dame faces the Crimson in the following Monday. The Crimson are 4-­4 overall and 2-­2 in Ivy League competition. They arrive at Notre Dame after a 15­-6 loss to second-ranked Princeton on April 15.

"It is nice to be able to collect ourselves and get back on track," Lam said. "Everybody is working hard and conditioning this week.

The Irish first met Harvard in 1999, losing 15-­10 on Harvard’s home turf. Irish attacker Kathryn Perrella, now a junior tri­-captain, led Notre Dame in that game with three goals.

Carr­rie Marrshall, then a sophomore, made 12 saves in goal for the Irish in the loss to Harvard.

"I remember last season after that loss I didn’t feel like we played to our potential," Lam said.

The Crimson are led by senior attacker Lauren Corkery, who has 9 goals and 2 assists. Corkery was her team’s leading scorer in 1999, finishing with 16 goals and 10 assists.

Like Notre Dame, Harvard has more than one talented goal­keeper. Junior Kettle Cornel­sen and freshman Nora Gayz have harked each other up in all season.

Gayer, who has seen the majority of game time in goal for the 2000 season, was an Honorable Mention All­American at the Baldwin School.

"Whatever it’s going to take we’re going to try and put it out there," Lam said.
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TRACK AND FIELD
Runners head to Indianapolis

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame track and field teams will fill out the race entries this weekend with the Indy Relays in Indianapolis.

Most of the team has not competed since a home meet on April 1, since weather canceled running events the following week, and very few athletes competed in Saturday's Mt. SAC Relays.

"We started off April really well, and our next meet got canceled because of weather," women's distance coach Tim Connelly said. "So we're not really sure where we're at right now."

With just two weeks remaining before the focal point of the team's outdoor season, the Big East Championships, it's about time the Irish found out where they stand.

"This meet is sort of in preparation for the Big East meet, where they'll have to run several events," sprints coach John Millar said. "This is a meet when we're going to try to prepare for the Big East meet. We want to give some people some opportunities to run, and make decisions on who we're going to run at the Big East."

Notre Dame faces mainly local schools this weekend and hopes to come away with the team title.

"I don't think it's going to be too hard for our team to win," sprinter Liz Grow said. "It's all coming together. We're working hard, and it really seems to be paying off."

"If we qualify, that's all right," Millar said. "We're going to run people in several events, which is usually not where you get people to qualify. You never know about the weather up here."

Some of Notre Dame's most competitive sprint events will be the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x200-meter relay, senior Marshaun West in the 200-, Big East champion Chris Cochran in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and sophomore Liz Grow in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

On the women's distance end, Erin Olson, Cara Motter, Erin Luby and Patty Rice will square off in the 1500-meter run, Jennifer Handley and Hillary Burn will compete in the 3,000-meter run and Leanne Brady should pace Notre Dame in the 800-meter run.

"We're just trying to keep improving," Connelly said. "We're trying to give a lot of people a chance to run."

Among field events, West and freshman Tameisha King highlight the long jump, All-American Jennifer Engelhardt leads high jump competition, and freshman Jaime Volkmer powers Notre Dame in the pole vault.

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too much height and athletic skill for Unleashed. "They had too much height," Bevilacqua said. "They were just jumping over us. There was really nothing we could do." After a Bevilacqua long distance shot balanced out by a Cooper putback, Like Whoa went into halftime ahead 11-9. Like Whoa started off the second period with three straight baskets, one by Johnson and two by Cooper. Cooper and Sanders dominated the boards for Like Whoa, while Cooper and Johnson scored most of the second half points. Cooper knocked down six of the final 11 baskets. "This game was just defense," Johnson said. "The other games we won just by our talent. This game we had to really buckle down on defense and make plays on offense." Unleashed could have made it more of a contest, but its shots weren't falling through the hoop. "It could have been close," Bevilacqua said. "If just a few shots went in, but what can you do?"

Sixth-ranked Coco Butter defeated Fun Dip, Pixie Stix, and Three Other Reasons My Nephew Wears a Helmet 21-13 despite a driving downpour. "Speed and quickness are our strengths," Coco Butter player Tony Fisher said. "We had to slow down our press." Fisher and two of his fellow Notre Dame football teammates Lee Laffey and John Owens joined Dug Conners and Fighting Irish track and field star Marshall West to overpower their much smaller opponents. "Basically we're just trying to have some fun out here," Fisher said. "It would be real great to win it (the tournament). As long as we play as a team, we've got a good chance to do that.

