Facility ‘engage’ Snite visitors with new exhibition

By ERIN L'RUFFA
Assistant News Editor

It’s not every day that one can see television sets, a portable phone and other electronic devices in large sarco­phagi.

That installation, Technophilia by assistant professor Ed Manier, chair Father Austin Collins, is just one of the many unique exhibits at the Snite Museum of Art. Unlike most exhibits at the Snite, this one features artwork created exclusively by faculty from the Notre Dame art department. This is the first time since 1997 that there has been a faculty exhibition at the museum.

Exhibits of pieces displayed at the exhibition include furniture made out of recycled materials, wearables and a marble-topped sideboard with a recycled base.

“It’s one of the more exciting exhibits. It shows the growth of the faculty,” said Gina Costa, the museum’s public relations and marketing specialist.

Most faculty have exhibitions at other galleries and did not create the pieces displayed at the Snite specifically for this exhibition, according to Martina Lopez, a photography professor.

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My first instinct was just to start the car and drive away. Helping strange­men in dark parking lots was hardly the safest thing to do. I just couldn’t drive away. So I asked what the problem was and he launched into a story about a truck that ran out of gas and a unreachable wife who had his ATM card. He lived in Fort Wayne and had no way of getting home with some gas or some money. He said he had an aunt who lived in South Bend, but he had walked to her house and nobody was home. He just needed a ride back to his truck so he could figure out what he was going to do.

This man was a trucker. He looked to be 12-14 years older than me and he had a voice like a thousand others. He was still trying to figure out what to do as he spoke. His story was not what I expected and I wasn’t quite sure what I should do. So I asked him what he expected. He shook my hand again.

“T’ll pay you for the gas!” he said.

I didn’t know what to say so I just said, “Sure.”

He got into the truck and his hand was on the door. He started the engine and drove away.

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**AUSTIN, Texas**

About 400 University of Texas at Austin staff, students and faculty stood on the steps of the Main Building Tuesday for a protest rally breaking 112-degree heat Tuesday at a University Staff Association protest rally.

Gathering one last time before the sickout scheduled to begin today, many audience members wore staff association T-shirts and held orange signs reading “President Faulkner: Are you going to fire me?”

Staff association officials said they expect 4,000-6,000 staff members to participate in the sickout by not coming to work on Wednesday through Friday to bring attention to economic cuts.

“Too many of the working people at UT are sick. They are sick with worry about how rent will be paid,” said Mia Carter, interim director of Asian American Studies.

“They are sick with dread because they want to improve their lives, but they do not want to be punished for complain­ing.”

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**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

GOP criticizes gay lifestyle course

Residents seeking to regain a majority on the University of Michigan Board of Regents have targeted professor David Halperin’s English 317 titled “How to Be Gay: Male Homosexuality and Initiation,” adding an unexpected element to the more than 27-year-old proposal that teaches immoral behavior. In recent months the class has come under scrutiny by conservatives, adding an intriguing spin to an election that despite its statewide scope usually draws little or no attention. Halperin insists that he never intended to incite any controversy by teaching the English class. “I do not seek controversy and I certainly had no intention of attracting critical attention to the university,” he said. Although unsuccessful in his bid, Auburn Hills mayor Tom McMillan said the class inspired him to run for one of two Republican nominations for regent. “That was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” McMillan said, insuring there were other reasons for his candidacy including the elimination of benefits for same-sex partners of university employees.

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**CHICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Divers search for drowned student

Divers are still trying to locate the body of James "Jamie" Harper, 26, who drowned Aug. 27 after falling 140 feet from a bridge above Lake Oroville. Divers from the Butte, Shasta and Tulsa counties sheriff’s departments tried to recover Harper’s body Aug. 29, but their efforts failed despite the use of underwater cameras. "We saw an object down there, but weren’t sure if it was him," said Ellen Clark, public information officer for California state parks. "There are trees and debris down there, not to mention the extreme cold and three-foot visibility." The 50-degree depths could be a major reason why Harper’s body has yet to surface, Clark said. "With the cold being so severe, there is a kind of isolation layer that holds bodies down there," she said. "There are some hudles in Lake Oroville that have still never surfaced." More underwater equipment is needed to find the Chico State University graduate, and Harper’s family enlisted the aid of the Sierra View Dive Company.

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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**STUDENT SENATE**

**ND students may lose study day**

By LAURA ROMPF
Associated News Editor

Students may have one less study day during the 2001 fall semester. Final’s week, the Student Senate learned Wednesday night that the 2001 calendar finals would not be completed until Dec. 21.

Because this date is so close to Christmas, the Academic Council suggested a new finals week schedule. Classes would end on Tuesday, Dec. 11 and two study days would follow on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday and Saturday would be finals days followed by another study day on Sunday, and then three consecutive days of finals starting Monday.

Some senators voiced concerns about only having three study days versus the normal four.

“I cannot speak for everyone here,” said O’Neill Hall senator Kevin Berrill. “But I need a switch-over day. I need a day where I don’t necessarily have to do anything.”

“I do know that a lot of students, especially those in science and engineering, do need all four study days,” said Zahn Hall senator Ryan Becker. “They have to use all four study days or their grades will fall. If it’s going to affect even a few students negatively, we should look into the issue more. If we don’t, it would be unfair to the students who do use all that time for studying,” he said.

Melissa Rauh, McGlinn Hall senator, told the senate she spoke with Harold Pace of the office of the Registrar about the new schedule and whether it will definitely be used in the fall of 2001.

“He said it is not completely set in stone. If we work on it and have the backing of the student body, we could change it,” said Rauh, who is also co-chair of the committee on academic affairs.

Rauh said the committee on academic affairs will continue to research alternate schedules.

“Some of us are going to keep talking about it in committee. We’ll go to the dorms and try to find out the student body’s opinion, what their feelings are and what they would prefer,” she said.

Rauh added that the most obvious suggestion would be to have school start earlier, on August 21, so the committee will ask the Academic Council why that specific date was chosen.

“We want to talk to the Academic Council and see why the 22nd day was set. We will be working on the area before we make any statement or recommendations,” she said.

“School starting a day early was suggested by our committee and if we have the backing of student body, we will try to pass a resolution and have it changed,” she added.

Also discussed at Wednesday’s meeting were concerns about 24-hour space.

“We asked the situation in the dorms,” said O’Laughlin, who is also co-chair of the committee on gender issues.

The committee’s main goal is to have consistent policies in all the dorms, Real said. She also said that she wants to find out if dorms have an adequate amount of 24-hour space.

“For the dorms that might not have enough space, we’re hoping to fix that problem,” she added.

Real said the committee is investigating one final proposal.

“We also are looking into having a students’ Bill of Rights posted in the 24-hour space that would list what you are and are not allowed to do. This would make policies more consistent,” Real said.

In other senate news:

The Senate approved the nomination of Veronica Kessenich as the 2000-2001 Saint Mary’s College representative to the Senate.

**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

**Group debates future Keenan Revue location**

By AMY GREENE
New Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) will be a deciding factor in whether the Keenan Revue will continue to be performed on Saint Mary’s campus.

It has been one of the largest and most successful events on campus in the past, but there has been recent debate as to whether the Revue “opposes the mission of the College,” said Linda Tinn, vice president of Student Affairs.

The Keenan Revue, a comedy show sponsored by Notre Dame’s Keenan Hall, is held every January in the O’Laughlin Auditorium. Notre Dame does not have an auditorium large enough to accommodate all the Revue fans.

