Motorcycle gunmen kill Muslims
Police said 10 minority Shiite Muslims and two police officers were killed as gunmen on motorcycles rampaged through a Pakistan city.

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Homework advantage?
A Notre Dame alumnus criticizes Notre Dame's student section at men's basketball games and encourages students to liven up.

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Task Force investigates ND, WRC

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Associate News Editor

After a morning meeting discussing the issue, the University's Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives made a recommendation Friday to the University President.

The task force is not releasing their recommendation until Malloy announces his decision, which is currently going to FLA dues.

The task force is really a group of 67 college and universities working as a watchdog to fight factory sweatshop conditions.

Task force members met Friday morning to decide on a recommendation and submitted their proposal later that day. Two members of the group were unable to attend the meeting, Hoye said, but enough voting members were present to make a recommendation.

There are several non-voting members on the task force, including corporate members Adidas, Champion and Folletti, which services the H Bamke Notre Dame Bookstore.

The task force is a Catholic university, and if we're going to strive to represent our beliefs and live up to our mission statement, it's important we're [in an organization that promotes our goal]," said Sarah Greeman, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA).

The PSA has lobbied for Notre Dame to join the 67 other schools that are WRC members through protests, informational meetings and petitions.

As far as I know, there are only a couple problems the University has with joining the WRC," said Greeman. One problem is financial, she said, noting that the task force is allotted a certain amount of money and much of that money is currently going to FFA dues.

Members of the WRC pay dues equal to 1 percent of that school's licensing revenues. The University doesn't produce its own apparel, Hoye said, therefore money is made from licensing the Notre Dame trademark to apparel manufacturers. Notre Dame is usually ranked first or second in the country in licensing revenues, Hoye added.

"It's a very hard time because it's midterm week," Greeman said of the task force's meeting. "She called the meeting and Malloy's decision date "really bad timing" since spring break will leave few students on campus to lobby for the WRC.

The task force was appointed by Malloy two years ago to investigate Notre Dame's relationship with sweatshop apparel manufacturing and to make recommendations to Malloy regarding plans of action.

Task force members met almost a year ago to start gathering information about the WRC. Since then the group has had numerous meetings regarding joining the consortium, one with the WRC Feb. 5. The group paid to fly members of the WRC to campus for the meeting.

After learning of the task force's talk, the PSA had an emergency meeting Friday afternoon to discuss a plan of action in convincing the University to join the WRC.

Since the task force just advised and it is Malloy's final decision whether or not to join, PSA members figured they still have

Holy Cross student dies of meningitis

α Notre Dame and SMC health services offers medical aid

By ERIN PIRouTEK
Associate News Editor

Jenny Nemeth, a Holy Cross student, died late Friday morning at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center from a type of bacterial meningitis.

"She was fine a week ago and all of a sudden in two days she's gone," said Notre Dame junior Erin Formica, Nemeth's friend.

Stephanie Nemeth, Jenny's twin sister, is a junior at Notre Dame.

"Jenny was so good. She was always looking for what was best for everyone — for Stephanie especially," said Formica.

Bacterial meningitis is contagious and progresses rapidly if not swiftly treated. Death occurs in approximately 10 percent of cases or approximately 300 Americans annually.

"We're prepared to handle a situation like this when it occurs," said Annie Thompson, director of Notre Dame Health Services.

Symptoms are initially similar to those of the flu and include fever, nausea, severe headache, mental alteration and rashes.

The disease is transmitted through direct exposure to oral or nasal secretions, for example sharing eating utensils or kissing. Merely being in the same room as someone with bacterial meningitis is not a risk.

It isn't as contagious as a cold," said Thompson. Health services at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

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Financial aid aims to help students, sometimes falls short

By ALISON TOMME
News Writer

Last Wednesday's deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forced some students to think about paying for next year's tuition.

Financial information from the FAFSA will help the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's financial aid offices with a daunting responsibility — distributing millions of dollars of financial aid from federal and private sources.

"The University is really looking to help students," said Sue Brandt, associate director of financial aid at Notre Dame.

But despite the efforts of the University, the application and distribution system confuses many students.

"It [financial aid] makes college affordable, but at the same time it can be deceiving," said sophomore Joe Golden.

Seventy-five percent of Notre Dame students and more than 72 percent of Saint Mary's students receive some sort of financial assistance, but some students merely follow the process without understanding it.

"I think it's very confusing, definitely," said Saint Mary's freshman Jennifer DeWitt. "It's a little confusing, but not how it works," she said.

To apply for financial assistance, students are required to fill out the FAFSA, followed by the also-confusing Scholarship Service PROFILE application. These forms help determine what each family can contribute to the cost of the applicant's education.

Factors such as income, assets, family size and other siblings in college or private education are considered when deciding a family's ability to pay college costs. Since changes in these factors can occur, students must apply annually for aid.

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With tuition constantly on the rise, Notre Dame students look to the financial aid office at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to help subsidize the high costs of student life.
Babies are the smartest people

One video has unlocked all the secrets. Wiping away the dust, discovering hidden riches and solving mysteries that plague me every day. Life and all its puzzles were now clearer.

Not the JFK-Zabudra film. Not "It's a Wonderful Life.

It was the Joseph Robert Wallis but — a home video of my roommate Lisa's first nephew.

It had been one of my worst days — so many papers to write, so many hours to work. Down from the pile of job applications and reapplying graduation is three months away, I headed home facing a sad six hours of sleep until the next day of troubles.

But one look at Joseph with kittens covering his jumper and cat ears on his little head made all those problems disappear.

I'm the kind of person who loathes "cute." Everyone knows I mean I have a bitter, sarcastic sense of humor. I scott at people who think all those problems disappear.

But whatever makes them so carefree, so perspectives on life. What could be a better escape from the deadline, job fair? Maybe it's because they're laughing at their mistakes. All sarcasm in my mind melted and I envy them.

What do we do to children? Why is infancy an okay age to dress up as a cat on an everyday basis? Babies became the smartest people in the world because they have perspective on life. Babies are the most precious than deadlines and job fairs. Maybe it's because they have perspective on life.

A UC Berkeley Latino group, "Every recruitment and retention center [at UC Berkeley] has made it to actively discourage attendance of students from the University of California at Berkeley until SP-1 and SP-2 have been repealed.