No. 13 Double Down sent home the Pistol Packin' Mammas by beating them 21-14. Double Down, with a roster of five off-campus seniors in Coley Brady, Larry Zimont, Steve Alfreid, Daniel McGowan and Matt Otu, scored five of the last seven points in the game to cement the victory. "We just started running it at the end, and we got a couple of easy baskets," McGowan said. "We played tough defense tonight. If we hit our outside shots, we can go far."

Results from the Round of 64

Nylon Strokers def. Sofia King Good (21-6)
F-Bombs def. Pass the ball, Robert! (21-6)
Please call us Bocephus def. Passing Aggressive (21-19)
Scottie who? def. TCB Band (21-12)
Sexual Fraturation V def. Jimmy Chipwood (21-15)
Carpe Diem def. One investment banker & 4 guys with a life (21-16)
Donkey Ball def. Pro Bono (21-10)
NDToday.com def. Changes
KeyPlay.com def. 5 pepperoni breadsticks (21-6)
Freeballers def. All of the following are... (21-16)
Five Degree Guarantee def. Nothing personal (21-4)
Malicious Prosecution def. Harpie (21-15)
Rampage def. Liquid Schwar (21-10)
Coco Butter def. 3 fun dip, pixe stix and 3 other reasons my nephew wears a helmet (21-13)
Dexy's Midnight Runners def. What's up?!? (21-11)
Guided by voices def. Nobody likes you anyway, Kithyo (21-7)
Franchise def. Kota skatus (21-14)
Furious D def. Criminal Naglignana (21-7)
The individuals def. Team 152 (21-12)
Mourning Wood def. Soup and 4 non-asses (21-9)
Versatility def. Jesse Spano's Hard Hippies (21-17)
Like WHOA! def. Unleashed (21-14)
The torch def. Ten deep (21-16)
Fast Eddie def. Joan van Haute (21-13)
Team 126 def. Beans over frank (21-17)
Majestics def. Phi slamma clamma (21-13)
Double Down def. Pistol Packin' Mammars (21-14)
Nunc Dimittis def. How's your mom? (21-6)
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ry when Casey Smith and Javier Taborga each won 7-5 in the third set of his singles match to secure a 4-3 win. The Irish have recorded impressive wins in the conference championship, and three current Irish players enter this weekend's competition after perfect perfor-

mances in singles a year ago. In his third appearance in the Big East Championship, All-American and 10th-ranked Ryan Sachire did not surrender a match, capping a 4-2 singles record in his three years of play.

Smith tallied a 3-0 mark last year, while Taborga won both of his singles matches. However, the Irish will most likely be without the services of Taborga this weekend, because of lingering soreness in his wrist. "He is not out indefinitely," Bayliss said. "It's possible he'll be back for the Big East, but probably won't. His wrist is sore, and they are taking a real cautious path with him, which is wise."

The Irish's Andrew Laflin lost his only singles match in last year's competition, while Aaron Talarico went 1-0 in doubles.

Senior Trent Miller, the only other current player besides Sachire to have competed in more than one Big East Championship, has a 2-1 record in doubles play.

In the absence of Taborga, who has paired with Talarico throughout the season to form the No. 1 Irish duo, Miller and Sachire will fill in at the top doubles spot. The pairing continues to play solid doubles, compiling an 11-1-3 record since an 8-2 win over Kent State on February 8, and have gained victory over four ranked teams during their recent wins, proving their capability of filling in at No. 1 doubles.

Notre Dame will suit up on Friday to face its first opponent in the Big East, and no matter the lineup composed by coach Bayliss, the Irish will look to keep a hold of the Big East title.

"We eked it out last time [over Miami in the final]. They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry."

Bob Bayliss
head coach

BASEBALL

Irish, Pirates battle for Big East

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Last year, the Pirates and Irish came out of their season battle with a draw, as each team won two of the four games the teams played. This year, a resur- rection Irish team sports a 2-0 record as they begin their Easter weekend play today with a doubleheader in South Orange, N.Y.

This weekend's games are crucial for Notre Dame, who also visits Georgetown for a Holy Saturday doubleheader. The Irish and Pirates enter tomorrow's games tied for second in the Big East, both sporting 8-4 records within the conference. Notre Dame, however, has the better overall season record as Seton Hall has 24 wins to go along with 10 losses.

The Pirates are led by utility player Alfonso Crielli, who currently is tied for the Big East lead in home runs with 12 and in runs scored with 46. Seton Hall also boasts the top two base stealers in the conference as Mike Bascom and Joe Cuervo are tied with 21 apiece.