“They use our auditorium because it’s public and accessible, not because it’s on Saint Mary’s campus,” said Board member Julie Frickhorn.

Some feel the Revue is “couples-oriented” while others enjoy the comedic and sarcastic view of college life.

“It’s a personal opinion whether to attend or not, and the school shouldn’t take that away,” said Board member Krisy Sutorius.

A forum is tentatively scheduled so both sides of the debate can be heard.

“We need a forum to have the entire student body decide as a whole, not just 20 BOG members,” said Board member Katy Hoffman.

Either a forum or a survey will be administered to determine if BOG abolishes or reinstates the Revue.

Student body president Crystal Brenner is scheduled to meet with this year’s director of the Revue in hopes that any unanswered questions or concerns can be addressed.

Also discussed at the BOG meeting was an idea for a new book, “Quiet Hours.” Students Shelly Houser, Veronica Kessenich and Kristen Matha are organizing the final plans for this historical/folklore book which will include experiences about life at Saint Mary’s.

“It is a way to weave the tales of our past, preserve the memories and restore the pride of the College,” said Houser.

The book is tentatively scheduled to be published in March and, according to Matha, “any money generated will go back directly to the school.”

Other topics addressed were Mcandless Hall elections, which will be held Sept. 11, and freshman elections scheduled for Sept. 18. The senior class will have a dance on Nov. 4, and the sophomore class dance will be Dec. 2.
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Internet-accessible information database available to Notre Dame students and faculty. Once implemented, Web registration would lessen the current cumbersome registration system’s role, not completely eliminate it, officials said. The Direct Access Registration by Telephone (DART) system, in place at the University since 1989, would still be available to students.

But Rapagnani predicts that most students will opt for registration over the Internet.

“We’re going in that direction,” Rapagnani said.

The University’s Web-based registration system is for faculty and students.

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IrishLink problems send OIT scrambling

By JASON McFARLEY

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Registrar, OIT struggle with system glitches

By JASON McFARLEY

Relief may be in sight for members of the Notre Dame community struggling with NIACCESS and AF5 availability, but it looms as far away as mid-October.

Since the academic year began, faculty, staff and students have encountered computing problems. According to Don Steinke, assistant registrar, problems range from slow IrishLink connections to unavailability of the system altogether.

“It’s certainly been an inconvenience, and it’s becoming more significant,” Steinke said.

He said his office and the Office of Information Technologies have experienced difficulties in determining the nature of the glitches but have narrowed their scope to a known bug in the system.

A remedy, however, will not likely be in place until the University’s mid-semester break, which begins Oct. 14.

Steinke noted that while the problems have caused headaches for students, other network users have been just as frustrated.

Last week workers in the registrar’s office were unable to access the computing system for several hours in one day. This occurred on the traditionally busy last day for students to drop or add courses.

Steinke said he received similar reports of isolated computer failure as recently as Wednesday.

The University of Notre Dame is pleased to announce that Professor Kevin Misiewicz will serve as University Ombudsperson for Discriminatory Harassment.

If you are a victim of discriminatory harassment and do not know where to turn, call the University Ombudsperson for Discriminatory Harassment at 631-3909.

The University of Notre Dame believes in the intrinsic value of all human beings. It is, moreover, committed to the full peaceable participation of all its members in the educational endeavor it fosters. Accordingly, the University prohibits discriminatory harassment by all faculty, administrators, staff and students.

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For a fuller description of discriminatory harassment and reporting procedures see du Lac, The Faculty Handbook or Staff Handbook.
WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

New legislature will test system: Hong Kong is electing its new legislature, in a system critics say is rigged to give pro-Beijing forces and businesses undue power. Still, a minority of seats are expected to go to a vocal opposition that publicly attacks Hong Kong’s political leader, Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, as it clamors for more democracy.

Hostages see freedom: Six Europeans held hostage for months in a southern Philippine jungle will be freed Friday, their Muslim rebel captors said Wednesday. Their release would leave one foreigner—an American—and 12 Filipinos in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf rebels.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Texas father kills children: A father herded three children into their trailer home, forced their grandmother at gunpoint to dispose the place with gasoline, and set it on fire Wednesday, killing the youngsters, officials say. Rafael Holiday, 21, was jailed on three counts of murder. The youngsters were 18 months old, 5 and 7. The grandmother escaped through a window.

Ex-employee wins against Wal-Mart: A former Wal-Mart worker whose home was raided by company employees and police two years ago won $1.65 million after claiming the company wrongly accused him of theft. Wal-Mart promised to appeal the award by the jury, which found the retailing giant liable for defamation and invasion of privacy.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Boy survives bulldozer accident: A 4-year-old boy from South Bend was in stable condition Wednesday with a broken pelvis after he was knocked down by a 17,000-pound bulldozer that then drove over him. Thomas Yergler went under the bulldozer in a yard behind his home and the bulldozer “rolled” him, said Lt. William Thompson of the St. Joseph County Sheriff’s Department.

Hamilton County man duped: Robert Poshusta received a phone call from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department telling him that he could cut down the 8-foot-tall marijuana plant growing in his home and brought it in, he wouldn’t be charged. He chopped the lowering pot plant down and walked into the lobby of the sheriff’s department. He was then promptly arrested and charged with cultivating marijuana, a Class D felony. It turns out Poshusta was the victim of a prank phone call. The 28-year-old is being held in the Hamilton County Jail on $7,500 bond.

EAST TIMOR

Indonesian Mobile Brigade police guard a U.N. container at the air force airport in Baucau, East Timor. A Geneva-based refugee agency confirmed Wednesday that three of its international staff members had been killed in a militia attack in West Timor and the United Nations was evacuating all relief workers from the area.

Timor militia storms U.N. office

Thousands of armed militia and their supporters rampaged through a U.N. office in West Timor, killing at least three workers—including one from Puerto Rico—and burning their bodies. The brutal attack brought new pressure against Indonesia’s president as he gathered with world leaders at the United Nations.

Four U.N. helicopters swooped down to the border town of Atambua and safely evacuated 54 people to East Timor, but world leaders quickly and harshly castigated Indonesia for not doing more to protect aid workers. Witnesses said Indonesian security forces stood by as the mobs torched the U.N. office and beat the workers.

The unprecedented violence—one U.N. official said it was one of the worst attacks on an U.N. personnel anywhere in the world—cast a shadow over the U.N. Millennium Summit, which opened Wednesday in New York. More than 150 leaders, including Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid, stood for a moment of silence in honor of the victims, who were from the U.N. High Commission for Refugees.

President Clinton said he was “deeply saddened” to hear of the deaths. “I urge the Indonesian authorities to put a stop to these abuses.”

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he had taken up the killings with the Indonesian government “at the highest level.” The militias and their military sponsors have been blamed by the United Nations and Wahid’s government of carrying out the bloody destruction of East Timor a year ago after its people voted to break free of Indonesian rule in a U.N.-supervised referendum.

Indonesia still controls the western part of the island, where the U.N. refugee agency has been delivering aid to an estimated 90,000 refugees who remain in camps after fleeing the violence in East Timor 12 months ago.

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One of the dead U.N. workers—Puerto Rican Carlos Caceres—sent a desperate e-mail to a U.N. security office six hours before the massacre warning that they had heard a mob was en route to destroy the office.

Millennium Summit asks for peace

The world laid out its hopes for the third millennium Wednesday at an extraordinary convocation of leaders great and obscure, and with a plea from President Clinton for help in bringing peace to the Middle East before it is too late.