An eight-member panel representing the California Statewide Affirmative Action Coalition said the university failed to maintain diversity without affirmative action, citing statistics showing a decline in diversity and a decrease in the use of race preferences has been banned in admissions procedures.

Panelists said their time and effort in these organizations contributed significantly to maintaining the minority representation on UC campuses.

Despite our efforts to maintain diversity at the university, we have been called to do so because of standing policies of this university, mainly the [ban on affirmative action]. Hernandez said.
Announcing the Year 2001 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2001 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000 and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have complete at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miama University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references

Application Deadline: Friday, March 21st, 2001
Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall University of Notre Dame

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By HILARY BURN
News Writer

At the third National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference held this weekend at Notre Dame, Greg Pence, a professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and George Annas, a professor at the Boston University School of Medicine and Public Health, debated the bioethics involved in cloning.

"It's very tough to say anything positive about cloning," said Pence. "There are no killer arguments on either side of the debate," said Pence. Annas agreed with this statement, but also presented his three major arguments against cloning within his lecture on the bioethics of the human genome project.

First, "cloning should not be done for lots of reasons," but basically it is inherently bad for the child," said Annas. "[It treats] children as products," said Annas.

Secondly, "If cloning produces the famous sheep Dolly, they were not trying to develop a technique with the sole purpose of creating identical sheep. Their goal was to eventually design a technique so that they could make better sheep," said Annas.

"If we want to do that to humans? Do we want to try to make better humans?" said Annas.

This idea of improving humans, led to his third argument that humans are clones, we will "logically end up with a way to create identical subspecies," said Annas.

"This is a set-up for genocide and it is not clear who will win."

Greg Pence professor

George Annas professor

"Anytime you hear about cloning, the scientists have bad motives. Even if they have good motives, something terrible happens," said Pence. "I read all of the old X-Files scripts and I found a lot of bad cloning stories."

As another example, Pence made reference to the media's portrayal of Rael, a leader of a cult. "Rael claims that he was visited by little green men in 1977 and that these aliens told him that they had created humans as an experiment and explained how to clone humans. Rael now promises to clone a human being within six months," said Pence. "And when we see 60 Minutes interviewed Rael, the producers chose to put Rael in a dark corner for an evil effect and counter the current myths, Pence said. "These myths are perpetuated because it's a relatively small amount of people are manipulating our view of cloning and what we think is objective. This is scary because it is very dangerous, where so many people believe false things," said Pence.

The media tends to sensationalize stories about cloning because they have to make money, said Pence. He cited Brian Alexander who wrote an article about cloning that ended up in Wired magazine this month with the misleading title "You Are a Clone!"

"Alexander is an example of a two-year free-lance writer sensationalizing an issue to boost magazine sales, so he gets paid more," said Pence.

Pence's second argument is that cloning will be a way to help infertile couples have children that look and have a genetic link to themselves. Today, it is very "hard to adopt a healthy white baby," said. "And, there is nothing wrong with wanting a child that looks like you and has some of your genes."

His third argument for moving forward with cloning is that it is premature to talk about bans, "It is premature to talk about bans, avoiding the issue is not the right response to prejudice. It also denied Annas' prediction that there will be two human species in the future."

At the close of these remarks, Pence said a child cloned for similar reasons "would feel very wanted. We need to cut people a little slack in their personal life about why they want children."

"Cloning as an infertility treatment is an amusing argument," said Annas. "It is a set-up for genocide and it is not clear who will win."

"There are no killer arguments on either side of the debate."

Greg Pence professor

George Annas professor

Students and professors gathered at the National Bioethics Conference this weekend at Notre Dame. One topic discussed was the ethical issues of cloning.

"It is a set-up for genocide and it is not clear who will win."

Cloning involves asexual replication of non-sex cells. It is not sexual reproduction, which is a defining characteristic of humanity, said Annas.

The cloning debate involves other arguments and issues alluded to by both professors. Pharmaceutical companies and doctors involved in reproductive technologies are just some of the players involved in the debate who have financial incentives.

"In bioethics, don't forget to follow the money trail," said Annas. Following this money trail will lead to a human being cloned within the next two years, said Pence. Pence did not disagree.

Both professors agreed that the beginning or the end of cloning humans will be decided by whether the first cloned human is a healthy and normal baby or not.

Cloning is only one of the biotechnical questions discussed and it's extremely important to develop a mechanism to debate (both) this issue and the others because they are species-wide," said Annas. "No one scientist has the moral warrant to decide the answers to the questions that bioethics raises. I wouldn't trust the UN, but discussing bioethics gives us the potential to force scientists to have to prove to the world that the likely benefits will outweigh the costs."

Judicial Council is now seeking applicants for the following positions:

- President
- VPs of Peer Advocacy
- VP of Elections
- PeerAdvocate
- Senate Parliamentarian

Applications are available in 203 LaFortune, and due by 5:00pm Thursday March 8.

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Class of 2004 officers, off-campus co-presidents elected

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Run-off elections Friday yielded winners in the 2004 class council race and the off-campus co-presidents contest.

The 2004 ticket of Keri Oxley capitalized on its success in Wednesday’s primary, defeating the Brian Adams ticket 454-297 Friday. George Remus and Amy Sellers earned the off-campus co-president nod with a 121-97 win over Liz Efta and Kelly Stocker.

“T is exciting that our ticket was able to win. We feel like we have good experience and would be good for the job,” said Nick Williams, the vice presidential candidate on the Oxley ticket.

Oxley and Williams’ running mates are secretary Jazmin Garcia and treasurer Jason King.

Receiving 469 votes, the Oxley ticket emerged as the clear leader in Wednesday’s seven-way primary election, while the Adams ticket won only 172 votes.

Williams said his ticket is enthusiastic about Garcia and treasurer Jason Stocker’s ticket: “I’m excited that our ticket would be great for the job,” Williams said. “We feel like students would take notice of our platform.”

Among the ideas on the ticket’s platform are implementing many service-orientated goals on its platform. One of the administration’s ideas next school year would establish a sophomore-only major service project during a University academic break.

Another would put to work members of the Class of 2004 on service activities in the South Bend community. “We’ve talk to administrators about our platform goals, and what we’re excited about is that all of our ideas are very feasible,” Williams said.

The Remus/Sellers ticket’s 24-vote win over the Efta/Stockers ticket mandated a recount by the judicial council Friday. The council is required to recount any votes in an election in which the margin of victory is 25 or fewer votes. In Wednesday’s primary, Efta and Stockers’ slim 11-vote lead also prompted a recount.