Notre Dame will counter with their own offensive attack. Catcher Matt Nussbaum and shortstop Abe Porzel have been on fire as of late. Shortstop Porzel is the team's leading hitter with a .351 average. Nussbaum was the catalyst as Seton Hall took on Seton Hall last season, batting .500 while scoring five runs and driving in four more.

Notre Dame will likely start veterans Scott Cavey and Aaron Heilman in today's games.

Heilman, coming off a career-best 18 strikeout game against West Virginia, is 7-1 on the season with a conference leading 7-4 West Virginia, is 7-1 on the season with a conference leading 7-4 1-14 in conference play this year. Heilman, however, has given up 7 runs in 9.2 career innings against Seton Hall.

Cavey, coming off of an impressive win over the Mountaineers, faced much better against Seton Hall last season, giving up one run in six innings to collect the win. Cavey also had seven strikeouts in the game.

If the Irish can get past the Pirates, the Georgetown games provide a chance for Notre Dame to increase its conference standing. The Hoyas are a wonder-

ful 1-1-4 in conference play this year. 12-30 overall.

Last season, the Irish won all three of the meetings between the teams. Designated hitter Paul O'Toole batted .480 against Georgetown as a freshman, dri-

ving in four runs. Fellow sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey homered against the Hoyas, batting .375 in the four games.

Tall from home to play a few local games during the week next week. The team takes on Western Michigan on Tuesday, Eastern Michigan on Wednesday at Comstock Park.

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Matt Nussbaum takes a pitch against Bowling Green last week. Last season, Nussbaum performed well against Seton Hall with five runs and four RBIs, and the Irish hope he repeats this performance against the Pirates this weekend.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish look for Big East repeat

The Observer

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

The Observer

Special to the Observer

The 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team travels to Miami this weekend for the Big East Championships. The Irish will be looking to defend the title they won last year by beating the host Hurricanes 4-2 in the championship match.

The Irish completed their most successful regular season under 11th-year head coach Jay Louderback by beating Miami 6-3 on Saturday.

Notre Dame will be making its fifth appearance at the Big East Championships after winning in 1996, 1997 and 1999 and finishing second to Miami in 1998.

The 13th-ranked Irish have earned the top seed of the 13 teams in the tournament for the fifth straight year. Miami, currently ranked 43rd in the country with a 9-11, is seeded second.

Third-seeded Syracuse is ranked 25th, while Boston College is seeded fourth. Notre Dame, Miami and Syracuse receive first-round byes as the top six teams.

The Irish will play their first match on Friday, April 21, against the winner of Thursday's match between eighth-seeded Providence and ninth-seeded Rutgers.

In their first appearance in 1996, the Irish did not drop a match in beating eighth-seeded St. John's, fourth-seeded East Dame women's tennis team in the championship match.

The Hurricanes snapped Notre Dame's streak by upsetting the top-seeded Irish 4-2 in the 1998 championship match after the Irish had beaten eighth-seeded Georgetown and fifth-seeded West Virginia 4-0.

Notre Dame reclaimed the title in 1999 by beating Rutgers and Syracuse 4-0, before downing Miami 4-2 in the final.

Sophomore Nina Vaughan returns the ball in a recent match. The Irish travel to Miami this weekend to compete in the Big East Championships. The Irish won the title last year by defeating the host Hurricanes 4-2 in the championship match.

Hildebrandt heads to Australia

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Gretchen Hildebrandt is ready to represent Saint Mary's in the land down under. Hildebrandt, assistant athletic director and head women's swim coach will participate in the World Amateur Triathlon Championships in Perth, Australia next week.

"It's the first time she's gone to a competition at this level," said Lynn Karchmar, director of athletics and recreation for Saint Mary's.

The race begins on Sunday, April 30, and includes a 1.5K swim, 40K bike race and a 10K run. Hildebrandt will also compete in South Bend on April 23 to fly to the competition.

Hildebrandt qualified for the Championships by competing in several national meets over the past year. She has been training since early October.

"I've gone to the national competitions before," Hildebrandt said. "I went to a national spring championship in New Jersey and placed fifth in my age group."

Hildebrandt, at 24 will compete in the 20 to 24-year-old age bracket in the Championships as she has done since she began competing in triathlons in May of last year.

"I never thought about triathlons until the middle of last year, when a friend suggested them to me," Hildebrandt said. "Since I've been running and swimming on my own, I thought I would try it. I did seven races altogether last year."