The more than 150 world leaders—the greatest assembly of presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and other rulers in history—listened as Russian President Vladimir Putin called for an international conference to outlaw the militarization of space. They heard U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan appeal for leadership to end poverty and war.

They took a moment of silence to remember U.N. workers slain when their headquarters was overrun by rioters in Indonesian-controlled West Timor, then launched a three-day marathon of speeches and negotiations on the world’s most vexing problems. Outside the hall, New York’s streets gave an alternative podium to comedians.

In the largest demonstration, about 2,000 followers of the Falun Gong spiritual movement marched from China’s U.N. mission to the United Nations, protesting Beijing’s crackdown against the sect. There were others who protested slavery in Sudan, and still others who objected to the Middle East peace process.

One was Israel and its adversaries “have the chance to do it, but like all life’s chances, it is fleeting and about to pass,” Clinton told the U.N. Millennium Summit.

On the sidelines of the conference, the statesmen were meeting privately—Clinton with Putin and with the parties in the Middle East, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak with French President Jacques Chirac, British Prime Minister Tony Blair with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, and many more. Privately and publicly, they exchanged advice and warnings on Mideast peace, disarmament, access to new technology, and above all, giving billions of the world’s poor a better life.

The morning started with a lament-like migration of motorcades to Manhattan’s East Side in a traffic-strangling stream that tried New Yorkers’ patience.
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Thursday, September 14, 2000
Center for Continuing Education, The Auditorium
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Career Forum
September 21 – 22, 2000
Mendoza College of Business
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

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ND grad plays strategic part in Bush presidential campaign

By ERIN LaRUFFA
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George W. Bush may have degrees from Yale and Harvard, but one of his advisors - foreign affairs specialist Condoleezza Rice - has a degree from Notre Dame.

Only 15 years old when she began her undergraduate studies at the University of Denver, Rice was 19 when she arrived at Notre Dame. She received a master's degree in government and international studies with a concentration in Soviet and Eastern European studies from the University in 1975.

"It was a very good place to be away from home," she said, adding that another factor in her decision to come to Notre Dame was its "excellent program in international relations." Rice's father also knew Father Theodore Hesburgh through work on the Civil Rights Commission.

While studying at Notre Dame, Rice worked with George Brinkley, now a government professor emeritus.

"She was obviously a very bright individual. She was very independent - almost a professor," Brinkley said. "She was outstanding ... I knew where she was going.

Rice has gone from her birthplace of Birmingham, Ala., to Stanford University's provost office to the White House.

She joined Stanford's faculty in 1981. In 1993, she was appointed provost of Stanford, a position she stepped down from in 1999. Still part of Stanford's faculty, she is currently on a one-year leave of absence from the university.

Outside of academia, Rice worked on nuclear strategic planning at the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the 1980s. In 1989, she became director of Soviet and East European affairs on the National Security Council. She also served as President George Bush's special assistant for national security affairs.

Rice enjoyed working in the White House, she said, despite the long hours required. She worked in Washington during the fall of the Berlin Wall and other major changes in the region that is her specialty.

Currently, Rice is presidential candidate George W. Bush's primary foreign policy advisor - counseling the Republican nominee in an area critiques have labeled as one of Bush's weaknesses.

An African-American female, Rice does not fit the image some Americans may have of a typical member of the Republican Party. However, she does not see this as an issue.

"I can't go back and turn myself into a white male to see if it would have come out differently," Rice said.

Rice has stayed in touch with the University, though, and has been a member of the advisory council for the College of Arts and Letters since 1991. She delivered the 1995 Commencement address at Notre Dame, an option the University also awarded her an honorary degree. The University named her one of three National Exemplars, recognizing her service to America, in 1997.

Outside of her work in academia and the government, Rice has had an active and involved social service. She is vice president of a Boys and Girls Club in California and is co-founder of an after-school and summer program for children from disadvantaged areas.

Rice serves on several corporate boards, including those of Chevron and Charles Schwab, and is a member of the international advisory council for J.P. Morgan. She is also a trustee of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Companions on a Journey

By Tami Schmitz

It’s a new school year. A new football season. A new season of “West Wing.” It is a natural time to set goals and be filled with hope for what this new year at Notre Dame can bring. Improving GPA’s, spending more time with friends, making it to Rolfs at least three times a week may be some of the goals you hear echoed in your section. However, how many times do you hear yourself or a friend say, “I’ll go to Mass at least once during the week as well as on Sunday?” The most important area of our lives is our spiritual lives and it needs our constant attention. Spirituality, though, is often put on the back burner most easily when our calendars and lives fill up with so many other seemingly more important things.

What new goals and hopes do you have for building a closer relationship with God this year? Perhaps going on a retreat or stopping by the Grotto a bit more often are some goals which you have been thinking about. We at Notre Dame are blessed with abundant invitations to feed and nurture our spiritual lives. Not only do we have endless programs through Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns, and the dooms for helping our spiritual growth, but we are surrounded by countless people—companions, if you will—who are the best resource for our spiritual lives. These companions are RA’s, professors, rectors, roommates, staff members, advisors, coaches, friends who through their very words and actions provide a daily witness for what it means to live as a committed Christian in today’s world.

As the director of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at Notre Dame, I have had the privilege of listening to many stories of students who come to Notre Dame to get their degrees but during the way arerimarily deeply by the witness of these companions. Because of these encounters, they decide to take the time to look more closely at their own spiritual lives. In particular, some of these students are moved by the way they see members of the ND community living out their Catholic faith and so they desire to learn more about it. RCIA is one way to start. RCIA is for three groups of people: those who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized another Christian religion and desire to become Catholic, and for those who have been baptized Catholic, but have received no other sacraments. The three pillars of RCIA—study, prayer and community—are the best resource for our spiritual lives. These companions are RA’s, professors, rectors, roommates, staff members, advisors, coaches, friends who through their very words and actions provide a daily witness for what it means to live as a committed Christian in today’s world.

The following are reflections from two students who participated in last year’s RCIA process. The first is from Ashlee Logan ’02:

I never expected the degree to which RCIA would change my life. Growing up, my faith experience consisted of church on Christmas and Easter. My parents were never very religious and I had never been baptized.

When I first came to Notre Dame, I looked into the RCIA program and decided to give it a shot. I asked one of my close friends to be my sponsor and we journaled together. At first I had many doubts. There are so many choices involving faith and it was hard for me to know just how my faith would form through this process. The strongest force keeping me in the program was the reassurance that I didn’t have to complete the initiation if I didn’t feel ready at the time.

Throughout the RCIA process one of the things I liked the least was leaving mass early since all of the catechumens leave before the consecration during the months of preparation for the sacraments. One Sunday as we were walking away from the church a fellow catechumen said to me, “I am really glad to be doing this with you.” This catechumen was a 50-year old Jewish woman, the wife of an ND alumnus, who I did not expect to have much in common with, but realized through our brief conversation that we shared a mutual faith journey.

The second reflection is courtesy of Katie O’Banion ’02:

Last year, I volunteered to sponsor a catechumen in the RCIA process. Never did I anticipate the joy and peace that would grow as a result of this sharing of faith. Journeying with my catechumen taught me about friendship, honesty and commitment. Working within the small group fostered trust, laughter and personal revelation as we shared stories of faith and learned more about the Catholic church and the community we were fostering because of our commitment to RCIA. Standing before the congregation and the Saturday Easter Vigil brought us success and great peace. RCIA is a process for both the candidates and sponsors to come together as a community working towards the ultimate goal of growing closer to God and finding God in the people whose lives we touch and encounter on a daily basis.