Remus said despite trailing an automatic recount by the judicial council Friday, he was confident that his ticket would win. "We thought we had a good chance of making up the difference in votes," Remus said. "We felt like students would take notice of our platform."

Another would put to work placing all service activities in the South Bend community.

Alumni-Senior Club’s
Pre-Spring Break/St. Pat’s Party

On Wednesday, this week, the Club will be preparing students for the upcoming Spring Break by hosting a special party. Expect traditional St. Patrick’s festivities, (see our webpage at www.nd.edu/~asc) including “Find the Shamrock” game to win cool prizes from our sponsor. We’ll also be catering to all our spring breakers, especially those going to warmer areas, by offering something “cool” to your personal satisfaction.

Come see what it’s all about this Wednesday night and get your Spring Break started off right. Must be 21 or older with valid ID.

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CRASH VICTIMS' FAMILIES GATHER: Authorities unloaded 8.8 tons of cocaine west of Acapulco. The seizure capped what Sunday that they said was seized on a rusty ever. The

Former governor dies: Former Gov. James Rhodes, whose decision to quell the Coast Guard law enforcement unit on board seized the boat Feb. 24 about 250 miles west of Acapulco. The seizure capped what the agency called one of its most productive weeks of anti-drug patrols.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Two die in house fire: Two Campbellsburg men died of smoke inhalation in a fire that leveled a residence Saturday afternoon. The Brown- Benton Fire Department responded to a call that a residence was burning about 3 p.m., according to a dispatcher at the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Cecil Nicholson, 73, and his son Norman Nicholson, 38, were pronounced dead at the scene by Washington County Deputy Coroner Tony Floyd, the dispatcher said. He said the residence was a total loss.

ENGLAND

IRA dissidents blamed for BBC bomb

Motorcycle gunmen kill 12 people

Associated Press

LAHORE Gunmen on motorcycles rampaged through a city in eastern Pakistan on Sunday, killing 10 minority Shite Muslims and two policemen in three separate attacks.

No one claimed responsibility for the killings in Sheikhupura, 27 miles north of the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore. But police suspected militant Sunni Muslims, who have been targeting Shite Muslims with regularly over the past several months.

The killings generated violent protests by Shite Muslims, who fired shots in the air with automatic weapons and shouted slogans of revenge.

 Angry mobs set fire to tires, blocked roads and demanded police arrest the killers.

"Our people are being killed almost daily. The government has failed to protect us," Dilshad Zaidi, a leader of Tehreek-e-Jafria, or the Movement for the Imposition of Shite Law in Pakistan said in a telephone interview from Sheikhupura.

Most of Pakistan's 140 million people are Sunni Muslims and have no quarrel with their Shite Muslim brethren. But small and heavily armed groups belonging to both sects of Islam routinely clash.

The killings Sunday began in a crowded market when six gunmen on three motorcycles raced by, firing automatic rifles, police said. The shots killed three people, all of them Shite Muslims.

Motorcycle-riding gun men believed to be the same group then killed a policeman and facially wounded another as the officers were patrolling a road on foot. Minutes later, they gunned down seven Shite Muslims praying at a cemetery outside the city.

Police said they suspected an extremist Sunni Muslim group, Sipah-e-Sahaba, or Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet, and arrested two of its members in connection with the shootings.

The group denied the charge.

"We strongly condemn the killing," Zahid Mahmood Qasmi, Sipah-e-Sahaba's chairman told Associated Press in a telephone interview, "We have nothing to do with these attacks."

One of the most violent and heavily armed religious groups in Pakistan, the Sipah-e-Sahaba has been staging demonstrations to protest the hanging execution of one of its members last Wednesday.

A woman weeps as she arrives to mourn the deaths of her relatives killed in the Pakistani city of Sheikhupura. Sunni gunman opened fire on Shites, killing 10 people including two policemen.

IRA dissidents blamed for BBC bomb

Associated Press

LONDON Raising the specter of a campaign of attacks by opponents of the peace process in Northern Ireland. The British Broadcasting Corp. is powerful bomb blamed by police on IRA dissidents went off outside a television center. One man was hurt.

The bomb squad moved in and carried out a "controlled explosion," police said, but no explosive device was found.

The BBC blast, which ripped through a quiet neighborhood in west London shortly after midnight and sent an orange fireball into the sky, was preceded by two telephoned warnings that used code words known to police.

Police said the bomb was made of 10 to 20 pounds of high explosive — they did not disclose the type — and placed in a red taxi.

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"Financial aid varies for every student but it seems to me that it doesn't adequately take into account all the expenses that can be incurred by going to college, let alone a good one," said Notre Dame senior Chi Le.

Le points to the fact that students of less fortunate families have to get by on the bare essentials, often sacrificing social activities because of the costs.

The Office of Financial Aid looks to control costs and debts, but recognizes that education is an investment that often requires families to make lifestyle choices.

"The estimated family contribution is going to include sacrifice," said Brandt. "Education is a priority, an investment. In the end, you will receive the greatest reward."

To determine need, the Office of Financial Aid brings both the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE together and individually considers each student's financial circumstances. From here, administrators put together an aid package with loans, grants and scholarships.

"At Notre Dame, aid is first based on need. "It is designed for a self-help component," said Brandt. Typically, student loans and campus employment serve as the foundation of a financial aid package before scholarship and grants are given.

Saint Mary's philosophy differs from Notre Dame's.

"Scholarship is first incorporated into the financial aid package," said Mary Nucciaroni, director of financial aid at Saint Mary's.

At Saint Mary's, scholarships and grants are awarded first to students based on merit and recommendation by the Admissions Committee. Therafter, the demonstrated financial need of the student is taken into consideration.

"Our philosophy is gift assistance first before resorting to self-help measures," said Nucciaroni.

Saint Mary's is not able to meet 100 percent of student's demonstrated need. Last year, Saint Mary's met the need of 89 percent of its applicants.

Notre Dame officials said they meet the demonstrated need of every student. They base their aid packages on the provided financial information.

"The admissions process is totally independent of financial aid," said Brandt, denying myths that certain students, such as athletes or minority students, receive preference when it comes to aid.

The Office of Admission's only contribution is designating Notre Dame Scholars, the students in the top percentage of the incoming freshmen class. These students receive some preference for all four years, since the Office of Financial Aid may reward them with slightly more scholarship aid in place of a loan.