"To me Hildebrandt's commitment to athletics is a great message to the women at Saint Mary's," Karchmar said.

"She's really been training heavily since she got here."

"Triathlons offer an enjoyable way to keep active and exercise," Hildebrandt said. "Triathlons are taking a huge step because they're in the Olympics this year."

Hildebrandt recently traveled with several Saint Mary's athletes to form a triathlon club. The co-presidents are juniors Gillion Sullivan, Lori Schulte and Joanna Tierney and freshman Emily Nilli. The members run, swim and bike together each week.

Hildebrandt hopes to use the championships as an opportunity to recruit for the College while overseas.

"I think it is really important to get the word out about Saint Mary's, especially to Australia," Hildebrandt said. "A lot of the students there look to the United States for education, and if I have the means to I might as well promote Saint Mary's while I'm down there."

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Pastoral pipe
2. 5 Living daylight
10. "I Do, I Do, I Do" group
12. Assert
15. Class
16. Take the low road, in a way
17. Star of "The Producers"
19. Needing some haste?
20. One who marries in haste?
21. Chapter titles
23. Pop choice
26. When
28. Do, Assert

**DOWN**

1. Level
2. First name in dreads
3. Architect
4. Distinctive horse
5. Spicy stews
6. "Candie" of oldies!
7. Aggressive, moodily type, they say
8. Commuting aids
9. Possible title for this puzzle

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

A4 Puzzles (by Barry Newmark)

1. False Alarms
2. Computer announcement
3. Flaxes a toe?
4. Together
5. Some
6. 30 Bassian land
7. 60 ablur
8. Leon of Master
9. 24 Contest
10. 24 Somewhat
11. 24 Olfactory
12. 24 It's a work of art
13. 24 Cantilevered window
14. 45 SPINJU2
15. 45 H-plane
16. 45 Luxembourg
17. 45 Lurcher's art
18. 45 They can be tight
19. 45 One who works with feel
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32. 45 Someone you meet during your daily routine will capture your attention and possibly your heart. Be careful if you're already attached.
33. 45 Victorian era
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35. 45 Complete change. Look at all your options and be prepared to make a residential move if necessary.
36. 45 Don't hold back your true feelings. Someone you have vouched for in the past may let you down and you must make sure that they understand your position.
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**Answer to the Observer crossword puzzle**

61. Possible cause of goose bumps
62. Icelandic literary classic
63. Baseball's Mel
64. Loudness units
65. Mont. neighbor

**Fox Trot**

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- COOL! A KING-WEALTH
- DOOM! DOOM! DOOM!
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Bookstore Basketball XXIX
Teams emphasize talent, endurance in round of 64

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Carpe Diem went home Tuesday night disappointed, after bowing out of the Bookstore Basketball tournament with a 21-15 loss to No. 1 Hit Squad.

The five guys' spirits soon lifted, when they received a phone call saying Hit Squad had been disqualified for having too many varsity athletes on its squad.

Bookstore regulations allow for three varsity football players, or one varsity football player and one player who has suited up for a Division I basketball program within the past 15 years. Hit Squad had three football players on its team in Eric Chappell, Baki Nelson and Joe Ferrer. But since Ferrer had gone home early for Easter, Hit Squad substituted Javin Hanft for this weekend's game.

Second-seeded Irish prepare for Georgetown, Villanova

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The hunt for the Big East championship is on, and the Irish are in the thick of the fight.

As the 24th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team travels to Coral Gables, Florida this weekend for the Big East Championships, they will look to defend their championship title and capture victory for the third time in five years.

The 10-9 Irish will be able to sit back and relax during the opening day of competition after getting a bye in the first round of play. They will then face on the winner of the match between eighth-seeded Villanova and ninth-seeded Georgetown on Friday.

After winning the tournament in 1996 and 1999 and finishing second to Miami in 1997 and 1998, the Irish will be making their fifth appearance in the competition. seeded second out of the 17 teams in the conference field. Notre Dame stands behind top-seeded, 12th-ranked Miami, Florida, setting up the possibility of a rematch in the final of tournament play.

Miami defeated Notre Dame 5-2 when the two teams matched up earlier in the season, but the Irish know they are capable of successfully defending their championship title.

“We eked it out last time we met Miami in the final," Irish head coach Bob Bayless said. "They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry." In 1999, the top-seeded Irish breezed by Boston College and Rutgers in the first two rounds of the tournament to reach the championship match against Miami for the fourth straight time. The Irish posted a come-from-behind victory.