One Sunday morning our small group discussion centered around Confirmation experiences. Everyone shared their own personal stories of when they felt or understood the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. It was truly a beautiful conversation among close friends who had once gathered for the first time as strangers. We were not sharing our calculus answers or our weekend goofs, but rather opening our hearts and sharing our experiences with one another on this faith-filled journey.

As a “cradle Catholic,” I thought I knew everything I needed to know about the Church. I realized through my involvement in the RCIA process that I am only at the beginning of my journey. I am grateful and truly blessed that I happened upon the RCIA program during the Observer last fall. I encourage everyone and anyone to seize this opportunity to become a traveler, a partner in faith and a student of happiness. It changed my life.

We are companions on a journey. May we help one another along the way this school year as we strive to meet our goals academically, personally and most of all, spiritually!

If you know of anyone or you yourself are interested in the RCIA process, please contact Tami Schmitz (1-3016) or Justin Dunn (1-3390) in Campus Ministry at 112 Baslin Hall. Our next info session is Sunday, September 10 at 1:00 pm in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.
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By MYRA McGRIFF
News Writer

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Catholic teaching is facing obstacles

I am often asked what difficulties or obstacles there are in developing programs in Catholic social teaching at colleges and universities. This summer, 14 Catholic colleges and universities met at Notre Dame to discuss just that and it is noteworthy that the participants discovered patterns that are common to most of their institutions. I should begin, though, by emphasizing that the recent focus on Catholic identity at these colleges and universities has created an openness to the introduction of such programs.

Virtually all of the proposals developed for programs in Catholic social teaching at the various schools drew upon the mission statements of the respective institutions. Most of these mission statements have been crafted or re-crafted in the last decade and most draw upon key terms of Catholic social teaching—values such as human dignity, solidarity and the option for the poor— to highlight a dedication to the common good of society.

This re-focusing on Catholic identity is a common response to a consolidation of trends—from the lowering of the number of requirements in theology and philosophy to the hiring of more narrowly quantitative analysts and fewer broad theorists in disciplines like economics—that has squeezed specifically Catholic content out of the curriculum. Administrators and others aware of this pattern have welcomed the idea of developing programs in Catholic social teaching.

The primary obstacle to the development of programs in Catholic social teaching and tradition is a split between theory and practice that manifests itself in a number of ways in college and university settings. Catholic social teaching has always been both a sophisticated social theory and a guide to everyday practice. In a setting where there is a split between theory and practice, there is confusion as to where a program that joins the two ought to be located. A bias that a number of the conference participants mentioned is one among their academic colleagues who feel that because Catholic social teaching involves seriously posing to students the question of how they plan to live their lives, it is not appropriate as a focus of academic study. In this view, such a program is best situated in and limited to campus ministry. This bias is often coupled with a devaluation of service or community-based learning as "soft". One source of this bias, I believe, is the assumption that all of the academic disciplines should emulate the sciences. This is a modern assumption. A longer tradition is that of practical reason, which serves as a rubric for the study of ethics, politics and economics, and which dates from Aristotle through Thomas Aquinas and includes the tradition of Catholic social teaching. Here, the task of reason is to analyze first principles or causes—that is the task of theoretical reason—then to aid students in the development of "phronesis" or "practical wisdom."

The development of such practical wisdom not only allows for what we now call experiential learning, it requires it. Practical wisdom grows out of guided reflection on experience. It is notewor­thy that practical wisdom is, in this tradition, an intellectual virtue. Such learning is no less rigorous than that which takes place in theoretical reason. If one's model is the modern one of all disciplines stimulating the sciences and mathematics, then any program in practical reason—whether specifically Catholic or not—will have a tough go of it. The philosopher F.H. Bradley wrote in 1864 that the idea of practical reason has "been placed on the shelf of interesting illusions." If this is the dominant view, then a program in Catholic social tradition will be difficult to establish. In Notre Dame's case, this view was expressed, and expressed strongly, in the College Council, but the proposal for a program passed 31-2.

The continuing effort to strengthen Catholic social thought and teaching in the university curriculum depends on how this interaction between modern and classical understandings of learning and scholarship plays itself out at a number of levels. On the administrative level, the provost and the deans must make difficult decisions with regard to the allocation of limited funds. How they prioritize depends on which models of the academy they find compelling. In Notre Dame's case, the provost and dean of Arts and Letters approved a modest budget for the Program in Catholic Social Tradition that is adequate for this early stage in its development. Programs at other schools with fewer resources and perhaps less concrete commitments among administrators to the Catholic identity of the institution are having a much more difficult time securing the three necessities of any program—time, funding and space.

Another level at which the case for practical reason and Catholic social teaching becomes a matter of concern is that of the faculty. The 31-2 vote in the College Council is a strong sign of openness. The next question is that of how to move from general openness to the actual integration of Catholic social thought into courses across the university. I will take up this question next time.

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Delineating the 2000 candidate platforms

Continued prosperity and human rights part of Gore platform

On Jan. 20, the United States will once again witness one of its great ceremonial institutions. On that day, another of our nation's evolving institutions, the presidency, will change hands. In the country that boasts in self-evident "that all men are created equal," there is an unwavering alliance between the political powers and the wealthiest individuals. The American public has justifiably felt that the one vote allotted to each person is losing its influence as the race in campaigns costs more candidates to continue searching for funds and kinship to corporate donors to finance campaigns. Today, most Fortune 500 companies find it within their interests to donate large amounts of unregulated "soft money" to both political parties, which in turn buy more and more "targeted" advertising efforts. As president, Gore has promised to make the McCan-Finestone bill, which bans soft money, become a reality. In every existing campaign laws, the first bill he sends to Congress. To further limit the influence of money and strengthen the power of citizens, Al Gore will work to require broadcasters to provide candidates in campaigns targeted by issue advocacy advertisements with an equal amount of free broadcast time to refute attacks against them. He also plans to work to ensure American liberty by securing the rights of working families throughout the nation and abroad. Gore supports legislation to ban companies from permanently replacing striking workers. He also plans to increase the minimum wage by $1 over the next two years, helping to deliver America's prosperity to the rest of the nation. He is also dedicated to increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, to help supplement the income of working families in the lowest economic brackets.

Moreover, to make his main competition, the vice president realizes that free trade is not a good that exists in a vacuum. He wants to negotiate trade agreements that contain provisions that will protect the environment and labor standards. What makes him the only candidate of the major two parties that plans to use his presidential position to ensure that environmental protections, worker rights and human rights are components of trade agreements. Withdrawal in belief in the right described as an inherent American right to "a freedom from fear," Gore has a sensible plan for securing safe American communities. He proposes to hire 50,000 more community police officers and 10,000 more prosecutors to protect the nation's borders. Gore plans to attack the underlying problems that often lead to crime on the front lines. He plans to increase after-school programs to give young people positive alternatives during the critical 3:3 p.m. time period, when most juvenile crime occurs. He intends to create second-chance schools where kids headed for trouble or those caught with weapons can receive the strict discipline and intensive services they need.

Finally, Gore will not bend to the special interests of groups like the NRA. He supports a plan to provide a state-based photo licensing system for handgun pur­ chasers, much like licensing for automobile drivers. Under this system, no law-abiding person would lose his right to gun, but criminals would be impeded from purchasing such materials. He would extend the Brady Law to include minimum background checks on those people attempting to purchase guns at gun shows. While sensible step-by-step initiatives, Vice President Gore plans to secure the rights and liberties of average Americans around the nation. While he does plan to cut the "marriage penalty" tax, Gore opposes attempts to provide large, risky cuts to the wealthy. From edu­ cation to health care, Gore is the only candi­ date who has the desire and the potential to help the least among the nation partake in the fruits of prosperity.