Some students, however, do not completely comprehend the logic behind financial aid distribution.

"Financial aid seems to primarily work on putting students into more debt as they try to get a good education. If financial aid also does not take into account families that lie between the income brackets," said Le.

The richest families don't need financial assistance, and the poorest families get the most aid, students said. Some feel the families in the middle are shortchanged, by not getting significant aid and not having enough resources to cover tuition.

"Middle class families don't usually get enough money to send their kids to school," said Kara Pearce, a Saint Mary's freshman.

"One student opted not to apply for aid after talking with administrators. "They looked at my records, and told me it wasn't worth it for me to apply," said Saint Mary's senior Leticia Bailes.

Students often mention the discrepancies in their aid when their families receive a slight income raise or complaint about the extreme increases in their expected contribution after a sibling graduates from college.

Student perceptions of their financial circumstances do not always coincide with that of the financial aid offices.

"I can pay and what they expect of me are two totally different things," said Notre Dame sophomore Jodi Graney.

Golden and Janelle Koop echoed these concerns.

"I am worried about when my sister starts college. I don't know how my aid will work then, but I know I'll be in a lot of debt," Golden said.

"I think they [the financial aid office] think my family can pay more than they can," said Koop, a Saint Mary's sophomore.

Both financial aid offices realize that many students have complaints about the financial aid system.

"Students aren't always aware of what the changes in aid are due to and need to talk to a counselor," said Nucciaroni. "Little nuances can make a difference."

Brandt also says that families that look ahead and plan for a four-year investment tend to be more comfortable with the costs.

Moreover, both Nucciaroni and Brandt cite tools their respective schools use to aid in understanding.

"We mail our continuing students the renewal FAFSA, CSS PROFILE and a worksheet with tips on applying for aid," said Nucciaroni. Saint Mary's also provides a section on their Web site to e-mail questions to a counselor.

"I agree it appears cumbersome," said Brandt of the application process.

Like Saint Mary's, Notre Dame sends out a packet of information. Brandt said the process is becoming easier with the availability of the electronic renewal FAFSA.

Still, as long as students depend on financial aid to afford expensive college, critics like Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, questions will remain about the fairness of the process.

"Financial aid is a good thing, but I think it's very confusing and intimidating to talk to the administration about it," said Notre Dame junior Matt Panzer. "It's a daunting, adult task."

The winning teams are:

First place $1,000 Award
- Megan McMullen
- Brad Buer
- Brad Rager
- Erik Keener
- Patrick Dunnigan

Second place $750 Award
- Christopher Roche
- Megan McCauley
- Sean Harrigan
- Lauren Fuchs

Third place $500 Award
- John Sadowski
- Moly Matune
- Patrick Gleason
- Elliot Pope

Recycle The Observer.
Hypatia Day brings middle school students to Saint Mary’s

By NICOLE HADDA

Seven and eighth grade girls filled Saint Mary’s campus Saturday morning to learn more about science as part of Hypatia Day. Coordinated by the chemistry, biology, nursing and math departments, both students and faculty organized activities designed to give these girls hands-on experience in the science labs and encourage them to get involved in science early.

Teachers chose the participants based on their demonstrated interest in science and math. The activities included making silly putty and watching different types of animal mating.

“The activities showed how science can be fun, and they seemed excited to be working in college labs,” said Erin Moran, a sophomore biochemistry major.

“The biology department conducted various activities in which the students learned about different types of animal for and skulls, and how these characteristics determine their behavior. The girls really showed an interest in these different types of animal and were enthusiastic about having the opportunity to be chosen for this day,” said Rebecca Stumpf, a sophomore biology major.

Bridget Yearwood, a sophomore math major, agreed. “It’s really great that the girls had the opportunity to experience math and science hands-on at such a young age,” she said.

Twenty-five different middle schools from the Indiana area participated in Hypatia Day stems from Hypatia, who was the first recorded female mathematician ever.

Born in 370 A.D. in Alexandria, Greece, she was known for her family to reach her full potential. She eventually became an archbishop and was loved by many.

Her career, however, was short-lived. In 412, a new archbishop came to power and disliking the large crowds of people who came to hear her speak, she took her own life.

Hypatia was kidnapped and slain.

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made preventative antibiotics available without cost. Antibiotics are recommended for those who’ve had direct contact with Nemeth, but not for those who had only casual contact with her.

“It’s not a situation we would term any kind of emergency,” said Linda Timm, Saint Mary’s vice president for Student Affairs. “The information was put out so students could make an educated decision for themselves.”

Notre Dame students can receive the antibiotics at the Health Services office. Over 300 students were treated with antibiotics, primarily due to presence at parties where cups were being exchanged indiscriminately,” said Thompson.

According to O’Neill rector John Herman, O’Neill’s Mardi Gras celebration caused concern for some residents.

“Apparently Jenny Nemeth was here at Mardi Gras,” said Herman.

Some participants decided to receive the antibiotics, but Herman cautioned that not everyone who attended the celebration is at risk.

“For the general population in O’Neill, I’m told that the risk is not significant. They don’t need to be concerned,” said Herman.

At Saint Mary’s, Health Service visited all of the residence halls on Friday afternoon. Health Service of discussed risks with each student and gave antibiotics if requested.

The Notre Dame health center has Menomune meningococcal vaccine available for $75. The clinic’s supply of vaccine was exhausted and will be available Wednesday. Interested students need to call Health Services to ensure vaccine would be available.

The vaccine will also be available at Saint Mary’s on Wednesday. Cost information is available from Health Service at student request. Notre Dame Health Services also encourages students to consider getting the vaccination from their family physician over spring break.

Menegitis can also be caused by a virus. Viral meningitis is more common than bacterial meningitis, and symptoms are generally milder.

Anyone with questions or interested in more information about meningitis should contact health services on either campus.