The 2000 election is a referendum on the American conscience. Should the national commu­ nity as prosperous as ours be concerned with the good of all citizens, regardless of class? Is there the will to secure opportunities for jobs, safety and education for all people in the United States? If the electorate answers "yes," then those in Congress, on January 20th, 2001, Al Gore will be sworn in as the next President of the United States.

Liam Brennan is the president of the College Democrats. Political Face-off will appear every Thursday until the election.

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Bush intends a proactive role for government

Prosperity, growth and opportu­ nity have characterized the last eight years in our nation. These successes are attributable to no one person, but rather they are the result of bipartisan cooperation and interest in the American people. Yet there is nothing the Republican Congress could do to ameliorate the damage done to the legacy of the White House by the Clinton/Gore administra­tion. Unlike Al Gore, who hopes to ride the cur­ rent economy into the White House, Governor George W. Bush plans to take a proactive role in continu­ ing to strengthen the lives of every American, leav­ ing no one behind and dragging no one down.

Many of our public schools are inadequate and do not give stu­ dents the life skills necessary to enter the workforce or pursue a college education. Governor Bush's plan aims to narrow the achieve­ ment gap between disadvantaged students and their peers. He hopes to do this by ensuring that every child can read by the third grade, extending grants and funding for underprivileged students to pursue science and technology and not giving failing schools taxpayer funds.

Parents will have the option to send their children to another school system if they are in an area with a poor school. Governor Bush believes that no matter how much money is given to a school, unless it is properly used, the level of achievement will not increase.

The federal government does not know enough about local school systems to make decisions on spending and how to improve edu­ cation. Therefore local commu­ nities should control their own school systems, while having to meet national rigorous standards to

ensure that all students are given the same opportunities.

The federal taxes are the highest they have ever been in peacetime. The Federal government wants the wealthiest to pay higher and higher marginal rates, which are highest for the lower income brackets.

Under Governor Bush's plan, a single mother making $22,000 would pay no income taxes at all. This is just one example of eliminat­ ing the tollbooth on the road to the middle class. Governor Bush also calls for the total elimination of the death tax, which plagues farmers attempting to pass family farms to the next generation, and one should have to wait to witness the ceme­ tery and the IRS on the same day.

Social Security is a pivotal issue in this election and to young Americans it should be of utmost importance. Unless properly funded, there will be Social Security in the future. Electing Governor Bush will ensure that Social Security will be alive and well for years to come.

The choice we make in November will impact our schools, our economy and our future. It is important that candidates continue moving forward and leave no one behind. Republican George W. Bush is poised and pre­ pared to continue moving the nation has seen, while restoring integrity to the White House.

Greg Kelly is the president of the College Republicans. Political Face-Off will appear every Thursday until the election.

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Correcting lethal injection process error

I am writing in response to the viewpoint by Lauren Jilley in Wed., Sept. 8. The Observer titled "Protecting death as punishment." Without getting into a long argument, I would like to point out a glaring error in a statement she makes concerning the use of lethal injection. The author states, "The US government's lethal injection process is a heavy sedative used in the operating room to knock people unconscious. The paralyzing drug, called Pavulon, is then given but by the person being executed is unconscious and therefore not able to feel that he is being paralyzed. To complete the procedure the person then use potassium chloride which totally stops the heart. The only pain the inmate feels is the slight stick from the injection intravenous lines, but lines are inflected to correct the malfunctioning heart. To help calm them while an IV is being started. If I had to be executed I would choose lethal injection hands down because you never feel a thing. The person being executed is done without pain, that is why the execu­ tion is a peaceful ritual to the witnesses."

The point of this letter was not to figure out who's right and wrong in the death penalty issue but a valid argu­ ment. I hope to keep the death penalty that uses incorrect information.

Stephen Carroll

Wall Street Journal

September 6, 2000
"We may be through with the past, but the past ain't through with us" is just one of the many themes in director Paul Thomas Anderson's latest masterpiece "Magnolia," which was released onto DVD this past week.

The film is basically a day in the life of nine troubled characters whose lives intersect in the San Fernando Valley. Although universally praised by critics, "Magnolia" failed to connect with an audience at the box office. Some audience members thought the movie was "too long," or "too boring." Others, however, thought that it was a true triumph. Undoubtedly, "Magnolia" has polarized its audience and carved itself a place in cinematic history.

The title

There has been much debate concerning the reasons for the title of the film, but recently Anderson has shed some light on the subject. "It's foremost the intersection (or street) where the climax of the film takes place. Secondly, it has been hypothesized that the bark from a Magnolia tree could help cure cancer (two characters in the film suffer from the disease). It is also a close name to Magnolia, which is a mystical place I read about. Magnolia is like a Bermuda Triangle of some sort in the air, it's like this place where things die like frogs and guns go when they are missing until they finally fall back down to the earth."

The falling frogs

Towards the end of the film, there is a sudden shower of frogs that envelops all of the San Fernando Valley, disrupting each character's actions. Believe it or not, but it rains frogs in real life. This rare phenomenon takes place in parts of the world with heavily concentrated frog populations such as the Amazon Rainforest. Tornadoes touch ground and pick up the frogs and carry them miles away where they float in the atmosphere until the winds die down. The result is an amphibian rainfall.

At the beginning of the film, Anderson ingeniously sets up the viewer for a freak occurrence by recounting a series of three stories. He tells the story of the man of Greenberry Hill who was killed by three other men named Green, Berry and Hill; the story of a scuba diver who was killed in a forest fire; and the story of an attempted homicide that prohibited what was to be an unsuccessful suicide, but was somehow ended by a related accidental homicide. "This cannot be 'one of those things,'" the narrator says. But the setup prepared the audience for one of those things; and two hours later a phenomenon takes place that shock everyone. Anderson claims that he did not know that frogs could rain in real life. He explains the raining of the frogs as thus: "you get to a point in your life, and s--t is happening, and everything's out of control, and suddenly, a rain of frogs just makes sense."

The DVD

The DVD itself is a two-disc release similar to that of "Fight Club." One disc contains the movie and one contains the supplemental material. The supplemental material is less than one would hope for, but a lot of it is hilarious. It has two extended versions of Frank T.J. Mackey's (Tom Cruise) pathetic sexual empowerment seminar and a few of the usual DVD extras such as the trailers and television spots.

Unfortunately, there is no Anderson commentary track to go along with the movie. In replacement, there is a 75-minute "Making of Magnolia" documentary that shows Anderson at work. It is very cool, but disappointing to those who have loved his commentaries on his previous DVDs.

"Boogie Nights" re-release

A new version of P.T. Anderson's second and most notorious film, "Boogie Nights," was also released this past week. This updated version is a two-disc double platinum series from New Line Studios with digitally enhanced coloring and soundtrack. There was apparently some color distortion in the original transfer (some scenes leaked red) on last year's release, so the studio and Anderson decided to re-release the film. Aside from that, there is little on this version that was not on the original platinum edition release. The only noticeable additional feature is that of an alternate commentary track taken from the laserdisc version of the movie. Still, "Boogie Nights," which tells the story of a young actor in the porn industry, is an excellent, genre-bending masterpiece, and the DVD is worth buying.

P.T. Anderson's next

On a sadder note, it has been confirmed by a publicist of Anderson that he is almost done with a comedy script that will soon team him up with former "Saturday Night Live" star Adam Sandler. Anderson met Sandler on the set of SNL last season as he was fine-tuning his comedic skills. Let's just hope that Lorne Michaels, responsible for such hits as "Conheads," "A Night at the Roxbury" and "Superstar," doesn't produce the film.

** Boogie Nights re-release

The "Boogie Nights" DVD re-release offers better picture quality and a few extra supplemental features.
**MOVIE COLUMN**

The re-creation of Bruce Willis

Remember the old Bruce Willis? Star of the "Die Hard" trilogy, "Pulp Fiction" and "The Fifth Element?" The problem isn't that Willis made almost this exact same movie two years earlier with "Mercy Rising." Except in that movie Willis was the leading man. In "Sixth Sense" he plays a supporting role to a little boy.

Matt Caccamo

*Scene Movie Critic*

Or how about "The Story of Us," easily one of the worst movies of the past decade? Willis stars opposite Michelle Pfeiffer as a husband in a marriage that just isn't working. Sounds fine in theory except that Willis treats his marital problems more like a hostage negotiation than a family matter. I was just waiting for him to break lose and blow up the kitchen. He didn't; the movie did.

Next up, this spring's "The Whole Nine Yards." Give me a break. Willis used to play real hitmen in the old days. Remember "Billy Bughlate" and "The Jackal." Not particularly great films, but at least they let Willis play the part he was made for. Not this year. Now, when Willis is put in a more family film than his right man for an endless stream of tired Matthew Perry jokes. 

And finally, this summer's tragedy of a children's film, "Disney's The Kid." Not much of a change from the "Nine Yards," except now Willis is the straight man to a 10-year-old's jokes. And please, Willis in a Disney movie?

Somewhere John McClane is crying. But let's not put all the blame on Bruce. He's simply copying what others have done before him, most notably John Travolta.

Travolta broke onto the scene in the late 1970s with "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease." Only to fade from view for over a decade. His comeback was made possible, in large part, because he transformed himself from a heartthrob singer-dancer to a more mature, versatile actor. Charging back into Hollywood with "Look Who's Talking" in 1989 (in which, coincidentally, Willis played the part of little Mikey), Travolta endeared himself to comedy fans immediately. He later proved his crime stripes in "Pulp Fiction" (Bruce was in that, too) and his dramatic abilities in "Primary Colors." His transformation was a success.

Others have succeeded in even more revolutionary transformations. Will Smith went from an early-'90s rapper to a late-'90s leading man with hardly missing a step. More recently, Jennifer Lopez has achieved the opposite: going from actor to singer. Former athletes like Jim Brown, O.J. Simpson and Dick Butkus have also made successful, though short, careers on the big-screen.

So what happened to Bruce? Why did he decide the time was right for a change? Maybe it was the criticism his last action movie, "Armageddon," received. Or maybe it was the terrible taste that was left in everyone's mouth from 1996's "Last Man Standing." Or maybe Willis wants to recapture his youth and transfer himself back to his early days, when he was on the television series "Moonlighting." Whatever the reason, it isn't working.

So, what should Willis do to regain his lost form? Three words: "Die Hard 4."

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Bruce Willis’ more recent roles have paired him with child actors, such as Spencer Breslin in "Disney's The Kid."

**MOVIE REVIEW**

Overdose of pot jokes kills 'Gracie’s' momentum

By JUDE SEYMOUR
*Scene Movie Critic*

In his directional debut, Nigel Cole presents a British comedy about a housewife named Grace Trevelyan and her very big problem.

Grace (played by Brenda Blethyn) has been left with a mountainous load of debt thanks in full to her recently deceased husband. It seems Grace's husband has mysteriously died at the perfect time: the moment the creditors and repos-see are coming to disseminate the Trevelyan estate. All that's left to go is a 300 thousand-pound debt.

Grace's innocent conversation with her gardener leads to a gold mine idea: growing marijuana in twenty more pots in order to subsidize her rather quaint life. "Saving Grace" has immediately presented us with its main source of fodder for the remaining 60 minutes. Each joke is now hit or miss depending on whether the audience will find funny a housewife growing hemp plants in the greenhouse behind her estate and trying to avoid going to jail.

A couple of striking visual smoking pot over a cliff and a pop soundtrack (with a very English flavor) are not enough to supply any additional depth. The movie will be a hit or miss with the audience based on the presentation of each successive pot joke and also if those jokes can be woven together to make a satisfying plot.

As with all successful British comedies, the movie explores minor characters that provide jokes for certain scenes. For example, Grace's elderly lady friends stumble upon her greenhouse and use a plant leaf for their tea. In minutes, we see the two ladies giggling and munching obliviously on corn flakes.

The movie is in trouble: the jokes are laughable, but do nothing to advance the plot.

In addition, a romantic element is rather hastily outlined. For Grace's gardener, Matthew, is struggling to make his relationship work with his long time girlfriend, Nicky. While the director provides a clever parallel in two scenes (scenes of Nicky at church interspersed with a scene of Matthew helping grow the marijuanabud), the viewer knows from the introduction of the characters that the relationship will work out.

When Matthew and Nicky embrace in the water near the completion of the film, solidifying their love, the romantic element has done nothing but slow the laughter in the film. When the audience is not laughing, it is a hazard for this movie: it cannot stand alone with its dramatic elements.

Moreover, the character development of Grace is rather standard. The movie provokes the audience to feel sympathy for her situation early so it can justify her illegal activity later. When the creditors and the police start getting close, the story was designed so the audience would root for Grace to somehow avoid jail and earn enough money to keep her house.

Naturally, a movie that promotes bulk marijuana distribution to solve life's problems would receive criticism from someone, so the plot turns to a contempor-ary version of "straddling the fence." It is not marijuana that saves Grace from money troubles. It is unfortunately something a lot less believable, but very logical.

Here is where the main fault of the movie lies: it was conceived with an ending that invalidates the movie's sole source of humor. In this case, maybe it is not a movie whose discussion afterwards should be based on the weakness of the ending (or so says a fellow moviegoer). This reviewer comes from a different school of thought, however, which stipulates that a movie should attempt to achieve greatness from beginning to end.

In this case, if you are looking for a smart British comedy in the same vein as "Saving Grace," rent 1998's "Waking Ned Devine" for a decidedly more satisfying payoff.

Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

"Saving Grace" out of five shamrocks

Director: Nigel Cole
Starring: Brenda Blethyn
and Craig Ferguson

In the "Die Hard" series, Bruce Willis played a wise-cracking, tough-as-nails cop. Now he's lost his edge.
Montreal puts stop to St. Louis streak with 7-2 win

The Pirates went 6-0, finishing their first-time since Sept. 26, 1998, when he allowed Mark McGwire a run in the 6th home run of the season. A home would have dropped the Pirates to a season-low 23 games below .500. They were 42-47 at the All-Star break.

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KANSAS CITY

Carlos Febles doubled home the tying run and scored on Johnny Damon's single as Kansas City rallied in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat New York 3-2.

The Royals beat New York for only the second time in nine games. Derek Jeter and Paul O'Neill homered for the Yankees.

With one out in the ninth, Dave McCarty singled off Mike Stanton (0-3). Pinch-runner Laynce Orchard scored on Febles' double, and Damon followed with his fourth hit of the game.

Stanton blew his fourth straight save chance.

Brian Meadows (4-2) pitched his second complete game of the season for the Royals. He gave up nine hits, struck out three and walked one.