Visitation for Nemeth will be at Holy Cross Chapel Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. The funeral will be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.
In the next several days, the University will decide whether to join the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC). The WRC is an anti-sweatshop association that would monitor how college apparel is made with the goal of promoting fair conditions for workers. The University had two ways of making this important decision. Using Approach A, it could have asked students, faculty and staff what to do. It might take into account the 23-5 Faculty Senate vote to join the WRC and the upcoming Student Senate vote on Wednesday. It might listen to the 100-200 people who braved 24-degree weather to attend a pro-WRC rally. It would have to make a decision. Either everyone could get one vote, or faculty and staff could each be allotted an equal share of votes. Under these conditions, and based on the type of recommendation it received, the University would develop initiatives, some of which would be close. Are we to wait for another vote on this issue? The committee would have private meetings, not open to members of the Notre Dame community. It would fail to communicate with everyone else, and it would not feel the need to communicate with non-experts. It would develop initiatives, some of which would be implemented, all without public consultation. Some readers, Approach B might sound a little out-dated — that is because I just proposed being democratic. The committee would have private meetings, not open to members of the Notre Dame community. It would fail to communicate with everyone else, and it would not feel the need to communicate with non-experts. It would develop initiatives, some of which would be implemented, all without public consultation. Some readers, Approach B might sound a little out-dated — that is because it is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. It is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent.
God proofs make ancient mistakes

In last Tuesday's Observer, Charles Rice claimed there are good faith-independent arguments for God's existence. I could hardly disagree. I think there probably are such arguments (although I don't know of any myself and doubt there are any with premises an atheist would accept. What's surprising is that Rice claims to have such arguments. The ones he presents, however, are riddled with difficulties. Here's just a sampling.

Rice's argument rests on a false dichotomy. He claims there are just two options: (a) there exists an eternal personal being (God) or (b) there exists nothing. But there are at least two options besides: (c) there exists an eternal non-personal being (e.g. the physical universe) or (d) there exists an infinite series of non-eternal beings each of which causes the existence of the next. Interestingly enough, Aquinas himself considered (a) a philosophical live option (his arguments against infinite series concern synchronically, not diachronically, related items). Famously, Aquinas also held that the non-eternity of the world could not be proven philosophically. (Nor does the Big Bang rule it out: It's possible the universe is eternally oscillating, undergoing successive big bangs and "big crunches." Grained recent cosmology suggests a big crunch isn't in the offing, but there are still other hypotheses for an eternal universe.)

Rice's argument to an unmoved mover, on the other hand, trades on a theory of motion we know to be false. Unlike Aquinas, we've known at least since Newton that objects will continue in rectilinear motion at constant velocity unless acted on by another object. Hence, if Rice's argument might infer that an object in motion must have been moved by something, one cannot infer that its mover still exists. I won't rehearse the well-known difficulties facing the argument to a first cause.

Rice is making one mistake: a watching together so as a result of its parts being shaken in a bag is so improbable it's incredible. As an argument against Neo-Darwinism, however, this is a necessary step.

My purpose here is not to prove that arguments like Rice's are bad. Everybody... sorry... almost everybody already knows such arguments are bad. My purpose, rather, is to suggest that advancing them à la Rice does them a disservice. Consider detractors from their position who harbor the following suspicion: People who believe in God are ignorant dogmatists who can do no better than advance time and again the same ineffectual arguments. Thanks to efforts like Rice's, such persons believe their suspicions confirmed. The result is exactly what Rice has avoided. "This inadequacy of the arguments strengthens (adversaries of the faith) in their error, since they imagine that our acceptance of the truth of faith is based on such weak arguments." Nor do such arguments help the faithful. Most theistically-minded students, for instance, greet them with fatigue: "Here comes that argument again, and here's the refutation again." The result is misology, loss of confidence in the ability of reason to resolve matters of any importance.

Rather than following Rice's tack, theists do better on a more nuanced argument. One who barbs the following suspicion: People who believe in God are ignorant dogmatists who can do no better than advance time and again the same ineffectual arguments. Thanks to efforts like Rice's, such persons believe their suspicions confirmed. The result is exactly what Rice has avoided. "This inadequacy of the arguments strengthens (adversaries of the faith) in their error, since they imagine that our acceptance of the truth of faith is based on such weak arguments." Nor do such arguments help the faithful. Most theistically-minded students, for instance, greet them with fatigue: "Here comes that argument again, and here's the refutation again." The result is misology, loss of confidence in the ability of reason to resolve matters of any importance.

I am writing in response to the recent viewpoint article attacking the Knights of Columbus "Trojan Horse" and to two specific points. First, Sarah Haight's statement concerning pro-lifers, questioning if they are "truly concerned about reconciling women who have had abortions back to the Church" (as I understand it) is as true as it is odious. "I'm not admitting that women who have had abortions back to the Church" is not a question I feel we should be asking, "I'm not admitting that God exists is not a question I feel we should be asking as a pro-life person. It is about compassion and not hate.

In my view, the best way to explain some of what Notre Dame Right to Life does. Our mission statement divides our actions into three tiers: prayer, service and education. I will focus on service. Some of our members are surprised that a pro-life group even does service, but this is only because of a gross misunderstanding of the pro-life perspective.

RTL's biggest service program is working with the Women's Care Center (WCC). The WCC helps women in problem pregnancies. It provides a variety of services, ranging from pregnancy tests, to pre-natal care, to supplies after the baby is born, to parental counseling, to counseling. Another organization is Hannah's House. They provide a similar service but focus more on helping women who are younger and struggle financially.

Demonstration of parenting skills (such as making dinner) is rewarded with goods that are needed to have a house and raise a child (such as clothes). They also provide counseling for post-abortion syndrome. In addition, RTL is currently working on a post-abortion syndrome week to educate students on the real effect abortion has on women (studies show that upwards of 90 percent of women suffer from it). A new program, Project MOM, is currently going through administrative approval. It will be used to collect a variety of goods for expectant or young mothers and babies. In the past, we have held a pregnancy resource forum and hosted speakers from organizations such as Feminists for Life.

Programs such as these are not unique to Notre Dame. Pro-lifers across the country (and world) realize how difficult it can be to find oneself expecting a child. The pro-life movement's reaching out to women is not by any means, "dubious at best," but with open arms and an open heart. Neither does the movement embrace "hatred and disgust." Rather, we embrace education, free thought and the wonders of humanity, as we believe that all people should have the opportunity to experience life. A statute dedicated to the silent suffering of babies and their mothers is not hatred, condemnation, anti-free thought, anti-education, disgust. It is a beautiful reminder of the love one woman had for her child and a painful reminder of the love that millions have not experienced. But that pain is a consequence of the lies of the pro-abortion movement. Pro-lifers want to expose the lies, ease the pain and prevent the suffering of abortion. This can be done through education, service, prayer, love, compassion and understanding for mothers, their children and society. We should not judge others but realize the painful truth that abortion is the taking of the most innocent human life. It is wrong and should be illegal. We must protect life with the law and with our actions, help others who have suffered and are suffering because of abortion.