Chuck Knoblauch returned to the Yankees lineup and went 0-for-4 in his first game since going on the disabled list Aug. 3 with tendinitis in his right elbow. The second baseman was mistake-free recording two assists in a solid performance.

New York's Orlando Hernandez pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, helping himself by starting two double plays. The blown save by Stanton denies El Duque his fifth straight win.

Joe Randa hit into both of the double plays started by Hernandez, who also had two other assists on ground balls back to the mound.

The first double play came in the fourth inning, and the second came in the eighth with runners on first and third and the Royals trailing 2-0. Meadows retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced. But Jeter led off the Yankees fourth with a homer to left-center field, and O'Neill bounced a ball off the top of the left-field bullpen gate for a 2-0 lead with one out in the sixth.

Jermayne Dye went 2-for-4 and started Kansas City's rally with an RBI single in the eighth, cutting New York's lead to 2-1.

White Sox 13, Rangers 2

Frank Thomas hit his AL-leading 41st home run and Chicago spoiled Scott Sheldon's advenure at all nine positions with a romp over Texas.

Charles Johnson, Greg Norton and Miguel Ordonez also homered for the AL Central-leading White Sox. Chicago scored seven runs in the first inning, sending Rick Helling to the shortest start of his career.

The only bright spot for the Rangers or maybe it was comic relief — came from Sheldon, who became just the third player ever to play all nine spots in one game. He joined Bert Campaneris (Sept. 8, 1965) and Cesar Tovar (Sept. 22, 1968) as true utility players.

Sheldon, normally a third baseman, entered the game in the fourth inning at catcher. By the eighth, he was pitching and he struck out the only batter he faced, Jeff Liefer.

While his White Sox teammates were knocking in runs, Kip Wells (5-7) was keeping the Rangers in check. Making his first start since being recalled from Triple-A Charlotte, Wells pitched one of his best games ever.

Wells gave up one unearned run and four hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked only one.

Mike Lamb drove in Texas' run with a groundout in the third. The Rangers had three hits in a row.

Helling gave up a whopping seven runs — two of them homers — in his second start after getting just two outs. He gave up five hits, walked three and threw 41 pitches.

With their division lead down to 6 1/2 games, the White Sox head to Cleveland this weekend for a series with the second-place Indians. Chicago's offense seemed to be sputtering as it managed just five runs in their first two games against Texas.

But the White Sox broke out of their mini-slump in a hurry Wednesday. After Helling walked Jose Valentin, Thomas homered to left. His 41st hommer of the season tied his career high, set in 1993, the year he won his first MVP award.

The smoke from the fireworks hadn't even cleared when Ordonez homered, giving the White Sox a 3-0 lead.

Chicago then loaded the bases with a single by Carlos Lee and Norton, and Chris Singleton hit a two-run single.

After Johnson fanned out, Ray Durham hit a two-run single to center, giving the White Sox a 7-0 run and chasing Helling.

Angels 1, Tigers 0

Scott Schoeneweis shut out Detroit on two singles for eight innings and Anaheim stopped a season-high six-game losing streak, defeating the Tigers.

Mo Vaughn drew in the lone run with an RBI grounder in the third inning. Troy Glaus tied an Angels record with three doubles.

Schoeneweis and reliever Troy Percival combined to hand the Tigers their major league-leading 12th shutout.

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**Are you weary?**

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Bronco coach Jerry Smith tossed out a lot of "the best team didn't win today" lines and belly-ached about yet another Santa Clara semifinal loss throughout his press conference after the game. "We did not get a lot of respect last year in the Final Four period from any of the teams," Lindsey said. "So it will be a good chance for us to step back into the limelight and prove ourselves as a team."

Although Santa Clara dropped a game to unranked Washington earlier this week, Lindsey has no doubt that the Broncos will still pose a stiff test.

"Everyone knows that they are a really good team and anyone can get knocked off — especially early in the season," she said. "That loss could do more harm than help because they'll probably be fired up and ready to go when they come in here Friday night."

The Irish know all about bouncing back from a tough early loss. Last year they dropped their sixth game of the year to Southern Methodist before rebounding to win seven-straight.

While the Irish are used to playing an extremely tough team early in the season, facing No. 10 Stanford on Sunday makes the weekend twice as difficult. The Irish also defeated the Cardinal 1-0 in the second round of the NCAA tournament last fall.

So with two of the top 10 teams in the country coming to town this weekend, you'll have to forgive Lindsey for skipping the hot sun and tailgating of the football game for her couch in Farley.

Plus, beating Nebraska is old hat for Lindsey. She and her teammates have eliminated the Huskers from the NCAA tournament three-straight years. Last year her sudden-death penalty kick after four overtimes sent the Irish to San Jose for the final four while the Huskers spent December in Lincoln.

So what advice does this proven Husker killer have for Bob Davie's boys? "How to beat Nebraska? Hit 'em hard," she said.

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

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Bishop Luers won the Indiana Class 2A title. Witherspoon transferred to Bishop Luers after spending his freshman and sophomore year at Fort Wayne South Side High School. He was rated the 25th best prospect in the nation by recruiting analysts Tom Lemming and placed fourth in the Indiana Mr. Football balloting.

Lemming told The Observer last spring, "He's probably going to be their go-to guy in the next couple of years."

Senior flanker Joey Getherall, who sprained his right knee and suffered a groin injury as a freshman, was surprised with Witherspoon's decision.

"I knew he was going through rough times but I thought he was going to stay," Getherall said. "I went through a real rough time (as a freshman) and I know all the freshmen right now are going through rough times, especially here at Notre Dame because it's a real tough place academically-wise and athletically."

"But especially from Fort Wayne I thought he would know what it would be like. I think he knew it would be tough but who knows what he was going through? Maybe he had difficulties but I have no idea. I don't want to speculate anything. I don't even think the whole team knows about it. Coach [Dave] has't really said anything."

Witherspoon is the fourth Irish player since May to leave the program.

Receiver Jamaar Taylor has enrolled at Texas A&M, defensive back Albert Poree has enrolled at Georgia Tech and offensive lineman Neal Ambroon left school and may not play football again.

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Defense
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Mattison and the Irish coaching staff have been stressing the importance of flawless execution to the players.

"Nebraska has an offensive scheme that will take advantage of anyone that's not prepared," said Mattison. "If you're doing something you shouldn't be doing, they will expose you."

With quarterback Eric Crouch at the helm, Nebraska trampled San Jose State in its season opener 49-13. The 'Huskers gained 596 offensive yards, scored on their first four possessions and did not punt until the fourth quarter.

"Obviously, they can get rolling on you," said Irish head coach Bob Davie. "We're not going to be intimidated. We respect them and we know how good they are."

We played Tennessee and Tennessee beat us pretty good and they beat Tennessee. I think we are better than we were then."

Irons is ready to lead his defensive corps against the Husker offense, but his brother might have a tougher time picking sides.

"I actually think he might be split," said Irons. "But I'll make sure I find out who he's rooting for before the game starts."

There is no question which side Grant Iron's heart will be on.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish drop home opener to No. 21 Braves, 3-1

• Notre Dame outshoots Bradley but cannot convert

By NOAH AMSTADETER Sports Writer

When a team completely dominates an opponent in seemingly every category, the end result is usually a victory.

Unfortunately for the Irish men's soccer team, this wasn't the case Wednesday night as they lost their home opener 3-1 to the 21st-ranked Braves of Bradley.

Despite putting up 25 shots to merely seven by the Braves, the Irish were only able to convert one penalty kick into a goal.

Head coach Chris Apple felt that the team's youth showed tonight.

"It's frustrating to own the ball, to own the game, to have 25 shots to their seven, to have seven corner kicks to their two and come out on the losing end," Apple said. "A lot of our youth and inexperience showed tonight. We were the better team, but better teams don't always win when they don't play intelligently."

The Braves began the scoring early — just three minutes and seven seconds into the game. Bradley's Jamid Mehreioskoui dribbled past the Irish defense before finding a flying Gavin Glinton open on the right side. Glinton received the pass on the right side and sent the ball past Irish goalkeeper Greg Tait for the game's first score.

"We knew that their two forwards were going to be good," said Tait. "I just don't know if we accommodated for their quickness and speed right away. For them it was really the two man show up front."

The Irish regrouped to dominate the majority of the remainder of the first half. Freshman Chad Riley and sophomore Justin Ratcliffe each were able to get two shots before the half ended. However, Bradley goalkeeper Adam Gross, playing behind a strong defense, was able to keep the Irish off the scoreboard.

Notre Dame allowed Bradley a second scoring opportunity late in the first half, as Glinton was able to take an open shot in the box. Tait dove to the ground to make the save. Tait made the initial save, but Glinton pounced on the rebound for a goal.

"He came through from my right. Steve Maio slowed him down to the point where I could come and I tackled him," Tait said. "When I deflected the ball it kind of went to my left. I tried to get back and Glinton literally just kicked me in the back of my head, trampled me down on the ground and put it away."

Tait felt that the physical play was an important aspect of the game.

"At the first 20 or 25 minutes of the game were some of the hardest soccer I've played in a long time," Tait said.

As the game went on, we were getting more and more intense and along with that came physical energy.

As the second half went on, we got more and more anxious, and the tackles were taken a bit more personally."

The Irish came out aggressively in the second half as well, taking 15 shots to only one-for the Braves.

At 76:05, senior Griffin Howard was fouled in the penalty box following a header shot by freshman Justin Better and awarded a penalty shot. Howard put the ball past Gross for his second goal in the last three games, closing the gap to 2-1.

Unfortunately, that was all the offense the Irish could muster. Despite 16 second half shots — including four by Riley — the Irish never really seemed close to tying the game.

Bradley sealed the game at the 81:11 mark. After a shot by Irish sophomore Andrew Forster was blocked, Bradley's Justin Arabadjieff was able to break away from the Irish defense and take the ball downfield toward the Irish goal. In the final third of the field, he found Mehreioskoui open for his second goal of the season.

Following two shutout victories last weekend, Apple was less pleased about his team's defensive play.

"Tonight our defensive play was haphazard. Sometimes it was there, sometimes it was not," said Apple. "There's no reason to give a team three counter-attacks like that and give up three goals. The second half they had one shot, the one that went in. That was it."

Apple also believed the offense needs to work more out of the final third and struggle producing almost four times as many shots as Bradley.

"I think we need to create more dangerous chances, more chances from 12 yards on in rather than 25 yards and out," Apple said. "So, we'll work on that a little bit, we'll work on keeping the ball from the middle third to the final third of the field."

The team looks to regroup this weekend as it travels east for the Big East Conference opener against Boston College at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Freshman forward Devon Prescod dribbles past a Bradley defender in Notre Dame's 3-1 loss Wednesday.
FOURTH AND INCHES

TOM KEELEY

THINGS COULD BE WORSE
TYLER WHATELEY

Fox Trot

TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND I GET TO RUN THE FILM PROJECT AT SCHOOL. HOW EXCITING!

WE'VE GOT OUR CLASSROOM WIRED FRONT TO BACK WITH EVERY SPEAKER AND AMP WE COULD FIND. I HATE TO BE BORING, BUT I THINK WE MAY HAVE PUT TOGETHER THE MOST POWERFUL SURROUND SOUND SYSTEM EVER!

I JUST WISH I KNEW WHAT MOVIE WE'RE SEEING.

"A HISTORY OF GRAIN." (COO!) I SCRUBBED UP ANOTHER SUBWOOFER.

BILL AMEND

See the guy dancing in the cage, don't be that guy.

Crossword

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Side of a gem
3 "Planet of the
5 Family pillar
12 Symbol of
goodness
13 Manipulative
son
17 "Lighten up!
20 Michelin product
22 Ophthalmolo-
gists study
27 Around
29 Beer parties
32 Richly decorate
36 Glammed up
41 Edit, as
42 Nuances
45 Give up
47 New York canal

Down

8 Lighten up
10 Gets on in
11 Norse war god
13 Patient, as
15 Wrotgul act
16 Dalmatian dog
18 Daughter
19 1970 film
21 There's no
23 Changing it
24 Order from
25 Party caterer
26 Reverse of
27 Dangerous
doing at
28 Loading
29 Old TV host
30 Jack
31 Chicago
32 Toy trains
33 Tutu
34 "Lighten up!
35 Sable
36 Lively
37 Greek war god
38 Prefix with
39 Controversial
40 Boy
41 Lighten up
42 Take, as a
43 Turbeden rage
44 Start as a
45 Singer/photographer
46 McCleary
47 Property claims
48 Beautiful
49 Swimmer
50 Kind of mors
51 Jason's ship
52 Balloon
53 Plaque
54 Poem of praise
55 Word repeated before "in" and "out"
56 Least bit

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5856 (95¢ per minute).

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You asked.

BOO! (Aug. 18, Sept. 22). Emotions will have up among family members. Take one step at a time and don't pick sides. Your practical outlook will win out. Get sound advice from someone you respect and trust.

LIRIA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). You need to look at your situation from a different perspective. Sit down with someone you know well and find out how he or she would deal with the circumstances you're facing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22). You can prosper. If you are smart with your money, you can make a profit. If you are not careful with legal matters or personal papers that need to be renewed, the time to make changes is now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keep your partner busy and you will avoid the second degree. Overindulgence will result in putting on the pounds. Discipline will be required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make changes around the house that you've been talking about. This will make a difference to everyone who lives with you. You can save some cash if you get everyone to pitch in and help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Secret affairs or hidden matters may be revealed. Be careful whom you confide in. Social activities that you've been planning may be canceled or by your family closer together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may be taken advantage of. Don't be too quick to help someone who is telling you "poor me" stories. You're only helping one side of the situation, and you can bet it's not accurate.

Birthday Baby: You were born with both and an awareness of what is good and what isn't. You have a great outlook, a good mind and will strive through-out life to acquire the finer things in life. You have qualities others will admire and look up to. (More advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugeniaslast.com.)

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Defense irons out wrinkles for Nebraska

By KERRY SMITH
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Grant Irons knows Nebraska football — it runs in his family. Before coming to Notre Dame, the senior captain used to cheer for the Cornhuskers every Saturday. And one player in particular was his favorite — his brother Gerald, a nose guard for the Huskers in the early '90s.

"I was actually a really big Nebraska fan," said Irons. "I used to watch them all the time."

But when Nebraska comes to town Saturday, there will be no question where the senior defensive end loyalties lie.

"His family might have Nebraska in its blood, but Irons' heart bleeds blue and gold. And he is ready to show it on the field."

"We've been focused all week in practice," said Irons. "It's no secret that Nebraska is an unstoppable team. We need to be effective in all areas of our game to have a chance to win."

"We've had our ups and downs on Nebraska all along," said Irons.

Senior defensive end Grant Irons tackles an Aggie ball carrier in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over Texas A&M last weekend.

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