Mario Suarez
ND Right to Life
Co-President
Senior
Off-Campus
February 27, 2001

Motivation for sixth man

I've been hesitant to write this letter, afraid of being just another rah-rah alum­nus or someone who doesn't recognize that basketball is only a game or that Notre Dame is a top academic institution and not just a "jock school." However, watching the last two games I have watched emanating from the JACC, the sound feed could easily have been confused with a golf tournament or a classical concert. The dead quiet has even become the topic of conversation among the announcers. Today, the radio guys (who are homers) lament that there is no home court advantage at Notre Dame. I'm not finding them embarrassing. During my four years, I saw the beginning and the end of the UCLA '88 game winning streak (beating Lew Alcindor my freshman year and Bill Walton my senior year), but also saw Digger Phelps' first year when we lost to Bobby Knight by 65 points. Even in an era when demonstrations closed the school and basketball just didn't seem that important when our friends were dying in Vietnam, you could still go to a basketball game and not be able to hear yourself think.

Well, the last home game is history. But maybe you'll not dismiss this letter as the prod­uct of a sentimental nostalgia. Maybe the sixth man will show up next year and let the visiting team know they are at Notre Dame.

Kevin Kelly
class of '74
March 4, 2001

Crave attention?

Viewpoint accepts applications for columnists on a constant basis.

Just send us something!
What would Vito do?

College is an integral time for young people to develop. It may be mature, learning about finances. But, it is not always so easy to achieve this great feat on our own. Young people need guidance in order to figure everything out. Many students look to their parents or teachers and maybe even their coaches and neighbors for guidance.

Me? I dip into the rich well that are movies. There is really only one main character I use to help me through the day in my sometimes stressful career - I sometimes find myself searching for the right thing to do or say. Sometimes, an introverted and quiet guy like myself has trouble reading situations and has to wonder how to handle them.

So, if I'm at the Boat Club trying to get my cup filled with another Keystone Light and some guy bumps into me, or if I'm at a small gathering and I want to compliment a young lady on her new hairdo, I may get a little choked up and wonder how I can express myself in the right way. Also, if I have a question or a problem with a professor, I sometimes have trouble expressing my concern correctly.

Clearly, it is important to have the right role model to learn from. You wouldn't want to be walking around modeling yourself after a character that doesn't command the utmost respect and admiration. You need a character who can simply handle every situation with the greatest ease and grace.

Really, there is only one choice: when I need guidance, I don't go to my advisor, I go to Don Vito Corleone.

Can you think of anyone with a better story? Vito can do anything. When he was 10 he stood by and watched his father, mother and brother be murdered by a Sicilian mob boss. For his safety, he fled to America, only to return after he grew up to take revenge on that same mob boss, while whispering his name into the man's ear as a threat. He is the last word heard before he died.

Vito built his empire completely by himself. One day, he's working in the produce section of a grocery store, the next, he's running New York. He simply shoots the head of the neighborhood because he's just sick of paying him every week. He helps an old lady keep her apartment by making her landlord "an offer he can't refuse," he made his godson a big, Hollywood superstar because that's what his godson wanted to be. When a producer tries to expropriate his godson from Hollywood, Vito puts the head of the producer's racing horse in bed with him to make his landlord "an offer he can't refuse." He made his godson a big, Hollywood superstar because that's what his godson wanted to be.

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and Professor Stamper. Economakis is a great help to underclassmen who didn’t come to the program knowing much about architecture. Stamper is well-liked because he lets students work at their own pace.

Where do archies go after college? They go to firms in New York, Chicago or Los Angeles. Some choose to work for housing companies and others go into service oriented careers. Architects do not just build buildings. They also design bridges, landscapes and interiors.

It is a hard road, though. Architects don’t live by night and day. They live from project to project. Their eating patterns do not coincide with the dining hall’s. Nerves are often put on the back-burner. Insomnia is a virtue and breakdowns have to be melted away in massive mugs of coffee.

Is it worth it?

Right out of college the money isn’t that great. The rich architects are the ones with their own firms or are partners of a firm, which takes years to accomplish.

However, architects get a chance to leave their mark on the world through their creations, an experience which is beyond price.

A student’s model of a playground. Architecture projects consume a lot of an architecture major’s time but are one of the more rewarding assignments in the college. Small-scale projects such as these are great practice for designing larger projects in the future.

Monday

- 7 to 9 p.m. Office of Multicultural Affairs movie: “Anna & The King” in Carroll Auditorium.

Tuesday

- 7:30 p.m. Rusty Sabella & the Sabella Consort in Little Theatre, SMC.

Wednesday

- 6 to 11 p.m. Theatre Senior Comprehensive in Little Theatre, SMC.

Thursday

- 9 to 11:30 p.m. Acoustic Café in LaFortune Student Center.

Friday

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Have a Happy Spring Break!!!

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Bengals

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trying to stick with one thing the entire time. If you don’t get flustered,” said Thompson. “If I start getting nervous and get crazy and don’t concentrate, then it’s not gonna work for me,” said Thompson.

The back and forth battle for control continued into the fifth and final round as Dubs pushed for the brawler again with some decisive upper cuts and hooks. In Thompson’s last bengal bout round, he had a triple right hook, and then Thompson came back, defying the fatigue that hung over the ring as they finished off the round with a right hook and jab.

“Scott Dubs, did an absolutely amazing job. He’s a first year guy, and it was such a close fight. When the fight was over, I didn’t know what to expect, but you know… I guess you feel like you fought your best fight,” said Thompson.

Light Heavyweight

“Give me ‘Give me a ring! Yeah! Yeah!’ yelled Pete “Beau the Bag.” Ryan as his name was announced as this year’s Light Heavyweight champion. Ryan defeated the Major in the first round to win the title. The title is his fourth, a distinction shared by only eight other men in Boxing History: Bill Roemer in 1949, Tim Heardon in 1963, Robert Abeyta in 1973, Anthony Ryan in 1989, Craig Waddell in 1973, Bill Roemer in 1989, and Tim Heardon in 1989.

Some past four-time champions and boxing club captains juiced Ryan in the ring as he received his award, and his family including his support from his old dorm, Coney, watched from the audience.

“My mom even came out of the bathroom, where she usually goes during my fights, to watch me fight this time,” said Ryan. “And that was incredible, so cool, when all my good buddies and all those guys were right with me in the ring when it was all said and done.

“Going into the fight, I just knew it was my last chance to soak it all in,” continued Ryan. Ryan’s unstoppable left-left-right upper combinations were flying, as he dominated this round of anticipation. Ryan’s jabs made some contact, and he got in two jabs to Vanderpoel’s body to end the round.

“I actually didn’t feel that good about the first round, until I got my rhythm going,” said Ryan. Ryan continued with the left-left-right combinations, and debuted his straight-on jabs and high-low to Vanderpoel’s body combos. A colossal left hook caused the referee to stop the contest twice. Ryan finished round two with two more huge right hooks.

Ryan continued his display of right technical boxing, initiating movement around Vanderpoel’s powerful defense, boxing in pure form until the end.

“I’ll be a big supporter of the program for the rest of my life. It’s been the most important difference outside the ring,” said Ryan, who will attend law school next year at Washington University.

“Under the lights, with just one other guy is scary, but it makes a lot a day. to day things not seem like such a big deal. But a four time champion? That’s a big deal.” Jackson champion and fellow captain Josh Thompson said, “We knew Pete could do it. We can’t be more happy for him. That was awesome.

Heavyweight

It seemed that Carlos “The Master” Abeyta’s more compact build and height would keep him at a disadvantage, but this contest between the hardest hitting boxers in the Bouts, Abeyta’s agility helped him to earn the heavyweight title in a technical knock-out 42 seconds into the second round against Dan Adam.

“I respect Adam’s power,” said Abeyta. “I tried to stay as far away from his right hand as I could, and to get in and get out as fast as I could. At first I was kind of testing him out. I had seen him fight before, and I knew he was a long reach advantage, and he hit me with his jab which was incredibly hard. Then I hit him few times with some hard punches and I could tell he was little more timid,” said Abeyta.

Abeyta found some inspiration for his own fight in the 10 fights before his.

“I’ve never seen so many lights where people just laid their hearts out on the line. I couldn’t believe some of the stamina the little guys had,” said Abeyta.

Late in the first round, Abeyta threw out his elbow, which he had done in practice three times before. Though he said he was in pain, he continued to fight.

“I couldn’t feel my arm for a good 15 to 20 seconds. The ref. just told me one more time and then there were gonna stop the fight, and I had to suck it up and go with it. And then once you step out of the corner your adrenaline starts,” said Abeyta.

In the first round, Abeyta stayed down low, but Adam reacted, getting in some hard jabs.

“I just had to throw straight punches and get out. I was either that or tie him up. I either had to be bugging him or five feet away,” said Abeyta.

Abeyta, who is a first year law student, had boxed for four years as an undergraduate at Texas Tech.

“This week was horrible, I probably slept three or four hours a night. It’s hard to think about anything else at any time. Sleeping, in classes, walking to your car, it’s always on your mind. Now I can get a good night’s sleep,” said Abeyta, who will relax in Las Vegas over spring break.

The pressure for next year’s Bouts, however, has already begun to build.

“It’s fairly sure I’ll be back next year. It’s too much fun,” said Abeyta.

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Senior Rueda defeats Newburg in finals

By KEVIN BERCOU
Sports Writer

Senior Camillo Rueda was finally crowned a champion as he out-boxed and finally defeated his opponent, Newburg, in the 135-pound weight class. Rueda said, “I knew it was my last chance to win, and that really motivated me.”

His experience to dominate was to let him do his own thing, while Rueda pressed the action, throwing his 245-pound weight around as the Irish jumped into the lead. Murphy scored eight of Notre Dame’s first 12 points, including two 3-pointers, with the All-American picking up a few floorburns diving for loose balls.

When the division title awaits, a winning Irish team is poised to pour it on against Virginia Tech, the team knew it had accomplished its season-long goal — an NCAA Tournament bid. As conference champions, the Irish wouldn’t have another sad Selection Sunday.

So while everybody wanted to pick up wins against UConn and Georgetown, they would be extra — for ratings. There was nothing crucial riding on the outcomes.

"Now you’re playing for seeding," Graves said, "but we don’t understand because we’ve never been in this position. We wanted to win those games, but we ran into two very good teams that played their best basketball all year."
Middle

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round, a kind of boxing not
seen in the previous bouts of
this year's tournament. Both
fighters landed enormous
punches, and took turns stun-
nning each other in the final 30
seconds of the round.

Early in the second, Heckmann
curtailed Matassa's
into the ropes, but Matassa
was able to jab his way out of
trouble, landing blows with
enough
power to send
Heckmann to his corner
to control his bleeding.

Even exchanges would punctu-
ate the rest of the round.

Heckmann
finally
tried
a result of a bru-
tal exchange that ended only
time later in the round.

Matassa drove back Heckmann with an array of
punches in the beginning of
the third round. But the fight
slowed as the medical team
tended to both fighters' bleed-
ing.

Matassa continued to throw
punches despite obvious
fatigue.

155 Pounds

The fight between Tom
"Frenchman" Pierce and Jeff
"The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh
was a
duel. The two fight-
ners engaged in the finest, most
exciting bout of the evening —

a fight Pierce won after the
referee counted on Dobosh
25 seconds left in the third
round.

The fireworks started early.

Dobosh
landed two more lefts, sending
Pierce bracing against the
ropes and causing a second
standing-eight count.

"I
was
bouncing in the air as
the referee counted on Dobosh
and as the crowd arose in a
wave.

Pierce has had especially
strong
crowd support through-
out every round of the Bout.

If you hear you fans cheer-
ing while they're wiping their
opponents blood off them,
that's a huge help," said
Pierce. "All my friends got out
time there.

Dobosh arose, and immedi-
ately
Pierce continued the
pressure. A strong left sent
Dobosh on a trip to the mat
again, and the crowd would
stand again, and would not sit
down until the end of the third
round.

The third round opened with
Pierce again attacking Dobosh.
At one point the fighters
ignored the referee's com-
tmand to break, and the two
fighters had to be physically
separated from each other.

Dobosh received a standing-
eight-count after the referee
finally stepped between the
two fighters, and received a
second standing eight after
Pierce once again stunned him.

With the crowd in a frenzy,
Dobosh walked to his spot
Pierce, put his whole weight
behind the first hook
he threw, landed it, and
Dobosh found himself down
for the third time.

At that point, the referee
motioned to the judges that
the fight would be called, and
Pierce was declared the win-
nor at the 1:35 mark in the
third round.

160 Pounds

Dennis "Thursday Night"
Abdelnour, fighting in his last
Bengal Bout as a captain,
walked out of the ring as a
champion after defeating Joe
Smith in a fight called just 55
seconds into the second round.

"The fight was nothing like
I would have expected," said
Abdelnour. "He came out
throwing and I didn't expect
that."

Smith indeed was throwing
hard punches, but Abdelnour
was able to avoid being caught
by any one punch.

Abdelnour then landed a
stunning punch to Smith's
head, and another hard blow
later in the round dropped
Smith to one knee, warranting
an early standing eight-count.

"I got lucky with that one
punch," said Abdelnour.

"After that I knew I had it."

The short second round
would see more of the same,
as Abdelnour was able to land
several head-snapping jabs.

Smith sustained a brutal
three-punch combination by
Abdelnour that caused the ref-
er to again step in and issue
Smith a standing eight-count.

Abdelnour, smeling the
Bengal Bout title he has long
coveted, continued to pound
Smith.

After a third standing eight
midway into the second round,
the referee decided Smith
would sustain no more punish-
ment, stopped the fight and
raised Abdelnour's hand
shortly after, and the captain
had won the title he had been
chasing for four years.

"The feeling was everything
I thought it would be," said
Abdelnour. "The emotions
just started flowing out of
me."
Notre Dame wins home opener against Pennsylvania, 10-8

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame men's lacrosse players have their backs to the wall, they turn to senior attack Tom Glatzel.

And Glatzel delivers.

For the second week in a row, Glatzel scored consecutively on the 27th second to tie the game. With the Irish down 7-6 in the third quarter, Glatzel scored to knock off Penn State, Glatzel's goal 27 seconds later to move the Irish within two. The win moved the Irish to 2-0 on the season.

"Second week in a row we come back to win, I'll take that every time," Steve Bishko followed Glatzel's goal 27 seconds later with his second of the afternoon. Down 9-7 Penn scored 90 seconds later to close the gap to one. Kevin Corrigan said after the game: "Second week in a row we come back to win. It's a big time player," Corrigan said.

The No. 7 Duke lost to No. 6 ranked Irish lost this week to No. 2 Virginia and No. 2 Penn State, Glatzel's first goal of the game its first lead of the game and Glatzel his second hat trick of the season. Last week the No. 7 Duke lost to No. 6 Penn State, Glatzel rallied the Irish from a two-goal deficit with four consecutive scores.

"Second week in a row we are down two in the third quarter and second week in a row we come back to win," Corrigan said. "So I guess we did a good job of sticking to our game plan. We will definitely move up. Three teams are likely to move up in the rankings this week."

"Second goal in a row, Glatzel has played well as a unit," Corrigan said. "Great support from behind him."

Senior midfielder Chris Young moves upfield in Notre Dame's win over Pennsylvania.

The Irish offense finally showed a little spark with 5-46 remaining in the period. Glatzel joked Penn goalie Ryan Kelly and tied the game.

Glatzel scored again three minutes later. Ulrich once again hit Glatzel with a pass who streaked toward the net from 25 yards away and buried a hard shot past Kelly for the game-winner.

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"We didn't have the ball the first half," Corrigan said. "We made some mistakes like moving picks on our clearing game and some stuff like that," Corrigan said. "And we didn't have the ball. They were very patient, very smart offensively. We don't play take-away defense. We play for the offense to come to us a little bit. If teams want to stall on us, it's going to be a slow pace game.

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Happy 21st, Danny ("Polar Bear")!

It's time to put on that bow tie & celebrate rather than swim with the ducks...
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entered the game averaging less than seven minutes per game, turned in her best performance of the season. The sophomore center grabbed nine rebounds, blocked six shots and gave the Irish another presence in the middle on defense. "They stopped shooting in the lane after a while," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish held the Hoyas to 24.5 percent shooting, 1-of-15 (16.0 percent) on 3-pointers, forced 22 turnovers and limited Hoyas star Katie Smrcka-Duffy to two points in 35 minutes. On offense, Notre Dame shot 58.2 percent from the field, connected on 9-of-16 (56.3 percent) 3-pointers, and went on runs of 26-0 and 16-0. "We accomplished everything that we wanted to in this game today," McGraw said. "I was very pleased with just about everything that went on." Georgetown called three timeouts during the first 13 minutes of the game as Notre Dame opened up a 36-6 lead and went into halftime ahead 44-10.

In their final two home games of the regular season, the Irish shot just 4-for-13 and 3-for-13 on 3-pointers. They still entered the conference tournament ranked first in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage.

And they showed their superior marksmanship early in the game. Ivey and Ratay both connected on a trio of 3s in the first 20 minutes.

McGraw had a chance to rest her starters in the second half. The reserves played the final 10 minutes and opened up an 84-22 lead with 5:39 left — the largest margin of the game. "We're exactly where we want to be right now," McGraw said. "We feel really good about the way we're playing on both ends of the floor. I couldn't be happier with where we are."
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Irish roll to 89-33 victory in quarterfinals

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Where to begin? How about here — combine No. 2 Notre Dame's 89-33 victory over Georgetown on No. 1 Tennessee's 77-74 loss to Vanderbilt one day earlier and the Irish seemed destined to return to the top of the national rankings. Both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA TODAY polls will be released today.

"Obviously that would be great," said forward Kelley Siemon, who played on Sunday without a wrap on her left wrist for the first time since Jan. 13. "But that's where we want to be at the end of March."

Siemon could not script the beginning of the month any better.

Besides the imminent escalation to No. 1, several other subplots developed during Sunday's contest.

The most encouraging? Probably that the Irish (27-1 overall, 15-1 in Big East) still dominated while Ruth Riley, who was named the Big East player, defensive player and scholar-athlete of the year on Friday night, scored just nine points in 15 minutes.

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Heckman wins split decision against Matassa

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Spokes Writer

The middleweights treated the Friday night crowd at the Bengal Bouts to a spectacular show of boxing action, as one fight was decided on a narrow split decision and the other two bouts were ended not by the final bell, but by the referee.

150 lbs.

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